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TN passes Bills to allow state to appoint V-Cs in 13 universities

ARUN JANARDHANAN CHENNAI, APRIL 25

IN WHAT's likely to open a new front amid escalating tensions between Governor RN Ravi and the DMK-led state government, the Tamil Nadu Assembly on Monday passed two Bills empowering the government to appoint Vice-Chancellors (V-Cs) to 13 state universities. While the Opposition AIADMK and the BIP opposed the Bills, BJP MLAs walked out of the House.

> The Tamil Nadu Universities CONTINUED ON PAGE 2



SEEN AS a bid to curtail the Governor's role in V-C appointments, the move is set to escalate tensions with Raj Bhavan. Earlier, the state boycotted events organised by the Governor to protest delay in clearing some Bills.

Elon Musk reaches agreement to acquire Twitter for \$44 bn

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what he calls the "societal im-

"Twitter has a purpose and relevance that impacts the entire



Musk calls himself a absolutist'

world," its CEO Parag Agrawal said in a tweet. "Deeply proud of our teams and inspired by the work that has never been more

Musk describes himself as a "free-speech absolutist." although he hasn't been exactly clear what he means by that. In a recent TED interview, the billionaire said he'd like to see Twitter err on the side of allowing speech instead of moderating it. He said he'd be "very reluctant" to delete tweets and would

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community to 'support our efforts for lasting peace' 'free-speech

SHUBHAJIT ROY NEW DELHI, APRIL 25

WITH PRIME Minister Narendra Modi listening, visiting European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen on Monday described the killings in Bucha as "severe violations of international law" and said what is hap-

> She said the outcome of the war will not only determine the future of Europe, but also "deeply affect the Indo-Pacific region and the rest of the

the Indo-Pacific region.

"For the Indo-Pacific region, it is as important as for Europe, that borders are respected, and



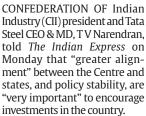
PM Narendra Modi with European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen in New Delhi on Monday. PTI

that spheres of influence are rejected," she said, while addressing the Raisina Dialogue. The core principles that underpin peace and security across the world, she said, are at stake in Asia as well as in Europe.

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Centre, states have to align more to boost investments: CII chief

AANCHAL MAGAZINE & PRANAV MUKUL NEW DELHI, APRIL 25



Narendran's remarks come at a time when Centre-state relations have been strained over revenue and economic issues -the latest point of contention being the demand for the Centre to share revenue from the privatisation of airports with states.

The CII chief also said that the Russia-Ukraine war has presented Indian steel exporters with an opportunity in the light of "space vacated by Russia and Ukraine" in the sector. Russia and Ukraine are the fifth and 12th



T V NARENDRAN CII PRESIDENT

largest steelmakers in the world, respectively, and cumulatively account for around 10 per cent of the global steel trade.

Speaking about the scenario in India, Narendran said: "Obviously for the industry, greater alignment between Centre and states and policy stability are very important. Particularly when you look at foreign investors, they struggle even more to understand these complexities. At a very broad

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Given bail, Mevani held again for 'assaulting' woman police officer

TORA AGARWALA GUWAHATI, APRIL 25

EVEN AS a court in Kokrajhar granted him bail in the case related to a purported tweet against

Prime MInister Narendra Modi, Gujarat MLA Jignesh Mevani was re-arrested on Monday in a fresh case filed in Barpeta district on the basis of a complaint by a woman police officer who accused him of assaulting" her and "outraging her modesty".

Confirming the arrest, Barpeta Superintendent of Police (SP) Amitava Sinha said a case THE EDITORIAL PAGE

CUT AND PASTE BJP PAGE 8

(81/2022) was registered on the basis of a complaint filed at the Barpeta Road police station by a woman police inspector from Kokrajhar on April 21 – the morning after Mevani was arrested from Gujarat's Banaskantha district. "He is currently in police custody in Barpeta Road and will be

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE

LOK SABHA Speaker Om Birla has sought details from the government Maharashtra within 24 hours on the arrest of independent MP Navneet Rana in Mumbai, after receiving a letter from the Amravati lawmaker that she had been subjected to "inhuman treatment" by the police following her "illegal" arrest two days ago.

NEW DELHI, MUMBAI, APRIL 25

According to sources, the de-



Navneet Rana, Ravi Rana

tails of the incident were sought by the Speaker through the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA). **CONTINUED ON PAGE 2**

MP Navneet Rana's arrest flagship mandis, dept rents out space

RAVIK BHATTACHARYA, ATRIMITRA& **JOY PRAKASH DAS**

LS Speaker seeks details of No farmers, dealers at Mamata govt's

PURBA BARDHAMAN. HOWRAH, HOOGHLY, APRIL 25

IT WAS a flagship scheme of the Mamata Banerjee government, a year after it came to power in West Bengal in 2011 on the strength of its anti-land acquisition agitation. The Krishak Bazars or farm mandis announced across the state were meant to burnish the Trinamool



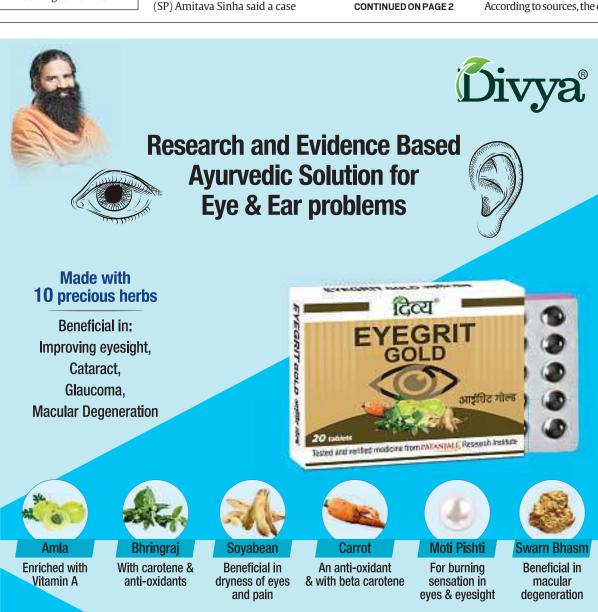
At the Krishak Bazar in Howrah district. Partha Paul

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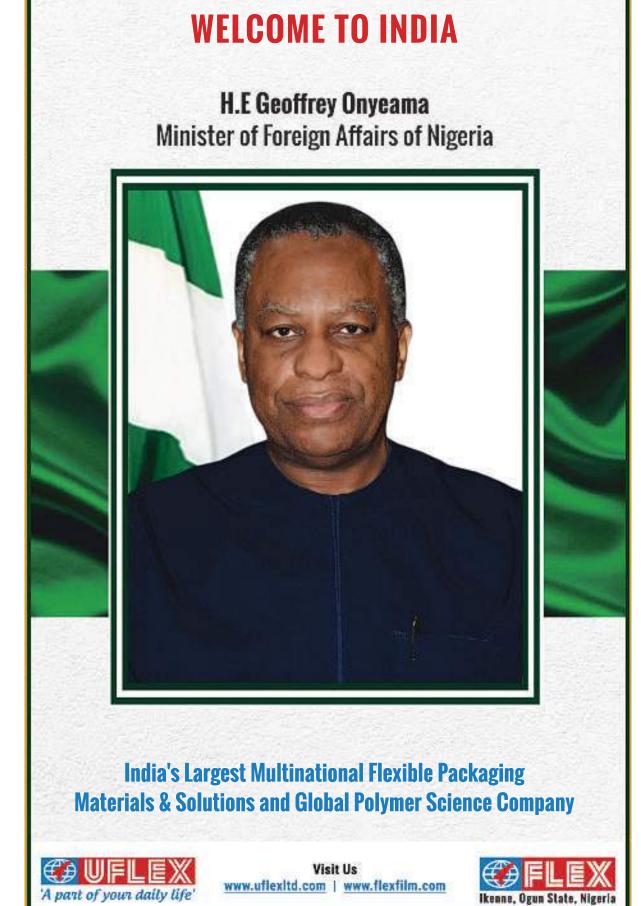
with modern amenities meant to provide a platform for farmers to deal directly with buyers, with the hope of getting them the proper price for their commodities, house - according to where you visit - a local MLA's office, an office of an alleged syndicate in soil supply, automobile repair shops, garment stalls, a dentist's chamber etc. Rust covers machines such as weigh bridges meant for agricultural produce. and the toilets are broken.

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124 districts in country malaria-free: Mandaviya

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, APRIL 25

India has made remarkable progress in its fight against malaria, Heath Minister Mansukh Mandaviva said Mondav, as he called for greater community participation and use of technology to eliminate the vector-borne disease by 2030.

"Our efforts have resulted in 86 45% decline in malaria cases and 79.16% reduction in malariarelated deaths in 2021, as compared to 2015. This is a major step towards our goal of eliminating malaria but still more needs be done to fulfil the dream,' Mandaviya said in his address to mark the World Malaria Day.

districts in the country have reported "zero" malaria cases. The number is short of the target set by the National Strategic Plan for Malaria elimination 2017, which aimed at having 448 districts to be declared malaria-free with an annual parasite index of less

The annual parasite index is the number of confirmed malaria cases per 1,000 population.

Calling for intensified efforts at the national and the sub-national level, Mandaviya said there is a need for frontline health workers such as ASHA and ANM to raise awareness about diagnosis and treatment of the disease, and preventive

- WRITEBACK -

RESPONDING TO The Indian Express April 23 report To ease supply strain on coal stocks, Railways to boost rakes", Rajiv Jain, Additional Director General (Public Relations), Ministry of Railways, said it did not present the correct perspective about the efforts to transport coal taken by Indian Railways

"Indian Railways has taken proactive steps to ensure continuous supply of coal to power houses." Jain said in a statement, noting that the railways "has been a prime supplier of coal to all power houses and has taken substantive measures in year 2021-22 and the current month of April to augment the coal supply to power

"During the year 2021-22, Indian Railways has augmented the transportation of coal through Railways by a record 111 million tonnes and loaded a record 653 million tonnes of coal as compared to 542 million tonnes in the previous year i.e. a growth of 20.4 per cent. Further, during the period September 2021 to March 2022, loading of coal to power sector was augmented by 32 per cent in just two quarters. In April 2022, Indian Railways has taken many steps to prioritise the loading of coal to the power sector which has led to increase in supply of coal of more than 10 per cent within one week time," the state-

It said that the railway had prioritised movement of coal trains and was conducting intensive monitoring of all trains during the entire cycle from loading to movement and finally unloading leading to a reduction in transit time of coal trains to long

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distance power houses by 12-36 per cent. The statement also said the railways had prioritised the movement of coal to long distance power houses which was reflected in a 7 per cent increase in average lead (distance travelled) of coal trains between April 18 and April 22 compared to the first 10 days of the month.

"Indian Railways is fully geared up and has mobilised all resources to ensure that sustained high level of coal supply is maintained to powerhouses and is committed to lift all domestic coal that is brought to the sidings/good sheds by the coal companies and imported coal brought to the ports by the power generating companies," the state-

Our Correspondent replies:

The Indian Railways has not disputed the contents of the April 23 report, including the fact that the average number of railway rakes transporting coal to powerhouses had decreased from about 409 per day in March to about 380 in the first two weeks of April, despite the ongoing issue of low coal stocks at thermal power plants.

The railways also said it was planning to boost the number of rakes used to transport coal from current levels. "To ensure swift supply of coal across power plants, additional trains and rakes by Indian Railways have been initiated to augment transportation of coal through its network," the Ministry of Railways said in a press release last Monday confirming it was increasing rakes to boost supply of coal to power houses as mentioned in the report.

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Ukraine war

The PM attended the event, but did not speak. Foreign Ministers of Poland, Argentina and several other countries too attended the event. "This is a defining moment. Our decisions these days will shape decades to come. Our response today will decide the future of both the international system and the global economy. Will the rights of might dominate, or the rule of law? Will there be constant conflict and struggle or will there be a future of common prosperity and lasting peace?" she said.

"This is why we are doing all we can to help Ukraine fight for freedom. This is why we need to impose massive, sharp and effective sanctions. Sanctions are never a standalone solution... This is why we have designed the sanctions in a way to sustain them over a longer period of time, because this gives us leverage to achieve a diplomatic solution that will bring lasting peace. And we urge all members of the international community to support our efforts for lasting peace," she said, in an oblique reference to soliciting Delhi's support.

A former Defence Minister of Germany, President von der Leven said, "We all see the rising challenges to our open and free society. This is true for the technological and the economic domain. But it is also true for security... The core principles that underpin peace and security across the world are at stake in Asia as well as in Europe." She said "Russia and China have forged a seemingly unrestrained pact".

She said the images coming from Russia's attack on Ukraine have shocked and are shocking the whole world. "We will make sure that the unprovoked and unjustified aggression against Ukraine will be a strategic failure," she said. Earlier in the day, India and the European Union decided to establish a "Trade and Technology Council" (TTC), a "strategic coordination mechanism" that is aimed to "tackle challenges at the nexus of trade, trusted technology and security".

This was the key outcome after von der Leyen and Modi held

their bilateral meeting. Sources told The Indian Express that with Beijing's increased use of trade and technology as a coercive tool, there is growing agreement with partners to cooperate on trade and technology.

The TTC is an important format in EU's calculus, and the only other country with which the grouping has a TTC is the US. It was announced in June '2021, and has started functioning through "working groups"

"I am thinking of three main topics – trade, technology and security. That is why I am pleased that today PM Modi and I have agreed to establish an EU-India

Trade and Technology Council. The EU has only one TTC so far – with the US, and I think it is telling that we now establish the second one with India. Also, because India is technologically a powerhouse, and in the trade sector we need to unleash an enormous amount of untapped

potential," she said. A joint statement said, "Both sides agreed that rapid changes in the geopolitical environment highlight the need for joint indepth strategic engagement. The Trade and Technology Council will provide the political steer and the necessary structure to operationalise political decisions, coordinate technical work, and report to the political level to ensure implementation and follow-up in areas that are important for the sustainable progress of Indian European and economies."

Elon Musk

generally be cautious about permanent bans. He also acknowledged that Twitter would have to abide by national laws governing speech in markets around the world.

Musk himself, though, regularly blocks social media users who have criticized him or his company and has used the platform to bully reporters who have written critical articles about him or his company.

Twitter's board at first enacted an anti-takeover measure known as a poison pill that could have made a takeover attempt prohibitively expensive. But when Musk outlined the financial commitments he'd lined up to back his offer of \$46.5 billion -- and no other bidders emerged -- the board

opened negotiations with him. While Twitter's user base of more than 200 million remains much smaller than those of rivals such as Facebook and TikTok, the service is popular with celebrities, world leaders,

journalists and intellectuals. Musk himself is a prolific tweeter with a following that rivals several pop stars in the ranks of the most popular accounts.

Musk is the world's wealthiest person, according to Forbes, with a nearly \$279 billion fortune. But much of his money is tied up in Tesla stock -- he owns about 17% of the electric car company, according to FactSet, which is valued at more than \$1 trillion -- and SpaceX, his privately held space company. It's unclear how much cash Musk has.

Musk began making his fortune in 1999 when he sold Zip2, an online mapping and business directory, to Compaq for \$307 million. He used his share to create what would become PayPal, an internet service that bypassed banks and allowed consumers to pay businesses directly. It was sold to eBay for \$1.5 billion in 2002.

That same year, Musk founded Space Exploration Technologies, or SpaceX, after finding that cost constraints were limiting NASA's interplanetary travel. The company eventually developed cost-effective reusable rockets.

In 2004, Musk was courted to invest in Tesla, then a startup trying to build an electric car. Eventually, he became CEO and led the company to astronomical success as the world's most valuable automaker and largest seller of electric vehicles.

CII chief

level, if you want to encourage investments, alignment is very important. But as CII, we operate with 65 offices across the country and engage with the states and the Centre. If there is something that is impacting investments or the industry sentiments, then we work with both the states and the Centre to find a solution." On the airports issue, the TN

government's new industrial policy states that if an airport run by Airports Authority of India (AAI) is privatised, states should get a share in revenues earned by the company. The Indian Express reported on Monday that Chhattisgarh and Jharkhand have supported this move. Earlier this year, several states had also flagged concerns over the capital expenditure push directed at them in the Budget 2022-23, suggesting that this could end up mortgaging their fiscal independence and sovereignty to the Centre for an extended period.

According to Narendran, India also has "great potential to be a big steel exporter because most of the big steel exporting countries don't have the strength" that the country has in the form of "raw materials and a large market".

"Now the opportunities are more in Europe, Middle-East, Africa because that's a space vacated by Russia and Ukraine who export about 45 million tonnes of steel. So, India's exporting there. Of course, Europe has quotas so it's not like unrestricted exports but that also continues to trigger the interest in investing in India to add capacity...that's a great opportunity for Indian exporters, we will continue to be there," Tata Steel's top executive said.

Responding to a question on the incremental opportunities for India as a result of the conflict. Narendran said the country has grown to export 20 million tonnes of steel from 10 million tonnes earlier. "That is only 15-20 per cent of what India produces, If you look at Japan or Korea, they export 30-40 per cent of what they produce. That to me is the potential. The current exports are also limited by the fact that demand in India is quite strong, so we need to keep building capacity faster than the demand growth in India so that we can export," he said.

TN passes Bills

Laws (Âmendment) Act, 2022, which covers 12 universities in the state, substitutes the expression "Chancellor" in the original Act with "government" with regard to both appointment and removal of V-Cs. A separate Bill to amend the Chennai University Act, 1923 [Chennai University (Amendment) Act, 2022], with similar intent, was tabled and passed by the House.

The Governor is the Chancellor of 13 universities in the state, with the Higher Education Minister being the Pro-Chancellor.

Appointing V-Cs to state universities used to be the prerogative of the Governor. The practice is for the Governor to pick the V-C from among three names selected by a search panel. Once the amendment is implemented, the government will give its assent for the V-C pick, leaving the Governor with no role. Also, while earlier the Governor appointed the V-C search panel, the government

will do so once the new law

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comes into force.

The 'Statement of Objects and Reasons' of the Bills also says that the secretary in charge of finance will be among the syndicate members in all the univer-

The Bills come at a time when ties between the DMK government and Governor Ravi appear frayed – earlier this month, the DMK-led state government boycotted events organised by the Governor to protest against the alleged delay in clearing several Bills passed by the state Assembly. The two Bills passed on Monday, too, will need the Governor's nod.

The amendments will empower the government to appoint V-Cs in 13 state universities – Chennai University, Madurai Kamaraj University, Anna University, Bharathiar University, Bharathidasan University, Mother Teresa Women's University, Alagappa University, Manonmaniam Sundaranar University, Periyar University, Tamil Nadu Open University, Thiruvalluvar University, Tamil Nadu Teachers Education University and Annamalai University.

While appealing to the House to support the Bills, Chief Minister M K Stalin said that even in Gujarat, the home state of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, V-Cs are not appointed by the Governor, but by the state.

The Bills cited the Gujarat University Act, 1949, and the Telangana Universities Act, 1991, as laws that allow state governments to appoint V-Cs. It also referred to the Karnataka State Universities Act, 2000, where the V-Cs are appointed by the Chancellor with the state government's concurrence.

In December last year, the Maharashtra Vikas Aghadi government had passed a Bill curtailing the powers of the Governor in the appointment of V-Cs in state universities. In his speech on the floor of

the House, Stalin said there was a need to empower the state government to select V-Cs and not doing so would create a "big impact" on higher education. Responding to opposition by

AIADMK MLAs, both CM Stalin and Higher Education Minister K Ponmudy said even the late AIADMK chief J Jayalalithaa was in favour of the state government appointing V-Cs in staterun universities.

He said that while earlier, the practice was for the Governor to consult the state government before selecting V-Cs, "there has been a change in this over the past few years... A government elected by the people being unable to appoint the Vice-Chancellor to a university run by it creates a lot of issues in the overall varsity administration. This is against the democratic principles". The Bills were passed on a

day Governor Ravi inaugurated a two-day conference at Ooty Raj Bhavan for the V-Cs of all state, central and private universities in Tamil Nadu.

WITHPTIINPUTS

Mevani produced in court within 24

hours," he said. Mevani has been booked un-

der IPC Sections 294 (obscene acts and songs in public place), 354 (assault or criminal force to woman with intent to outrage her modesty), 353 (assault or criminal force to deter public servant from discharge of his duty), and 323 (voluntarily causing hurt).

Mevani allegedly "misbehaved, used slang words and touched her inappropriately,' Assam Special DGP (Law and Order) G P Singh told The Indian Express. "The case is now under investigation," said Singh.

In her complaint, the woman police officer has said that Mevani 'uttered slang words" at her when she was escorting him, in a government vehicle, from Guwahati airport to Kokraihar on April 21. When she asked him to

"behave properly", he got "agitated and used most slang words," she has said.

"He pointed a finger towards me, tried to frighten me, and pushed me on my seat with force. He thus assaulted me during the execution of my legal duty of being a public servant and outraged my modesty by touching me inappropriately while pushing," she has said in her complaint. According to the FIR, two other police officers, including Surjeet Singh Panesar, Additional SP(HQ) Kokrajhar, were present in the vehicle. The alleged assault took place when the vehicle was crossing Simlaguri, in Barpeta district. "We carried out a proper investigation after receiving the complaint," said Sinha.

Mevani's lawyer and senior advocate, Angshuman Bora, said it was a "completely false and fabricated" case, "There was no mention of this during the arguments in court yesterday... that he has allegedly mishandled a lady police officer. Where has this come up from suddenly?" asked Bora, adding that Mevani would be produced before the Barpeta Chief Judicial Magistrate on Tuesday. 'We will now move for bail there,'

Bora said the Barpeta police personnel had arrived with a warrant on Monday morning, but did not divulge further details. "We were not told the context of his rearrest, we just knew the sections because it was mentioned in the warrant." he said.

While being taken away in a van from Kokrajhar to Barpeta district, Mevani told reporters that the BJP and RSS were trying to "tarnish his image" and "target" him to "systematically destroy" him. "They did it with Rohit Vemula, Chandrasekhar Azad and now they are targeting me. They have serious problems with Dalits. We believe in the Indian Constitution. Dr Babasaheb Ambedkar was targeted by Savarkar, and Modi is targeting Jignesh Mevani," he told reporters.

Mevani, an Independent MLA who had pledged support to the Congress last September, was arrested by the Assam Police from Gujarat on April 20 following a complaint filed against him by a local BJP leader in Kokrajhar regarding a purported tweet from his account against Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

On Monday, the court granted him bail on furnishing a bond of Rs 30,000, saying that the statement (Mevani's tweet) "prima facie does not represent any class, community, religious group of people, race, language".

"I do not find reasonable ground to hold the accused in detention for the offence under Section 120 B/153 A.of IPC R/W Section 66 of the IT Act only for the sentence that Mr Narendra Modi worships and considers 'Godse as God'," the order said. "The IO (investigating officer) can proceed with this investigation even if the accused is released on bail," it said.

LS Speaker In her letter to the Lok Sabha

Speaker, the MP accused Mumbai Police of not providing her drinking water in custody while allegedly citing her "neechi zaat" (lower caste), and abusing her on the basis of caste While there was no official re-

sponse to the allegations, a senior IPS officer from Mumbai Police told The Indian Express that CCTV footage at the Khar station, where Rana was lodged after her arrest, and statements from other inmates in the lock-up "will prove that her allegations are not true". Rana was moved to the Byculla women's prison on Sunday evening.

The officer also said the police had not received any communication from the Union Home Ministry on Rana's arrest till late in the evening.

Rana and her husband Ravi Rana, who is an independent MLA, were arrested on Saturday from their Mumbai residence after declaring that they would recite the Hanuman Chalisa outside Minister Uddhav

Thackeray's home in Bandra, The move was apparently aimed at building pressure on the Shiv Sena-led state government on the issue of loudspeakers being used at places of worship. The two were subsequently booked in two FIRs lodged on charges of sedition, promoting enmity and assaulting a public servant to prevent discharge of duty. In her letter to the Speaker,

Rana, who represents a reserved SC constituency, wrote: "I made several and repeated demands for drinking water throughout the night, however no drinking water was provided to me throughout the night. To my shock and disbelief, the police staff present told me that I belong to Schedule Caste and hence they will not give me water in the same glass. I was told 'Neechi Zaat ke logon ko paani nahi dete'..." She wrote: "Further, when I wanted to use the bathroom in the night, the police staff paid no heed... I was told that we don't let people from Neechi Zaat Scheduled Castes use our bathrooms." Incidentally, in June 2021, the Bombay High Court had cancelled Navneet's caste certificate while describing her claim as "fraudulent". Her appeal is pending in Supreme Court.

In her letter to the Speaker, Rana wrote: "I emphatically state that I have reason to believe that the police action against me and my husband is only on the directions of the Chief Minister Shri Uddhav Thackeray." Rana also sought action against senior officers for her arrest. "I, hereby, demand the strictest action to be taken against the Commissioner, Mumbai Police, concerned **Deputy Commissioner of Police** (DCP), concerned Assistant Commissioner of Police (ACP) and the police staff," she wrote.

Asked about the allegations. the IPS officer said: "In order to ensure such allegations can be countered, there were CCTV cameras in the police station where she could be seen. We will also be recording statements of other inmates, who were also given water along with her, to prove that her allegations are not true."

No farmers

state government procures paddy at these establishments, do the mandis come alive. At many places, officials admit that space has been rented out to shops by the Regulatory Market Committee of the Agriculture Marketing Department.

In most Krishak Bazars, farmers and dealers complain of wrong location. The sites were mostly decided by the Agriculture Marketing Department.

On February 3, during an administrative meeting, the CM acknowledged problems with the Krishak Bazars, saving these were "not being utilised properly". Minister of Agriculture Marketing Department Biplab Mitra told The Indian Express, "It is true that identification of spots for the mandis was not proper in some cases. But in each of these mandis, huge land and money are involved, so we are trying to make them viable." In total, 186 Krishak Bazars

have been constructed across the state, each over an average 3 acres of land, at a cost of Rs 1,080 crore. The amenities created include rest houses for farmers, godowns, weigh bridges, help centres, parking and other facilities.

The Indian Express visited six such Kisan Mandis in Howrah, Hooghly and Purba Bardhaman districts - the agricultural hubs of Bengal -- as well as the nearest private markets for farm products.

Purba Bardhaman The Krishak Bazar in Raina

block houses a two-storey whiteand-blue(the TMC colours) building with a poster marking it out as the 'People's Welfare Office' of TMC Raina MLA Shampa Dhara. The concrete auction platform is desolate, but like the TMC MLA's office, a tea shop, some automobile repair shops and a garage, a jewellery shop and a dentist's

EXPRESS AUDIO

EV scooter fires, Roorkee violence, and PM's J&K visit

In this episode, we discuss the recent rise in EVs catching fire in India and the govt's guidelines regarding the same, the Roorkee violence on Hanuman Jayanti, and PM Modi's promise to the youth of Kashmir

chamber are bustling.

A senior official in the District Agricultural Marketing Department says with "no takers" among the farmers or dealers, Those who approach us, be it for non-agricultural purposes, we rent out the space to them. It is better than nothing."

The owner of one of the automobile repair shops, Maidul Haque Malik (40), says the complex houses 22 shops. "We pay rent of Rs 3 per sq ft monthly, apart from Rs 1,000 per sq ft paid in advance," he says, adding they don't have any papers for it.

Malik adds that the MLA's office has been there since he opened shop at the complex, "We have never seen farmers or wholesalers come here. But we have seen the MLA and her followers here."

MLA Dhara, who is also the 'Sabhadhipati' of the zila parishad in Purba Bardhaman which runs the mandis, says she no longer uses the building as her office. "I had an office there to serve people," she says. On the mandis lying unused, Dhara says: "It is not right to say that Krishak Bazars are not being used. Twice a year, the state government procures paddy." A senior official of the district agricultural marketing department says the problem is the communication gap. "Farmers and dealers are unwilling (to come) to a majority of the Krishak Bazars in the district. We should make them more aware of the benefits."

Hooghly district

At the deserted Adisaptagram Krishak Bazar, only two shops are open, with some trucks and minivans parked outside. One is an airconditioned shop with sofas, in the other a group of youths are playing carrom.

One of the youths says he and his friends run a business renting out trucks and mini-vans, "This place has never been used as a mandi. The godowns are also empty, but sometimes the administration keeps EVMs here when there are polls."

Locals claim a syndicate runs its operations, supplying soil from the Krishak Bazar. Tapan Dasgupta, TMC MLA from Adisaptagram and former agricultural marketing minister, denies this. "I have cleared all those things. Before 2021 (the Assembly polls), I removed the syndicate offices from Krishak Bazar with the help of police."

About the mandi, Dasgupta says: "We tried to set up a market for bananas, but the farmers found no buyers and left. It is true that the location is not helpful." Manoj Chakraborty, 'Krishi

Karmadhakshya' of Hooghly zila parishad, says this problem is widespread. "In 18 blocks, 16 farm mandis have been set up, but in a majority, the markets are not functional. That is because their locations are wrong.'

Hooghly/ Singur The Krishak Bazar here is a dif-

ferent story. It is named after Tapasi Malik, who was allegedly raped, murdered and set on fire during the anti-land acquisition agitations in 2006 against the Tata Nano project. This Krishak Bazar works as a store and procurement centre for "Sufal Bangla", a state government initiative to provide subsidised vegetables and fruits to localities through stalls, trucks and mini-vans.

Staff member Shankar Kotal says, "Farmers from areas like Nalikul, Singur, Gopalnagar, Bilayetpur sell their produce here. We package it and send to the 66 stalls of Sufal Bangla in different parts of the state.'

Kotal says prices are fixed and uploaded daily, and they procure as per the same.

West Bengal Labour Minister and Singur MLA Becharam Manna says it's hard to say what plagues the Krishak Bazars. "In Singur, it is a success, but I do not know why it (the concept) failed in a majority of places."

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Disturbing state of affairs: HC raps police on attack at CM house

SOFI AHSAN

NEW DELHI, APRIL 25

THE DELHI High Court Monday rapped the Delhi Police for its "failure" to prevent vandalism outside Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal's residence during the protest held by the Bharatiya Janata Yuva Morcha last month and said that the force needs to seriously look at its efficiency and functioning.

The security arrangements made by the police were inadequate, said the court while terming the lapse serious and asking the Commissioner of Police to ascertain the reasons behind it. "This kind of an incident happening at the residence of any constitutional functionary, whether it is the Chief Minister, it could be a judge of the High Court or Supreme Court, it could be any other union minister or anyone. This is a very disturbing state of affairs that this kind of a thing could in the first place occur or such miscreants should succeed in their endeavour," said the division bench of Acting Chief Justice Vipin Sanghi and Justice Navin Chawla.

It added, "Some responsibility has to be fixed so that there is remedial action taken. It has happened today, it could happen tomorrow. Because this is a very important facet of democracy. Irrespective of our ideologies... Just like we say that the Prime Minister is the Prime Minister of the country, nobody can say he is not my Prime Minister. It is the constitutional office we are concerned about. It is not the question of A individual or B individual." The court made the observations after perusing a sealed-cover status report filed by the police in response to Aam Aadmi Party MLA Saurabh Bhardwaj's petition seeking constitution of a Special Investigation Team for an independent probe

after a young woman was al-

legedly abducted, gangraped, and paraded on the streets by her

neighbours in Shahdara, police

filed a chargesheet against 21 per-

sons, including five juveniles. The

762-page chargesheet was filed

Police had earlier said the accused allegedly abducted the

at Karkardooma court Monday.

woman from her husband's place in an auto on January 26. They

then allegedly sexually assaulted

and raped her in their home and

shaved her head. The accused women later blackened her face

and paraded her in the locality.



On March 30, members of BJP's youth wing staged a protest outside CM Kejriwal's residence. Archive

On March 30, the members of BJP's youth wing broke through police barricades outside Kejriwal's residence and slammed the main gate.

After reading the report, the court noted that police had prior information about the protest and denied permission for it. It further said police had made security arrangements and put up barricades at three places. "The first barricade is breached, the second is breached and the third is breached. So what kind of bandobast did you have in place? If people could breach three barricades, then you need to seriously look at your efficiency, your func-

tioning?" said the court. The court said it was clear "there has been a failure" on part of the force to prevent the incident, and asked Commissioner of Police to look into the lapse and submit a report. It also asked if any additional force was sought when the barricades were breached. "We definitely are not satisfied with your report with regard to the bandobast. You have only admitted your failures that there was a breach at point A, point B and point C. How can police be heard to say this," said the bench.

"Once there is a failure, it is something that has to come with consequences," added the bench. Listing the case for further

accused thrashing the woman.

A case was filed under sections

of attempted murder, gangrape,

assault, rioting, criminal intimida-

tion, and abduction. The accused

had blamed the woman for death

of a teenager in their family, who allegedly committed suicide last

November because she rejected

(Shahdara) said, "We recovered 26

videos – 12 from social media and

14 from phones of the accused... We found that the accused tar-

geted the woman to take revenge

for the teenager's death." **ENS**

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आवेदन केवल महिला उम्मीदवारों से 4 साल बीएससी (नर्सिंग) कोर्स – 2022 के लिए आमंत्रित हैं। इच्छुक महिला उम्मीदवार को नीट (यूजी) 2022 में सफल होना अनिवार्य हैं। पात्रता नियम और शर्तों के लिए

R Sathiyasundaram, DCP

his advances, said police.

Police file chargesheet in

Shahdara gangrape case

New Delhi: Nearly three months Videos of the incident showed the

hearing on May 17, the court asked police for a fresh status report in two weeks. It also directed the police to inform the court about the review of security arrangements made for the CM's residence and steps taken by the police to ensure such incidents do not recur.

Bhardwaj has sought a probe into the role of police officers who were responsible for maintaining the security cordon outside the CM's residence. Additional Solicitor General Sanjay Jain, representing the police, Monday told the court that the investigation is going on and most of the people have been identified through video footage. Seeking closure of the matter pending before the court, Jain said the police have been told to not make any compromises in the investigation. Senior advocate Abhishek Manu Singhvi, representing Bhardwaj, submitted that the accused were felicitated (by the BJP) when out on bail. "It is not that the police is not competent. It is not that the police does not know how to stop. It is the question of will," said Singhvi, while seeking an independent investigation in the case.

Accusing the Delhi Police of completely abdicating its duty, Bhardwaj alleged that it appears the police "was hand in glove with goons as the goons are members of ruling party in central government" which controls the force.

Tejasvi Surya asked to join probe in attack on CM house

MAHENDER SINGH MANRAL

NEW DELHI, APRIL 25

DAYS AFTER eight members of the Bharatiya Janata Yuva Morcha (BJYM) were arrested for allegedly barging through police barricades and banging on the main gate of Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal's residence, the Delhi Police has issued a notice to Lok Sabha MP Tejasvi Surva to join the investigation, it is learnt.

An officer from the Delhi Police Headquarters said the investigation officer, after discussing the matter with senior officials, sent the notice under CrPC Section 41A to Surya on WhatsApp. "The IO informed him about the case... (and) asked him to join the investigation on April 28 at Civil Lines police station," a senior police offi-

The Indian Express has learnt that on receiving the notice,

Surya, who is also the BJYM national president, responded that he will join the probe. As per CrPC Section 41A. a police officer may not arrest a person accused of an offence punishable up to seven years till he continues to join the probe. However, he can arrest the person if he fails to appear for investigation or for reasons to be recorded that in the opinion of the police officer he

"Police, during investigation, found video footage which

ought to be arrested.

shows Lok Sabha MP Tejasvi Surya, along with BJYM workers, protesting outside the Chief Minister's residence. He was seen with protesters who later indulged in vandalism," an officer had said.

Earlier this month, the North district police had 'bound down' former North Delhi Mayor Iai Prakash, who represents the Sadar Bazar ward, and Delhi BJYM president Vasu Rukhar under CrPC Section 41A.

"They were called to Civil

Lines from where they were released after documentation," a senior police officer said.

DCP (North) Sagar Singh Kalsi had identified the eight arrested men as Chandrakant (27), Pradeep Tiwari (27), Raju Singh (28), Jitender Bisht (40), Naveen Kumar (38), Bablu Kumar (35), Neerai Dixit (25) and Sunny (21). They were identified based on CCTV footage and technical evidence recovered from the spot.

