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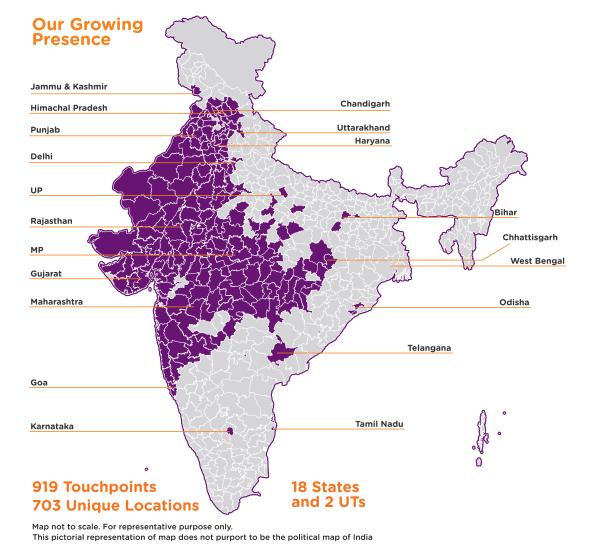
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Jaishankar ticks off Europe: Ukraine a wake-up call to look at problems in Asia

Says 'rules-based order under continuous stress' in India's neighbourhood

SHUBHAJIT ROY NEW DELHI, APRIL 26

RESPONDING TO questions from European ministers and leaders on the crisis arising out of the Russia-Ukraine conflict, External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar Tuesday pointed to challenges in Asia and India's neighbourhood in Afghanistan, and from China – and said it was a "wakeup call" for Europe to look at these instances where "problems have been happening".

This came a day after visiting European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen described



External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar with his Norway counterpart Anniken Huitfeldt on Tuesday. @DrSJaishankar the killings in Bucha as "severe violations of international law" and said the outcome of the war in Ukraine will not only determine the future of Europe, but also "deeply affect the Indo-Pacific region and the rest of the world". She urged all members of the international community to support efforts for lasting peace — in a reference soliciting India's support.

On Tuesday, while responding to a question from Norwegian Foreign Minister Anniken Huitfeldt at the Raisina Dialogue in New Delhi, Jaishankar said, "You talked about Ukraine. I

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IN RECENT weeks, Jaishankar has been sharp in his comments on Europe. In Washington DC, he said India's total purchase of Russian energy for the month was "less than what Europe does in an afternoon". Days earlier, speaking on the issue of sanctions as British Foreign Secretary Liz Truss listened, he said

"it looks like a campaign".

THE CITY



Section 144 has been imposed in the area of the

"dharam sansad" in Roorkee on Wednesday, the Supreme Court on Tuesday directed the Uttarakhand Chief Secretary to place on record the state's position that there will not be any "untoward situation" or "unacceptable statements". meeting. ANI

"We will hold the Secretary (Home), Chief Secretary and the IG concerned responsible if something untoward happens despite your assurance. We are putting it on record now... You know what are the preventive measures to be taken. Don't make us say again and again," a bench of Justices A M Khanwilkar, Abhay S Oka and C T Ravikumar told Uttarakhand Deputy Advocate General Jatinder Kumar Sethi.

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ASKING WHAT "preventive" and

"corrective" steps had been

taken with regard to a proposed

NEW DELHI, APRIL 26

The bench was hearing a plea seeking action against a dharam sansad held in Una (Himachal

Pradesh) on April 17-19, when Senior Advocate Kapil Sibal, appearing for the petitioners, informed that a similar event was

on Wednesday. "Counsel for the state of Uttarakhand submits that all preventive measures have been **CONTINUED ON PAGE 4**

scheduled to be held in Roorkee

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Drug regulator clears Covaxin for 6-12 yrs,

KAUNAIN SHERIFF M

PAVING THE way for the rollout

The final decision will be taken by the government's extion, health ministry sources said. Currently, India is only administering Covid-19 vaccines to those above 12 years — Corbevax for 12-14 years and Covaxin for Control and Prevention (CDC) has recommended that all those above 5 years should be vaccinated. In the US, Pfizer's mRNA Covid-19 vaccine is being used for children in the age group of

dren in this age group (5+) are "most frequently" affected by Multisystem Inflammatory Syndrome in Children (MIS-C), a condition associated with Covid-19 where different body vaccination helps prevent MIS-C, the CDC has said that it "is collecting data on how well Covid-19 vaccination works against MIS-C in younger children. As

Declare your assets online, Yogi tells his ministers and officials

LALMANI VERMA LUCKNOW, APRIL 26

IN A "special meeting" to mark one month of the BJP government's second term at the helm in UP, Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath asked his Cabinet colleagues on Tuesday to declare their movable and immovable assets, and that of their family memswearing-in - and release the details on an online portal that can

be accessed by the general public.

Aditvanath also asked the Ministers to ensure that their family members do not interfere in the functioning of

to declare within 3 months

In a list of dos and don'ts. Chief Minister dithe

Cabinet to tour the state extensively and engage with people including the "vichar parivar" which, in BJP parlance, is a reference to the party's ideological support base and affiliates.

The Cabinet has been asked to hold "Jal Chaupals" for direct dialogue with the public and organise "sahbhoj" or community feasts

in "Dalit/malin (slum) bastis". Besides, the Chief Minister asked government employees to declare their movable and im-

movable assets, and that of their family members. This is the first time that

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In December 2020, villagers

protested against two BSF

camps, in Tumaraghat and

Karkaghat, in Kanker district's

Congress, Kishor part ways again, he says it needs leadership, will

MANOJ C G NEW DELHI, APRIL 26

AFTER TURNING its engagement with election strategist Prashant Kishor into a public spectacle for 10 days, the Congress showed a bruised face Tuesday, declaring that Kishor had rebuffed its offer to be part of a group with "defined responsibility" that Sonia Gandhi had formed to revive the party. Sources said the party's refusal to give him a "free hand" was the reason for the breakdown in talks, the second time in a year.

In a Twitter post, Congress communication department head Randeep Surjewala said: "Following a presentation and



He wanted Priyanka as party chief, said a Cong leader

discussions with Sh. Prashant Kishor, Congress President has constituted an Empowered Action Group 2024 & invited him to join the party as part of the group with defined responsibility. He declined. We appreciate his efforts and suggestions given to the party."

Within minutes, Kishor hit back: "I declined the generous offer of #congress to join the **CONTINUED ON PAGE 4**

Spot the similarities: His presentation mirrors many of the G-23's ideas

MANOJCG NEW DELHI, APRIL 26

WHILE DECLINING the Congress's offer, Prashant Kishor on Tuesday said the party needs "leadership and collective will to fix deep-rooted structural problems". Kishor's take on the Congress's leadership quandary is similar to that of the 23 rebel leaders of the party or the G-23. In fact, a look at a presentation made by the election strategist to the Congress last year shows that many of his suggestions mirror what the G-23 leaders have been saying, both in their 2020 letter addressed to party president Sonia Gandhi and in their numerous public pronouncements since then.

The G-23 leaders had come under heavy attack in the wake



SAYS I HOLD NONE

of their letter and the tension between them and the Gandhisled leadership has been simmering since then

raised by the G-23 leaders was the "uncertainty over the leadership and the drift".

leadership and the drift has demoralised the Congress workers



U.S., ALLIES PLEDGE ARMS FOR UKRAINE **SRI LANKA IN LOAN TALKS WITH CHINA**

GOVT & POLITICS

JAKHAR REMOVED FROM ALL POSTS: HE

CONG APPOINTS VIRBHADRA WIFE **HIMACHAL CHIEF**

Among the key concerns

'The uncertainty over the **CONTINUED ON PAGE 4**





Police at the blast site in Karachi; and (below) CCTV footage of the alleged bomber. Reuters

responsibility for the attack on the teachers that took place near

Institute, that teaches Chinese to local residents, in the university A spokesperson for the uni-

the China-built Confucius

versity said three of the victims were identified as Confucius Institute Director Huang Guiping, Ding Mupeng, Chen Sa. The driver was identified as

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Corbevax for 5-12 yrs

NEW DELHI. APRIL 26

MAN BEATEN TO

DEATH IN NOIDA BAR

of the Covid-19 vaccination drive for those aged below 12 years, the Drugs Controller General of India (DCGI) on Tuesday granted emergency use authorisation to Bharat Biotech's Covaxin for 6-12 years and Biological E's Corbevax for 5-12 years.

five years and above. According to the CDC, chil-

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New cooperative policy: States suggest FDI, age limit for board members

HARIKISHAN SHARMA NEW DELHI, APRIL 26

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ALLOW FOREIGN direct investment (FDI) in the cooperative sector, particularly in Primary Cooperative Agricultural Societies (PACS) to improve infrastructure; fix an upper age limit of 70 years for board members in cooperative societies.

These were two key suggestions put forward by states to the Centre during the two-day national conference on a new cooperative policy, which was held in Delhi on April 12-13, The Indian Express has learnt.

According to sources in the

Ministry of Cooperation, the FDI suggestion came from Haryana while the recommendation of an age limit was put forward by Maharashtra.

During the conference, Haryana Additional Chief Secretary T V S N Prasad suggested that FDI should be allowed for augmentation of resources and infrastructure of cooperative societies, sources said.

While chairing a session on ease of doing business and providing a level playing field to cooperatives, Prasad also suggested the creation of a technology upgradation fund for

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Fortnight after Ram Navami clash, demolition drive begins in Gujarat

VAIBHAVJHA AHMEDABAD, APRIL 26

IN THE wake of similar crackdowns in Madhya Pradesh and

Delhi, the civic body in Gujarat's Himmatnagar town demolished shacks, kiosks and a portion of a shop building on Tuesday as part of an "anti-encroachment" drive in a locality that had witnessed communal clashes during Ram Navami processions this month.

"In today's anti-encroachment drive, we removed 3-4 kiosks, 2-3 shanties and a twostorey shop building on TP Road in Chhaparia," said Navneet Patel, who is the chief municipal officer of Himmatnagar in Sabarkantha district



A demolition drive on Tuesday at the site of the communal clashes in Gujarat's Himmatnagar. Express

15-metre road was encroached on by the building owners who had extended the illegal con-

"About three metres of the

struction. We had sent notices in 2020. It was a routine anti-encroachment drive and nothing to **CONTINUED ON PAGE 4**

3 yrs, 42 camps: Chhattisgarh takes fight to Naxal hotbeds, sparks local distrust

ANCHOR

GARGIVERMA RAIPUR. APRIL 26

A DECISIVE push by the government to make inroads into Left-Wing Extremism districts has seen 42 security camps coming up across seven districts of Chhattisgarh in less than three years. While these have served to take the government and security forces to areas hitherto controlled by the Naxals, the spread of these camps has been met with distrust among villagers, leading to protests in at least three districts.

While only six new camps came up in 2019, 17 were opened in 2020, 13 in 2021 and six camps so far in 2022. With nine, Sukma district has seen the highest number of new camps over the last three years. Of the 42 new camps, more than 17 are being managed by the CRPF, 14 by the state police's Chhattisgarh Armed Forces, one by the ITBP and the remaining by the BSF. Most camps are in areas that until recently were considered to be existing in a security and administrative vacuum. According to security offi-

cials, since the first security camps came up in Bastar in the early 2000s, the strategy has remained more or less the same – of using these to gain ground and to help in area domination.

In 2020, acting on intelligence of a gathering of Naxals, a ioint team of the District Reserve Guard, Special Task Force, and the CRPF's CoBRA commandos were sent on an operation to Elmagunda in Sukma. On their way back, at Mimpa, the forces were ambushed by Maoists. But



Protesters claimed their land was occupied. Express

the closest camps were 15 km away, and 17 security personnel died in the attack. Two years later, camps have come up at both Minpa and Elmagunda, barely 5 km from each other part of a pushback by the admin-

Several new camps have been set up in areas such as Dantewada's Potakapalli and Tetam that were once considered Maoist hotbeds. With over 40,000 security personnel in just Bastar division and more troops coming in, police believe the fighting over the region is headed to a climactic finish —

and that's where the camps are coming in handy. "We are pushing the Maoists

out of their territories, boxing them in this grid of camps, making their movement difficult. It is a decisive fight. The enemy is desperate to regain the ground that we are snatching away from them," a senior officer said.

While the administration and security personnel believe the camps have helped in area domination, working their way into people's hearts has been tougher with tribals in at least three districts — Narayanpur, Bijapur and Kanker – protesting

Kovalibeda area. The point of contention was that the villagers claimed the BSF had set up camp on their devasthal — their sacred land. Despite the district administration willing to pay a fine for 'violating" tribal customs, the protesters demanded that the two camps be removed. According to members of the Sarva Adivasi Samaj, police offi-

against the camps.

cers had earlier claimed that the **CONTINUED ON PAGE 4**

FROM PAGE ONE

Jaishankar

remember less than a year ago what happened in Afghanistan. where the entire civil society was thrown under the bus by the world. We in Asia face our own sets of challenges, which often has an impact on the rules-based order." Huitfeldt had sought Jaishankar's response on the view that Russia's invasion of Ukraine was an attack against "independent and free societies".

Responding to another question from Luxembourg Foreign Minister Jean Asselborn, Jaishankar said, "If I were to put those very challenges in terms of principles, when a rules-based order was under challenge in Asia. the advice we got from Europe is: do more trade. At least we are not giving you that advice. And in Afghanistan, please show me which part of the rules-based order justified what the world did there?

To another question from former Swedish Prime Minister Carl Bildt, Jaishankar said, "This could be a wake-up call for Europe, not just in Europe. It could be a wakeup call for Europe to also look at Asia. This has not been an easy part of the world for the last decade. And this is a part of the world where boundaries have not been settled where terrorism is still practised, often sponsored by States. This is a part of the world where... the rules-based order has been under continuous stress for more than a decade. And I think it's important for the rest of the world outside Asia to recognise this. It's not that problems are going to happen. The problems have been happening."

Bildt had asked Jaishankar on how China was going to respond after watching the global reaction to the Russian invasion on

Jaishankar made these remarks during a discussion at the Raisina Dialogue where all these

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ministers and leaders were in the

Drug regulator

more children under 12 years old get vaccinated, CDC will be able to analyse and share the data."

On Tuesday, Bharat Biotech said according to data on Covaxin for the 2-18 years age group, neutralising antibodies in children was found to be 1.7 times higher than in adults. "Covaxin exhibits robust immune responses in children with two doses and six months follow-up, indicating durability of immune responses. Data was presented to the CDSCO Subject Expert Committee and will be published in the weeks to come," it said.

The DCGI on Tuesday also granted emergency use authorisation to Gujarat-based Zydus Cadila's two-dose Covid-19 vaccine for the 12 years and above population. At present, the threedose version of ZyCoV-D is being used in the national vaccination drive for the adult population. This is the first Covid-19 vaccine built on a DNA platform, and has been approved for commercial use.

Zydus said the second dose will be administered after 28 days. It said the two-dose regimen was tested on 3,100 volunteers over 12 years of age. In its three-dose regimen, the vaccine is administered with a gap of 28 days between

"This will increase the compliance for the vaccine and reduce the overall time required for vaccination to improve immunity against the virus. It will also help in administering the vaccine in a larger population in a shorter time, which is always desirable in the midst of a pandemic," said Dr Sharvil Patel, Managing Director, Zydus Lifesciences.

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party as part of the EAG & take responsibility for the elections. In my humble opinion, more than

me the party needs leadership and collective will to fix the deeprooted structural problems through transformational re-

forms.' Several leaders, especially many in the eight-member committee that went through Kishor's presentation and submitted a report to Gandhi, were dead against the party changing its structure at the behest of an outsider.

"If we hand over the entire election management to him on a platter and allow him to make the changes that he wants, what if he decides to leave the party after a year or, worse, closer to the Lok Sabha elections, what will happen? Many young leaders who we thought were close to the Gandhis have left the party in the last two years. What is the assurance that he will stay?" a leader told The Indian Express.

A senior leader said Kishor "did not get what he expected" and perhaps wanted a role "wherein he has a free hand in carrying out the radical changes that he wants made in the Congress including altering the leadership structure.'

"He would have reported directly to the Congress president bypassing the party structure, a say in distribution of tickets, a mandate to enter into alliances in some states where the IPAC has commitments like the TRS in Telangana, TMC in West Bengal and YSRCP in Andhra Pradesh. The Congress is not in great shape in these states. So how many seats will these parties give us? At best, 3-4 seats. How can we sacrifice our party units and structure in these states?" the leader said.

Another leader said one of Kishor's proposals was to anoint Priyanka Gandhi Vadra as party president, Rahul Gandhi as leader of the Congress parliamentary party and an erstwhile Congress leader as UPA chairperson. The party, the leader said, could not have accepted suggestions by an outsider to change the leadership structure in the party: "We are to hold organisational elections. The party's elected delegates have the right to choose their leader. How can he dictate

Other leaders said the "coterie" around the Gandhis must take the blame for creating a "public spectacle" around Kishor's presentation, and then shooting down his proposals and resisting reforms since it may

render them redundant. "We have told the world very proudly that even Prashant Kishor can snub us. It is terrible. All parties enlist the services of consultants, but they do it quietly. All these things could have been done quietly. Ours is a strange party... we are declaring to the world that we have been whipped and we are showing the bruises too," a leader said.

Kishor PPT

and further weakened the Party. There has been an erosion of the support base with leaders and functionaries leaving the Party in a number of states," they had said in the letter, while demanding a "full-time and effective leadership active in the field and visible, and available at AICC and PCC Headquarters".

In his presentation, Kishor lists "five strategic decisions" that the Congress has to take. The first one is "fix the leadership issue". The Congress has been arguing that there is no leadership issue in the party. Many leaders had attacked the G-23 for asking the

party to fix the leadership issue. To fix the leadership issue, Kishor suggests two models. The "preferred roles" is continuation of Sonia Gandhi as party president, Rahul Gandhi as leader of the Parliamentary Board, Priyanka Gandhi Vadra as general secretary in charge of coordination, a non-Gandhi as working or vice-president and an "erstwhile" Congress leader as UPA chairperson. He says this model will have "medium" impact but

The alternative model, the presentation suggests, is a non-Gandhi as Congress president, Sonia as UPA chairperson, Rahul as leader of the Parliamentary Board and Priyanka as general secretary in charge of coordination. This model, it says, will have "high" impact.

"moderate" viability.

Although not mentioned in the letter, Kapil Sibal — one of the G23 leaders -- had last month in an interview to The Indian Express suggested that the Gandhis should step down and give some other leader a chance to lead the party.

The G-23 leaders had also called for holding of "elections of Block, PCC delegates and AICC Members in a transparent manner" and "election of CWC Members in accordance with the Constitution of the Congress

Calling for democratisation

of the Congress, Kishor's presentation says the party should "reconstitute organisational bodies via elections across all levels". Talking about "structural weaknesses" and "lack of connect with the masses", he says, "the biggest worry is that members of deci-

sion-making bodies in the INC are

all nominated, not necessarily

connected at the grassroots and

barely fight elections."

The G-23 letter had said, "Given the geographical spread and diversity of India, over-centralisation of the organisation and micro-management has always proven to be counterproductive. Therefore, the practice of appointing DCC Presidents/Office Bearers of Department and Cells from the AICC should be stopped henceforth. DCC Presidents should be appointed from the State Capital by Incharge General Secretary in

Presidents." The G-23 leaders had also demanded that "a nationwide membership drive be undertaken and the enrollment drive should be launched on a priority basis". Kishor points out the party has had "no structured pan-India membership drive in (the) last 25

with

coordination

One of their key suggestions was the revival of the Parliamentary Board for collective decision making. "The Central Parliamentary Board (CPB) be urgently constituted for collective thinking and decision making on organisational matters, policies and programmes," they had said.

Kishor's proposal includes revival of the Parliamentary Board with Rahul Gandhi as its head. He says the leader of the parliamentary board should be a "credible choice to propagate the voice of people both within Parliament and outside". It says Rahul as head of the Parliamentary party can effectively represent the voice of the people, both in Parliament and outside and pitch him against

The G-23 leaders had also called for reconstitution of the Central Election Committee comprising leaders with organisational background and active field knowledge and experience. Kishor also called for an empowered central election committee as part of his proposals for "reinforcing the office of Congress President for better election management"

The G-23 leaders had argued that "in view of the gravity of challenges facing the Party, it is now imperative to urgently establish an Institutional leadership mechanism to collectively guide the Party's revival".

Kishor points out that the Congress has ceased to work as a democratic organisation. He says that between 1885 and 1998, the party had 61 presidents with an average tenure of 1.85 years but from 1998, the party had two $presidents in 23\,years. ``More\,than$ 65% District Presidents and 90% Block Presidents have not had a meeting with Congress President or even Org. Secretary," he says.

On reaching out to specific groups to "lead the fight back", the G-23 had said, "Time has come to build a narrative that resonates with the youth, women, students, farmers, minorities, Dalits and fac-

tory workers." Kishor says eight key groups hold the potential to mobilise core support for the Congress: women, farmers, youth, SC, ST, landless labour, urban poor and middle

The G-23 had also called for creating a Congress-led national coalition of democratic and secular forces to take on the BJP. "For this, a sincere effort be made to bring on one platform leaders of political parties, who were once part of the Congress." Kishor says in his presentation that the need of the hour is to create a new Congress that is the political platform of choice for the masses.

He projects three scenarios – the party going to the polls without any alliances, going with a need-based alliance by building an all-party coalition and thirdly, the party fighting alone in 70 to 75 per cent of the Lok Sabha seats and entering into strategic alliances in the remaining seats. Kishor prefers the last model, according to which the party should contest alone in 358 seats across 17 states and contest 168 seats in five states in strategic alliances with regional parties.

Demolition

do with the incidents that occurred on April 10. We will continue to take similar action in other areas as well," Patel said.

According to the police, the properties demolished were not linked to any of the accused in the communal clashes that occurred in the area on April 10. "On Tuesday, police bandobast was arranged after the civic body informed us of the anti-encroachment drive. It has nothing to do

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with the riot accused," Sabarkantha SP Vishal Vaghela

The two-storey building belongs to Ashrafnagar Jamaat, a local socio-religious organisation in Himmatnagar. Speaking to The *Indian Express*, Kalumiya Shaikh, a member of the jamaat, said: "The building had a cigarette shop, an electricity repair shop and a groceries shop. It is correct that the municipality had sent us a notice in 2020 regarding a three-metre extension. On Monday, local officials told us about the drive. Today, we helped them remove the extended portion."

On April 10. communal clashes broke out in Chhaparia during Ram Navami processions. leading to stone-pelting, rioting and arson that lasted for threefour hours. The police fired several tear gas shells to disperse the crowd, and arrested 22 persons.

On April 11, stone-pelting was reported in the Vanzaravas area of Himmatnagar after which police arrested 10 persons from the lo-

On April 15, five days after communal clashes took place in Khambhat town of Gujarat's Anand during a Ram Navami procession, which resulted in the death of one person, the district administration conducted an antiencroachment drive in the Shakarpur area and demolished

Over the last month, demolition drives in areas hit by communal violence were witnessed in MP and Delhi.

Chhattisgarh camps were temporary shelters,

meant only for 14 months. However, they continue to exist.

In May 2021, three people died when security personnel opened fire at a crowd protesting outside the CRPF's Mokur camp in Bijapur's Silger. The protesters alleged illegal occupation of their land. Police, however, maintained that the three who died were Maoist supporters and had mounted an attack on security personnel. For months after the firing, residents of Silger and nearby villages in the region had sat protesting outside the camp.

The state police says a camp usually translates into security forces gaining access to over 100 sq km. "Camps provide security for development works as well as ensure better monitoring of Maoist activities. The primary aim of these camps is to make the area more accessible and fill up the security vacuum, Only then can the administrative vacuum be filled," the officer said.

According to the state government, in March this year, 57 Naxals across cadres surrendered, 37 were arrested and four were neutralised during operations.

The officers also admit that with camps pushing into newer territories, they have also been exposed to more attacks from Naxals – 21 security personnel were killed in Naxal attacks in 2019, 36 in 2020, 46 in 2021 and four as of March 21 this year.

A senior official said Maoists have always mobilised public opinion against security camps. "They try to build as much pressure as possible on the forces so that we can't set up these camps. But once the villagers understand they are being provoked, once they start trusting the forces, the protest usually dies down," the officer said.

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taken as exposited in the decisions of this court... and the concerned authorities are more than confident that no untoward situation or unacceptable statements are made during such event. And whatever is necessary in terms of the decisions of this court, all such steps will be taken by the concerned authority. We direct the Chief Secretary, Uttarakhand, to place the above position on record and also to state about the corrective measures taken by the concerned authorities as and when required before the next date of hearing," the bench said.

The court pointed out that despite its "repeated pronouncements" on the issue and "precautionary" and "corrective" measures to be taken, "things are

happening" on the ground. During the hearing, as Sethi sought to explain what had been done by the state, Justice Khanwilkar said: "Don't explain it to us. You only have to take action as per the guidelines already in place". The court told the state that "if the announcement has been made, you have to take action". Sethi submitted that FIRs had

been filed in an earlier case. But the bench pointed out that it was asking about preventive measures. "FIRs will be only after the incident, not before," said Justice Khanwilkar.

"As regards preventive (measures), there is a difficulty. A person says I will hold a dharam sansad. We do not know what is the text of what he will be saying," said

"If the speaker is going to be the same, you have to take immediate action... Please understand. Don't make us say something. There are other ways of preventive action. You know how to do it," said Justice Khanwilkar.

Sethi submitted that the state was trying to persuade the organisers not to hold the event. "We are aware of our responsibilities...The event...may not even occur because of the steps we are taking," he said. The court asked Sethi what

level of the administration he was taking instructions from, and told him that it would record his assurpromising action. "Otherwise we should hold whom responsible? ... Talk to the Secretary, talk to the IG of the concerned area. And then make that person understand," the bench

Sethi said the petitioner's counsel should have some faith in

told him.

"There is no problem about trust. The doctrine of trust applies all across and 24X7. But what we see is something different on the ground... And despite the repeated pronouncements of this court, 2018 judgement we pointed out, there is subsequent judgement enlarging these, precautionary measures to be taken and corrective measures to be taken, yet things are happening," said Justice

The state counsel contended that "there is a colour which is being addressed to a particular community regarding these dharam sansads". As Sibal objected, Sethi said he was saying so "because the particular community you are trying to protect is also doing this. We are trying to calm down things so that harmony prevails".

Making clear the court's displeasure with the submission, Justice Khanwilkar told the state counsel: "Perhaps we need to impress upon you, this is not the way you address such matters."

"We are taking steps. And I must assure your Lordships we will take all the steps to stop these things from happening. Rest assured, regarding this dharam sansad also, we are taking steps to see this is not held. And if at all it is held, we will monitor it," responded Sethi. "We don't want your assur-

ance. If something happens, we will ask Chief Secretary to remain present. This is not how you handle matters like this," Justice Khanwilkar said. On the Una event, the counsel

for Himachal Pradesh said: "Necessary preventive measures were already taken. And after the event, corrective steps as required in terms of the decision of 'the SC "have also been taken by the concerned authorities".

"You only have to only follow the guidelines already in place. Are you following it or not, that is what you have to answer us... And in spite of it, if it is happening, you have to take corrective measures," said the bench.

The state said it had taken preventive measures and carried out an investigation when similar incidents happened in the past. "No,

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not only investigation. You have to

stop this activity," said the court. "These events do not occur suddenly, overnight. They are announced well in advance. Your local police must go into action immediately to ensure that nothing untoward happens. And whether those steps have been taken, you explain that... You also explain the next course taken by you after the incident... Did you immediately react to the situation or not," the court said.

Fixing the next hearing for May 9, the court asked the Himachal Pradesh Home Secretary to file an affidavit explaining the actions taken.

Karachi

The spokesperson said two others, including Chinese national Wang Yuqing and Hamid, were injured in the blast.

"Academic activities and public dealings will remain suspended at KU on Wednesday to mourn the loss of the Confucius Institute's faculty members," he Counter-Terrorism

Department official Raja Umar Khattab said it was a suicide attack that was carried out by a woman and added that ball bearings were found at the blast site, Dawn reported.

He said the van was properly guarded as a Rangers team was escorting it. Four Rangers who were behind the van on motorcycles were also injured. Their condition is stable. CCTV footage showed a

burga-clad woman, the bomber, standing outside the entrance of the Confucius Institute. The woman detonated the explosive just as the van neared the institute's entrance. A spokesperson of BLA — a

separatist outfit banned in Pakistan, the UK and the US – said the attack was carried out by Shari Baloch alias Bramsh, the "first female suicide bomber of the brigade". The attack marks "a new chapter in the history of Baloch resistance." he added.

In a video purportedly issued by the group, the spokesperson, a masked man holding an assault rifle, said: "It was a simple and clear message to China and Pakistan to withdraw immediately from Balochistan." The group opposes Chinese in-

vestment in Pakistan, especially in the restive Balochistan, saying locals do not benefit.

Balochistan, bordering Iran and Afghanistan, is home to a violent and long-running insurgency. Baloch groups have previously carried out several attacks targeting the \$60 billion China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) proj-

Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif

also expressed grief over the blast and assured Shah of the government's full help and cooperation in dealing with such incidents. This is not the first time

Chinese nationals have been the target of terror attacks in Karachi, Pakistan's biggest city and economic hub. In July last year, masked armed

men on a motorcycle opened fire on a vehicle carrying two Chinese nationals in Karachi. One of them was critically wounded. The same month, nearly a

dozen Chinese engineers were killed when a bus carrying construction workers was attacked in northwest Pakistan.

In November 2018, Baloch militants attacked the Chinese consulate in Karachi but failed to break through the security barrier. Three of them were killed.

Thousands of Chinese personnel are working in Pakistan on a host of projects being carried out under the aegis of the CPEC.

New co-op policy Sources pointed out that FDI

can drive the expansion of cooperative infrastructure across states, particularly the cold chain network, which is essential for storage, transportation and preservation for fruits and vegetables and dairy products.

According to the Ministry,

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The Hanuman Chalisa row, EU rules for Big

Tech, Covid worriest

We discuss the politics behind the Hanuman Chalisa controversy, the rules that the European Union has set for big online companies, and whether we should worry about the slight rise in Covid cases

> there are about 8.54 lakh cooperative societies. They include 95,000 PACS, which are societies at the village level, both credit and non-credit. Currently, only 63,000 PACs are operational.

> Sources said representatives from Maharashtra suggested an upper age limit of 70 years for members of boards of directors of cooperative societies. Presently, there is no such age bar and the suggestion is aimed at governance reforms. According to the Ministry, Maharashtra has the highest number of cooperative societies in the country.

> Sources said officials from UP suggested that land available with PACS can be leveraged for expanding the resource base of cooperative societies. UP's additional chief secretary B L Meena, who participated in the conference, said PACS have more land than the Railways, which can be utilised, sources

> Sources said Bihar officials suggested that the PACS should be given better market linkages under the label "Sahakar se Bajar" (cooperative to market).

There were also suggestions for electronic voting to be implemented in cooperative societies, and for storage facilities available with PACS to be leased out to private e-commerce operators like

The two-day conference, inaugurated by Union Minister of Home and Cooperation Amit Shah, was the first such consultation on the new cooperative policy, which the Centre wants to bring out during the current financial year.

Sources said the Northeast states have demanded a separate conference, which will be organised very soon. The Ministry will also organise similar consultations with cooperative federations,

sources said. Addressing the conference on April 12, Shah had said: "In 8-9 months, we will present a complete, updated cooperative policy before the country, which will fulfil the requirements of all cooperative societies from PACS to apex and will create an environment that would help in expansion of

Last year, Shah had announced that the Government will bring a new cooperative policy to replace the existing policy, which was brought by the then AB Vajpayee government in 2002.

the cooperative sector."

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Ministers in UP have been specifically directed to declare their assets on an online portal that can be accessed by all. In 2017, too, Adityanath had directed his Cabinet to declare assets within a deadline of 15 days but without any specific instruction to release it online.

In Tuesday's meeting, the Chief Minister said that "sanctity in conduct of public representatives is essential for a healthy democracy". "In the same spirit, all the Ministers must declare the movable and immovable assets of themselves and their family members within three months of swearing-in (March 26)," he said.

He said that Ministers should follow the code of conduct laid down in the Representation of Peoples Act. "We will have to set an example by our conduct," he

During the meeting, the Chief Minister directed all public servants, including IAS and PCS officers, to declare their assets and that of family members, and make them available online for the public.

In the run-up to Tuesday's meeting, all key government departments made presentations before the Cabinet about work done in the past year and plans for the next five years. Adityanath asked the Ministers to guide senior officers in implementing the

The Chief Minister also said the Cabinet should tour the state and reach out to the public before the next assembly session.

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Bar brawl over bill leaves 30-year-old dead in Noida

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A 30-YEAR-OLD man was beaten to death during a brawl at a pub in Noida's Garden Galleria mall late Monday night. The victim, Brajesh Rai, was out with his office colleagues when the men got into a fight with the restaurant staffers over the food bill. The fight escalated after security guards and staffers allegedly attacked the men.

The incident took place around 11 pm. Brajesh's family came to know about the death

Ranvijay Singh, Additional DCP (Noida), said the incident took place at a bar named Lost Lemon inside the mall. "We received a call late at night about the incident. Rai was rushed to the hospital but he succumbed to injuries. Based on his friends statements, a case under sec-



Brajesh Rai

tions of murder and assault was registered immediately. The staff rushed to the bar and took control of the situation. We detained more than 16 men from the restaurant.'

Brajesh worked at a private firm and is survived by his wife and two minor children, who live in Noida's Sector 76. The family hails from Bihar's Chapra

Police sources said he was with five-six of his colleagues for

tial enquiry, at 11 pm, the staffers asked the men to give the last order since it was closing time. The men got into an argument with the staffers over this. When the bill came, the men raised objections about the price and a fight broke out. The bill was Rs 7,000-Rs 8,000. The brawl took an ugly turn and the staff allegedly started thrashing the men," said an officer.

CCTV footage from the restaurant and the mall has been seized by the police. The footage shows 8-10 men beating up the victim and his colleagues, and is being used to identify the accused, said an officer.

According to police, Brajesh sustained injuries to his head. An autopsy was conducted Tuesday afternoon and the body was returned to the family.

At the mortuary, a relative who did not wish to be identified said: "We were informed about

Why have the police not arrested anvone? He was killed over a bill. They could have called the police and resolved the issue. Brajesh has a son and a daughter, both very young. The wife is in shock." The bar was shut on Tuesday.

In a statement, the hotel management said: "I have been informed by the team and got calls from the local police station regarding this extremely unfortunate incident. The incident took place outside the club and involved a few unknown miscreants who were not part of the club security since the club does not have any bouncers employed at all. Since I was not at the venue I cannot comment on the same, however, we have full faith in the police. As a club owner, we are completely cooperating with the police and have already provided the DVR, CCTV footage and the club has been sealed.

New York-inspired Central Park around Noida airport

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NOIDA, APRIL 26

AN 'OLYMPIC City', a central park and a dedicated business district are part of the development vision in the area around Noida

International Airport. The draft of Master Plan-2024 was presented by Yamuna Expressway Development Industrial Authority to highlight future development activities along the 165-km Yamuna Expressway.

The Master Plan, which is

International Airport that will become functional in the next two years, proposed a 'Central Business District', defined as a new zone expected to create "a high-density district with a distinct character and a clearly iden-

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tifiable urban form". It will also have a central park in its centre, which will be developed for recreation.

The 503-hectare area is proposed to be developed along the likes of the Central Park in New

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3rd DTC bus fire in a month, panel to probe

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, APRIL 26

A DELHI Transport Corporation (DTC) bus Tuesday caught fire near Shanti Van, making it the third such incident in a month. No casualty was reported, said

The fire took place in the rear portion of a non-air-conditioned bus that runs from Nand Nagri Depot and broke down on route number 275.

Some officials said the buses that caught fire were bought during the Commonwealth Games 2010, and had completed their AMC (Annual Maintenance Contract) period. About 50 per cent of the 3,760 buses fleet have completed 12 years and have been running after AMC, officials

Of the five buses that caught fire over the last two months.

four were red (AC buses) and one was green (non-AC).

"It was a small fire and was doused soon after it broke out. This is quite unusual, but fire incidents have increased across Delhi. The bus will be sent for an examination to ascertain the cause of the fire. The transport minister had recently formed a committee to identify the root cause, review the modalities of repair and maintenance, scrutiny and checks of the buses at various levels of officials and suggest remedial measures. said a DTC official. "The sixmember committee will submit the report in 15 days," he added.

Another DTC official said that the fire could have been either due to overage or poor maintenance and repair. "Similar fire incidents took place in diesel buses when they were running past their AMC period," said the offi-



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Every university has a lunatic fringe, JNU is no different... still best in country, says V-C

ARANYA SHANKAR & SHEETAL BANCHARIYA NEW DELHI, APRIL 26

JAWAHARLAL University (JNU) Vice-Chancellor Santishree Dhulipudi Pandit, an alumna of the university, Tuesday said that while she loves JNU as it is "the best university in the country", she dislikes that it is a "delusion" – a place where freedom is understood as a lack of responsibilities and "everything is free". She also said there should be no "hatred" for other ideologies in INU.