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AUDITED FINANCIAL RESULTS For the Quarter/Year ended on 31st March, 2022

(See Regulation 47(1) (b) of the SEBI (LODR) Regulations, 2015)

		STANDALONE				(₹in Lakh)		
Sr No	Particulars	3 months ended on 31/03/2022 (Audited)	3 months ended on 31/12/2021 (Unaudited)	3 months ended on 31/03/2021 (Audited)	12 months ended on 31/03/2022 (Audited)*	12 months ended on 31/03/2021 (Audited)		
1	Total Income from Operations (net)	1,05,728.00	72,458.02	56,580.74	2,73,207.94	1,34,262.91		
2	Net Profit/(Loss) for the period (before Tax and Exceptional items)	42,286.13	21,962.96	4,729.59	73,602.44	5,212.73		
3	Net Profit/(Loss) for the period before tax (after Exceptional items)	42,286.13	21,962.96	(34,929.90)	73,602.44	(34,446.76)		
4	Net Profit/(Loss) for the period after tax (after Exceptional items)	17,578.52	14,985.46	(18,524.44)	40,428.36	(3,689.24)		
5	Total Comprehensive Income for the period [Comprising Profit/(Loss) for the period after tax & Other Comprehensive Income (after tax)]	32,249.58	13,768.44	(21,915.74)	70,491.02	483.08		
6	Equity Share Capital	6,360.00	6,360.00	6,360.00	6,360.00	6,360.00		
7	Reserves (excluding Revaluation Reserve as shown in the Balance Sheet)				4,66,753.53	3,96,898.51		
8	Earning Per Share (of ₹ 2/- each) (for continuing and discontinued operations) (not annualised) -							
	1. Basic (₹)	5.53	4.71	(5.83)	12.71	(1.16)		
	2. Diluted (₹)	5.53	4.71	(5.83)	12.71	(1.16)		

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			CONSOLIDATED					
Si N	Particulars	3 months ended on 31/03/2022 (Audited)*	3 months ended on 31/12/2021 (Unaudited)	3 months ended on 31/03/2021 (Audited)	12 months ended on 31/03/2022 (Audited)*	12 months ended on 31/03/2021 (Audited)		
1	Total Income from Operations (net)	1,05,728.00	72,458.02	56,580.74	2,73,207.94	1,34,262.91		
2	Net Profit/(Loss) for the period (before Tax and Exceptional items)	42,321.08	21,924.96	4,622.89	73,523.32	5,060.58		
3	Net Profit/(Loss) for the period before tax (after Exceptional items)	42,321.08	21,924.96	(35,036.60)	73,523.32	(34,598.91)		
4	Net Profit/(Loss) for the period after tax (after Exceptional items)	17,699.18	14,981.54	(18,463.92)	40,497.44	(3,576.75)		
5	Total Comprehensive Income for the period [Comprising Profit/(Loss) for the period after tax & Other Comprehensive Income (after tax)]	32,439.50	13,764.52	(21,853.60)	70,629.36	597.19		
6	Equity Share Capital	6,360.00	6,360.00	6,360.00	6,360.00	6,360.00		
7	Reserves (excluding Revaluation Reserve as shown in the Balance Sheet)				4,70,314.52	4,00,321.16		
8	Earning Per Share (of ₹ 2/- each) (for continuing and discontinued operations) (not annualised) -							
	1. Basic (₹)	5.57	4.71	(5.81)	12.74	(1.12)		
	2. Diluted (₹)	5.57	4.71	(5.81)	12.74	(1.12)		

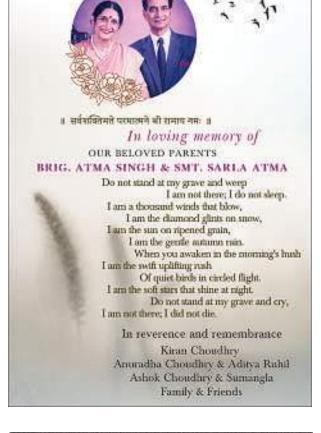
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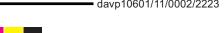
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	Deaths	0	0			

Will clear encroachments in Shaheen Bagh, Okhla: SDMC Mayor

New Delhi: South MCD Mayor Mukesh Suryan said the civic body has identified several areas including Shaheen Bagh, Okhla, Vishnu Garden and Madanpur Khadar where government land has been encroached and will clear these soon. "We've prepared an action plan. Soon, we will clear that land of encroachments. The message of the department has been given to officials and departments concerned, including police. Under the MCD Act, a notice is not given to remove encroachment but where people have constructed illegal buildings, we have already issued notices," Suryan said. When asked if the drive would start from Tuesday, he said it would be intimated once the timings are finalised.

35 shanties gutted in fire

New Delhi: Over 35 shanties were gutted in a fire at a slum in Jamia Nagar Monday. No casualties were reported in the incident, fire department officials said. DFS chief Atul Garg said, "Five cattle died in the incident. Around 35-40 huts had caught fire; the blaze was doused by 4.40 pm." Garg said the cause of the fire is yet to be ascertained.

Couple run over in Noida

Noida: A couple died after being run over by a pick-up truck in Noida's Sector 62 Monday afternoon. Police said the victims have been identified as Lucky and Nikki from Moradabad. The driver of the vehicle fled after the incident, said police. Eyewitnesses told police that the couple got down from a bus near Sector 62 roundabout and were crossing the road when the incident took place. **ENS**

AT SATYA NIKETAN

Building under renovation collapses, 2 dead

Six workers were trapped after the terrace collapsed

JIGNASA SINHA

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TWO LABOURERS died while four others sustained injuries after a three-storey house under renovation collapsed on them in South Delhi's Satya Niketan Monday. The men were stuck for hours as multiple teams of the Delhi Fire Services, Delhi Police and National Disaster Response Force worked to remove the debris and rescue them.

Police said the incident took place around 1.15 pm when the terrace collapsed, trapping the six workers. Within half an hour, the narrow lane at Satya Niketan colony was filled with police vans, ambulances and an excavator.

Most houses in the area are multi-storey buildings that have been converted to paying guest accommodations and hostels for students as the area is near DU's South Campus. Fire officials said they couldn't get fire tenders inside the lane due to space issues.

DFS Chief Atul Garg said, "A total of eight fire tenders and 50 men were sent to the spot. The slab (terrace) was tilted and it was difficult to reach the victims. We then sent senior officers and 30 other firemen to the spot to help. It was very difficult to remove the concrete. Around 4 pm, one person was rescued. Before 5 pm, we rescued all the men."

DFS officials said they could hear the men screaming for help. The firefighters drilled small holes in the slab to provide water and "calm" them. They then made a plan to cut the concrete and pull out the men. Some of the fire personnel also used the rappelling technique to locate the men and rescue them.

"Had we used an excavator to lift the concrete, the slab could have fallen, risking lives. We had to cut the concrete but had to be careful. We didn't want chunks of the debris falling inside the house. The teams were first drilling holes, giving water to the men and then making bigger holes to rescue them," said Garg.

At the spot, the firemen could be heard telling the men: "Hum nikaal lenge, chinta mat karo (We will pull you out, don't worry)."

Suman, a neighbour, told The Indian Express, "I was at home couldn't see anything because of screams. The house is very old and rooms for a PG accommodation."



4-hour rescue op

- At 1.15 pm on Monday, a three-storey house in Satya Niketan collapses. MCD officials say the house was 25 years old and undergoing renovation
- Teams of the NDRF, DFS, Police and CISF reach the spot within half an hour. Rescuers use cranes, ropes and a drilling machine to lift debris, reach the victims
- Narrow lanes prove to be a major challenge for the teams, rescuers say. An excavator, ambulance and a PCR van are stationed at the spot
- remove a part of the terrace that fell. Rescuers use ropes to climb the building and give water to the victims

■ A second challenge was to

■ As the men scream for help, removing debris proves to be a challenge as they are stuck underneath.

Dhaula Chanakyapuri Satya Niketan Q Moti Bagh

Excavators can't be used as there is a risk of the entire building collapsing. Rescuers drill through parts of the building to pull out the men

- By 4 pm, the first two men are pulled out and shifted to ambulances. Over the next 50 minutes, the others are rescued and shifted to AIIMS Trauma Centre and Safdarjung Hospital
- Two of the workers, Bilal (40) and Naseem (35), succumb to their injuries at AIIMS. Both hailed from Araria in Bihar

when I heard the collapse. It felt the dust. Moments later, I realised nobody lives here. We heard that like a bomb blast. I went out but that a house collapsed and heard

5 pm. Abhinav Saha

The firefighters drilled small holes in the slab to provide

water and 'calm' the men. They were pulled out close to

Bilal's younger brother, Intekaam, said, "I could hear them

firefighters were trying to remove the debris... I called my

body was removed. Our bhabhi and the kids don't know

working at the house just around two weeks ago.'

parents and told them everything. Around 4.30 pm, bhaiya's

about the deaths. I don't know what to tell them. He started

screaming but couldn't do anything. Policemen and

Imran, who knew one of the work as labourers in the area and allow further construction

have been living at Sanjay Camp for 10-15 years. The men told us they were asked to repair the house. They were paid around Rs 300-Rs 350 a day. These places are unsafe but one can't do anything; we need the money and can't ask for safety equipment."

Ten minutes to 5 pm, the men – Aslam (17), Bilal (40), Sarfaraz (25), Naseem (35), Mushahid (19) and Firdaus, whose age could not be verified - were pulled out and taken to hospitals.

At AIIMS, Naseem and Bilal succumbed to their injuries. Bilal's younger brother Intekaam said, "When I reached the building, I could hear them screaming but couldn't do anything. Around 4.30 pm, he was pulled out. Bhabhi and the kids don't know about this yet."

Naseem's uncle Ashfaq said he is survived by four daughters and a son. "He started working at the house last week. We demand accountability."

DCP (Southwest) Manoj C said an FIR has been registered against the contractor and owner under IPC sections 304 (culpable homicide) and 308 (attempt to commit culpable homicide not amounting to murder).

After the men were rescued, two dogs from the canine squad - Rambo and Bush - were deployed to check for other victims.

SDMC served notice recently

In an official statement, the South Delhi Municipal Corporation (SDMC) said the owner of the building was carrying out additions or alterations when, all of a sudden, the property collapsed. An enquiry revealed that the house was built 25 years ago. The SDMC said authorities had sent a notice to the owner under the DMC Act, 1957, on March 31 regarding "additions". And on April 11, Delhi Police had requested the owner to stop the work, it said.

In another notice, dated April 11, the SDMC said they initiated action against the said property. ... action may be taken under provisions of Section 344(2) of the DMC Act and aforesaid unauthorised construction activities may be stopped by the police immediately and workmen present in the premises be removed and construction material including tools, machinery, etc be also seized." the notice read.

It said police had been asked to instruct patrolling staff to dis-

Punjab CM to take leaf out of

Demolition drive begins at Banjara market in Gurgaon

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HARYANA SHAHARI Vikas Pradhikaran (HSVP) Monday demolished makeshift shops and hutments across 14 acres to reclaim encroached land at Banjara market in Sectors 52A and 53. In the past few years, the market, inhabited by the Gadiya Lohar nomadic community who originally hail from Chittorgarh in Rajasthan, had gained popularity among shoppers in Delhi-NCR for affordable home decor and furniture.

On Monday, the enforcement team of HSVP conducted a demolition drive amid heavy police deployment. Jitender Kumar, estate officer 2, HSVP, said, "In a two-day drive, the entire encroached land will be cleared. A notice was served to shopkeepers last week to shift their wares and vacate the government land."

The HSVP land in the area has been earmarked for construction of a group housing society, a bus stand and a college. A similar demolition drive was conducted in 2021 when over 250 shanties were demolished and on another occasion several years ago. However, shopkeepers rebuilt them and returned.

On April 21, after chairing a meeting of district public relations and grievance redressal committee in Gurgaon, Haryana CM Manohar Lal Khattar had directed officials to ensure immediate removal of all illegal encroachments in their respective jurisdictions.

Meanwhile, shopkeepers whose houses and shanties were demolished in Banjara market face at an uncertain future.

Anil Gadiya Lohar said officials had served a notice on Friday to vacate the market in two days: "For the past few months, the threat of eviction had been looming. I tried to clear the stock of household items including lamps, vases, tables, plants in a distress sale. But, since I do not have a warehouse, I suffered a substantial loss. We requested authorities several times to allot an alternate space, but they did not listen."

Deepu Gadiya Lohar, said. "... In this heat, we have been rendered homeless. Our earnings have already been hit due to

GTB Hospital adds more beds — strength now 1,500

ANONNA DUTT NEW DELHI, APRIL 25

GURU TEG Bahadur Hospital, the Delhi government's biggest health facility in the trans-Yamuna region, now has nearly 1,500 beds, with wards being opened in the under-utilised mother and child block and department of endocrinology and metabolism (DEM)

Even at the height of the second Covid wave, the hospital was able to admit around 750 patients for the lack of beds and paraphernalia associated with it. The Delhi government app tracking the availability of beds at hospitals showed that

SC TO HEAR PLEA AGAIN NEXT WEEK

hospital, which was reduced to 700 only when hospitals started running full and there was a crisis for oxygen in the

Dr Subhash Giri, medical director, GTB hospital, said: "The paediatrics emergency ward, and intensive care units have been moved to the mother and child block, with the department being allocated an additional 250 beds. Another 120 beds that are currently earmarked for Covid-19 care will be allocated to the gynaecology department. Now, we have 1.470 fully functional fixed beds and around another 120 floating beds.'

Floating beds are the ones

available in areas such as the emergency, outside operation theatres on which patients are kept for a couple of hours but aren't admitted. The medical director explained that if there is a surge in Covid-19 cases and the entire hospital is again converted for the care of the infection, the number of beds available to patients will still stand at over

"The number of beds goes down a little when it comes to Covid-19 care because we have to create a donning and doffing area (for staff to change into and out of the PPE kits) as well as a medical store in each ward. This results in five-six beds being reduced in each ward. Even then, we will be able to admit 1,100 patients now on oxygen support," said Dr Giri.

Other than increasing the number of beds, the hospital has now created a help desk and coordination team to help patients out. The help desk has been set up beside the main gate of the hospital and it will provide information to patients about which department and where on the campus they need to go to see their doctor, get their tests, or get their medicines. The coordination team that has been set up near the hospital's emergency area will provide information on the whereabouts of patients and Covid-19 is that the relatives were most distressed because they did not know where the patient was and how they were doing. For ailments other than Covid-19, usually family members are present with the patient, but the problem happens when patients admitted to the emergency ward are moved to respective departments under whom they will be treated. The coordination team will be able to help patients with this information along with simple details like whether they are stable or critical," said Dr Giri.

He said the team will also help in addressing any grievance of patients and their relatives.

Delhi schools, mohalla clinics

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PUNIAB CHIEF Minister Bhagwant Mann visited two Delhi government schools, a mohalla clinic and a government hospital on Mondav. After visiting the School of

Specialised Excellence (SoSE) at Kalkaji, Mann told the media, "This is the next level of education. What big schools cannot think about, government schools have started implementing. Learning is happening digitally, and there is a collaboration with big companies. I have seen such schools in the US and Canada, but not in India. I spoke to several students and asked them where they were studying before. Many have come from private schools."

Mann was accompanied by Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal and officials from the Punjab and Delhi governments on his visit, along with Punjab **Education Minister Gurmeet** Singh Meet Haver and Health Minister Vijay Singla. The team visited two government schools

School of Specialised Excellence at Kalkaji and Kautilya Government Sarvodaya Bal Vidyalaya at Chirag Enclave.

Deputy Chief Minister Manish Sisodia, MP from Punjab Raghav Chadha and AAP MLA Atishi were also present.

Delhi education department officials made a presentation about the SoSE, explaining the curriculum, and method of assessment, Learning for competitive exams and boards has been "clubbed" at such schools. Sisodia explained to Mann and the officials from Punjab.

Kejriwal also explained to

New Delhi



Punjab CM Bhagwant Mann, Delhi CM Arvind Kejriwal visit a government school in the capital, Monday. Abhinav Saha

No action against Sarojini Nagar slum dwellers for now

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THE SUPREME Court Monday asked the Centre to not take any coercive action to remove slum dwellers in Sarojini Nagar till it hears their plea for rehabilitation next week.

Seeking the Centre's reply on an appeal filed by some of the residents, a bench of Justices KM Joseph and Hrishikesh Roy told Additional Solicitor General K M Nataraj, who appeared for the Centre, "Deal with them humanely when you deal with them. As a model government, vou can't sav vou won't have a policy to rehabilitate and simply throw them away. You are dealing with families...'

Fixing the matter for hearing

next week, the bench told the ASG, "don't precipitate till then" and went on to record his submission that no coercive action will be taken in the meanwhile. Taking up the matter, Justice

Joseph referred to the notice issued to them and said "look at vour notice. What we have found is you have said, hand it over it's Government of India land. People from all over India go occupy lands, something they don't have a choice with. They can't afford the rates".

The bench pointed out that the residents said they had documents from the Election Commission to show that the shanties have been there for some time. But the ASG replied that having those documents do not give them any right to be on government land.

The bench then wondered if the government could say so in the light of the Delhi High Court judgments dealing with the right of rehabilitation in such instances.

The Centre then urged the court to restrict interim relief only to the petitioners and not pass any order covering all the people in the said slums. "Please say as against the petitioners. They can't espouse the cause of everyone in the garb of a PIL," said Nataraj. But the bench said that when

it is examining the actions which are being taken and whether judgment of the Delhi High Court is correct or not, it has implication on all people. "We are looking at documents which say they have been there since the 90s. Should it be that only these people be protected and not the others?" observed Justice Roy.

Cops 'manhandled' outside court by lawyers protesting 'assault' on their colleague sonnel at the court. They alleged

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TWO POLICEMEN were allegedly pushed and manhandled by lawyers outside the Karkardooma court complex on Monday morning. Police said a group of advocates were protesting at the court complex and later targeted the

Members of the bar association denied the allegations, saying the lawyers were sloganeering in protest against the alleged assault on a colleague by a subinspector on Sunday. No FIR has been registered yet.

R Sathiyasundaram, DCP (Shahdara), said, "We received information around 10.30 am about the protest. The advocates manhandled police per-

that an advocate was beaten up by a sub-inspector at Nand Nagri police station on Sunday. After the initial protest and sloganeering, the advocates targeted personnel in uniform. Local staff intervened and protesters dispersed."

Shahdara Bar Association president VK Singh said lawyers would meet the district judge over the issue later in the day. "Two police officers on Sunday misbehaved with lawyer Neeraj Jha, who went to Nand Nagari police station to meet a client. As per Jha, the policemen got into a heated argument with him, following which he was taken inside and assaulted..," he alleged.

Police officers are holding a meeting with the bar association to resolve the issue, said police.

Mann that groups of students were asked to develop "business ideas" as part of the Business Blasters programme, in which each student was given Rs 2,000. Students who were part of it told the team about their ideas.

At Sarvodaya Bal Vidyalaya, Sisodia told Mann that SoSE is a 'new model", while the Bal Vidyalaya represents "re-modelling of an old school". The team also visited the swimming pool and science labs at the school, and sat through 'Happiness' and 'Deshbhakti' classes.

Delhi Health Minister Satyendar Jain accompanied Mann and his team to the mohalla clinic at Greater Kailash, where officials explained that the aim was to provide primary healthcare. The team interacted with patients and also visited Rajiv Gandhi Super Specialty Hospital.

According to a communication from the Delhi CMO, Mann said: "Mirroring the Delhi government's efforts, we will train teachers and principals in Punjab. We will borrow suggestions from them to reform our government schools. We will create an envi-

for students to thrive in: children of both the rich and poor will sit and study at the same desk. Delhi's mohalla clinics are being praised all over the world. We are committed to providing similar world-class healthcare facilities to the people of Punjab." Mann added, "I will take along

ronment in government schools

a blueprint of Delhi's education and health models for us to adapt. The Kejriwal government has overcome many challenges, especially that of (shortage of) land to deliver quality infrastructure. We have enough scope for significant improvement and development in Puniab..."

Mann's visit drew flak from the opposition in Punjab. Former Punjab Congress president Navjot Singh Sidhu said in a tweet that the two-day Delhi visit is a "deviation from real issues, mere photo op for benefit in other elections and waste of state exchequer". Shiromani Akali Dal leader Daljit Singh Cheema also tweeted that before planning a tour to study the 'Delhi model of education', Mann should have toured his own schools first.

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WILL HE, WILL HE NOT?

Will the Congress suspend or expel senior Punjab leader Sunil Jakhar from the party? And what action will it take against K VThomas, the party veteran from Kerala? The disciplinary action committee of Congress is meeting tomorrow to take a call on violations of party line by these two leaders. While Thomas had replied to a showcause notice issued by the panel, defending his decision to attend a seminar organised by CPI(M) in Kerala, Jakhar has not bothered to reply so far.

ON THEIR MARK

While the pandemic and the lockdown had cast a shadow over the Narendra Modi government's anniversary celebrations for the last two years, BIP is still contemplating on how it should celebrate the eighth anniversary coming up next month. Senior BJP leaders met at the party headquarters on Monday to decide on that. While the meeting, also attended by Union ministers Anurag Thakur and Rajeev Chandrasekhar, did not take any major decision, it was the first one to discuss the celebrations. The party is learnt to be keen to have "unique" programmes to mark the occasion. The meeting was also attended by senior BJP leaders Arun Singh, Vinay Sahasrabuddhe and Anil Baluni, among others. Last year, the party had confined the celebrations to Covid-19 relief campaign and village outreach programmes.

QUIT TWEET

RJD chief Lalu Prasad's elder son Tej Pratap Yadav on Monday created a flutter by announcing that he will soon submit his "resignation" after meeting his father. "I followed in my father's footsteps and gave respect to all party workers. I will submit my resignation soon after meeting my father," the former Bihar education minister tweeted.

16 YouTube channels blocked for spreading 'hate, fake news'

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THE MINISTRY of Information and Broadcasting on Monday blocked 16 YouTube news chaninformation related to India's national security, foreign relations and public order.

It blocked 10 Indian and six Pakistan-based YouTube channels using emergency powers under the IT Rules, 2021, the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting, 2021

"The blocked social media accounts include six Pakistanbased and 10 India-based YouTube news channels, having a cumulative viewership of over 68 crore. It was observed that these channels were used to spread fake news over social media on matters related to national security, India's foreign relations, communal harmony in the country, and public order. None of the digital news publishers had furnished information to the Ministry as required under

Rule 18 of the IT Rules, 2021," the Ministry said in a statement on

It said the content published by some of the India-based YouTube channels referred to a community as terrorists, and "inbers of various religious communities". "Such content was found to have the potential to create communal disharmony, and disturb public order," it said.

It cited examples, including false claims related to announcement of a pan-India lockdown due to Covid-19, thereby threatening the migrant workers and fabricated claims alleging threats to certain religious communities,

"Such content was observed to be detrimental to public order in the country. YouTube channels based in Pakistan were found to have been used in a coordinated manner to post fake news about India on various subjects such as the Indian Army, Iammu and Kashmir, and India's foreign relations in the light of situation in Ukraine, etc," it said.

for law on loudspeakers

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move loudspeakers installed at re-

meeting over the issue. BIP leader meeting, Walse Patil said, "We request the Centre to come up with the country. It will ensure that sit-

culars.," he said.

Walse Patil added that if they decided to restrict the use of loudspeakers at mosques, they would also have to look at their use during bhajans, kirtans, Ganpati processions, and Navratri. "There cannot be separate rules for people belonging to different communities." he said.

He added, "Maintaining law and order is the responsibility of the state. If anyone tries to disrupt the law and order, we will have to take necessary action. Based on our discussion in the meeting, it was agreed that the priority was to maintain peace and harmony

Kishor roadmap report in hand, Sonia BJP readies for sets up action group for Cong revival

NEW DELHI, APRIL 25

WITH THE report by an internal panel on the roadmap presented by election strategist Prashant Kishor and various other suggestions from party leaders in hand, Congress president Sonia Gandhi on Monday moved to set up an empowered action group for overseeing the rollout of organisational decisions for the party's revival in the run-up to the 2024 general elections.

The party also announced that it will hold a brainstorming session – Nav Sankalp Chintan Shivir — on May 13-15 at Udaipur in Raiasthan, with about 400 leaders expected to attend.

The decision to set up an empowered group is being seen as a classic Sonia Gandhi move, sending many signals.

According to party sources, all the "actionable points" that will flow from Kishor's presentation and the report of the eight-member panel will be flagged for implementation by the empowered group. The composition of the group has not been announced but sources said if Kishor joins the party, he could be one of the

Party leaders say the decision to set up such a group indicates Kishor will not have a free hand. It



Sonia Gandhi

also means that all the suggestions made by Kishor may have not been accepted. The eight-member panel has also given its own set of recommendations, and the empowered group will now find a middle path.

The setting up of the group also seeks to address the main demand of the G 23 leaders who have been arguing that key party decisions were being made in a unilateral manner, in an indirect reference to the Rahul Gandhi-Priyanka Gandhi Vadra duo.

Soon after the Assembly election rout in March, a section of the G 23 had told the leadership that the "only way forward" is to adopt a model of "collective and inclusive" command and decision making at all levels. It is to be seen how many members of the G 23 will make it to empowered group.

On Monday, before announcing the setting up of the "empowered action group-2024," Sonia Gandhi met members of the com-



Prashant Kishor

mittee that studied Kishor's presincluding entation, Chidambaram, Ambika Soni, Priyanka Gandhi Vadra, Digvijaya Singh, Jairam Ramesh, Mukul Wasnik, K C Venugopal and Randeep Surjewala.

Speaking to reporters on Monday, Congress communications chief Surjewala said based on discussions between Sonia Gandhi and the committee's members, she "has decided to constitute an empowered action group 2024 in order to address the political challenges ahead".

The meeting took place a day after the Indian Political Action Committee or I-PAC which was founded by Kishor, signed a contract with the Telangana Rashtra Samithi (TRS) for the 2023 Assembly elections. Sources said senior Congress leaders are upset over I-PAC entering into a contract with a political opponent at a time when Kishor was in talks with their own party. Kishor has maintained that he currently has no links with I-PAC. Speaking about the brain-

storming session in Rajasthan, Surjewala said the focus will be on the political and economic situation, and the challenges they pose to society. "Issues relating to the welfare and well-being of farmers and farm labourers, Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes, OBCs, religious and linguistic minorities and women, social justice and empowerment and youth will also be discussed in detail. In addition, matters relating to organisational restructuring and strengthening will be examined. The Chintan Shivir will also deliberate on the broad strategy for the 2024 Lok Sabha elections," he said.

Significantly, Sonia Gandhi has given representation to several G 23 leaders in six other groups that the party has set up for drafting resolutions that will be discussed and passed at the brainstorming session. Bhupinder Singh Hooda and Mukul Wasnik will be convenors of two committees, while leaders like Ghulam Nabi Azad, Anand Sharma, Shashi Tharoor, Manish Tewari and Akhilesh Prasad Singh are members of different groups. The committee to draft the political resolution will be headed by Leader of Opposition in Rajya Sabha Mallikarjun Kharge.

FULL REPORT ON www.indianexpress.com

SC agrees to hear pleas challenging Art 370 removal after vacation

New Delhi: The Supreme Court on Monday agreed to consider listing after summer vacation the pleas challenging the Centre's decision to abrogate provisions of Article 370 which had given special status to Jammu and Kashmir.

A bench comprising Chief Justice N V Ramana and Justice Hima Kohli took note of the submissions of senior advocate Shekhar Naphade, appearing for one of the petitioners, that the plea needed an urgent hearing in view of the delimitation exercise being carried out in the state.

"This is the Article 370 matter. The delimitation is also going on," the senior lawyer, appearing for interveners Radha Kumar (academic and author) and Kanil Kak (retired officer of the Indian Air Force), said. "Let me see," CJI Ramana said, adding, "This is a five-judge matter. I will have to reconstitute the

ROLLING OUT a blueprint of the party's strategy for the 2024 Lok Sabha elections, a team of senior BIP leaders has identified around 74,000 booths across the country for strengthening hold in some, and to gain ground in others it has not been able to win so

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NEW DELHI, APRIL 25

2024 polls with

The majority of these booths are in the southern and eastern states, sources said.

The four-member team headed by BIP vice-president Baijayant Panda has already worked on a strategy to cover all the booths spread across 2,300 Assembly constituencies where the party has an MP or an MLA while identifying more booths in 100 Lok Sabha constituencies that the BJP candidates could not win so far, sources said.

"We have identified 73,600plus booths where the plan will be rolled out. Basically the aim is to strengthen the booths in the constituencies where the party has already won to retain them and to make more strongholds, we will be working on 100 more Lok Sabha seats where the party has not won. The mission is to maximise the party's reach and electoral wins," said a member

The team, also consisting of BJP general secretaries C T Ravi and Dilip Ghosh and party's Scheduled Castes (SC) cell head Lal Singh Arya, is expected to tour across the country to roll out their strategies in the coming three months. The committee met on Monday at the party headquarters. Once the blueprint is ready, BJP national president J P Nadda is expected to launch the mission officially,



BJP chief JP Nadda is expected to unveil the document next week. File

which is likely to be next week. "The committee will be working with the party MPs and MLAs

- 2,300 of them – across the country, state presidents and district presidents in the coming three months. "We have to ensure that the BJP does not lose any of the seats it has already won. There will be training sessions and frequent meetings for those in these booths," said the leader. Known for its elaborate elec-

tion preparation much in advance, the BJP had identified around 115 constituencies as "new catchment area" in 2016 that the party had never been able to win ahead of the 2019 Lok Sabha elections. The party had worked in those constituencies in six states — Odisha, West Bengal, Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, Tamil Nadu, Kerala — and the Northeast. Although the party could not make considerable gains in the southern states like Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh and Kerala, the party had improved its position in Odisha and West Bengal in 2019 Lok Sabha polls. In Odisha, the party won eight seats, and bagged 18 from West Bengal. The party had only one of the 21 seats from Odisha and two of the 42 from West Bengal in the 16th Lok Sabha. In Telangana, it increased its tally from one to four in the last

Iharkhand: ex-CM Das alleges Soren got land allotted in wife's name

RANCHI, APRIL 25

FORMER JHAKHAND Chief Minister (CM) Raghubar Das on Monday alleged that CM Hemant Soren's wife Kalpana Soren got 11 acres of land in Ranchi's Bijupara industrial area, even as the CM himself holds the Industries portfolio.

In a press conference, Das said: "Hemant Soren's wife Kalpana Soren has been given 11 acres of land in an industrial area in Ranchi. This is at a time when Soren is currently the Industries Minister and he has used his position to get his wife the land. He is supposed to give answers." Jharkhand Mukti Morcha

spokesperson Suprivo Bhattacharya said: "We will respond on Tuesday." Das said that CM's political

representative Pankaj Mishra and press advisor Abhishek Prasad used their position to get mining leases, when Soren holds the Mining Department portfolio.

"Abhishek Prasad got the lease in the name of one Shiv Shakti enterprise in Sahebganj district of 11.70 acre land on April 8, 2021. According to the govt papers, Rs 90 lakh investment has also been made in this mining area. Pankaj Mishra had been given lease in the name of Mahakal stone in

Sahebhani area. The government ner," Das alleged. Calls made to Abhishek Prasad

did not elicit any response. Pankaj Mishra could not be contacted.

Das also said that the state government has removed the religion column from the caste certificates-for Schedule Caste and Scheduled Tribe castes-- which is proving harmful for the tribals who follow 'Sarna religion'. Sarna is not an official code in Iharkhand and Soren had written to Home Minister Amit Shah to include Sarna as a religion code in census.

'The BIP government had added a religion column in caste certificates so that Sarna tribals may benefit from it in jobs... Under pressure from Missionaries they seem to have been removed...," he said referring to the previous state government.

Earlier this year, Das had released documents which stated that the CM had obtained a mining lease in Ranchi area and a Letter of Intent had been issued in June last year.It also stated that in September, the CM had obtained environmental clearance for the same.

In February, a petition was filed in the Iharkhand High Court in the matter. On April 8, during the hearing, Advocate General Rajiv Ranjan said the state had committed 'a mistake' and the lease has since been 'surrendered'.

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Maharashtra urges Centre

ASSERTING THAT it cannot religious places, the Maharashtra government on Monday asked the Centre to come up with rules regarding the use of loudspeakers across the country.

The government stance was conveyed by Home Minister Dilip Walse Patil after an all-party Devendra Fadnavis and MNS chief gave a skip to the meeting which was attended by deputy CM Ajit Pawar, and Aaditya Thackeray. Addressing the media after the a law that will be applicable across uations like these do not arise anywhere in the country.'

Thackeray said, "It was also decided at the meeting that a delegation from the state will meet the Centre and hold discussions on

Walse said loudspeakers have been operating in the state on the basis of the Supreme Court's cir-

Fadnavis told the media: "The MVA government's political arrogance has left no room for communication. As a result, the BIP has to take the route of struggle to combat the high-handedness of the arrogant government."

Questions on Cong in Class XII exam: Centre writes to Rajasthan

New Delhi: Days after the Tamil

SIT to probe the alleged assault on him in Maharashtra. Praveen Khanna

SEEKING FAIR PROBE

Nadu Assembly adopted a resolution against the Common University Entrance Test (CUET) for admission to undergraduate courses taught in central universities, the Centre has tried to allay the state's concerns saying there is "no case for infringing upon the rights of the states and Union Territories" through the test.

No infringement

Centre tells TN

on CUET,

The resolution moved by Tamil Nadu CM M K Stalin said the state Assembly felt that any entrance exam based on the NCERT syllabus would not provide an equal opportunity to all students who had studied in varied state board syllabus across the country.

The Centre's stand was conveved by Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan through a letter to his Tamil Nadu counterpart K Ponmudy **EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** NEW DELHI, JAIPUR, APRIL 25

AMID THE political row over six questions on the Congress in the Class XII Political Science exam of the Rajasthan Board of Secondary Education (RBSE) held last week. the Union Ministry of Education on Monday sought a response from the Ashok Gehlot-led Congress government in the state.

BJP leader Kirit Somaiya outside the Home Ministry on Monday. He was part of a BJP

delegation from Maharashtra that met MoS (Home) Nityanand Rai, urging him to form an

The Centre's Department of School Education and Literacy has written to the Rajasthan Additional Chief Secretary (School Education), attaching a news clipping on the issue. In its communication, the ministry referred to media reports on the question paper, "which is self explanatory". "Request that the comments/inputs of the state government on the news item may please be sent to this department," it said.

Kumar Goval. Pawan Additional Chief Secretary in the Rajasthan government's School Education Department, did not respond to calls or text messages. An officer in the Union

Education Ministry described the intervention as "routine", adding that the Centre has only sought information and "it should not be perceived to be anything more than that". However, such interventions on state board exams, which come under the purview of the state governments, are rare.

After the exam on April 21, the BJP had accused the Congress government of "politicising education". The questions on the Congress included: "Discuss in brief the Congress as a social and ideological alliance"; "Which party dominated the first three general elections in India?" 'How many seats did the Congress win in the 1984 Lok Sabha election?"; "Who gave the slogan 'garibi hatao'?"; "The general election of 1971 proved to be an election for restoration of Congress. Explain the statement.": "Under what circumstances did the Congress contest the 1967 General Election and what mandate did it get?

RBSE Public Relations Officer Rajendra Gupta had said question paper was made as per the NCERT syllabus and a panel of experts had prepared it. The NCERT Class XII Political Science textbook — Politics in India since Independence — has two chapters dealing with the Congress: "Era of one-party dominance" and "Challenges to and restoration of the Congress system".

'Good listener': Mayawati's likely heir hits ground for Rajasthan poll prep

LALMANI VERMA LUCKNOW, APRIL 25

SEEN AS someone who may suc-

ceed Bahujan Samaj Party (BSP) president Mayawati as the party's leader, her nephew Akash Anand is now on a tour of Rajasthan to gain an understanding of the party's organisational strength.

Earlier this month, the 31year-old participated in a 13-km 'Swabhiman Sankalp Yatra" in Alwar on the birth anniversary of BR Ambedkar, Anand, according to party insiders, is supervising the BSP's preparations for the Assembly elections scheduled for next year. The party won six seats in Rajasthan in 2018.

Last month, after a rout in the Uttar Pradesh elections, the BSP chief had tasked Akash with visiting different parts of the state to collect "truthful progress reports on the activities of the party" and encourage vouth workers.

"He is a good listener," said a

BSP leader who did not wish to be identified. "He interacts with workers too, apart from officebearers. During the recent UP Assembly polls, he held some meetings with youths. In other states, he has been meeting senior leaders. Behen ji (Mayawati) is grooming him for the long



term. Whenever he visits any district for a party meeting, he is accompanied by at least two coordinators from the respective state who brief him about the local political scenario and introduce him to the local cadre.' Other insiders said Akash was

active in the party's decisionmaking on issues related to the youth and social media. He was given the responsibility of the BSP

campaign in Punjab and Uttarakhand during the Assembly elections and addressed several rallies. "Under the guidance of Behen ji, Akash is now focusing on Rajasthan and Madhya Pradesh, Recently, he visited Rajasthan thrice and MP once. He is regularly having closed-door meetings and online meetings with youth from across India," said a BSP functionary.

Akash is the son of Mayawati's vounger brother and BSP number two Anand Kumar. He completed his schooling in Delhi and his MBA degree in London. He returned to India in 2017 and in May that year accompanied

Mayawati to Saharanpur where a Thakur-Dalit clash had occurred. Four months later. Anand and Akash were officially introduced to BSP workers. It came a few months after the BJP won the state elections and the BSP ended third with 19 seats. A BSP leader recalled that the party president introduced Akash to him and his colleagues, saying, "This is Akash, he has completed his MBA from London and now will look after the party's activities."

In the run-up to the 2019 general elections, Akash received media attention after Mayawati announced that her nephew would join the BSP movement to learn

New Delhi

more active as the BSP inked an alliance with the Samaiwadi Party (SP) for the polls and was seen attending the alliance's political rallies. At the time, Akash was also credited with getting his aunt to Twitter. When the Election Commission banned Mayawati from campaigning for 48 hours, he addressed his first rally in Agra. Akash was joined by SP president Akhilesh Yadav and Rashtriya Lok Dal (RLD) president Ajit Singh, both BSP allies at the time. He was appointed BSP national coordinator in June 2019, officially marking his rise in the party hierarchy.

DY. SUPTT. ENGINEER (Proj.) W-IX, ASHOK VIHAR, OVERHEAD TANK: DELHI-110052 Tel: 011-27303265 Email id: projectwater9@gmail.com



SHORT NOTICE N.I.T. NO. 01 (2022-23) Money (Rs.) 80.000/ 2022_DJB_221054_1 Boring installation of 4 Nos. tubewells and Providing/ laying & interconnecting the 39,86,365/-500/ 02.05.2022 er lines to Augment water supply by extraction of ground water at Bapro r and adjacent area in Vikas Puri AC-31 Constituency upto 15:00 Hrs.

Note: Any further amendment/corrigendum made in this NIT will be uploded and can only be seen on website

http://govtprocurement.delhi.gov.in.

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No. SE/O&M JBP/ PUR/2022-23/TS-01/124/2022 PKVVC 198763 1 **NOTICE INVITING TENDER**

Online tenders are invited for Outsourcing of Unskilled, Semi-skilled and Skilled Manpower Required for Miscellaneous Works at O&M Circle, MPPKWCL, JABALPUR. The hid seals will be received online on the e-porta http://mptenders.gov.in, http://www.mpez.co.in up to date & time indicated below. The online tenders will be opened in the office of the undersigned as mentioned in tender time schedule (key date). If desired, the bidder or their duly authorized representatives may remain present at the time of opening of tender:-

Sr. No.	Tender Specification No.	Name Of The Work/ services	Approx. Value (Rs. In Crores)	Tender Fee (In Rs.)	EMD (In Rs.)	Due Date of Opening of tender Online from 14:30 Hrs.*
1.	SE/O&M/JBP/ 2021-22/TS- 01/124/ 2022_ PKVVC198763_1	Outsourcing of Manpower Required for Miscellaneous Works under the jurisdiction of SEO&M Circle	13.80	11800/-	1.00 Lakh	09/05/2022

* For other details please visit website http://www.mptender.gov.in..

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GOVERNMENT OF JAMMU & KASHMIR

OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER PDA PAHALGAM

Ph. /Fax No: 01936-243049 , Email; - ceopdapahalgam@gmail.com FRESH SHORT TERM NOTICE INVITING TENDER

E-NIT SI NO- EE/PDA/ 02 of 2022-23 DATED 23.04.2022 For and on behalf of the Lt. Governor, Union Territory of J&K, the Executive Engineer, Pahalgam Development Authority, Pahalgam (PDA) hereby invites E-tenders in double cover system from the registered contractors/ firms/ companies registered with CPWD/PWD/ MES/ Central/State/ Ut Governments for the

following works/ items						
S.No	Name of the work	Estd./Adv. Cost Rs. In lacs	EMD/CDR Amount	Cost of tender document	Class of contractor	Time for completion
01	Operation, upkeep and maintenance of 18 Hole Lidder valley Golf course Pahalgam- Kashmir for the year 2022.		Rs 167500/-	Rs 1000/-	Experienced AAY Class Civil Contractors /Reputed Golf course maintenance firms/ companies	Up to Oct.2022
Position of funds = Demanded		Position of TS = /	Accorded	Posi	tion of AA = Accorded	

I	1. The bidding document consisting of eligibility criteria ,specification etc and bill of quantities (BOQ) and other related details can be						
from the departmental website <u>www.jktenders.gov.in</u> as per scheduled dates given below;-							
I		01	Date of issue of tender notice	23-04-2022			
I		02	On line bid submission start date	26-04-2022 from 10.am			
I		03 On line bid submission last date		02-05-2022 up to 4.00 pm			
04 Date and time of opening of on line technical bids Cover A)			Date and time of opening of on line technical bids Cover A)	04-05-2022 At 12.00 Noon			
ı		0.5		To be a selfed of the construction of the desired bids			

Date and time for opening of financial bid (Cover B) The bidders are advised to submit their bids in double cover system . The cover A containing technical bid and Cover B as Financial bid. Both technical a well as financial bids shall be opened by the tender opening / evaluating committee of Pahalgam development Authority, in the office of Executive Engineer PDA (Chairman committee) as per the scheduled of dates mentioned above. The bids shall be opened by the aforesaid committee in presence of the bidders or their authorized representatives who may wish to be present. Those bidders who meet the pre-qualification / eligibility criteria set out in the technical bid shall only be eligible for opening of financial/ price bid.

The on line Technical bids (Cover A) must be accompanied with the following scanned documents—which may be submitted through on line mode. The Executive Engineer PDA Pahalgam (Chairman tender opening / evaluating committee) reserves the right to reject any or all bids without issuing notice to

Cost of tender documents (Non refundable) in the shape of Treasury Challan /receipt for particular work to be deposited into Major Head 1452 Tourism, Minor Head -800 -other Receipts and Sub head 8193 Tourism.

Earnest Money as shown against each work above, in the shape of CDR /FDR pledged to Executive Engineer, PDA Pahalgam, drawn from an recognized Bank.

- Valid registration Card duly renewed for the year 2021-22.
- Valid GST Registration No and Valid GST Clearance ending December2021.
- ncome Tax Return (ITR) ending December 2021
- Bid declaration and authenticitation of documents to be submitted in support of the bids as per Annexure A.

 The intending bidders (Experienced AAY class civil contractors) should have to furnish experience certificate to the effect that he has successfully executed at least one similar nature of work viz operation, upkeep and maintenance of 18 hole Golf course. The experience certificate should be signed by the Department/Organization whose assignment has been successfully completed. The experience certificate and contract allotment must be submitted with the bids. Or

Golf maintenance firms / companies of National repute having at least 5 years of experience in similar nature of work and having successfull completed similar nature of works in 5 golf courses. The experience certificate and contract allotment must be submitted with the bid

The financial bids Cover **B** (BOQ) of only eligible/ qualified bidders shall be opened by the tender evaluating committee on the date to be notified after evaluating the technical bids, in the office of Executive Engineer PDA Pahalgam. However, In case of any avoidable circumstances the tenders shall be opened on the next working day or any subsequent date convenient to the competent Authority.

All bidders shall be personally responsible for correctness / genuineness of bids / documents submitted through on line. However, in case at any time it is found that the documents submitted by any bidder are erroneous / incorrect or the information submitted is incorrect the necessary action against the defaulter shall be taken by the Department under rules and admissible penalty shall be imposed against him and shall render him disqualified.

Executive Engineer, Pahalgam Dev. Authority. DIPK-NB-468/22



UNION TERRITORY OF JAMMU AND KASHMIR,

OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER JAL SHAKTI (PHE) DIVISION KUPWARA

NOTICE INVITING TENDER

e-NIT No. 04 OF 2022-23 Dated: 19 -04-2022 For and on behalf of Lt. Governor of UT of J&K, Executive Engineer Jal Shakti (PHE) Division Kupwara 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 Kupwara 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.

	Sr. No.	Particulars of the Work	Estimated Cost (Lacs)	Tender Fee (in Rs.)	Earnest Money Deposit	Bid Validity	Time of Completion of Work (Days)
ll.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
•	1.	 Laying & Fitting of Delivery and Distribution Mains consisting of GMS Tubes and Ductile Iron Pipes of different Nominal Bores along with pipe fit- tings and control valves 	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
		 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 Kupwara of Kashmir Province of UT of J&K, under Jal Jeevan Mission					

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

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

Critical Dates:

i	Publish Date	19-04-2022 at 6:00 P.M
ii	Document Download Start Date	19-04-2022 at 6:00 P.M
iii	Clarification Start date	21-04-2022 from 10:00 A.M
iv	Clarification End date	26-04-2022 up to 4:00 P.M
V	Bid submission Start date	28-04-2022 from 10:00 A.M
vi	Bid submission End date	11-05-2022 at 4:00 P.M.
vii	Date of Bid opening	12-05-2022 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 Kupwara. 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 o Executive Engineer PHE Division Kupwara.
- The hard copies of cost of tender document in shape of TR/e-challan, Earnest money in shape of CDR/FDR/BG and other relevant documents shall be obtained from the bidder who is declared as L1 after opening of financial cover.
- The bid shall remain valid for a period of 90 days from the last date of submission of bids. If any bidder withdraws his bid before the said period or makes any modifications in the terms and conditions of the bid, the same shall be considered to be in violation of bid security declaration and shall be dealt with accordingly and the bid shall be declared nonresponsive.
- Other details can be seen in the bidding documents from the website www.jktenders.gov.in.
- Queries by email if any should be made at xenphekupwara11@gmail.com No: PHEDK/159-72

Date: 19-4-2022

(JJM)

Executive Engineer DIPK-1095/22 Jal Shakti (PHE) Division Kupwara

<u>ender No.</u> lame of Work

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espectively as follows.

Name of Work

Execution of New 70 LPCD RPWS Scheme to

Derakeshpur, Mantripada

and Nuahat on clubbed

Kendrapara. (JJM Funds)

Execution of 40 LPCD Retrofitting RPWS Scheme to Raghudeipur of Derabish Block and Gogua of Mahakalapada

on clubbed up mode ir

Kendrapara, (JJM Fund

G.B. PANT NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF HIMALAYAN ENVIRONMENT (NIHE) KOSI-KATARMAL, ALMORA - 263 643, UTTARAKHÀND, INDÍA

TENDER CORRIGENDUM

Please refer to Institute's Tender notice No. GBPNIHE NMHS-GOI funded Project/SM/2021-22/03, published in 'Indian Express" (Delhi edition) dated 01.04.2022 for supply of two (02 Nos) 50m² Pota Cabin with accessories. The last date of receiving of Tender for supply of Pota Cabin is hereby extended up to 05.05.2022 at 03:00 p.m. The documents shall be submitted online at website https://moefcc.euniwizarde.com.

The full details of documents are available in the Institute Website http://gbpihed.gov.in. Office Superintendent

भारतीय कंटेनर निगम लिमिटेड CONTAINER CORPORATION OF INDIA LTD.

Rs. 41,92,641.36 including GST

cost of Tender Document (Non-refundable)
Rs. 1,000/- (inclusive of all taxes and duties through e-payment)
ender Processing Fee (Non-refundable)
Rs. 2474/- (inclusive of all taxes and duties through e-payment)
late of Sale of Tender (On Line)
ate & Time of submission of tender
11,05,2022 upto 16:00 Hrs.
11,05,2022 upto 16:00 Hrs.

Date & Time of opening of tender 12.05.2022 at 15:30 Hrs.

For eligibility criteria and other details please refer to detailed tender notice available on website www.concorindia.co.in, but the complete tender document can be downloaded from website

www.tenderwizard.com/CCIL only. Further, Corrigendum/Addendum to this Tender, if any, will be

ublished on website www.tenderwlzard.com/CCIL and Central recurrement Portal (CPP) only. Newspaper press advertisement shall not be issued for the same.

Senlor General Manager (C&O) Area I

OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER,

RWS&S DIVISION, KENDRAPARA

At: Ichhapur, Post: Shree Baladevjew

Email: eerwsskendrapara@gmail.com

Identification No. RWS/ 104 /2021-2022

Letter No. 3159/ Dated 20.04.22

3rd Corrigendum

This corrigendum has been made for the NIT-104 invited online vide this office lette

No. 1525 / Dated. 04.03.2022 with date for selling, closing, clarification and opening which was on dt. 22.04.2022 (selling date), 12.05.2022 (closing date), 25.04.2022

(clarification date) 13.05.2022 (opening date) as per 2nd corrigendum has been

amended and to be read as 04.05.2022, 21.05.2022, 06.05.2022 and 23.05.2022

Estimated EMD to be

Cost(Apprx.) deposited online

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Hiring of three commercial vehicles (with Yellow Number

Plate) on monthly hire basis for the use of CONCOR and

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CONCOR invites E-Tender in Two Packet System of tendering for the following work:

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SREENIVAS JANYALA

HYDERABAD, APRIL 25

Andhra Pradesh have deployed drones to keep a watch on protesting teachers from gathering outside the Chief Minister's Office (CMO) at Tadepalligudem on Monday, officers said. Several leaders and representatives of teachers' unions have been detained ahead of the 'Chalo Tadepalligudem' call given by the unions de-

AT WORK AT SRIBAR STATION OF withdraw the conscheme (CPS).

invited by undersigned for the following work. Name of works and its location: S&T work in connection Upgradation fitness of Sribar station of Lumding Division for running of Mail/Express Trains. Tender Value: ₹1,26,81,696,71 Earnest Money: ₹2,13,400,00. E-tenden Guntur towards vil be Closed at 15 00 hrs. on 10-05 2022 and Opened at 15:30 hrs. on 10-

www.ireps.gov.in Sr. DSTE, Lumding O NORTHEAST FRONTIER RAILWAY

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LUMDING DIVISION

E-Tender No. SNT-09-LMG-2022 23; Dated: 18-04-2022. E-tenders are

ENGINEERING WORKS AT LUMDING DIVISION

E-Tender Notice No.: 7 of 2022, Dated 0.04-2022 E-Tender are invited by the ndersigned for the following works. Tend No.: GHV.06.2022 Name of work A Location: At Guwahati-Replacement of Non standard double storied Typepuarters DS-67 (A to L). Total=12 Units by Type-II triple story (TS) quarters in ; clocks: Tender Value: ₹ 1,95,49,401.97 Earnest Money . ₹ 2,48,300/-; Closing 8 Opening at 13,00 hrs. on 11-05-2022. Fo please visit website www.ireps.gov.in

Sr. DEN(C), Maligao MORTHEAST FRONTIER RAILWAY

NORTH WESTERN RAILWAY E-Tender Notice

Sr. Divisional Electrical Engineer/Genera North Western Railway, Bikaner for 8 on behalf of the President of India the following work. 1. Complete details of tenders can be seen on Website No.: http://www.ireps.gov.ln, 2. Date & time of closing of e-tenders: 19.05.2022 at 15.00 hours, **3. Date & time of opening of e-tenders:** Afte 15.00 Hrs on 19.05.2022 Tende Notice No.: 03 El-t BKNE-TENDER 22-23 Name of work: Rewiring of Railway staff quarters and service building over Bikaner division, Approx Cost o the work: Rs. 13350745.00, EMD/SE (Rupees): Rs 216800.00, Tende Documents Cost: Nil 244-AC/22

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Sr. No.	NAME OF DEPARTMENT	OLD REFER- ENCE/NIT NO.	NATURE OF CORRIGENDUM	WEBSITE OF THE DEPARTMENT	NODAL OFFICER/CONTACT DETAILS/EMAIL						
1.	HVPNL	NIET NO 10/TS/PWL/202 1-22 DATED 02.03.2022	THE DATE OF ONLINE BID SUBMISSION IS EXTENDED UPTO DATED 0605.2022.	www.hvpn.org.in	0172-2583789 pro@hvpn.org.in						

Cost of Period of

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(ER. B.K. NAYAK)

Executive Engineer RWS&S Division, Kendrapar

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HIMACHAL PRADESH PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT **INVITATION FOR BIDS (IFB)**

The Executive Engineer Division HPPWD Tanda at Nagrota Bagwan Distt Kangra H.P on behalf of Governor of invites the item rate bids, in electronic tendering system from the eligible class of contractors registered with HP PWD for the works as detailed in the table. The cost of tender & earnest money will be excepted only online mode.

Br. No.	Name of Work	Cost (RS)	downloading Bid	Earnest Money	submission of Bid
ţ.	Construction of Revenue Colony at Baroh inTehsil Baroh, District Kangra (HP) (Deposit work) (SH-Caristruction of 2 Nos. Type-II Quarter and 4 Nos. Type-III Quarter including water supply & Sanitary Installation, Rain water Harvesting System, Septic Tark stoaters).	Rs. 017202896/-	26.04.2022	Rs. 204500/-	10.06.2022
2	Construction of Bandi Matiyari Mumta road Km 0000 to 3/600 in Digt Kangra (HP) (SH: Estance work of formation cutting work at RD 2/320 to 2/380, 2/490 to 2/350, C/O U-shape drain in between Km 2/150 to 2/350, C/O parapets in between Km 0/000 to 3/60, providing and laying cament concrete pavement in between Km 3/240 to 3/465 and providing and laying tarring in between Km 2/150 to 2/750, 2/24/0 to 3/240 & 3/465 to 3/600).	Rs 30,15,110/-	26.04.2022	Rs 52450F	10.05,2022

The bidders are advised to note other details of tenders from the department website www.hptenders.gov.in.

H.P.P.W.D. Division, Tanda at Nagrota Bagwan (On behalf of Governor of Himachal Pradesh)

Starting date for

HIM SUCHNA AVAN JANSAPARK

GOVERNMENT OF HIMACHAL PRADESH PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT NATIONAL HIGHWAY PROJECTS e-procurement notice INVITATION FOR BIDS (IFB)

NATIONAL COMPETITIVE BIDDING No: PW/SE/NHCS/CTR(R)/NIT/ Km 236/00 to 254/00/2022-

1. The Superintending Engineer, NH Circle, HPPWD, Shimla-4 hereby invites Single Percentage Rate Bids through e-tendering from experienced firms/organizations for maintenance works and activities for the following sections of the National/State Highways/MDR/Rural roads

Duration* (month) Security (Rs. Lac) (Rs. Lac) 75.22 1.50 12 Months Short term maintenance of NH-05 (NH-22) between Km 236/00 to 254/00 in the state of Himachal Pradesh. Cost of bid Documents (Non-Refundable) : Rs 12,000/-

The period of availability of online bid/date and time of Pre-bid meeting/date and time of on-line bid submission and date and time of opening of bid are given below:

i). Availability of bid documents from 27-04-2022 to 17-05-2022 up to 1100 Hrs

Date of Pre-bid meeting 04-05-2022 at 1100 Hrs

| Date of Pre-bid meeting 04-05-2022 at 1100 Hrs

Deadline for submission of original documents and bid 17-05-2022 up to 1100 Hrs Opening of technical bids 18-05-2022 at 1130 Hr

by Opening of financial bids—Announced later

Bidding documents can be downloaded from the web site https://eprocure.gov.in/eprocure/app. The documents downloaded from the web site should not be tempered, and if any such tempering is detected before or after the opening of bids, the bidder shall be penalized and black listed. other terms and conditions shall remain same as given in the bid document which can be seen on the web site

Ph. No:-0177-2814801, 2657551

e-Tender Processing fee (Non-Refundable)

Police use drones, fences to block protesting teachers' march to CMO

THE POLICE in Vijayawada and Guntur in

manding that the state government tributory pension

Hundreds of police officers are also checking vehicles going from Vijayawada and

Tadepalligudem and allegedly detaining those headed to the protest, according to sources. An official said they were only preventing potential troublemakers from reaching the protest site. Barricades and razor wire fences have been put up on all roads leading to the CMO.

The Andhra Pradesh Teachers' Federation has called for the protest as the state government has been delaying the repeal of CPS, which, the teachers claim, adds to their financial burden. Secretary of the federation K Bhanumurthy said CM Y S Jagan Mohan Reddy had given an assurance that the scheme would be repealed, but the government had been dragging its feet on the matter.

The federation has also opposed the Pay Revision Commission (PRC) for teachers. Teachers have alleged that they were not given promotions and were being prevented from going on summer holidays. In the first week of February, the government was taken by surprise when thousands of government employees, including teachers, managed to gather in protest against the PRC.

CONSTRUCTION WORK AT KATIHAR E-Tender Notice No.: KIR/Engg./21 booked after stir of 2022 date: 19-04-2022, E-Tonders

are invited by the undersigned for the following works: Tender No. 1. Brief Description of work: At Katinat Construction of LHB Coaching depot and service building and set up of nechanized laundry. Tender Value: 9.99.68.956.18/-. Earnest Money: 86,49,900i-. Date & Time of closing of E-tender: 15.00 hrs. & opening at 15.30 hrs. of 19-05-2022. The complete formation with the tender document of shave e-tender will be available upto 15.00 hrs. of 19-05-2022 in website www.ireps.gov.in. DRM (W), Katihar

NORTHEAST FRONTIER RAILWAY

17 power dept staff

Raipur: The Chhattisgarh Police have booked 17 persons who were part of an anti-government protest in Raipur last week. Police had stopped the protest, held by contract staff of the state electricity department, saying its organisers had not sought district authorities' permission. The charges against those booked include rioting, deterring public servants from

doing duty and assault. ENS

SEARCH FOR MISSING GIRL



General public is hereby informed that this girl namely Anshu D/o Rinku R/o H.No. 336/8, Jeewan Park, Siraspur, Delhi Age: 16 years, Height: 5'2", Face: Round, Complexion: Shallow, Build: Normal, wearing white colour top and blue colour jeans, has been missing since 27.02.2022 from her house. In this regard FIR No.

235/2022 dated 01.03.2022 u/s 363 IPC has been registered at P.S. Samaipur Badli, Delhi. Any person having any information or clue about this

missing girl may kindly inform to the following. E-mail: cic@cbi.gov.in SHO: P.S. Samaipur Badli, Delhi

Website: http://cbi.nic.in Ph.: 011-27854757, Fax: 24368639,

27854799 Tel.: 24368638/24368641

SEARCH FOR MISSING/KIDNAPPED



General Public is hereby informed that a girl namely Chandni, D/o Munna Yadav, R/o H. No. B-87. Near Peer Baba Chowk, Nihal Vihar, Delhi. Age: 19 years, Height : 5'2", Complexion-Wheatish, Face-Round, Wearing-Suit and Salwar has been missing/ kidnapped from the area of PS. Nihal Vihar, Delhi, since Chandni 12.02,2022. in this regard a case

SHO

P.S. Nihal Vihar, Delhi

Ph.: 011-25946700, 25946710

vide DD No. 79-A dated 22.02.2022 has been registered at PS. Nihal Vihar, Delhi.

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

E-mail: cic@cbi.gov.in Ph: 011-24368638, 24368641 Fax: 011-23011334 DP/1645/OD/2022

ROURKELA SMART CITY LIMITED, Rourkela Udit Nagar, Rourkela-769012. Email: rourkelascl@gmail.com C-145 Ema Letter No. RSCL/873/2022

Mr. Sudhansu Sekhar Mohapatra M/s Brahmani Engicon Pvt. Ltd. 14/30 (2nd Floor) Civil Township Rourkela-769004

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You were informed vide RSCL Notice No. 741 dated 06/04/2022 to implement the project "Redevelopment of road from Panposh Chowk to Ambedkar Chowk including Streetscape, Beautification, Landscaping, Intersection redesign, utility ducting and underground cabling in Rourkela" failing which the award of work of the project will be terminated. The Notice was sent to your postal address through Registered Post but the same has been returned with the observation that the addressee is absent. The Notice was also send to you through your E-mail id brahmaniengicon@gmail.com and a copy of the notice was also pasted in your office door. However till date you have not yet responded to the Notice. You are hereby informed to attend the final measurement on dt: 29/04/2022 positively for the above work 'Smart Road Phase-I" Agreement No. 13/RSCL/2019-20, failing which ex parte measurement will be taken which will be binding or

Chief Executive Officer Rourkela Smart City Limited



Not enough evidence,

journalists granted bail

Local journalists to carry on protest unless all charges dropped

Ajit Ojha (left) and

"Ojha was granted bail on

Monday in the case lodged at

Kotwali, while he was already

granted bail by a lower court on

Friday (in the other cases). The

other two were granted bail by a

lower court on Friday," he told

Kotwali, Nagra and Ubhaon police

stations. While Oiha was booked

in all three, the other two were

booked in cases lodged at Nagra

Ballia, Raj Karan Nayyar said the

section for cheating was

dropped since there was no evi-

Nayyar said: "We dropped

the section for cheating against

Ojha on Monday, as we could not

link the school where he was an

invigilator to the paper leak

Initially, DIOS (Brijesh Mishra)

had indicated that the school

where Ojha was an invigilator

was involved in the leak, and so

was Ojha. We had the school un-

der scanner, but so far we have

not got evidence to link the

titioners who claimed to be active

in public and political life are ex-

pected to act more sensibly... With

great power comes great respon-

The court clarified that if state

government is desirous of initiat-

ing any action pursuant to the im-

pugned FIR, its officers shall give

72-hour notice to petitioners be-

aside a second FIR registered on

April 24 lodged against them un-

der IPC Section 353 (assault or

criminal force to deter public ser-

vant from discharge of his duty).

The couple was sent to judicial

custody by magistrate court, in

The couple sought setting

sibility...," the bench said.

fore taking such an action.

He said police are still waiting

school to the paper leak."

Superintendent of Police,

and Ubhaon police stations.

Three cases were lodged at

Digvijay Singh

The Indian Express.

dence to back it.

BALLIA PAPER LEAK CASE

ASAD REHMAN

LUCKNOW, APRIL 25

THE THREE journalists arrested

in Ballia in connection with the

leak of Class XII English exami-

nation paper have been granted

bail after police failed to find ad-

equate evidence of their alleged

IPC Section 420 (cheating) that

the trio had been booked under

bail by district court on Monday

in the last of the three cases he

had been booked, a lower court

had granted bail to Digvijay

Singh and Manoj Gupta on

Friday in two cases against them.

with Amar Ujala, and Gupta with

Rashtriya Sahara newspaper.

Ballia District Inspector Of

Schools (DIOS) Brijesh Mishra is

among 52 arrested in the case.

that they were arrested for re-

porting on the paper leak.

The three had told the media

Advocate Akhilendra Kumar,

who represented the journalists,

told The Indian Express, "Police had

to withdraw the section related to

cheating (IPC 420) against Ojha

since they didn't have evidence to

prove he was involved in the pa-

per leak (case). Police had invoked

that section in a wrongful man-

nal), Ballia district, Sanjiv Singh

confirmed that all three journal-

ists have been granted bail.

Government counsel (crimi-

ner...and to save themselves."

Ojha and Singh are employed

Police have also withdrawn

While Ajit Ojha was granted

involvement in the crime.

due to lack of evidence.

Woman offered ride, raped, killed in Dausa: police

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE JAIPUR, APRIL 25

A 35-YEAR-OLD woman was allegedly gangraped and murdered by men who gave her a ride in their car while she was on way to her mother's home in Dausa district, police said on Monday.

The crime took place on Saturday, and prima facie it appears the accused tried to burn her with acid and petrol after the crime, police said.

According to police, the woman was on way from her inlaws' home in Jaipur to her mother's home in Dausa, when, about 6 km before her destination, the accused offered her a ride. They subsequently raped and killed her, and dumped the body in a dry well, police said.

"Prima facie it seems that the accused tried to burn the woman with acid and petrol in an attempt to erase evidence," Dausa Superintendent of Police Raj Kumar Gupta said.

After a missing information report was filed on Sunday evening, police traced the woman's disfigured body by late Sunday night, said the SP.

The main accused, identified as Kaluram, a resident of Sisodia village in Dausa, has been arrested,

Man beaten to death over theft suspicion; 9 held

Mumbai: The Aurangabad city police have arrested nine persons, including two sons of a former Shiv Sena Corporator, for allegedly beating a man to death over suspicion of stealing decorative lights

According to the police, the incident took place on April 21 in CIDCO area of Aurangabad.

The police said, the victim, 30year-old Manoj Awhad, worked as a caretaker at the Meghwal Hall, which was being run by Sagar Kharat, Kharat, his brother, a decorator, and six others assaulted Awhad over the suspicion of stealing a halogen light. The accused also recorded the assault which got leaked on social media. An FIR was then registered by the victim's mother. Inspector Sambhaji Pawar, said, "The accused have been booked... There is no communal or casteist angle as



Now Showing

West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee, newly elected TMC MP Shatrughan Sinha, party MLA Babul Supriyo along with actors Prosenjit Chatterjee, Dev Adhikari and others at the 27th Kolkata International Film Festival inaugration programme on Monday. Partha Paul

is in doldrums, even though the

school education is the best in

the country. Someone should

take moral responsibility for the

Kannur conducted two exams of

psychology (graduate pro-

gramme) and the question papers

turned out to be a repeat of the

previous year. Adding to the em-

barrassment, the same mistake

resurfaced in Botany exam on

Saturday. Subsequently, the uni-

versity also postponed the April

Gopinath Ravindran said a sub-

committee has been tasked to

probe the matter. "They will give

the report on Tuesday. The report

will be discussed by the Syndicate,

which will take action against

those responsible for the goof-ups.

of Exams Dr P J Vincent had

taken moral responsibility for

the bungling, saying "the teach-

ers involved in the process will

of Exams Dr N Gopakumar said a

killed in Odisha's

Bhubaneswar:Two local leaders of the Biju Janata Dal (BJD) were al-

legedly murdered in Digapahandi

area of Odisha's Ganjam district

on Sunday night, police said, the

latest in a series of killings of BID

Ganjam district

probe has been ordered.

Two BJD men

Kerala University Controller

be blacklisted".

Earlier, University Controller

Kannur university V-C Prof

25 degree exam of philosophy.

Last week, the University of

Governor seeks reports from 2 Kerala varsities over exam goof-ups

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE THIRUVANANTHAPURAM,

KERALA GOVERNOR Arif Mohammad Khan on Monday sought reports from Kerala and Kannur universities on the recent goof-ups in examinations.

At University of Kerala, answer key was distributed instead of the question paper during the BSc Electronics supplementary exam in February this year. At University of Kannur, three exams scheduled last week had to be cancelled after the question papers were found to be a repeat of previous year's. Also, another exam on Monday (April 25) had to be postponed for the same reason.

Raj Bhavan officials said the Governor has sought a report from the V-Cs of the two universities on the goof-ups. "Action will be taken on the basis of the reports. This is a routine intervention of the Raj Bhavan in the university matters," an official said.

Referring to the slips at the University of Kannur, Khan had told the media in Delhi on Sunday: "This is a clear sign of in-

wedding turned down, man kills girl, her parents take the responsibility. The higher education sector in Kerala

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE LUCKNOW. APRIL 25

Proposal for

A MAN allegedly hacked a 17year-old girl and her parents to death in Gorakhpur district on Monday night after his marriage proposal was turned down by the family, police said.

The accused was arrested hours after the killings, said additional director general of police (ADGP), Gorakhpur Zone, Akhil

The incident took place when the girl along with her parents was returning from her uncle's house after attending a marriage ceremony at Raiganj Bajrihwa Tola village around 9pm. When on their way, Alok Paswan, 22, of Khalilabad area in adjacent Sant Kabir Nagar district attacked the three with a sharp-edged weapon and hacked them to death, the ADGP said.

The assailant escaped after the killings, but the police caught him within two hours of the incident on a tip-off, Kumar further said. "During interrogation, the accused confessed to having committed the crime," the police official said.

Senior police officials, including SSP Vipin Tada and ADG, Gorakhpur zone, Akhil Kumar, reached the spot. The bodies have been sent for post-mortem examination, PTI reported.

The victim's brother esca as he had opted for another route to reach the function.

HC rejects Rana couple's plea to quash FIR, says devoid of merit

OMKAR GOKHALE MUMBAI, APRIL 25

BENGALURU, APRIL 25

THE CRIMINAL Investigation

Department (CID) probing the ir-

regularities in the recruitment of

police sub-inspectors (PSIs) has

summoned Congress MLA

Priyank Kharge to appear before

it with evidence, Home Minister

Araga Jnanendra said on Monday.

Congress has directed Kharge

against appearing for the exam-

However, the state unit of the

On Saturday, Kharge released

an audio clip in which two per-

sons were reportedly discussing

getting a PSI job by paying money.

A day after the incident, Kharge re-

ceived a notice from the CID to ap-

pear before the investigating team

play his responsibility and assist

the CID, which is probing the case,

by sharing evidence with them.'

However, Kharge in a tweet

said: "It is hilarious that CID has

asked me to furnish "information"

on the #PSI545scam. Shows the

Department's incompetence in

comprehending the evidence

available in public domain. These

intimidating tactics won't work.

Govt needs to answer 57000

vouths who have taken the PSI

exam,"He alleged that the CID had

served him a notice to divert at-

tention as the investigation was

On Monday, Congress state

chief DK Shivakumar slammed

the government, "The party has

directed Kharge not to respond to

the notice and not appear before

the investigating team," he said.

WITHPTIINPUTS

heading nowhere.

Inanendra said.

"...I appeal to the MLA to dis-

and share the details he had.

THE BOMBAY High Court on Monday dismissed as "devoid of a writ plea by Independent legislator couple Navneet and Ravi Rana. arrested in connection with the Hanuman Chalisa controversy.

The court observed that "declaration of reciting some religious verses in residence of another person (including Chief Minister) or at public place is breach of personal liberty of another person.

"Secondly, If the declaration is made that a particular religious verse would be recited on public street, the state is justified in carrying apprehension that such act

Three Kashmiri students walk

IN SESSIONS COURT Mumbai: Seeking bail before

RANAS FILE FOR BAIL

the sessions court on Monday MP Navneet Rana and her husband MLA Ravi Rana have said that their announcement to chant Hanuman Chalisa at Matoshree was for the purpose of enlisting popular support and cannot be said to be done to incite violence, hatred or cause public disorder. ENS

 $would\,result\,in\,disturbance\,to\,law$ and order," a bench of Justice Prasanna B Varale and Iustice

Shriram M Modak held. The court also said that the pe-

connection with the first FIR through which the Police invoked sedition charges against them.

India thanks Oman on release of seven Indian sailors in Yemen

New Delhi: India on Monday thanked Oman and other concerned parties for the release of seven Indian sailors who were in detention of the Houthis in

Yemen since January 2. The Indians were among 14 foreigners released from the Houthi-controlled Yemeni cap-

ital of Sanaa on Sunday The Ministry of External Affairs said the Indians reached Muscat on Sunday and are expected to return to India shortly. "The Centre is happy that the sailors who were on the ship,

Rwabee, and in detention of the

Houthis in Yemen since January

2 have been released," it said. ENS

for forensic data on the mobile phone of the other accused people, and will proceed once the details are in. "We had earlier withdrawn the section for cheating against the other two journalists.