In an interview with The Indian Express, asked what are the two things she does not like about JNU or wishes to change, Pandit said, "The two things I don't like is, it is a delusion. Students think everything is free... When they go out, some of them psychologically get affected and they don't want to leave JNU. Because the world is not like that... And we don't make them realistic. We think everything is like JNU. You can walk around in shorts, you can wear any clothes, nobody both-

BRIEFLY —

Woman killed,

New Delhi: A 45-year-old

woman was killed and her

husband injured at Dalit

Ekta Camp in Vasant Kunj,

reportedly after an argu-

ment. A resident of the

same colony has been ar-

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Manoj C said that it was a

petty quarrel between

neighbours. The accused

was also involved in cases

of theft, he said.

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New Delhi: Days after a 14year-old girl went missing

from her home, the Delhi Police arrested six persons

for allegedly kidnapping

her and "selling" her in

Mathura. Police said she

was rescued from a hotel.

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ers here. But that's not the way the outside world is. Or even with freedom, they think whatever you do, no (police) case will be put against you."

"And the other is, I think hatred should not be there. Have your ideologies, have your viewpoint but don't hate. Hatred is something which is so negative, and I think because we are on taxpayers' money and there are a lot of people who write 'close JNU', there's a lot of animosity after the unfortunate incidents that took place during the last administration. I think the students also should understand that this is a phase of life. Live it, enjoy it and go out and do well like we did in our time. Don't do something that will hurt you because you're breaking your own leg, hitting yourself," she added.

However, Pandit said JNU was the "best university in the country" and it opened up a world to her that "I never knew existed". She also said INU has "the best of professors that are committed"

"I want that to continue. Ideologically, we may disagree. But as human beings we can



Dhulipudi Pandit

agree to disagree and still stay together as a JNU community, epistemic community, knowledge community, working for the country," she said.

Asked about the recent violence on campus during Ram Navami, Pandit said the administration had "no idea what the trigger was" and that a proctorial inquiry was looking into the matter. The Registrar earlier in a statement had said the "scuffle" had begun after some students objected to the holding of a havan.

"Basically after that initial violence, different interpretations are coming. Unfortunately, we don't have cameras because it

was broken by students within the hostels where it took place. Please understand that the Iftar party was going on for 10 days. Only one day, they wanted to do Ram Navami thing. So we don't know what is the trigger," she

Asked about the Registrar suggesting the trigger was the holding of havan, she said, "That is also true... There are versions, and we cannot take one side

On the allegations that nonvegetarian food was not being allowed to be served on Ram Navami at the Kaveri Hostel, she said the "administration has no policy on who should eat what or who should wear what" and that people's individual rights were respected. Pandit also said she wants to

change the image of JNU as an anti-national place. "I think it's all right for a catchword, but in reality, I will tell you 90 per cent of the students are apolitical. They've come here to make a career and any such negative branding will affect them also to go out... Every university has a lunatic fringe and INU is no different from others."

She said dissent was "vital" and that Lord Buddha was "the first dissenter". "We are a civilisation that celebrates dissent because from it creativity comes out. And something better can come out. But without being violent, that's all we are saying,

With multiple complaints against security company Cyclops, especially with regard to thefts in faculty homes, Pandit said the company would be changed. "We're changing the security because we have realised that there are issues about the security on the campus... We are going to advertise and take the best. There have been thefts also, and there have been many, many issues. And last time, I was told that it was not done through a proper tendering process. So we are working as per government rules," she said.

Pandit said all hostels will be "modernised" after the university received Rs 57 crore for maintenance and repairs from the Ministry, and that it would be done so without "touching the fee structure".

Between Delhi and

DURING MANN'S CAPITAL VISIT

Punjab, a pact to share best practices

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, APRIL 26

DELHI CHIEF Minister Arvind Kejriwal and his Punjab counterpart Bhagwant Mann Tuesday signed a knowledge sharing agreement (KSA) so the states can learn and share "knowledge, experience and skills with each other for welfare of the public".

The agreement will enable the two governments to send and receive officials, ministers and other personnel from the other state. It is not legally enforceable.

"I think this is a first of its kind incident in the history of India where two governments are signing an agreement to learn from each other. It will be wrong to say that only our government has worked for the state; different parties and governments have worked with different states and came up with several initiatives for public welfare in 75 years of India's Independence. There were several islands of excellence across the country but there were divisions of parties and states... this will be the first time two governments are signing such an agreement," Kejriwal said.

"Mann ji and his entire team are on a tour in Delhi and they visited schools, mohalla clinics, hospitals. I believe Punjab will learn from the achievements of the Delhi government and adopt measures to improve education, health and infrastructure. Many exceptional projects and works have already been undertaken in Punjab and countless new projects will take place in the coming years, and Delhi will learn from them." he said.

Mann echoed the sentiment: "Changi cheez jitho bhi mile seekh leni chaidi ae (We should learn goods things every chance we get). I visited government schools, mohalla clinics and hospitals here in the last two days. During my days as an artist, I used to go on tours and visit schools and hospitals in America, Canada, but I never saw the confidence in students there as I did here. We want

He said Punjab has more than 19.000 schools and 23 lakh stu-

dents while in Delhi, there are 18 lakh students and 1,000-1,500 schools. "Punjab has acres of school land, panchayat land where schools, grand sports grounds and other things can be developed, but some governments did not let those develop. Punjab has doctors, teachers, but there is no infrastructure," he said.

Kejriwal, Mann in the national capital. Praveen Khanna

He said some in the opposition are criticising the new pact. "But this is a knowledge sharing agreement between two governments to learn from each other. Punjab is the best in agriculture and known for agrarian development. The environment minister of Delhi can visit Punjab and learn techniques and implement it in Delhi," said Mann.

Asked if the pact could lead to Delhi running the Punjab government from afar. Keiriwal said, "If a CM of one state is visiting another to learn, it doesn't mean one government is trying to run the other. Tamil Nadu CM Stalin visited Delhi schools: you cannot say the TN government is being run by Delhi. It will be wrong to say that."

"Mann sahab ne nayi nayi sarkar sambhali hai. Thoda time dijiye, sab banega," he added.

Mann said his government is working on a roadmap to introduce new farming ideas, generate electricity, improve groundwater level and launch a rehabilitation programme for drug addicts.

Delhi government officials said Kejriwal personally explained the 'Delhi model' of education and health and other key projects to the delegation. Delhi's ministers and officials also made in-depth presentations about

their respective departments. Among those present at the event were Deputy CM Manish Sisodia, Health Minister Satyendar Jain, newly appointed Chief Secretary Naresh Kumar, cabinet ministers of Punjab and senior officials from both states.

The agreement came under fire from the opposition. BJP leader Manjinder Singh Sirsa alleged it would make Punjab government officials answerable to the Delhi government: "Today, all policy documents are available in public domain. This agreement is just a way for Delhi government to control Punjab government officials and run the government remotely... As per rules, one state

cannot control the other state." Delhi Congress president Anil Chaudhary called the agreement unconstitutional. A Delhi government official however said: "If anyone feels confidential documents will be shared between the two governments unconstitu-

The government spokespern did not elaborate on areas and data that would be covered under the agreement.

tionally, they are wrong.'

ANOTHER LANDFILL FIRE

A massive fire broke out at the Bhalswa landfill on Tuesday. The fire department received a call at 5.47 pm and, according to officials, 10 fire tenders were at the site, while efforts were on to douse the flames until Tuesday night. Delhi Environment Minister Gopal Rai said on social media that the Delhi Pollution Control Committee has been asked to examine all aspects of the fire and submit a report in 24 hours. Amit Mehra

SDMC mayor orders probe into Satya Niketan building collapse: 'No one will be spared'

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, APRIL 26

SOUTH DELHI Municipal Corporation (SDMC) Mayor Mukesh Survan has ordered a probe into the building collapse at Satya Niketan on Monday that killed two labourers and injured four. Suryan said the commissioner, Gyanesh Bharti, has been asked to investigate the matter and submit a report.

Suryan said the corporation had completed whatever process it takes to stop the illegal construction. "In such a situation, if an accident has happened, we will get

tion will be taken. No one will be spared," he said.

According to police, the terrace of the three-storey house that was under renovation collapsed around 1.15 pm trapping six workers. The men were stuck for hours as multiple teams of the Delhi Fire Services, Delhi Police and National Disaster Response Force worked to remove debris and rescue them. The men -Aslam (17), Bilal (40), Sarfaraz (25), Naseem (35), Mushahid (19) and Firdaus, whose age could not be verified — were rescued and taken to hospitals. Officials said Naseem and Bilal succumbed to

iniuries at AIIMS.

booked the property for unauthorised construction. In a notice issued to the property on March 31, the SDMC said the construction was being undertaken without necessary permissions. The letter said that if the construction is not stopped immediately, further action would be taken without any intimation. The letter also asked the owner that he needs to specify within three days why the unauthorised construction should not be demolished. "If you do not appear then it would be conceded that you have nothing to say in your defence and action could be taken," said the notice.

The notice stated that unau-

shape of erection of new columns and changing of internal walls in old and existing building from ground to third floor. In another letter on April 11 to the station house officer, South Campus RK Puram, the assistant engineer (Building South zone) had demanded a police intervention. The letter said, "In an order by commissioner, directing any person to stop construction of buildings or execution of any work is not complied with, the commissioner may require any police officer to remove such person and all his workmen and assistants on the premises or to seize any construction material."

The assistant engineer had requested that action may be taken, and unauthorised construction be stopped immediately, workmen present on the premises be removed and construction material be seized. The assistant engineer also asked police to issue suitable instructions to patrolling officers to not allow any further construction, especially during holidays or off-hours.

A senior Delhi Police officer said, "We had received the letter. We are checking what local staff did. Action will be taken if there was some negligence on part of the police. However, there was no $other\,direction\,from\,SDMC, who$ is responsible for construction."

First come, first served as DDA plans to sell 13,000 flats

ABHINAV RAJPUT NEW DELHI, APRIL 26

THE DELHI Development Authority (DDA) is likely to sell around 13,000 flats on a 'first come, first served' basis after the landowning agency could not sell them through a draw of lots in the recently concluded scheme, a senior DDA official

The DDA's draw of lots for its Special Housing Scheme 2021, which was conducted a few weeks ago, saw less than onethird of takers with 5,227 out of 18,335 flats being allotted to ap-

"We have placed a proposal in the ministry, once approved, these flats would be sold on a first come, first served basis using online platforms," he said.

Sources said that since these were flats that were there from previous schemes, the agency

would get the permission. commissioner (Housing) V S Yadav said if it is approved, and it becomes a part

of the policy, the agency would be able to put the houses on a first come, first served basis after conducting a draw of lots. This policy would be for those flats that are either surren-

dered, rejected or have remained unallotted during housing schemes after conducting the draw of lots, said another official.

Around 8,000 of these flats are in Narela, and the remaining are spread across the capital in areas such as Rohini, Dwarka, Siraspur, Ramgarh and Lok Nayak Puram.

He said the draw of lots left several "serious" buyers without flats, but those who would have applied for investment purposes had their names come up in the

"There is no point in holding these flats for the next draw when we receive requests from people who want to purchase these flats as it suits their reguirements. So, we have sought permission," he said.

As per rules, the authority can presently conduct a draw of lots followed by a mini draw, in which only around 20% of the people who were kept waiting during the first draw can partic-

The DDA flats, which were once coveted and much sought, have been losing out since 2014 to private developers that are seen as providing better amenities at lower rates in the national capital region.

In 2014, around 10,000 flats were surrendered as owners complained of the lack of transport connectivity, water supply and small sizes of units mostly in areas such as Bawana, Narela and Rohini.

A senior DDA official said connectivity could be one of the reasons behind a large number of people not coming forward, but added that the DDA has worked on it.

In several new infrastructure projects, like the Knowledge City, Metro and the Third Ring Road would be coming up in areas like Narela soon.

coming days, these areas would also be in great demand," he said.

1 dead, 500 homeless as fire rages through Manesar slum cluster

Fire department officials said the cause of the fire is yet to be

PAVNEET SINGH CHADHA GURGAON, APRIL 26

"IT ALL happened quite fast. My wife and my maternal aunt were cooking when we saw a huge fire outside. In the chaos, my wife and I ran in the opposite direction and barely survived. The fire engulfed our three shanties. I then ran to check in on my aunt. By that time her gate had caught fire and I could not save her," said Vikas Paswan (19) as he stood near his gutted shanty.

Paswan's maternal aunt, Meena Devi (50), was killed in the fire that broke out at a slum cluster of scrap dealers gutting hundreds of shanties spread over an area of 25 acres, near Kankrola village in Sector 6, IMT Manesar on Monday night. Her charred body was recovered on

Three people suffered burn injuries, said police, adding that two were admitted to hospitals. Officials said some vehicles were also gutted in the fire.

Police said an FIR was registered against unknown persons on the complaint of the nephew of the deceased.

Devi. a native of Patna. worked as a scrap dealer. "The rest of the family had gone to our native village in Patna. Sab chala gaya aag mein (We have lost everything)," Paswan said.

As firefighters doused the fire, displaced families - most being scrap dealers and garbage pickers — sat on a pavement across the road, hoping to salvage something from the rubble. Many said they spent the night beneath a flyover in Kankrola.

pected to have started near Meena Devi's shanty around 10.20 pm and spread, aided by strong winds. At least 35 fire tenders were pressed into service as Officials said the fire is susoperations continued through

ascertained. Expres

the night. In the afternoon, Narender Singh, a fire officer, said. "At least 80% of the fire has been controlled. Fire is still raging in scrap materials like plastic, rubber and cardboard, and

earth moving machines and dousing minor fires by spraying water. We are preventing it from spreading towards Naharpur Rupa. The cause of the fire is yet to be ascertained."

we are clearing the rubble using

Gurgaon DC Nishant Kumar Yadav and SDM North Gurgaon Ankita Chaudhary visited the area. SDM Chaudhary said, "Over 500 people have been displaced. The district administration has made arrangements for their shelter in a community hall in a nearby village. We have arranged mattresses, portable toilets, water tanks and food."

Nitish Kumar, a scrap dealer, said, "Some tried putting out the fire by pouring buckets of water. but winds spread the fire, engulfing everything. Several cylinders exploded, and the fire spread to a liquor store. I quickly grabbed my son and daughter and ran for safety. Bache bach gaye, wahi kaafi hai, ghar phir bana lenge (I am thankful that my children are safe, I will rebuild a home)." His wife, Ganga Jali Devi, said

she fell and suffered an injury while they were running. "We had saved Rs 40,000 cash for my niece's wedding in Bihar. We were supposed to leave this week. We will have to borrow money now. All our documents have also been gutted," she said. Rajender Singh, SHO, Kherki

Daula police station, said, "One woman died and three persons sustained injuries. One of the injured was discharged after treatment. One man suffered at least 30% burn injuries, and is undergoing treatment at a hospital in Delhi, while another man is at a Manesar hospital. Their statements are yet to be recorded."

New Delhi

"We are hopeful that in the





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THE CDS QUESTION

THE DEATH of India's first Chief of Defence Staff General Bipin Rawat in a helicopter crash last December had triggered speculation about his possible successor. But four months later, the government is yet to announce a name. Army Chief General MM Naravane, who retires at the end of the month, is considered to be a leading contender for the post. However, a tweet by the Defence Accounts Department late Monday evening led to some curiosity. The handle tweeted a photo of General Naravane receiving his pension payment order. There is speculation in South Block corridors on whether or not he will become the CDS. A section believes people are reading too much into it. In 2019, it was widely expected that General Rawat would become the first CDS. But the announcement came just a day before he was to retire as Army Chief..

No Show

EARLIER THIS year, Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla had referred a petition submitted by TMC MP Sudip Bandopadhyay under the anti-defection law against Kanthi MP Sisir Adhikari to the Committee of Privileges. Adhikari, who had won the Lok Sabha seat in 2019 on a TMC ticket, had joined the BJP ahead of the 2020 West Bengal Assembly polls. On Tuesday, Bandopadhyay was supposed to present oral evidence before the committee, which was announced through a notice on April 8. However, it is learnt that Bandopadhyay, who is the TMC's Lok Sabha parliamentary party leader, did not show up for the meeting.

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Particulars

Net Profit for the period before tax Net Profit / (Loss) for the period after tax Total comprehensive income

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Total income from operations

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Outstanding debt

KEEPING HIS word, actor and BJP Rajya Sabha MP from Kerala Suresh Gopi took a group of tribal medicine experts from the tribal-dominated district of Wayanad and Attappadi in Palakkad district to meet Union Minister of Ayush Sarbanand Sonowal here last week. Gopi said he got to know of their problems during a tour of the tribal areas and promised all possible help. They want to be recognised as traditional medicine practitioners and allowed to collect herbs from inside forests which they are not allowed to currently. Wayanad is also Congress leader Rahul Gandhi's parliamentary constituency, but Gopi said his actions should not be seen in political light and that he has been taking up issues of the downtrodden. Sonowal promised to discuss the issues when he visits Kerala later this month.

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Ram Navami violence: Apex court dismisses plea seeking judicial panel

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, APRIL 26

THE SUPREME Court on Tuesday dismissed a Public Interest Litigation which sought a judicial inquiry into incidents of communal violence during Ram Navami and Hanuman Jayanti celebrations in Delhi's Jahangirpuri area and other parts of the country.

"You want a judicial inquiry by a former Chief Justice of India? Is anybody free? Find out and tell us.... What kind of relief you are asking? Is this...don't ask for such reliefs which the court cannot grant. Dismissed," a bench of Justices L Nageswara Rao and B R Gavai said, turning down the petition filed by advocate Vishal Tiwari.

The petition referred to the incidents that occurred in Rajasthan, Delhi, Madhya Pradesh and Guiarat and said that the situation is alarming. The petitioner also termed as arbitrary the use of bulldozers in states such as Uttar Pradesh, Gujarat and Madhya Pradesh and sought a separate committee to look into into "bulldozer justice". "Such actions," the petitioner contended, "are absolutely discriminatory and do not fit into the notion of democracy and rule of law."

Hearing another petition, the apex court had recently stayed the anti-encroachment launched by the North Delhi Municipal Corporation in Jahangirpuri area of the national capital. The drive was launched a few days after stones were thrown at a Hanuman Jayanti procession stoned in the area.

Bulldozers tore down several concrete and temporary structures close to a mosque in Jahangirpuri last week as part of an anti-encroachment drive by the BJP-ruled civic body, days after the northwest Delhi neighbourhood was rocked by communal violence. The SC has also sought replies from other states where similar drives have taken place in the recent past.

Enriched our culture: PM recalls Kerala reformer

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE THIRUVANANTHAPURAM, APRIL 26

PRIME MINISTER Narendra Modi Tuesday said social reformer Sree Narayana Guru had always followed the decorum of discussion and tried to understand the view point of the other and convey his viewpoint collaboratively by working with the other person.

The PM was inaugurating the year-long joint celebrations of 90th anniversary of Sivagiri pilgrimage and golden jubilee of Brhama Vidyalaya. The Sivagiri mutt at Varkala in Kerala was established by Guru.

Recalling that Guru had been a radical thinker and practical reformer, the PM said that Guru used to create an environment in the society that the society itself used to get in the direction of selfimprovement with the right rationale. 'When we walk on this path of reforming the society, then a power of self-improvement is also awakened in the society. Guru gave the example of social adoption of the campaign of Beti Bachao, Beti Padhao in recent times where the situation improved with speed as the government was able to create the right environment."

The PM commented that celebrations of 90th anniversary of



Prime Minister Narendra Modi at the 90th anniversary of Sivagiri Pilgrimage and Golden Jubilee of Brahma Vidyalaya in New Delhi on Tuesday. PTI

Sivagiri Pilgrimage and Golden Jubilee of Brahma Vidhyalaya are not confined to the journey of these institutions but "this is also the immortal journey of that idea of India, which keeps moving forward through different mediums in different periods." "Be it the city of Shiva in Varanasi or Sivagiri in Varkala, every centre of India's energy holds a special place in the lives of all of us Indians. These places are not mere pilgrimages, they are not just centres of faith, they are awakened establishments of the spirit of 'Ek Bharat, Shreshtha Bharat'.

Pointing out that while many countries and civilizations strayed from their Dharma and materialism took place of spiritualism, in India, the PM said 'our sages and Gurus always refined our thoughts and enhanced our be-

Modi said that Narayana Guru talked of modernity but he also enriched Indian culture and values. He fought a logical and practical fight against the discrimination going on in the name of casteism. "Today, with the same inspiration of Narayan Guru Ji, the country is serving the poor... backward, giving them their rights", the PM said, adding that India is moving with the mantra of "Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas, Sabka Vishwas and Sabka Pravas".

PM CARES Fund can't contract out of Constitution, HC told

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, APRIL 26

THE PM CARES Fund cannot contract out of the Constitution. and is a structure which undermines public accountability, it was argued before Delhi High Court on Tuesday.

"Can you have the Speaker of the House and some members creating a trust and saying please donate. Please assume the cause is extremely laudable, but does the Constitution allow you to sort of set up something parallel and say this is not subject to any rigour of (the) State and CAG, etc does not apply," senior advocate Shyam Divan, representing petitioner Samyak Gangwal, argued before the division bench of acting Chief Justice Vipin Sanghi and Justice Navin Chawla.

The submission was made during the hearing of the petition filed by Gangwal, urging that PM CARES Fund be declared as 'The State' under Article 12 of the Constitution.

Divan argued that the government deeply controls the fund and it has been established by the government through the Prime Minister's Office (PMO). "PM CARES Fund performs a public function similar to government functions, and PM CARES Fund utilises privileges, benefits and exemptions which are reserved for the State," he

submitted. The Centre had earlier sought adjournment of the case

citing unavailability of Solicitor General Tushar Mehta. Mehta, who later appeared virtually, questioned the "source" behind the petition and said that the court needs to examine that. "I want to know and apprise your lordships, which is that great interest

which the petitioner is espous-

ing," he submitted. Last year, Divan had argued in the same case that the Constitution requires transparency and that PM CARES Fund also must come within that discipline, when all along it was projected by the highest functionaries in the State that the charitable trust has been set up by the Government of India.

In the petition, Gangwal has contended that citizens are aggrieved that a fund set up by the Prime Minister, and with trustees such as the PM and ministers of Home, Defence and Finance, has been declared to be a fund over which there is no government control. Gangwal concluded arguments on Tuesday.

The case has now been listed for hearing in July.



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8 GOVT & POLITICS

CAA compassionate legislation: MHA annual report

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, APRIL 26

EVEN AS notification of rules for the Citizenship Amendment Act (CAA) remains pending for over two years, the government has said the legislation is "compassionate and ameliorative" and does not deprive any Indian of citizenship.

"The CAA is a limited and narrowly tailored legislation which seeks to provide a relaxation to aforesaid specific communities from the specified countries with a clear cut-off

JMM, Cong

target ex-CM

Das day after he

A DAY after senior BJP leader and

former Jharkhand CM Raghubar

Das accused Chief Minister

Hemant Soren of nepotism.

Jharkhand Mukti Morcha and its

coalition partner Congress on

Tuesday held separate press con-

ferences in Ranchi, advising Das

tion" allegations against him and

that CM Hemant Soren's wife

Kalpana Soren got 11 acres land in

Ranchi's Bijupara industrial area.

Das also alleged that CM's politi-

cal representative Pankaj Mishra

and Press adviser Abhishek Prasad

got mining leases even as the

Mining Department is with the

Bhattacharya said: "It (land allot-

ment to Kalpana Soren) was an open process that was duly adver-

tised. Many people participated.

ment of land to Soren's wife was

not a question of impropriety,

Bhattarcharva said: "Does impro-

priety applies only when a tribal

or someone from the Scheduled

Castes is involved? When a cen-

tral minister's kin get something

Prasad, Bhattacharya said: "The

lease was given to Prasad in 2016 when Das was the CM and min-

ing department was with him."

He also referred to former cabinet

allegations against Das with re-

gard to consultancy contract

awarded to a company called

'Meinhardt' when he (Das) was

the Urban Development minister.

and the alleged irregularities in

awarding Ranchi sewerage proj-

ect contract in 2005.

Christian outfit

leanings to take

THIRUVANANTHAPURAM,

SHAJU PHILIP

Wednesday.

with 'anti-Muslim'

part in Hindu meet

A CHRISTIAN organisation, which

has been at the forefront of tap-

ping anti-Muslim sentiments

among Christians in Kerala, will

participate in the 10th

Ananthapuri Hindu Maha

Sammelan, which begins here on

Alliance for Social Action will par-

ticipate in a debate on "love jihad,

land iihad and halal food" at the

Hindu Dharma Parishad pres-

ident M Gopal said this is the first time that a Christian outfit will be participating in the Hindu Maha

Sammelan, "We had Christians attending the event in the past. But this is the first time a Christian out-

fit is attending the event," he said.

"The present situation in Kerala

demands that Hindus and

Christians should stand united

There are common issues which

both communities are facing such as love jihad and land jihad."

the same crisis situations. Islamic

terrorism is confronting both

behind bringing the Christian out-

He denied any political agenda

CASA state president Kevin

communities," said Gopal.

fit for the Hindu conclave.

part of the five-day event.

"Both communities are facing

pro-Sangh Parivar event.

The Christian Association and

On mining lease given to

like this, no questions are asked."

When asked whether allot-

Targeting CM's wife is not fair."

JMM spokesperson Supriyo

CM himself

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ABHISHEK ANGAD

RANCHI, APRIL 26

ameliorative legislation," the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) has said in its latest annual report for 2020-21.

"The CAA does not apply to Indian citizens. Therefore, it does not in any way take away or abridge the rights of any Indian citizen. Further, the present legal process of acquiring Indian citizenship by any foreigner of any category as provided in the Citizenship Act-1955 is very much operational and the CAA does not amend or alter this legal position in any manner whatsoever. Hence, legal migrants of any religion from any country will continue to get Indian citizenship once they fulfil the eligibility conditions already provided in the law for registration or naturalisation," it has said.

The CAA, which aims to give citizenship to Hindus, Sikhs, Buddhists, Jains, Parsis or Christians from Afghanistan, Bangladesh or Pakistan, was notified on December 12, 2019, and came into force on January 10, 2020. The legislation evoked widespread protests across the country as read with government's plan to conduct a nationwide National Register of Citizen (NRC) enumeration, it was perceived as an attempt to deprive

Muslims of Indian citizenship. The notification of its rules, without which the law cannot be implemented, continues to be pending.

The annual report has attempted to once again allay fears in the Northeast over the legislation saying that exclusion of areas under the Sixth Schedule of the Constitution and those covered under the Inner Line Permit regime would ensure protection of indigenous and tribal populations of the region.

The report said between April

1, 2020 and December 31, 2020, 3.014 and 217 cases of Long Term Visa (LTV) have been disposed of by the MHA for minority communities from Pakistan and Afghanistan, respectively. During the same period, one case of LTV for minority community from Bangladesh was also disposed of by the MHA, even as a total of 412 Citizenship Certificates were granted by various competent authorities (MHA plus authorities delegated powers of the Central government in seven states and 16 districts) to foreigners under the provisions of The Citizenship Act- 1955, it said.

Cong removes Jakhar from all party posts; he says doesn't hold any

Panel recommends similar action against KV Thomas too

Sources said the disciplinary

panel reccomended Jakhar's

evening, AICC general secretary

Tariq Anwar, who is also the

member-secretary of the disci-

plinary action committee, told

The Indian Express that the panel

never recommended Jakhar's

suspension. "No, no. We never

recommended this. What we

recommended was approved by

the Congress president. We

never recommended his sus-

pension or expulsion. We only

recommended he should be re-

moved from any party position

will remain in the party but will

not hold any position in the

"Both KVThomas and Jakhar

for some time," he said.

suspension for two years

MANOJCG& **NAVJEEVAN GOPAL**

NEW DELHI, CHANDIGARH.

WITHIN A span of a few hours, the Congress Tuesday did a volte-face regarding the disciplinary action it wanted to initiate against former Punjab Congress president Sunil Jakhar. The party's disciplinary action committee headed by A K Antony met in the morning and, according to sources, recommended that he be suspended from the party for two years.

It also recommended that veteran Congress leader from Kerala K V Thomas be removed from all party posts.

A decision on the recommendations was to be taken by Congress president Sonia Gandhi. But by evening, the disciplinary action committee said its recommendation was only to remove Jakhar from all party posts. It is another matter that he does not hold any party post currently.

Thomas, on the other hand, is a member of the political affairs committee and executive committee of the Kerala Pradesh Congress Committee. He will be removed from both posts.

Soon after the meeting of the disciplinary action committee, one of its members said the recommendation was to suspend Jakhar for a period of two years.

party. This is the official version of the party," he said. Jakhar told The Indian Express that he had received no communication regarding any action against him. Asked about the de-

positions, he said, "I don't hold any position in the party. Which position are they removing me from?"

"The last position I held was the chairman of the campaign committee of Congress for Punjab elections and it ceased to exist after elections.... Earlier, I was a member of AICC. I was not elected a member of AICC. I was a member of AICC by virtue of being a MP. The moment I ceased to be MP, I ceased to be a member of AICC too. So, which position are they removing me from?"

Anwar admitted Jakhar does not hold any position. "It can be in the near future that he will not be given any political assignments," he said.

Incidentally, Jakhar had not responded to the showcause notice issued by the disciplinary action committee

After reports of his suspension earlier in the day, he wished the "Congress party good luck" and said he was subjected to "insult" by making "a public spectacle" of a showcause notice is-

sued to him. Jakhar had courted controversy by labelling former chief minister Charanjit Singh Channi a liability and claiming that the party did not choose him as its CM face as he is Hindu. In Thomas's case, the disciplinary action committee had issued notice to him after the Congress's leadership in Kerala demanded action against him for attending

IN CHARGE

Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath on his way to attend oath ceremoney of newly elected MLCs at Tilak Hall in Lucknow on Tuesday. Vishal Srivastav

BAN ON YOUTUBE CHANNELS

Will keep acting against fake news, says minister

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, APRIL 26

A DAY after the Union Information and Broadcasting Ministry listed out the blocked YouTube channels from India and Pakistan for spreading false, unverified information to create panic, incite communal disharmony and disturb public order in India", I&B Minister Anurag Thakur said on Tuesday that such actions will continue

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE

THE CENTRE has scrapped the

quota through which Members of

Parliament (MPs) could recom-

mend names for admissions in

Kendriya Vidyalayas (KV), accord-

ing to the admission guidelines for

granting admissions to children of

education ministry employees,

children and dependent grand-

children of MPs and serving or re-

tired KV employees, discretionary

quota of school management

committee chairman, among oth-

Vidyalaya Sangathan (KVS), an au-

tonomous organisation under the

Education Ministry which runs

these schools, said the revised

guidelines have been issued fol-

lowing a review of the special pro-

visions for admissions.

An official of Kendriya

ers, have also been removed.

The "special provisions" for

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2022-23 and beyond.

MP quota for KV

admissions scrapped

in revised guidelines

against those who spread misinformation and propaganda.

He said the government respects the freedom of speech, but "strongest action will be taken as per law" against "those who become a threat to the country's sovereignty and integrity".

"Within or outside the country, those trying to spread this kind of propaganda, fake news... strict action will be taken in future,

too...," he said. "We are not against the use of

formed Parliament during the

Budget Session that a decision on

scrapping the quota will be taken

after consultation involving all

MPs, who appeared divided on

sion was taken since it was be-

coming difficult for schools to take

in students over and above the

sanctioned strength in such large

numbers. "It was affecting the

teaching-learning process. The

parent-teacher ratio was getting

distorted." an official involved in

the process said, "Also, in many

cases the constitutionally man-

dated quota system was not be-

ing followed in the case of these

that constitutional provisions on

reservations for SC, ST and OBCs

will be applicable on all fresh ad-

missions. The policy change will

have an impact on about 40,000

seats, an official said.

The fresh guidelines spell out

A senior official said the deci-

the matter.

admissions."

digital media for taking the right information to the people...Fake news also impacts the mainstream media...it is hard for a common person to differentiate between right and wrong."

Talking to journalists on the sidelines of an event in Delhi. when asked about the use of loudspeakers at places of worship, Thakur said "rules and regulations should be the same for all".

He attacked the Congress leadership over "breakdown of

TORA AGARWALA

GUWAHATI, APRIL 26

A LOCAL court in Barpeta district

on Tuesday rejected Gujarat MLA

Jignesh Mevani's bail plea and re-

manded him in five days' police

granted bail to the MLA on

Monday in the defamatory tweet

case, Mevani was re-arrested in a

fresh case filed in Barpeta district

under various charges, including

assault of a public servant and

outraging a woman's modesty.

advocate Angshuman Bora said

he would now move the "bail ap-

plication on higher forum" in the

In the Barpeta case, Mevani

has been booked under IPC

Sections 294 (obscene acts and

songs in public place), 354 (as-

sault or criminal force to woman

with intent to outrage her mod-

next few days.

Mevani's lawyer and senior

Even as a court in Kokrajhar

custody, his lawyers said.

Court rejects Mevani

bail plea, sends him to

5-day police custody

law and order" in Rajasthan, especially with regard to crimes against women. "I wonder if Priyanka (Gandhi) and Sonia (Gandhi) are in the country or not these days. In Rajasthan, shameful incidents take place every day. Rape and torture against women and girls, they are thrown into wells...the culprits are not caught for days. I hope they will take these things seriously and the Rajasthan government, which is fast asleep, will wake up," the minister said.

Gujarat

Jignesh Mevani

esty), 353 (assault or criminal

force to deter public servant from

discharge of his duty), and 323

Barpeta SP Amitava Sinha had

earlier told The Indian Express

that the case had been registered

on the basis of a complaint filed

at the Barpeta Road Police Station

by a woman police inspector

had pledged support to the

Congress last September, Mevani

was arrested by Assam Police

from Gujarat on April 20 follow-

ing a complaint filed against him

by a local BJP leader regarding a

purported tweet from his ac-

count against Prime Minister

Narendra Modi.

An Independent MLA who

from Kokrajhar on April 21.

(voluntarily causing hurt).

In Himachal, Cong banks on Virbhadra legacy, makes his wife state unit chief

MANOJCG NEW DELHI, APRIL 26

WITH THE Assembly elections ing, the Congress central leadership Tuesday appointed late stalwart Virbhadra Singh's wife and Lok Sabha MP Pratibha Singh as the state president. It was a signal that the party has no option but to bank on the legacy of Virbhadra, who served as Himachal Chief Minister several times.

Singh, many in the party admitted, never allowed a second line of leadership to emerge during his lifetime. Consequently, the Congress has no stalwart leader in the state barring Anand Sharma, A CWC member and former Union minister, Sharma, who was always considered a rival to Singh, prefers to focus on national politics.

In what seems a balancing act, Sharma was announced the chairman of a 10-member steering committee. Former AICC incharge of Punjab, Asha Kumari, will be the convenor of the steering committee. It also includes several aspirants for the PCC president post like Kaul Singh Thakur, Ram Lal Thakur, Harshwardhan Chouhan, and Dhani Ram Shandil. The PCC president, CLP leader and cam-



Lok Sabha member from Mandi Pratibha Singh

paign committee chief will be

permanent invitees. Mukesh Agnihotri, the CLP leader, and Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu, the campaign committee chief and former PCC chief, were the leading contenders for the top post. The party release also made it clear that Sukhu will be part of the screening committee that will shortlist candidates for the Assembly elections.

Generally, the PCC president and CLP leader are ex-officio members of the screening committee, but there have been exceptions.

Other senior leaders have also been accommodated in multiple ways.

Pratibha Singh is currently a Lok Sabha member from Mandi, having won a by-election in November last year.

on the same page. On Ukraine,

Take time but solve issue of space crunch, SC tells Centre on

a seminar organised by CPI(M).

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judicial vista plea

TERMING SOME of its infrastructure deficiencies "horrible", the Supreme Court Tuesday a plea seeking construction of a judicial vista on its premises to

A bench of Justices Vineet Saran and I K Maheshwari told Solicitor General Tushar Mehta that all it intended to do when it took up the matter on Monday and sought his presence was to highlight the issue so that the government can plan suitably.

"Yesterday [when the court took up the petition and sought the SG's presence], we said no directions are going to be issued. It is a matter the government should take up on its own... By means of this petition, it is being brought to the notice of the government that such a problem is

there," said Justice Saran. "You can plan... not in one month or three months or so, but at least the starting of the planning can be there... so that there can be a comprehensive solution.... The problem is there, it is not for the court to solve the problem," he said

The court was hearing a plea by advocate Ardhendurmauli Kumar Prasad who said the present infrastructure of the Supreme Court is insufficient.