On March 30, the Class XII English paper of UP Board examination was cancelled in 24 districts after news of the paper leak emerged in Ballia. The three journalists were arrested on March 31.

While journalists in Ballia began protests against the arrests on April 4 and formed Sanyukt Patrakar Sangharsh Morcha (united journalists' front) to lead the protest against the administration and police, a journalist, who is part of the Morcha, on Monday said their agitation will continue until cases against the three are dropped and the DM and SP are removed.

On April 15, local journalists started a relay hunger strike outside the DM office, which entered the 11th day on Monday.

"Our struggle and hunger strike will continue. The way are colleagues were humiliated and arrested shows badly on the whole fraternity," the journalist said. "We will only end the protest once the three are cleared of all charges."

The Morcha seeks removal of District Magistrate Indra Vikram Singh and SP Raj Karan Nayyar for "framing the journalists in the paper leak case". After his arrest, Ojha had alleged that he was "framed" after the DM and DIOS had requested him to send the leaked question paper; he was arrested subsequently.

ILLEGAL MINING

HC seeks affidavits from Goa Chief Secy, DGP by May 2

MAYURA JANWALKAR PORVORIM, APRIL 25

TAKING NOTE of illegal sand mining continuing unabated in Goa's Pernem area, the High Court of Bombay in Goa on Monday asked government officials, including the Chief Secretary and the Director General of Police (DGP),

to file affidavits in the matter.

In a contempt petition filed by Goa Rivers and Sand Protectors Network (GRSPN), the court observed: "Prima facie, we think that this is a serious matter because instances are on the rise to defy not only court orders. but to unauthorisedly extract sand. From the rise in such instances, we get an impression that the authorities are not seriously interested in controlling this activity of unauthorised sand extraction. There is virtually a game of hide-and-seek going on and the impression that we get is that the authorities are not doing enough to prevent it."

The counsel for the petitioners, Norma Alvares, told the court that on April 10 and 18, illegal sand mining was carried out at night and there were 50-60 canoes engaged in the activity in Tiracol River in Uguem village of Pernem on the night of April 10. On April 18, 22 canoes were used.

Directing the Chief Secretary, DGP, the in-charge at the Pernem police station, and the mamlatdar to file affidavits by May 2, the court asked them to explain "why despite all the mechanisms they claim they have put in place, such incidents continue unabated".

competence. Somebody should Covid-19: Masks back in Chhattisgarh, Karnataka;

NEW DELHI, APRIL 25

WITH AN uptick in daily Covid-19 cases, Karnataka and Chhattisgarh on Monday issued fresh guidelines, making masks mandatory again at public places.

The states also revoked rules for home quarantine and social distancing, besides prohibiting spitting in public.

Karnataka CM Basavaraj Bommai held a meeting with Revenue Minister R Ashok, Health Minister K Sudhakar, Health Commissioner D Randeep and Technical Advisory Committee members to discuss the preparedness for a possible fourth Covid wave

Sudhakar said though masks were compulsory, there would be no fine on violating the rule. "On April 27, PM Narendra Modi

MANOJ MORE &

PUNE, APRIL 25

SUSHANT KULKARNI

the Babri Masjid demolition, died

Pune on Monday. He was 85.

ily said in a statement.

of cardiac arrest at his home in

around 10 am and his last rites

were performed at 2 pm, his fam-

vived by his wife Sujata, son

Rahul, daughter Meera, and their

Home and Justice departments,

Godbole quit in March, 1993,

barely months after the Babri

demolition, ending his service 18

"The reason was quite clear,"

months earlier than scheduled.

Godbole breathed his last

The former bureaucrat is sur-

Posted as Secretary of the

ing on Monday, Tamil Nadu CM MK Stalin told the district collectors to ensure people wore masks in public places and vaccination

should be prepared to face any kind of situation," he said, adding that according to experts, a new sub-variant of Omicron was behind the spike.

itor the situation," George added.

Meanwhile, at a virtual meet-

taken." he said.

Minister Veena George said there was no need for any concern. "...but we will continue to remain vigilant since other states are reporting an increase in the number of cases. Instructions have been issued to closely mon-

Tamil Nadu, Kerala alert

"The government machinery

will hold a video conference with the CMs and Health Ministers of all states after which we will have another meeting and further measures will be

coverage was stepped up.

However, Kerala Health

members in the last three months. Sudarshan Suara and Sudhir Patra, both residents of of Chasanimakhandi village, were attacked by unknown men at Bhismagiri village and died of severe head and chest injuries, police said. No arrests have been

> Police are also questioning BJD workers as Suara and Patra were killed right after attending an intense meeting of party workers and dissidents, who had locked horns over the results of the rural polls held in February. "We are checking CCTV footage in the area to identify the accused...," a senior police official said.

Berhampur SP Pinak Mishra said special teams have been formed to nab the attackers. **ENS**

Ex-Home Secy, who quit over Babri demolition, dies

out of Agra jail in sedition case **EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** NEW DELHI, APRIL 25 THREE KASHMIRI students, who

were languishing in a Agra prison for want of guarantors even after being granted bail by the Allahabad High Court in a sedition case about a month ago, finally walked out of the jail on Monday evening. The students — Arsheed

Yusuf, Inayat Altaf Sheikh and Showkat Ahmed Ganai – were arrested on October 26 last year allegedly for raising pro-Pakistan slogans after Indian team's T20 cricket match.

Nasir Khuehami, spokesper-

son of the J&K Students' Association that has been assisting the students in their legal battle, said: "They have suffered a great deal, from being roughed up at the Agra Sessions Court to facing recurrent delays in hearings. Finally, the students were released on Monday. There was delay in re-

lease for want of guarantors." Noting that it was entertaining the bail application directly, which was an "exceptional circumstance", Judge Ajay Bhanot, in his order had said: "The unity of India is not made of bamboo reeds, which will bend to the passing winds of empty slogans. Constitutional values create an indissoluble Union of India.

Every citizen is the custodian, and the State is the sentinel of the unity of India and the constitutional values of the nation"

The fact that people were travelling long distances within the country for education was something to celebrate, the court had said. "Students travelling to different parts of the country in quest of knowledge is the true celebration of India's diversity and a vivid manifestation of its unity. It is the duty of the people of the hoisting state to create enabling conditions for visiting scholars to learn and live the constitutional values of our nation. It is also the obligation of young scholars to imbibe and adhere to such values."

Outages cripple normal life as severe power crisis grips Valley

BASHAARAT MASOOD SRINAGAR, APRIL 25

KASHMIR IS reeling under one of the worst summer power crises in decades reportedly owing to lower-then-capacity generation by the local hydel plants and "no availability" of electricity to buy from the market. Against a demand of 1,700 MW, the Valley is receiving only about 900 MW (from all sources), leaving people so perturbed with the frequent and prolonged unscheduled power cuts that they are out on

Over the past fortnight, most parts of the Valley have received electricity supply only for about four hours daily that too in intervals ranging between 15 minutes and half an hour. Sources say that the depleted generation capacity of coal-based power plants across the country worsened the situation in the Valley. Union Coal Secretary A K Jain attributed the low coal stocks at power plants to several factors such as heightened power demand due to the boom in the economy post Covid-19, early arrival of summer, rise in the price of gas and imported coal and sharp fall in electricity generation by coastal thermal power plants. "I don't remember having

seen such power shortage in my lifetime especially in summers, says 55-year-old Irshad Rasool Bhat, a resident of Soura Srinagar. "On the one hand, government is talking about development... and on the other, we don't get electricity for more than four hours...The situation has turned worse during Ramzan...". The shortage has also hit the industries and the business establishments. Rivaz Ahmad, who runs a digital printing solutions unit said, "There is no electricity. We can't use even the generators as kerosene is missing from the market and the petrol prices have skyrocketed...'

"I agree, this is the worst power crisis in 50 years," said a senior Power Department officer, who didn't want to be named. Another official said that J&K

is receiving less than 50 per cent of the demand and that the situation may improve only in the second week of May. J&K's Principal Secretary,

Power Development Department. Niteshwar Kumar, didn't respond to phone calls.

he had told The Indian Express after a special CBI court acquitted all 32 surviving accused in the dem-"My recommendation to dis-DR MADHAV Godbole, the Union miss the then Kalyan Singh-led UP Home Secretary who took an government was not accepted (by early retirement in protest against

then PM Narsimha Rao)... The acquittals had taken Godbole aback. He had told The

Indian Express: "This, despite the fact that we had placed all facts before the Supreme Court, which was hearing the case even before the Babri Masjid was demolished. The hearing was on a day-to-day basis and we were updating the court regarding what was happening on the ground. The reports of the Intelligence Bureau... placed before the Supreme Court... had said there was a conspiracy to demolish Babri Masjid. Yet, the

Special court says there was no

He had recalled how even the

conspiracy...This is surprising."



Liberhan Commission, set up in 1992 to probe the mosque demolition, had pointed to a conspiracy. "[The Commission] had submitted its report after a strenuous exercise ... in 2009. It described how the conspiracy was hatched and named the parties and leaders involved in it. The speeches and TV footage were also made available by the commission. But

it seems the court has not taken cognisance of the report." Retired IAS officer Mahesh

Zagade described Godbole as "one of the most disciplined and upright IAS officers." "I had an opportunity to work closely with him... In the 1990s, he was in the state Finance Ministry and I was in Home Ministry. He was strictly against unnecessary government expenditure...," Zagade said. Godbole, Zagade added, never buckled under pressure from In a series of tweets in Marathi

Nationalist Congress Party (NCP) Chief Sharad Pawar said Godbole had left an indelible mark on key administrative positions in Maharashtra and the Centre. "We have lost a scholar, an exemplary bureaucrat with extensive experience and a prolific writer. His work was centered around the principle that the secular state is at the foundation of India's nationhood. His contribution towards the country as a civil servant was unparalleled," Pawar wrote. During his career in the IAS,

Godbole had served as Secretary, Petroleum and Natural Gas. and Secretary, Urban Development, Government of India, and Chairman, Maharashtra State Electricity Board, and Principal Finance Secretary, Government of Maharashtra. He had also worked in the Asian Development Bank, Manila, for five years. Following his retirement, Godbole had been active in the

sphere of public policy and gover-

nance and penned several newspaper essays and articles, including in The Indian Express. He also the street protesting. wrote over 20 books. He held an MA and PhD in economics from Bombay University and an MA in development economics from Williams College, Massachusetts.

WORDLY WISE

TO MAKE A GREAT FILM YOU NEED THREE THINGS – THE SCRIPT, THE SCRIPT AND THE SCRIPT."

—ALFRED HITCHCOCK

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BECAUSE THE TRUTH INVOLVES US ALL

CUT AND PASTE BJP

Sedition FIR to police visits, Opposition parties in government are using BJP toolkit to target critics. That's a big self-goal

EWIND, FOR A moment, to this: A few days ago, in a spectacular show of overreach, Assam Police flew to another state to arrest a legislator over a tweet. The arrest of Gujarat MLA Jignesh Mevani — he has been rearrested since, after a Kokrajhar court gave him bail on Monday — for a tweet critical of Prime Minister Narendra Modi under severe sections of the IPC and the IT Act is theatre of the absurd at its best, or worst. It raises, yet again, serious questions of police excess, and its abject servility to political bosses. It reiterates that BJP governments, at the Centre and in the states, are not above weaponising the harsh law against dissenters and political opponents. It underlines that at risk are constitutionally protected fundamental freedoms, and that playing fast and loose with due process to target some potentially affects everyone. The continuing drama over Mevani is chilling for another reason as well — it shows how supine the Opposition has become.

It may be necessary to cast a wider look to see why the non-BJP parties are looking so effete in the face of transgressions of citizens' rights and freedoms by the state. When these parties are in power, they are complicit in the very acts they accuse the BJP of. Or, they simply lack the conviction to take a principled stand. The response of the AAP, after the bulldozers rolled into Northwest Delhi's Jahangirpuri, affected by communal violence only days ago, is illustrative. Senior leaders sought to lay the blame on two groups — Bangladeshi nationals and Rohingya — that the BJP had also sought to target. They were being settled across India by the BJP to stage riots, they said, mouthing bizarre nonsense with a straight face. It is not just in Delhi, however, that the AAP plays by the BJP's book. Last heard, its newly elected government in Punjab had sent the Punjab Police to the doorsteps of at least three critics of AAP convenor and Delhi CM Arvind Kejriwal — former AAP leader Kumar Vishwas, Congress leader (also formerly AAP) Alka Lamba, and Delhi BJP's Naveen Jindal.

It's not just the AAP. In Maharashtra, ruled by the Shiv Sena-led Maha Vikas Aghadi government, Mumbai Police has arrested and slapped a sedition charge on Ravi and Navneet Rana, MLA and MP respectively, for apparently nothing more than raising the ante against CM Uddhav Thackeray on the Hanuman Chalisa-Azaan row. And in Chhattisgarh, the Supreme Court had to step in last year to reprimand the Congress government for its alleged misuse of the sedition law — it pointed to the "disturbing trend" of sedition cases against officials seen to be loyal to preceding regimes after a change of government. The non-BJP parties may or may not pay an electoral price for this politics. But their many concessions and abdications are taking a wider toll — they are shrinking the space for an alternative politics, they are constricting its possibilities. Framing a counter to intolerance or communalism that also touches a popular nerve needs imagination and courage. By cutting and pasting from the BJP's toolkit, Opposition parties undermine themselves — and are coaccused in lowering the bar on individual freedoms.

Paris reprieve

Macron's victory has held off the xenophobic, insular right-wing in France. Going ahead, he has large challenges to address

CROSS EUROPEAN CAPITALS, there is understandable jubilation at Emmanuel Macron's victory in the French presidential election. Internationally, he has cultivated the image of being a pro-market, pro-Europe centrist under whose leadership the French economy and Paris's role in geopolitical affairs have become more salient. He has played a prominent role in the Ukraine crisis, and managed the economic fallout of the pandemic — growth returned to France quickly and unemployment is at its lowest in the last few years. The spectre of a Marine Le Pen presidency — with her anti-EU, anti-globalisation, xenophobic politics — no doubt helped Macron consolidate the centre as well as gain votes from the left. Yet, at best, Macron's victory may be temporary. By all accounts, disillusionment with the government and market economy, and cleavages within the country, have only deepened in this election.

The far-right has made its largest-ever showing and Macron's voteshare has declined considerably since 2017. In the first round before the run-off between the president and Le Pen, Jean-Luc Melenchon, the primary left candidate, won an impressive 22 per cent of the vote. Between them, Le Pen and Melenchon have captured the disenchanted French vote — framed by the "gilet jaunes" protests that rocked the country in 2018 and 2019. Macron's retooling of France's labour laws, the increasing divide between the countryside, working classes and the rest of the population and the steady rise in cost-of-living have taken the sheen off the liberal project he represents, as well as the form of globalisation he has championed.

However, the French president's victory has, in a time of great flux in Europe and the Indo-Pacific, provided a measure of temporary stability. The Ukraine crisis and China's rise will require a concerted response from liberal democracies in the region. For Delhi, too, Paris's outward orientation has been beneficial — France has been a supporter of its position regarding a rules-based order in Asia and strategic and economic ties between the two countries have deepened. The French far-right has risen on a squarely anti-globalisation platform, funneling the anxieties of the disenfranchised outward as well as against the migrants within. And Le Pen and others have expressed admiration and support for authoritarian rulers. For much of his first term, Macron ignored the issues raised by those who have felt victimised by globalisation and pro-market economic policies. For a liberal France and a stable Europe, he must build bridges with those people in his second term.

THE STORYTELLER

John Paul was an important voice of middle-of-the-road Malayalam cinema in the 1980s

HE 1980S AND 90s were a fertile period for the Malayalam film industry. A new crop of directors and scriptwriters who were willing to experiment with new narrative styles and a middle-class audience had emerged. John Paul, 72, who passed away last week in Kochi, was an important voice of this school of cinema.

Paul wrote close to a hundred screenplays in a four-decade long career, which were directed by a new generation of directors who made their mark in the 1980s and thereafter — Bharathan, Mohan, IV Sasi, Balu Mahendra, Satyan Anthikkad, Sibi Malayil, Kamal. A majority of these — among them Chamaram, *Marmaram*, *Ormmakkayi*, *Palangal*, *Athiratram*, *Revathikkoru Pavakkutty*, *Yatra*, *Oru Minnaminunginte Nurunguvettam*, *Unnikale Oru Kathaparayam* and *Chamayam* — were both critical successes and box-office hits. Along with M T Vasudevan Nair and Padmarajan, script writer-directors, Paul wrote some of the best remembered roles in Malayalam cinema in the 1980s — Gopi in *Revathikkoru Pavakutty* and *Sandhya Mayangum Neram*, Nedumudi Venu in *Oru Minnaminunginte Nurunguvettam* and *Vidaparayum Munpe*, Murali in *Chamayam*, Mammootty in *Yatra*, Zarina Wahab in *Chamaram*, Mohan Lal in *Unnikale Oru Kathaparayam*.

Paul had become a scriptwriter in 1980 by accident. Most of his scripts had a tender love story as their core. They resonated with the moral world of middle-class Malayalis, who embraced these films. In the last few years, Paul had few films and he had turned to writing and TV talks. The world of 1980s Malayalam cinema comes alive in the dozen or so books he wrote. Like most of the heroes he created, Paul was a much loved person in the industry who walked into the sunset with few complaints.

Delhi & Brussels

After Ukraine, India is recalibrating its great power relations. Europe is ending its long geopolitical holiday



THE RE-ELECTION OF Emmanuel Macron as the president of France on Sunday has sent a sigh of relief across Europe and North America. Delhi too is pleased with the return of Macron, who laid a strong foundation for India's strategic partnership with France.

Victory for Marine Le Pen, Macron's opponent, would have dramatically complicated the geopolitics of Europe. If the Russian aggression against Ukraine challenges the existing European regional order, Le Pen's challenge to Macron underlined Moscow's expansive influence in the internal politics of European nations. Le Pen, like so many other right-wing leaders in Europe, has close ties to Vladimir Putin. Many of them are deeply hostile to the European Union. Le Pen's victory would have not only altered France's international trajectory, but also shaken the EU to its political core.

Unlike the Soviet Union, which sought to shape European politics though left-wing parties, Russia today influences European politics through right-wing parties. That Le Pen got nearly 42 per cent of the popular vote reflects the growing challenge to mainstream politics. European establishments now have no choice but to double down on confronting Putin.

Russia's threat to the regional and domestic order in Europe is among multiple factors shaping Delhi's intensifying engagement with Brussels. Although India and the EU have talked of a strategic partnership for two decades, they have struggled to realise it. Three major external factors are facilitating the transformation of India's ties with Europe.

The first is the Russian question. As the war in Ukraine dominates Delhi's conversations with visiting European leaders this week, India's reluctance to condemn Putin's aggression might suggest nothing has really changed — that Delhi is tied inseparably to Moscow and is at best "neutral" in Russia's conflicts with the West. During the last few weeks, Delhi has insisted that its silence is not an endorsement of Russian aggression. India's position has continued to evolve. Delhi's repeated emphasis on respecting the territorial integrity of states is a repudiation of Russia's unacceptable aggression.

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Meanwhile, geographic proximity and economic complementarity have tied Europe even more deeply to Russia. The EU's annual trade with Russia at around \$260 billion is massive in comparison to India's \$10 billion. Unlike India, Europe's societal connections with Russia are deep-rooted. A range of leaders in Europe, including Macron, have been advocating a historic reconciliation with Russia and Moscow's integration into the regional security order.

Putin's reckless invasion of Ukraine has compelled Europe to embark on a costly effort to disconnect from Russia. This is particularly true for Germany, which has cultivated strong commercial ties with Russia. With Putin locked in a long and unwinnable war in Ukraine, Russia is condemned to pay a heavy price for his folly and is bound to emerge as a terribly weakened power.

The war in Ukraine has certainly presented a major near-term problem that needs to be managed by Delhi and Brussels. Yet, they also find themselves in the same policy boat — of trying to reduce reliance on Russia. And over the longer term, a diminished Russia is bound to become less of a complicating factor in India's engagement with Europe.

For nearly a century, India's Russian connection had complicated Delhi's ties to Europe. If the Russian revolution of 1917 inspired large sections of the Indian national movement, the partnership with Moscow dominated India's international relations during the Cold War. That phase is drawing to a close.

Second is the China question that adds a new imperative to India's partnership with Europe. Contrary to the mythology in Delhi that Russia has been pushed into China's arms, Moscow has been deepening ties with Beijing for more than two decades triggering many anxieties in Delhi. In June 2021, Joe Biden had met Putin in Geneva with an offer to explore a productive relationship with Russia. Putin,

however, made a conscious choice to turn to China instead. In February, Putin traveled to Beijing to announce a partnership "without limits". Whether Russia was pushed or jumped into Chinese arms makes no difference to India. India has no option but to manage the consequences of the Russian decision. In the last two decades, China has emerged as a great power and now presents a generational challenge for Indian policymakers. That challenge has been made harder by Putin's alliance with Xi Jinping.

As Delhi strives to retain a reasonable relationship with Moscow, Europe emerges as an important partner in letting India cope with the China challenge. This is reinforced by Europe's own rethinking on China.

For more than two decades, Europe pursued relentless economic engagement with China, without a reference to Beijing's long-term political ambitions. Thanks to the growing problems of doing business with Xi's China, Beijing's geopolitical alliance with Moscow, and the rapid deterioration of Sino-US relations, Brussels is ready to invest serious political capital in building purposeful strategic ties with India. Delhi is ready to reciprocate.

Finally, there is the American question. Until recently it appeared that Europe's calls for "strategic autonomy" from the US were in sync with India's own worldview. But the Ukraine crisis has underlined the US's centrality in securing Europe against Russia. In Asia, Chinese assertiveness has brought back the US as a critical factor in shaping peace and security. The US, however, is not looking for weak allies in Europe and Asia. Washington wants a strong Europe taking greater responsibility for its own security; it would like Delhi to play a larger role in Asia and become a credible provider of regional security. Above all, America wants India and Europe to build stronger ties with each

The Ukraine war has persuaded Delhi to recalibrate its great power relations and has compelled Europe to end its long geopolitical holiday. For the first time since independence, India's interests are now aligning with those of Europe. Together, Delhi and Brussels can help reshape Eurasia as well as the Indo-Pacific.

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MINDING THE GAP IN PANDEMIC

Inequity in access to vaccines and treatment can compromise fight against Covid

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THIS WEEK, I will be joining several leaders, including Prime Minister Narendra Modi and the President of the European Commission, Ursula von der Leyen, at the Raisina Dialogue in India to discuss the challenges of our time and how inequity is an exacerbating force. From the ongoing pandemic to the climate catastrophe to the rising conflict that is transforming geopolitics, humanity is locked in a downward spiral, reversing which requires a sense of purpose from leaders. If we don't tackle inequity and the dangers of greedy nationalism, we'll be failing to draw lessons from what happened in the last few years.

The greatest wrong of the pandemic is the inequity in the rollout of health tools. In many lower-income countries, a combination of blatant greed, a runaway pandemic and disinformation that undermined a number of excellent vaccines led to more than a million preventable deaths. Waves of the virus have taken a huge toll on our health workers and led to backsliding on virtually every other health challenge.

With more than 80 per cent of adults in India vaccinated, the country is close to meeting WHO's target of vaccinating 70 per cent of the entire population by summer. Future waves of the virus cannot be ruled out. At the Raisina Dialogue, I will argue that this is the moment to double down on sharing health tools fairly.

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majority of people are still unvaccinated, there's a real risk of a surge that could knock out health systems and push back efforts to tackle malaria, measles and polio. The push on Covid should now be on vaccinating the vulnerable and wider population to build the wall of immunity that has allowed rich countries to open up their economies and societies. Using India as a model to strengthen manufacturing in lower-income countries is also key to ensuring a more even distribution of health resources and mitigating the risk of rich countries hoarding supplies.

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Treatment equity is as important as vaccine equity. It's also critical that people are allowed access to tests so that their treatment begins early. Some will say it's not possible to overcome the barriers to access in low-income countries in Africa. But I can assert that it is being done and it's the only way to protect health systems in the medium- to long-term.

We must also look at the root causes of the challenges we faced in the first place. Manufacturing vaccines and treatments in re-

help get these game-changing health tools to all countries quickly. It's positive to see WHO's mRNA hub in South Africa producing its own mRNA vaccine prototype for Covid, but we can't settle for this.

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With pharmaceutical groups unwilling to share technology, it's clear that new rules are needed to ensure that profit is not prioritised. It is critical that the World Trade Organisation's discussions on waiving intellectual property rules progress quickly and the outcome actually improves access to Covid-19 tools.

The crisis in sharing health tools that led to millions of preventable deaths is an important background for any new pandemic accord. We need to set in place systems to ensure that life-saving health tools are shared fairly and effectively. If a fourth dose is good enough for people in rich countries, then there shouldn't even be a debate about vaccinating people in low-income countries with their primary doses. The pandemic is not over and our future response must be based on the principle that a life in New Delhi has equal worth to a life in New York.

The world faces its greatest challenge since the founding of the UN after the Second World War. Historic challenges need historic leadership and time is not on our side.

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APRIL 26, 1982, FORTY YEARS AGO

ISRAEL-EGYPT PARLEYS

ISRAEL HAS WITHDRAWN from the Sinai peninsula, which it captured after the 1967 war, after 15 years of occupation. The Israeli flag was lowered at Sharm-al-Sheikh after a brief ceremony. A multinational peacekeeping force has begun monitoring the border area. A detailed agreement on the demarcation of the border in the Taba area in the Gulf of Aqaba in the south has been reached, according to Israeli sources, but its details have not yet been disclosed. Israeli Defence Minister Ariel Sharon, said his country would make no more concessions to Egypt and it would increase the number of its settlements

in the occupied territories. Meanwhile Palestinians in several p arts of the occupied West Bank staged demonstrations in protest against the continued negotiations between Israel and Egypt on Palestinian autonomy.

PUNJAB TALKS

THE TALKS BETWEEN the Centre and the Akali Dal (Longowal) are likely to be resumed following the latter's decision to defer its agitation against the digging of the Satluj-Yamuna link canal and the Ravi-Beas water accord. Sources indicate that the talks are likely to begin in the third week of May. Intermediaries who were actively associated with bringing the Akalis to the negotiating

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table are reported to be optimistic about the response from the leadership.

UK IN SOUTH GEORGIA
BRITISH MARINES LANDED in South Georgia
and recaptured the Falkland dependency from
Argentina who ran up the white flag of surrender, Defence Secretary John Nott announced. Flanked by a beaming prime minister Margaret Thatcher outside her 10
Downing Residence, Nott said British forces
"have successfully taken control Grytviken"
the island's main port on its northeast coast.
He said no British casualty had been reported.
"At present, we have no information on
Argentine casualties," he said.

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THE IDEAS PAGE

Justice for the silenced

Supreme Court order cancelling bail of prime accused in Lakhimpur Kheri deaths upholds right of victim to be heard



Rekha Sharma

THE SUPREME COURT order cancelling the bail of Ashish Mishra and his consequent surrender before a local court have not only served the cause of justice but also given confidence to the victims that their voices will not be silenced as was done by the Lucknow bench of the Allahabad High Court. During the hearing of the bail application, the counsel for the victims got disconnected from the online proceedings, and he moved an application for a rehearing which was not considered. Holding that a victim has an unbridled participatory right, from the stage of investigation till the culmination of the proceedings, and that such a right is substantive, enforceable and another facet of human rights, the apex court expressed its disquiet over the manner in which the high court failed to acknowledge the right of the victims to be heard.

It may be recalled that Ashish Mishra is the son of Ajay Mishra Teni, a minister of state for home affairs in the Union cabinet. He allegedly, along with his aides, drove an SUV, with two others vehicles in tow, into a group of farmers in Lakhimpur Kheri district in UP, as they were walking back after protesting against the three farm laws, and allegedly also opened gunfire from inside his vehicle. This resulted in the death of four farmers and one journalist, with the driver of the SUV and two more killed in the clash that followed and several others

It also needs to be recalled that notwithstanding the ruthless manner in which the farmers were mowed down, and despite the fact that the incident caused widespread outrage and clamour for the arrest of Ashish Mishra, who was named in the FIR as the prime accused, the UP police made no effort to arrest him. The police treated him with kid gloves, and during the so-called investigation summoned him not as an accused, but as a witness. He was arrested only after the matter reached the Supreme Court on a letter written by two advocates, and after the court had made scathing observations about the manner in which the investigation was conducted, compelling it to appoint an SIT headed by a retired judge from another high court to carry out further investigation.

None of these facts was found grave enough to merit consideration by the learned high court judge. He instead laid undue emphasis on only one fact, namely, that no fire injury was found on any of the deceased. Castigating the high court, the Supreme Court in its order said that "instead of looking into aspects such as the nature and gravity of the offence; severity of punishment in the event of conviction: circumstances which are peculiar to the accused or victims; likelihood of the accused fleeing; likelihood of tampering with the evidence and witnesses, and the impact that his release may have on the trial and society at large, the High Court had adopted a myopic view of the evidence and proceeded to decide the case on merits." The Supreme Court has remitted the case to the high court for considering the bail application afresh, but



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it has fallen short of giving a further direction that it will not be heard by the same judge. Given that the judge virtually ignored all the principles that a court needs to keep in mind in the matter of bail, it would have been just and fair if the Supreme Court had also given a specific direction that the matter would not be heard by the same judge. In view of this ambiguity, let us hope and trust that the chief justice of the concerned high court would entrust the case to a different

The Supreme Court while cancelling the bail gave one week's time to the accused to surrender. This long period of freedom to a person with powerful links, and the backing of the State machinery, is disconcerting.

The order also throws light on another dis turbing fact. It observed that the high court $demonstrated\, tearing\, hurry\, in\, entertaining\, or$ granting bail to the accused. The reasons are obvious, and need not be stated explicitly. But then, this has not happened for the first time. Often, the cases of the high and mighty are taken up for hearing out of turn, sometimes in a matter of a day, while others with little or no means languish in jails for years. Is it not time that the Supreme Court issued directions to the high courts, and also to its own registry, to collate, and furnish information about how

Often, the cases of the high and mighty are taken up for hearing out of turn, sometimes in a matter of a day, while others with little or no means languish in jails for years, waiting for their turn to be heard. Is it not time that the Supreme Court issued directions to the high courts, and also to its own registry, to collate, and furnish information about how many bail applications or habeas corpus petitions concerning civil liberties and constitutional rights of the people to life and liberty are pending and since when?

many bail applications or habeas corpus petitions concerning the civil liberties and constitutional rights of the people to life and liberty are pending and since when? The information must also explain why some cases received precedence over others. We are living at a time when the state and its instruments, and those enjoying their patronage, are trampling with impunity over the fundamental rights of the people to life and liberty. In these trying times, the beleaguered citizens turn to the courts for relief. Let no one feel that they are the children of a lesser god.

The Chief Justice of India recently visited Jallianwala Bagh and wrote in the visitor's book, "Jallianwala Bagh manifests the strength and resilience of the people of this country. This serene garden is symbolic of the great sacrifice made in the face of tyranny. It serves as a reminder of the heavy price paid for freedom, which we must always cherish and protect.' These are poignant words. The Chief Justice is the first citizen of the judicial fraternity, and people look towards him and his worthy colleagues when their freedom is in danger at the hands of the s tate. Hopefully, the courts will not disappoint.

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A continuing exclusion

"Even while accounting for rhetorical flourishes that are part and parcel of politics, former prime minister Imran Khan has often shown a muddled

WHAT THE OTHERS SAY

understanding of militancy in Pakistan."

Reservations accorded to Dalits from Hindu, Sikh and Buddhist communities should be extended to their counterparts from Muslim, Christian groups



CHRISTOPHE JAFFRELOT AND PHILLIP VARGHESE

AN INTER-MINISTERIAL DIALOGUE has recently taken place to reassess the possibility of setting up a national panel to look into the merit of the demand to extend Scheduled Caste (SC) status to Muslim and Christian Dalits. After Independence, the Constitutional Order of 1950 listed SCs and STs using the list mentioned in the Government of India (Scheduled Castes) Order of 1936. The order specified that no person professing a religion other than Hinduism could be deemed as a member of a Scheduled Caste community. The idea was that religions other than Hinduism did not have a caste system.

This argument can no longer be defended for two reasons.

First, the order was amended in 1956 to include Sikh Dalits and again in 1990 to include Buddhist Dalits, notwithstanding the fact that these religions were supposed to not observe caste discrimination.

Second, Muslim and Christian Dalits are as affected by caste discrimination as Hindu Dalits. They are primarily Dalits and their Muslim and Christian identity is secondary, as evident in several cases of atrocities against Dalits. The majority of the victims in the Kandhamal, Karamchedu, and Tsundur massacres and in the recent incidents of violence reported from Tumakuru, Belagavi, Mandya, and Bagalkot in Karnataka were Dalit Christians. These victims were attacked not because they were Christians but because they were "untouchables" who had converted to Christianity. Despite converting to Christianity, their socioeconomic status had not improved. In fact, it had worsened because, in the process, they lost access to positive discrimination.

This is also evident from the few available surveys.

In 2008, a study commissioned by the National Commission for Minorities (NCM) and co-authored by Satish Deshpande and Geetika Bapna — "Dalits in the Muslim and Christian Communities — A Status Report on Current Social Scientific Knowledge" showed that Dalit Muslims, who represent 8 per cent of their community and Dalit Christians, who constitute 23.5 per cent of their community, were over-represented among the poor of India, In rural India, 39.6 per cent of the Dalit Muslims live below the poverty line and 46.8 per cent of the Dalit Muslims in urban parts of the country are below the poverty line. The corresponding figures for Dalit Christians are 30.1 and 32.3 per cent. By contrast, 29.2 per cent of Muslims in rural India and 41.4 per cent of Muslims in urban parts of the country are BPL, Rural and Urban Dalit Christians below the poverty line were 16.2 and 12.5 per cent respectively.

Dalit Muslims and Christians have sometimes been forced to bury their dead in separate cemeteries. Churches have seg-

regated against Dalit Christians in the past. The Sachar Commission Report observed in 2006 that the social and economic situation of Dalit Muslims and Dalit Christians did not improve after conversion. In 2007, the Justice Ranganath Mishra Commission Report recommended that the Constitution (Scheduled Castes) Order, 1950, should be revised to delink SC status with religion, and religion-neutral status should be given to all Dalits and Scheduled Tribes. It also suggested a sub-quota of 8.4 per cent for minorities within the OBC quota of 27 per cent, as well as a reservation for Dalit minorities within the Scheduled Caste quota of 15 per cent.

The Mishra Commission report and the National Commission for Minorities report were tabled in Parliament in December $2009. \, Both \, were \, in \, favour \, of \, extending \, con$ stitutional protection and safeguards to Dalit Christians and Dalit Muslims that are available to their counterparts who profess Hinduism, Sikhism, and Buddhism. Governments have, however, not acted on these recommendations.

They have argued against these reports -despite the empirical evidence they have collected - citing the paucity of disaggregated data on Dalit Muslims and Christians and contesting the validity of conversion records across generations. This contradicts the fact that 20 states have extended benefits to Dalit Muslims and Christians under the OBC category, following the Mandal Commission's recommendations. The continued exclusion of Muslim and Christian Dalits from the benefits of reservation, solely on the basis of religion, violates the equality provisions of Articles 14, 15 and 16 of the Constitution. Reservation, according to the Constitution, relies on criteria such as social status, standing in the community, marginalisation, discrimination, violence and social exclusion.

How can one explain the government's obstinacy? It's something that dates back to 1950. Among the few things that keep Hindu Dalits from converting is that they retain the benefits of reservation. If reservation becomes universal, they would be less hesitant to accept the materialistic offers given by missionaries for converting. This could lead to a fall in the numbers of the country's Hindu population - something that worries a lot of Hindu organisations.