UNGA adopts 'veto resolution',

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adopted by consensus a resolution that requires the 193-member body to convene whenever a veto is cast by a permanent member of the Security Council, India said it has "serious concerns" tiatives" that do not take into account concerns of the wider

Peter confirmed that he would be

Assembly debate when a veto is cast in the Security Council" was adopted by consensus, without a vote. The resolution "decides that the President of the General Assembly shall convene a formal meeting... within 10 working days of the casting of a veto by one or more permanent members of the Security Council, to hold a debate on the situation as to which the veto was cast, provided that the Assembly does not meet in an emergency special session on the same situation."

Regretting the "lack of inclusivity" in the manner in which the Representative to the UN, Ambassador R Ravindra said: "We have serious concerns about such 'take it or leave it' initiatives which do not make a genuine effort to take into account the perspectives and concerns of the wider mem-Earlier this month, the US, cit-

ing Russia's "shameful pattern of abusing its veto privilege" over the years, said it was co-sponsoring the UNGA resolution that would automatically convene a meeting of the General Assembly after a veto has been cast in the Security Council by any of the five permanent members.

SHUBHAJIT ROY NEW DELHI, APRIL 26

AMID INDIA'S position on Russia's invasion of Ukraine, India and the Netherlands are on the "same page" and the situation the countries are in is determined by "who their partners Dutch Foreign minister Wopke Hoekstra said on Tuesday.

In an interaction, Hoekstra said, "I have always learned that the situation countries are in and the room that the countries have are also determined by where



Minister Wopke Hoekstra

India and the Netherlands are on the same

they are on the globe, who their partners are, and what historic ties they have or might not have."

"I think it is not up to me to judge from my corner in the world what India should do or should not do," he said. "I cherish the friendship, I cherish the very clear messaging of (External

"Also, on the issues that I mentioned, I think he and I are

when we are talking about rule of law, when we are talking about the atrocities, when we are talking about extreme importance that the international community should attach to territorial integrity, you have other countries. And I cherish this part-

> Hoekstra said: "Russia doesn't pay any respect to international law; to sovereignty and territorial independence of another country...absolutely brutal attacks on cities, soldiers, but also on innocent civilians."

nership and this friendship.'

He said: "We have seen the most horrific images of women being raped, children being murdered... what we tried to do with our friends in the European Union. NATO is that, first individual countries tried to seek to support Ukraine with weapons as a European Union. We also will make sure that very tough sanction packages are being applied."

On China, he said: "We clearly see increased Chinese assertiveness in a number of places in the world. Not in the least in the Indo-Pacific. And I think it is there is a clear imperative for the world to make sure that each and every country subscribe to rule of law, territorial integrity of others, respect geopolitical situation."

participating in the Hindu Youth Conclave, which will be held as

Tabled by Liechtenstein, together with over 70 co-sponsors, including the US, the resolution

India rues 'lack of inclusivity' "Standing mandate for a General

UNITED NATIONS, APRIL 26

AS THE UN General Assembly on Tuesday voiced its "regret" and about such "take it or leave it inimembership.

resolution was put forth, India's

bership," he said.

page on invasion of Ukraine: Dutch minister

are and what historic ties they have, or might not have", visiting

Affair) Minister (S) Jaishankar."

BALLIA PAPER LEAK

Ex-secondary education director suspended for lapses

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE LUCKNOW, APRIL 26

THE UTTAR Pradesh government on Tuesday suspended the then director of secondary education for alleged dereliction of duty in connection with the class XII English question paper leak in Ballia district on March 30.

Vinay Pandey (59), a PCS officer, was removed as director of secondary education on April 21 and was posted as director of literacy alternative education, Urdu and oriental languages.

Pandey was appointed as the director of the secondary education department four months ago, after holding temporary charge of the post since 2018. Before being given charge of director, Pandey was additional director in the same department.

The CMO tweeted on Tuesday, "Another strict action by Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath Ji over negligence in the discharge of duties. Then Director of Education (secondary) suspended (sic)."

"He [CM] has ordered the suspension of the then director of education (secondary) who was found prima facie guilty of not discharging official duties properly, negligence and indifference towards government works and non-compliance of governmentlevel instructions, it added.

Speaking to The Indian Express on Tuesday, a senior department official said, "The suspension has been done because the director of education (secondary) is the one responsible for the smooth conduct of the UP Board examinations. The English exam had to be cancelled in 24 districts because of the leak, and hence the action."



ON BOARD

Students appear in the term 2 CBSE examinations for Class 10, in Agartala, Tuesday. PTI

CLASS 10 PAPER WITH QUESTIONS ON CONGRESS

Board autonomous, no question off syllabus: Rajasthan education minister

DEEPMUKHERJEE& **SOURAV ROY BARMAN**

JAIPUR, NEW DELHI, APRIL 26

A DAY after the Union Ministry of Education sought a response from Rajasthan government on the row over six questions related to the Congress in recent Class X state Board examination, the state Education minister on Tuesday said the Centre's move is the first such instance in his knowledge and denied that there has been any interference from the govern-

"I have not seen such an instance before, wherein the Centre writes to a state government over a Board examination," Rajasthan

The Indian Express on Tuesday.

"We will seek an explanation from RBSE [Rajasthan Board of Secondary Education], which is an autonomous body. Thereafter, we will send our response to the Centre," Pawan Kumar Goyal, Additional Chief Secretary, School Education Department, said.

The Centre's letter was addressed to Goyal.

Sources in the Union Education Ministry said such interventions on question papers relating to state Boards are not made on a routine basis. "But after the issue was highlighted in the media, the ministry saw merit in seeking inputs from the state," a source in the ministry said. "Six questions on one party in one question paper seemed inappro-

Education being a concurrent list subject, such inputs can be sought, and the Centre has not asked for any explanation as such, the source added.

The source said the Union ministry ministry had in the past written to Rajasthan government over alleged irregularities in teacher recruitment tests in the state after the issue was raised in Parliament and was reported in the media. "But there was no response from the state," the source

In Jaipur, Kalla, who has also served as Education minister in previous Congress governments, said questions asked were in line with the syllabus followed by the

"The RBSE is an autonomous body and there is no interference from the state government," Kalla said. "Questions which were asked (in the paper) are from prescribed chapters in the Political Science syllabus — there was

nothing out of the syllabus." Under previous BJP governments, he said, questions had been asked on Atal Bihari Vajpayee or Deen Dayal Upadhyay. "Question papers are set in such secrecy that even the Board chairman is not aware (of the questions)," the minister said.

With Opposition BJP taking on the Ashok Gehlot government over the incident, the RBSE had said that the question paper is set by an independent panel of subject matter experts.

Rana not ill-treated in lock-up, will provide details: Walse Patil

MOHAMED THAVER

MAHARASHTRA HOME Minister Dilip Walse Patil on Tuesday denied that Independent MP Navneet Rana, who was lodged at Santacruz police station on Saturday night, had been treated unfairly by the local police.

Rana, who along with her husband, Independent MLA Ravi Rana, was arrested by the Mumbai Police on Saturday, had written to Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla, alleging that she was denied water and subjected to casteist slurs. Following this, Birla sought details of the incident from the Maharashtra government.

Speaking to the media, Walse Patil said, "It does not appear that any wrong treatment was meted out to Navneet Rana in the lockup. However, since the Lok Sabha Speaker has sought information about the incident, we will provide the details.

The action taken by the Mumbai Police has been as per law. There has been no wrongdoing and we will provide all the necessary details to the central government.'

Meanwhile, BJP leader Kirit Somaiya on Tuesday visited the Khar police station and said that he will meet Maharashtra Governor on Wednesday in connection with the police inaction in the case related to the attack on him on Saturday night. Somaiya was attacked by alleged Shiv Sena workers outside the police station when he had gone to meet the Ranas after their arrest.

Asked if the CISF personnel guarding Somaiya – who enjoys Z



BIP leader Kirit Somaiya at Khar police station, in Mumbai, Tuesday. PTI

plus security - have been given "shoot at sight" orders if he was attacked again, Walse Patil said, "I don't think CISF has given such an order. No one is allowed to issue such an order. Their job is to protect the person. Neither CISF nor Maharashtra Police can take such a decision. I will still verify this in-

After the Ranas were arrested on Saturday for attempting to recite Hanuman Chalisa outside Matoshree - Chief Minister Uddhav Thackeray's residence in Mumbai – they were first kept at Khar police station, from where they were taken to Santacruz police station. On Sunday, Navneet was moved to the Byculla women prison, where she is currently lodged.

In her letter to the Lok Sabha Speaker, Navneet alleged that she was put up in a lock-up without due regards to the office held by her, was not given drinking water while in police custody and abused on the basis of her caste when she demanded water.

A senior Mumbai Police officer denied the allegations and mentioned that they have CCTV

to prove that the allegations are baseless. "All the evidence will be sent to the Lok Sabha Speaker," the officer said.

Later in the day, to counter Rana's complaint that they were not offered water, Mumbai Police Commissioner Saniav Pandev tweeted a video from Khar police station with the caption "do we say anything more". The video is a grab taken from CCTV cameras at Khar police station from Saturday night in which Navneet Rana and Ravi Rana are seen hav-

Countering Pandey's video, Rizwan Merchant, the lawyer of the Ranas, also released a video in which he said that the video released by Pandey was from Khar police station where the couple were initially taken.

There is no denying that they were given tea there. However, we want the Mumbai Police to upload the unedited CCTV footage from Santacruz police station, where they were kept overnight on Saturday when the incident took place," Merchant

Later in the day, Sanjay Pandey released a video in which he said, 'We see in the newspapers that the situation is critical but the situation is never critical for the police, or it is never good. It's always critical. The police personnel and officers of Mumbai Police will handle the law and order situa-

He added, " If some people tried (to disturb the peace), we will not fall short, we will all do what we can do. We have to take

BIBLE ROW IN BENGALURU SCHOOL

NCPCR seeks report, education minister says notice issued

KIRAN PARASHAR BENGALURU, APRIL 26

THE NATIONAL Commission for Protection of Child Rights (NCPCR) has sought a report from the district administration after a Hindu outfit alleged that a school in Bengaluru has made parents sign an undertaking during admission that they would not object to their children carrying the Bible to school.

On Tuesday, members of Hindu Janajagruti Samiti, which has accused Clarence High School of encouraging conversion, met Karnataka Primary and Secondary Education Minister B C Nagesh and submitted a memorandum, seeking intervention.

"What the school has done is against the Karnataka Education Act. No institution has the right to add religious books to the syllabus and the school has made a mistake. The local Deputy Director of Public Instruction has issued a notice and a call will be taken accordingly," Nagesh told

Incidentally, the Karnataka

duce Bhagavad Gita in schools and the text book committee has proposed its introduction.

on the heels of the row around denying entry to students in hijab to colleges.

Hindu Janajagruti Samiti state spokesperson Mohan Gowda has accused the Clarence High School management of making parents give an undertaking during admissions that they would not object to students carrying the Bible to school.

One of the points in the admission application says, "You affirm that your child will attend classes, including morning assembly, scripture classes and clubs for his/her own moral and spiritual welfare and will not object to carrying the Bible and hymn books during his/her stay at Clarence High School."

A screenshot of this has been doing the rounds on Twitter, with many tagging Nagesh as well as Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai.

Speaking to reporters, school principal Jerry George Mathew

said, "There are some people who are upset about one of the policies of the school. We are a peace-loving and law-abiding The controversy comes close school and we have consulted our legal team on this matter, and will follow their advice."

Archdiocese of Bangalore Peter Machado said the allegation of forcing children to buy Bible and bring it to school is false. The management of the school has clarified that such a practice was there in the past and since last year no child is required to bring Bible to the school or asked to read it by force, he said. It is within the rights of the management to conduct Bible or religion class for Christians outside school hours, he added.

> Questioning the government's stand on plans to introduce Bhagavad Ĝita, Machado said. "If children are asked to buy Bhagavad Gita or books of other religions, can it be considered forcing them to be influenced or inducing them to be converted to these particular religions?" He said it cannot be interpreted as forceful conversion.

Karnataka SI exam scam: Arrest warrant against ex-BJP functionary in Kalaburagi, Divya Hagaragi, 41, **JOHNSON TA** BENGALURU, APRIL 26

THE CRIMINAL Investigation Department of Karnataka Police has obtained a non-bailable warrant against a former BJP functionary from Kalaburagi region for alleged facilitation of cheating by candidates during a recruitment exam for the post of police sub-inspectors held last year.

A school run by the former president of the BJP women's unit

Centre cancels FCRA licences of two NGOs

ing various violations of the Act.

has been found so far to be one of the main exam centres where candidates were helped in scoring high marks by invigilators and others on October 3, 2021.

Hagaragi has been absconding since the CID registered a case on April 9 on the basis of prima facie evidence of a student. Veeresh N. obtaining 121 out of 150 marks in the exam despite answering 21 out of 100 questions.

Seven candidates, who took the exam at Jnana Jyothi English

School in Kalaburagi city, where Hagaragi is the owner and principal, have been arrested so far in connection with the recruitment exam scam. Hagaragi's husband Rajesh Hagaragi has also been arrested along with three teachers of the school.

On Tuesday, the CID arrested N V Sunil, a candidate who took the exam at the school and secured 127.5 marks to obtain 25th position for the Kalyana Karnataka region. The CID earlier arrested six other candidates, including the overall second-rank holder for the region and the firstrank holder for the region among in-service police candidates. The arrests were made after

discrepancies were found between the original OMR sheet sent to the police recruitment cell and the carbon copies of the OMR sheets produced by the candidates before the CID during investigations, police sources said.

The elusive former BJP functionary against whom the CID has obtained an arrest warrant has moved a court in Kalaburagi for anticipatory bail. Police sources said she was needed to be guestioned in custody as there is evidence to indicate she was party to the cheating arrangement.

The CID is looking at the OMR sheets of all 545 candidates who were selected out of 54,041 candidates who took the exam at 92 centres across Karnataka on October 3, 2021. The results were announced on January 19, 2022.

FULL REPORT ON www.indianexpress.com

New Delhi: The Centre has cancelled the Foreign Contribution Regulation Act (FCRA) licences of NGOs Commonwealth Human Rights Initiative (CHRI) and Apne Aap Women Worldwide India (AAWWI), cit-

CHRI's licence was already under suspension since last year. "It has now been cancelled as the investigation has been completed and the ministry is of the opinion that given the violations, the NGO cannot be allowed to continue to receive foreign funding," a ministry official said. ENS

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dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the Punjab National Bank for the amount, interest and costs thereon. The borrowers' attention is invited to provisions of sub-section 8 of section 13 of the act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

	Name of the Account, Account No.,Borrower/ Guarantors Name, Name of the Branch	Description of the Immovable Properties Mortgaged Owners' Name (mortgagers of property(ies))	Date of Demanad Notice 13 (2)	Date of Possession Notice affixed	Outstanding as on date of demand notice
1.	SMT. INDU DEVI, SH. VED BHUSHAN SINGH & SH. BIMLESH KUMAR SINGH A/C No149400NC00131316 & 149400990000064, BO: STATION ROAD, ARA (149400)	IP Situated at: Mauza- Sonpa Pakri, Thana no 236, Circle no. 7, Moh- Jagdeo Nagar, Kasbe- Ara Town, PS-Ara Nawada, Purana Khata no. 569, Purana Khesra no. 2022(Part), Naya Khesra no. 398 (Part), Dist. Bhojpur, SALE DEED NO. 1102 DTD. 03.02.2000. Total Area- 12 Dhur 16 Dhurki Boundaries: North- Niz Manmokir (At present- Jai Prakash), South-Chandeshwar Singh Baidar(At present- Bimlesh kr singh), East-Radha charan singh, West- 10ft Niji Rasta Mortgagor: Smt. Indu Devi W/o Sri Kashi Nath Singh	26.11.2021	21.04.2022	Rs. 46,90,409.00 and interest thereon.
2.	SMT. JAYANTI VERMA W/o SRI BIMLESH KUMAR SINGH A/C No1494009300010993, BO: STATION ROAD, ARA (149400)	Mauza- Pakri, Thana no. 236, P.S. Ara Nawada, Ward no. old-17, Nagar nigam ward no. 42, Ara, Dist. Bhojpur, CS Khata no. 561, CS Khesra no. 2023, RS Khata no. 282, RS Khesra no. 399 & 400, Area- 3.359 Decimal, Sale Deed no. 4294 dtd 29.03.2013 Boundaries as per deed: North: Ganesh Singh waigarah, South- Pushpa pandey & Jai Prakash Singh, East – Bikash Chandra & rasta, West- Maina Devi waigarah. Mauza- Sonpa Pakri, Thana no 236, Circle no. 7, Moh- Jagdeo Nagar, Kasbe- Ara Town, PS- Ara Nawada, Purana Khata no. 569, Purana Khesra no. 2022(Part), Naya Khesra no. 398 (Part), Dist. Bhojpur, SALE DEED NO. 1102 DTD. 03.02.2000. Total Area- 12 Dhur 16 Dhurki Boundaries: North- Niz Manmokir (At present- Jai Prakash), South-Chandeshwar Singh Baidar(At present- Bimlesh Ksingh), East- Radha charan singh, West- 10ft Niji Rasta. Mortgagor: 1. Bimlesh Kumar Singh S/o Sh. Kashi Nath Singh 2. Smt. Indu Devi W/o Sri Kashi Nath Singh	06.12.2021	21.04.2022	Rs. 48,30,475.72 and interest thereon.
3.	M/S BABA JI RICE MILL Partners Sh. Shiv Kumar Rai, Sh. Pramod Kumar & Sh. Alok Kumar A/c no 0022008700012422 and 002200CF00001040	Properties situated at Mauza Basaiya, Thana No 28, PS Agiaon Bazar, Anchal-Piro, Dist Bhojpur. Khata No 145, Plot No 261, Area 0.85 acre. Boundary: North: Shiv Kumar Rai, South: Kedar Chaudhary & others, East: Nij Land & rasta, West: Nij land. Khata No 241, Plot No 244, Area 1.81 acre Boundary : North: Siwan Mahuari, South: Nij, East: Nij then Gaya Rai, West: Late Rajadhari rai	29.09.2021	22.04.2022	Rs. 1,08,08,643.15 and interest thereon.

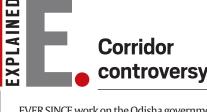
Puri king, temple servitors extend support to heritage corridor project

AISHWARYA MOHANTY BHUBANESWAR, APRIL 26

AMID VOICES against the ambitious Puri heritage corridor project and ahead of BJP's proposed 'padyatra' on Wednesday, servitors of the Puri Jagannath temple and Puri Gajapati (titular king) Dibyasingha Deb have extended their support to the project.

The Gajapati, who is also the chairperson of Sri Jagannath Temple managing committee, has asserted that the project poses no threat to the structural stability of the temple and the ongoing work will be completed at the earliest.

"Jagannath culture does not belong to any person, government or individual. Work of Mahaprabhu is every devotee's responsibility. Any attempt to stall the work by staging demonstrations is undesirable," he said. He also appealed to the state and the central governments to work together for smooth completion of the project.



EVER SINCE work on the Odisha government's ambitious Rs 3,200-crore project began on January 20 this year, there is a hue and cry that using heavy-duty machines within the 75-metre radius of the shrine may pose a danger to the 12th-century centrally-protected monument. A total of 22 different projects, mainly aimed at augmenting amenities to the devotees and beautification, will be executed in a phased manner. The government, however, has been claiming that all necessary permissions and precautions have been taken.

"The project is being executed to provide security to the shrine, more amenities for devotees and beautification of the temple complex. It is essential to develop the project to restore the glory of Lord Jagannath," he added.

This comes a day after servitors of the temple submitted a memorandum to the district collector and issued a statement demanding that attempts to politicise the issue must be stopped. The statement was issued by representatives from seven 'nijog' (association of servitors). "All activities intended to hamper the ongoing project must stop. The heritage corridor project

work should be completed at the earliest. We are in complete support of the project and will extend full cooperation," servitor Gourhari Pradhan said.

The state government has time and again maintained that all necessary permissions for the project have been taken and there was no threat to the structural safety of the temple.

The Orissa High Court had on April 22 refused to proceed with the PIL seeking intervention against the ongoing construction near the Jagannath temple complex as the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) failed to file a reply to it.

Dilip Kumar Baral, a resident of Puri town had filed the petition raising concerns over the project, prompting the Orissa HC to seek response from the state government and the ASI. The division bench of Chief Justice S Muralidhar and Justice RK Pattanaik adjourned the matter to May 16 for hearing while granting two weeks' time to the ASI to file the reply.

Date: 26.04.2022 Place: Arrah

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SHRI SHIV KUMAR RAI

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BO: ARA CHOWK (002200)

New Delhi

Total: 2.66 Acres Mortgagor:Sh. Shiv Kumar Rai, S/C

Land as per Regd. Sale deed No 3781,3782,3783,3784 all dated 20.05.2005 & Deed No 8114 dated 24.08.2005

and situated at mauza-Nayka Tola(Jangal Mahal)

Thana No 64, PS & Anchal Piro Dist Bhojpur, Khata No 21, Plot No 4199 (chak khata 24, Chak Plot 3503), Area

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4200, West: Niz Man Mukir **Mortgagor:** Sh. Shiv Kuma

Rai, S/O Late Raj Kishore Rai R/O Baseya, PO Jamuaon, PS : Agiaon Bazar, Dist Bhojpur.

Late Raj Kishore Rai

24.08.2021

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The SFIO report said that, in 2017, the Reserve Bank of India

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NIT No. 34-CAO-C-SC- 2022 Date

21.04.2022 Name of work: SCE

Construction Organization - Guntur

Division - Guntur-Guntakal Section:

Proposed Double line work between Donakonda-Nandyal stations

Proposed laying and linking of BG

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Yard) stations (incl. Jaggambotla Krishnapuram, Somidevipalle, Gudimetta(H), Yadavalli(H),

stations) Estimated Cost: Rs

23,13,90,165.60 **EMD**: Rs. 13,07,000.00 **Completion Period**:

24 (Twenty Four Months) Date of Opening: 17-05-2022 at 15.00 hrs.

i) For bid document and other details please login to website

ii) Tenderers can submit their offer

online during tender submission period which is the fifteen days period

iii) Tenderers should watch for an

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SOUTH CENTRAL RAILWAY

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In the case of State Bank of

5-yr-old girl raped by 12-yr-old boy

Khunti (Jharkhand): A 12-yearold boy allegedly raped a fiveyear-old girl in Jharkhand's Khunti district, police said on Tuesday. The boy was nabbed on Sunday and during interrogation confessed to the crime, SP Aman Kumar said. He was sent to a juvenile home in Ranchi.



e-mail:workstendercell@gmail.com Corrigendum to TENDER NOTICE NO.RWF/S/146/2022-23/02 Dated 13/04/2022

Number RWFSTPT CWD 3700 2223 is postponed from 11/05/2022 to 18/05/2022

Principal Chief Materials Manager

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ऊर्जा भवन, 220 के.वी. विद्युत उपसंस्थान बाई-पास रोड. सिकन्दरा. आगरा -282007 (CIN No.U31200UP2003SGC027460) (GSTIN No. 09AACCD0695D1ZS) <u>ई-निविदा सूचना</u> 1. <u>विशिष्टीकरण</u> सं0 डीवीवीएनएल-एमएम/3195 2022: जनपद-कन्नौज के अन्तर्गत अधिशासी अभियन्ता, लोक निर्माण विभाग, कन्नौज द्वारा छिबरामऊ के अन्तर्गत नादेमऊ से कटाहा पुलिया हसेरन तक मार्ग चौड़ीकरण में बाधक 11 के0वी0 नादेमऊ एवं शेरपुर पोषक लाईनों को शिफ्ट कराने का कार्य कराये जाने हेत. <u>धरोहर राशि</u>: रु० 2,00,000/-, <u>निविदा</u> **शुल्क:** रु० 3,540/-(जी.एस.टी. सहित). निविदा शुल्क केवल ऑनलाइन DVVNL, AGRA की वेबसाईट www. dvvnl.org के माध्यम से ही स्वीकार किया जायेगा। विवरण के लिए कपया <u>निविदा प्रपत्र ध्यानपूर्वक पढ़ लें।</u> 1

उपरोक्त निविदा निर्धारित दिनांक 19.05 2022 को 13:00 बजे तक ऑनलाइन अपलोड की जा सकेंगी एवं निर्धारित दिनांक 20.05.2022 को सायं 16:00 बजे खोली जायेंगी। निविदा प्रपत्र उ०प्र० शासन के ई-प्रोक्योरमैंट पोर्टल https:// etender.up.nic.in पर अपलोड की जायेंगी, जहाँ से निविदा प्रपत्र डाउनलोड किया जा सकता है। 2. भविष्य में यदि कोई संशोधन अथवा निविदा तिथि विस्तार होता है तो उसकी सूचना ई-टेण्डर पोर्टल https://etender.up.nic.in पर उपलब्ध करायी जायेगी। हस्ताः/

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आगरा/ विज्ञापन/दिनांक:26.04.2022

उत्तराखण्ड पावर कारपोरेशन लि०

निविदा सूचना

नधोहस्ताक्षरी द्वारा निम्नलिखित जानपदीय कार्यों हेतु केन्द्र/राज्य सरकार/निगमों के अनुभवी प्रतिष्ठित, आयकर,जी.एस.टी. एवं ई. ी.एफ आदि में पंजीकृत तथा जी.एस.टी, ई.पी एफ जमा करने के नवीनतम चालान की . गतिधारी ठेकेदारों से हस्ताक्षरयक्त महरबन्द नेविदाएं आमंत्रित की जाती हैं जो दिनॉक 12 00 बजे तक जमा की जायेंगी जोकि उसी दिन परान्ह 03.30 बजे अधोहस्ताक्षरी द्वार उपस्थित निविदादाताओं / अधिकत प्रतिनिधियों के समक्ष सार्वजनिक रूप से खोली नायेंगी। उक्त तिथि में अवकाश होने पर नेविदाएं अगले कार्य दिवस में प्राप्त की व बोली जायेंगी। निविदा की वैधता खुलने की तेथि से 03 माह होगी। निविदाएँ किसी भी कार्य दिवस में अधोहस्ताक्षरकर्ता के कार्यालय में देखे व निविदा धनराशि बैंक ड्राफ्ट∕नगद जमा करने पर निविदा प्राप्त किये जा सकते हैं किसी भी अथवा सभी निविदाओं को बिन कारण बताये अधोहस्ताक्षरी द्वारा निरस्त करने का अधिकार सुरक्षित है। डाक से निविदा नॅगवाने पर डाक व्यय रू० 100.00 अतिरिक्त देय होगा तथा डाक से हुए विलम्ब पर विभाग का कोई उत्तरदायित्व नहीं होगा। जिन निविदाकारों पर विभाग द्वारा पेनाल्टी लगाई गई हो अथवा जिनके द्वारा विभागीय कार्य iतोषजनक एवं पूर्ण नहीं किए गए / कराये जा रहे हों उन्हें एकल अधना संगतन रूप से भी नेविदा नहीं बेची जायेगी। शर्तेधारी निविदॉए वीकार नहीं की जायेंगी। निविदाकार निविदा प्रपत्र खरीदने से पूर्व निर्माण कार्य स्थल का भली–भॉति निरीक्षण कर लेवें। पिछले वित्तीय वर्ष में एक अनुबंध के अर्न्तगत मनुमानित लागत का 80% या दो अनुबंधों के मर्न्तगत प्रत्येक में 60% या तीन अनबंधों वे अर्न्तगत प्रत्येक में ४०%, तक के जानपदीय कार्य (civil works) का अधिशासी अभियन्ता जानपद) / उच्च स्तर के अधिकारी द्वारा जारी केया कार्य अनभव प्रमाण –पत्र प्रस्तत करन अनिवार्य है। निविदा भाग ०१ में, ग्रमाण–पत्र, आयकर मुक्त, जी०एस०टी०, ई.पी एफ. पंजीकरण एवं चरित्र प्रमाण पत्र, निविदा वैधता हेतु हस्ताक्षरयुक्त रू० 100.00 के स्टाम्प पेपर पर रू० 01.00 का रसीदी टिकट लग तथा धरोहर धनराशि. अधोहस्ताक्षरी के पक्ष मे प्रतिभूत करते हुए सी.डी.आर. / एफ.डी.आर. / एन.एस.सी. के रूप में तथा वॉछित प्रमाण पत्रों तथा ई.पी.एफ. जी.एस.टी जमा करने की नवीनतम सत्यापित प्रति सहित प्रस्तुत की नायेगी। धरोहर धनराशि निविदा के निर्णय होने से पर्व वापस नही की जायेंगी। निविदा नाग 02 में कार्य की दरें प्रस्तुत की जायेंगी नेविदा भाग 01 में वांछित धरोहर धनराशि एव गॅछित प्रपत्रों आदि के नहीं पाये जाने प नेविदा भाग 02 नहीं खोला जायेगा । क्रम संख्या—1. 33/11 के0वी0 उपस्थान गजा (टि०ग०) में यार्ड विस्तारिकरण हेतु विविध जानपदीय कार्य। निविदा

01 / विजाखश्री / 2022—23,धरोहर धनराशि रू0 38000.00, निविदा मूल्य रू0 1180.00 (जी.एस.टी. सहित), कार्य पूर्ण करने की अवधि—3माह। २. 33/11 के0वी० उपस्थान नरेन्द्रनगर (टि०ग०) के पहुँच मार्ग की विशेष नरम्मत । निविदा [°]संख्या ँ ०२ / विजाखश्री _/ २०२२–२३, धरोहर धनराशि रू. ३००००.०० नेविदा मल्य रू. 590.00 (जी.एस.टी.सहित) कार्य पूर्ण करने की अवधि 3 माह।

पत्रांक सं. : 468/वि0जा0ख0श्री0/टी-1/निविदा दिनांक : 26.04.2022

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The following Changes done in the Para No. 38.1 of SPECIAL

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राष्ट्रीय जलविज्ञान संस्थान, रुड़की

जल विज्ञान भवन, रूड़की-247667, उत्तराखंड

निविदा आमंत्रण हेतु नोटिस/NOTICE INVITING TENDER

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करने के लिये प्रतिष्ठित व अनुभवी एजेंसियों से दो बोली प्रणाली के मोहरबंद निविदा आमंत्रित

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वेबसाइट <u>www.nihroorkee.gov.in</u> से डाउनलोड किया जा सकता है। निविदा जमा

कराने की अन्तिम तिथि 17.05.2022 सायं 3.00 बजे तक है। प्राप्त निविदा की टेक्निकल बिड

GOVERNMENT OF NATIONAL

CAPITAL TERRITORY OF DELHI

OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER OF

EXCISE, ENTT. & LUXURY TAX

L & N BLOCK, VIKAS BHAWAN, I.P. ESTATE,

NEW DELHI-110002

(COUNTRY LIQUOR BRANCH)

E-Tender for procurement of country

Liquor in NCT of Delhi (2022-23)

E-Tenders (online tenders) are invited for

procurement of country liquor in National Capital

Territory of Delhi. The Notice Inviting Tender (NIT)

has been uploaded and available alongwith the

terms and conditions and tender form. It can be

from

http://govtprocurement.delhi.gov.in. The last date

of uploading the tender document is 13/05/2022

All the tenderers are requested to have digital

certification and to get themselves registered with

Delhi govt. e-procurement portal. The application

service provider can be contacted at "Help Desk"

for registration, training (if required) on any working

6th floor, C Wing, Vikas Bhawan-II, (Near Metcafe

day between 9.30 AM to 6.00 PM at

House), Civil Lines, Delhi

Phone No. 23813523

DIP/Shabdarth/0056/22-23

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(ARAVA GOPI KRISHNA)

EXCISE COMMISSIONER

website:

Sd/

Tender ID: 2022_EXC_220912_1

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upto 11:00 A.M.

Help Desk

CNBI section of Prayagraj Division of North Central Railway.

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2,24,33,418/- 1,12,168/-

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38.1 The successful bidder shall submi

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दिनांकः 25.04.2022

क्रय अधिकारी /Purchase Officer

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निविदा क्रय एवं जमा करने की अंतिम तिथि 27/04/2022 6:30 p.m

CNBI-T-62 dt. 21.04.2022

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CONDITIONS

OF CONTRACT

Filed Name Existing Value

निविदा संख्याः 5(III)/2022/NIH/Pur-02

उसी दिन सायं 4.00 बजे खोली जायेंगी।

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inspire us all. We salute the valor of our brave soldier.

Shri Charu Chandra Pathak, Asstt. Comdt

Sashastra Seema Bal fondly remembers and cher-

ishes the valiant act of Braveheart Shri Charu

Chandra Pathak, Assistant Commandant, who

made supreme sacrifice of his life in the line of

duty for nation. Shri Charu Chandra Pathak

attained martyrdom in a grenade attack while

retaliating militant attack at Congress Bhawan,

Chief General Munagen P&WM, APGPDGL, Anchra Pradesh

देवास. दिनांक:- 29.03.2022

ठेकेदार कार्य पूर्ण की श्रेणी करन की

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ED raids premises linked to ABG Shipyard in PMLA case

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, APRIL 26

ENFORCEMENT DIRECTORATE (ED) on Tuesday launched searches at premises associated with Guiarat-based shipping company ABG Shipyard and its directors in connection with an alleged money-laundering case, said officials. Sources said the raids are be-

ing conducted at multiple locations in Mumbai, Pune and Surat. The case pertains to alleged bank loan fraud to the tune of over Rs 22,800 crore by the company.

The ED case is based on a first information report (FIR) registered by the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) on February 7 where it alleged that the company diverted loans handed to it by a consortium of 28 banks and used its sister concerns to round-trip funds and service other loans instead of using them for the purpose they were taken

The CBI has already questioned several office-bearers of the company, including its promoter Rishi Agarwal, and found that ABG used 98 related companies for the routing of funds, which ED officials say point towards money laundering.

The ED has the power to at-

Programme

START DATE OF BID

SUBMISSION

TIME AND DATE OF

OPENING OF TECHNICAL BID

02 LAST DATE AND TIME FOR

https://uktenders.gov.in

Date: April 26,2022

No. R-27(Prakashan)/2022-23

changed as follows.

Tender No. R-77(CCTV Hon'ble Court)/2022

The dates of e-tender invited by Police Headquarters Uttarakhand

for the work of "Installation and Commissioning of Surveillance

System in Subordinate Courts of District Dehradun (Vikasnaga)

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Rest all details of e-tender is available at the websit

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(Jagat Ram)

DIG (Police Telecom).

Member, purchase committee

Police HQRS, Dehradun

tach the assets of companies and individuals involved in monev laundering.

This is not the first time that ABG Group has come under the ED scanner. In 2019, the agency attached assets to the tune of Rs 963 crore belonging to a cement manufacturing subsidiary of the group in connection with its money laundering probe into the affairs of IL&FS.

As reported by the Indian

Express, the ED probe had found that third-party lending by IFIN the non-banking financial arm of the IL&FS Group — to companies like the ABG Group had caused a loss of Rs 2,000 crore to IFIN.

Earlier, a report by the Serious Fraud Investigation Office (SFIO) had found several lapses in 13 loans of around Rs 1,080 crore granted by IFIN since 2010 to ABG Group. The probe agency had termed a few of these transactions as an "evergreening exercise", where ABG Group used some money borrowed from IFIN to prevent its accounts from turning into nonperforming assets (NPAs).