While the Constitutional Order of 1950 could be amended regarding Indian religions like Sikhism and Buddhism, the same relaxation of the rule cannot apply to "foreign religions"-- this is a clear indication that communalism is now influencing this important issue. Besides, giving Dalit Christians and Muslims access to reservation would make the competition tougher for Hindu, Sikh and Buddhist Dalits. Therefore, these groups do not lobby in favour of their brothers from Dalit Christian and Dalit Muslim communities.

In January 2020, the Supreme Court accepted a petition filed by the National Council of Dalit Christians on the matter. But the judiciary has not yet given its ruling on the contentious issue of reservation for Dalit Christians and Muslims.

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Leave it to Hanuman

The problem isn't communalism, but refusal to see another reality

IT IS IRONIC that Pratap Bhanu Mehta's recent article is titled 'With eyes wide open' (IE, April 22). The real nature of the abyss may be obvious to everyone else, but what he presents is the view of a small class of people who have made it their sole virtue to keep their eyes firmly shut.

This descent into the abyss did not begin with Ram Navami or Hanuman Jayanti. Nor with some attack on the idea of India a few

The fall that Mehta tries to pin on Hanuman and Ram is an old, colossal and, worst of all, unnatural one.

The Hindu revivalist writer Ram Swarup's phrase — one god, two humanities or many gods, one humanity - describes the dilemma succinctly. Two thousand years of monotheistic cultural imperialism have left only India and a few other nations with their old gods still standing. That is the big picture. Not "democratic backsliding". Or even "clash of civilisations"

One might say it's in the past. But is it? When I search for "Ram Navami" or "Hanuman Jayanti", I see a spate of images that seem to have escaped Mehta's sight altogether. I see a 16-year-old boy named Shivam Shukla with his head smashed in by a rock, struggling to breathe through a tube in a hospital bed. I see a woman crying for her home which has been set on fire. I see news of Hindu processions being attacked in Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, Gujarat, West Bengal and New Delhi.

I see unnecessary pain and suffering.

I do not see a "new Hinduism" as Mehta says. Instead, I see a world where the divergence between reality and truth is so deep that no one cares to reach across the epistemic or digital divide any more.

For someone who has decided that the problem is Hinduism, no number of Hindu boys in hospitals, temples destroyed or prayer songs silenced will change their un-

For someone who has decided the problem is Islam, no amount of condemnation of Hinduism or charges of communalism will change their assumption either.

We have two parallel reality industries now – an older one which works in the denial of Hindu pain, and a newer one which prospers in the selective stoking of it for political gains. If we pretend only one matters — or worse, that the other doesn't exist — we are no better than those we critique.

I do not see the need for Hindu youth to celebrate outside mosques with flags and swords. Yet, I cannot say they are the only ones doing it when video clips appear of Muslim youth apparently having done the

Tit-for-tat turf battles? A warped form of the American "Take Back the Night" sort of civic campaign? What is this public negotiation really about? And what happened to the spirit of Ishwar-Allah (or Ram-Rahim, as we used to sing in Prasanthi Nilayam)?

But I see a different trajectory than Mehta does, perhaps. For him, that spirit is gone, shredded by "communalism", which is synonymous for him not with "Hindu Nationalism" or "Hindutva", but just "Hinduism". That fig leaf of a distinction is

This unintentionally honest admission reveals much about how "communalism" is understood in India. As Sufiya Pathan, a researcher with Ahmedabad-based Centre for Indic Studies, has written, the term began to be used about India only in the 1920s. It presented itself not as a European idea, but as an innate condition of India — of religion in India, to be precise. And not just any religion, but the religion that happens to be that of the "majority", naturally, which has the burden of demonstrating "tolerance" at all costs.

And how exactly is Hinduism to do that? "The West," writes Pathan, "did not see religious reform or the eradication of religion as a solution to its own inter-religious strife," but saw reform as a return to a purer form of the church, always. But in India, "reform" meant the opposite, and it still does.

It means Hindu eradication. Destroy the "idols". Raze the temples. Silence the festials. Reduce Rama and Krishna to guilt-professing memes. An elephant is abused somewhere? Just make a weeping Ganesha meme refusing puja from his worshippers, as if they were the ones who abused it. A woman is assaulted? Blame the inadequacy of goddessworship in preventing it, as if lands that destroyed their own age-old goddess images have somehow smashed patriarchy.

And where the misappropriation of images of the gods doesn't suffice, simply make up new stories about them that no devout Hindu has before, and then demand, on the basis of these new legends, a ban on this or that "Aryan invader" festival.

Mehta and others see only the 75-yearlong history of a secular republic being broken down. Others see the 2,000-year-long history of survival against the odds.

For Hindus who keep their eyes open, every day now is like The Darkening Age, Catherine Nixey's study of the destruction of the indigenous traditions, temples and libraries of the old "pagan" world by Christianity. The only change is that in the old days it was in the name of one god, and now it's in the name of progress or development.

And yet, for Hindus who follow Hanuman and Rama there remains a sense of hope. Politicians and ideologues may make spectacles or targets of Hanuman. But in the end, Hanuman is still what every Hindu wants to be in relation to the feet of Sita and Rama, not to some passing political episode.

Just say, "Jai Hanuman", Mr Mehta, and eave it to him. You can't surely believe in his beautiful and elegant spirit from the Sundara Kanda, and also believe he's just a hateful trope now, can you?

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

END DIVISIONS

THE GROWING POLARISATION that has been witnessed between our two main communities recently is deeply disturbing. We saw what havoc this polarisation created decades ago, resulting in the division of India. Under no circumstances can we afford for polarisation to grow again, as that can only bring death and destruction in its wake. Any outstanding problems such as hijab, azaan and loudspeakers must be sorted out peacefully between the two communities. Provocative speeches, mostly from fringe elements on both sides only add to the atmosphere of confrontation and should be avoided. As chairman of the Temple of Understanding India Foundation, which is dedicated to promoting interreligious harmony, and on my own behalf, I appeal to all concerned to step back for a moment and reorient their activities in a non-confrontational manner.

Rule bound

New Delhi

THIS REFERS TO the article, 'Reskilling society' (IE, April 25). The writers have meticulously laid out a pragmatic solution to the unemployability crisis. The introduction of degree apprenticeship will

Karan Singh, Delhi

undoubtedly boost a university's efficacy. Quite a noteworthy common denominator serving as an impediment to the successful implementation of similar $proposals \, for \, bringing \, reforms \, in \, diverse$ domains is the government's web of anachronistic regulations and policies. These are incongruous to the demands and the atmosphere of the 21st century. India is indeed a bird whose freshness of life lay in its freedom to fly and not in the constraints of a cage.

Abhinandan Bhatia, Amritsar

STILL IN TROUBLE

 $THIS\,REFERS\,TO\,the\,article, 'Poverty\,and$ politics of freebies' (IE, April 25). It is somewhat premature to speak about reducing food security based on the poverty reduction estimates of the World Bank and IMF, which are based on pre-Covid data and have been contested by several experts. It is again too early to talk of a bounce-back of the economy in the current environment of rising inflation and global insecurity. Food subsidies must be persisted with till there is real improvement in poverty levels. In the absence of any other social security, this is the least that should be done for the poor. **Hemant Contractor,** Pune

If there are questions of current or contemporary relevance that you would like explained, please write to explained@indianexpress.com

SIMPLY PUT QUESTION & ANSWER

States vs Centre on VC selection: rules, friction

Tamil Nadu has passed two Bills proposing to take away the Governor's powers to appoint VCs of state universities. Which other states have done this, and why?

SOURAV ROY BARMAN

NEW DELHI, APRIL 25

THE TAMIL Nadu Assembly passed two Bills on Monday that seek to transfer the Governor's power in appointing Vice-Chancellors of 13 state universities to the state government, currently led by the DMK. Chief Minister MK Stalin said the Bills were required as the Governor was disregarding the state government's opinion on the appointments of VCs, an argument also made by states such as Maharashtra and West Bengal in the past.

A look at the rules guiding the appointments of VCs across states reveal wide variations, leaving the field open for dispute, particularly in cases where there are sharp political differences between the state and the Centre, which appoints the Governors.

What are the highlights of the two Bills?

The Bills passed in Tamil Nadu stress that "every appointment of the Vice-Chancellor

shall be made by the Government from out of a panel of three names" recommended by a search-cum-selection committee. Currently, the Governor, in his capacity as the Chancellor of state universities, has the power to pick a VC from the shortlisted names. The Bills also seek to empower the state government to have the final word on the removal of VCs, if needed. Removal will be carried out based on inquiries by a retired High Court judge or a bureaucrat who has served at least as a Chief Secretary, according to one of the Bills.

Are other states trying to curtail the Governor's role in appointing VCs?

Yes. In December, the Maharashtra Assembly passed a Bill amending the Maharashtra Public Universities Act, 2016. Under the original Act, the Maharashtra government had no say in appointment of VCs. If the changes take effect, the Governor will be given two names to choose from by the state government, currently ruled by the Shiv Sena-NCP-Congress, following a panel's suggestions.

In 2019, the West Bengal government, led by the Trinamool Congress, took away the Governor's authority in appointing VCs to state universities. It has also hinted at removing the Governor as the Chancellor of the universities.

In Left-ruled Kerala, the Governor alleged that the appointment of the Vice-Chancellor of Kannur University was done against his wishes. The BJD government in Odisha has also tried to bring appointments to state universities under its control. But it has been challenged by the University Grants Commission (UGC).

What is at the root of the differences?

In West Bengal, Maharashtra and Tamil Nadu, the elected governments have repeatedly accused the Governors of acting at the behest of the Centre on various subjects, including education. The regulations, which differ from state to state, are often open to interpretation and disputes are routine.

In fact, the Tamil Nadu Bills make a case for giving the state government the upper hand in the VC appointment process by citing the examples of Gujarat and Telangana. "It is considered that in line with the aforesaid (Gujarat, Telangana) State University Laws, the Government of Tamil Nadu should be empowered to appoint the Vice-Chancellors of the State Universities," both Bills state.

In Karnataka, Jharkhand and Rajasthan, state laws underline the need for concurrence between the state and the Governor. The terms "concurrence" or "consultation" are absent from state legislation in most cases.

What is the UGC's role in this?

CHART 1

Education comes under the Concurrent List, but entry 66 of the Union List - "coordination and determination of standards in institutions for higher education or research and scientific and technical institutions" – gives the Centre substantial authority over higher education. The UGC plays that standard-setting role, even in the case of appointments in universities and colleges. According to the UGC (Minimum Qualifications for Appointment of Teachers and other Academic Staff in

Universities and Colleges and other Measures for the Maintenance of Standards in Higher Education) Regulations, 2018, the "Visitor/Chancellor" — mostly the Governor in states — shall appoint the VC out of the panel of names recommended by search-cum-selection committees. Higher educational institutions, particularly those that get UGC funds, are mandated to follow its regulations. These are usually followed without friction in the case of central universities, but are sometimes resisted by the states in the case of state universities.

What are the rules in Gujarat and Telangana?

The Gujarat University Act, 1949 states that "the Vice-Chancellor shall be appointed by the State Government from amongst three persons recommended by a (search-cum-selection) committee". The Telangana Universities Act, 1991 states that the search committee shall "submit a panel of three persons to the Government in alphabetical order and the

from out of the said panel".

Last month, setting aside the appointment of the Vice-Chancellor of Gujarat's SP University by the state government, the Supreme Court made some key observations.

What were these observations?

A Bench of Justices M R Shah and B V Nagarathna said "any appointment as a Vice Chancellor contrary to the provisions of the UGC Regulations can be said to be in violation of the statutory provisions, warranting a writ of quo warranto". It said every subordinate legislation of the UGC, in this case the one on minimum standards on appointments, flows from the parent UGC Act, 1956. "Therefore, being a subordinate legislation, UGC Regulations become part of the Act. In case of any conflict between state legislation and central legislation, central legislation shall prevail by applying the rule/principle of repugnancy as enunciated in Article 254 of the Constitution as the subject 'education' is in the Concurrent List of the Seventh Schedule of the Constitution," it ruled.

per cent in emerging market and develop-

The IMF has been less than sanguine

When compared to its January update,

How self-replicating mRNA Covid-19 vaccines work, and what trial results show

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A SELF-AMPLIFYING mRNA vaccine - one in which the delivered RNA multiplies inside the body — has shown promising results against Covid-19 in ongoing phase 1/2/3 trials. The vaccine, ARCT-154, has been developed by Arcturus Therapeutics Holdings, based in San Diego, California, and its trials are in progress in Vietnam. It offered 95% protection against severe Covid-19 and death, and 55% against Covid infection, Arcturus said in a press release.

WHAT IT MEANS: An mRNA vaccine, such as those from Pfizer/BioNTech and Moderna, use messenger RNA that encodes the spike protein of the coronavirus. In other words, the mRNA directs the cell to produce

copies of the spike protein, so that the immune system will recognise the spike if and when actual infection takes place, and mount a response.

A self-amplifying mRNA vaccine is an improvement on the traditional RNA platform. It encodes four extra proteins in addition to the vaccine antigen, and these enable amplification of the original strand of RNA once

inside the cell. The basic advantage is that it requires a smaller dose.

THE TRIAL: It enrolled over 19,000 dult subjects in Vietnam, including individuals at higher risk of severe complications of Covid-19 disease. The Phase 3 placebo-controlled vaccine efficacy portion of this study enrolled over 16,000 participants. An analysis between 7 days and 56 days after completion of a twodose vaccination series demonstrated 55% vaccine efficacy for protection against Covid-19, the release said. These cases were detected during an outbreak in Vietnam when the Delta and Omicron variants were dominant.

The analysis of severe Covid-19 disease (including deaths) included 43 severe cases. Forty-one cases occurred in the placebo group and two in the vaccinated group, demonstrating vaccine efficacy of 95%, the release said. Nine deaths were reported in the placebo group, and one in the vaccinated group, whom the company described as an older age group participant who was also at increased risk of severe Covid-19.

ADVERSE EVENTS: The incidence of unsolicited adverse events in the two groups are comparable, the release said. No cases of myocarditis or pericarditis were reported; however, the company

conceded that the study is not large enough to reliably observe these events given their extremely rare frequency of occurrence.

Adverse events collected in diaries of study participants (solicited adverse events) for seven days following each vaccination demonstrate that the majority of these events were mild or moderate in

severity, it said. The majority of solicited adverse events resolved within

the 7-day window of observation. **IMPLICATIONS:** The Pfizer/BioNTech and Moderna vaccines against Covid-19 are the only two mRNA vaccines available so far. "The new vaccine may come with significant advantages: easier storage, along with lower cost because its 'selfamplifying' design allows for smaller

doses", Science magazine said. However, the magazine noted, much of the world has already been vaccinated, and the Arcturus vaccine may be making its debut too late, at least for pri-

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE

IMF's reduced growth forecast

The International Monetary Fund's latest World Economic Outlook has rolled back growth prospects for the world and for India. What are the reasons, and how does the outlook differ for advanced and other economies?

UDIT MISRA

NEW DELHI, APRIL 25

LAST WEEK, the International Monetary Fund (IMF) released its latest World Economic Outlook (WEO) report. The IMF has rolled back the economic growth prospects for the global economy as well as for India.

What is the WEO? Why is it significant? The IMF was established in 1944 in the

wake of the Great Depression of the 1930s. Today its membership covers 190 countries. As an organisation, it provides loans around \$ 1 trillion is available for lending to its member countries apart from providing expert guidance and surveillance to ensure economic and financial stability in the world economy. Twice each year — in April and October - the IMF releases the WEO in which it details the state of the global economy and its forecast for the near future; it also provides "updates" to these two WEOs in July and January. The WEO reports are a good way to assess the current state of the global economy as well as to help countries prepare for the threats and opportunities before them. It is for this reason that they are keenly studied across the world.

What does the latest WEO say about global growth?

The IMF projects a sharp fall in the global economic growth rate.

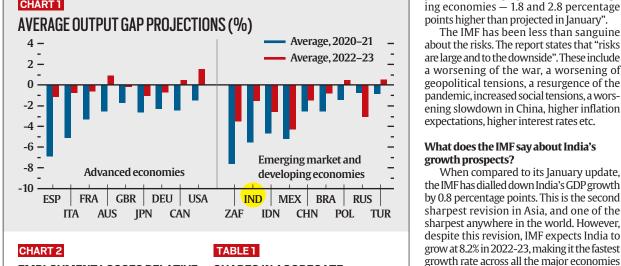
"Global growth is projected to slow from an estimated 6.1 per cent in 2021 to 3.6 per cent in 2022 and 2023. This is 0.8 and 0.2 percentage points lower for 2022 and 2023 than in the January World Economic Outlook Update," it states. Beyond 2023, global growth is forecast to decelerate even more, to about 3.3 per cent.

Russia's invasion of Ukraine is the key reason for this gloomy outlook.

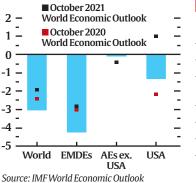
Apart from the fact that growth is decelerating, the IMF has yet again underscored that this "drag on output is expected to be more salient in emerging market and developing economies".

For instance, the US is expected to reach its pre-pandemic trend output path by 2022. In other advanced economies, the shortfall relative to the pre-pandemic trend will narrow.

To be sure, in the October WEO too, the IMF had pointed to the "dangerous divergence in economic prospects" between advanced economies such as the US and



EMPLOYMENT LOSSES RELATIVE SHARES IN AGGREGATE TO PRE-PANDEMIC TREND, 2024



GDP & POPULATION

Advanced economies	42.1%	14.0%
United States	15.7%	4.3%
Germany	3.3%	1.1%
United Kingdom	2.3%	0.9%
China	18.6%	18.4%
India	7.0%	18.1%
Russia	3.1%	1.9%
Nigeria	0.8%	2.7%

GDP POPULATION

emerging economies such as India. In particular, it had highlighted that employment growth was likely to lag the output recovery.

The April WEO states that thanks to the Ukraine conflict and its wide-ranging ramifications, this divergence could be reinforced.

Charts 1 and 2 (above) from the latest WEO bring this out. Chart 1 shows the output gap — that is the difference between the actual and potential GDP. As can be seen, on average this gap is higher for emerging economies such as India and especially for 2022-23. The same holds true for employment losses (Chart 2) as of 2024 when compared to the pre-pandemic "trend". These, too, underscore how emerging economies are more badly affected. It is important to note that the comparison here is with the pre-pandemic "trend" and not the pre-pandemic "level" of the total GDP of a country.

What about inflation?

Because of the disruptive impact of the war in Ukraine, prices of several commodities have skyrocketed, creating a massive surge in inflation across the world.

"Inflation is expected to remain elevated for longer than in the previous forecast, driven by war-induced commodity price increases and broadening price pressures," states the WEO.

Here too, the emerging economies are worse off. "For 2022, inflation is projected at 5.7 per cent in advanced economies and 8.7

age growth rate of both the advanced economies (3.3%) and the emerging economies (3.8%).

Does that mean there's nothing to worry

in the world. It is more than twice the aver-

about for India on the growth front? When it comes to economic growth, each country faces — to borrow a term from cricket – a different "required run rate". The pace at which a country must grow depends largely on how well-off an average citizen of that country is. As such, while it appears that different countries are competing with one another, more often than not, each country is competing with its past self.

Table 1 brings out this point more clearly. The columns detail a country's share of the global GDP and its share of the global popu-

Countries that have a much higher share in the global GDP than their share in the global population - for example, all the advanced economies — are the prosperous ones.

Countries whose share of the global population far outstrips their share in global GDP - such as India and Nigeria - are the ones that face the highest required rate of GDP growth.

While India has over 18% of the global population, its share of the global GDP is just 7%. In the real world, this reflects as low levels of per capita income and consumption as well as high levels of unemployment and social unrest. In other words, India not only has to grow at a much faster clip than the rest of the world but also has to do it sustainably for decades.

Against 91st Amendment: PIL targets Cabinet status for Goa's Rane

MAYURA JANWALKAR PANAJI, APRIL 25

THE HIGH Court of Bombay at Goa on Monday said "arguable issues have been raised" in a PIL challenging the "lifetime status of the rank of Cabinet minister" accorded to Pratapsingh Rane, a six-time Chief Minister of Goa and a legislator for 50 years.

The unprecedented status was conferred on the octogenarian Congress leader this January by the state's earlier BJP government. Days after the announcement, Rane backed out of the Legislative Assembly election, even though he had already been declared the Congress candidate from his bastion of Poriem. His daughter-in-law Deviya Rane debuted from the seat on a BJP ticket and won by the highest margin in the state.

According to lawyer Aires Rodrigues, who has filed the PIL, this is the first time that any state government has taken such a step. The PIL was admitted on Monday, and a division bench of Justices M S Sonak and RN Laddha will hear the case on May 2.

What is the "lifetime status of the rank of Cabinet minister" granted to Rane?

On January 6, Chief Minister Pramod Sawant announced that the Cabinet had decided to accord this special status to Rane. "Mr Pratapsingh Raoji Rane, former Chief Minister and former Speaker (of the Goa Legislative Assembly) has completed 50 years as a legislator. The Cabinet has decided that in future also, those who complete 50 years and hold posts like CM and Speaker, like Pratapsingh Rane, will be given the Cabinet status even after their retirement." Sawant said.

The decision was taken a little more than a month before the February 14 Assembly elections. Earlier, a congratulatory motion had been passed in the Assembly for Rane, who first won the Sattari seat in 1972 and never lost an election thereafter.

What is the basis of the legal challenge?

Rodrigues has asked the High Court to quash the January 7 notification regarding lifetime status of the rank of Cabinet minister" to Rane. He has contended that Goa has a 12-member Cabinet, and the Cabinet status on Rane raises the number of Cabinet ranks to 13, which is more than the ceiling mandated by the Constitution. Stating that the very purpose of the 91st

Amendment was to prevent jumbo Cabinets and the resultant drain of public money, Rodrigues has contended that the lifetime status granted to Rane was a "back door entry in wilful disobedience of the mandate of law". The Constitution (91st Amendment)

Act, 2003 inserted clause 1A in Article 164. which says "the total number of Ministers, including the Chief Minister, in the Council of Ministers in a State shall not exceed fifteen per cent of the total number of members of the Legislative Assembly of that State... provided that the number of Ministers, including the Chief Minister in a State shall not be less than twelve". There



CM Pramod Sawant felicitates Pratapsingh Rane on completing 50 years as MLA in the Goa House in March 2021. Twitter @DrPramodPSawant

are 40 seats in the Goa Assembly. Rodrigues told the court on Monday that as a Cabinet minister for life, Rane would be entitled to a staff of 12 (including OSDs, support staff, peons, and driver) which would cost the exchequer Rs 90 lakh a year. The Cabinet rank would also entitle him to government accommodation, vehicle and unlimited free travel for him and his spouse, Rodrigues told The Indian Express.

The PIL stated: "Before granting the lifetime Cabinet status, the Cabinet did not obtain financial sanction from the Finance Ministry as required... The resolution was also tailor made to benefit only the Respondent no. 3 (Rane) for obvious reasons.'

So why did the BJP take this decision?

In December 2021, the Congress had declared Rane as its candidate from the Poriem seat, Soon afterward, Rane's son and then state Health Minister Vishwajit Rane (who retains the portfolio in the current government), said that he would contest against his father on the BJP ticket. Vishwajit, an undefeated five-time lawmaker from the neighbouring Valpoi seat,

had left the Congress in 2017 to join the BJP. At a public rally that same month, the

BJP's Goa election incharge Devendra Fadnavis said that his party would soon receive "blessings" from the senior Rane. Fadnavis had earlier met Rane and sought the "blessing" that he should leave the Poriem seat for Vishwajit and the BIP.

The Ranes, who are among the politically most influential families in Goa, hold sway in the Sattari taluka, of which both the seats of Valpoi and Poriem are part.

There was some speculation initially about a possible father-son poll duel in Poriem. Eventually, Rane's decision to back out was seen as Vishwajit having prevailed over his father. While Vishwajit himself remained in Valpoi, his wife Deviya made a sensational debut in Poriem, bringing the seat to the BJP for the first time.

The PIL states that Rane, a Congress candidate at the time, was granted lifetime Cabinet status because he "was capable of toppling the ruling party's apple cart in Poriem, a mala fide strategy was adopted...to offer him a carrot not to contest elections"

THE WORLD



World's Oldest Person Dies At 119

A Japanese woman believed to have been the world's oldest person has died aged 119, public broadcaster NHK said on Monday, reporting the death of Kane Tanaka. Born on Jan. 2, 1903 - the year of the Wright Brothers' first controlled flight of their motor-driven airplane - Tanaka was confirmed by Guinness World Records in 2019 as the oldest living person. She died of old age at a hospital in Fukuoka city, western Japan, on April 19, NHK said.

WORLD



Kentaro Uesugi (centre)

JAPAN

Amid China pact worry, envoy to visit Solomons

Tokyo: Japan is sending a vice-foreign minister to the Solomon Islands on Monday amid worry over a recent security agreement that South Pacific nation struck with China that could increase Beijing's military influence in the region. Vice-foreign minister Kentaro Uesugi's three-day trip to Solomon Islands comes on the heels of a visit by a senior US delegation, who warned that Washington would take unspecified action against the South Pacific nation should the security deal with China pose a threat to US or allied interests. The security pact, which China and the Solomons confirmed last week, has also alarmed neighbouring countries and Western allies that fear a military buildup in the region. AP

Group linked to Al-Qaida says captured Russians

Bamako: Islamic extremist rebels in Mali linked to al-Qaida said they have captured mercenary fighters from Russia's Wagner Group in fighting earlier this month. It's the first time that Mali's extremist rebels known as JNIM have claimed to capture Russian fighters. The Wagner Group fighters were seized in the first week of April in the mountainous Segou region of central Mali, said the JNIM statement, which called the fighters "crimi-

NEPAL Four Indian tourists killed

in car crash Kathmandu: Four Indian tourists were among five people who were killed aftertheir car collided headon with a bus in Nepal's Dhading district, police said on Monday. The accident occurred on Sunday night along Prithvi Highway in Thakre area, police said. The four were returning to Kathmandu after visiting Pokhara, a scenic city 200km from Kathmandu. The deceased have been identified as Bimalchandra Agrawal, 40, Sadhana Agrawal, 35, Sandhya Agrawal, 40, Rakesh Agrawal, 55, from UP. They died while undergoing treatment in a local hospital.

EXPLOSIONS HIT MOLDOVA'S BREAKAWAY TRANSNISTRIA REGION

Russia hits rail, fuel facilities; US says Moscow failing in war aims

AGENCIES

KYIV, APRIL 25

RUSSIA UNLEASHED a string of attacks against Ukrainian rail and fuel facilities Monday, striking crucial infrastructure far from the front line of its eastern offensive, which Britain said has yet to achieve a significant breakthrough. Meanwhile, two fires were reported at oil facilities in western Russia. It was not clear what caused the blazes.

In meetings with President Volodymyr Zelenskyy in Kyiv on Sunday, the American secretaries of state and defence. Antony Blinken and Lloyd Austin said Washington had approved a \$165 million sale of ammunition for Ukraine's war effort.

"The strategy that we've put in place — massive support for Ukraine, massive pressure against Russia, solidarity with more than 30 countries engaged in these efforts — is having real results," US Secretary of State Antony Blinken told reporters in Poland the day after the meeting. "When it comes to Russia's war aims, Russia is failing. Ukraine is succeeding," he added.

In a video address Monday, Zelenskyy described his meeting with Blinken and Austin as "encouraging and effective."

Speaking Monday to top officials at the Prosecutor General's Russian President Vladimir Putin said the US and its allies have tried and failed to 'split Russian society and to destroy Russia from within."

On Monday, Russia focused its firepower elsewhere, with missiles and war planes striking far behind the front lines, in an apparent bid to slow the movement of Ukrainian supplies toward the east and disrupt the flow of fuel needed by the coun-

MZULQERNAIN

LAHORE, APRIL 25

chief Hafiz Saeed.

PAKISTAN'S NEW Prime

Minister Shehbaz Sharif has an-

nounced a two-month remis-

sion in prisoners' sentences

ahead of Eid-ul-Fitr, a relief not

applicable to convicts of terror-

ism cases, including Mumbai

terror attack mastermind and

banned Jamat-ud-Dawa (JuD)

security Kot Lakhpat Jail on

Sunday, Prime Minister Shehbaz

will not apply to the prisoners

convicted in terrorism cases,"

senior advocate Waheed

court sentenced JuD chief Saeed

to 32 years in jail in two more

travel to Saudi Arabia this week

on his maiden official visit

abroad after assuming office.

terror financing cases.

On April 8, an anti-terrorism

Meanwhile, Sharif would

"The Prime Minister, accom-

Shahzad told PTI on Monday.

announced the remission.

During his visit to the high-

'The two-month remission

PM TO VISIT SAUDI ARABIA THIS WEEK

remission in prisoners' jail

Shehbaz announces 2-month

terms; Hafiz Saeed not on list



(From left) US Secretary of Defence Lloyd Austin, Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy and US Secretary of State Antony Blinken during their meeting in Kyiv on Sunday. AP

forces. Oleksandr Kamyshin, the head of the staterun Ukrainian Railways, said five railway facilities in central and western Ukraine were hit. That included a missile attack near the western city of Lviv.

Ukrainian authorities said that at least five people were killed by Russian strikes in the central Vynnytsia region.

In Transnistria, a breakaway region of Moldova, several explosions believed to be caused by rocket-propelled grenades hit the Ministry of State Security. There was no immediate claim of responsibility, and no injuries were immediately reported.

Meanwhile, a major fire erupted early Monday at an oil depot in a Russian city about 100 km from the Ukrainian border. Russia's Emergencies Ministry said.

Govt issues passport

Islamabad: Pakistan's former

PM Nawaz Sharif has been

issued a passport to return

from the UK where he was

seeking treatment, a media

report said on Monday. The

nature of the passport is "or-

dinary" and it was made in

the "urgent" category, Geo

News reported. The passport

was issued in Islamabad on

panied by a high level delega-

tion, will be undertaking an offi-

cial visit to Saudi Arabia later

during the week," Foreign Office

spokesperson Asim Iftikhar

Shehbaz would also visit Mecca

to perform Umrah pilgrimage. In

his first address to the parlia-

ment soon after election as the

prime minister of the country.

Shehbaz had highlighted special

ties with Saudi Arabia.

On the sidelines of the visit,

Ahmed said on Monday.

April 23, it said.

to Nawaz Sharif

Why Russia has eyes on Transnistria

 $WHILE\,THE\,fighting\,in$ Ukraine is concentrated in the east, Transnistria, which hosts hundreds of Russian troops and has a large ethnic Russian population, occupies a strategically important spot on Ukraine's western flank, reaching within about 25 miles of Ukraine's chief port city, Odesa. Moldovan and Ukrainian militaries have been concerned whether Transnistria would enter the fighting as a base for attack from the west.

Osman Kavala. Reuters

philanthropist

Kavala gets lifer

Istanbul: Turkish philanthropist

Osman Kavala was jailed for life

without parole on Monday after

he was convicted of trying to

overthrow the government by fi-

Kavala, 64, has been in jail for

4-1/2 years without a conviction

and denies the charges he faced

over the Gezi protests, which be-

gan as small demonstrations in

an Istanbul park in 2013 and

snowballed into nationwide

seven others to 18 years in jail

each for aiding an attempt to

overthrow the government and

ordered their arrests. The court

said it decided to acquit Kavala

of espionage charges due to lack

of evidence.

The court also sentenced

anti-government unrest.

Turkish

nancing protests.

Report: Sweden, Finland to apply to NATO

Stockholm: Two newspapers one Swedish, the other one Finnish - are reporting that the governments of Sweden and Finland have agreed to submit NATO applications at the same time and that it will happen in the middle of next month.

The Finnish newspaper Iltalehti said the Swedish government has expressed a wish to Finland that they apply together in the week starting May 22 and Swedish government sources confirmed the information to Sweden's Expressen tabloid. Russia's invasion has led to growing support in Sweden and Finland for joining NATO. AP

US promises more aid, Biden announces veteran envoy

AP&REUTERS LONDON, APRIL 25

The US will reopen its embassy in Ukraine soon, Secretary of State Antony Blinken said on Monday after he and Defence Secretary Lloyd Austin visited Kyiv, promising more military aid and hailing the fight against Russia's invasion. US President Joe Biden named veteran diplomat Bridget Brink as the new US ambassador to Ukraine, the White House said on Monday.

US officials said Austin and Blinken pledged new assistance worth \$713 million for Ukraine government and other countries in the region. An extra \$322 million in military aid for Ukraine would take the total US security assistance since the invasion to about \$3.7 billion, one official said. "It will provide support for capabilities Ukraine needs, especially the fight in the Donbas," the official said.

Russia, meanwhile, told the US to stop sending more arms to Ukraine, warning that large Western deliveries of weapons were inflaming the conflict and would lead to more losses, Moscow's ambassador to Washington Anatoly Antonov, said. "What the Americans are doing is pouring oil on the flames," Antonov told the Rossiya 24 TV channel. "I see only an attempt to raise the stakes, to aggravate the situation, to see more losses." he added.

GOTABAYA READY FOR INTERIM GOVT: MONK

Sri Lanka Opposition says has numbers in Parliament, no-trust vote on cards

Lanka's debt restructuring to have impact on future loans: China



Sri Lanka President Gotabaya Rajapaksa

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA COLOMBO, APRIL 25

A SRI LANKAN dissident lawmaker, fired by President Gotabaya Rajapaksa from the Cabinet for his critical views, claimed on Monday that the Opposition has crossed the 113mark required to win a no-trust motion against the government in the 225-member Parliament.

President Gotabaya had said he would hand over the government to any group that could muster 113 seats but would not step down from the presidency

Udaya Gammanpila, who held the energy ministry portfolio before being sacked by Gotabaya Rajapaksa, is advocating an all-party interim government with the resignation of PM Mahinda Rajapaksa.

Gammanpila said with enough numbers of MPs breaking away from the government and with support from the main Opposition Samagi Jana Balawegaya, Marxist Janatha Vikmuthi Peramuna and the Tamil National Alliance, they are assured of winning the no-trust vote. "We told the SJB to wait till we could get 113, now we have

120," he claimed. Meanwhile, in a letter to the powerful Buddhist clergy, President Gotabaya Rajapaksa said, while he respects the advice of the clergy, the changes, if any, in the system of governance must be made in line with the specified constitutional provisions. Rajapaksa expressed his intention to form the interim government in a letter to the powerful Buddhist clergy on Sunday.

China said it has "done its best" to help Sri Lanka not to default on its foreign debt, Chinese ambassador in Colombo Qi Zhenhong said on Monday. "China has done its best to help Sri Lanka not to default but sadly they went to the IMF and decided to default," Qi said. "The debt restructuring definitely will have an impact on future bilateral loans" he said, adding that China was still considering the Sri Lankan request for a \$1.5 billion buyer's credit and another \$1-billion loan.

SHANGHAI SEES 19,000 NEW CASES



Since Friday, Beijing has reported 70 locally transmitted cases in eight of its 16 districts. Reuters

Panic buying in Beijing as

district starts mass testing

Judge finds Donald Trump in contempt in NY legal fight

New York: A New York judge found former President Donald Trump in contempt of court and set in motion \$10,000 daily fines Monday for failing to adequately respond to a subpoena issued by the state's attorney general as part of a civil investigation into

his business dealings. Judge Arthur Engoron said a contempt finding was appropriate because Trump and his lawyers hadn't shown they had conducted a proper search for take mine seriously," Engoron said in a Manhattan courtroom packed with reporters. "I hereby hold you in civil contempt and fine you \$10,000 a day" until the terms of the subpoena are met. New York Attorney General

the records sought by subpoena.

your business seriously, and I

"Trump, I know you take

Letitia James had asked the court to hold Trump in contempt after he missed a March 31 court deadline to turn over documents. AP

UK women slam sexism of 'Basic Instinct' slur on lawmaker

JILL LAWLESS LONDON, APRIL 25

WOMEN FROM across British politics called Monday for action to tackle misogyny after a newspaper ran a story accusing the deputy opposition leader of trying to "distract" the Prime Minister during debates by crossing and uncrossing her legs.

The Mail on Sunday quoted an anonymous Conservative lawmaker as saying Labour Party Deputy Leader Angela

Rayner tried to throw PM Boris Johnson "off his stride" as she sat across from him in the House of Commons. The article likened it to a scene in the 1992 thriller "Basic Instinct" in which Sharon Stone is interrogated by police.

PM Iohnson condemned the article, writing on Twitter: "As much as I disagree with Angela Rayner on almost every political issue I respect her as a parliamentarian and deplore the misogyny directed at her anonymously today.

REUTERS & AP BEIJING, APRIL 25

BFIIING WILL conduct mass testing of most of its 21 million people, authorities announced Monday, as a new Covid-19 outbreak sparked stockpiling of food by residents worried about the possibility of a Shanghai-style lockdown.

Authorities in Chaoyang, home to 3.45 million people, late on Sunday ordered residents and those who work there to be tested three times this week as Beijing warned the virus had "stealthily" spread in the city for about a week before being detected.

"I'm preparing for the worst," said a graduate student in the nearby Haidian district surnamed Zhang, who placed online orders for dozens of snacks and 10 pounds of apples.

Shoppers in the city crowded stores and online platforms to stock up on leafy vegetables, fresh meat, instant noodles and rolls of toilet paper.

In Shanghai, where most of its 25 million residents have been locked down for weeks, the main food supply bottleneck has been the lack of enough couriers to make deliveries to homes, fu-

elling anger among residents Since Friday, Beijing has reported 70 locally transmitted cases in eight of its 16 districts, with Chaoyang accounting for 46 of the total, said a local health official on Monday.

Shanghai, which has been locked down for more than two weeks, reported more than 19,000 new infections and 51 deaths in the latest 24-hour period, pushing its announced death $toll\,from\,the\,ongoing\,outbreak\,to$ 138. On Monday morning, people queued at makeshift testing sites manned by medical workers in protective suits. Under mass testing campaigns in China, multiple samples are tested together.

AKIHIKO KONDO IS IN A DEVOTED FICTIONAL RELATIONSHIPS, SERVED BY VAST INDUSTRY AIMED AT SATISFYING DESIRES OF FAN CULTURE

REUTERS

This man married a fictional character and will like you to hear him out

BEN DOOLEY & HISAKO UENO TOKYO, APRIL 25

IN ALMOST every way, Akihiko Kondo is an ordinary Japanese man. He's pleasant and easy to talk to. He has friends and a steady job and wears a suit and tie to work. There's just one exception: Kondo is married to a fictional character

His beloved, Hatsune Miku, is a turquoise-haired, computersynthesised pop singer who has toured with Lady Gaga and starred in video games. After a decadelong relationship, one that Kondo says pulled him out of a deep depression, he held a small, unofficial wedding ceremony in Tokyo in 2018. Miku, in the form of a plush doll, wore white, and he was in a matching tuxedo. In Miku, Kondo has found

love, inspiration and solace, he says. He and his assortment of Miku dolls eat, sleep and watch movies together.

Kondo, 38, knows that people think it's strange, even harmful. He knows that some — possibly those reading this article — hope he'll grow out of it. And, yes, he knows that Miku isn't real. But his feelings for her are, he says.

Kondo is one of thousands of people in Japan who have entered into unofficial marriages with fic-

tional characters in recent decades, served by a vast industry aimed at satisfying the every whim of a fervent fan culture. Tens of thousands more around the globe have joined online groups in which they discuss their commitment to characters from anime, manga and video games.

Kondo sees himself as part of a growing movement of people who identify as "fictosexuals." That's partly what has motivated him to publicise his wedding and to sit for awkward interviews with news media around the globe.

He wants the world to know that people like him are out there and, with advances in artificial intelligence and robotics allowing



Akihiko Kondo's wedding photo, taken in 2018 when he married a doll of Hatsune Miku in March 17, 2022. NYT

for more profound interactions with the inanimate, that their numbers are likely to increase.

It's not a political movement, he said, but a plea to be seen: "It's about respecting other people's

lifestyles." It's not unusual for a work of art to provoke real emotions - anger, sorrow, joy - and the phenomenon of desiring the fictional is not unique to Japan.

But the idea that fictional characters can inspire real affection or even love may well have reached its highest expression in modern Japan, where the sentiment has given rise to a highly visible subculture and become the basis for a thriving industry.

In Tokyo, two districts have become meccas for fulfilling character-based dreams: Akihabara (for men) and Ikebukuro (for women). Specialty shops in the neighbourhoods are packed with mer-

New Delhi

chandise for characters from popular games and anime. The products for women are

especially extensive. Fans can buy love letters from their crushes, reproductions of their clothes and even scents meant to evoke their presence. Hotels offer special packages, featuring spa treatments and elaborate meals, for people celebrating their favourite character's birthday. And on social media, people post photos, art and mash notes promoting their "oshi" — a term widely used by Japanese fans to describe the obiects of their affection.

For some, the relationships represent a rejection of the entrenched "breadwinner-housesaid Agnès Giard, a researcher at the University of Paris Nanterre who has studied such marriages. "To the general public, it

wife" model of marriage in Japan,

seems indeed foolish to spend money, time and energy on someone who is not even alive," Giard said. "But for character lovers, this practice is seen as essential. It makes them feel alive, happy, useful and part of a movement with higher goals in life."

In her experience, women see the fictional marriages as empowering, "a way to challenge gender, matrimonial norms." In some respects, Kondo's commitment, too, is an example of commercial and social forces at work.

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R/o WB-16, Shakarpur, Delhi-

to Megha Saxena

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110018 have changed my name to Gurbaksh Singh 0040611297-1 I Bimla Bhardwaj W/O, L.R Sharma R/o 1/55 Sadar Bazar. Delhi Cantt. Delhi.110010 have

I Gurbhakash Singh S/o Rattan

Singh R/o N-91, Main Khyala

Road, Sham Nagar New Delhi

changed my name to Bimla Sharma for all purposes. 0040611278-1

I,vikarant phogaat,S/o Bijender singh phogaat,R/o-87/1.krishna-nagar.lane no.3&4,safdarjungenclave,new delhi-110029,Have changed my name to Vikrant

I,SABA NAZ,W/O.SAJID AHMED, ADD-B-422.GALI.NO-11,SUBHASH MOHALLA-NORTH GHONDA, NORTH EAST DELHI-110053.changed my name to SABA NAAZ, permanently.

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I,Ramesh Chandra,S/o ram ratan Bhatt,R/o c-1/308,thirdfloor.sector-17 rohini.delhi-110089, have changed my name to Ramesh Chandra bhatt.

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I.NAMRATA KUMARI VERMA. W/O.MUKESH BHARIJA, ADD-88, INDRA VIHAR, NORTH WEST DELHI-110009 changed my name to NAMRATA KUMARI, permanently. 0040611317-6

I, HARENDER SINGH RAWAT, S/O.H.NO.185, GALI,NO-6, UTTARANCHAL-ENCLAVE KAMALPUR BURARI, DELHI-110084,Changed my name to HARINDER SINGH RAWAT,

0040611309-4

I, Karamjit Singh S/o Ajit Singh R/o H-no 505, Tower-b, Adhunik Appt, Saraswati Kunj-2, Wazirabad, Sec-52, Gurgaon HR -122003 have changed my name to Karamjit Singh Aneja. 0040611320-9

I,VASUNDHRA/VASUNDHRA GOMTE W/O NARENDRA

FLATNO.9111.TOWER-7. D2,GH.7,CROSSING REPUBLIC,GHAZIABAD,U.P-201016, CHANGED MY NAME TO VASUNDHARA GOMTE.

0040611335-2 I,Umesh Chander,Umesh

Kumar,Umesh Gupta,S/O Ram Chand Gupta,R/O-2994/43rdfloor, Shiv-Chowk, Ranjeet-Nagar Near-South Patel-Nagar New Delhi-110008.have Changed my Name UMESH CHAND GUPTA, For all, future Purposes.

I,Subham Bhowmick S/o Asto

Kumar Bhowmick R/o-T-95 Gali No.2. Tukhmirpur.Krawal Nagar, North East Delhi-110094, Have Changed My Name To Apurva Bhowmick For All Purposes. 0040611324-6

I,Samya Mirza Baig W/o Ajmal Mirza R/o Flat No.424. Tower-Crema Mahagun Moderne, Sector-78, Noida G.B.Nagar(U.P) ha my name to Samia Mirza for all 0040611274-1

I.SHIVANSH THAPLIYAL.S/O

BIMAL KISHORE THAPLIYAL,R/O E-322-A,MIG, SEC-11.PRATAP-VIHAR, GHAZIABAD UP.201009, HAVE CHANGE MY NAME ANSH THAPLIYAL TO SHIVANSH THAPLIYAL, FOR ALL

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I,Rishab Jain,S/O Manoj Jain,R/O 21/7, Shakti Nagar, Delhi-110007, have changed my name to Rishabh Jain.

0040611317-5 I,Rajeev Chopra S/o Sat Ketu

Chopra R/o A-76, First Floor, Narang Colony, Janakpuri,Delhi-58, have changed my name to Rajiv

0040611309-10 I.Rai Kumar S/o Mahender

Kumar R/o-66 3rd-Floor Block-H,Pocket-5,Near Mandir Sector-11, Rohini Delhi-110085, changed my name to Raj Kumar Gupta for all, purposes.

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I,Rahul S/o Sh.Harish Kumar Juneja,R/oB-47,1st-Floor, Street No.5.Mandawali Unchepar, Delhi-110092, have changed my name to Rahul Juneja, for all Purposes.

I,RUPAL SHARAN,W/O

PIYUSSRIVASTAVA,R/o T-302, AMRAPALI SILICON CITY, SECTOR76, NOIDA, GAUTAMBUDH NAGAR, U.P-201301, changed MY name to RUPAL SRIVASTAVA.

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I,Pradeep Bhuvana Chandran Sicily, S/o Bhuvana Chandran Nair, R/o. B-140, G-1, Ext-II, Shalimar-Garden, Ghaziabad, UP, have changed my daughter's name, from Abigail Pradeep to Abigail, for all purposes.

I,Palwinder Kaur W/o Inderjeet Singh,R/o WZ-38A, Mukharji Park, Tilak-Nagar, New Delhi-110018, have changed my name to Palvinder Kaur.

0040611309-8

I,Anita Chaudhary,W/o Jagat Chaudhary R/o C-48,South Extension-1.New Delhi-110049,declare that Vimlesh & Anita Chaudhary is one and same person. 0040611309-7 I. Yash Saniay Yaday S/O Saniay

Yadav, R/o J-502, Ajmera Infimity, Near, Wipro Gate -16, Electronics City Phase-1, Bangalore South, Electronics City, Bangalore, Karnataka-560100, have changed my name and shall hereafter be Known as Yash Yadav.

0070782403-1

I. Vijav Jindal, S/o Sat Prakash Jindal, R/o-542, Sector-19, Faridabad-121002, have changed my minor son name Deepak Jindal to Divish Jindal.

Panchwati, Ghaziabad have

0070782374-1 I, Tamanna W/o Karan Saluja R/o C-312, 3rd Floor, New

changed my name to Ishani Saluja for all purposes

0040611299-1 I, Sumer Kumar Singh, S/o Late Ram Sundar Singh, R/o Chotpur, Bahlolpur, Sector-63 Noida, District, Gautam Buddh Nagar, UP-201307, have changed name of my daughter from Anu Kumari to Anu Singh for all future purposes.

0070782381-1

I, Shailendra Kumar R/o E-204, Sector-Gama -1. Greater Noida have changed the name of my Minor child aged 16 yrs from SURYANSH VARSHNEY to SURYAANSH VARSHNEY.

0070782351-1 **I,** Sarla, W/o Late Mahendra Pal Singh, R/o 11 D. Mohan Pura.

Idgah, Agra, Uttar Pradesh-282001, have changed my name to Sarla Singh.

0070782368-1

I, Rashee Santosh Navlani, W/o Santosh Nirmaldas Navlani, R/o F-56, Richmond Park, Near Supermart-1, DLF City-4, Sector-43, Gurgaon, Haryana 122009, have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Jyoti Santosh Navlani. 0070782396-1

I. Ram Swaroop Grover alias Ram Swroop Grover, S/o Kishan Chand, R/o A-37, Mission Compound, Saharanpur, Uttar Pradesh-247001, have changed my name and shall hereafter be Known as Ram Swaroop.

0070782391-1

I,Dinesh Kumar S/o Satish Chandra R/o-H.No.4, Gupta Park, Najafgarh, New Delhi-110043 have changed my name to Dinesh Kumar Saxena. 0040611320-4

I, Parvinder Kumar, S/o Rajpal Saini, R/o-286, Ward-No-11,

Saini Colony, Panipat-132103, Haryana, have changed my name to Parvinder Saini.

0070782369-1

I, Nitika Arora w/o Ajay Kumar Bhateja r/o B-9, First Floor, Vishal Enclave, Rajouri Garden, Delhi-110027 have changed my name to NITIKA 0040611263-3

I, Munmun Khan W/O, Atanu Khan R/o 65 Ram Lochan Shire Street, PO-Belur Math, Dist-Howrah PIN-711202, State-WB have changed my name from Munmun Khan to Munmun Khan Barua vide Affidavit dated 20 Feb 2014 before Court of Ld. Judicial Magistrate , 1st $\,$ Class, Howrah. 0040611320-8

I, Madhu, W/o Chandi Prasad Sati, R/o RZ 24, Mahendra Park, Pankha Road, Uttam Nagar, New Delhi-110059, have changed my name to

Mandodhari Devi Sati.

Adarsh Appartment CGHS-LTD, vikaspuri, Delhi-110018, have I, Madhu Rani Lamba W/o G.K. changed my name to Lamba R/o B-5/86, 2nd Floor, 0040611309-6

I,Deepak Rai,son of,Sant Kumar

Rai House no.264. Niti-Khand-3,Indirapuram,Ghaziabad,Up 201014,have changed my name, from Deepak rai to Deepak Kumar rai, for all future purposes 0040611324-1

I,Deepak Kumar, S/o Shyam Lal, R/o H.No.E-100.Gali No.17B,Sadh Nagar,Palam Colony, Delhi-110045, have changed my name to Deepak Kumar Kohli, for all purposes.

0040611328-7

I,Bharat Laroyia,S/o Sh.Braham Dutt Laroyia, R/o-Block. No. 11, House.No.15, Tilak-Nagar, New Delhi-110018,inform that Bharat Laroyia,Bharat Bhushan and Bharat Bhushan Laroyia are one & the same person.

0040611317-1

I.Balwant Rai Kumar S/o Shree Kanshi Ram R/o-B-407, 4th-Floor, Umiya-Sadan Apartment, Plot-No.4, Sector-4, Dwarka, Delhi-110075, have changed my-name to Balwant 0040611320-3 I,BALA RAM ROUT,S/o SANKAR

SAN ROUT,H.NO.J-118/1, VIHAR, JAITPUR, NEW DELHI 110044. Changed my name to BALRAM ROUT. 0040611309-1

I,Ashish Bakshi S/o Brij Bhushan Bakshi R/o Flat No. 201, Block-16, Second Floor, Kailash Dham Apartment Sector-50, Noida have changed my daughter's name from Ria Bakshi to Minisha Bakshi

0040611311-1

I, KM JYOTI, D/o JAI PRAKASH SINGH, R/o C 93, First Floor, Sector-22, Noida, Gautam Budh Nagar, PIN: 201301, Uttar Pradesh, India, has changed my name to JYOTI SINGH for all future purposes.

0070782383-1

I, Anita Bala Bhola W/o-West Enclave, Pitampura, Delhi-34 Have Changed My Name To Anita Bala For All Purposes.That Anita Bala Bhola & Anita Bala is the one

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PUBLIC NOTICE
It is hereby informed at large that my clients, Mr. Lökesh Sachdeva & Ors are intending to purchase freehold property bearing no. H-1/2, Western Portion, Model Town-II, Delhi-110009, New Delhi measuring around 1151 sq. Yards which belongs to Mrs. Madhu Arya wio LT. Sh. Ajay Arya vide relinquishment deed dt. 15/2/2021 Reg. No. 2216 in Book No. 1 Vol. No. 3624 on Page 79 to 87. It is represented by the owner that she is the

Vol. No. 9624 on Page 79 to 87. It is represented by the owner that she is the sole owner of the bovement of the sole owner of the bovement of the sole owner of the property is first from all sole owner, and the property is first from all sole owners, and the sole owners, and the sole owners, and sole owners, and the sole owners, any body holding any right, title, interest or dain of any nature whatsoever with the aforesaid property may contact the undersigned within 15 days from the date of the present publication, failing which the property would be purchased by my clients and any objection after that shall not be entertained and will be treated as null and void and extinguishment of rights.

ISHWAR SINGH ADVOCATE 3rd Floor, Building No. 9, DDA Mkt Ashok Vihar-II, Delhi - 110052 Mob. : 9212727374

PUBLIC NOTICE

General Public is informed that my client Dilshad Khan S/o Mukhtiyar Khan R/o D-2/158 Ratiya Marg, Sangam Vihar, New Delhi-62, has pronounced First Talak on dated 10.10.2021, Second Talak on dated 28.03.2022 to his wife Smt. Shaguffa Parveen D/o Late Sh. Hussain Baksh R/o 41B, Devi Lal Nagar, Gali No-8, Gurugram, Haryana-122001 as per mutual Consent Settlement Talaknama swom before Notary Public, Delhi

Consent Settlement Ialaknama sworn before Notary Public, Delhi on 28.03.2022. My Client paid to Shagufta Parveen her Meher, Permanent Alimony and Maintenance for Past, Present and

Future as full & final settlement of al

claims and now My client has beer discharged his all duties & liabilities

towards Shagufta Parveen. Now both are free for Second Marriage.

Mohammad Usman Siddigui

(Advocate) Mob.: 9811391014/3

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Supreme Court Bar Association Housin Society, Sector-99 Noida-201304

PUBLIC NOTICE

his is to inform public at large that M Clients, Sdr. Paramjit Kaur and So asbir Singh, both R/o F-165/166, Buc

lagar, Inderpuri, New Delhi-110012 ave cut off their family relations and

have disowned and disinherited the elder son Dilpreet Singh and his wit

elder son Dilpreet Singh and his wife Harpreet Kaur and his children from My Client's all movable and immovable properties, assets including business etc. due to their disobedient, quarrelsome and indifferent behavior and My Clients were not are not/shall not be responsible for any act of Dilpreet Singh and his wife Harpreet Kaur in any manner.

Advocate Chamber: Ch. No. 8, RU Block

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Suresh Kumar Kankra Rio 978-979, 97
Floor, Sardar Patel Enclave, Pooth Kalas
Extr., Delihi-110086 is the owner or
properties i.e. (1) Flat No. 91, Pocket-24
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Flat No.978-979, 3° Floor, Right Side from
Stairs, Sardar Patel Enclave, Pooth Kalar
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by Suresh Kumar Kankra and Romir
Kankra on 40.4 02.22 from the daughter o
my client namely Priyanka Wahi. If above
mand persons deal with anybody with
respect to said properties, then the same
may be treated as null and void.
Sid* (MANOJ KHATR)
En. No. D/178/1199 Advocate
Ch. No. K-90, K.L. Sharma Block,
Tis Hazari Courts, Delhi-110054

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nber No. 1420, Lawyer's Ro Block, Rohini Court Comp

PUBLIC NOTICE

General public is hereby informed that our clients D. R. Sharma (Dosti Ram Sharma),

Sharma (Dost Ham Sharma) Son of Late Pandit Narsingl Das, resident of N-21, Kirt Nagar, New Delhi-110015 as well as power of attorney holde of Kailash Rani, Daughter o

Late Mahant Dayakishan an Wife of D. R. Sharma, we hav

disowned and debarred ou

daughter Mrs. Rekha Sharm

her husband Sh. Ajay Sharn

Mayank Sharma & Manna

Mayank Snarma & Manna Sharma from all our movable a well as immovable propertie and assets present and past an future due to their ill and ba treatment towards us. Anybod

dealing with our daughter an her family, will do so at his /he

their own risk and responsibility and my clients will not be responsible for any action, dee

or dealing done by my abov said daughter and her family.

Rakesh Chander Agarv

Advoca S-69, Ground Flo

Vinod Kumar Bhardwa Advocat Enrl. No. D/625/202

PUBLIC NOTICE

My client Harvinder Jeet Sing

Sekhon S/O Major Late Mohind

Pratap Singh Sekhon R/o 500 Asiao /illage, New Delhi-110049 has

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My client shall not be responsible to

Jatin Kumar (Advocat Ch. No. 734, Saket Court New Delhi-1

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School Block Shakarpur Delhi-110092 9891903838

PUBLIC NOTICE

and their children

SANCHIT GOYAL

New Delhi 11008

low no dispute between them.

PUBLIC NOTICE

p1, Kamath Enclave, Coast Guard Residential Complex. Block-f, Sector 52, Noida, Gautam Buddha Nagar Uttar Pradesh-201301, have changed my name and shall hereafter be Known as Mohammed Adil Warsi.

I Jyoti Jindal W/o Vijay Jindal R/o-542, Sector-19, Faridabadto Babita Jindal Permanently

I, Abhinav Mohan Jha, S/o Saroj Kumar Jha, R/o D-268 A, Sector-11, Pratap Vihar, Ghaziabad, Uttar Pradesh-201009, that name of my father has been wrongly written as S K Jha in my Educational Documents. The actual name of my father is Saroj Kumar

I, Rajvender Kaur W/O Manohar Singh Nagi R/O RZ -B -280, Nihal Vihar, Nangloi, New Delhi - 110041 have changed

I Vikash Jain son of Kailash Chand Jain, residing at B 203 Parsvanath Prestige, Sector 93A, Noida, Gautam Budh Nagar, PIN:201301, Uttar Pradesh, India, have changed my name to Vikash Kumar Jain for future all purpose.

I Rajendra Kumar s/o Shri Chhote Lal R/o 6/5 Village jharera post gopi nath bazar delhi cantonment. 110010 have changed my name from Rajendra Kumar to Rajender Kumar Vide Affidevit Dated 21-4-2022 No.IN-

0040611273-1

I Pardeep Singh W/o Gurbaksh Singh R/o N-91, Main Khvala Road, Sham Nagar, New Delhi 110018 have changed my name

Joginder Singh R/o CRPF Quarter No.1694 Jyoti Kunj, Sector 16B, Dwarka 110078 My son name is Mayank in School Record, But My Child Correct Name is Mayank Singh as per aadhar card.In future he will be Known as Mayank Singh for 0040611271-1

I. NIKITA D/O SH.RAJ KUMAR SHARMA, R/o.H.No.A-1/12, Kirti Nagar, Jharsa Road, Gurgaon-122001, have changed my to NIKITA SHARMA, for all future 0040611028-3

I,K A Santhamma,D/o Sh.Govindan Kesava Mayur-Vihar Ph-1,Delhi-Possession-Letter of 44D. Pocket-1, Mayur-Vihar Ph-1,Delhi-91. Finder Contact:6282280611

LOST my original Allotment Deed, Letter for water & electricity, Perpetual Lease Deed, Payment challans, Copy

vide File No.F/177(1322)/1995/DW

0070782366-1

Paschim Vihar, New Delhi have changed my name to MADHU LAMBA for all future purposes

0070782357-1

I, Kavya Gaur, S/o Ajay Gaur, R/o D-402, Vrindavan Hight, Vrindavan Garden, Sahibabad, Ghaziabad, Uttar Pradesh-201005, have changed my name and shall hereafter be Known as Rudra Bhardwaj.

0070782386-1 I, Kanwar Sain S/o Om Prakash R/o E16/1388, Bapa Nagar,

Padam Singh Road, Karol Bagh, N. Delhi have changed my name to Kamal Kumar, for all purposes. 0040611265-1 **I,** Jyoti Ravi Vaswani,W/o Lokesh Chhabra, R/o-274

Sector-a and c vasant kunj,New delhi-110070,hereby confirm that I, have Now changed my name from Jyot Ravi Vaswani to Jyoti as my given name and Surname as Chhabra from here on for all purposes. 0040611276-1

I, JASKARAN SINGH s/o Malkeet Singh r/o H.No.-265, GF, Pocket-18, Sector-24, Rohini, Delhi-110085 have changed my name to KARAN. 0040611263-2 I. Har Daval Singh Nage S/O

Laxman Singh R/O RZ -B -280, Nihal Vihar, Nangloi, New Delhi - 110041 have changed my name to Hardayal Singh. 0070782350-1

I, Anil Kumar, S/o Bishambar Singh, R/o Hasanpur Bangar, Bulandshahr, Uttar Pradesh-202398, have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Sunil Kumar.

I, Ajay Bhateja s/o Lajpat Rai Bhateja r/o B-9, First Floor, Vishal Enclave, Rajouri Garden, Delhi-110027 have changed my name to AJAY KUMAR BHATEJA. 0040611263-1 Sh.Naresh Kumar R/o-C-2/86, and same person.

I, Adil Warsi S/O Mohammed Atique Warsi, R/o Flat-5, bldg-

121002 have changed my name

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my name to Rajvinder Kaur.

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to Pardeep Kaur 0040611298-1

LOST & FOUND

Panicker.R/o-44D, Pocket-1. 91, have lost my original-Flat

0040611320-10 Possession Letter, Conveyance of SPA in respect of Flat No. 254, Pkt 6, Site-3, Nasirpur(Now Sector 1A Dwarka), New Delhi

PUBLIC NOTICE

PUBLIC NOTICE My clientess Smt. Priyanka Wah W/o Sh. Hershil Wahi R/o M-109 First Floor, Guru Harkishan Naga Paschim Vihar, New Delhi is th raschim Vinar, New Deimin is the owner of property bearing Flat No.31 Pocket-13, Sector-24, Rohini, Delh The original documents of the abovesaid property have beet snatched by Suresh Kumar Kankr, and Romin Kankra on 04.04.202: om my client. If above name ersons deal with anybody w espect to said property, then the came may be treated as null and voice Sd/- (MANOJ KHATRI) En. No. D/1781/199 Advocate Ch. No. K-90, K.L. Sharma Block, Tis Hazari Courts, Delhi-110054

PUBLIC NOTICE client M/s Harshada Homez throug Prop. Sh. Ajay Kapur has entere into collaboration agreement with Smi Chander Kanta who is the owner of PROPERTY NO. V/B/43, MEASURING 115 SQ. YDS. OUT OF TOTAL 200 SQ 115 SG, YDS, OUT OF TOTAL 200 SG.
VPS., OUT OF KHASRA NO. 776,
VIRENDER NAGAR, MOUZA TIHAR,
NEW DELHI for
construction & re-development of the
saft opperty. If any person has any
right, claim, title or interest in any
manner over the said property, he/she
may intimate within 7 days to Nitin
Garg, Advocate. Thereafter any kind of
claim will not be accepted.

> Nitin Gar Advocat Knowlex Law Associate B-5/95, Paschim Vihan New Delhi-11005 Mob.: 995898636

REPUDIATE AND FOREVER DISCHARGES and WAIVES any and all Claims against Sh. Rakesh Shukla Sio. Late Sh. R.L. Shukla Rio. 2395. 2nd Floor, Flat No. 5. Tilak Street, Pahar Ganj, New Delhi-110055 which arssefmay arise from or relate to him/his Firmhis family's liabilities, demands, debts and duss-including, but not limited to, the types of claims enumerated, shall not be liable to the undersigned, their family or their successors and for any other Claims arising out of the actions already done or to be done in future by Sh. Rakesh Shukla or his successors or his family. The undersigned have no connection either direct or indirect with any of the dealings of Sh. Rakesh Shukla or his Firm or his family exceptione business transaction had with his Firm. of Sh. Karkesh Shukia or his Hirm or his Tamily exceptione bisiness transaction had with his Firm Aryone who overlooks/disregards this Notice and approaches the undersigned or their family shall be at his/her/lifs own risk & responsibility which is liable to be dealt with legally. Smt. RANI DEVI W/o. Late Sh. R.L. Shukia RANI SWAROOP SHUKLA & SUSHIL SHUKLA SOns/o. Late Sh. R.L. Shukia R/O. 2394, Znc. Floor, Tilak Street Pahar Ganj, New Delhi-110055 MARIMUTHU.P (Advocate Ch. No. 827, Patiala House Courts, New Delhi

NOTICE OF DISCLAIMER

That the undersigned THROUGH THEI LEGAL ATTORNEY hereby DISAVOV REPUDIATE AND FOREVER DISCHARGE

COURT NOTICE

PROCLAMATION REQUIRING ATTENDANCE OF DEFENDANT (Order 5, Rule 20 of the Code of Civil Procedure) IN THE COURT OF MS. SHALINDER KAUR Principal Judge Family Court, New Delhi District. Patiala House, Delhi Case No. CHITRA DEVI ... Versus ... Case No. HMA-520/18

JAIKUMAR Jai Kumar R/o J-74, ARD Complex, Sec-13, R.K. Puram, New Delhi-110023.

THE DEFENDANT ABOVE NAMED. WHEREAS you are intentionall evading service of summons it i hereby notified that if you shall no nereby notined that it you shall not defend the case on the 05th Day of May, 2022 the day fixed for the final disposal, it will be heard and determined ex-parte.

Given under my hand and seal of the Court, this 13th Day of April, 2022.

Principal Judge

Patiala House, Delhi

In the Court of Sh. Shirish Aggarwal: Administrative Civil
Judge-cum-ARC (Central)
Delhi- 110054. SC. No.- 76/2022

Family Court, New Delhi District

N.D.O.H. 11.07.202 Kusum Khanna Vs. The State 8 Ors.
Kusum Khanna W/o Late Sh Ishwar Nath Khanna, R/o Flat No. 401, iv Floor, Tower 11, La Tropicana, Magazine Road, Khyber Pass, civil Lines

FOR SUCCESSION CERTIFICATE UNDER INDIAN SUCCESSION ACT. 1925

All Concerned
Whereas in the above note petition the applicant/petitione has applied for Succession Certificate to the Hon'ble Cou Under Section 372 of the India
Succession Act, 1925 in respec
of the debt and securitie mount of Rs xxx. As per recor to be standing in the

Late Sh. Ishwar Nath Khann leceased.
Whereas the 11.07.2022 at 10' clock in the forenoon has bee fixed for hearing or the application notice is hereby given to this concerned.

(Shirish Aggarwa ACJ/ARC(Co SEAL Dell

IN THE COURT OF SH. HARISH DUDANI, DJ(COMMERCIAL COURT), DWARKA COURTS, NEW DELHI PUBLICATION NOTICE DEFENDANT IDBI BANK LTD VS RAM NARAYA

> MR. RAM NARYAN ROY, S/o SH BACHULAL ROY (PROPRIETOR OF M/S ARUSH ENTERPRISES) Defendant No. t- Khsra No. 24/13, Vill-Kapa lear Radha Kishan Mandir Delhi- 110037 Also At- 1163, Behind D.C. Office

At- House No. 1135. Village At- House No. 1135, Village Kapashera, Rao Chaturbhuj Marg, New Delhi-110037
Whereas you are intentionally avoiding services of summons. It is hereby notified that if you shall not defend the case on the day 05.07.2022 at 10.00 A.M. ie. The day fixed in the matter, it will be heard and determined ex-parte. Given under my hand and seal of the Court on this 8th day of April, 2022 to be published in Enolish daily "Indian"

e published in English daily "India lote:- Defendant is informed to fi WS within a period of 30 days fro the date of receipt of sur

NEW DELHI PUBLICATION NOTICE DEFENDANT
(Order 5 Rule 20 of the Code of
Civil Procedure)
IDBI BANK LTD VS MAHENDERA
KUMAR NAYAK Suit No: CS (COMM): 2/2021

hereby notified that if you shall not defend the case on the day of 05.07.2022 at 10.00 A.M. i.e. The day fixed in the matter, it will be heard and determined ex-parte. Given under my hand and seal of the Court on this 8th day of April, 2022 to Court on this 8th day of April, 2022 t. be published in English daily "Indiar Express" newspaper. Note:- Defendant is informed to file WS within a period of 30 days from the date of receipt of summons with advance copy to the plaintif and filling of WS in commercial suit in 120 days period is mandatory and no extension can be granted. **KOIDA**

New Okhla Industrial Development Authority Administrative Building, Sector-6, Noida G.B Nagar, (U.P.)

Website: www.noidaauthorityonline.com

E-TENDER NOTICE

E-Tenders are invited from eligible contractors / firm for the following jobs against which bids can be uploaded and same shall be opened / downloaded as per schedule mentioned. The details and conditions of all tenders are available on Noida Authority's official website: www.noidaauthorityonline.com & https://etender.up.nic.in. Please ensure to see these websites for any changes / amendments & corrigendum etc.

A) Re-Tender Work:

S. N.	Jobs No.	Name of the Work	Tender Amount (Rs. Lacs)
1	43/PGM/Sr.M (E&M)-II/ 2021-22/ET	Supply and Fixing of New Street light pole & High Mast in Village-Mamura, Atta and Chhijarsi, Noida.	34.14
2	51/PGM/Sr.M (E&M)-II/ 2021-22/ET	Providing of New Street light Pole in sector-12, 20 and 22, Noida	46.25
3	35/PGM/Sr.M (E&M)-IV/ 2021-22	Construction of Fountain of near S.T.P. sector-168, Noida.	37.64

The above tenders can be uploaded by dated 02.05.2022 up to **5.00 PM.** Pre-qualification shall be opened / downloaded or dated 04.05.2022 at 11.00 AM.