UP-GRADATION OF STATION

Nated: 22-04-2022, E-tenders are invitby the undersigned for the following work. Tender: No: 11-AP-II-2022. Name of Work: Up-gradation of 17 class station to B' class station in Fakiragram Golakganj section (P-Way works TIPKAI AND BASBARI). Tender Value: 74.09.65,834.88; Earnest Money \$3,54,800.00. E-tender will be closed a

13:00 hrs. on 18-05-2022 and **opened** a 15:00 hrs. on 18-05-2022 at DRM(W) Alipurduar Junction's office. The complete information with the fender documents of above extender will be available in the

vebsile http://www.ineps.gov.in DRM (Works), Alipurduar Jn MORTHEAST FRONTIER RAILWAY

SR. NO.	NAME OF BOARD/ CORP./AUTH	NAME OF WORK NOTICE TENDER	OPENING DATE CLOSING DATE (TIME)	AMOUNT/EMD (APPROX.) IN RUPEES	WEBSITE OF THE BOARD CORP./AUTH	NODAL OFFICER/CONTACT DETAILS/EMAIL
1.	MUNICIPAL COUNCIL JHAJJAR	REPAIR AND MAINTENANCE WORKS OF ROADS AND STREETS POTHOLE IN WARD NO. 1 TO 19 IN MC JHAJJAR.	25.04.2022 02.05.2022	EMD 38831/-	https://etenders. hry.nic.in	9813551830 sjsecymcjhajjar@ gmail.com

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1.	MUNICIPAL COMMITTEE GANAUR	ESTIMATE FOR REPAIR WITH GREEN PATCH SHELMAC/ULTRAMAR PR IN VARIOUS PLACE IN MC GANAUR + 2 OTHER WORKS	CLOSING DATE 04.05.2022	25.40 LACS	https://etenders. hry.nic.in	secymcganaur.c@ gmail.com
9224	9224/HRY FOR FURTHER INFORMATION KINDLY VISIT: www.haryanaeprocurement.gov.in or www.etenders.hry.nic.in					

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1.	MUNICIPAL COMMITTEE PATAUDI	RFP FOR DOOR TO DOOR COLLECTION, SEGREGATION, TRANSPORTATION AS WELL AS PROCESSING & DISPOSAL OF WASTE WARD NO. 1 TO 15 IN MC PATAUDI	25.04.2022 09.05.2022	EMD 76650/-	https://etenders. hry.nic.in	0124-2672869

9218/HRY DELHI JAL BOARD: GOVT. OF N.C.T. OF DELHI



P/L/J various size of D.I./MS feeder main ranging from 100 to 600 mm dia for Tube well water from Akshar Dham, Barapullah Clover at Noida Link road to Trilokpuri UGR and Coronation WWTP. 26.04.2022 12.30 PM onwar

SSUED BY P.R.O. (WATER) (S.P. Singh) Advt. No. J.S.V. 61 (2022-23) Dy. S.E. (Project) W-V STOP CORONA: Wear Mask, Follow Physical Distancing, Maintain Hand Hygiene



DELHI JAL BOARD : GOVT OF NCT OF DELHI OFFICE OF THE ADDITIONAL CHIEF ENGINEER (M)-11 (E&M MAINTENANCE DIVISION) 2nd FLOOR, JAL SADAN BUILDING LAJPAT NAGAR: NEW DELHI- 110024 EMAIL ID:- eeemwssii@gmail.com

press NIT No. 02 EE(E&M)M-11/(2022-23) STOP CORONA: "Wear Mask, Follow Physical Distancing, Maintain Hand Hygiene

3.	Name of work	Earnest	Tender	Completion	Last date/time of receipt of
о.		Money	Fee	Period	tender through e-
					procurement solution
1.	Supply, Installation, Testing and Commissioning of	72,400/-	500/-	45 Days	09.05.2022 12.00 PM
	Pump Set with all E&M Equipment at Meethapur				
	Booster Pumping Station of Badarpur AC-53				
	Tender ID:- 2022 DJB 221034 1				

Further details in this regard can be seen at http://delhiprocurement.gov.in ISSUED BY P.R.O. (WATER) Advt. No. J.S.V. 58/2022-23

Sd/- (SANJAY KHANNA) EE (E&M) M-11/S-II

UNION TERRITORY OF JAMMU AND KASHMIR OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER SPECIAL SUB DIVISION GUREZ E-Mail: eeguraispwd@gmail.com

NOTICE INVITING TENDER

FRESH e-NIT No. 17 of 2022-23 EE/SSDG/505-14 Dated: - 20-04-2022

For and on behalf of Lt. Governor of UT of J&K, Executive Engineer Special Sub Division Gurez, invites e-tenders from reputed and resourceful Bidders/ Firms/Companies/Joint Ventures/ Consortiums between bidder/firm and Financier registered in JKPWD/CPWD/Railways or any other state Government for The bidding process shall be completed online on www.jktenders.gov.in in two covers viz. Cover 1st consisting of Pre-Qualification Criteria, General Terms and Conditions and Technical Specifications and Cover 2nd consisting of Financial Bid on Item rate basis, in the prescribed BOQ.

S. No	Name of Work	Estimated Cost (₹ in lacs)	Cost of TD (in Rs)	Earnest Money (In Rs)	Time of completion	Class of Contract
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
	Construction of 0.10 MGD slow sand filtration plant, Construction of intake chamber of head site, con- struction of crate protection work at sports, laying /fitting of MS flanged pipes/DI pipes and Providing /laying of G.I Pipes for WSS Checknallah Markoot "Under NABARD)	145.00	2600	290000	90 Days	AAY

Position of funds: Approved Under NABARD The tender inviting authority is Executive Engineer The awarding authority is NABARD Projects. Critical Dates

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ı	I	Publish Date	20-04-2022
ı	li	Document Download/sale start Date	25-04-2022
ı	lii	Bid submission start date	25-04-2022 (10.00 AM)
ı	lv	Pre-bid Meeting date	29-04-2022 (11.00 AM)
ı	V	Document Download/sale end Date	25-04-2022 (4.00 PM)
ı	Vi	Bid submission end date	4-05-2022 (4.00 PM)
۱	Vii	Date and time of Bid opening	4-05-2022 (5.00 PM)

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 Special Sub Division Gurez

Bid Security declaration will have to be uploaded as per format given in Annexure "A".

The cost of tender documents (Non-refundable/Non-Transferable) should be in the shape of e-Challan or

Treasury Challan/Receipt under Head 0215 in favour Executive Engineer Special Sub Division Gurez.

The hard copies of cost of tender document in shape of e-challan, Earnest money in shape of CDR/FDR 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 said earnest money shall stand forfeited and the bid shall be declared non-responsive.

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 eeguraispwd@gmail.com.

Executive Engineer Special Sub Division Gurez

PUNJAB STATE TRANSMISSION CORPORATION LIMITED

NOTICE INVITING E-TENDER IT/2022-23/11 Procurement of Laptos, Laser Printers and UPS 25.05.2022 (03.00 PM)



As such the website may be visited regularly for updates

Dy. Chief Engineer/IT, PSTCL, Patiala

(A Government of Odisha Undertaking) Regd. Office: Janpath, Bhubaneswar-751022

TENDER ALERT 1) E-Tender Notice No.CPC-60/2021-22: Engineering

Supply, Erection, Testing and Commissioning of 01X80 MVAR, 420 kV Bus Reactor along with 400kV Bay extension (GIS) & other associated system at 400/220kV GIS Grid S/S, Meramundali-B at an Estimated Cost of the package for Rs.23.40 Crore on

www.tenderwizard.com/OPTCL portal and OPTCL's Sd/-

SGM(CPC) OPR-04011/11/0013/2223

New Delhi



during Monsoon Session. Centre will soon fulfil Hattis' ST

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, APRIL 26

status demand:

Himachal CM

THE CENTRE will soon fulfil the demand of the Hatti community to include it in the list of Scheduled Tribes (STs). Himachal Pradesh Chief Minister Jai Ram Thakur said on Tuesday.

Thakur, who met Home Minister Amit Shah on Monday, said the Centre has promised to undertake "positive" efforts in this direction.

Addressing a press conference in the presence of representatives of the community, Thakur said the Hattis have been demanding the ST status for a long time. The community is spread across 154 panchayats and as per the 2011 Census, their population was 2.5 lakh, which has now increased to about 3 lakh, Thakur

Thakur said the community has substantial numbers in five Assembly constituencies - Shillai, Paonta Sahib, Pachhad, Renuka - of Sirmaur district.

In 2009, for the first time, the BIP had promised in its manifesto to grant ST status to the Hattis and a proposal was sent to the Centre long ago, he said. "We had raised this issue before the then Home Minister Rajnath Singh also," he said.

Thakur expressed hope that the Centre will soon issue an Ordinance or bring a Bill during the Monsoon Session of Parliament to declare Hattis Scheduled Tribes.

The issue is significant in view of upcoming Assembly elections in the state later this year. Of the four Assembly segments where Hattis have numbers to influence results. Pacchad and Paonta Sahib have BJP legislators.

CORRIGENDUM-I

In connection to E-Auction notification for the Catalogue no. NDLS-1 (Lot no. ADVT-DLI-NZM-OH-3-22-1, ADVT-DLI-DLI-OH-2-22-1, ADVT-DLI-GZB-OH-6-22-1, ADVT-DI I-FDB-OH-4-22-1 ADVT-DI I-MTC-OH-5-22-1 and ADVT-DI I-NDI S-OH-1-22-1 which was published in various newspapers for the Work of Commercia Advertisement Rights through Hoarding/ Unipoles/ Glow-Sign Boards/ Display Boards at Railway Stations over Delhi Division for a period of ONE year, which was scheduled to be close at 1500 hrs through IREPS on 24.05.2022, has bee escheduled and now this e-auction for Commercial Advertisement Rights through Hoarding/Unipoles/ Glow-Sign Boards/ Display Boards at Railway Stations ove Delhi Division, will now close on 09.05.2022 at 1500 hrs on IREPS. Terms and conditions of these e-auction will remain same. Complete details of the corrigendum may be checked from website www.ireps.gov.in (e-auction/lease before participating in the e-auction.

No. 7PUB/NR-DLI0COMM(PUB)/9/2022 Dated: 26.04.2022 SERVING CUSTOMERS WITH A SMILE

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF CONSTRUCTION ENGINEER **RURAL WORKS CIRCLE, BERHAMPUR** (E-Mail: serwbpr2004@yahoo.com, Tel/Fax:- 0680-2404287) O-128 No. e-tender/ 1527/RWC/BAM/Dated, 25.04,2022 2nd Corrigendum to Bid identification No. Online Tender/50-2021-22/BPR

The partial modification of bridge work vide above identification has

een made as follows: Date of availability of tender: 29.04.2022 to 13.05.2022 upto 3.00 PM instead of 20.04.2022 to 04.05.2022. Date of opening of Technical Bid.: 17.05.2022 at 11.00 AM

instead of 05.05.2022 at 11.00 AM Date of opening of Financial Bid: Will be intimated later on. All other contents will remain unchanged

Sd/- P.K. Jena Chief Construction Enginee

R.W. Circle, Berhampur OIPR- 25071/11/0012/2223







Detailed NIT/specification may be downloaded from PSTCL official website o https://eproc.punjab.gov.in Corrigendum, if any will not be published in newspaper					
Bid opening date	26.05.2022 (03.00 PM)				
Last date & time for Bid Submission	25.05.2022 (03.00 PM)				

ODISHA POWER TRANSMISSION CORPORATION LIMITED

Turnkey Contract Basis. Complete set of bidding documents are available on

official website: www.optcl.co.in.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF MAHAPANCHAYAT IN VILLAGE NEAR ROORKEE

No permission given, says admin, imposes Sec 144

AVANEESH MISHRA DEHRADUN, APRIL 26

FOLLOWING announcement of a mahapanchayat by Hindu religious leaders in Dada Jalalpur village near Roorkee to discuss the recent violence and stone pelting in the village, the Haridwar district administration on Tuesday imposed prohibitory orders under Section 144 CrPC in 5-km area of the village and confirmed that no permission has been granted for the event.

The prohibitory orders were imposed hours after the Supreme Court directed the Uttarakhand Chief Secretary to place on record the state's position that there will

TORA AGARWALA

GUWAHATI, APRIL 26

ASSAM ON Tuesday added a

backlog of 1,347 deaths to its

Covid death toll, taking the

state's cumulative figure to

7,986, according to the data from

the Ministry of Health and

Department officials, the recon-

ciled deaths date back to the first

wave – between April 10, 2020

and December 15, 2020 – of the

pandemic. "These 1,347 deaths

had occurred during the first

wave," said a senior Health

Department official. Assam

maintained two lists of Covid-re-

lated deaths. "One list carried

deaths directly attributed to

Covid-19, and the second one

was of deaths recorded due to

comorbidities in Covid-positive

those 1,347 patients had "seri-

ous, significant co-morbidities"

such as kidney and heart issues

as well as cancer. "The deaths

were not due to the virus, but be-

cause of the comorbidities," said

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

SHAHNAWAZ AKHTAR, a passenger on

Howrah-Ranchi Shatabdi Express, was

pleasantly surprised on Tuesday when if-

tar was offered to him on the train, as he

While IRCTC, the ticketing, catering, and

tourism arm of the Railways, serves 'Upwas

Meals' during Navratri, no such service is

As soon as I boarded Howrah Shatabdi at

Dhanbad, I got my snacks. I requested the

pantry man to bring tea little late as I am

fasting. He confirmed by asking, aap roza

hai? I nodded in ves. Later someone else

came with iftar," Akhtar tweeted. He also

posted a picture of the meal served to him.

IRCTC officials said the meal was

"Thank you Indian Railways for the Iftar.

available during Ramzan, an official said.

was about to break his Ramzan fast.

NEW DELHI. APRIL 26

According to health officials,

patients," he explained.

According to state Health

Assam reconciles its

Covid toll, adds 1,347

not be any "untoward situation" or "unacceptable statements" during the event.

Swami Anand Swaroop, a Haridwar-based religious leader and one of organisers of the Wednesday event, however, told The Indian Express they will go ahead with their plans and reach the village. He said he will be part of the mahapanchayat along with Dharam Sansad core committee members like Yatindranand Giri, Prabodhanand Saraswati. Parmanand ji Maharaj and others.

He said the mahapanchayat has been announced to discuss police action and their failure to arrest the main culprits in the April 16 communal violence that took place in the village during a

an official from the state death

audit board. "The initial ICMR

guidelines had said that only

those who had directly died of

the virus should be recorded as a

Covid death, and those who died

of comorbid conditions such as

renal failure, or heart failure.

should be recorded as non-Covid

He added around the time the

ICMR changed the guidelines on

recording Covid deaths, the state,

too, changed its protocol.

"Between April 10, 2020 (the first

recorded death in Assam) to

December 15, 2020, we followed

the earlier protocol of recording

only deaths attributed to Covid-

19. But from December 15. we

counted each and every death, in-

cluding those with comorbidities,

state had officially recorded

1.003 deaths till December 2020.

while an additional 1,347 were

due to comorbid conditions,

which were not part of the offi-

cial Covid death toll. "Between

December 15, 2020, and March

2. 2022, we have had 5.636

deaths. The cumulative now

arranged by on-board catering manager.

fast and the passenger boarded the same

coach. He told us he is fasting, so the staff

shared their iftar with him. This is basic

humanity," Prakash Kumar Behera, on-

board catering supervisor, IRCTC, told PTI.

touched by your comments and hope you

had a good meal. This is a perfect example of how the government led by PM Modi

works with the motto of Sabka Saath, Sabka

Vikas and Sabka Vishwas. Jai Hind,"

Darshana Jardosh, MoS, Railways, tweeted.

menu for passengers during the Navratri

festival. The dishes in the special menu are

cooked without onion and garlic, and are

prepared with rock salt, a requirement for

people observing the Navratri fast.

The IRCTC has introduced a special

The staff received accolades from ne-

vhole of Indian Railways family is

"The staff was readying to break their

Iftar provided on Shatabdi,

catering staff wins hearts

According to the official, the

as a Covid-19 death," he said.

deaths," he said.

Several persons were injured and at least four vehicles were set on fire during the violence. So far 14 people, all belonging to the minority community, have been arrested in connection with the

Demanding the arrest of the local mosque's Imam, who he alleged was responsible for the violence, Swaroop said, "We had given them (the authorities) a week's time, which ended Tuesday. We had already announced that after one week we will organise a mahapanchayat and everyone should accept whatever the mahapanchayat

DIG (Garhwal Range) Karan

CrPC has been imposed in the area as a preventive measure. "This is not just with the planned mahapanchayat in mind, but also to maintain peace and law and order in the area," he said.

Haridwar SSP Yogendra Singh Rawat said Section 144 has been imposed in 5 km area of the village and no assembly or gathering is allowed there.

"Heavy police force has been deployed in the area to stop the mahapanchayat as no permission has been granted to anyone. If anyone tries [to organise it], it will be considered an illegal activity. Around 200 police personnel and 100 inspectors and sub-

PAC have also been sent to the area. The entire issue is being monitored by the Supreme Court and we do not want any leniency. If anyone tries to break the law, strict action will be taken," he said

Haridwar District Magistrate Vinay Shankar Pandey said no permission has been granted for any mahapanchayat.

"It is clear that no event will be organised tomorrow. So far preventive action has been taken against 33 people involved in organising the event. We will follow the Supreme Court guidelines and no one has the right or nermission to take law in their hands," he said.



In Remembrance

An event organised to mark the Holocast Memorial Day at Kenesseth Eliyahoo Synagogue in Kalaghoda, in Mumbai's Fort area, on Tuesday evening. Amit Chakravarty

Khargone: video urges community boycott, BJP MP warns stone-pelters

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA KHARGONE, APRIL 26

DAYS AFTER communal violence rocked Madhya Pradesh's Khargone town, a video featuring a purported call to boycott members of a particular community has surfaced, leading the police to file a case against unidentified persons, officials said on Tuesday

A second video shows local BJP MP Gajendra Patel goading people to give a 'tit for tat' reply to those who pelted stones during Ram Navami celebrations.

In the first clip, which went viral on social media, an announcement made on a truckmounted sound system was heard giving the call to boycott the community members, accusing them of spreading violence in the town.

Khargone saw arson and stone pelting during Ram Navami celebrations on April 10.

Khargone's in-charge Superintendent of Police Rohit Kashwani said a case was registered on Monday night against unidentified persons on charge of spreading enmity between

different groups. Karahi police station incharge Parmanand Goyal said the police came to know about the video on Monday night. The contents of the video were being investigated and the people involved being identified, Goyal said, adding the announcement purportedly heard in the video was made on April 19 in

Katargaon, nearly 60 km from the district headquarters.

In the video, an announcer is heard requesting Hindus to boycott the "adharmi" (impious) and "pakhandi" (hypocrite) shopkeepers and give them a "befitting reply", accusing them of pelting stones during the Ram Navami procession and burning the houses of Hindus in Khargone.

In another clip, a group of women was purportedly seen taking a resolve to financially boycott "vidharmis" (heretics) by not purchasing from their shops or selling stuff to them.

SDM Milind Dhoke said the administration was looking into the video clip.

In the video featuring Gajendra Patel, which surfaced on Tuesday, the BJP Lok Sabha MP from Khargone is heard saying: "You have pelted stones on procession of Lord Ram and their devotees where flowers should have been showered. You should see the pain of our mothers, sisters and brothers. This is the country of mother India, where our lives are based on religion."

"If you have rained stones, we are also followers of Sanatan Dharma. Be prepared to answer with bricks and stones," Patel adds as he addressed a gathering in Kasrawad town of Khargone on Sunday night. Stating that a "powerful" government exists in the country, which does not compromise on any issue, Patel goes on to say: "Take a resolution that no tyrant will be able to throw stones at us, prepare for it.'

Hate against minorities: 108 ex-bureaucrats write to PM

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A GROUP of 108 former bureaucrats on Tuesday in a three-page letter to Prime Minister Narendra Modi expressed concern over "escalation of violence against the minority communities, particularly Muslims" across several "BIP-ruled states" that poses threat to the constitutional edifice as the state governments appear to be fully complicit in the current state of affairs.

"As former civil servants, it is not normally our wont to express ourselves in such extreme terms, but the relentless pace at which the constitutional edifice created by our founding fathers is being destroyed compels us to speak out and express our anger and anguish. The escalation of hate violence against the minority communities, particularly Muslims, in the last few years and months across several states

Assam, Delhi, Gujarat, Haryana, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh and Uttarakhand, all states in which the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) is in power, barring Delhi (where the union government controls the police) - has acquired a frightening new dimension," states the letter written to the PM on Tuesday.

Julio Ribeiro, Ravi Buddhiraja, V P Raja, Meeran Borwankar and Anna Dani are some of the bureaucrats from Maharashtra who are signatories to the letter.

Wait 2 days: SC on plea to list appeals against HC hijab ruling

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V Ramana told senior advocate Meenakshi Arora when she mentioned the matter.

The court is seized of few appeals against the Karnataka HC order, including some by students and one by All India Muslim Personal Law Board. In the application seeking an urgent hearing, the appellant said hijab-wearing students were being denied the opportunity to sit for exams.

Stating that wearing the hijab is not an essential religious practice in Islam and freedom of religion under Article 25 of the Constitution is subject to reasonable restrictions, a full bench of Karnataka HC had on March 15 dismissed a batch of petitions filed by Muslim girls studying in pre-university colleges in the state's Udupi, seek ing the right to wear scarves in class-

NEW DELHI, APRIL 26

THE SUPREME Court on Tuesday said it will consider listing for hearing appeals challenging Karnataka High Court's order in the hijab ban matter and asked a counsel who requested it

"I will list. Wait for two days," CJI N

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पर्यावरणीय अनापत्ति हेतु लोक सुनवाई के लिए संशोधित आम सूचना

सर्वसाधारण को सुचित किया जाता है कि मैं0 सुपीरियर बायोपयुल्स प्रा0लि0, ग्राम शामली–शामला एवं गागौर, तहसील–ऊन, जिला–शामली द्वारा 300 किली0 / दिन क्षमता की मोलासेस / केन जूस / शुगर सिरप / ग्रेन बेस्ड डिस्टिलरी (आसवनी) इकाई एवं 6.0 मेगावाट को-जनरेशन पावर प्लांट की स्थापना हेतु उ०प्र० प्रदूषण नियंत्रण बोर्ड में लोक सुनवाई हेतु सम्बन्धित प्रपत्र - प्रस्तुत किया गया है। राज्य बोर्ड द्वारा भारत सरकार के पर्यावरण, वन एवं जलवाय् परिवर्तन मंत्रालय, भारत सरकार द्वारा जारी अधिसूचना संख्या-एस.ओ.-1533 दिनांक 14/09/2006 के अनुपालन में, इस इंकाई को अनापत्ति प्रमाण-पत्र जारी करने से पूर्व लोक सुनवाई की सूचना जारी किया जाना आवश्यक है एवं इस सूचना के अन्तर्गत क्षेत्रीय आम जनता को किसी भी आपत्ति / सुझाव हेतु 30 दिन का नोटिस दिया जाना आवश्यक है। लोक सुनवाई पैनल की सरेचना पर्यावरणीय अधिसूचना संख्या-एस.ओ. –1533 दिनांक 14 / 09 / 2006 के अनुरूप होगी एवं उक्त उद्योग के प्रस्ताव से सम्बन्धित अभिलेख निम्नलिखित कार्यालयों में उपलब्ध हैं :--

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अतः सर्वसाधारण को इस नोटिस के माध्यम से सूचित किया जाता है कि उक्त लोक सुनवाई की कार्यवाही दिनांक 30.05.2022 को अपरान्ह 1:00 बजे अपर जिलाधिकारी (वि0/रा0), शामली की अध्यक्षता में प्रस्तावित उद्योग मै0 सुपीरियर बायोपयूल्स प्रा०लि०, ग्राम शामली-शामला एवं गागौर, तहसील-ऊन, जिला-शामली के प्रस्तावित स्थल पर सम्पादित की जायेगी। लोक सुनवाई में जनसामान्य उपस्थित होकर अपनी आपत्तियां प्रस्तुत कर सकते हैं। परियोजना के सम्बन्ध में कोई सुझाव, विचार, टीका–टिप्पणी अथवा आपत्ति लिखित रूप में प्रकाशन की तिथि से 30 दिन के अन्दर इस कार्यालय

क्षेत्रीय अधिकारी

UNNAO CUSTODIAL DEATH

Probe not fair, says SC, sends case to Lucknow officer for investigation

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STATING THAT the investigation by the Unnao police in a case of alleged custodial death of a 18-vearold vegetable vendor "cannot be said to be fair and impartial", the Supreme Court on Tuesday directed a senior Lucknow officer to further probe the case.

A bench of Justices Ajay Rastogi and Bela M Trivedi said, "After going through the records placed before us, we are prima facie of the view that the manner in which the investigation has been conducted by the investigating officer cannot be said to be fair and impartial and the complaint of the petitioner, in our considered view, deserves indulgence of this Court."

It added, "We have an option either to send the matter to CBI for further re-investigation, but after we have heard counsel for the parties, consider it appropriate at this stage that let a senior police officer, Shri Bhagwan Swarup, Inspector General of Police, Intelligence, HO, Lucknow shall personally undertake further investigation of the complaint made by the petitioner..." on which an FIR had been registered "in a fair and impartial manner".

It also ordered that a report be furnished to the Court within eight weeks. The court listed the matter for hearing on July 19.

The case involves the death of Mohd Faizal, a vegetable vendor, who was allegedly picked up for violating curfew norms in May last year. His mother alleged that he "was brutally murdered in police custody on May 21, 2021 at Police Station Bangermau, District Unnao, Uttar Pradesh, by

the local police officials". The victim's mother said that though she had expressed the fear that the investigation which was carried out by the Circle Officer attached to the Police Station Bangermau, Unnao district, will not be fair and transparent, the administration did

not pay heed to her request. After recording the statements of the police personnel and hardly any statement of independent witness, chargesheet was filed against a constable and one Home Guard under Section 304 IPC (culpable homicide not amounting to murder).

She then approached the HC praying the probe be handed over to CBI or some other agency.



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MARRIAGE IS A WONDERFUL INSTITUTION. BUT WHO WANTS TO LIVE IN AN INSTITUTION

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BECAUSE THE TRUTH INVOLVES US ALL

A food cart in Jahangirpuri



Its fate could be a portent for anyone who doesn't submit to the demands of a single identity

CALIBRATE THE RATE

To achieve a revenue neutral structure, adjustments to GST rates could be carried out in a phased manner

N SEPTEMBER LAST year, the GST Council had tasked a group of ministers to look into the contentious issue of rate rationalisation. The GoM, headed by Karnataka Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai, was also expected to examine the issue of the . inverted duty structure and review the list of goods that were exempted from the tax. The rationale for setting up the committee was straightforward — to expand the tax base and boost revenues. While GST collections have improved of late — collections touched an all-time high of Rs 1.42 lakh crore in March — on the whole, they have fallen short of expectations. And considering that GST forms a substantial part of general government tax revenue, lower than expected collections have fiscal implications at both the central and state levels. For states which are unlikely to have the cushion of revenue garnered through the compensation cess after June this year, the situation will be particularly challenging in the absence of a significant pick-up in overall collections.

The lower than expected collections can, in part, be attributed to issues of compliance, and lower tax rates. While, over the years, the GST Council has taken steps to not only address the administrative issues, but also to also raise compliance levels, the tax rates levied continue to remain lower as compared to those under the earlier regime. As per a report by the RBI, the weighted average GST rate fell from 14.4 per cent at the time of inception to 11.6 per cent in 2019 as a consequence of a series of tax cuts between November 2017 and December 2018. To put this in perspective, the Subramanian Committee report had estimated the revenue neutral rate at 15.5 per cent.

Considering the current rate structure — there are several rates, ranging from zero to special rates for diamonds and jewellery, the standard rates of 5 per cent, 12 per cent and 18 per cent and the top rate of 28 per cent — several suggestions have been made to simplify the rate structure and achieve revenue neutrality. These range from reducing the exemptions given to merging the 12 per cent and 18 per cent slabs to raising the 5 per cent slab to 8 per cent. As per reports, the GST Council in its meeting next month is likely to delve into these issues. While the Council should consider aligning the rates to pre-GST levels, it should be guided by the objective of streamlining the multiple rate structure, reducing the slabs. The situation has, however, been complicated by the recent surge in inflation. Retail inflation, as measured by the consumer price index, rose to 6.95 per cent in March, and is unlikely to subside quickly. Thus, rather than opting for a one-time adjustment to the rate structure, perhaps a more prudent approach would be to opt for a phased recalibration.

WHOSE V-C?

Tamil Nadu government's move on appointments is pushback against governor's overreach. But a larger issue is at stake

HE STATE GOVERNMENT will be the authority, henceforth, that appoints vicechancellors (V-C) to the 13 public universities in Tamil Nadu. The legislative assembly adopted two bills on Monday that effectively amended various Acts regulating state universities and the Madras University Act, 1923, to replace the "chancellor" - in this case, the state governor - with the "government" as the appointing authority for the post of V-C in Madras University and 12 other state universities. Before Tamil Nadu, Gujarat and Telangana governments had chosen to keep the governor out of V-C appointments. Chief Minister MK Stalin told the House that "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." By all accounts, this move by the Tamil Nadu government is more of a pushback against the perceived encroachment by the office of the governor into its domain rather than being driven by any urge to improve the quality of university education.

Relations between the Tamil Nadu government and the governor have been tense for some time. The government has accused the governor of pushing the Centre's agenda at the cost of the state's interests. It has cited the governor's inaction on bills passed by the Assembly — on exempting Tamil Nadu from NEET, for example — as evidence of hostile conduct by the former. However, education is a subject in the Concurrent List. Appointments to universities are regulated by the UGC Act. A recent Supreme Court order annulling the appointment of the V-C of a Gujarat varsity underlines that the state government cannot circumvent UGC regulations in appointments. In an ideal situation, the governor is the neutral arbiter in the selection of a V-C — in most states, the governor as visitor/chancellor chooses the appointee from a panel of three names recommended by a search-cum-selection committee appointed by the state government. This arrangement can check the government from making appointments on the basis of political preferences, a tendency visible in many states. Unfortunately, in states where the governor is deemed powerful, the office has often invited accusations of making appointments as a way of disbursing patronage.

This debate must move beyond who gets to appoint the V-C to matters of academic excellence. Over the years, in many states, the institution of V-C has lost much of its credibility and autonomy. The university has, in recent years, emerged as a site of political contestation, where appointments are often influenced by political preferences rather than academic credentials. Tamil Nadu must find a way of talking about the university's future that steers clear of short-term political one-upmanship.

True love

'Fictosexuals' love and marry fictional characters. They are more honest, perhaps, about the nature of romance

ERE'S THE SYNOPSIS for a great romantic drama: A relatively shy, hardworking man falls in love with a pop star. They meet online, fall in love and decide to get married. But the world and their families can't accept the union. They are from different worlds, after all. He's just a regular guy and she is — here comes the twist — a piece of digital and robotic fiction. Despite what seems like the most insurmountable of divides — between the organic and inorganic, life and notlife — Akihiko Konda is managing to make his marriage work. In 2018, the Japanese "fictosexual" tied the knot with Hatsune Miku, a computer-synthesised pop singer. He has recently become a spokesperson for others like him.

It is easy to laugh at Konda, or to think of the growing number of fictosexuals — people in love with fictional characters — as delusional. But they have probably cracked the secret of the fairytale romance. Isn't all love delusional, after all? Don't the subtle algorithms that govern social behaviour make people pretend to be someone other than they truly are? Dress well on a first date; ask interesting questions for the first month; pretend to be a "sapiosexual" overcome by "wanderlust"; hide the insecurities and warts for the first few years. And, if all goes well, people make a commitment, sometimes for life. Then, so often, the fantasy ends. It turns out, that like all fiction, love and marriage are often acts of projection, of imagining qualities in a paramour that may or may not exist. That's why, perhaps, marriage is a contract — with a penalty for violating its terms.

Since so much of romantic love begins in lies and ends in disappointment, what's wrong in going into it with your eyes open? Konda's relationship with Miku may be onesided, and imaginary. But at least he knows it.

SANIAY SRIVASTAVA

INTHE MEDIA coverage of the so-called antiencroachment drive in Delhi's Jahangirpuri, one shot stands out. There is an earth excavator smashing into a hand-driven cart. Perhaps the owner of the blue coloured cart, now emptied of any stock, sold food from it, or maybe cheap mobile phone covers. The vehicle's flimsy tin roof and spindly wheels crumple against the first blow but the excavator smashes again and again, as if fearful that the cart's apparent fragility might be a ploy for a conspiracy of resistance. The thela and the livelihood it provided lie in a mangled heap and we cut away to an interview with the mayor of the North Delhi Municipal Corporation. The mayor talks about the Corporation and its mandate of making Delhi "clean and encroachment free".

The fate of the hapless cart captures that of the most marginal residents of our cities and the excavator is an apt symbol of a state machinery that has been forged into an instrument of violence against manufactured enemies of public order and national interest. The forceful conversion of state bureaucracies to the nationalism of religious ideology is the first and most fundamental problem of our times. This, of course, is quite different from the types of "forced conversions" we frequently hear about.

Instances of religious conversion among individuals are vastly exaggerated. The rate and depth of conversion of the apparently a-religious arms of governance, on the other hand, can hardly be overestimated.

Urban encroachments are secular activities spread across class and religious lines. The urban poor resort to it as a means of survival, whereas the better-off use it for further enrichment, However, we should fear the fate of cities when the drive to make them "clean and encroachment free" might actually be underwritten by motivations to cleanse them of certain groups. The Israeli state — whose bulldozer justice we seemed to have copied - has still to learn that demolishing the homes of Palestinians does not do away with the source of the Israeli-Palestinian dispute. The problem

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Most, if not all, communal riots are engineered for specific purposes. The reasons relate to a mix of political, commercial and real estate gains. As these objectives are achieved, a semblance of — let's say, diminished — normality returns to the localities affected by the violence. However, once we are encouraged to associate the possibility of a "gain" with the obliteration of groups, then we should fear for the fate of our cities. In the case of Jahangirpuri, and indeed,

other parts of India, this association has become almost irreversible. It is more potent for the fact we are mostly a state-driven democracy and the version of democracy that the party in power propagates comes to pass. The association between Muslims and illegality and illegitimacy is so complete that even a party hostile to the BJP invokes it to explain the riots at Jahangirpuri. Consider the public statements by key members of the Aam Aadmi Party who blamed the BJP for the violence but introduced the figure of "illegal" Bangladeshi and Rohingya settler as both a tool and an active participant in it. These groups – and by extension, other Muslims – stand forever marked as pliable tools of disruption and violence. Not only are they now the objects of hatred and violence of majoritarianism, but also the groups that do not profess majoritarianism and frequently speak for

religious tolerance and diversity. The pervasive identification of the "guilty" has found a broader echo and we increasingly speak of social and economic issues in the language of religious identity. The issue of "encroachments" in informal localities is actually part of a longer historical problem of land policies produced by bodies such as the Delhi Development Authority and has little connection with the apparent proclivities of any particular religious or ethnic group. However, when all sections of society – the ruling party, its opponents, bureaucracies, most privileged sections of the citizenry – produce a unified

view of a "monstrous" community that stands against public and national welfare, the stage s set for a dystopian future.

Metropolises can be bulwarks against the prejudices of the small town and village. Cities are frequently places where harassed lovers, stigmatised individuals and others constrained by the mores of outdated social structures seek another future. And, while there is no instant utopia of freedom and material fulfilment, there is research evidence that the possibilities that cities offer convince the majority of migrants to stay on and try their luck rather than go back to their villages and smaller towns. Cities are also places that absorb refugees fleeing difficult conditions in their own countries, contributing to the economic life of the former. However, as the process of identification of the "problem population" has found widespread adherents, our cities have actually turned into topographies of everyday terror.

But we should remember that the terror that is experienced by the most vulnerable who might be provoked to react to it will not be confined to it. The consequences are much broader. The terror is produced through making the state an informal and ad hoc instrument of governance, wilfully associating social and economic problems with religious identity, and promoting historically inaccurate images of "genuine" Indianness.

The food cart in one of Jahangirpuri's lanes that was violently broken into pieces by an earth excavator could well be a portent for the terror that awaits anyone who may not submit to the demands of a single identity. Food carts are easy to build, but their customers come with multiple identities - religious, caste, ethnic, sexual, linguistic - and the violent straitjacketing of these is something that will not be restricted just to the "problem" populations of Jahangirpuri. Perhaps "1984" is now just another date and we have learnt no lessons from it.

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FACING A COMMON THREAT

India-Australia pact frames understanding of new challenges to cybersecurity

Brijesh Singh

WESTERN AND MEDIA attention may be focused on the conflict between Russia and Ukraine, but countries have not taken their eye off the Indo-Pacific where there is clear evidence of the changing world order. This is manifest in the signing of the India-Australia Economic Cooperation and Trade Agreement in goods and services earlier this month.

The botched US withdrawal from Afghanistan followed by China taking a serious interest in creating new economic, military and political alliances, and the impending energy crisis demand that nations recalibrate their strategic as well as longterm interests. The India-Australia ECTA is a concrete example of the bilateral faith in common values, and understanding of threats and goals. A reflection of this is cooperation in cyber security.

The Russia-Ukraine conflict has shown how cyber threat actors, both state and nonstate, have become significant players in hybrid or "unrestricted" warfare. Both countries have let loose malicious elements in the information as well as operational space, while nonstate actors like the hacktivist group Anonymous claimed to have caused significant damage to critical Russian and Belarusian financial and military infrastructure.

China is accused of having amassed a large number of cyber weapons and has allegedly carried out sophisticated operations aimed at espionage, theft of intellectual property, and destructive attacks on internet resources of some countries. Australia and India have been at the receiving end of several such campaigns by the so-called Advanced Persistent Threat (APT) groups, supported by or assumed to be India has much to learn from Australia's low-key but smart cyber expertise. The Australian Cyber Security Centre (ACSC) in Canberra is the receptacle of the country's cybersecurity information, advice and assistance efforts. It draws expertise from national law enforcement, intelligence agencies, crime investigation, and national security bodies. It has a partnership with the corporate world to facilitate intelligence-sharing on threats.