Principal General Manager

NOIDA

CLEAN, GREEN, SAFE & SECURE NOIDA

NORTH CENTRAL RAILWAY

E-Tender Notice No 299-2022 For and on behalf of President of India, Senior Divisional Commercial Manage North Central Railway, Jhansi invites e-tender, single stage two packet system i.e

packet "A" Containing technical bid and packet "B" for containing only financial bid for award of License for dispensing hygienically packaged eatables and beverages through "Stand Alone Self Dispensing Unit (Automatic Vending Machine)" a station/s on Jhansi Division, North Central Railway' for a period of 05 years, detail: NSG-2

Tender No.	Station	Plat form No.	Location	Stall No.					
299-2022-VGLB-AVM01	Veerangana	1/7	Between COP pole No. 54 & 56	AVM-01					
299-2022-VGLB-AVM02	Laxmibai		Between COP pole No. 26 & 28	AVM-02					
299-2022-VGLB-AVM03	A1 Category	2/3	Between COP pole No. 48 & 50	AVM-03					
299-2022-VGLB-AVM04	Category	6/8	Between COP pole No. 10 & 12	AVM-04					
299-2022-GWL-AVM05	Gwalior	2/3	Between Pole No. 20 & 22	AVM-01					
299-2022-GWL-AVM06	A1 Category	4	Near CPS Office Agra Cantt end	AVM-02					
Minimum Reserve Price per Stall per annum (in Rs.): ₹ 3,00,000/-									

AVM-0 299-2022-BNDA-AVM07 Beside Pole 15 A Categor 299-2022-MRA-AVM08 AVM-0 Morena 1 Between Pole No. 7 & 8 A Catego 2 Near Water Tap No. 7 Agra 299-2022-MRA-AVM09 AVM-02

NSG-3

Earnest Money per Stall (in Rs.): ₹ 31,200/-

or the purpose of ceiling limi

Minimum Reserve Price per Stall per annum (in Rs.): ₹ 1,50,000/-Earnest Money per Stall (in Rs.): ₹ 15,600/-NOTE:- (i) Separate tender document for each unit should be uploaded by the enderer. Combined offer will not be accepted.(ii) Location of Catering units mentione as above is only indicative. (iii) Tender of these Catering Units will be awarded seriall

Cantt end

Last Date and time Up to 15:00 Hrs on 30.05.2022 for upload Bid Senior Divisional Commercial Manager, Jhansi Division North Central Railway, Jhansi, Pin Code- 284001 **Contact Authority**

Tele: 0510-2440587, Fax: 0510-2440587 Tender notification & tender form/document and terms & conditions can be ownloaded from the website: www.ireps.gov.in. 462/22 (A f North central railways www.ncr.indianrailways.gov.in @CPRO NCR

CHANDIGARH HOUSING BOARD (A CHANDIGARH ADMINISTRATION UNDERTAKING) 8, Jan Marg, Sector 9-D, Chandigarh, 0172-4601812

PUBLIC NOTICE Notice for inviting e-tenders for allotment of Built-up Dwelling Units/Commercial Units in U.T. Chandigarh It is hereby notified for the information of general public that

e-tenders are Invited for the sale of Built-up units. All the Commercial Units and Residential Units are being sold on Free-Hold basis. Etenders are invited individually for each of Built-up Unit. The E-Tender process is open for all the citizens of India as well as

property (Residential or Commercial) can also participate in the e-Tender. The Built-up Units shall be allotted to the highest eligible bidder. quoting above the reserve price of the Unit. The GST will not be

NRIs/PIOs above 18 years of age. The persons already having any

applicable on the consideration/premium of the unit. All willing participants may visit the official website www.chbonline.in to understand the detailed procedure for submission of Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) and e-bids. The Terms & Conditions and the detailed List mentioning localities/sectors of Built-up Units and reserve price can be downloaded from the official website of the Chandigarh Housing Board i.e. www.chbonline.in In order to submit e-bids, every prospective bidder is required to

get himself/herself registered at https://etenders.chd.nic.in. Stickers have been pasted at each of the Built-up Unit for bette identification and Site Offices have been provided at different Sectors/Location to facilitate inspection by the prospective bidders The location of each of the unit on google map, address of the Site Offices and contact details of the officials are available on the official website www.chbonline.in. The days specified for the inspections

No. of Days for inspections

Chief Accounts Officer

Chandigarh Housing Board, Chandigarh

No.			Units	(10.00A.M. to 5.00 P.M.)		
-1			29	Saturday & Sunday		
H	Commercial Units on Free-Ho	old Basis	06	Salurday & Suliday		
6. 8	chedule of dates for e-Ten	der of th	e Units:	S SUBJE		
Sr. N	o. Event		D	ate & Time		
1.	Starting date and time for bid submission	Starting date and time From 26th April, 2022 for bid submission (10.00A.M.)				
2.	Closing date and time for bid submission	100000000000000000000000000000000000000	25th M: 10:00A	ay, 2022 .M.)		
3	Openion of a bide	256.14	Jan 2022 (Emm 10-15 A M. novem			

GOVERNMENT OF JAMMU & KASHMIR

OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER MECHANICAL HOSPITAL AND CENTRAL HEATING DIVISION SRINAGAR (Tele-fax No: 019-2496089, e-mail id: xenmhchdk@yahoo.in)

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 <u>www.jktenders.gov.ir</u> The bidders shall deposit their bids in electronic format on the above web site from 24.04.2022 (10:00 hrs) to 06.05.2022

No: MHCHD/TS/673-78 Executive Engineer,

New Delhi

WEAR MASK, WASH YOUR HANDS, WATCH YOUR DISTANCE.

e-NIT NO: MHCHD/TS /2022-23/11/e-tendering Dated:-23.04.2022 For and on behalf of the Lt. Governor, UT of J&K e-tenders are invited from registered firms registered under companie:

Act or Registered A class Civil/Electrical Contractor with J&K Govt. or MSME/NSIC registered for the below mentioned

S. No	Name of Work	Est. Cost (Rs. in Lacs)	Cost of T/Doc. (In rupees)	EMD Amount (Rs)	Time of completion (in days)	AA Accorded Vided No:	TS No.
1	2	3	4		5	6	7
1.	Design, Construction, Supply, Erection, Installation, Testing and Commissioning of Five (05) KLD (m³/day) Effluent Treatment Plant based on MBBR Technology at SDH Tangmarg.	9.90	500	20000	45	SHS/J&K/NHM/ FMG/3665-74, Dt:15-03-2022	MHCHD/ TS/05 Dated 04/22

The bids uploaded on the website up to due date and time will be opened on 07.05.2022 (14.00 hrs) or any date convenient to the department in the office of Executive Engineer, MHCHD, Srinagar.

MHCHD, Srinagar DIPK-1082/22

Please take notice that my clients Smt. Kuldeep Kaur W/o Shri Swaran Singh and Shri Swaran Singh S/o Lt. Darshan Singh both R/o. MS-7, Mandir School, Raghubir Nagar, West Delhi, 10027, have disowned their son Ujagar Singh and his wife namely Smt. Manpreet Kaur from all their moveable and immoveable properties and severed all their relations with them, as they all having no cordial relations with my clients and having ill behavolur and irrespective attitude towards my clients, if any body deals with said Shri Ujagar Singh and his wife namely Smt. Manpreet Kaur, in any manner whatsoever, shall do so at any manner whatsoever, shall do so at his/her/their own risk and my clients shall not be responsible of any acts and deeds of the abovesaid persons. VINIT VIRMANI- ADVOCATE OFF: FE-66/67, FF, SHIVAJI ENCLAVE NEW DELHI-110027 MOB.NO.9891656677

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seal of th 23.04.2022.

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Suit No: CS (COMM): 1/2021

Vill. Kapashera, New Delhi- 110037 MR. SAWAN KUMAR, S/o MR DINESH KANT VERMA Defen

IN THE COURT OF SH. HARISH DUDANI, DJ(COMMERCIAL COURT), DWARKA COURTS,

MR. MAHENDRA KUMAR NAYA S/o LATE SH. BINAYAK NAYAK
(PROPRIETOR OF M/S. ART
WOODS) Defendant No. WOODS) Defendant No. Office At- R K 3, Gali No. 23, Ja Road, Bhagwati Garden Extn Uttam Nagar, New Delhi- 110059 Also At- G-26A, Gali No. 22 Bhagwati Garden Extn. Jain Road Uttam Nagar, New Delhi- 110059 MR. ANIL KUMAR, S/o MF LAKHAPAL Defendant No. At- PIt No. G-26A, FF, Old Plot No. At- Pit No. G-20A, FF, Old Plot N 456, Type-I, Bhagwati Garden Ext New Delhi- 110059 Whereas you are intentiona avoiding services of summons. It

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about the impact of the pandemic

on the MSME sector, he exhorted

that 'one-size-fits-all' may not

on track. Edited excerpts:

Interest rate cycle is taking a

turn and with inflation rising

and pressure from inputs

prices, how do you see it all

impacting the investment

scenario?

 $Note: Gold, silver\ rates\ at\ Delhi\ spot\ market, gold\ per\ 10g, silver\ per\ 1\ kg; Crude\ oil\ (Indian\ basket)\ as\ of\ April\ 21\ basket)$

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unfair expectations

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SENSEX: 56,579.89 ▼ 617.26 (1.08%) NIFTY: 16,953.95 ▼ 218.00 (1.27%) NIKKEI: 26,590.78 ▼ 514.48 HANG SENG: 19,869.34 ▼ 769.18 FTSE: 7,375.88 ▼ 145.80 DAX: 13,967.82 ▼ 174.27

10 INDUSTRY BODIES WRITE TO PM

Coal priority for thermal plants: Non-power seeks supply parity

ENSECONOMIC BUREAU NEW DELHI, APRIL 25

LOW DOMESTIC coal supplies to the non-power sector — as the government prioritises coal transportation to thermal plants with low stocks - has prompted the industry to appeal to Prime Minister Narendra Modi for more equitable

distribution of the dry fuel. As many as 10 industry bodies noted that low fuel supply to the non-power sectors, such as aluminium, steel, and cement, had compelled players to procure coal at significantly higher prices in the open market and purchase power from exchanges, further inflating the cost of power. The call from the industry comes at a time when 85 of the 150 thermal plants, which use domestic coal, are facing critically lower stock levels that have forced states to procure expensive power from exchanges. This has also led to power cuts in several states, including Punjab, Haryana, Maharashtra, Uttar Pradesh and Costly power

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Andhra Pradesh.

"The situation has aggravated to such a level that may compel many industries to cut down on production or force closure," the group of 10 associations including Aluminium Association of India, Sponge Iron Manufacturers Association and Coal Consumers'

to the Prime Minister. The representation noted that the dispatches of coal from Coal India had fallen to captive power plants (by 32 per cent), steel (27 per cent), cement (14 per cent) and spongeiron (20 per cent) sectors, compared to FY20 when they should have increased under normal circumstances. The government has been prioritising coal deliveries to thermal power plants since September 2021, as power stations have been facing issues of low coal stocks due to greater power demand, amid low supply from imported coal-based power plants. The letter called for a more equitable supply of coal between the power and nonpower sector consumers, noting that the supply to the non-power sector was much lower than the

The ongoing situation has

25 per cent of supplies allocated

to them under Central guidelines,

leading to over 4,000 rakes of coal

deliveries to the industry remain-

ing an unwarranted increase in power demand and leading to an avoidable inflationary impact on economic stakeholders," the letter noted.

Aluminium, steel and cement producers rely on captive power plants that use domestic coal to generate power for their own consumption. The average Market Clearing Price of power in the Day Ahead Market on the India Energy Exchange has been at or near Rs 12 per unit (kilowatt-hour), the highest permitted level, for the past five days. The letter added that keeping captive plants idle was creating an overall system inefficiency in the form of unnecessary coal transportation and higher specific consumption in units due to low-capacity utilisation and was contributing to raising the cost of finished goods. The rise in the price of imported coal and higher power demand, due to the economic recovery post Covid, are key causes for lower levels of coal stocks at thermal plants, according to government officials.

'LIC IPO set to open on May 4'

LIFE INSURANCE Corporation's (LIC's) initial public offering (IPO) is set to open on May 4 and will close on May 9. The anchor book is slated to open on May 2 but the issue will open for retail investors two days later, as May 3 is a holiday on account of Eid.

Investment bankers said that the government has cut the issue size to Rs 21.000 crore and the issue is now valued at 1.1 times its embedded value of Rs 5.4 trillion. In September 2021, the government had appointed Milliman Advisors to value the country's largest insurer and arrived at an embedded value of Rs 5.4 trillion. Embedded value is the measure of consolidated shareholder value of an insurer. Historically, listed private sector insurers have traded at 2-3 times their embedded value.

Market experts said the valuation leaves a lot on the table for in-

The issue size was cut from the earlier proposed Rs 65,000 crore as market conditions turned negative after Russia attacked Ukraine,



LIC building, Mumbai. Investment bankers said that

tizzy. In March this year, market experts had urged the government to price the public issue at attractive valuations for it to sail through in the current market conditions. With better pricing and 10 million policy-holders opening demat accounts to get a further discount on the IPO price, the issue would not

LIChad filed its draft papers for IPO on February 13. The government had time till May 12 to launch the IPO without filing fresh papers with the Securities and

on interest rate cycle' THE INDUSTRY cannot have "unfair expectations" in terms of the interest rate cycle as central banks across the world are now tightening monetary policies, CII president and Tata Steel CEO & MD TV NARENDRAN said. In an interview with PRANAV MUKUL and

Ukraine problem, for instance, the

coking coal prices are very dependent on the geopolitical issues. So it was up or down depending on that. That's big input cost for steel sector. Some of these are structural but not necessarily permanent. The sentiment is still quite pos-They are structural but will go away itive when we talk to our memas things settle and the RBI has been taking a view and that's why bers. The increase in interest rates were in some sense inevitable it has not been increasing interest given the inflationary pressures rates because they felt that some of and we feel the RBI has been very these have less to do with local issues and more to do with tempoaccommodative over the last few rary global issues. But having said quarters. So we cannot have unfair expectations, central banks across that, as inflation has gone up and the world are taking these calls. As India is also very vulnerable to oil prices, RBI is taking a view and like far as input cost pressures are conall central banks, they cannot sit by cerned, there is some concern about some margin pressures if inflation is higher than what they while the demand continues to be are comfortable with. So that's an strong. But whether the margins action that they will take.

There are many sectors that were impacted worse than the others. MSME sector is one, but even within MSMEs, it's not everyone. If you really look at India's strong exports, a lot of exports happens through MSMEs. Many MSMEs have also done well but there are many who have struggled. So you need to have a sector-specific approach rather than a MSME approach in general because not all of them are doing badly. Our own admission to the government has been that for some of these sectors, you have a very focused approach. Some things like ECLGS have helped, but even beyond that we need to see how we can help some of these sectors, which are more impacted and get them back on track. So it's not a one-size fits all approach. Monetary policy is important, they need to do what they need to do, but not all of the inflation is because of the fact that on the supply-side, it has seen disruption and many people have gone out. Supply-side impact is more geopolitical and global than local, and MSMF co

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'Despite policy efforts, half of Indian adults credit unserved'

Around 480 million adult Indians till 65, representing half of the overall population in the earning segment, are 'credit unserved', as per a Transunion Cibil report



~5% of consumers who started as credit underserved were found to have migrated to becoming more credit active in a 2-yr window. Underserved consumers are those who have minimal credit

Specific efforts are being taken by policy apparatus to deepen India's credit culture to ensure borrowers do not fall prey to usurious moneylenders. Jan Dhan Yojana, which saw the opening of over 450 million accounts, has accounts that come with a credit overdraft facility Source: Transunion Cibil/PTI

To fight inflation, raising policy rates not 'anti-national': Rajan

ENSECONOMIC BUREAU NEW DELHI, APRIL 25

RAISING INTEREST rates to address inflation should not be considered as "anti-national" activity by politicians and bureaucrats, former RBI Governor Raghuram Rajan said Monday, underscored the importance of hiking rates in line with rest of the world. "Inflation is up in India. At

some point, the RBI will have to raise rates, like the rest of the world is doing," he said in a LinkedIn post.

In March, retail inflation was at a 17-month high of 6.95 per cent, above the upper tolerance level of



RAGHURAM RAJAN

the RBI, while the wholesale pricebased inflation rose to a fourmonth peak of 14.55 per cent, mainly due to rising of crude oil and commodity prices. "... politicians and bureaucrats will have to rates is not some anti-national activity benefiting foreign investor. but is an investment in economic stability, whose greatest beneficiary is the Indian state," he wrote.

Earlier this month, the RBI's monetary policy committee kept borrowing costs unchanged at a record low for the 11th time in a row in a bid to continue supporting economic growth despite inflation edging higher. While the RBI raised the retail inflation proiection for the current financial year to 5.7 per cent from the earlier forecast of 4.5 per cent, the benchmark interest rate was retained at 4 per cent.

higher rates held back the economy during his term. Raian wrote that he became RBI Governor with a 3-year term in September 2013 when India had a full-blown currency crisis with the rupee in free fall. "Inflation was at 9.5 per cent then, the RBI raised the reporate from 7.25 per cent in September 2013 to 8 per cent to quell inflation. As inflation came down, we cut the reporate by 150 basis points to 6.5 per cent," he wrote. "We also signed on to an inflation targeting framework with the government,'

policy may have an impact on inflation, there seem to be more structural issues. Do you think that interest rate hike alone would be enough? The inflationary impact is of

While a tightened monetary

will get impacted, how much of

the impact of the input costs can

be passed on to the customers without hurting demand — these

are some of the questions our

members are dealing with. But

overall when we have spoken to

them, the sentiment is positive.

people expecting to continue to

spend more on capex than they

did in the previous years. So, there

is obviously some concern about

the turbulence but nothing has

been derailed so far.

multiple reasons. Lot of it is to do with the recovery post pandemic globally being faster than most people thought and supply chains not prepared for that. So you had shortages on semiconductors, containers, multiple bottlenecks, which were exposed which led to events also had an impact if you look at China and Australia had a problem before that. Now with the

FULL INTERVIEW ON

Tata Sons EGM approves fresh 5-year term for Chandrasekaran

Mumbai: The extraordinary general meeting (EGM) of Tata Sons on Monday cleared the reappointment of N Chandrasekaran as Executive Chairman with effect from February 21. It also approved the appointment of former Defence Secretary Vijay Singh and former UTI MD-CEO Leo Puri as directors on the board of Tata Sons.

Chandrasekaran's term will be for five years till February 20, 2027. He drew a salary of Rs 90.97 crore in FY21, as per the EGM notice. Tata Trusts, headed by Ratan Tata, hold around 66 per cent stake in Tata Sons, the holding company of various Tata firms. The Mistry family holds over 18 per cent stake in the company. ENS

BRIEFLY -

Sebi panel rejig

New Delhi: Sebi restructured its advisory panel on market data that recommends policy measures on securities data access and privacy.

Bol fundraise

New Delhi: Bank of India (BoI) on Monday said it will raise up to Rs 2,500 crore by issuing fresh equity shares to comply with minimum public shareholding requirement of 25%.

Cyient buy

New Delhi: IT company Cyient will acquire global plant and product engineering services company Citec for about ₹800 crore to boost its business offerings.

PTC directors

New Delhi: PTC India's shareholders have approved the appointment of three nonexecutive directors. PTI

RIL-FRL deal off: Future group co shares plunge up to 20%

MUMBAI, APRIL 25

SHARES OF Future group companies plunged by up to 20 per cent on the stock exchanges on Monday with Reliance Industries (RIL) calling off the deal to buy Future Retail assets after secured lenders to the group firms rejected the RIL proposal.

Future Supply Chain plummeted by 19.96 per cent to Rs 37.30, Future Market Network plunged by 14.30 per cent to Rs 7.07 and Future Lifestyle Fashions

London: Oil slumped over 5 per

cent on Monday to its lowest in

two weeks on growing worries

about the global energy demand

outlook due to prolonged Covid

lockdowns in Shanghai and poten-

tial increases in US interest rates.

misery dragged into a fourth week,

as orders for mass testing in

Beijing's biggest district sparked

fears that the Chinese capital could

be destined for a similar fate. Brent

fell \$5.88, or 5.5 per cent, to

\$100.77 a barrel by 2:03 pm ET,

while WTI crude fell \$5.11, or 5 per

New Delhi: Tata Group-owned Air

India has lost its preferential ac-

cess to bilateral rights that are

needed to operate flights to an-

other country, according to a cir-

cular issued by the Directorate

General of Civil Aviation (DGCA).

cess to bilateral rights, which are

granted under air services agree-

ments signed between two coun-

tries - as it was a government-

owned national carrier. However,

the Tata Group took control of Air

India on January 27. Clause 3.6 of

the previous DGCA circular stated,

Air India had preferential ac-

cent, to \$96.96. REUTERS

Shanghai's Covid lockdown

by 19.89 per cent to Rs 29.40. RIL as the Sensex fell 617 points, or one per cent, to 56,579.89.

Future Retail tanked by five per cent to Rs 27.80 and Future Enterprises fell by 9.87 per cent to Rs 5.66. Future group firms fell amid speculation that banks are likely to push for group insolvency as all Future groups are interconnected in the business. If this happens, equity shareholders of Future group companies are likely to see the value of their shareholding being wiped out if the company is taken to the bankruptcy

Oil slumps 5% on Shanghai curbs

Mumbai: The rupee declined 22

paise to close at 76.64 against the

US dollar on Monday, tracking a

strong greenback overseas and a

lacklustre trend in the domestic

which gauges the greenback's

strength against a basket of six currencies, was trading 0.34 per cent

ended 617.26 points or 1.08 per

cent lower at 56.579.89, while the

bilateral rights for overseas flights

Air India aircraft, Chandigarh.

Tata group took control of the

"Due consideration shall be given

to the operational plans submit-

ted by Air India Limited before al-

airline on January 27. File

higher at 101.56.

AI loses preferential access to

Meanwhile, the dollar index,

The 30-share BSE Sensex

REASON FOR FALL

■ Future group firms fell amid speculation that banks are likely to push for group insolvency as all Future groups are interconnected in the business.

court for resolution.

Rupee dives 22p, Sensex slips

Once a company is taken to the IBC route, equity shareholders have the last claim over any assets of a company after dues to

The Sensex ended

1.08 per cent lower

broader NSE Nifty fell 218 points

Foreign institutional investors

remained net sellers in the capital

market on Friday as they offloaded

shares worth Rs 2,461.72 crore, ac-

cording to stock exchange data. PTI

other eligible applicants.'

The new DGCA circular, issued

For the airlines of a particular

on April 19, removed the clause.

country to operate international

flights to another country, the two

sides have to negotiate and sign a

"bilateral air services agreement",

which decides how many flights

(or seats) per week can be allowed

to fly from one country to the

other. Once such an agreement is

signed, each country is free to al-

locate the bilateral rights to its re-

spective airlines. PTI

or 1.27 per cent to 16,953.95.

617.26 points or

tors and bondholders are paid off. Banks are likely to take Future Retail to the NCLT after they rejected the company's plan to sell its assets to Reliance Industries Ltd (RIL). Future group companies have a loan exposure of over Rs 28,000 crore.

Shares of Reliance Industries also dipped 2.3 per cent to Rs 2694.85 on the BSE.

(IBC) puts banks and financial institutions at the top of the list be-

According to analysts, Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code

However, analysts are not ruling out a debt restructuring pro-

posal from Future group promoters – Kishore Biyani – to save the group. Reliance Industries on Saturday said the takeover proposal can't be implemented as secured creditors rejected the RIL plan. On Friday, secured lenders rejected Future Retail's deal to sell its assets to Reliance Retail.

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the government has cut the issue size to ₹21,000 cr. File

hit hurdles, bankers feel.

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the government, financial insti- fore statutory dues. Equity share-

they get whatever is left after banks and bondholders are paid up. In most cases, shareholders don't get anything, said an analyst

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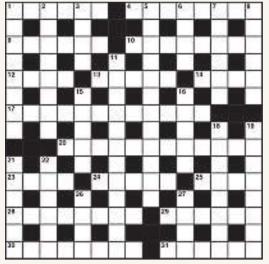
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CROSSWORD 4724



ACROSS 1 Three of them make a quarter

4 Ten heart operations could signal danger (8) 9 Faultless beginner? (6) 10 A place of grazing (8) 12 Medicine ball? (4) 13 Writer from the US (5)

17 Unable to say why you can't solve a crossword? (4,3,5) 20 Last thing an American can bet with? (6,6) 23 Just open a grating (4)

14 It becomes inflamed by the lash

24 In time some fellows improve $25\, The\, French\, way\, to\, get\, fat$

28 To each in turn it appears unfinished(8) 29 Economic growth? (6) 30 Left in error (3,5) 31 Seem to be a soft fruit

DOWN

1 No other organisation can compete with it (8) 2 Love isn't unusual as the theme for her writings (8) 3 Kick from a horse (4) 5 Are tailors so addictive? (5-7)

6 Use a different name for Jacob's brother (4) 7 A number of European wars (6) 8 Ann set out for French city (6) 11 It's played for someone's benefit (7,5)

15 A measure in operation (5) 16 Being stupid I omit to include a phrase(5)18 Feel a bit upset by a trifling annoyance (8) 19 One who hopes to get as good as he gives (8) 21 Share it with Nora perhaps (6) 22 Charm a number at a

26 Upwards of 101 meeting points

27 Cut down on meat (4)

fashionable meeting (6)

Solutions Crossword 4723: Across: 1 Right, 4 Arbiter, 8 For, 9 Wineglass, 10 Thirsty, 11 Needy, 13 Dealer, 15 Danube, 18 Sheaf, 19 Towpath, 21 Franchise, 23 Ion, 24 Riposte, 25 Tense. **Down:** 1 Refuted, 2 Germinate, 3 Towns, 4 Annoys, 5 Begonia, 6 Tea, 7 Rusty, 12 Education, 14 Effects, 16 Enhance, 17 Stripe, 18 Safer 20 Wrest, 22 Asp.

OVER THE HEDGE by Michael Fry & T Lewis







CALVIN & HOBBES by Bill Watterson









MARVIN by Tom Armstrong

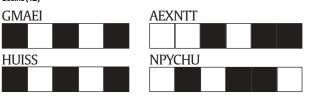




JUMBLED WORDS

Given below are four jumbled words. Solve the jumbles to make proper words and move them to the respective squares below. Select the letters in the shaded squares and jumble them to get the answer for the given quip

about what you do, you feel this positive energy. It's very simple. - Paulo Coelho (12)



It's very simple, - Paulo Coelho Answer: When you are **enthusiastic** about what you do, you feel this positive energy. SOLUTION: IMAGE, SUSHI, EXTANT, PUNCHY

Difficulty Level 5s Instructions

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SUDOKU

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

Difficulty Level

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

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	5		3		1		2	

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6	4	8	1	3	7	5	2	9
3	7	5	4	2	9	1	6	8
9	2	1	8	6	5	4	3	7
1	8	9	5	4	2	3	7	6
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DAY TODAY

ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr 20)

Yours is not the only sign that is subject to epic astrological configurations as the planets form and re-form their patterns across your chart. Now you have more to learn about personal relationships than almost anyone else, and most

TAURUS (Apr 21 - May 21) There is no real lack

of co-operation or consideration on the part of partners, yet it may still be difficult to finalise any long-term plans, largely because the planetary picture is changing so rapidly this week. You're on a long-range cycle of uncertainty, so don't expect instant results.

GEMINI (May 22 - June 21)

It's necessary to say a few more words about your financial situation. In

particular, you can expect to gain from new partnerships, especially with members of the female sex, or from investments in the arts. Your most dynamic partnership, though, may still be a secret.

CANCER (June 22 - July 23)



emphasis seems to be on luxury and colour rather than on what is necessary for your security or survival. There is so much to gain from a generous gesture, so don't hold back.

LEO (July 24 - Aug 23)



Iupiter, in a part of your chart that is dedicated to selfless deeds, a truly noble combination. There still seems to be no way to restrict the explosion in your expenses, but a solution will appear soon.

VIRGO (Aug 24 - Sep 23) In your solar chart, the signs of

Capricorn and Cancer reveal much

about your creative desires in the broadest sense - the wish to express your individuality on the highest level. These celestial signs' importance points you to the deeper significance of your

BY PETER VIDAL

LIBRA (Sep 24 - Oct 23)

It's strange how a state of uncertainty internationally is

reflected in changing arrangements in your life. The key is the stars' tendency to act on many different levels both in your private affairs and in your environment, and in your community.

SCORPIO (Oct 24 - Nov 23) It now seems

without question that your planets are pulling you in two directions. Mars is insisting that you get out and about, mixing widely and making new friends, while Venus is urging you to hide yourself away with

a chosen loved one, forgetting

the cares of the world. SAGITTARIUS (Nov 24 - Dec 22)



changes of plan, probably prompted by close partners. Delays due to mechanical failure seem to be less likely, but there is some other obstacle in the way, no more than your lack of confidence.

CAPRICORN (Dec 23 - Jan 20) We are now entering

another major challenging phase, during which events that took place months ago may be repeated, though not in exactly the same form. The immediate task now is to put new relationships on a firm

AQUARIUS (Jan 21-Feb 19) According to one of the greatest

footing and fulfil your long-

term promises.

astrologers of the last century, the transits you are now experiencing may operate in

one of two ways. One is 'vain and idle', the other is 'reckless and revolutionary'. You clearly have great scope for stirring up your friends and your environment. Use it wisely

PISCES (Feb 20 - Mar 20)



not as much as earlier in the year. You may therefore bring vour attention to bear on more wide-ranging ambitions. particularly if an emotional tie is under scrutiny

NORTHERN RAILWAY

Tender Notice No. AMI/2022-23/NRCH/02 Date: 25.04.2022 Invitation of Tenders through E-procurement system

Deputy Chief Materials Manager, Northern Railway, Central Hospital, New Delhi-110055, for and on behalf of the President of India, invites e-tenders through e-procurement system for supply of the following items:-

١	S. No.	Tender No.	Brief Description	Qty.	Closing Date
١	1.	82220238	Ointment Containing Nimusulide	88800	18.05.2022
			10mg, Methyl Salicylate 100mg,	Nos	
١			Menthol 50mg, Capsaicin 0.25mg		
١	2.	82221031	Infusion Human Serum Albumin	1370	25.05.2022
			20%/100 ml	Nos	
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 $\underline{\textbf{Note}}\text{:-}\textbf{1.} \, \text{Vendors may visit the IREPS website i.e.} \, \underline{\textbf{www.ireps.gov.in}}$ for details. 2. No Manual offer will be entertained.



NORTH CENTRAL RAILWAY, PRAYAGRAJ

No. CEN/84/PRYJ/2023-01

E-TENDER NOTICE Dy. CE/Const.-II/North Central Railway/Prayagraj, for and on behalf of the

President of India, invites the following E-Tenders on prescribed form for the following works upto 15.00 hrs. on 16.05.2022. The details of the tenders are as under:-

	S N	Tender No.	Name of work	Approx Cost of work (Rs.)	Earnest Money (Rs.)	Completion Period
	1	CEN/ 2023-01	Miscellaneous Civil Works (Provision of Heavy Duty Height - Gauge Crash - barrier, GCCM Drain etc) in connection with new 3rd DN line between NYN (Naini) & PCOI (Cheoki) at PCOI Station Yard.	76,16,259.68	1,52,300	6 months
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Date of Opening of tender: 16.05.2022

Eligibility criteria for similar work: Any Civil Engg. Work Type of tendering: Single packet system

Note:-1. The complete information along with tender document of above E-Tenders are available on Website www.ireps.gov.in up to 15:00 on the due date of tender opening i.e. 16.05.2022. 2. Bids other than in the form of E-bids shall not be accepted against above Tenders. For this purpose, venders are required to get themselves registered with IREPS website along with Digital Signature Certificates issued by CCA under IT Act-2000 3. Payment of Earnest money deposit (EMD) and tender document cost (TDC) in respect of E-tendering should be accepted through Net-Banking or payment gateway only. 4. Rates entered into Financial Rate page and duly signed digitally shall be considered. Rates and any other financial entity in any other form/letter head if attached by vendor shall be straight way ignored and shall not be considered. 5. Joint Venture (JV)/ Consortiums/MOUs shall be considered for the tender having cost more than 10 Cr. 6. Documents being attached should be signed by the tenderer on its body. 7. The tenderers shall submit a certificate as given in tender document in standard format for all items without which their tender may not be considered and shall be summarily rejected. 8. Each page of the copy of documents/certificates in support of credentials, submitted by the tenderer, shall be self-attested digitally signed by the tenderer or authorized representative of the tendering firm. Slef-attestion shall include signature, stamp and date on each page). Only those documents which are declared explicitly by the tenderer as "documents supporting the claim qualifying the land down eligibility criteria", will be considered for evaluation his/their tender. In case of any wrong information submitted by the tenderer, the contract will be terminated, earnest money (EMD) Performance Guarantee (PG and Security Deposit (SD) of contract will be

be opened at 15.30 hrs. on same day. North central railways www.ncr.indianrailways.gov.in @CPRONCR

forfeited and agency will be banned for doing business on entire Indian

Railways for five (5) years, 9, GST Act & rules issued from time to time by

the Government authorities shall be applicable. 10. In case of any difficulty

helpdesk available on the website of IREPS may be approached.

11. Tender online can be submitted up to 15.00 hrs. on 16.05.2022 and will

Tender Notice No. SSE/TM/42/21-22; tated: 18-84-2022, E-tenders are invited y the undersigned for the following work: ender No.: SSE-TM42-21-22, Name of Work: Procurement of Tungsten Carbide Tamping Tools for 3 nos MFI machine. Each set of TCTT for MFI consisting of TCTT as per RDSO specification no. TW HM5/320 rev-00 of July 2018 (i) (Plasser Part. No.: CU-30-10840-FR-1) (RDSO drawing no. ROSO/TM/15A/16) (Oty-8 is) (ii) (Plasser Part No. CU-30-6840) 6) (Cry. 4 nos.) (III) (Plasser Part No. Clu-30-2743-FRI) (RDSO drawing no RDSO) [M/018/16] (QIy-4 nos.). Estimated Cost: ₹13,38,738/- E-Tender will be losed upto 15:00 hrs. and will be pened at 15:30 hrs. on 18-05-2022. The emplete information with tender ocument of above e-tenders will be milable upto 14.30 hrs of 18-05-2022 n website http://www.ireps.gov/in.

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https://eproc.punjab.gov.in

WESTERN RAILWAY SUPPLY OF 10 MM THICK CGRSP FOR WIDER SLEEPER

Tender Notice No.WTR/17/2022/03 dated 25.04.2022 for tender on e procurement mode only are invited by Chief Engineer (Track Supply), conditions/Corrigendum please visit 0061

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Head Quarter Office, Old Building, 2nd floor, Churchgate, Mumbai: 400020 for supply of the following ems: Tender No.: 226004 Short Description: 10mm thick CGRSP for wider sleeper confirming to drg. no.T-8747 Alt-1. Tender Quantity: 16309155 Nos. Date of closing tender : 31.05.2022. Time of closing of E-tender Box 11.30 hrs on the date of closing of tender For detailed tender

www.ireps.gov.in

C-145/22

PSPCL Punjab State Power Corporation Limited Regd Office: PSEB Head Office, The Mall, (Patiala) CIN: U40109PB2010SGC033813, Website: www.pspcl.in

(Contact Number: 96461-08405) Tender Enquiry No. 35/CE/Thermal (D)/2022-23 Dy. CE/Projects under THERMAL DESIGNS ORGANISATION PSPCL, Patiala Shed No. T-2, Thermal (D) Shakti Vihar, Patiala invites tender notice for Utilization of Dry Fly Ash at GGSSTP, Ropar For detailed NIT & tender specification please refer https://eproc.punjab.gov.in from 27.04.2022. (11.00 AM onwards). Note: Corrigendum and amendments, if any, will be published online at

BEFORE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-III, DELHI 4th Floor, Jeevan Tara Building, Parliament Street, New Delhi-110001

ice under Section 19(4) of the Recovery of Debts Due to Banks and Financial Institutions A 1993 read with Rule 12 & 13 of the Debts Recovery Tribunal (Procedure Rules) 1993 In the matter of **0.A. NO. 846/2021**

M/S DIVYANSHU ENTERPRISES AND ORS PUNJAB NATIONAL BANK Vs **Applicant Defendants** -1 M/S DIVYANSHU ENTERPRISES (THROUGH ITS PARTNER)

REGD OFFICE AT: PLOT NO. 680, PACE CITY-II, SECTOR-37, GURUGRAM-122001 ALSO AT: 1384, SECTOR-10A, NEAR COMMUNITY CENTRE, GURUGRAM-122001 ALSO AT: NEAR POST OFFICE, HARSOLI, ALWAR-301403, RAJASTHAN D-2 MR. PANKAJ SHARMA S/O SH KRISHAN KUMAR, PARTNER M/S DIVYANSHU ENTERPRISES, PLOT NO. 680, PACE CITY-II, SECTOR-37, GURUGRAM-122001 ALSO AT: 1384, SECTOR-10A, NEAR COMMUNITY CENTRE, GURUGRAM-

122001 ALSO AT: F-295, NEW RAJINDER NAGAR, NEW DELHI-110060 ALSO AT: NEAR POST OFFICE, HARSOLI, ALWAR-301403, RAJASTHAN D-3 MSMONIKASHARMAW/OSHPANKAJSHARMA, PARTNER M/S DIVYANSHU ENTERPRISES, PLOT NO. 680, PACE CITY-II, SECTOR-37, GURUGRAM-122001 ALSO AT: 86 B, LIG FLATS, PHASE-I, KATWARIA SARAI, QUTAN ENCLAVE, NEW DELHI-110016 ALSO AT: 1384, SECTOR-10A, NEAR COMMUNITY CENTRE, GURUGRAM-122001 ALSO AT: F-295. NEW RAJINDER NAGAR. NEW DELHI-110060 ALSO AT: NEAR POST OFFICE, HARSOLI, ALWAR-301403, RAJASTHAN

Whereas the above named applicant has instituted a case against you and whereas has been shown to the satisfaction of the Tribunal that it is not possible to serve you in ordinary way. Therefore, this notice is given by advertisement directing you to make appearance in this Tribunal 30.05.2022 at 10.30 A.M. Take notice that in case of your failure to appear on the above mentioned day before

this Tribunal, the case will be heard and decided in your absence

Ph. No 23748469.