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At the June 2020 virtual bilateral summit. Prime Minister Narendra Modi and his Australian counterpart Scott Morrison elevated the bilateral relationship to a Comprehensive Strategic Partnership. The new cyber framework includes a five-year plan to work together on the digital economy. cybersecurity and critical and emerging technologies. This will be supported by a \$9.7 million fund for bilateral research to improve regional cyber resilience.

An annual Cyber Policy Dialogue, a new Joint Working Group on Cyber Security Cooperation and a joint working group on ICTs have been established. An annual India-Australia Foreign Ministers Cyber Framework Dialogue will be held. India will now be included in a core Australian initiative called the International Cyber Engagement Strategy — it began in 2017 to actively conduct capacity-building arrangements in Indonesia, Singapore and Thailand, and support similar activities in Malaysia, Vietnam and Cambodia. In 2021 Australia added critical technologies to the initiative, making it important to the bilateral partnership with India and to the Quad.

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on threats. AustCyber, another government effort, aims at establishing an internationally competitive domestic cybersecurity industry.

India has set up the office of the National Cybersecurity Coordinator, a national Computer Emergency Response Team (CERT-IN), a national Critical Information Infrastructure Protection Agency (NCIIPC), and made appropriate amendments to the Information Technology Act and Rules to enhance its cyber security posture. This has upped India's rank to 10th in the Global Cyber Security Index (GCI) 2020, from 47th just two years earlier. India has capable cybersecurity professionals.

In February, the foreign ministers of India and Australia recognised cooperation in cyber governance, cyber security, capacity building, innovation, digital economy, cyber and critical technologies as an essential pillar of the relations between the two countries. A joint Centre of Excellence for Critical and Emerging Technology Policy, to be located in Bengaluru, will be set up.

India and Australia share common concerns around 5G rollouts, threats by APT groups, cybercrime, information warfare and threats to a democratic order. Deepening cooperation can develop avenues for mutual learning and create complementary markets in cyber tools and technologies, boosting bilateral business and strategic commitments

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APRIL 27, 1982, FORTY YEARS AGO

UK's Assault

THE COMMANDER OF the Argentine forces on the Falkland dependency of South Georgia surrendered after the British forces captured the island's two main ports, UK Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher told the House of Commons. She said some 180 Argentines have been taken prisoners during the assault that began on April 25 with a landing on the largest port, Grytviken followed by the securing of the Leith labour on April 26. Mrs Thatcher said that the British forces were told to use minimum force. As a result, she said, there's been a serious injury to only one Argentine seaman.

JUDICIAL REFORMS

INDICATING THAT MAJOR changes in the judicial system were in the offing, Union Law Minister Jagannath Kaushal announced in the Raiva Sabha that as a start, he hoped to set up administrative tribunals in the not so distant future. Speaking at the end of a day-long discussion on the working of the Union of Ministry of Law, Justice and Company Affairs, Kaushal said that there was a strong need for decentralisation.

Message From Pak PAKISTAN FOREIGN MINISTER Yaqub Khan has sent a message to the external affairs minister P V Narasimha Rao saying that Islamabad is keen to go ahead with the talks aimed at evolving a no-war pact between the two countries. Khan is believed to have expressed his country's appreciation of the several statements by the external affairs minister expressing India's desire to improve ties.

DACOITS IN DELHI

A 75-YEAR-OLD MAN was killed and 10 were seriously injured by four armed dacoits who looted two houses in East Delhi, and tried to enter a third. The dacoities were committed in Nirman Vihar and Swasthya Vihar.

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WHAT THE OTHERS SAY

"Twitter has never been a place for rational, nuanced speech. Expect it to get much much worse.' - THE NEW YORK TIMES

PDS & end of a golden chapter

It delivered spectacularly during the pandemic. Whether it can do so in a time of renewed food inflation, ahead of 2024 elections, remains to be seen



HARISH DAMODARAN AND SAMRIDHI Agarwal

2020-21 WAS ONE of Indian agriculture's finest moments, as memorable as 1967-68 that inaugurated the Green Revolution. While much of the country was locked out of economic activity in Covid-19's first and second waves, farmers not only harvested their standing rabi crop from late March 2020 but also planted aggressively for the next two seasons. Agriculture was the only sector to grow 3.3 per cent in 2020-21, even as the economy overall contracted by 4.8 per cent. According to the Centre for Monitoring Indian Economy's Mahesh Vyas, the farm sector added 3.4 million jobs in 2020-21 and 11 million from 2019-20 to 2021-22. During these three years, the rest of the economy shed 15 million jobs.

But 2020-21 and the year that followed were also remarkable for a related phenomenon – of India's public distribution system (PDS) truly coming of age and delivering at a time of crisis. Sales of rice and wheat under various government schemes totalled 92.9 million tonnes (mt) in 2020-21 and 105.6 mt in 2021-22. This was as against an average offtake of 62.5 mt during the first seven years after the implementation of the National Food Security Act (NFSA) in 2013-14 and 48.4 mt in the seven years preceding the legislation.

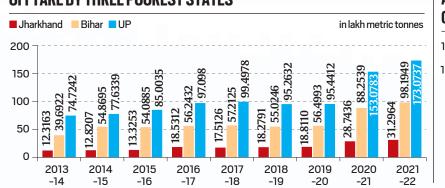
The accompanying charts show the offtake of rice and wheat both at the all-India level and for the three poorest states as per the NITI Aayog's National Multidimensional Poverty Index — Bihar, Jharkhand and Uttar Pradesh (UP). All three registered significant increases in offtake levels post-NFSA between 2013-14 and 2019-20: Jharkhand (from 1.2 mt to 1.9 mt), Bihar (4 mt to 5.6 mt) and UP (7.5 mt to 9.5 mt). These have further risen post-Covid, to 3.1 mt for Jharkhand, 9.8 mt for Bihar and 17.3 mt for UP in 2021-22.

The NFSA legally entitles up to 75 per cent of India's rural and 50 per cent of the urban population - translating into some 813.5 million people — to receive 5 kg of grain per person per month at highly subsidised rates of Rs 2/kg for wheat and Rs 3/kg for rice. In the wake of the Covid-induced economic disruptions, a new Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana (PMGKAY) scheme was launched giving NFSA beneficiaries an extra 5 kg grain per person per month free of cost. PMGKAY was implemented for eight months (April-November) in 2020-21 and 11 months (May-March) of 2021-22.

NFSA along with PMGKAY has led to a massive jump in grain offtake through the PDS. More importantly, this increase has largely taken place in the poorer states. UP, Bihar and Jharkhand together accounted for 21.6 per cent of national grain offtake in 2012-13, which was pre-NFSA. That stood at 28.6 per cent in 2021-22, higher than their combined 27.8 per cent share of India's population based on the 2011 Census.

To put the numbers in context, only a handful of states — Kerala, Tamil Nadu and Andhra Pradesh — had well-functioning PDS till the early 2000s. In the late-2000s, Chhattisgarh initiated reforms to curb diversion/leakages by entrusting the running of fair price shops to cooperatives and local bodies (as against private licensees), making timely allocation and supplying grain directly to PDS outlets (bypassing middle-level distribution

OFFTAKE BY THREE POOREST STATES



ALL-INDIA RICE AND WHEAT OFFTAKE in lakh metric tonnes 1200 1056.1492 1000 928.7824 800 623.242

Illustration: C R Sasikumar; Graphics: Ritesh Kumar

agencies), and using IT to track dispatches right from procurement centres to points of sale. Chhattisgarh's example was emulated by Odisha, followed by Madhya Pradesh and West Bengal – all by 2015-16.

These success stories paid off politically as well. The Bharatiya Janata Party secured successive wins in the 2008 and 2013 Chhattisgarh Assembly elections under Raman Singh, who earned the sobriquet "Chawal Waale Baba (rice monk)". Mamata Banerjee's Trinamool Congress was reelected with an enhanced majority in the 2016 West Bengal polls; ensuring near-universal access to the PDS and rice at Rs 2/kg played a key part in that.

The three poorest states are the latest entrants to the list. UP particularly has seen its grain offtake soar from 9.5 mt to 17.3 mt in the last two years. Out of the 17.3 mt (10.7 mt wheat and 6.6 mt rice) distributed in 2021-22, 7.8 mt comprised free grains under PMGKAY. Most analyses of the BJP's recent UP elections victory attribute it to the Narendra Modi-Yogi Adityanath "doubleengine" government's focus on not just expanding the reach of the PDS, but also lastmile delivery of grain to the intended beneficiaries.

In sum, the PDS delivered both when and where it mattered. Covid-19 will go down as India's first major national disaster not to record widespread starvation, unlike the 1943 Bengal or 1966-67 Bihar famines. People in the poorest states got something to eat amid massive job and income losses. The PDS, indeed, turned out to be the only effective social safety net during the pandemic. Some states went beyond rice and wheat. Kerala leveraged its PDS network to supply free food kits to all ration card holders through the 2020 lockdown till around August 2021. These

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monthly kits - containing items (from coconut oil, pulses, sugar and salt to tea, coriander, turmeric, chilli powder and soap) over and above regular PDS grain - again helped the Pinarayi Vijayan-led Left Democratic Front win a fresh term in the April 2021 state polls.

But that road to success is today hitting a speed bump, which may also create political challenges ahead of the 2024 national elections. The expansion of the PDS, especially post-NFSA, was underwritten by the superabundance of rice and wheat in government granaries. Those overflowing godowns could soon be history. Official wheat procurement is likely to halve this time from last year's record 43.3 mt, because of a poor crop singed by the abnormal spike in March temperatures. Rice stocks are far more comfortable, though the precarious supply situation in fertilisers raises questions about the prospects for the coming kharif season.

Looking ahead, the Food Corporation of India's stocks can probably sustain the pre-2020-21 annual offtake levels of 60-65 mt enough for NFSA, but certainly not schemes such as PMGKAY. The golden chapter of the PDS — including delivering votes to ruling parties – was scripted in an environment of low global commodity prices and surplus domestic foodgrain production. That party is over, even as food inflation is back. The PDS was originally meant to protect ordinary people from extraordinary price rises. Whether it can do that at a time of renewed global inflation remains to be seen.

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Falling behind the curve

Unlike other central banks, RBI has not been surefooted on inflation, erred on forecasts. MPC members must make public their projections



ISHAN BAKSHI

LAST WEEK, THE Reserve Bank of India released the minutes of the monetary policy committee meeting held in early April. The minutes suggest that concerns over inflation have taken centre stage, with all members now attaching primacy to inflation management, and focusing less on whether prices are driven by demand or supply-side factors. While this shift in priorities is indeed warranted, it is also long overdue. The MPC, to put it bluntly, is behind the curve.

In large part, this shift in the MPC's views is a result of the ongoing Russia-Ukraine conflict. The sharp rise in commodity prices, especially that of crude oil, will have a significant bearing on inflation. However, to say that this conflict alone is responsible for elevated inflation, and warrants a recalibration of monetary policy, will be inaccurate. Unlike other economies, inflation in India was elevated even before the pandemic and has remained so. Retail inflation stood at 6.3 per cent in the second half of 2019-20, 6.2 per cent in 2020-21 and 5.5 per cent in 2021-22. And it bears repeating — the inflation target is 4 per cent, not 5 per cent or 6 per cent.

In February, just before the beginning of hostilities, the RBI had projected inflation to trend lower at 4.5 per cent in 2022-23. This inflation forecast, as in the past, provided the MPC with the justification to continue with its, by and large, accommodative policy stance. However, even though the sharp surge in commodity prices in the weeks thereafter was difficult to predict, the central bank's assessment of inflation and as a consequence, the stance of the committee, was considered to be off the mark even at that time. Inflationary pressures had already begun building in the economy. And considering the long lags, strong policy action was

But, this was not the first time that the RBI's inflation projections have been off the mark. In fact, in recent times, inflation has often been higher than the central bank's expectations.

Let's rewind the clock. In the initial years after the transition to the inflation targeting regime, actual inflation was largely in line with the RBI's inflation forecasts. In fact, for most of the period between October 2016 and the first half of 2019, actual inflation outcomes were below the central bank's projections. Inflation averaged 4.5 per cent in 2016-17, 3.6 per cent in 2017-18, 3.4 per cent in 2018-19, and 3.2 per cent in the first half of 2019-20. And this was a period marked by demonetisation, the shift to GST, the implementation of the 7th pay commission, and other events — all of which had raised the level of uncertainty in the economy.

Thereafter, the precision with which the RBI has forecast inflation — a vital input in

determining the stance of the monetary policy - appears to have deteriorated quite sharply. The central bank went from overestimating inflation to underestimating it in quite a short span. While it is true that the pandemic injected a great deal of uncertainty into the economy, making projections of both inflation and growth difficult, more so in the initial period, the forecasting errors began before that. Beginning in the second half of 2019, inflation consistently overshot the central bank's projections. Mere correlation or causation?

In the initial months of the pandemic, even as there was considerable uncertainty over the trajectories of both growth and inflation, the commentary from the RBI suggested that it believed inflation would soften considerably in the second half of 2020-21. Inflation, however, remained elevated. The scenario thereafter has hardly been any different with inflation remaining above the central bank's target for around two-thirds of the period.

This year, in its February policy review, the RBI projected inflation at 5.7 per cent for the fourth quarter of 2021-22. But actual inflation turned out to be 6.34 per cent. In April, the central bank revised its earlier forecast, raising it to 6.3 per cent in the first quarter of 2022-23, trending downwards thereafter to 5.8 per cent in the second quarter. However, considering the current trends in prices, the incomplete pass-through of higher crude oil prices, and the possibility of another round of telecom tariff hikes, it is increasingly likely that the central bank continues to underestimate the inflationary pressures in the economy. In fact, it is quite probable that inflation breaches the upper threshold of the inflation-targeting framework for three consecutive quarters this year as well. For an inflation-targeting central bank, consistent forecasting errors of such magnitude can mean only one thing - it stays behind the curve.

To be fair, inflation is now a global problem. But other central banks have been far more sure-footed in their response. For instance, the US Fed officials have openly spoken about multiple rate hikes. In comparison, the MPC minutes do not provide any indication on the extent of tightening that it may be contemplating, and over what time frame, to bring inflation in line with its target. Considering that the more delayed the policy action is, the greater will be the adustment that is required — and closer it will be to the next general elections when political considerations will perhaps dominate – far greater clarity is called for.

Lastly, the MPC minutes also raise questions over whether the external members of the committee are basing their decisions on their own expectations of the trajectory of inflation or that of the central bank. Considering the magnitude of the forecasting errors, and concerns of groupthink, this requires clarity. Thus, to ensure transparency and provide greater clarity, the committee members should publicly disclose their individual projections of inflation and interest rates.

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No time for defeatism

elections.

In midst of hate, we must remain open to possibilities for empathy, dialogue

Rajni Bakshi

PRATAP BHANU MEHTA'S article 'With eyes wide open' (IE, April 21) is empirically accurate and yet unjustifiably defeatist.

The fear of hurtling into an abyss has been around long before this current spate of violence. What is new is the widespread feeling of being overwhelmed by this threat, of not having any effective ways to contain or dissolve the toxicity.

Mehta's article beautifully invoked the Ramcharitmanas with deep feeling, without actually quoting the words of Sita that express what many of us are now feeling: "Deen dayal biridu sambhari, harhu nath mum sankat bhari". (Protector of those in need, take away my deep affliction).

I grew up in a family where, as children, we were taught to recite these lines as a counter to fear and the feeling of being overwhelmed by any situation. It was much later, as a middle-aged person, that I truly began to draw strength from these lines. But before I could do that, like most of my contemporaries, I passed through a brief spell of thinking that such prayers are the last resort of the helpless and the defeated.

With or without the aid of prayers, how we orient ourselves, or anchor ourselves, is

surely as important as any objective measure of how far we now are from the abyss. Empirically, it is valid to see those who

are committed to "sadbhava" (good faith) and "sambhava" (fellow-feeling) as being out-flanked and out-manoeuvred. But are we really outnumbered? Yes, there is evidence that being commu-

nal, as Mehta writes, "is fast becoming the default common sense of civil society". But what of the dissent and disagreement within families and households?

Civil society, in a coherent organised form, may be thin on the ground when it comes to effectively countering the toxicity. But "civil society" was never the same as "samaj" — an organic, multi-layered, cultural and psychological reality that is both fluid and grounded.

It is in the innards of samaj that the legend of worshipful squirrels thrives over aeons and becomes a commonly experienced "bhava" — attitude and intention.

The worshipful squirrels appear in the Ramayana when the army of monkeys and other animals is helping Ram to build a bridge to reach Lanka. The squirrels approach Ram and say they too want to help in this noble endeavour of defeating arrogance and violent force, as embodied by Ravana. Ram is appreciative but wonders how the tiny, light-weight creatures could contribute to heavy stone lifting.

The answer is provided by the squirrels, who rush to the beach, get wet in the waves, then roll their furry little bodies in the sand before rushing to the under-construction bridge to shake off the sand and smoothen the pathway that Ram must tread.

All well and good, you might say, but it is not the squirrels that liberate Sita. That takes muscle power, weapons and all the resultant blood and gore.

Perhaps the most enduring insight of the Indic civilisation is knowing that the "bhava" of the squirrels and the gory reality of the battlefield are not a binary divide but an overlapping simultaneity. Thus, the striving for truth is a process of unveiling reality in its multiple dimensions, not a contest between opposites. Knowing this, not merely believing it, may not dissolve our anxieties about the approaching abyss but it can strengthen us.

On scale, we may still feel helpless about being unable to stop unspeakable brutalities being committed in the name of religion and

politics. But we can be more profoundly reenergised by every account of individuals and small groups that do heroically protect innocent victims from the fury of mobs. And such stories surface with unfailing regularity.

We will still feel shock and grief when people we love and respect support or make excuses for the hatred and violence. But if we cease to see them as our binary opposite then all kinds of possibilities for empathy and dialogue open up.

Above all, we can build strength by acknowledging the limits of what we know. It is a truism that all empirical knowledge is incomplete and thus potentially flawed. Unfortunately, the high-speed access to seemingly limitless information in the digital age fosters the delusion that we not only see but also understand all the moving

pieces of the puzzle. This is not a call for false optimism. That would be easy and futile. The difficult task before us is how to be watchful with an inward silence that empowers us to resist and deflect jump scares.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

PERUSE HISTORY

I AM GRATEFUL to Narayani Gupta ('History as mischief', IE, April 25) for her informed feedback on my article, 'Ignorance isn't bliss' (IE, April 21), I am glad that she reproduced a large part of my article, giving me yet another opportunity to reconnect with the readers. A little objective perusal of history can help us with the relevant source for Mahmud of Ghazni who "took a vow to wage jihad every year against Indian idolators". Please refer to The Age of Wrath by Abraham Eraly. A number of accounts about the intent and destructive actions of Mahmud are available. His contemporary, Alberuni, says: "He utterly ruined the prosperity of the country (India), and performed those wonderful exploits by which the Hindus became like atoms of scattered dust in

directions.".According to the Tarikh-I-Sultan Mahmud-I-Ghaznavi — or the 'History of Sultan Mahmud of Ghazni' (Translated 1908) by GRoos-Keppel, Qazi Abdul Ghani Khan - when offered a huge ransom by a vanquished Hindu king, Mahmud replied, "In the religion of the Musalmans it is (laid down that this is) a meritorious act that anyone who may destroy the place of worship of the heathen he will reap great reward on the day of judgement, and my intention is to remove entirely idols from the cities of Hindustan". I am not a historian. Does one have to be a historian to recall the horrors of 1947, destruction of temples of Kashi, Mathura and Ayodhya or the near-complete decimation of non-Muslims in Afghanistan, Pakistan and

New Delhi

the Kashmir Valley?

Balbir Punj, via email

GLASS HOUSES

THIS REFERS TO the editorial, 'Cut and paste BJP' (IE, April 26). The ruling regimes, no matter what their political affiliations, have been guilty of (mis)using power to stifle any opposition, while making the police their handmaiden. Consequently, they have any leg to stand on while criticising the BJP for its overreach. In addition, are they (AAP and Shiv Sena) above board in not following the trend of police-political nexus?

Vijai Pant, Hempur

BALANCED STAND

THIS REFERS TO the article, 'Delhi & Brussels' (IE, April 26). There can be no zero-sum game in geopolitics and international relations. The West cannot expect India to circumvent its interests and toe its line when there is hardly any unanimity in responses within their own camp. India's choices are not about taking sides but taking a judicious stand, articulating a response highlighting its expectations from the international community, and safeguarding its national interest. India has been calculating with its outreach amidst the tension in Europe. It has shown utmost maturity, making itself the perfect candidate for any mediation exercise that might oversee the immediate cessation of violence and restoration of peace.

Sudip Kumar Dey, Barasat

14 THE WORLD



New York

HUMAN RIGHTS WATCH CHIEF TO RESIGN

The longtime leader of Human Rights Watch announced Tuesday he will step down this summer as executive director after nearly three decades at the helm of one of the world's leading advocacy organisations. Kenneth Roth became executive director in 1993. He ran the group as it shared a Nobel Peace Prize in 1997 for efforts to ban anti-personnel land mines. The group also pushed to establish the International Criminal Court.

Sri Lankan President Gotabaya Rajapaksa (left) and Chinese

borrowing more from

Earlier this month, the gov-

ernment said it was suspending

repayment of foreign loans

pending negotiations with the

International Monetary Fund for

partly because it built infrastruc-

ture like a port, airport and road

networks using Chinese loans,

but the projects are not making

Foreign Minister Wang Yi, who

visited Sri Lanka in January, to re-

statement a day after Chinese

Ambassador to Sri Lanka Qi

Zhenhong said China was doing

its utmost to help Sri Lanka,

scoffing at suggestions Beijing

tries, especially those who colo-

nized Sri Lanka in history, should

also come and help," a Tweet

from the Chinese embassy

the Asia Development Bank are

other large lenders, having be-

gun the process of aiding Sri

Lanka's economy much earlier

Japan, the World Bank and

quoted Qi as saying.

"Western developed coun-

has Sri Lanka in a debt trap.

Rajapaksa had asked Chinese

The government issued its

Sri Lanka's debt problems are

a loan restructuring plan.

money.

China to cover debts

Foreign Minister Wang Yi at the sea reclamation Port City

Sri Lanka discusses

project in Colombo in January. AP

ASSOCIATED PRESS

SRI LANKA'S GOVERNMENT said

Tuesday it is discussing obtain-

ing another loan from Beijing to

repay some of its debt to Chinese

banks after China told the nearly

bankrupt island nation it was not

in favor of restructuring existing

in foreign debt due for repay-

ment this year and will need to

repay \$ 25 billion over the next

five years. A severe shortage of

foreign exchange means the

country lacks money to buy im-

ported goods, leading to short-

ages of food, fuel and other es-

brought weeks of protests across

the country calling for President

Gotabaya Rajapaksa's resigna-

Nalaka Godahewa said Beijing

was balking at restructuring Sri

Lanka's debt because it does not

want to set that precedent. He

told reporters the finance min-

istry will announce details of dis-

cussions with China later.

Government spokesman

The economic crisis has

Sri Lanka has nearly \$7 billion

COLOMBO, APRIL 26

WORLD



Tayyip Erdogan. File

TURKEY Erdogan to visit Saudi Arabia

on Thursday Ankara: Turkish President Tayyip Erdogan plans to visit Saudi Arabia on Thursday and meet Crown Prince Mohammed Bin Salman, two sources with information on the matter said, as Ankara tries to mend ties with Riyadh after dropping a legal case on the killing of journalist Jamal Khashoggi in Istanbul. As part of a regional charm offensive launched in 2020 amid growing isolation, Ankara has made overtures to mend ties with several countries, including Egypt, Israel, the UAE and Saudi Arabia. It has also approached many Gulf states for economic support as it faces soaring inflation and a surge in energy prices following Russia's Feb. 24 invasion of Ukraine

REUTERS

UNITED STATES

Vice-President Kamala Harris Covid positive

Washington: US Vice President Kamala Harris tested positive for Covid-19 after returning from a trip to California, the White House announced on Tuesday, at a time when the US has largely lifted most of its restrictions against the deadly pandemic. Harris, 57, has exhibited no symptoms and will isolate at home. She has not been a "close contact" with President Joe Biden and first lady Jill Biden. "Today, Vice President Harris tested positive for Covid-19 on rapid and PCR tests. She has exhibited no symptoms, will isolate and continue to work from the vice president's residence," said Kirsten Allen, the vice president's press secretary, in a statement.

MYANMAR Verdict in graft case against Suu Kyi today

Bangkok: A court in military-ruled Myanmar on Tuesday postponed by a day delivering a verdict on the first of almost a dozen corruption cases filed against the country's former leader, Aung San Suu Kyi. Suu Kyi, who was ousted by an army takeover in February last year, could face up to 15 years in prison and a fine if convicted. She has denied all allegations of graft. AP

READY TO MOBILISE RESOURCES TO SAVE LIVES: UN CHIEF

US, allies pledge heavy arms for Ukraine, shrug off Russian nuclear war warning

In shift, Germany offers to send anti-aircraft tanks; concern for Moldova after fresh explosions

PHILSTEWART & PAVEL POLITYUK RAMSTEIN AIR BASE (GERMANY), KYIV, APRIL 26

THE UNITED States and its allies pledged new packages of ever heavier weapons for Ukraine during a meeting on Tuesday at a German air base, brushing off a threat from Moscow that their support for Kyiv could lead to nu-

US officials have switched emphasis this week from speaking mainly about helping Ukraine defend itself to bolder talk of a Ukrainian victory that would weaken Russia's ability to threaten its neighbours.

"Nations from around the world stand united in our resolve to support Ukraine in its fight against Russia's imperial aggression," Defense Secretary Lloyd Austin said, welcoming officials from more than 40 countries to Ramstein Air Base in Germany, headquarters of US air power in Europe. "Ukraine clearly believes that it can win, and so does evervone here.

In a notable shift, Germany, where the government had come under pressure after refusing Ukrainian pleas for heavy weapons, announced it would

now send "Gepard" light tanks

PTI supporters

protest outside

poll panel offices

Islamabad: Supporters of

Pakistan's ousted prime minister

Imran Khan on Tuesday held

protests outside the election com-

mission offices across the coun-

try, demanding resignation of the

Chief Election Commissioner over

mer senior bureaucrat, was ap-

pointed as head of the Election

. Commission of Pakistan (ECP) by

the previous Imran Khan gov-

ernment, but now the former

premier has turned against him

and accuses him of "favouring"

his rival political parties - an al-

Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI)

held demonstrations outside EC

offices in Karachi, Lahore,

Islamabad, Peshawar, Gujrat and

Faisalabad, among other cities. PTI

The party workers of Khan's

legation rejected by the CEC.

Sikandar Sultan Raja, a for-

his alleged biased conduct.

PAKISTAN



US Secretary of Defence Lloyd Austin (centre) and his Ukrainian counterpart Oleksii Reznikov (right) during the Ukraine Defense Consultative Group meeting at the US Airbase in Ramstein, Germany, on Tuesday. Reuters

with anti-aircraft guns.

Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov was asked on state TV late on Monday about the prospect of World War Three and whether the current situation could be compared to the 1962 Cuban missile crisis that nearly caused nuclear war.

The danger is serious, real. And we must not underestimate it," Lavrov said, according to the ministry's transcript of the interview. "NATO, in essence, is engaged in a war with Russia through a proxy and is arming that proxy. War means war."

Meanwhile, the head of

KEN MORITSUGU

WORKERS PUT up fencing and

police restricted who could leave

a locked-down area in Beijing on

Tuesday as authorities in the

Chinese capital stepped up efforts

to prevent a major Covid-19 out-

break like the one that has all but

shut down the city of Shanghai.

swabs across much of Beijing as

mass testing was expanded to 11

Another 22 cases were found

in the last 24 hours, Beijing health

officials said at a late afternoon

news conference, bringing the

total to 92 since the outbreak was

discovered five days ago. That is

tiny in comparison to Shanghai,

where the number of cases has

topped 500,000 and at least 190

of the city's 16 districts.

People lined up for throat

BEIJING, APRIL 26

Russia's Security Council, Nikolai Patrushev, told the government newspaper Rossiyskaya Gazeta that Ukraine could break into

Pentagon spokesman John Kirby decried what he called Lavrov's "escalatory rhetoric".

"A nuclear war cannot be

won and it shouldn't be fought. There's no reason for the current conflict in Ukraine to get to that level at all," Kirby said. Ahead of a meeting with

President Vladimir Putin, UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres said he was ready to fully mobilise the organisation's re-

Covid: Beijing imposes lockdowns,

ups mass testing to prevent outbreak

been reported from the still-nas-

Beijing has locked down

some apartment buildings and

residential complexes and on

Monday added a larger urban

area measuring about 2 by 3

kilometers (1 by 2 miles).

Workers put up blue metal fenc-

cent outbreak in Beijing.

People outside a nucleic acid testing site in Beijing. Reuters

people have died. No deaths have ing along part of the area

sources to save lives and evacuate people from the besieged eastern Ukrainian city of Mariupol.

Ukrainian Deputy Prime Minister Iryna Vereshchuk said no humanitarian corridors were operating on Tuesday as there had been no break in the fighting in Ukraine.

To the west of Ukraine, there were fears unrest could spread to Moldova, where Russian troops have occupied a separatist region along the Ukrainian border, Transdniestria, since the 1990s. Two radio masts were destroyed by explosions early Tuesday, following blasts on Monday.

WILLRESPOND **IMMEDIATELY: RUSSIATOUK**

RUSSIA WARNED Britain on Tuesday that if it continued to provoke Ukraine to strike targets in Russia then there would be an immediate "proportional response".

Russia's defence ministry cited statements from Britain's armed forces minister James Heappey who told BBC it was entirely legitimate for Ukraine to hunt targets in depths of Russia to disrupt logistics and supply lines.

"We would like to underline that London's direct provocation of the Kiev regime into such actions, if such actions are carried out, will immediately lead to our proportional response," Russia's defence ministry said, adding it would not necessarily be a problem if representatives of a certain Western country were located at Ukraine's decision making centres. REUTERS

3 killed in firing at kindergarten

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MOSCOW, APRIL 26

kindergarten in Russia's central Ulyanovsk region on Tuesday, killing two children and a teacher, the region's governor

tion," federal lawmaker and for-

other staff member was

ted suicide, Interfax news agency reported, citing a source.

Morrison trails in poll amid criticism

in central Russia

AN ARMED man opened fire at a Citing "preliminary informa-

mer governor Sergei Morozov wrote on the VK social network that a man had entered the kindergarten in the town of Veshkavma in central Russia and shot a female staff member and children, before shooting himself. Local health officials say one

The gunman later commit-

Uber admits misleading Australian riders, agrees to pay \$19 million fine

ASSOCIATED PRESS CANBERRA, APRIL 26

UBER AGREED to pay a 26 million Australian dollar (\$19 million) fine for misleading riders by falsely warning they could be charged a cancellation fee and for inflating estimates of comparable taxi rides, the ride share company and Australia's consumer watchdog said Tuesday.

Uber B.V., a Netherlands subsidiary of the San Franciscobased Uber Technologies Inc., admitted breaching Australian Consumer Law by making false or misleading statements in its app, the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission said in a statement.

The first offense stems from a free cancellation policy that allows a customer to cancel a booking at no cost up to five minutes after a driver has accepted the trip.

Between at least December 2017 and September 2021, more than 2 million Australian customers who attempted to cancel within that five-minute window were warned: "You may be charged a small fee since your driver is already on the way.'

The cancellation message has since changed to: "You won't be charged a cancellation fee."

"Uber admits it misled Australian users for a number of vears and may have caused some of them to decide not to cancel their ride after receiving the cancellation warning," Commission Chair Gina Cass-Gottlieb said.

Uber said in a statement almost all riders chose to cancel their trips despite the warnings.

The second offense related to estimated taxi fares provided by the app to Sydney customers between June 2018 and August 2020 when the taxi ride option was abandoned.

The algorithm used to calculate the fare ranges inflated the taxi estimates. The actual taxi fare was almost always cheaper than Uber's lowest estimate.

Uber had not ensured the algorithm was accurate, the commission said.

Uber apologised for the taxi fare estimate "being higher than it should have.

Uber said it cooperated with the commission and made changes to its platform based on concerns raised by investigators.

Bullet sent to PM family, Israeli police begin probe

ASSOCIATED PRESS JERUSALEM, APRIL 26

ISRAELI POLICE said Tuesday they have launched an investigation into a death threat made against the country's prime minister.

The police issued a statement saying a letter containing a death threat and a live bullet was sent to Naftali Bennett's family. The police said the special crimes department and the Shin Bet internal security agency opened an investigation. Additional details about the case were under a gag order. The Prime Minister's Office said in a statement that the Bennett's family has been given an increased security de-

tail because of the letter. Writing on Twitter, Bennett said that "political conflict, no matter how deep, doesn't need to come to violence, thuggery and death threats.

"I am prime minister and a politician, but I am also a husband and father, and my obligation is to protect my wife and children," he said.

REUTERS SYDNEY, APRIL 26

AUSTRALIAN PRIME Minister Scott Morrison is struggling to close the gap with the main opposition ahead of an upcoming general election, a poll showed on Tuesday, amid criticism over his handling of a security pact be $tween \, China \, and \, Solomon \, Islands.$

A poll for *The Australian* newspaper showed centre-left Labor maintaining its 53-47 lead on a two-party preferred basis



PM Scott Morrison

Australia

against the conservative Liberal-National coalition, even as it showed Morrison extending his lead as the preferred leader.

Tuesday, and police restricted

testing in one Beijing district had

sparked panic buying in the city

of 21 million on Monday, but the

situation appeared to calm on

Tuesday even as testing was ex-

over handling of China-Solomons deal

An initial announcement of

who could leave.

With Australia going to polls on May 21, national security has dominated the election campaign after China last week struck the security deal with the Solomon Islands, stoking concerns in

Morrison, who has often attacked Labor as being "soft" on China. said the opposition was "playing politics with the Pacific and the only ones who are benefiting... is the Chinese government." Morrison on Sunday said China building a base in the Solomon Islands would be a "red line" for Australia. He said "it would not be responsible for me to be speculating in public about what Australia. the United States and others would be doing in circumstances such as that.

Canberra and Washington.

of this warming relationship. The guests trickled in shortly after sunset, the majority of them Jewish with many recent arrivals from Israel who came to visit or to live. Apart from seeking jobs or other business opportunities, all of these newcomers said they came in search of an unusual experience, only made possible after the 2020 diplomatic agreements known as the Abraham Accords, normalizing Israel's relations with the United Arab Emirates, Bahrain and Morocco.

"There's a deep sense here in the U.A.E. of it being like a social experiment, something that is very forward-looking and pro-

gressive," said Ross Kriel, a South African constitutional lawyer who moved to Dubai from Johannesburg with his wife and children in 2013.

Community leaders estimate

the number of active members in Dubai's Jewish community had grown over the last year from about 250 to 500 and it is expected to keep expanding quickly. There are about seven loca-

tions holding weekly religious services in Dubai and Abu Dhabi, the Emirati capital. At least five kosher restaurants have opened in the past year. There is also a mikvah, or Jewish ritual bath for women. "We can walk the street

lectures about Judaism and enter any place we want without any looks or comments," said Elie Abadie, senior rabbi of the Iewish Council of the Emirates, an organization that acts as a bridge between Emirati officials and the Jewish community. Before the Abraham Accords.

with a kipa on, eat kosher, host

Mr. Kriel said, he would guietly plan his family vacations to Israel and host intimate Friday-night dinners with other observant Jews in his home. "It was the best kept secret in the Jewish world," Mr. Kriel laughed, recalling how the first few Torah scrolls arrived in the country hidden in golf bags.

GROWING JEWISH COMMUNITY IN UAE EXPRESSES ITS TRADITIONS AND RELIGIOUS IDENTITY

Baking challah in Dubai: a Jewish community heads out into the open

MONA EL-NAGGAR DUBAI, APRIL 26

TWO ROWS of tables covered in glossy runners, mixing bowls, wooden spatulas and containers of yeast, sugar, eggs, oil, flour and salt lined the garden of a villa set to host nearly 60 women.

As the guests arrived, each received a pink apron inscribed with the name of the event in big bold type: Dubai Challah Bake.

"This is not the first time we're making challah," said Chevie Kogan, a Jewish community organizer and Hebrew teacher in Dubai, a glitzy citystate in the United Arab

Emirates. "But it is definitely the first time we have so many ladies gathered together to do the nitzvah of our precious challah." While Iews have long lived

and worked comfortably in Dubai, they kept their religious expression mostly quiet. But in the two years since the United Arab Emirates normalized relations with Israel, the Jewish community in this Persian Gulf emirate has grown significantly and felt freer than ever to express its traditions and religious iden-

It is one of the many signs of an emerging new reality in the Middle East, where Israel's isolation in the Arab world is

ebbing. And the oil-rich state — a leading political force in the Middle East – appears to be charting a path for a warmer peace that could herald a new era in Arab-Israeli relations.