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Conferencing and for that purpose:-All the Advocates/Litigants shall download the Cisco Webex application/Software; Meeting ID and Password for the next date of hearing qua cases to be taken by Registrar/Recovery Officer-I/ and Recovery Officer-II shall be available one day prior to the next date at DRT Official Portal i.e. **drt.gov.in** under the Public Notice Head. ii) In any exigency qua that, the Advocates/Letigants can contact the concerned official

Due to ongoing Pandemic Situation, all the matters will be taken up through Video

Given under my hand and seal of the Tribunal on this 22™ day of April, 2022. By Order of the Tribunal

GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA 1 OFFICE OF THE CHIEF CONSTRUCTION ENGINEER **RURAL WORKS CIRCLE, BALASORE**

No. 1118 /WE, Dt:- 20.04.2022 e-procurement Notice

- Name of the Work :- "Building Works."
- **Estimated Cost**

Works Circle,

S Tender

- :- Rs. 352.05 Lakh and 433.92 Lakh (Approximate) :- 15 (Nine) Calender Months including rainy seaso
- 3. Time for completion 4. No of Work :- 2 (Two) Nos
- 5. Summary for key dates :-

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Procurement Officer	Bid Identification No.	Availability of Tender on-line for bidding		Last Date & Time of seeking	Date & Time of opening of Tender		
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Chief Construction Engineer Engineer, Rural	N.C.B. No 327	Dt. 30.04.2022 at 11.00	Dt. 17.05.2022 up to 5.00	Dt. 13.05.2022 Up to 5.00	Dt. 18.05.2022 at 11.00	Will be intimate	

Further details can be seen from the website www.tendersodisha.gov.in other changes/corrigendums may be seen only www.tendersodisha.gov.in

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Sd/- Er. S.K. Mishra Chief Construction Engineer Rural Works Circle, Balasore OIPR-25105/11/0005/2223

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NORTH CENTRAL RAILWAY, PRAYAGRAJ

Tender Notice No. 0620222023

Dated 18.04.2022 Divisional Railway Manager (Engineering)/North Central Railway/Prayagra). for and on behalf of the President of India, invites E-TENDERS on prescribed form for the following work up to 13:30 hrs. on 18.05.2022. The details of the Tender are as under-

S	Tender No.	Name of work	Approx. Cost of work (?)	Honey (₹)
1,	33	Annual Civil Maintenance work from ALJN To Khurja (excl) and up to Harduaganj Branch Line for period ending 30.05.2023 under ADEN/ALJN.	₹ 95,00,000.00	₹ 1,90,000.00
2.	34	Annual Civil Maintenance work from Khurja Jn. To Chhipyana Buzurg for period ending 30.06.2023 under ADEN/ALJN.		₹ 1,91,400,00
3,	35	Annual Civil Maintenance work from PORAtoALIN (excl.) and including HRS- HRF Branch Line for period ending 30.06.2023 under ADEN/T/TDL.		₹ 1,46,000.00
4,	36	Annual Civil Maintenance work from TDL (end.) to Pora (end.) including ETH-BRN Branch Line for period ending 30.08.3023 unstable MTDI	78,00,000.00	1,56,000.00

Completion Period: For St. No. 1 to 4:38.05.2023, Date of Opening of ender: For SI. No. 1 to 4: 18.05.2022, Eligibility Criteria for similar Work. For SI. No. 1 to 4: Any Civil Engineering Work.

NOTE: (1) E-Tender Forms shall be issued free of cost to all tenderers (2). The complete information along with tender document of above Efenders is available on Website www.ireps.gov.in_up to 13:30 hrs. on the due date of tender opening i.e. 18.05.2022. (3) Bids other than in the orm of E-bids shall not be accepted against above tenders. For this purpose, vendors are required to get themselves registered with IREPS website along with Digital Signature Certificate issued by CCA under IT Act-2000. (4) The tenderers shall submit a copy of certificate as given in ender document in standard format, without which their tender may not be considered and shall be summarily rejected. (5) In case of any difficulty helpdesk available on the website of IREPS may be approached. (6) The tenderer has to submit necessary documents in compliance of clause 10 to 18 (Part-I) of GCC July 2020 mandatorily otherwise offer will be considered as Incomplete offer and accordingly shall not be considered. f North central railways

Punjab State Power Corporation Limited

Regd. Office.: PSEB Head Office, The Mall, Patiala CIN: U40109PB2010SGC033813; Website: www.pspcl.in (Contact No. 96461-18774)

Tender Enquiry No.: MQP-198/2022-23/PR Dated: 25.04.2022 CE/Meeting, PSPCL, C-3, Shakti Vihar, PSPCL, Patiala invites E-tender fo procurement of 400 no. -/5 Amp, 11KV/110V, DLMS Compliant AC, 3 Phase, 4 wire CT/PT operated fully Static and AMR compatible HT Tri vector Feeder Energy meters (CATEGORY A) of accuracy class 0.2S and Empanelment of technically eligible firms for private sale of above material. For detailed NIT & tender specification please refer to https://eproc.punjab.gov.in from 25.04.2022. (02.00 PM onwards).

Note: Corrigendum and amendments, if any, will be published online at https://eproc.punjab.gov.in C146/22

Office Address





Government of Jammu & Kashmir Office of the Pr. Chief Conservator of Forests & HoFF

Jammu & Kashmir Forest Department Notification for tender No.01/CAMPA/2022-23 dated 25.04.2022

The Jammu and Kashmir Forest Department (JKFD) invites proposals for hiring of services of reputed and experienced agencies to undertake third party evaluation of activities under different components of Compensatory Afforestation Fund Management and Planning Authority (CAMPA) executed by the Forest and allied Departments during 2019-20 to 2021-22, covering all forest divisions of the

For details of RFP, please visit the official website of J&K Forest Department at www.jkfprest.gov.in and www.jkfenders.gov.in.

The last date for receipt of tender is 16 May 2022 at 3:00 PM

(Tender Inviting Authority) Chief Executive Officer, J&K GAMPA Van Bhawan, Below Gumat Jammu-180001

kcampace!@gmail.com

DIPK-1130/22

UT of Jammu & Kashmir.

Government of Jammu and Kashmir School Education Department Civil Secretariat, Jammu/Srinagar NOTICE

Subject: Publication of Advertisement notice for the post of Chairman, JKBOSE and Director JKSCERT.

Department of School Education, JKUT has invited application forms for Appointment to the post of Director, JKSCERT (JKUT) and Chairman JKBOSE from the eligible candidates of the country as given in the advertisement notice available on the official website of School Education Department jkeducation.gov.in For submission of SCERT application filled in respect the mail address scertappointment2022@gmail.com and for submission of JKBOSE application filled in all respects the mail address is jkboseappointment2022@gmail.com

Desirous and eligible candidates are informed to download application form from above website and submit the complete filled application form by or before 25th May 2022 on the above mentioned emails and hardcopy (pdf format) shall be send on the official address of Principal Secretary to Government School Education Department, Srinagar/Jammu against proper acknowledgement.

In case of any issue please contact Mr. Umesh Sharma (Deputy Secretary to Government, School Education Department) Cell No. 7006650198 or 7006862165.

(Naseer Ahmad Wani) JKAS Additional Secretary to Government School Education Department

New Delhi

DIPK-1105/22





Badminton Asia Championships: Sen, Sindhu eye medals

Manila: Focus will be on two-time Olympic medallist P V Sindhu and world championships bronze winner Lakshya Sen when they lead India's challenge at the Badminton Asia Championships, beginning here on Tuesday. A lot of hope will ride on Sen and Sindhu as the duo has been in good form in the run-up to the continent championships, which is returning after a gap of two years due to COVID-19.

WTA not returning to China in 2022

Mumbai: The WTA is still working to find a resolution to the standoff with China over the Peng Shuai issue but will not return to the country this year, Tour chief Steve Simon said. "We remain dedicated to finding a resolution to this," Simon told The Tennis Podcast. "We want to find a resolution that Peng can be comfortable with, the Chinese government can be comfortable with, and we can be comfortable with. We are not about walking away from China. We have suspended our operations there right now. We will continue to do that until we get to a resolution."

Asian Games will go ahead in Sept: OCA

Mumbai: The Olympic Council of Asia (OCA) has requested an update from Beijing on the COVID-19 situation in China but remains confident the Asian Games will go ahead in Hangzhou in September, a senior official at the body told Reuters on Monday. The Games are scheduled to take place from Sept. 10-25 in the capital of Zhejiang province, some 175 kilometres southwest of Shanghai. A senior official, speaking under condition of anonymity, said the OCA had been in contact with Chinese officials but there was "as of now" no concern about cancellation or postponement.

Barca lose, Madrid 1 point from title

Madrid: Barcelona lost 1-0 to Rayo Vallecano on Sunday, marking the first time it lost three in a row at home in all competitions in the same season, and leaving leader Madrid just a point away from winning its second league title in three seasons. Madrid will have its first chance of lifting the trophy Saturday when it hosts Espanyol. Madrid is 15 points ahead of second-place Barcelona with five rounds to go.

Sharath wins 10th national TT title

Shillong: Star paddler A Sharath Kamal secured his 10th national title with a thrilling 4-3 win over G Sathiyan in the men's singles summit clash at the 83rd Senior National and Inter-State Table Tennis Championships here on Monday. The 39-year-old dropped his racquet and ran around the arena to celebrate his triumph after Sathiyan's return went out, giving him the last point for a 7-11, 12-10, 9-11, 7-11, 12-10, 11-9, 11-6 win. PTI, AP & REUTERS

The Dhawans show

Rishi in the final over, backed by Rabada and Arshdeep, and Shikhar with the bat, help PK pip CSK



Mayank Agarwal and Rishi Dhawan celebrate after the latter dismissed MS Dhoni in the final over.

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SYNOPSIS: After Dhawan guided Punjab to 187, Rabada and Arshdeep squeezed CSK at the death despite Rayudu's counter-attack

ABHISHEK PUROHIT MUMBAI, APRIL 25

IN A near-repeat of Sunday's game at

Wankhede Stadium, Shikhar Dhawan's unbeaten 88 lifted Punjab Kings to 187 for 4. Ambati Rayudu's 78 off 39 turned around a misfiring chase but Kagiso Rabada sent him back with two overs left, and MS Dhoni wasn't able to reprise his last-over heroics from Chennai Super Kings' previous game against Mumbai Indians.

Monday follows Sunday

The match was played on the same side pitch on which Lucknow Super Giants defeated Mumbai Indians a day ago. And at the halfway stage of the first innings, both LSG and PK were on the exact score - 72 for 1.

Stroke-making proved to be difficult again, especially at the start, on an already sticky surface that was being used on successive nights. Even the field placings were the same; deep point and deep square leg were the two deep fielders in the powerplay, with both third man and fine leg in the ring. With CSK's three spinners in action in helpful conditions, for a while But PK would go on to take 115 off the last ten overs; LSG had managed 96.

One of the differences was CSK's twin drops of Bhanuka Rajapaksa in successive overs from Ravindra Jadeja right after the powerplay. Ruturaj Gaikwad and Mitchell Santner were the culprits on either side of the longer square leg-side boundary. Rajapaksa scored 42 off 32 helped along by misfield and poor deliveries in addition to the drops. He and Dhawan added 110 for the second wicket in 11.3 overs. Rajapaksa departed probably an over or two too late than what PK would have wanted, delaying the arrival of Liam Livingstone until the 18th over. But it also meant the English all-rounder came in with a clear mindset and did not

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have to think about batting longer in tricky

conditions. Livingstone and Jonny Bairstow

scored a combined 25 off ten balls, helping

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PK post 19 more than LSG had Dhawan takes it deep

Continuing the similarities from Sunday night, Dhawan batted through the first innings, like KLRahul had, but with not as much late acceleration in an 88 off 59. Rahul had taken on the longer square rope and beaten the boundary riders with deft placement. What Dhawan did instead was make good use of the shorter side. He made sure the of ferings on the pads disappeared past short fine leg. He also slogged a couple of sixes over the shorter deep-midwicket boundary.

Dhawan may not be the tallest but all his moving around and arching enables him to have a decent reach. When the longer boundary was in play to his stronger off-side, he ensured CSK's helpful overpitched offerings were lofted over mid-off or driven past him for fours. It was Dhawan who started the PK acceleration with three fours in the 12th over bowled by Mukesh Choudhary, the left-arm seamer's natural incoming angle allowing Dhawan to line him up.

Rayudu steps in

The parallels with Sunday night just kept

coming. CSK's chase was foundering just like Mumbai Indians' had, both top orders failing to get going. And while Tilak Varma had threatened an MI revival for a while, Ambati Rayudu went a step ahead and got CSK close. Rayudu had hurt his left forearm at cover trying to stop a drive off the third ball of the game from Mayank Agarwal, and had spent the rest of the innings off the field. He walked in at 40 for 3 after seven overs,

and smacked his second ball from Rahul Chahar to the extra-cover boundary. The forcing cut, the massive slog-sweep, the charge-and-swish - whenever the askingrate seemed to be getting out of hand, Rayudu had the boundary waiting.

A 23-run 16th over off Sandeep Sharma, playing his first match in nearly a month, brought the equation back to around two runs a ball. Rayudu swiped and slashed three successive sixes and ended the over with a dash to hammer a four over midwicket. There didn't seem to be much dew given there wasn't much ball-wiping from the PK fielders, but Sandeep still delivered high full tosses. And long boundary or not, Rayudu was not missing out.

But just when it seemed Rayudu's momentum would carry CSK home, Kagiso Rabada intervened, landing one around the blockhole and sending Rayudu back.

Arshdeep, Rishi see off Dhoni

Dhoni arrived with 35 needed off 13 and e Laudeu I Inadkat in CSK's previous match he had another left-armer in his sights - Arshdeep Singh, who bowled the 19th. But the young seamer stuck to the full length and wide angle across Dhoni to the longer boundary. Dhoni got one away past extra cover, but Agarwal there had already prevented one, and Arshdeep denied Dhoni off two other deliveries.

Ravindra Jadeja's inability to find the boundary meant CSK required an improbable 27 off the last over. And in his first IPL game in six years. Rishi Dhawan was good enough to bring up a comfortable victory.

BRIEF SCORES: Punjab Kings 187 for 4 in 20 overs (Shikhar Dhawan 88; Dwayne Bravo 2/42) bt Chennai Super Kings: 176 for 6 in 20 overs (Ambati Rayudu 78; Kagiso Rabada 2/23) by 11 runs

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

Livingstone's hips don't lie

From the 14-15h over on, Kings XI Punjab might well have thought about retiring out Bhanuka Rajapaksa. He had done his job and was only delaying the entry of Liam Livingstone. As it

turned out after he hit a six in the 13.3, Rajapaksha only faced 7 balls, dealing in singles, over the next four overs before he sacrificed his wicket, going for a slog. Enter Livingstone, the modern-day Nathan Astle with his array of shots, going boom boom in a 7-ball 19 cameo. He is one of the clean hitters, who likes to go in the arc between long-off to

long-on. Early on his career, by his

own admission, he would obsess over

the hitting style of Jos Buttler but re-

alised that Buttler was gifted with a wonderfully malleable wrists that powered his shots, and instead strived to be his original self. "I had got too whippy with my wrists"). He started to work on having a strong base in his stance ("I used to lose quite bit of

power with too wide a base"), move his back hip - which he reckons is his key - and smash through the line. He makes sure he doesn't have too long a front stride which renders the use of his hips a touch ineffective. "At point of contact, I make sure I whip my hips through which is where all my power comes from," he once told Sky Sports. He whipped his hips to lift Punjab over a par score.

Jadeja, captain cool

Ravindra Jadeja didn't have too much of the captaincy in the early part of the IPL with MS Dhoni being the conductor-inchief on the field.



But one characteristic of the former skipper has rubbed off on the new one - the poker face. CSK were using a tried and tested formula of slowing down the ball on a used pitch at the Wankhede. Spinners Mahesh Teekshana and Mitchell Santner bowled four of the six Powerplay overs and along with medium pacer Mukesh Choudhary had kept things tight. The skipper, a dangerous left-arm spinner who gives no room to batsmen to free their arms, came into the attack in the seventh. He would have had two wickets against his name if not for the butter-fingered fielders. Punjab's Banuka Rajapaksa decided to take him on but was dropped by Ruturaj Gaikwad in the deep square leg region. In Jadeja's second over, Santner let the ball spill through his hands for a six at deep midwicket. The beneficiary was Rajapaksa again. If Jadeja was losing his cool he didn't show it. No expletives, not a hint of frustration on his face. He just looked away and got back to his bowling mark. A captain with a deadpan face has been one of CSK's success mantras.

Channel 9 duck emoji

Mayank Agarwal is almost Justin Langer in his responses to his dismissals. Not quite, as Langer would act as if he were robbed even when



his stumps would have gone for a walk. But the disappointment and shake of head is pretty similar with Mayank. He has had a lot of head-shakes to do this IPL, repeatedly getting out cheaply and trudging off with one of the more expressive reactions of sadness in modern-day cricket. He would look to the heavens, shut his eyes, shake his head again and again, and like a true masochist, would catch the replay of his dismissal on the big screen and do it all over again. Then one more time in the dressing room after he catches the replay on the television. There is also another small clue that he isn't batting well. That mad risky suicidal single after tapping to mid-off. HIt was a pretty short delivery from Maheesh Thikshana and he went too hard with his cut and sent a dolly to point. It trigerred his expressive reaction as he walked back. In some ways, he is like that old Channel Nine duck emoji that would accompany the batsman, shaking and quacking under its breath. Hotstar could well do to create an Mayank emoji or even better, a Gif, for such occasions.

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coaches rarely get the spotlight. But that rule changes if a team drops a series of catches and their fielder on the fence turns twos into fours. After Ruturai Gaikwad and Mitch Santner failed to hold on to simple catches and a couple of diving efforts went futile, the question that was begged to be asked was: Who is CSK's fielding coach? He is Rajiv Kumar, a 5000 plus-runs domestic giant who has played for Bihar and Jharkhand. He replaced the reputed Aussie coach Steve Rixon a few years back. Rajiv was Dhoni's captain at Jharkhand and is a go-to man for any MS update for the media. At the next CSK



nets, expect the old friends to organise a draining fielding session for the team.

'No discrimination'

Smith cleared of racist decision-making as skipper & Director of Cricket

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE

FORMER SOUTH Africa skipper Graeme Smith has been cleared of charges of racist behaviour during his captaincy tenure and his time as the Board's Director of Cricket. The allegations were parsed by an arbitration panel arising from the earlier Social Justice and Nation Building (SJNB) hearings of Cricket South Africa.

The arbitration stated that Smith's actions could not be proved to constitute unfair racial discrimination or evince racial bias. The SJNB Ombudsman had assessed allegations against Smith, who was captain of the national men's cricket team from 2003 to 2014 and later CSA's first Director of Cricket (DoC) in December 2019.

The issues that came in for scrutiny as mentioned in the 95-page report of the ar-

Omission of Thami Tsolekile

CASE: The Ombudsman's tentative findings had pointed a finger at Smith who "likely had some influential role in decisions between 2012 and 2014 not to select Mr Thami Tsolekile for the Proteas.

The controversy concerns SA's series against England and Australia touring, and when hosting New Zealand in 2012-13. "Mr Tsolekile testified that, around the time he was awarded his contract, selector (Andrew) Hudson told him, while he was unlikely to play against England or Australia, he could or would play in the home series against New Zealand. Mr Hudson, in his statement, denies that it was a guarantee, but said he told Mr Tsolekile he was likely to get his shot against New Zealand. Whatever Mr Hudson told Mr Tsolekile, there is no claim that Mr Smith gave any assurances – for or against Mr Tsolekile – at this time. It was not even alleged by CSA that Mr Smith was aware of any promise," the report reads.

ARGUMENTS: While the captain is not a member of the selection panel, he "is entitled to freely and strongly indicate his preferences in selection." Tsolekile contended that after Mark Boucher injured his eye and subsequently retired, De Villiers stepped in as the back-up 'keeper, even as Tsolekile was called up. Hudson explained the selectors' thinking as follows: "De Villiers taking the



Graeme Smith wasn't found guilty of discriminating against Thami Tsolekile as captain or of bias against Black leadership at CSA. File

wicketkeeping gloves gave the team the 'X factor' and allowed us, the selectors, to select an extra batter at No. 7." The statement was put to Tsolekile who agreed with the proposition that this was "a strategy.

Smith's evidence pointed that Boucher's injury created "an opportunity to bring in Mr

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Jean-Paul Duminy who was a frontline toporder specialist batsman. In turn, that lengthened your batting line up with seven top batting performers.

South Africa's Transformation Policy – the guiding principle – was argued, given there was no Black African in the Proteas team that played the Tests in England. There were, however, five coloured players - Hashim Amla, Alviro Petersen, Vernon Philander, JP Duminy and Imran Tahir - who played all four Tests.

"Again, Mr Smith did not speak against Mr Tsolekile, or in his favour. He accepted the strategy followed by the selectors that had been successful in England. Mr Tsolekile himself did not complain about his treatment at the time, or in his evidence. He appeared to accept that the same "cricketing reasons" that justified selecting Mr De Villiers

in England still applied in Australia." However, not being picked for the New

Zealand series aggravated Tsolekile's unhappiness as it became clear de Kock would be next in line. Selector Linda Zondi testified: "Mr Smith did not influence the decision of the selectors not to select Mr Tsolekile

as a wicketkeeper by reason of his race."

CONCLUSION: "There is no direct evidence, concerning the England tour, that Mr Smith actively influenced the selectors to exclude Mr Tsolekile from the playing XI. Instead, it appears to be accepted that Mr De Villiers was selected because of his ability, not because of his race." While the arbitration concluded that Smith did wield influence, it could not establish Tsolekile's omission had racist reasons.

Boucher/Nkwe issue

CASE: This concerned the appointment of Mark Boucher as Proteas Head Coach and if it amounted to racial discrimination with respect to Enoch Nkwe. The latter, a Black, had obtained a Level 4 coaching certificate – the highest available one - and coached one of South Africa's professional teams -Highveld Lions - winning Coach of the Year

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award and served as interim coach of the Proteas on the tour to India in 2019. Boucher had played international cricket for 12 years. Smith was keen on finding a coach who could pick the pieces after the disastrous 2019 World Cup, and went for "international experience" with England due to tour soon.

Smith was accused of not following a formal process of gathering CVs and interviewing candidates, and preferring Boucher.

ARGUMENTS: Smith testified that CSA was aware of his idea to appoint Boucher and did not object to his preference or insist on a process, but approved of the choice. The report reads: "His given reasoning - a head coach of a national team is an extremely high pressurised position, you are at the cold face of the world media, the world crowds, people don't care about CSA's equity proposition, they care about results, and I felt that CSA and the team at the time needed someone that had extensive experience in dealing with conditions, with the pressures that come with the international game.

CONCLUSION: Though the process followed was unsatisfactory, and Nkwe received an unfair deal, this did not amount to "indirect discrimination" by Smith.

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AIFF denies molestation allegations against secretary

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ENTREPRENEUR RANJIT Bajaj, who owned I-League club Minerva Punjab FC, on Monday alleged that All India Football Federation (AIFF) General Secretary Kushal Das had molested employees at workplace, a charge outrightly rejected by the national body and its top official.

Bajaj, who sold off Minerva Punjab FC in 2020 after owning it for seven years, said there were "two cases of molestation of employees at workplace" and the head of the committee which deals with sexual harassment complaints at the AIFF was "forced by president Praful Patel to bury the report".

...Kushal Das RESIGN Or I will be revealing details about you which have been buried by @praful_patel #METOO #metooindia enuf is enuf," Bajaj tweeted.

"...two cases of molestation of his employees at the workplace ...head of madatory (mandatory) sexual harassment complaint officer of AIFF & he was forced to bury the report by @praful_patel," Later, speaking to PTI, Bajaj said,"I am not making any allegations against the federation. This is against an individual and he can go to court, make an affidavit. Let him come up with a denial, he must respond in his personal capacity instead of using the Aiff PR machinery." Das said no such complaint has reached the AIFF committee in the last 10 years. "There is always a women's cell in the AIFF to look into any kind of allegations like these and there are no such allegations in the last 10 years," Das told PTI.

'But let the women's cell look into the allegations he has made and give a report before I say something and before the executive committee takes a decision."

The AIFF, on its part, stood behind its top official and said it will take "appropriate legal action against the concerned individual". "All statements and allegations made are false and fabricated, and made without an iota of evidence in support of the same. Further, no such complaints and/or concerns were received by the Internal Complaints Committee constituted by the AIFF as per the PoSH Act, 2013," the AIFF said in a statement. The AIFF said it will also refer the matter to the Executive Committee, and also to the AGM for appropriate action. Jyotsna Gupta, the current head of the Internal Complaints Committee said she or her panel has not received any complaint against Das or any AIFF official.

Right-handed Rafa or next Novak?

Teenaged Spaniard Carlos Alcaraz, the youngest since compatriot Rafael Nadal in 2005 to break into the top-10, has taken the tennis world by storm with his all-court game and seems the real deal

SANDEEP DWIVEDI

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AFTER HIS straight-sets win in the Barcelona Open final on Sunday, Carlos Alcaraz, 18, eagerly followed an old and delightful local tradition. He, along with the ball boys and girls, jumped into the storied venue's - Real Club de Tenis - swimming pool. It was another spectacular splash for the Spainard, ranked 133 a year back but now burdened with the weighty tag of 'tennis' future'.

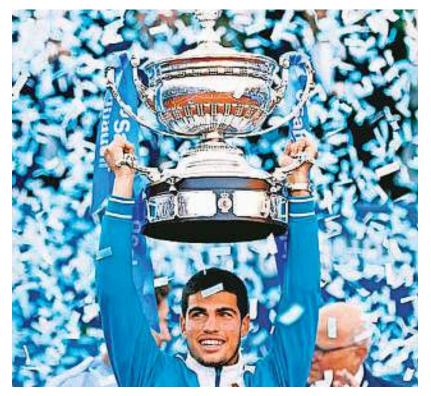
The next day, he became the youngest player to enter the Top 10 since Rafael Nadal in 2005. Men's tennis' perpetual wait for real teenaged prodigies seemed to be over. In the era dominated by the Big Three, many pretenders promised a change of guard but failed. Now, Alcaraz, if the word on the circuit is to be believed, has it in him to shake the foundations of the old firm.

There is a general consensus about Alcaraz's class but an outrageous global divide about his style of play. Earlier this month, when he was crowned the youngest-ever Miami Masters 1000 champion, everyone from the pundits to the meme-makers felt obliged to answer the obvious 'He is the Next Who?' question. His swiftness around the court, the eagerness to dominate points, the muscular frame and Spain's leap of faith gave him an obvious early nickname - Righthanded Nadal. However, his coach Juan Carlos Ferrero, a former French Open champ who couldn't survive the Big Three march in the mid-noughties, has said that Alcaraz's style is more like Roger Federer and Novak Djokovic. He wasn't making it easy for the boy whose every stride on court was suddenly under surveillance. The coach's comments were a cue for the internet to dig out old match videos, slice them and then glue them side by side. There's this one clip where Alcaraz and Diokovic, in two different frames dominating hard-court rallies, are seen moving on the baseline, swinging their racquets with choreographed synchronicity. Right down to the 'pursed lips and cocky nods' celebration after a sharp-angle cross-court forehand winner, the young Spaniard looked like the Serbian legend's identical tennis twin.

Rafa's fast feet, Djokovic's forehand and, as some observed, Andre Agassi's racquetspeed - Alcaraz was made to look like some Frankenstein programmed to hit monstrous

Blast from the past

A bit of independent YouTubing on fore-



18-year-old Carlos Alcaraz of Spain won the Barcelona Open last week. Reuters

hands throws up Sergi Bruguera, the master clay-courter from the 1990s. His whip-like forehand would be the result of the racquet taking the trajectory of a plane taking off while hitting the ball. Alcaraz's shot-making shape and racquet path is similar.

More surfing and one bumps into another lookalike. The young champion's blank brooding face is a throwback to Pete Sampras from the early days. A highly-imaginative commentator had said Sampras has the face of a shy impressionable teen who is likely to fall for an older woman. But we digress.

Maybe, numbed by the greatness thrust on him, Alcaraz has insisted that he wants to be just Carlos Alcaraz. The trivia about a picture of him with Federer by the bedside adds another layer of intrigue. But that hasn't hurt the Spaniard. Nadal, once during a press conference, looked distracted. He couldn't take his eves away from the media room television airing one Alcaraz game. When a reporter told him that his countryman was trailing, Nadal smiled and said there are still many games to play. It wasn't too long before Alcaraz justified Nadal's faith and finished the match.

The latest tennis star to emerge from Spain is in a way an outlier but also represents the legacy of this great tennis nation.

What separates him from Nadal is his press on the court. Since his days on the junior circuit, Alcaraz finishes most rallies from inside the baseline. One can never dismiss him as another Spanish back-court slugger. He is an eager beaver always on his toes to catch the ball early and throw the kitchen sink at it.

Versatile style

Alcaraz's overall game is also a tribute to a system that values wisdom passed down through generations and one that encourages organically-evolved original thinking.

One important weapon that Alcaraz possesses is the drop shot that glides the length of his side of the court and has just enough strength to cross the net and sink. He also has a lob that sails over his 6 feet-plus opponents and kisses the baseline. These two unconventional hard-to-pull-off strokes at crunch moments break the rhythm of his opponents and help him win those points at 40-30.

Alcaraz is a perfect brand ambassador of

MEN'S ATP RANKINGS

| Age | points

1	Novak Djokovic	34	8400
2	Daniil Medvedev	26	8080
3	Alexander Zverev	25	7465
4	Rafael Nadal	35	6435
5	Stefanos Tsitsipas	23	5770
6	Matteo Berrettini	26	4570
7	Casper Rudd	23	4110
8	Andrey Rublev	24	4025
9	Carlos Alcaraz	18	3827
10	Felix Auger-Aliaasime	21	3625

YOUNGEST TOP 10s

Pos	Player	Age	Year
1	A Krickstein	17 yrs, 11d	1984
2	M Chang	17yrs, 3m, 19d	1989
3	B Becker	17yrs, 7m, 16d	1985
4	M Wilander	17yrs, 10m, 21d	1982
5	B Borg	17yrs, 11m, 27d	1974
6	A Agassi	18yrs, 1m,7d	1988
7	A Medvedev	18yrs, 9m, 7d	1993
8	R Nadal	18 yrs, 10m,22d	2005
9	C Alcaraz	18 yrs, 11m,20d	2022
10	J Arias	18yrs, 11m, 23d	1983

the many clay-court academies littered across Spain. For years, these have been assembly lines where kids check in after school in the afternoon and leave late at night.

In a delightful Dan Kiernan podcast Control the Controllables, two old-hand Spanish coaches Bruno Argudo and Juan Beaus paint a vivid picture of these tennis schools while talking about a culture that is very different from the academies around the world where kids pay for 'hourly sessions'.

Between completing their homework, kids get enough time for endless sets. They travel for tournaments in groups. When not playing, they sit next to their coaches, who between sips of coffee talk about strategies for different match situations. The clay courts too have a role. On the podcast, these slow surfaces are called 'assistant coaches.' They teach patience, hone court craft and never allow one to be complacent. There are no easy points since the ball doesn't fly off the court.

Alcaraz may be different but it's his grooming that makes him true to the Vamosyelling tribe that has pitched its tents on many clay courts around the world.

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Nataraj breaks meet record on Day 2 of Khelo **India Games**

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TOKYO OLYMPIAN swimmer Srihari Nataraj clinched a gold medal in the 50m freestyle, clocking 23.23 seconds, on day two of the Khelo India University Games here on

The 21-year-old Nataraj broke Mihir Ambre's meet record timing of 23.78 seconds from the previous edition as he produced his fastest time in an individual race

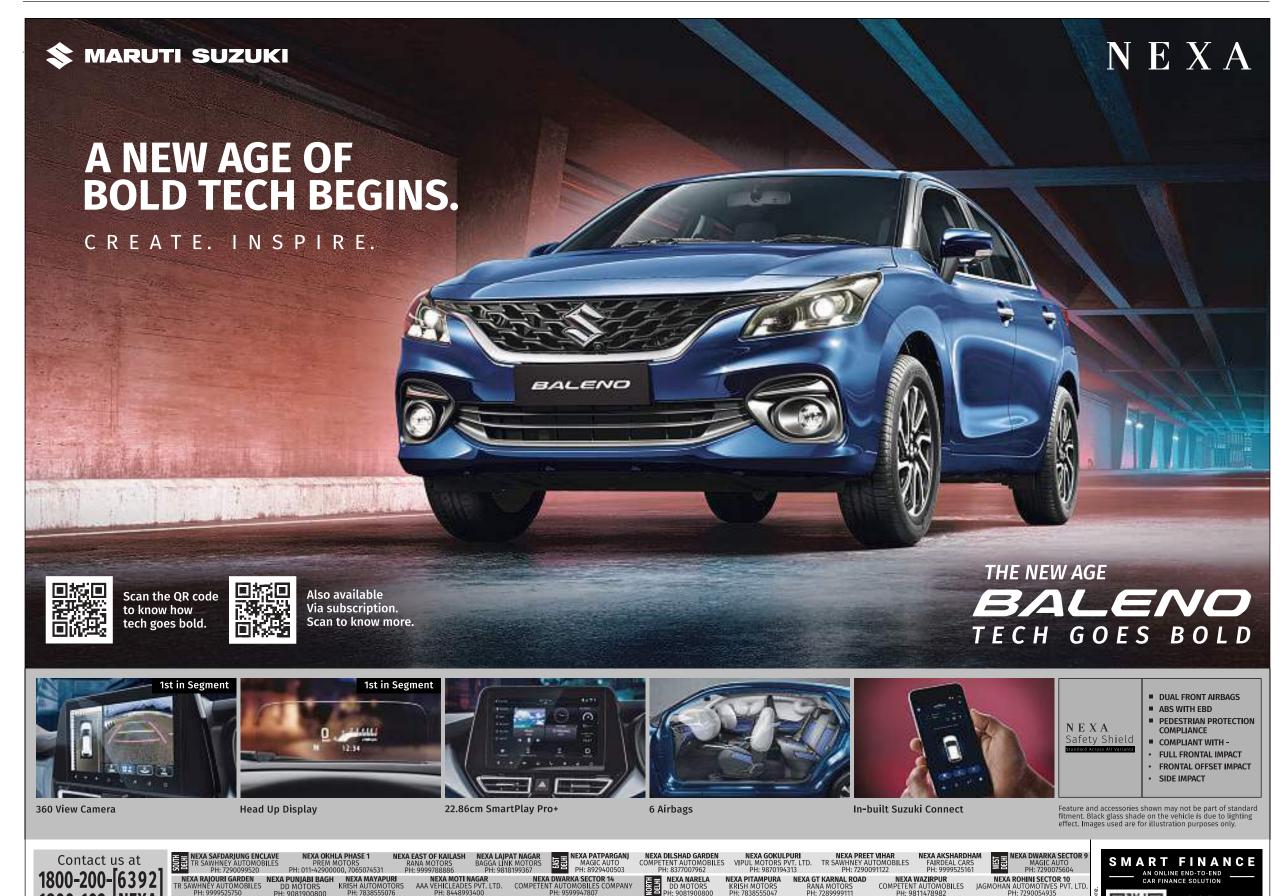
Nataraj's win added gloss to a dominant performance from hosts Jain University, which soared to the top of the medal table with the help of four golds in swimming. The swimming events also saw five new KIUG records.

At the end of second day, 17 universities had already won a gold and as many as 41 had marked their presence on the medal table. With 10 medals up for grabs in swimming, the first went to Savitribai Phule Pune University's Shubham Dhaygude in the men's 400m freestyle. Soon, it was time for Jain University to shine as Siva Sridhar not only won gold but also in the process set a new KIUG record time of 2:05.43 in the 200m Individual Medley. Sridhar repeated win-record double in the 100m backstroke later in the day.

In the day's final event in the pool, Shivaji University's Rujuta Khade broke yet another KIUG record in the women's 50m freestyle, with a time of 27.38.

She broke Sadhvi Dhuri's mark from Bhubaneshwar by nearly six-tenths of a second as Shivaji University sat in second place on the medal table with three gold, one silver and one bronze. Punjabi University, the overall winners at the 2020 edition, won their first gold at this edition, via Ishneet Aulakh in the women's 25m individual pistol. Aulakh and her team were beaten to silver in the team event by their state rivals Panjab University.

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