At a recent Middle East summit where top diplomats from the United States, Israel and four Arab countries met for the first time on Israeli soil, the Emirati foreign minister called his Israeli counterpart "not only a partner" but a friend. The two countries have bonded in part over security concerns and their shared view of Iran as a threat. But even before the summit, the challahbaking party in Dubai in late February was one of many fruits



Portraits of the Emirati ruling family hang on the walls of a government-approved place of worship for Jews. NYT

PERSONAL Classifieds

I, AMEETA AHUJA, W/o MANOJ PAHILAJANI, R/o- 432, 1st Floor Back Side, Sant Nagar, East of Kailash, Delhi-110065, have changed my name to AMITA PAHILAJANI for all purposes.

0070782532-1

| Sonal Virmani W/O, Munish Mediratta R/o Palash 302, Shipra Srishti, 15 Mall Road, Indirapuram, Ghaziabad, UP-201014 have changed my name to Sonal Mediratta for all 0040611382-1 purposes.

I Shelly Kumar W/o-Arjun Seth R/o-Flat No.E-3/101, Paradise Apartment, Sector-18, Rohini, Delhi-110089 have changed my name to Shelly Seth for all purposes. 0040611373-1

Monhar Singh S/o Beant Singh R/o WZ-198, Sant Garh, Gali NO 23, Tilak Nagar, New Delhi-110018 have changed my name to Manohar Singh 0040611379-1 I,Zohaib Farhan,S/O Shujauddin R/O-House.no-2726,Gali Nanney, Khan Kucha Chellan, Darya Ganj, New Delhi-110002, Have Changed My Name To Zuhaib Farhan. For

0040611421-3 I,Sanjeev Kumar,S/o-Shri

Khoobi Singh, R/o-Flat no-202, Gaur Ganga-2, Vaishali, Sector-4, Ghaziabad, UP-201010, have changed my name to Sanjeev Kumar Singh. 0040611426-2

All, Future Purposes.

I,S Prabhakar is,father of,Sangu and,Presently,residing at, H. No: A1, Indraprastha-

Apartment, M.B-Road, Tigri, New-Delhi-110062, have changed my name, from S Prabhakar to Sangu Prabhakar, vide-Affidavit dated.26-Apr-22. 0040611439-10

I,MOHAMMED RAJIB HUSSAIN,S/O DILWAR HUSSAIN,R/o FLAT.NO.1701, TOWER-T7, NIRALA ESTATE PHASE-1, TECHZONE-4, GREATER-NOIDA WEST GAUTAMBUDH-NAGAR, U.P. 201308, changed my name to **RAJIBHUSSAIN.** 0040611439-2

I,ASHOK KUMAR,S/O.SOHAN SINGH ADD-161-A.POCKET-4,MAYUR VIHAR-1 EAST DELHI $110091, changed\,my\,name\,to$ ASHOK KUMAR VERMA. 0040611421-4 Permanently.

I,PRADEEP KUMAR,S/O Late Sh.RAJINDER KUMAR,R/O E196A.Block-E Indra Park Shastri-Nagar, New Delhi 110052, Have Changed my name To PARDEEP KUMAR, for all, future purposes.

0040611439-3

It Is For General Information That I, Rajesh Shah, S/o-Saryug Shah Residing At A-17.Gali.No.1.Anarkali Garden, Jagatpuri, Delhi-110051, Declare That Name Of Mine Has Been Wrongly Written As Rajesh Gupta In My D.L.No. 1320040127410,In A/C No.606010110001153,Bank Of India, Gandhi Nagar Delhi-110031, In Birth Certificate Of My Daughter Khushboo Kumari Issued By EDMC Delhi, And In Her Educational Documents.The Actual-Name

Of Mine Is Rajesh Shah. Which May Be Amended Accordingly.

I.hitherto known as Pushpa Devi,W/o Mukesh Kumar Raghav, R/o H.No-388/3, Block A, Shastri-Nagar, North West Delhi, Delhi-110052, have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Priya 0040611410-10

I,Varun Aakash Malik S/o Smt. Jvoti Malik R/o B-3/35, Janakpuri, New Delhi-110058 have changed my name

to Varun Malik. 0040611421-5 I,Tarantej Singh S/O,Mahinder Singh,R/O, H.No-68, Thira-Floor Kh.No-41/23,Guru Nanak-Vihar Phase-2.Nilothi Extn.Delhi-110041, have changed my name

to Tarantej Singh Sethi 0040611420-4

I Sandhya Bajaj W/O, Tarun Makkar R/o 236, Laxmi Appts. Sector-9, Rohini, Delhi-110085 have changed my name to Sandhya Makkar for all 0040611381-1

I,Shanti W/O Banwari Lal Meena R/O Village+Post-Doulatpura, Bundi, Rajasthan-323614, Have Changed my Name to Shanti Devi.

I,Sanjeev Kumar Kohli S/o Mahender Lal Kohli 274, Block E, G.F.Pocket.20 Sect.3, Rohini Delhi-85, have changed my name to Sanjeev Kohli.

0040611410-5

I.SABEEHA BEGUM w/o AMINUR REHMAN,R/O E-50,E-BLOCK GREATER KAILASH NEW DELH-48, HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO SABIHA BEGUM.

0040611420-6

I,S Padma/Sangu Padma is mother of, Sangu Srikanth and Presently, Residing at,H.No:A1,Indraprastha Apartment, M.B Road,Tigri,New Delhi-110062, have changed my name, from S Padma/Sangu Padma to Sangu Chandrakala vide-Affidavit dated.26-Apr-22.

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0040611369-1

I,Rajesh Aggarwal S/o-Surender Aggarwal R/o-B-16, Kewal Park, Azadpur Ext., Delhi-33, have changed my name to Rajesh Kumar for all purposes.That Rajesh Aggarwal & Rajesh Kumar is the one and same person.

I,Ritika Chopra W/O Parmeet Singh R/O WZ-34,T-4, Mukharjee-Park Extention, Tilak Nagar, New Delhi-110018, Have Changed my Name to Reetika Parmeet Singh. 0040611410-7

I,Radhika Bhatia,W/o Sagar Sethi,R/o S-47, F/F,Front Side Parampuri, Uttam Nagar, Delhi 110059, have changed my name to Radhika Sethi. 0040611439-7

I,RAMA DEVI W/O-SH.RADHEY SHYAM R/O-M-503.GURU HARKISHAN NAGAR, PASCHIM VIHAR, NEW DELHI-110087, have changed my name to RAMA DEVI VERMA, for all, future 0040611420-9 purpose.

I,Pinky W/O Chandeshwar Mahto R/O,H.No-C-4/115, Swarn Jayanti-Vihar Tikri Khurd,Narela Delhi-110040, have changed my name 0040611420-3 to Savita Rai.

I,Pawan Kumar,S/O-Shri Shashi Kumar Issar, R/O IB/19A, Ashok Vihar, Phase-1, Delhi-110052, have changed my name to Pawan Kumar Issar.

0040611426-3 I,Nitin Garg S/o Suresh Garg R/o-

C-398 Saraswati Vihar Pitampura Delhi-110034, changed my minor son name Riaan Garg to Ryan Garg.

0040611439-5 I,Navdeep,S/o Sh. Dharam Vir,R/o-Flat.no.G-1502,Dhoot Time Residency, near Paras Trinity, sec-63, Gurugram, Haryana-122011, have changed my name from Navdeep to Navdeep

Baloda.In future,I will be

known as Navdeep Baloda 0040611426-4

I,NAVEEN PAWAR S/o SUKHBIR residing at House,No-45,Village Moti Bagh-2, Near Satya, Niketan South, West, Delhi-110021, have Changed the name of my minor Daughter ANGEL PAWAR aged-13 years and She shall hereafter be Known as VAISHNAVI PAWAR.

0040611410-4 I,NAMRATA GUPTA,W/O VIVEK GUPTA,R/O E-1202,Vijay Appt, Ahinsa Khand-

2,Indirapuram,Ghaziabad,Utta r Pradesh-201014.have changed my name to NAMRATA GOEL. 0040611439-4 I,MANOJ JAIN,S/O PAWAN KUMAR JAIN R/O 4/2778-B,STREETNO.2,BIHARI-

COLONY, SHAHDARA, DELHI-110032 HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO MANOJ KUMAR JAIN.

0040611420-7

I,Kapil Kumar Harjai S/o Ashok Kumar R/o B-20/9-10, Double-Storey, Ramesh Nagar, N.Delhi-15, have changed my name to Kapil Kumar.

I.Km. Shabeena Khan W/o

0040611421-6

Manvendra Kumar R/o Vill+Post-Ghori Bachhera. Gautambudh Nagar (U.P.) have changed my name to Veena Vats for all purposes 0040611385-1

I.Kirti Darolva W/o-Sahil Amarnath R/o-C-33, 3rd-Floor, Panchsheel Enclave, New Delhi-110017 have changed my

name from Kirti Darolya to Kirti Garg for all purposes.

0040611378-1 I.JITENDRA KUMAR RAJDEO GUPTA.S/O RAJDEO RAGHUVEER GUPTA, R/O.H-35 SANJAY-PARK SHAKARPUR. **DELHI-92, HAVE CHANGED MY**

NAME TO JITENDRA GUPTA, FOR ALL PURPOSES. I,Dhiraj Kumar Jha R/o C/o Gopal Krishna Jha, Silver Bell, A-706, Shalimar City, Before

Civil Airport, Before Shalimar Garden, Sahibabad, Distt. Ghaziabad Uttar Pradesh-201005 have changed my name from Dhirai Kumar to Dhirai Kumar Jha for all purposes

0040611377-1

I,Deepika Kumar,D/o Niraj Kumar Add.C.p.,119 maurya enclave pitampura delhi-110034, changed my name to Deepika Chaudhary.

0040611420-8

I.DORAISWAMI RAMAKRISHNAN,S/o KAZHUTHOZHUGU RAMACHANDRA DORAISWAMI, Address: B-351, Cityview Apartments, Plot. No. 119, Sector-35, Noida, GautamBuddha-Nagar, Uttar-Pradesh-201301, inform that I.have changed my name to RAMAKRISHNAN DORAISWAMI, permanently.

I.Chesta Batra.D/o Bharat Bhushan Batra, R/o C-20, Feroz Shah Kotla, Vikram Nagar, New Delhi-110002,have changed my name to Cheshta Batra.

0040611421-1

I,Biran Singh S/o Khuba Singh.R/o H.No. 381.Block-B,Gali.No.14,Indraprastha Colony Burari Delhi-110084. Have Changed My Name To Viran Singh, for future purposes.

0040611410-9 I.Bimlesh W/o Jai Kishan Sharma R/o-231, Surya Apartments, Plot-No.14, Sector

6.Dwarka, New-Delhi-110075, have changed my name to Vimlesh for-all-purposes. 0040611421-7 **I,Banarsi** Devi alias Minakshi W/o Jora Singh R/o-503,Ramdasiya Mohalla

Chopra, Patti Ward No.4.

Narwana Jind Haryana

to Banarsi Devi.

126116, have changed my name 0040611410-3

I,Arvind Kumar,S/o-Shri Jamit Rai.R/o-210.2nd floor.Block-I, Ashok Vihar, Phase-1, Delhi-110052.have changed my name to Arvind Mahajan.

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0040611410-6

I,Akanksha W/O Pradeep Mukhi, R/O B-136, 4th-Floor, Pushpanjali Enclave, Pitampura, Delhi Changed Name To Akanksha Mukhi

I.Afia Vakil/Afia Farhan W/O-Zuhaib Farhan R/O-House.no-2726, Gali-Nannev Khan, Kucha Chellan, Darya Ganj, New Delhi-110002, Have Changed My,Name To Afia Zuhaib,For All, Future Purposes.

0040611421-2

I,ANUJ KUMAR,S/O VIRPAL YADAV,R/O Village-Kumbhawas PO-Jant, Distt-Rewari, HARYANA-122502, have changed my name, from ANUJ KUMAR TO ANUJ YADAV VIDE AFFIDAVIT DATED-26/04/2022,BEFORE NCT-DELHI.

0040611439-8 **I,** Zuhaib Hasan S/o Zahoor Hasan R/o A/8, Duiana House, Jama Masjid, Delhi-110006, have changed my name to

Zubair Hasan, for all purposes.

0040611376-1 I, Vishal Kumar S/o Satish Singahl, R/o-House.No-1605 Sector-4, Nr.CCA School Gurgaon-122001, Haryan, have changed my name to Vishal Singhal Permanently.

0040611401-2 I,Divnit Wasu S/o Kawaljit Singh Wasu R/o WZ-140, Virender Nagar, Delhi have changed my name to Divnit Singh Wasu

0040611420-1 I, Varsha W/o.Amit Gaur R/o.RZ-50 Guru Harkishan Nagar, Matiala, DK Mohan Garden, Uttam Nagar, Delhi-110059 have changed my name to Varsha Poudel Gaur for all Purposes.

I, USMAN KHAN, S/o- ABDUL MAJEED, R/o-B-32, Gali No-3, East Azad Nagar, Krishna Nagar, East Delhi, Delhi-110051, have changed my name to

MOHD USMAN for all purposes.

0070782537-1 I, Subbarao Dachepalli, S/o Hari Shankar Rao Dachepalli, R/o 12-1-468/B, Plot No-12, Sri Sai Raghavendra Colony, Fathullaguda Nagole Tatti Annaram G.S.I Bandlaguda K.V. Rangareddy Telangana-500068, have changed the name of my minor Son Dachepalli Venkata Sai Surya Teja aged about 8 years and he shall hereafter be known as DACHEPALLI

SURYATEJA. 0070782544-I, Shivankit, S/o Arun Kumar, R/o C-9, East End Apts, Mayur Vihar PH-1 EXT. Vasundhra Enclave S.O., East Delhi-110096, have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as

Shivankit Gahlawat. 0070782569-1

I, Shakina devi W/o Swaran Singh, R/o-Shri Guru Granth Sahib, Vidya Kender, Andheria more,Chhattarpur,New Delhi-110074,have changed my name 0040611401-1 to Sakina devi

I, Satyajit Aditay, S/o Jogesh Chand Aditay R/o-154-B/1,2nd Floor.Savitri Nagar.New Delhi-110017, have changed my name to Satyajit Aditya, for all

0040611410-2 I. Sarita Devi, D/o Jairam Singh, R/o Gram Devipurwa Gadolamau, Post Moosanagar, Kanpur Nagar, Uttar Pradesh-209208, have changed my name and shall hereafter be known

as Premlata. 0070782545-1 I, Samarth Aggarwal, S/o Sanjay Kumar Agarwal, R/o Sunrise Villa, N-37, 2nd Floor, Kalkaji New Delhi, South Delhi-110019, have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Samarth Kumar Agarwal.

0070782571-1

I. Ritoo Kartari Antil. D/o Samunder Singh, R/o Vill Asawarpur, Sonipat-131021, have changed my name from Ritoo to Ritoo Kartari Antil for all future purposes.

0070782477-1

I. Ram Bahadur, S/o Ram Adhar Gupta, R/o 233, Shivtar Faizabad, Sarai Khargi, U.P. -224207, have changed my name to Ram Bahadur Gupta for all purposes. 0040611402-1 I, Praveen Chawla, S/o Late Sh. K.B. Chawla, R/o 52, Canal View Apartment, Sur Air C.G.H.S. Ltd., Sector 15, Rohini Delhi-110089, do hereby solemnly affirm & amp; declare that I have changed my name from Prayeen Kumar Chawla to Praveen Chawla for all future purposes vide Affidavit dated 25.04.2022. 0040611368-1

I. Polki.W/o Vibhav Verma, Address-24 Ishwar Nagar Colony East New Delhi-110025, changed my name toPolki Bhatia. 0040611410-1

I, Phool Wati, W/O Manoj Kumar R/o M-234, Block-M, Near Britania Chowk, Shakur Pur, Saraswati Vihar, Delhi-110034. have changed my name and shall hereafter be Known as Pooja. 0070782576-1

I, Pardeep Kumar S/O Dalbir, R/o 887 Babhalpatti Dhamtan Sahib (60) Narwana Jind Harvana-126116 have changed the name of my minor Son Nayandeep Nain aged about 5 Years and He shall hereafter be known as Nampreet Nain. 0070782572-1

I, Kishan Kumar, S/o Munna Lal, R/o-G-144, East Jawahar Nagar, Loni Dehat, Ghaziabad-201102, have changed my name to

0070782579-1

I, NAYANTARA ALIAS NAYANA SONI, W/o Navneet Soni, R/o P-9123, 12th Floor, Palm Tower, Parx Laureate, Sector-108. Noida Gautam Buddha Nagar Uttar Pradesh-201304, have changed my name to NAYANA

SONI for all future purposes. 0070782542-1

I, Manender Singh, S/o Raghuraj Singh, R/o House No. A-8/717, Gali Number-8, Gul Masjid, Amar Colony, Gokalpur, North East Delhi-110094, have changed my name to Manender Choudhary.

0070782535-1

I, KM Deepee Pandey, W/o Ravi Bhushan Pathak, R/o Puramufti, Manauri Road, Bihka Urf Pura Mufti, Allahabad, Uttar Pradesh-212208, have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Veenu Pathak. 0070782548-1 I. Jitendra Kumar. (Service No. 15590098M HAV.), S/o Surai Singh, R/o Rohtas(Bihar),

Abhinav Rai & Date-of-birth 10/02/2018 respectively. 0070782540-1

I, Jasbir Singh R/o 104 Vigyan Vihar First Floor have changed my minor daughter's name from Kasni Hora to Kasni Kaur Hora for all purposes.

declare that my Son's Date-of-

service records as 06/11/2019,

Birth wrongly written in my

whereas their correct name

0040611383-1

I, Gunjan Vaid, W/O Sham Sunder R/o 368/22, Durga Colony, Rohtak, Harvana-124001. have changed my name and shall hereafter be Known as Gunjan. 0070782574-1

I. GURPREET, S/O AMRIK SINGH. R/o V.P.O Harta, Harta, Hoshiarpur, Punjab-146112, have changed my name and shall hereafter be Known as GURPREET SINGH. 0070782565-1

I, Divya Rani, D/o Dilip Kumar, R/o A-17, Third Floor, NDNC Lab Blok-D, Nawada Metro Pillar 734, Uttam Nagar, West Delhi-110059, have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Divya Sujay Prakash.

0070782547-1

0070782567-1

I, Dinesh Kumar S/O Gajraj Singh, R/o 431, Satnali, Satnali (7), Mahendragarh, Haryana-123024, have changed my name and shall hereafter be Known as Thakur Virjendra Singh.

I, Anju, W/o Darshan, R/o D-307/B, Gali No.11, Sadh Nagar-1, Palam Colony, Delhi-110045, have changed my name

to Anju Devi, for all purposes. 0040611420-5 I, AMIT KUMAR, S/O LEKHRAJ SINGH,R/o 607/B16,

SUPERTECH ECO VILLAGE-2,PLOT GH01, SEC 16B GREATER NOIDA, GAUTAM BUDH NAGAR. U.P. 201303, changed my name to AMIT POSWAL 0040611439-1 I, HARENDER SINGH RAWAT S/O...BHAGAT SINGH RAWAT H NO.. 185, GALI NO-6 UTTARANCHAL ENCLAVE KAMAI PUR BURARI DEI HI 110084, changed my name to

HARINDER SINGH RAWAT 0040611309-4

permanently.

LOST & FOUND I, Dr. Girraj Kishore Gupta S/o Dr. Asha Gupta W/o Dr. Girraj Kishore Gupta, R/o-Flat. No-402 Amrit Apartment Kapadia Lane Somajiguda Hyderabad, have lost My Original Builder Buyer Agreement, Original Possession Certificate and Original-Allotment Letter for Apartment No-C.502 On 5th-Floor,The Olive Heights, EIL Ashray, Cooperative-Group Housing Society Situated at Plot.No-GH-36B,Sector-56, Gurugram, Haryana, finderplease contact-9910396304

0040611375-1

Original Allotment Letter lost of.property No.303, Block-L J.J,Colony, Wazirpur Delhi-110052,in name of Raj Rani Batra. Finder Inder Kumar Batra-9811048163.

0040611421-10

Lost my share certificate Hindustan Unilever Limited folio no HLI - 3666385, Qty 10, dis. No. 2201800312-2201800321 certificate no. 5407166 face value Rs. 1/- in the name of my father Late Shri Veer Bharat Vijay finder please contact Kapil Kumar Vijay R/O B-6/147, Sector-7, Rohini, Delhi-110085. 0040611420-11

PUBLIC NOTICE

PUBLIC NOTICE To know all men that My Clients St Naresh Kumar S/o Sh Jagdish and his wife Sunita Devi Both R/o H.No B-92, Street No- 1, Near Durgs Mandir, Jyoti Colony, Shahdara East Delhi, Delhi-110032 have ned his Son Sh. Nitin Yada their all movable and nmovable properties and multients have also Severed their a lations with them due to his m ehavior & bad conduct, anyboo whatsoever Will be doing at his/he KAMAL SINGH (Advoca Enrl. No. D-748/2014

PUBLIC NOTICE It is for general information that I, DEEPAK KUMAR S/o

Sh. Mohan Lal R/o C-115, DDA Flats, Punjabi Camp, ahangir Puri, Delhi-110033 pereby declare that name of nine has been ritten as DEEPAK SHARMA n my minor daughter TANV SHARMA aged 17 years 10th class marksheet and certificate. The actual name of mine is Deepak Kumar, which may be amended accordingly.

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TO WHOMSOEVER IT MAY CONCERN C-91, Sector-39, Noida, U.P.-201301 do hereby announce that he had severed all his relations and ties with his daughter Ms Deepika Sehgal w/o Mr. Rishi Sharma on account of her conduct, behavior and her using abusive / un-parliamentary language against him. Our Client, is disowning her daughter with immediate effect and as such anyone dealing with her shall deal with her solely at his/her own costs, risks,

be liable for any of act/conduct of Deepika Sehgal in any manner whatsoever. Henceforth, Deepika Sehgal shall have no share/ title/ right/ interest in any of the immovable or movable properties of our client for which our client has already executed a Will. Hemant Gupta (Advocate

and consequences and our client shall not

D-619, Lawyers Chamber, Karkardooma Courts, Delhi-110032 Ph. 9811085066 **PUBLIC NOTICE** "Be it informed to the General Public at large that my Ishmanti Devi wife of Devender R/o B-92, Prem Nagar-2, Kirari Suleman Nagar Delhi, has severed all her relations with her son MOHIT and his wife SARITA, as they are out of control of my clientess and also debar and disown them from her all movable and immovable properties due to their disobedient, rude and quarrelsome nature. Any person dealing with them will be doing so, at his/her own risk and responsibilities. My clientess shall not be responsible in any manner."

Advocate Ch. No. 1405, 14th floor, nini Courts, New Delhi-85

PUBLIC NOTICE e public at large is inform that m nt Smt Kamlesh Bisht W/o Late Si .S. Bisht R/o 284-D, Pocket-C layur Vihar Phase-2, Delhi-11009 layur vintal Frialsze-Z, Delini-110091 ereby severe all kind of relationship rith her son namely Mayank Bisht has isowned/ debarred him, from their all novable and immovable properties ue to misconduct and out of control. anybody legally or illegally dealing rith him shall do at his/her/their own ost and risk. My client shall not be

> Sd/- LOKESH SHARMA E.No. D/450/18 ADVOCATE
> CH. No. F-701, 7TH FLOOF
> KARKARDOOMA COURT
> DELHI-11003;

PUBLIC NOTICE General public hereby informed that my clients Ramesh Kumar Arora S/o Shri Nanak Chand Arora R/o B-4/123. Safdarjung Enclave, New Delhi and Smt Rachna Arora W/o Shri Ramesh Kumar Arora R/o E-198, New Raiinder Nagar, New Delhi have disowned their daughter Aishwarya Arora from their life and from all moveable-immovable properties and severed all relations with her due to her disobedience and had habits. My clients shall not be

responsible for her any acts. Anurag Tyagi (Advocate) Ch. No. 475, Saket Courts, New Delhi- 17

PUBLIC NOTICE

General public is hereby informed that my client Smt. Manju Devi Wio Sh. Madan La Flo H. No. G-1/125, Sector-16, Rohnin Delhi-11008 have severed all her relations and disowned her daughte manely Mamta aged 28 years from all he assets, movable & immovable properties due to her inter caste marriage and hostil behavior with family members. If anybod dealing with her, My above named clien will not be responsible for her act, deed o

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PUBLIC NOTICE

CUBLIC To be known to all that Subhash Chander Dang S/O ate Shri Kashi Ram Dang & resident of 287 3rd Floor, Jagrif Enclave, Delhi 92 & the owner of Flat S9 Vivek CGHS, Shreshth Vihar Delhi 92. The folde containing the origina documents (Share Certificate Illotment Letter, Possession etter & my wife's name inclusion letter) of our Vive CGHS Flat has been lost. I havailed to locate these document respective of my best efforts n FIR (LR No: 301014/2022 11 Apr 2022) to this effect habeen lodged with Delhi Police Any person claiming any righ nterest, having any objection, found in possession of thes original documents may contact me at the above address with 15 days of publication of thi notice. Sd/- Subhash Chande

PUBLIC NOTICE Entire Ground Floor except one shop & entire Basement of Property No. 28–B, Khasra No. 99, Punjabi Mohalla Zamrudpur, New Delhi–110048

General Public is informed that one of my clients has entered into an Agreement for purchase of entire Ground Floor except one shop & entire Basement of Property No. 28 – B, Khasra No 99 Punjahi Mohalla Zamrudpur, New Delhi – 110048 ("Property") from Ms. Gurmeet Kaur & Ms. Jagjit Kaur, who have represented that they are the bsolute owners of the said Property, having inherited from late parents Mr. Baldev Singh & Mrs. Narinder Kaur and any right, title or claim in this If anyone has any right, lien or claim on the said contact the undersigned with documentary proof of claim within 15 days of publication of this notice, otherwise it shall be deemed that either there are no claims or the same have beer waived off. No claim shall be entertained thereafter and m client shall proceed to complete he purchase transaction

Vishal Chopra, Advocate Narang & Associates D-28, Jangpura Extension, New Delhi-110014.

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Be it known to all that our Client Sm Sumangali W/o Sh. Darshan Sing and Sh. Darshan Singh, R/o D-341 West Vinod Nagar, Delhi-110092, has terminated all their relations, contacts and emotions in future from their sor namely Ajay Singh alongwith his wife Kajal, due to their irresponsible deeds misconduct & misbehavior towards our client and if any one deals with them, he/she shall be doing at his ov

Deepak Rana (Advocates DELHI LAW ASSOCIATES(Regd. F-606, Karkardooma Courts

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that **Mr. Am Kumar Sarasan** S/o. Late Sh Sarasan T.K., R/o.S-227, 2nd Floc Uppals Southend, Sohna Roaa Sector-49, Gurgaon, Haryana 122007 would like to inform the general publi that his father, at age 60 years, pas away on 03.01.2016. I hereby request Supertech Limited Iransier rine booked Kesidential Unit Number R0235600088, Villa No. 088, in Tower 'S6', in SUPERTECH Up Country project situated at TS-1, Sector 17A, Yamuna Expressway Industrial Development Authority (YEA) 20130 in

the name of Amit Kumar Sarasan as th Main Applicant.
If anybody has any objections, the may contact Supertech Limited, E Square, C-2, Sector-96, Noida withi

PUBLIC NOTICE Plot No A-27/15, DLF-1, Gurgaon, Haryana - 122002, was registered in the joint names of Late Shri D. S Tewatia S/o Late Chatur Bhuj D. S Tewatia S/o Late Chatur Bhuj and Late Mrs Chandra Tewatia W/o Late Shri D.S Tewatia R/o A -27/15, DLF-1, Gurgaon, Haryana who expired no 22.11.2017, and 06.01.2022 respectively leaving behind registered will in favour of their two daughters Smt. Madhu tewatia Singh wife of Shri Navnit Singh R/o W-8/9, DLF-III, Gurungram Haryana 12/002, and Smt Gurugram, Haryana 122002 and Smt Neena Rana W/o Shri Jasbir Rana R/o A- 48/24, DLF city - I Gurugram, NO A - 49/24, DLF city - I Gurugram, Haryana. Accordingly the names of Smt. Madhu Tewatia Singh and Smt. Neena Rana is being noted in DLF's record in respect of the captioned plot. If anybody had any objection to this, he or she may approach MS DLF Ltd. are the undersigned within 21 days of

> Mr Adhirath Singh (Advocate) W-41, Igf Greate Kailash -2, New Delhi-110048

or the undersigned within 21 days of

publication of this Notice

Public Notice General Public is hereby inform that Mrs Raja Segan W/o Col K D Segan R/o CB 185 Ring Road Naraina New Delhi 110028 is the owner of property CB 186 Ring Road Naraina New Delhi 110028 have requested Delhi Cant Board for recording her name in the House Tax Register i/r of property CB 186 Ring Road Naraina New Delhi 110028 being the owner of said property, The said property is in her possession. If any persor has objectin to recording of he name i/r of the said property, the may file their objection within 30 days of the publication of this notice to the CEO Delhi Cantt Board failing which the matter for recording of the name in House Tax Register Qua the said property shall be considered by the

competent Authority in accordance with law,
For and on behalf of Mrs Raja Segan W/o Col K D Segan Owner of CB 186 Ring Road Naraina, New Delhi 110028 Nishant Solanki (Advocates & Solicitors) Ch. No. 718-719, Dwarka Court Complex, ND 75

PUBLIC NOTICE

General Public at large is informed the my client Smt. Meena Chandra W. Late Sh. DINESH CHANDRA R. H.NO. 2146, Old Bus Stand, Trinage Onkar Nagar, Delhi 110035 has severe all her relations with her son, namely M. Arun Chandra S/o Late Sh. Dilke CHANDRA. My client has disowned disinherited her son, his all legal heir successor, attorney from all he movable and immovable properties will immediate effect. As my client son, not under the control of my client son, not under the control of my client and hoes not listen to her at all. Henceforti if anyone dealing with my client's son he/she shall be doing so at his/her ow risks and consequences. And, M

neishe shall be oong so at nishner own risks and consequences. And, M, clients shall not be responsible for any act of their son, in any manner D/3663/07 Advocate Chamber No. 813 Lawyers Chambers', Dwarka court, Sec-10 Dwarka, New Delhi-75 Mob: 9560572128

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CORRIGENDUM NO. 01 The following change has been nade against Tender Notice No. KIR/Engg/21 of 2022 dated: 19-

The Special condition which is

attached in separate sheet with

tender document for the above

mentioned tender is hereby treated

as cancelled due to administrative ground DRM (W), Katihar NORTHEAST FRONTIER RAILWAY

ENGINEERING WORKS AT

LUMDING DIVISION E-Tender Notice No.: 8 of 2022, Dated 1-04-2022. E-Tender are invited by the retenagreed for the following works. Tens No.: GHY-07-2022. Name of work 8 Location : Upgradation of facilities of sid 1,11,13,685.24; Earnest Money : 2,85,600/-: Closing & Opening at 13:00 hrs. on 13-05-2022. For details please visit

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OFFICE OF THE CHIEF ENGINEER (UR) M.P. PASCHIM KSHETRA VIDYUT VITARAN CO. LTD JYOTI NAGAR, UJJAIN

Ujjain Dt.26.04.2022 No. CE/UR/PUR/22-23/TS-01/4148

E- NOTICE INVITING TENDER Online tenders are invited for supply of following item as per tender Specification: CE/UR/PUR Name of Items Quantity Online Tender & Unit opening date /22-23/ T.S No.

Supply of 30Volt-100AH Lead 61 Set 18.05.2022 TS-01 Acid Battery Set In SAN Containe

For further & detailed information visit Web-site http://www.mpwz.co.in, (Detailed Tender will be uploaded on Dt. 27.04.2022).

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1. Parcel leasing of 3.9 Ton FSLR space each in (a) Train No. 19302 Express Yesvantpur - Dr. Ambedkar Nagar & (b) Train No. 22352 Express Yesvantpur Patliputra jn. for a period of two years.

2. Manning of two - wheeler parking stands at (a) Thondebhavi and (b) Gauribidanu Railway Stations for a period of 90 days over Bengaluru Division.

3. Out of Home advertisement in (a) Doddaiala to Devanahalli Railway Station section & (b) Carmelaram Railway station to outer of Omalur station section, for a period of Home advertisement:

Date and time of E -Auction for Manning of Two - wheeler stand: Starts from 12.00 hrs of 10.05.2022 Date and time of E -Auction for leasing f Parcel Space:

PUB/59/AAV/PRB/SWR/2022-23 Senior Divisional Commercial Manager/Bengaluru

SEARCH FOR KIDNAPPED GIRL



17 years 9 months, Height 5', Complexion Shallow, Round Face, Medium Built, Wearing Red colour suit & salwar and ladies sleeper in feet has been missing/ Kidnapped since 11.04.2022 at about 09.00

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NOTIFICATION FOR E-TENDER:-

2. Rate Contract for supply of Accessories for Diagnostic & Therapeutic Endoscopy.

Rate Contract for Supply & Refilling of Medical Gas Cylinder.
 Rate Contract for Supply of various Medical Consumables.

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SI. Tender No. Name of Name of Districts Earnest Tender

Above tenders can be uploaded till 12:00 PM on date 14.06.2022 or Gov.t of UP e-procurement portal $\underline{www.etender.up.nic.in}.$ Tende uploaded documents

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Sd/- Superintending Engineer (MM-2) For Managing Director

180-3002 (Meerut), & 9412207451"

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The under signed, on behalf of the President of India, Invites Bidders for the Auction of

three years. Date and time of E - Auction for Out of

A meeting of prospective bidders will be held in 'The Office of The Senior Divisiona Commercial Manager, Bengaluru Division SWR, Bengaluru-23' at 15:30 hours of



29.04.2022

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No.		Package		Money (Rs. Cr.)	Fee including GST (Rs
1	PVVNL- MT/MM/19/22-23	Meerut	Meerut and Baghpat	5.00 (Five Cr. Only)	29,500.0
2	PVVNL- MT/MM/20/22-23	Ghaziabad- G.B. Nagar (Noida)	Ghaziabad and G.B. Nagar (Noida)	5.00 (Five Cr. Only)	29,500.0
3	PVVNL- MT/MM/21/22-23	Bulandshahr	Bulandshahr and Hapur	5.00 (Five Cr. Only)	29,500.0
4	PVVNL- MT/MM/22/22-23	Moradabad-1	Moradabad, Bijnor and Rampur	5.00 (Five Cr. Only)	29,500.0
5	PVVNL- MT/MM/23/22-23	Moradabad-2	Sambhal and J.P. Nagar (Amroha)	5.00 (Five Cr. Only)	29,500.0
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Pre-bid meeting for above tenders will be organized at MD Office Urja Bhawan PVVNL, Meerut on dated 11.05.2022 at 15.00 hrs. For detailed information please log on **www.pvvnl.org** & E-Tendering

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Sincere efforts have been made by local police to trace out this girl but no clue has come to light so far. In this regard a case

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Asthma drug blocks protein crucial to replication of coronavirus: IISc study

A WIDELY available drug, used for treatment of asthma and allergies, can also block a protein that is key to replication of SARS-CoV-2, the virus that causes Covid-19, a study by Indian Institute of Science (IISc) researchers has found. The study has been published in the journal eLife.

THE DRUG: The drug, montelukast, is an oral treatment given to prevent wheezing, difficulty breathing, chest tightness, and coughing caused by asthma, and also

used to prevent breathing difficulties during exercise, according to the US National Library of Medicine.

"Montelukast is prescribed in India by physicians. It is readily available as tablets and syrup (for kids) in pharmacy shops under different brand names," IISc Assistant Professor Tanweer Hussain, senior author of the study, told The Indian Express.

In fact, some clinicians were using montelukast to treat Covid-19 patients because of its known role in making breathing easier in asthma patients. Hussain said. "However, it was not known that this drug also has antiviral activity, which we have figured out in this study.'

ANTIVIRAL ACTIVITY: When it infects the human cell, the coronavirus releases a protein called Nsp1, which is key to its replication. The viral protein binds to the host cell's protein-making machinery, called the ribosome. "If the ribosome is blocked, then the host cell is unable to synthesise proteins needed to fight the viral infection. This helps in the establishment of viral infection," Hussain said.

Targeting Nsp1, therefore, can reduce the damage inflicted by the virus. And the IISc researchers found that montelukast binds strongly to Nsp1, blocking its access to the ribosome.

Other viral proteins could, of course, still bind elsewhere on the host cell. "However, blocking viral Nsp1 allows the host cells to synthesise immune effector proteins to fight the viral infection,'

Also, Nsp1's mutation rate is very low compared to other viral proteins, which

means Nsp1 is likely to remain largely unchanged in any virus variants that emerge, Hussain said. Hence drugs targeting this region are expected to work against all such variants

HOW THE DRUG WAS IDENTIFIED: The researchers first used computational modelling to screen more than 1,600 drugs approved by the

Food and Drug Administration (FDA). "A new molecule will have to clear all phase trials before it can be prescribed to patients, which would require months and years to complete. Hence we looked for candidates among USFDA-approved drugs," Hussain said.

The researchers shortlisted a dozen drugs that binds to Nsp1, among which they zeroed in on montelukast and saquinavir, an anti-HIV drug. Lab tests on cultured human cells then showed that only montelukast was able to rescue Nsp1's inhibition of protein synthesis.

STUDY: 'Drug targeting Nsp1-ribosomal complex shows antiviral activity against SARS-CoV-2', Mohammad Afsar et al, eLife. elifesciences.org/articles/74877

KABIR FIRAQUE

— THIS WORD MEANS

NEW RESEARCH

GUILLAIN-BARRÉ SYNDROME

A rare neurological disorder; new study associates Johnson & Johnson vaccine with higher GBS risk

A LARGE study with three Covid-19 vaccines in use in the United States — those from Pfizer/BioNTech, Moderna, and Janssen (Johnson & Johnson's pharmaceutical wing) - suggests an increased risk of Guillain-Barré Syndrome (GBS), a rare neurological disorder, after vaccination with Ad.26.COV2.S (Janssen).

This is not the first time the risk has been flagged. In its fact sheet about the Janssen vaccine, the US Food and Drug Administration had last year added a warning about this potential side effect. The risk then had appeared low: until July 2021, by when 13 million doses of the vaccine had been administered, there were 100 reports of GBS. The new study, published in JAMA Network Open, found the incidence rate of GBS in those given this vaccine significantly higher than the background rate.

THE SYNDROME: GBS causes the immune system to attack part of the peripheral nervous system. It can range from very mild cases of weakness to severe paralysis, causing breathing difficulties: however. most people eventually recover, according to the US National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke. The exact cause of GBS is not known. It is not contagious or inherited, and can strike at any age, but is more frequent in older people. According to the JAMA study, its incidence rate is 1 to 2 persons in 1,00,000 each year.

FINDINGS: The study looked at data covering 1.5 crore doses given to over 1 crore people between December 2020 and November 2021. Against the background rate of 1 to 2 cases of GBS per 1 lakh personyears, the unadjusted incidence rate the 1to-21-day period after receiving the Janssen vaccine was 32.4 cases per 1 lakh personyears. For the two mRNA vaccines, this rate was 1.3 per 1 lakh person-years, which did not differ from the background rate.

STUDY: 'Incidence of Guillain-Barré Syndrome After COVID-19 Vaccination in the Vaccine Safety Datalink', Kayla E Hanson et al, JAMA Network Open.

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SIMPLY PUT QUESTION & ANSWER

Musk's free speech idea

Twiiter's new owner calls himself a 'free speech absolutist'. In India, where big tech has had run-ins with the govt and the judiciary, freedom of speech is subject to constitutionally mandated 'reasonable restrictions'.

SOUMYARENDRA BARIK & **AASHISH ARYAN**

NEW DELHI, APRIL 26

AFTER NEARLY a month of ups and downs, including a hostile takeover offer, Elon Musk has finally become the new owner of Twitter. Musk calls himself a "free speech absolutist", and has declared that "free speech is the bedrock of a functioning democracy, and Twitter is the digital town square where matters vital to the future of humanity are debated."

It's a high ideal that has been invoked repeatedly over the years by executives of the Internet's biggest companies.

Back in January 2011, Twitter co-founder Biz Stone wrote in a blog post titled 'The tweets must flow' that freedom of expression was "essential", and while "we don't always agree with the things people choose to tweet, but we keep the information flowing irrespective of any view we may have about the content.'

That same year, then Twitter CEO Dick Costolo famously declared in an interview, "We are the free-speech wing of the freespeech party.'

And yet, on Tuesday, tech commentators around the world were recalling the many clashes over the years between the free speech principles professed by Silicon Valley leaders and the views of national governments around the world who disagreed with their definition when it came to content on

What are India's "reasonable restrictions" on free speech?

Article 19(1)(a) of the Constitution gives all citizens the right to freedom of speech and expression. By The Constitution (First Amendment) Act, 1951, however, "reasonable restrictions" were placed on the fundamental right to free speech under certain conditions

Thus, the government can impose curbs "in the interests of the security of the State, friendly relations with foreign States, public order, decency or morality, or in relation to contempt of court, defamation or incitement to an offence". The principle of reasonable restrictions has been upheld by the Supreme Court more than once.

Do any restrictions apply specifically to



reform plan for Twitter is his commitment to free speech. He has expressed frustration that content moderators intervene too frequently. NO BOTS: On April 22, Musk tweeted, "If our twitter bid succeeds, we will

defeat the spam bots or die trying!" OPEN SOURCE: In his quest for

transparency, Musk has said that Twitter's algorithm would be open for everyone to scrutinise and understand how the platform handles the content that is generated.

TICKS FOR ALL: Musk has said that all human users of Twitter accounts will be provided with some form of identification, such as the blue tick.

Illustration:Reuters

content on social media?

Over the last couple of years, the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) has repeatedly underlined that companies such as Twitter must bear more responsibility for the content that is hosted on their platforms.

Under Section 69(A) of The Information Technology Act, 2000 ("Power to issue directions for blocking for public access of any information through any computer resource"), MeitY can ask any social media intermediary to take down content that violates the law and Constitution of India.

This section gives the ministry the power to issue emergency orders, which have to be followed as and when they are issued, and which can be challenged in a court of law only after the intermediary has done as requested by the ministry. Non-compliance can result in a jail term.

Twitter has already received several warnings and precautionary notices from the ministry for not taking down content that it had been asked to remove under Section 69(A) of the IT Act.

Under what circumstances were the takedown orders issued?

On January 30, 2021, four days after the violence at Red Fort, multiple tweets with the hashtag "ModiPlanningFarmerGenocide" were posted by several Twitter accounts

most immediately issued emergency orders asking Twitter to take down the hashtag and block access to at least 250 offending accounts. While Twitter did comply, less than 24

supporting the farmers' agitation, activists,

and some politicians. The ministry had al-

hours later it restored access to some of these accounts as it believed that the ministry's directions infringed on free speech. Three days later, on February 4, the IT

Ministry sent Twitter a list of 1,178 accounts, asking the platform to either suspend their access in India or block them as these had been "flagged by security agencies as accounts of Khalistan sympathisers or backed by Pakistan". Twitter blocked some of these accounts

but refused to block others, claiming again that the ministry's orders were not in line with free speech laws of the country. The ministry sent showcause notices to

Twitter asking why legal action should not be taken against it for not following the rules and laws of the country.

On February 25, the government notified The Information Technology (Intermediary Guidelines and Digital Media Ethics Code) Rules, 2021 mandating "due diligence" by intermediaries with regard to a wide range of content, and requiring "significant social media intermediaries" to appoint a resident chief compliance officer who would be responsible for complying with the law.

In June, with Twitter dragging its feet on compliance, the government warned that it could lose its 'intermediary' status for not following the laws of the land - which would mean that it could be held accountable for third-party speech posted on its platform, and open the company up for more litigation.

In January 2022, the Andhra Pradesh High Court warned Twitter of stern action for failing to follow the court's orders to take down abusive and defamatory content posted against the judiciary and some judges. The HC had asked CBI to investigate the content in October 2020, after which the agency had given a list of URLs to Twitter, requesting that they be removed.

What are the implications for Musk's maximalist ideas on free speech?

According to most experts, that's easier said than done. Jurisdictions around the world are looking to rein in big tech, and the European Union has recently agreed on a sweeping new law that seeks to enforce greater accountability on the part of companies to act against socially harmful content. How exactly the anticipated frictions will play out remains to be seen.

In a live broadcast from a TED conference recently, Musk said that Twitter's algorithm should be based on an open-source model, so that users of the platform are able to see the code by which Twitter determines which tweets are promoted and which are hidden on users' timelines. Open-sourcing, he said, would be preferable to "having tweets sort of being mysteriously promoted and demoted with no insight into what's going on".

Making such a change in Twitter's software would lay bare the role that computer programmes play in policing content posted on the platform. Conservatives in the West have repeatedly complained that Twitter's algorithm is biased against them.

Musk's idea of defeating bots and providing every human-operated Twitter account with a verification badge may also prove to be an onerous task — fake followers and spam is a challenge that the platform has struggled with for years. The proof of identity that would be required to follow through on his proposal to verify all users can be copied or faked, an expert said. And defeating bots could consume a lot of resources at a time when Twitter is struggling to grow its revenues.

Vaccinating children up to age 12: what next

KAUNAIN SHERIFFM NEW DELHI, APRIL 26

THE NATIONAL drug regulator has granted emergency use authorisation (EUA) to Bharat Biotech's Covaxin for the age group 6-12, and to Biological E's Corbevax for the age group 5-12. This paves the way for the rollout of Covid-19 vaccination for children aged 12 and under.

Why have the approvals come now?

India has been rolling out Covid-19 vaccines in a phased manner based on scientific and epidemiological evidence. In the first phase, it prioritised groups at the highest risk: healthcare and frontline workers, and the elderly. It expanded the drive, in phases, to cover all adults. As scientific knowledge evolved and more vaccines became available, the government introduced vaccination for the 15-18 age group in January this year, and for the 12-14 age group in March.

The EUAs for children up to age 12, granted by the regulator Drugs Controller General of India, have come on the basis of data from tri-

With Tuesday's decision. India is a step away from rolling out vaccination for this age group. So, when will children of this age group

get vaccinated?

The regulatory approval and data on the vaccines will be placed before three government expert bodies. These include the National Technical Advisory Group on Immunisation (NTAGI), which provides guidance to the government on vaccination by undertaking technical reviews of scientific evidence, and the COVID-19 Working Group and Standing Technical Sub-Committee, Next, the National Expert Group on Vaccine Administration for COVID-19 (NEGVAC) will make a final recommendation to the Health Ministry. The final decision is expected to come within a few days.

Why is rolling out vaccines for young children an important step?

Covid-19 vaccines protect against severe disease, death, and hospitalisation. Hence, as children have returned to school, vaccination will play a key role in protecting them.

Control and Prevention (CDC) recommends that everyone aged 5 years and older should get vaccinated against Covid-19. In the US. Pfizer/BioNtech's mRNA vaccine is being used for this age group. The CDC notes that children aged 5-12 are

"most frequently" affected by multisystem inflammatory syndrome in children (MIS-C), a condition associated with Covid-19 and marked by inflammation of various parts of the body. "CDC is collecting data on how well COVID-19 vaccination works against MIS-Cin younger children. As more children under 12 years old get vaccinated, CDC will be able to analyze and share those data," the CDC says.

Will there be a choice of vaccines? The final decision on which vaccine will be

available for this age group in India will be recommended by the government. For instance, the government allows only Corbevax to be administered to those in the 12-14 age group, and only Covaxin to those in the 15-18 age group. The Zydus Cadila DNA vaccine, which has been approved for children aged 12 and

In the United States, the Centers for Disease above, has not been used in the vaccination

What is the efficacy and safety profile of these vaccines? On Tuesday, Bharat Biotech, which is con-

ducting one of the world's first Covid-19 vaccine trials to generate data in the 2-18 year age group, said neutralising antibodies in these children were 1.7 times higher than in adults. "Covaxin exhibits robust immune responses in children with 2 doses and 6 months follow up, indicating durability of immune responses. Data was presented to the CDSCO (Central Drugs Standard Control Organisation) Subject Expert Committee and will be published in the weeks to come," Bharat Biotech said.

Last September, Biological E received approval to conduct phase 2/3 trials with Corbevax in children and adolescents aged 5-18. After getting a no-objection certificate, the company initiated the study in October 2021 (which is ongoing), and has evaluated safety and immunogenicity results. The company said the data indicates that the vaccine is safe and immunogenic.

Ex-Governor Malik's bribery allegations: what CBI is probing in J&K

DEEPTIMANTIWARY NEW DELHI, APRIL 26

SIX MONTHS after former Jammu & Kashmir Governor Satya Pal Malik claimed that he was offered Rs 300 crore in bribes to clear two files, including one related to an RSS leader, the CBI last week registered two cases and conducted searches at 14 locations. The CBI has booked Anil Ambani's Reliance General Insurance Company (RGIC) and officials of Chenab Valley Power Projects Pvt Ltd (CVPPPL).

What has Malik alleged?

Malik, currently Governor of Meghalaya, alleged last year that when he was J&K Governor, he had received two files, one pertaining to "Ambani" and the other to an "RSS functionary". "One of the secretaries told me that these are shady deals, but he can get Rs 150 crore each... I alerted Prime Minister Narendra Modi, who told me that there should be no compromise on corruption," Malik said, speaking at an event at Jhunjhunu in Rajasthan.

While Malik did not specify what files those were, one of these pertained to the government's deal with Reliance General Insurance for providing health insurance to government employees. Malik had cancelled the deal in October 2018. The other matter referred to civil works relating to the Kiru Hydel Power Project.

What happened after his allegations?

Last month, J&K Lieutenant-Governor Manoj Sinha announced that the UT administration had decided to hand over the probe to the CBI.

The two cases were referred to the CBI on March 23, "There had been allegations of malpractices in awarding contract of J&K Government Employees Health Care Insurance Scheme to Reliance General Insurance Company Ltd and awarding of contract with respect to civil works of Kiru Hydroelectric Power project to a private firm. Reports in these matters were sought from Finance Department and Anti Corruption Bureau... the competent author-



Satya Pal Malik alleged last year that he was offered Rs 300 crore in bribes to clear

ity in the I&K government has decided to refer these cases to CBI for investigation," the UT administration's letter to CBI said.

What is the case against Reliance?

One of the two FIRs names Reliance General Insurance Company and Trinity Reinsurance Brokers Ltd as accused. It says the allegations as mentioned by the UT administration "prima facie disclose that unknown officials of Finance Department of Govt of J&K by abusing their official position in conspiracy and connivance with

Trinity Reinsurance Brokers Ltd, Reliance General Insurance Company Ltd and other unknown public servants and private persons have committed the offences of criminal conspiracy and criminal misconduct to cause pecuniary advantage to themselves and caused wrongful loss to the state exchequer during the period 2017 and 2018..."

The government had floated tenders for group health insurance to government employees, but only one bid was received. The government then hired insurance broker Trinity to float tenders on its behalf. Seven insurance companies bid and Reliance qualified. It was disbursed a premium of over Rs 61 crore by the state administration.

After Malik raised a red flag, the matter was examined by the state Anti Corruption Bureau and Finance Department.

What did these probes find?

After examining all issues relating to the award of the contract to Reliance - which included eligibility criteria being changed in the middle of tendering process, nontransparent selection of the insurance broker, and the number of employees being artificially jacked up to provide benefits to Reliance – the ACB in its report dated November 27, 2021 held that "no irregularity has been found out during the course of verification by the ACB".

It only recommended recovery of Rs 44 crore from Reliance as excess premium since the contract was cancelled.

But the Finance Department, in a report on February 10, held that there were irregularities in the award of the contract. These included the e-tendering process not being followed, change of criteria for retender after only one response was received to the first tender, changes in agreement with Trinity after it was already signed, and release of the first instalment of premium before the agreement was signed with

What is the Kiru Hydel case?

It pertains to award of civil works to the tune of Rs 22,000 crore in the Kiru Hydroelectric Project in Jammu by CVPPPL to Patel Engineering Ltd in 2019.

New Delhi

man and IAS officer Naveen Choudhary, MD MS Babu, and Directors MK Mittal and Arun Mishra, apart from Patel Engineering. The FIR says an investigation had been conducted by the J&K ACB and the Power Department in the matter.

The CBI has booked then CVPPP chair-

"Perusal of these reports reveals that in award of civil works package of Kiru Hydroelectric Power Project, guidelines regarding e-tendering were not followed and though a decision was taken in the 47th Board Meeting of CVPPPL for re-tender through e-tendering with reverse auction, after cancellation of ongoing tendering process, same was not implemented and the tender was finally awarded to M/s Patel Engineering," the FIR says.

The project, whose cost is estimated at Rs 4,287 crore, has been marred by allegations of substandard work and failure to provide jobs to local youth. The ACB probe had observed that the tender for the project had been cancelled in the 47th board meeting of CVPPPL, but was revived in the 48th and awarded to Patel Engineering.

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SECTOR WATCH FOOD DELIVERY

Swiggy maps road to take workers from blue to white collar

SOUMYARENDRA BARIK NEW DELHI, APRIL 26

SWIGGY HAS announced a programme for its delivery workers that will allow them to transition to full-time, managerial-level jobs with a fixed salary and "additional benefits". The plan, called "Step-Ahead" comes as workers of food delivery platforms have been vocal about reduction in pay and lack of payment for additional fuel costs.

What is the programme? Swiggy said the pro-

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gramme is aimed at "giving an opportunity" to those workers who want to move from their current engagement with the firm to a dedicated, man-

agerial role. It said that over the years. With the programme, Swiggy intends to reserve at least 20 per cent of all its fleet manager hires for its delivery workers. Currently, it has more than 2.7 lakh delivery workers.

"To be eligible for the role of a Fleet Manager, a Swiggy delivery executive must hold a college degree, possess communication skills and basic computer knowledge and should have been delivering with Swiggy for a few years,' Swiggy said without specifying the exact number of years



Swiggy delivery executive in Mumbai. File

workers would need to have been associated with the firm to be eligible for the program. However, it did say that it was considering reducing the tenure requirement for delivery workers to be eligible for the programme to around 2

How have gig workers fared in

Over the last few years, gig workers engaged with platform companies like Zomato, Swiggy, Ola, Uber and

Urban Company have launched protests against the company, complaining about harsh working conditions, a declining pay and the absence of an effective grievance redressal system. According to a report by BCG, there are over 200 million gig workers. The report has said that while gig work remained broadly attractive to workers, specific pain points remained unaddressed.

Full report on www.indianexpress.com

LIKELY 760 DISCOUNT FOR POLICYHOLDERS, 740 FOR RETAIL INVESTORS

LIC likely to unveil IPO pricing today: Band may be ₹902-949

ENSECONOMIC BUREAU MUMBAI, APRIL 26

LIFE INSURANCE Corporation (LIC) is expected to announce the offer price, policyholder and retail discounts of its muchawaited initial public offering (IPO) on Wednesday. However, investment banking sources indicated that the IPO is likely to be priced in the range of Rs 902-949 per share. The discount for policyholders is expected to be Rs 60 and for retail investors and employees at Rs 45 per share.

LIC 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

LIC building, Mumbai. The IPO is set to open on May 4 and close on May 9. File

is a holiday on account of Eid.

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

The government will sell 22.13 crore shares or its 3.5 per cent stake in LIC through the share offering, Ahead of the mega public offer of LIC, the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) increased the size of bids that retail investors can submit in an IPO using Unified Payment Interface (UPI). Sebi cleared the LIC IPO on March 9.

The government was earlier keen on launching the LIC initial public offering in March 2022 to meet its revised disinvestment target for the current fiscal.

The issue size was cut from the earlier proposed Rs 65,000 crore after Russia attacked Ukraine and and foreign investors started pulling out funds in the wake of rate hike plans of the US Federal

Reserve market conditions turned negative, sending financial markets into a 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 demataccounts to get a further discount on the IPO price, the issue is expected to sail through, analysts said.

LIChad filed its draft papers for IPO on February 13. The government has time till May 12 to launch the IPO without filing fresh papers with the Securities and Exchange Board of India. One the IPO is over, listing of LIC shares on the stock exchanges is expected to happen in

RIL, Abu Dhabi's TA'ZIZ ink \$2-billion chemical project JV

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU MUMBAI. APRIL 26

ABU DHABI Chemicals Derivatives Company RSC Ltd (TA'ZIZ) and Reliance Industries Ltd (RIL) have signed the formal shareholder agreement for the Rs 15,000-crore

The joint venture will con-

TA'ZIZ EDC & PVC project.

struct and operate a chlor-alkali, ethylene dichloride (EDC) and polyvinyl chloride (PVC) production facility, with total investment of over \$2 billion. These chemicals will be produced in the UAE for the first time, unlocking new revenue streams and opportunities for local manufacturers. RIL is a strategic partner with Abu Dhabi National Oil Company (ADNOC) and ADQ, an Abu Dhabi-based investment and holding company in the project at the TA'ZIZ IndustPRODUCTION UNIT

■The joint venture will construct and operate a chlor-alkali, EDC and PVC production facility, with total investment of over \$2 billion

rial Chemicals Zone in Ruwais.

The formal shareholder agreement was signed by senior executives during a visit of RIL CMD Mukesh Ambani to ADNOC headquarters. He met Sultan Al Jaber, Minister of Industry & Advanced Technology and ADNOCMD & Group CEO, and discussed opportunities for partnership and growth in upstream, new energies and decarbonisation across the hydrocarbon value chain. Full report on

Wipro to buy Rizing

\$540-MN DEAL

Mumbai: Wipro announced acquisition of US-based Rizing Intermediate Holdings for \$540 million in an all-cash deal to expand its capabilities in SAP consulting.

Commenting on the acquisition, Thierry Delaporte, CEO & MD, Wipro, said, "Rizing's complementary consulting capabilities and strong client relationships will significantly boost our existing offering, creating one of the most differentiated SAP services in the marketplace. Together, we will be able to expand our presence in high-growth industry sectors." FE

'Many women plan to quit jobs within 2 years'

A large number of women employees plan to quit jobs in next 2 years amid burnout and lack of flexible hours, as per a Deloitte report

56% of women say their stress levels are higher than they were a year ago, and almost half feel

Survey details: Deloitte's 'Women@Work 2022: A Global Outlook report is based on views of 5,000 women surveyed between November 2021 and February 2022 across 10 countries, including



40% of women actively looking for a new employer citing burnout is a top factor driving them away from their employers

Source: Deloitte/PTI

In US, FM sells semiconductor players on ₹76K-cr PLI scheme

ENSECONOMIC BUREAU NEW DELHI, APRIL 26

FINANCE MINISTER Nirmala Sitharaman has called on American semiconductor firms AMD, Western Digital and Micron Tech to boost investments in India, tak-

ing advantage of a Rs 76,000-crore production-linked incentive (PLI) scheme that was announced recently to woo large chip makers. In a meeting in San Francisco

with top executives of semiconductor firms, she highlighted opportunities for US companies in

India. The FM also held a series of meetings with other investors and exhorted them to be a part of the India story. Meanwhile, as per a PTI report,

Indian Diaspora body Foundation for India and Indian Diaspora Studies (FIIDS) USA urged Sitharaman to allow non-resident Indians and overseas citizens of India card holders to invest in the Indian



Sitharaman at a meet with investors, San Francisco. via Cli

Google to app developers: Explain purpose of data collection

New Delhi: Google on Tuesday asked app developers to explain the purpose of collecting user data and also clarify whether data is shared with any third party or not.

In a blog post, it said users will start seeing the data safety section in Google Play app store from April 27 onwards, and developers are for their apps by July 20. Google said it has learnt displaying the data an app collects, without additional context, is not enough. **PTI**

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Peak power

New Delhi: The maximum all-India power demand met crossed 201 GW level to hit 201.066 GW at 14:51 Tuesday, Power Ministry said. PTI

'Russia-India,coal' New Delhi: Russian and Ind-

ian officials met last week to resolve an impasse over shipping coking coal to steelmakers, sources said, REUTERS

Gadkarion Tesla

New Delhi: Transport Minister Nitin Gadkari said there's "no problem" if Tesla is ready to make EVs here, but must not import cars from China. He asked EV makers to recall defective units, while saying EV batteries have problems when temperature rises.

Azure CEO, COO

New Delhi: Azure Power Global said its board accepted resignations of the firm's CEO Ranjit Gupta and COO Murali Subramanian.

White goods PLI

New Delhi: The Commerce Ministry said 19 companies, including LG Electronics and Wipro, have filed investment proposals under the white goods PLI scheme,

IONIQ5 launch

New Delhi: Hyundai will launchits IONIQ 5 EV in India in second half of the year, to mark beginning of its battery EV expansion plans. PTI

Dorsey 'thanks' Musk, Agrawal for solving 'impossible' situation

REUTERS NEW YORK, APRIL 26

Dorsey weighed in on the Musk deal late on Monday with a series of tweets that thanked both the billionaire and current Twitter CEO Parag Agrawal for "getting the company out of an impo uation." "Twitter as a company has always been my sole issue and my biggest regret. It has been owned by Wall Street and the ad model. Taking it back from Wall Street is the correct first step," he said.

Elon Musk clinched a deal to buy Twitter Inc for \$44 billion cash on Monday in a transaction that will shift control of the social media platform populated by millions of users and global leaders to the world's richest person.

"Free speech is the bedrock of a functioning democracy, and Twitter is the digital town square where matters vital to the future of humanity are debated," Musk said in a statement.

Musk's move has raised concerns about the depth of executive talent at his more valuable company, Tesla Inc, in case his attention is further divided by the social media platform. Meanwhile, analysts said advertisers could be reluctant to spend on Twitter if Musk pushes ahead with plans to promote unfettered speech.

Twitter fell 11 per cent intraday while the Dow was down 563.78 points, or 1.66 per cent, at 33,458.68. Nasdaq Composite was down 356.13 points, or 2.74 per cent, at 12,648.72, at 2:25 pm ET.

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU

COUNTRIES IN the Asian region, includ-

ing India, faces difficult policy trade-offs

in the wake of the Russia-Ukraine con-

flict, as governments face the unenviable

task of managing runaway inflation without upsetting growth dynamics, ac-

cording to the International Monetary

Policymakers should, therefore, pro-

The IMF last week trimmed its FY23

tect the most vulnerable from rising fuel

and food costs while enacting economic

reforms to boost long-term growth, it

said in its regional economic outlook.

NEW DELHI, APRIL 26



Tesla CEO Elon Musk during a recent visit to Tesla's gigafactory in Gruenheide, near Berlin. Reuters file

Did China just gain a bit of leverage, asks Bezos

REUTERS DALLAS, APRIL 26

AMAZON FOUNDER Jeff Bezos has asked in a post on Twitter if Elon Musk's deal to buy the platform gives China "a bit of leverage over the town square". Twitter is blocked in China, where Musk has key business interests.

"Did the Chinese government just gain a bit of leverage over the town square?" Bezos tweeted late on Monday."My own answer to this question is probably not. The more likely outcome in this regard is complexity in China for Tesla, rather than censorship at Twitter,"

A surge in global oil prices

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India outlook by 80 basis points from an

earlier forecast to 8.2 per cent, citing the

Ukraine war and risks from high com-

the Ukraine crisis will be a drag on India's

growth and increase current account

deficit while driving up inflation, it said,

suggesting monetary tightening to curb

A surge in global oil prices caused by

IMF: India faces difficult

growth-inflation tradeoffs

China dismisses 'influence' speculation

China's foreign ministry said there was no basis to speculation that Beijing could try to use leverage over Tesla in order to influence content on Twitter Inc.

Co is in the dark over future: CEO

Twitter Inc CEO Parag Agrawal told employees that the future of the social media firm is uncertain after the deal. He also told employees there were no plans for layoffs. "I believe when we have an opportunity to speak with Elon, it's a question we should address with him," he added.

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Water Supply Project (Ujani Dam as a source - 170 MLD) on Design, Build, Maintain Operate and Transfer (DBMOT) basis for Solapur City under Smart City Mission. Tender release date is 10:00 am on 27/04/2022 Pre bid Meeting is at 11.00 AM of 10/05/2022

Presence at Solapur City Development Corporation Limited, Saat Rasta, Solapur.

Saat Rasta, Solapur - 413 003

Solapur City Development Corporation Limited (SCDCL) is invites e-tender from eligible bidders

Online Bid Submission date up to 03:00 PM of 26/05/2022. Physical Bid Submission date up to 11:00 AM of 27/05/2022.

The Technical Bid Opening date is 04.00 PM of 27/05/2022. The tender can be downloaded from www.mahatenders.gov.in The bidders should quote exclusive of GST.

All rights of acceptance and rejection of tender is reserved by SCDCL.

Tender ID: 2022_SMC_792902_1

Chief Executive Officer Solapur City Development Corporation Limited

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Directorate of Mines & Geology, Khanij Bhawan, Shastri Circle, Udaipur-313 001 No. DMG/F-5(1)2022-23/1365 Udaipur, Date: 21/04/2022

e-TENDER NOTICE NO. 01 /2022-23

e-Tenders are invited for the Selection of Agency for Design, Development Customization, Implementation, Operation and Maintenance of RajMines (DMG Online Monitoring System) upto 06:00 PM of date 06.05.22. Othe particulars of the bid may be seen on the procurement porta (https://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in, https://sppp.raj.nic.in) of the State; and Departmental website https://mines.rajasthan.gov.in

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DIPR/C/5844/2022 Additional Director (Mines - HQ)

Office of Additional Chief Engineer PHED, **Region Bharatpur**

Telephone No 05644-222731, 221500, Email: rj acebha@nic.in Notice Inviting Bid No. 14/2022-23

Online bids for NIT No. 14/2022-23 (1 work), Costing Rs. 211.63 Lacs, is invited or contractors of PHED, Rajasthan and meeting eligibility criteria. Contractors enlisted with other departments of Government of Rajasthan and enlisted with CPWD Postal/ Telecom/ Railways/MES/ other State Government/ Central Governmen undertakings/ organization in class equivalent to "A/AA" class of Rajasthan (a applicable) and meeting prescribed eligibility criteria may also apply. Details of this Bid notification and pre-qualification criteria can be seen on web sit www.dipr.rajasthan.gov.in, http://sppp.rajasthan.gov.in and http://eproc raiasthan.gov.in. Bids are to be submitted online in electronic format on web si http://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in from 19.04-2022 to 11-05-2022 (6PM) & Bids are to be opened at 11.00 AM on 12-05-2022 in presence of willing bidders/the

NIB Code: PHE2223A0434 **UBN No.: PHE2223WSOB00958**

DIPR/C/5818/2022

(Jagat Tiwari) Addl. Chief Engineer PHED, Region Bharatpu

कार्यालय अतिरिक्त मुख्य अभियन्ता सार्वजनिक निर्माण विभाग संभाग-प्रथम, उदयपुर

दिनांक: 11/4/2022

निविदा सूचना-01/2022-23 राजस्थान के राज्यपाल महोदय की ओर से सड़क कार्य हेतु उपयुक्त श्रेणी में सार्वजनिक निर्माण विभाग राजस्था

में पंजीकृत संवेदकों एवं राज्य सरकार/केन्द्र सरकार के अधिकृत संगठनों/केन्द्रीय लोक निर्माण विभाग/डाक एव दूर संचार विभाग/रेल्वे इत्यादि में पंजीकृत संवेदकों जो कि राजस्थान सरकार के एए श्रेणी के संवेदकों के समव ू. हो. से निर्धारित प्रपत्र में कल दस सडक कार्य के लिए ई-प्रोक्यरमेंट प्रक्रिया से ऑन लाईन निविदायें आमंत्रित व

विदा की कुल लागत राशि रु. 22512.00 ला निलाईन निविदा आवेदन डाउनलोड एवं अपलोड करने की तारीख़ 21.04.2022 प्रातः 9.30 बजे से 23.05.2022 सायं 6.00 बजे तर गॅनलाईन निविदा खोलने की तारीख विदा से सम्बन्धित विवरण वेब साईट http://dipr.rajasthan.gov.in, http://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in sppp.rajasthan.gov.in पर देखा जा सकता है। सम्पूर्ण निविदा प्रक्रिया http://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in प

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PWD2223WLOB00479, PWD2223WLOB00482

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अतिरिक्त मुख्य अभियन सा.नि.वि. संभाग-प्रथम, उदयपु

निदेशालय महानिदेशक, गृह रक्षा, राजस्थान, जयपुर

फोन:- 0141-2614424, फैक्स: 0141-2603407, ई-मेल: store.hgcd.rj@nic.in Website: http://rajasthanhomeguards.gov.in/ हमांक: गुरम्∕भण्डार/एस-1(1-3)2020-21/11414 <u>ई-बोली</u> आमंत्रण सुचना

गृह रक्षा विभाग को राशि रुपये 450.39 लाख के विभिन्न प्रकार के आईटम प्रदाय (सप्लाई) करने हेत ई-बोल :-Bid) आमन्त्रित की जाती है। बोली दस्तावेजों को दिनांक 21.04.2022 को प्रातः 12.00 बजे से

. http://www.eproc.rajasthan.gov.in से डाउनलोड किया जा सकेगा तथा बोली दिनांक 12.05.2022 कं दोपहर 1.00 बजे तक निर्धारित दस्तावेजों के साथ इलेक्ट्रोनिक फॉरमेट में उक्त वेबसाईट पर अपलोड कर प्रस्तुत ऑनलाईन प्रस्तुत की जाने वाली बोली हेतु निर्धारित बोली प्रतिभृति राशि, बोली प्रपत्र शुल्क एवं प्रोसेसिंग एक ही चालान से ऑन-लाईन ई-ग्रास (e-GRAS) सिस्टम के माध्यम से जमा करवाया जाना है।

बोली प्रतिभूति राशि, बोली प्रपत्र शुल्क एवं प्रोसेसिंग शुल्क के उक्त चालान की प्रति दिनांक 12.05.2022 क 3.00 पी.एम. तक भौतिक रूप से अधोहस्ताक्षरकर्ता के कार्यालय में उपस्थित होकर प्रस्तत करना होगा। ई-बोर्ल की तकनीकी बिड (Technical Bid) दिनांक 12.05.2022 को 4.00 पी.एम. पर खोली जावेगी।

विस्तृत बोली आमंत्रण सूचना, बोली की मुख्य शर्त एवं तत्सम्बन्धी अन्य विवरण को वेबसाईट http://www.eproc.rajasthan.gov.in अथवा राजस्थान सरकार के राज्य लोक उपापन पोर्टल (http://www.sppp.rajasthan.gov.in) अथवा विभागीय http://www.home.rajasthan.gov.in/homeguard पर देखा जा सकता है।

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(अमृत कलश अतिरिक्त महानिदेशक पुलिस गृह रक्षा, राजस्थान, जयपुर

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ऑन लाईन निविदा आमंत्रण सूचना

जेला जल एवं स्वच्छता मिशन बिलासपुर की ओर कार्यपालन अभियंता एवं सदस्य सचिव, जिला जल एवं स्वच्छता मिशन द्वारा एकीकृत पंजीयन व्यवस्था के अंतर्गत उपयुक्त श्रेणी में पंजीकृत ठेकेदारों से निम्नांकित कार्य हेतु प्रपत्र 'अ' (प्रतिशत दर) ऑन लाईन निविदा आमंत्रित की जाती है।

कार्य का नाम:- बिलासपुर जिले के अंतर्गत जल जीवन मिशन में स्वीकृत रेट्रोफिटिंग/एकल ग्राम/समृह ग्राम योजना **जल जीवन मिशन** अंतर्गत नल नल प्रदाय योजना अन्तर्गत सम्पर्ण कार्य (सलग्न शेड्यल अनसार)

निविदा क्र. दिनांक	सिस्टम क्रमांक	कार्य का नाम	अनुमानित लागत	धरोहर राशि
			(रु. लाख में)	
21/20.04.2022	95683	विकासखण्ड मस्तूरी के ग्राम गिधपुरी, डोमगांव	121.35	91500.00
22/20.04.2022	95684	विकासखण्ड मस्तूरी के ग्राम पचपेड़ी, जैतपुरी, सेमराडीह	158.47	119000.00
23/20.04.2022	95685	विकासखण्ड मस्तूरी के ग्राम रहटाटोर	53.61	40500.00
24/20.04.2022	95687	विकासखण्ड मस्तूरी के ग्राम रलिया	98.80	74500.00
25/20.04.2022	95688	विकासखण्ड बिल्हा के ग्राम बरतोरी (द्वितीय निविदा)	84.84	64000.00
26/20.04.2022	96731	विकासखण्ड कोटा के ग्राम रानीगांव (द्वितीय निविदा)	131.76	99500.00
27/20.04.2022	96732	विकासखण्ड बिल्हा के ग्राम कछार (तृतीय निविदा)	108.31	81500.00
28/20.04.2022	97205	विकासखण्ड बिल्हा के ग्राम भिल्मी (तृतीय निविदा)	101.57	76500.00
29/20.04.2022	97206	विकासखण्ड कोटा के ग्राम कर्रा, सीस, जाली (तृतीय निविदा)	193.09	144900.00
30/20.04.2022	97207	विकासखण्ड बिल्हा के ग्राम महमंद (तृतीय निविदा)	180.13	136000.00
31/20.04.2022	97208	विकासखण्ड मस्तूरी के ग्राम मटिया (द्वितीय निविदा)	50.86	39000.00
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अन्य विवरण एवं विस्तृत निविदा छ.ग. शासन के ई-प्रोक्योरमेंट वेबसाइट https:\\eproc.cgstate.gov.in पर दिनांक 27.04.2022 सुबह 10.30 बजे से उपलब्ध है तथा दिनांक 17.05.2022 समय 17.30 तक बीड डाले जा सकते है एवं अन्य विवरण कार्यालयीन समय पर लोक स्वास्थ्य यांत्रिकी खंड बिलासपुर (छ.ग.) में देखे जा सकते है।

कार्यपालन अभियंता, लोक स्वास्थ्य यांत्रिकी खंड, बिलासपुर (छ.ग.) 90532



NOTICE INVITING TENDER e-NIT No. 06 OF 2022-23 Dated: 23-04-2022

For and on behalf of Lt. Governor of UT of J&K, Executive Engineer Jal Shakti (PHE) Division Budgam 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 Budgam of Kashmir Province of UT of J&K, under Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM).

The bidding process shall be completed online on www.jktenders.gov.in in two covers viz. Cover 1st consisting of General Terms and Conditions and Technical Specifications and Cover 2nd consisting of Financial Bid on overall percentage rate basis, in the prescribed BOQ.

S. No	Name of Water Supply Scheme	Description of work	Jal Shakti (PHE) Division	Estimated cost (in Lacs)	Time of completion (Days)	Class of Contra- tor
1.	WSS Gadsathoo	Construction of WSS Gadsathoo by way of Construction of 0.20LG SR , PST, JES Quarter, inspection Hut, Approach road, Chowkidar Quarter 10 No Sluice Chamber, Chainlink Fencing around Structures including Const. of Create Protection Works and retaining walls at spots under JJM	Budgam	209.2	70 Days	А
2.	WSS Sheikh Noor Din Wali (RA)	Laying fitting of pipes, Construction of Nallah training work, and development of premises for WSS Sheikh Noor Din Wali (RA) under JJM	Budgam	195.85	70 Days	А
3.	WSS Hanjiguru Pethkoot	. ,		177.24	70 Days	A
4.	WSS Alamdar Doodhpathri	Laying fitting of pipes (Gi Distribution) for WSS Alamdar Doodhpathri under JJM	Budgam	175.49	70 Days	Α
5.	WSS Syed Salleh	Laying fitting of pipes Submain and Distribution for WSS Syed Salleh under JJM	Budgam	174.55	70 Days	А

Position of funds: Approved Under Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM)
The tender inviting authority is Executive Engineer, Jal Shakti (PHE) Division Budgam
The Tender Opening authority is Superintending Engineer, Hyd. Circle Budgam
The awarding authority is District Jal Jeevan Mission (DJJM)

i	Publish Date	23-04-2022 at 6 PM
ii	Document Download Start Date	23-04-2022 at 6 PM
iii	Clarification Start date	25-04-2022 from 10: A.M
iv	Clarification End date	28-04-2022 up to 6: P.M
iv	Bid submission Start date	29-04-2022 from 10: A.M
v	Bid submission End date	13-05-2022 at 4:00 P.M.
vi	Date of Bid opening	14-05-2022 at 4:00 P.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 down
- load 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 **Superintending Engineer Hyd. Circle Budgam.** 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.
- be payable at Srinagar.

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

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

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

 Other details can be seen in the bidding documents from the website wawwitenders gov in
- Other details can be seen in the bidding documents from the website www.iktenders.gov.in. Queries by email if any should be made at sehydcirclebudgam@gmail.com / phedivisionbudgam@gmail.com

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Executive Engineer
Jal Shakti (PHE) Division Budgam



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



Standard Bidding Document For

- Laying, Fitting, Testing and Successful Commissioning of Delivery and Distribution Pipe network of GMS Tubes and Ductile Iron Pipes of different Nominal Bores along with pipe
- fittings and control valves
 Construction, Testing and Successful Commissioning of Ground Service Reservoirs (GSRs), Slow Sand Filtration Plants Execution of ancillary civil works like Spring Covers, Boundary walls, Protection Works,
- staff quarters etc. at various Water Supply schemes of PHE DivisionAwantipora of Kashmir Province of UT

of J&K, under Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM)

NOTICE INVITING TENDER e-NIT No. 05 OF 2022-23 Dated: 25-04-2022

For and on behalf of Lt. Governor of UT of J&K, Executive Engineer Jal Shakti (PHE) Division Awantipora 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 Awantipora of Kashmir Province of UT of J&K, under Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM).

The bidding process shall be completed online on www.iktenders.gov.in in two covers viz. Cover 1st consisting of General Terms and Conditions and Technical Specifications and Cover 2nd consisting of Financial Bid on overall percentage rate basis, in the prescribed BOQ.

S. No	Particular of the work	Estimated Cost(Lacs)	Tender fee (in Rs)	Earnest money Deposit	Bid Validity	Time of Completion Of work(days)
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 fittings and control valves Construction of Ground Service Reservoirs (GSRs), Slow Sand Filtration Plants Execution of ancillary civil works like Spring Covers, Boundary walls, Protection Works etc. at various Water Supply schemes of Division Awantipora of Kashmir Province of UT of J&K, under Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM) 	As per ANNEXURE-I to this bid document.	500/-	02% of the estimated cost	90 days	As per ANNEXURE-I to this bid document.

Position of funds: Approved Under Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM) The tender inviting authority is Executive Engineer, Jal Shakti (PHE) Division Awantipora The tender opening authority is Superintending Engineer Hydl Circle Pulwama H/Q Shopian The awarding authority is District Jal Jeevan Mission (DJJM).

Critical Dates

i	PublishDate	26-04-2022 at 9:00 A.M
ii	DocumentDownload StartDate	26-04-2022 at9:00 A.M
iii	Clarification Start date	29-04-2022 from 9:00 A.M
iv	Clarification End date	03-05-2022 up to 6:00 P.M
iv	BidsubmissionStartdate	04-05-2022 from 9:00 A.M
V	BidsubmissionEnddate	15-05-2022 at 4:00 P.M.
vi	DateofBidopening	16-05-2022 at 4:00 P.M.

- Bid documents can be accessed and downloaded from the website www.jktenders.gov.in
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- other relevant documents shall be obtained from the bidder who is declared as L1 after opening of financial cover. The bid shall remain valid for a period of **90 days** from the last date of submission of bids. If any bidder withdraws his bid before the said period or makes any modifications in the terms and conditions of the bid, the same shall be con-
- sidered to be in violation of bid security declaration and shall be dealt with accordingly and the bid shall be declared Other details can be seen in the bidding documents from the website www.iktenders.gov.in

Sd/ **Executive Engineer** No:PHA/AWP/419-30 Jal Shakti (PHE) Division Awantipora



DELHI JAL BOARD: GOVT.OF NCT OF DELHI OFFICE OF THE ADDL. CE(DR)PROJECT-III THROUGH EXECUTIVE ENGINÉER (C)DR-XII MU BLOCK,PITAMPURA,DELHI-110034 Ph. 011-27342465 E-mail: executiveengineercdr12@gmail.com

NIT No. 02/ EE (C) Dr XII /2022-23(Re-invite)



S. No	Name of Work Tender	Amount put to Tender	Tender Fee	Tender through e- procurement Solution	download and RTGS through e-Procurement Solution	
1	Providing/Laying 900 mm dia Rising Main from Uttam Nagar SPS to Keshopur STP. Tender ID: 2022_DJB_221070_1	Rs. 17,54,82,997/-	1500/- in the form of RTGS			
	NIT No. 03/ EE (C) Dr XII /2022-23(Re-invite)					
S. No	Name of Work Tender	Amount put to Tender	Tender Fee	Date of release of Tender through e- procurement Solution	Last Date and Time of download and RTGS through e-Procurement Solution	
1	Providing/Laying 900 mm dia rising main from Avantika SPS to Rithala STP.	Rs. 13,63,57,740/-	1500/- in the form of RTGS	25.04.2022	16.05.2022 up to 3:00 PM	

The tender has been uploaded on website http://delhi.govtprocurement.com.

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Sd/-(Er. V.P. Sharma) EE(C)DR-XII

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Standard Bidding Document

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at various Water Supply schemes of PHE Division Awantipora of Kashmir Province of UT of J&K, underJal Jeevan Mission (JJM)

NOTICEINVITINGTENDER

e-NITNo. 04OF2022-23Dated:16-04-2022

For and on behalf of Lt.Governor of UT of J&K,Executive Engineer Jal Shakti (PHE) Division Awantipora invitese-tenders from reputed and resourceful Bidders/ Firms/ Companies/ of all classes registered in JK PWD/ CPWD/ Railways or any other state Government for below mentioned works at various Water Supply schemes of PHE Division Awantipora of Kashmir Province of UT of J&K, under Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM).

The bidding process shall be completed www.jktenders.gov.in in two covers viz. Cover 1st consisting of General Terms and Conditions and Technical Specifications and Cover 2nd consisting of Financial Bid on overall percentage rate basis, in the prescribed BOQ.

S. No		Particular of the work	Estimated Cost (Lacs)	Tender fee (in Rs)	Earnest money Deposit	Bid Validity	Time of Completion Of work (days
1		2	3	4	5	6	7
1	>	Laying & Fitting of Delivery and Distribution Mains con-	As per ANNEXURE-I	500/-	02% of the estimated cost	90 days	As per ANNEXURE-
		sisting of GMS Tubes and	to this bid				to this bid
		Ductile Iron Pipes of different Nominal Bores along with pipe fittings and control valves	document.				document.
	A	Construction of Ground Service Reservoirs (GSRs), Slow Sand Filtration Plants					
	A	Execution of ancillary civil works like Spring Covers, Boundary walls, Protection Works etc.					
		at various Water Supply schemes of Division Awantipora of Kashmir Province of UT of J&K, under Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM)					

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

The tender inviting authority is Executive Engineer, Jal Shakti (PHE) Division Awantipora

The awarding authority is District Jal Jeevan Mission (DJJM).

i	Publish Date	18-04-2022 at 9:00 A.M.
ii	Document Download Start Date	18-04-2022 at 9:00 A.M.
iii	Clarification Start date	20-04-2022 from 10:00 A.M.
iv	Clarification End date	25-04-2022 up to 6:00 P.M.
v	Bid submission Start date	27-04-2022 from 10:00 A.M.
vi	Bid submission End date	10-05-2022 at 4:00 P.M.
vii	Date of Bid opening	11-05-2022 at 4:00 P.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 the month etender portal.
- The valid bids received shall be opened online in the office of the Executive Engineer PHE Division Awantipora. 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/echallan in favour of Executive Engineer PHE Division Awantipora.
- The hard copies of cost of tender document in shape of TR/e-challan, Earnest money in shape of CDR/FDR/BG and other relevant documents shall be obtained from the bidder who is declared as L1 after opening of financial cover.
- The bid shall remain valid for a period of 90 days from the last date of submission of bids. If any bidder withdraws his bid before the said period or makes any modifications in the terms and conditions of the bid, the same shall be considered to be in violation of bid security declaration and shall be dealt with accordingly and the bid shall be declared non-responsive.
- Otherdetails can be seen in the bidding documents from the website www.jktenders.gov.in.
- Queries by email if any should be made phedivisionawantipora@gmail.com.

DIPK-1159

Sd/-**Executive Engineer** Jal Shakti (PHE) Division **Awantipora**

TELANGANA FOODS IDA, NACHARAM, HYDERABAD-

SHORT TERM RE-TENDER NOTIFICATION

For details please visit website: https://tender.eprocurement.gov.in from 28.04.2022

rocess wastes of 15 different items in Telangana foods.

r No TF/GG/401/disposal/tenders/2013-21(22-23) Dt.26.04.2022 Telangana Foods" invites online (short term re-Tenders) from various agencies for Liftin

05.00pm onwards. Bids submission closing date is 07.05.2022 upto 11.00 am.

R.O. No.: 61-PP/CL-AGENCY/ADVT/1/2022-23 Date: 26-04-2022

कार्यपालक अभियंता का कार्यालय ग्रामीण विकास विशेष प्रमण्डल सं.- ०२ गढ़वा

ई-निविदा सूचना सं0-RWD/SD/GARHWA/01/2022-23 CORRIGENDUM (शृद्धिपत्र)

एतद् द्वारा सूचित किया जाता है कि इस प्रमण्डल द्वारा आमंत्रित ई-निविदा आमंत्रण सूचेना सं0- <u>RWD/SD/GARHWA/01/2022-23</u>, PR 268177 Rural Development (22-23).D द्वारा प्रकाशित निविदा कंडिकाओं में अपरिहार्य कारण वश कंडिका 03, 04, एवं 06 में आंशिक संशोधन करते हुए निविदा आमंत्रित किया जाता है। आमंत्रित निविदा की शेष सभी कंडिकाएँ पूर्वत बनी रहेंगी। जो निम्नवत है :-

- 3. ई—निविदा प्राप्ति की अंतिम तिथि एवं समय : 05.05.2022 अपराहन 5.00 बजे तक ।
- 4. ग्रामीण विकास विशेष प्रमंडल सं0-02, गढ़वा/मुख्य अभियंता कार्यालय, ग्रामीण विकास विशेष प्रक्षेत्र, एफ.एफ.पी. भवन, राँची में निविदा शुल्क, अग्रधन की राशि, Bank Credit Certificate एव Affidavit जमा करने की तिथि एवं समय 06.05.2022 अपराह्न 5:00 बजे तक |
- 6. निविदा खोलने की तिथि एवं समय 09.05.2022 पूर्वाहन 02:00 अपराहन बजे। कार्यपालक अभियंता

ग्रामीण विकास विशेष प्रमण्डल सं.— 02 PR 268981 (Rural Development)22-23*D

SEARCH FOR MISSING/KIDNAPPED



General public is here by informed that this Girl (depicted in the photo) namely: Sadat D/o Khalid R/o E-43/A 174, New Seemapuri, Delhi has been missing. kidnapped from her house since 01.04.2022 at 3.00 PM. In this regard FIR No./DD No. 115 A, dated 06.04.2022 has been lodged at PS Seemapuri, Delhi Sincere efforts have been made by local police to trace out the Girl but no clue has come to light so far.

Her physical description is as under:-

Sex: Female, Age: 18 years, Height: 5' ft., Complexion: Shallow, Face: Oval, Built: Normal, Wearing: Black Suit and Salwar and Fancy Chappal in her feet I/Mark: Burning mark on Any person is having information or clue about this missing girl

P.S. Seemapuri, Delhi Website:http://cbi.nic.in Ph.: 011-22599395, 22599394 E-mail: cic@cbi.gov.in Mob. No: 7065036030 Tel. No.: 011-24368638/24368641 Fax No.: 011-24368639

may kindly inform to the following telephones nos.:-

APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION

General public is hereby informed that one unidentified dead body of male Namely: Unknown, S/o: Unknown, R/o: Unknown, Age: about 65 years, Height: 5'5", Complexion: Shallow, Face: Long, Built: Thin, Wearing: White colour Kurta Black colour Pajama, who was found dead on foothpath of Soorghat Bus Parking near



DP/806/SHD/2022

Wazirabad Bus stand Delhi. In this regard a case DD No. 28A dated 03,04,2022 has been registered at PS: Timarpur Delhi.

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

DP/2227/N/2022

P. S: Timarpur, Delhi Ph No. 011-23812734

Sd/- SHO

Chief Engineer, PMU, Jal Shakti Vibhag, Mandi-175001 Himachal Pradesh

NOTICE INVITING E-PROCUREMENT BID

Chief Engineer, PMU,Jal Shakti Vibhag, Mandi Himachal Pradesh India on behalf of Governor of Himachal Pradesh, invites the online Lump Sum/Item rate Contract bids on turnkey basis from the eligible bidders of Indian Entity as well as NDB member countries through online bidding system on or before 23-05-2022 at 11:00 AM IST (GMT + 5:30 Hrs). Sr. Description

Estimated Bid Time

No.		Cost in lacs	security		Form
1	Package-D4 Engineering, procurement, construction, testing, commissioning, trial run and operation and maintenance of various components of Nagni Source Villages Group Piped Supply schemes for part of Nurpur& Fatehpur Block of District Kangra (HP) for ultimate capacity of bringing 2.13 MLD treated water (16 hours pumping) from the source of Intake well in single package on "Turn-key job basis" including trial run, defect and liability period and running and maintenance of the entire scheme for 5 years.(Cost of running and maintenance shall be paid from state funds)	₹ 1161.23 Lakh (1515570 USD	₹ 11.94 Lakh (15583 USD	24 Months(incl uding all season but excluding trial run period of 1 year) and 5 years O&M	₹ 2500/- Only (USD 32.63)

(GMT + 5:30 hrs) and opened on same day at 11:30 AM IST (GMT + 5:30 hrs) The tender forms & other detail conditions can be seen from the Govt. websit https://hptenders.gov.in HPRWSP Jal shakti Vibhag Mandi (H.P)

PAY AND USE-AF-2022-07 Date:- 21.04.2022

NORTH CENTRAL RAILWAY, PRAYAGRAJ E-Tender Notice No. PAY AND USE-AF-2022-07 Date: 21.04.2022

NOTICE INVITING E-TENDER E-Tender on prescribed forms are invited by Senior Divisional

Last date of filling / uploading the tender up to 23-05-2022 at 11:00 AM IST

Commercial Manager, Divisional Railway Manager's Office, North Central Railway, Agra on behalf of The President of India for awarding of Normal Pay & Use Toilet at Agra Fort Railway Station on operation and maintenance (O&M) basis, North Central Railway for the period of Three years under "Single packet tendering system" The details of particulars are as follows:-

Name of work	Normal Pay & Use Toilet at Agra Fort Railway Station on Operation and Maintenance (O & M) basis.
Duration of work	3 Years
Reserve Price	Rs. 2,72,008/- (For First Year)
Earnest Money Deposit	Rs. 27,300/-
Cost of Tender form	Rs. 2,360/-
Validity of offer	60 days from the date of tender opening
E-Tender closing date & time	17.05.2022 up to 11:30 Hours
E-Tender opening date & time	17.05.2022 up to 12:00 Hours

For Full details and submission of bid please see the Indian Railway Website www.ireps.gov.in Tender can be submitted only online on web portal www.ireps.gov.in

Earnest money and tender document cost shall only be submitted on

veb portal www.ireps.gov.in by net banking. 482/22 (SP) lorth central railways 🛮 www.ncr.indianrailways.gov.in 🔃 @CPRONCR

New Delhi

Tender No.

Anti-vaxxer Djokovic to be at Wimbledon

ASSOCIATED PRESS LONDON, APRIL 26

NOVAK DJOKOVIC will be allowed to defend his title at Wimbledon, despite not being vaccinated against COVID-19, because the shots are not required to enter Britain, All England Club chief executive Sally Bolton said

Djokovic, a 34-year-old Serb who is ranked No. 1, missed the Australian Open in January after being deported from that country because he was not vaccinated against the illness caused by the coronavirus that has led to the deaths of millions during the pandemic that began in 2020.

During the annual spring briefing ahead of Wimbledon, which starts on June 27, Bolton said that "whilst, of course, it is encouraged" that all players get vaccinated, "it will not be a condi-

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Djokovic, in ad-

There is nothing preventing **Djokovic from** defending his 2021 French Open title.

able to defend his championship at Melbourne Park after an 11-day legal saga over whether he could remain in Australia, had to sit out tournaments at Indian Wells and Miami be-

as a foreigner who is unvaccinated. The US Tennis Association has said that it will follow whatever governmental rules are in place regarding COVID-19 vaccination status when the U.S. Open is held starting in

cause he couldn't travel to the United States

Djokovic - who has said he got COVID-19 twice, once each in 2020 and 2021 — owns 20 Grand Slam singles titles, tied with Roger Federer for the second-most for a man. They trail Rafael Nadal, who won his 21st at the Australian Open.

Six of Djokovic's trophies came at Wimbledon, including victories each of the past three times the tournament was held in 2018, 2019 and 2021. It was not held in 2020 because of the pandemic.

After what happened in Australia, Djokovic said he would be willing to sit out other Grand Slam tournaments if getting vaccinated were a requirement to compete. The next major event is the French Open, which begins on May 22, and tournament director Amelie Mauresmo said last month there was nothing preventing Djokovic from defending his 2021 title in Paris.

The Italian Open, a clay-court tune-up for Roland Garros, also has said Djokovic can play there next month.

OWN GOAL

Football budget slashed after poor performance' on field

From Rs 30 crore in 2019-20, financial assistance to federation reduced to Rs 5 crore

MIHIR VASAVDA

TAKING A stern view of the 'poor performance' of the Indian team, the government has slashed its funding to the All India Football Federation (AIFF) by almost 85 percent over the last four years.

The federation, which has faced financial trouble in the recent past, has seen its grants under the Annual Calendar of Training and Competitions (ACTC) fall from Rs 30 crore for the financial year 2019-20 (for an 18-month period up to September 2020) to Rs 10 crore in 2020-21 and further down to Rs 5 crore

It is learnt that during the ACTC meeting in New Delhi on March 29, federation officials had made proposals that were at least three times the sanctioned budget. However, the sports ministry and Sports Authority of India (SAI) were not convinced.

According to the minutes of the meeting, sports secretary Sujata Chaturvedi noted: Considering the poor performance of the Indian football team, AIFF was advised to strictly focus on the development of grassroot-level talent."

The funds allocated to football are way less than what has been earmarked for other major sports, including athletics (Rs 30 crore), badminton, boxing, hockey, shooting (all Rs 24 crore each), archery (Rs 15.85 crore) and weightlifting (Rs 11 crore). Tennis (Rs 5.5 crore), equestrian (Rs 6 crore) and yachting (Rs 5.2 crore), too, have received a bigger budget than football for the current financial

A ministry official claimed the AIFF's developmental work left a lot to be desired, highlighting the inability of age-group teams to make their presence felt at continental level and a women's football programme that 'lacked structure'. The performances of the national team and the ranking of the men's side, too, were subjects of discussion during the budget meeting.

While India eked out a hard-fought draw against the hosts of this year's World Cup Oatar in their backyard in 2019, the team, coached by Igor Stimac, has had a series of underwhelming performances since then. In the 2022 World Cup and 2023 Asian Cup



India has lost to lower-ranked teams like Bangladesh and Afghanistan. File

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joint qualifying tournament, they could not beat lower-ranked teams like Bangladesh and Afghanistan while struggling to get past Sri Lanka, one of the lowest-ranked teams in the world, and Nepal in the South Asian Football championship.

Important events coming up

The coming few months will be busy and crucial for Indian football, with the men's team scheduled to take part in the all-important Asian Cup qualifiers in June and the junior women set to compete in the Under-17 FIFA World Cup to be hosted by India.

The AIFF, according to the ACTC minutes, has also set a target for the men's and women's teams to reach the quarterfinals of the Asian Games, scheduled to be held in Hangzhou, China, in September. However, their participation is yet to be confirmed by the Indian Olympic Association, which had rejected their entries for the 2018 Asiad deeming them 'incompetent' to win any

The government, however, said football's

budget will be reviewed after the Asian Games, based on performance. "A review would be undertaken after Asian Games 2022, in the month of October 2022, based on the achievements in the Asian Games 2022, for any additional requirement of funds subject to availability of budget under the 'Assistance to NSF' Scheme," the minutes of the meeting noted

ferential treatment' meted out to the sport. "Despite the differential treatment by the government, the AIFF has not compromised on any activity for the senior and junior teams, both men and women," the official "However, it is surprising that a mass

A senior AIFF official lamented the 'dif-

sport like football gets less funding compared to other sports that are nowhere close in terms of participation numbers and compet-

Other than funding from the government, the AIFF receives annual grants from world government body FIFA while a major chunk of its income comes from commercial partners Reliance Sports.

However, the Rs 5 crore it'll receive this year under ACTC is barely a drop in the ocean. According to the audited accounts for the previous financial year, the salary of men's team coach Stimac is more than half of the annual government-sanctioned budget, Rs 2.39 crore, while the administrative and legal costs combined were almost twice that amount, at Rs 9.86 crore.



Villarreal team is a mix of academy products and smart signings.

Villarreal's eye for value cracked big league code

RORY SMITH APRIL 26

A GREAT way to understand how it is that Villarreal – a soccer team from a town of only 50,000 souls, playing in a stadium that can hold a little less than half of them — finds itself in the semifinals of the Champions League is to consider the cleaning products aisle of Spain's leading supermarket.

The supermarket, Mercadona, and the soccer club are corporate cousins. Fernando Roig, Villarreal's president and benefactor, has a minority stake in Mercadona, Spain's largest retail chain, but it is his brother, Juan, the majority shareholder, who is credited with turning the latter into a staple case study for business schools around the world.

Central to that approach is the idea that the customers are ultimately in charge. They are the ones, after all, who determine what their stores should stock. To ensure the company is meeting their needs, Mercadona, every so often, invites a selection of its most reliable customers to take part in a testing laboratory.

These are held at 10 stores around Spain, and each is devoted to a particular strand of the business: pet care, for example, or snacks or personal hygiene. Customers are asked not only to offer feedback on various products the packaging, the pricing, the taste, the smell – but to advise Mercadona's staff on how they use them.

That was how Mercadona discovered that while a lot of people were buying white wine vinegar as a condiment, they were also using it as a stain remover. "So they created a cleaning product made with vinegar," Miguel Blanco, a business economics professor at King Juan Carlos University, once told a business journal from the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania. Mercadona, like Villarreal, understands that the appeal of a product depends on how it is used.

Villarreal does not, at first glance, follow the blueprint laid down by the handful of teams from outside the exclusive cabal of fabulously wealthy clubs who have gate-crashed the Champions League semifinals in recent years. Monaco in 2017 and Ajax in 2019 felt a little like glimpses into soccer's near future.

Villarreal, on the other hand, does not feel like a vision of what is to come. The core of Unai Emery's team is homegrown, with the rise of Gerard Moreno, Yeremi Pino, Alfonso Pedraza and, in particular, Pau Torres testament to the outstanding work of the club's widely admired academy. Apart from Pino, 19, though, none are especially young, not in soccer terms. Even Torres, the club's locally sourced jewel, is 25, meaning he is unlikely to inspire the sort of feeding frenzy among the transfer market's apex predators that de Ligt generated in 2019.

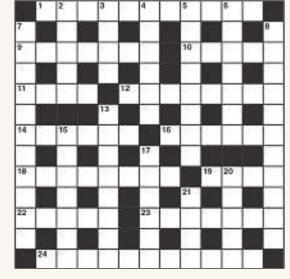
Instead, around that cadre of graduates, Villarreal gives the impression of being something of a Premier League vintage store, its team stocked with faces vaguely familiar to cursory followers of English soccer. There is Vicente Iborra, a 34-year-old midfielder who struggled to make an impact at Leicester City, and Pervis Estupiñán, the young Ecuadorean left back who noodled around the great Watford loan factory for a while.

Étienne Capoue, 33, spent six years at Vicarage Road, establishing himself as a rare constant on a Watford team defined by permanent change. Alberto Moreno was released on a free transfer by Liverpool. Francis Coquelin first emerged at Arsenal. Dani Parejo had a short spell at Queens Park Rangers. Arnaut Danjuma had flickered and sputtered at Bournemouth.

And then there is the Tottenham contingent: Juan Foyth, a defender who had lost his way; Serge Aurier, ditto; and Giovani Lo Celso, an extravagantly gifted midfielder who found himself out in the cold upon Antonio Conte's arrival as manager at Spurs late last year.

Even Emery, of course, returned to Spain after being given the somewhat daunting task of replacing Arsène Wenger at Arsenal. His team at Villarreal, the one that eliminated Bayern Munich in the quarterfinals, the one that blocks Liverpool's path to a third Champions League final in five years, has been constructed on the Premier League's waifs and strays.

CROSSWORD 4725



ACROSS

- Kind of reed that's different
- 9 They are suspended in cold
- 10 One is disturbed by a sound 11 Fairly large stock company?
- (4) 12 Share concern(8)
- 14 Some trainee dedicated to
- work required (6)

 16 Arouse revolutionary tribes
- 18 Tangled up the thread we twisted in coils (8)
- 19 With which one gets right on
- to the green (4)22 Minimal green space by the
- way(5) 23 Singular mistake in Latin translation(7)
- 24 Drivers causing a riot amid applause (11)

DOWN

- Rosie is in willowy shape (5) 3 William who starts to work as a bank clerk (4)
- 4 In the East a strange sign giving relief(6)
- 5 Translated but erred badly when about to finish
- 6 I'd fill in the result it's obvious
- 7 Prayer for good health and where to make it? (7,4)
- 8 Religious work that involves one more duty (11)
- 13 He's willing to let others
- succeed(8) 15 It clears the vision but deceives
- the judgment (7) 17 The answer to this lies in the
- retort (6) 20 Reversible blade (5)
- 21 Release without charge

Solutions Crossword 4724: Across: 1 Months, 4 Threaten, 9 Novice, 10 Abrasion, 12 Pill, 13 Shute, 14 Stye, 17 Lost for words, 20 Bottom dollar, 23 Ajar, 24 Amend, 25 Lard, 28 Inchoate, 29 Thrift, 30 Not right, 31 Appear. Down: 1 Monopoly, 2 Novelist, 3 Hack, 5 Habit-forming, 6 Esau, 7 Thirty, 8 Nantes, 11 Charity match, 15 Afoot, 16 Idiom, 18 Fleabite, 19 Creditor, 21 Ration, 22 Mascot, 26 Foci, 27 Chop.

OVER THE HEDGE by Michael Fry & T Lewis









REAL QUIET

CALVIN & HOBBES by Bill Watterson



ROCK PRETENDS IT'S STILL REBELLIOUS WITH ITS VIDEO POSTURING, BUT WHO BELIEVES THE STARS ARE 45. YEAR-OLD ZILLIONAIRES OR THEY ENDORSE SOFT DRINKS! THE "REVOLUTION" IS A CAPITALIST INDUSTRY! GIVE ME A BREAK M







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. wledge. - Alfred North Whitehead (9,.,9,.,9) (same

PPAER LOSYNN **GGNIO** AIRTCG

Answer: Not ignorance, but ignorance of ignorance, is the death of knowledge. SOLUTION: PAPER, GOING, NYLONS, TRAGIC

Difficulty Level 5s Instructions To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every digit from 1 to 9

must appear in each of the nine vertical columns, in each of the nine horizontal rows and in each of the

DOKU

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

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481 8 3 4 6 2 7 9 1 5 3 4 1 7 2 8 6 5 9 **SOLUTION SUDOKU** 9 8 5 6 3 4 3 9 5 4 6 2 7 4 1 5 3 8 2 6 9 2 8 6 7 1 9 5 4 3 5 1 8 2 7 4 3 9 6 9 6 2 1 5 3 4 8 7 4 7 3 8 9 6 1 5 2

DAY TODAY

ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr 20) Just as it seems that the world was too dominated by Venus' slightly hysterical location, along comes Mars. your very special planet, with its firm, uncompromising desire to put the world to rights. Make the most of it and attempt to seize the lead.

TAURUS (Apr 21 - May 21)

One lesser-known characteristic of your sign is a love of luxury, excess and indulgence. Seeing as this is not

just a perfect moment, but the perfect moment to enjoy yourself, please keep routine commitments in their proper place. The last thing you want now is to be overwhelmed by extra chores.

GEMINI (May 22 - June 21)

You may still feel that others are being unprofessional or just plain irresponsible. I am afraid that, if this is the case, you will just have to be patient while they indulge themselves. You will find very soon that partners will change their minds, in your favour.

CANCER (June 22 - July 23) All of a sudden you're back in the land of serious.

challenging and supportive astrological alignments. Over the next two months you will require every ounce of your native wit and perception, if you are to maintain your position on all fronts, personal, domestic and professional. I'm sure you'll succeed admirably.

LEO (July 24 - Aug 23) Be aware that you still need some

sound advice over finances, at least until next week has come and gone. One point in your favour is that this is an ideal week for reaching agreement on a range of issues, personal as well as professional

VIRGO (Aug 24 - Sep 23) You may have realised by now that nobody and nothing should prevent you

from taking advantage of new offers. The first rewards of any recent actions could be financial and will result in a greater feeling of security. And once that happens you'll be much happier.

New Delhi

BY PETER VIDAL

LIBRA (Sep 24 - Oct 23) In time you will look back on this

one when you finally got rid of a great many unnecessary anxieties and pointless worries. However, the process by which this occurs may require all the determination at your disposal. And that, as it

period of your life as

SCORPIO (Oct 24 - Nov 23) You have triumphed over so many

happens, is well within

your abilities.

spare cash.

apparently insurmountable obstacles in the past that you have little concern about present difficulties, which are trivial by comparison. Distract vourself by going on a spending spree, as long as you've got the

SAGITTARIUS (Nov 24 - Dec 22) You may enjoy the fruits of your

labours, but do be aware that partners will be expecting you to fulfil your domestic responsibilities, today. There doesn't seem to be any chance that you can worm your way out of a commitment which was freely given, so stick with it, at least

Keep a close watch on relationships at work. Take it on yourself to offer

CAPRICORN (Dec 23 - Jan 20)

authority and stability without necessarily being a restrictive influence and you will avoid a great deal of frustration. What friends and partners need is a firm but fair hand.

AQUARIUS (Jan 21- Feb 19) Is there a possibility

that you will be travelling abroad for your work, or to fulfil some other commitment? Certainly there does seem to be a connection at present between overseas commitments and responsibility, but there is still

PISCES (Feb 20 - Mar 20) Mars is teaming up

further information to come.

with Venus, so you may be just a little more hypersensitive than usual. Sensible

relaxation may be just what you want to keep a level head where other people are concerned. Yet, right now, you need determination to stick to your guns.

Time to pull the plug on Kohli's T20 India career

It won't be a surprise if he does so himself after IPL, but in case he doesn't, the selectors would do well to take that call

SRIRAM VEERA APRIL 26

RECENTLY, VIRAT Kohli the batsman has had the demeanour of a Netflix murderer living in constant expectation of his victim's body being found. Such has been his nervy presence in the middle. It's the expressions after his dismissals that have been even more telling: the rueful smile of a man who feels the world has conspired against him, and an anguished look at the heavens at some point in his trudge back

Even if he scores a few fifties from here on, time has come for the national selectors to contemplate a halt on Kohli's T20I career. Going by his recent decisions on captaincy, it won't be a surprise if he himself pulls the plug on this format after the IPL, but in case he doesn't, the selectors would do well to take that call.

On Tuesday, against Trent Boult in particular, Kohli could have got out at least three times before he was eventually dismissed. A hesitant poke that almost carried straight to short square-leg, two iffy cuts to not-so-short deliveries that nearly ricocheted on to his stumps before he went too early into his pull shot against Prasidh Krishna and toe-ended a catch to point.

A cocktail of mental and technical stuff has had Kohli reeling for a while now, not just this IPL but prior to that as well, and self-doubts creep into the best. Add to it, so many eventful episodes in the not-so-distant past. No wonder Kohli has been wearing a look of self-pity-tinged ruefulness.

Even an in-form Kohli doesn't fit India's T20 plans

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Rajasthan Royals might be good for Royal Challengers Bangalore if he succeeds, but India certainly doesn't need Kohli the opener. The assessment has

nothing to do with his recent failures but even otherwise, he isn't the best fit in India's T20 team for the World Cup. There is a sameness in the top order that needs a more adventurous No.3 batsman. Even at his best, Kohli's T20 blueprint

is a touch anachronist $\bar{\rm ic}$ which still can be valuable in some other team; not India, though. A Kane Williamson figure for New Zealand, where he can anchor, move around the middle overs, before turning on the heat in the end. It's fair to say that it's unlikely that any IPL franchise would bunch Rohit Sharma, Kohli, and KL Rahul together at the top; it's time India also doesn't. To fit in Kohli, India would have to make concessions elsewhere which aren't

When he started this IPL, the question was about how much more can he extend his T20 game to fit into the Indian team's requirements. It was clear that he had to press the accelerator pretty early in his piece, take the lead in striking, and not just drag it to the end overs.

With players like Suryakumar Yadav, Hardik Pandya, Rishabh Pant, Shreyas Iyer and Dinesh Karthik, India need a proactive No.3. For that, Kohli had to extend his T20 game and do something he hasn't always done before.

And going by the words of RCB batting coach Sanjay Bangar, it seemed that was the plan. Bangar talked about how Kohli wanted to press on more against the spinners in particular but instead, has slipped into a hole of poor scores. But even if he had carried on his T20 style of play from the past, he shouldn't be cutting a place in the

What have been his usual strengths have been a bit of a downside in T20. It's one format where he hasn't really changed his game. It has worked like a treat for him in general, but time has come in T20, as witnessed in the last World Cup from other successful teams, for him to get a move on.

Before this recent slip-up of form, it has been generally assumed that Kohli can if he wishes; just that the way he reads the game, especially with hitters like AB de Villiers in the past, wasn't needed. However, that assumption isn't an accurate reading of his game. It's just how he plays. He chose not to expand his shots repertoire, he chose not to go for any extravagant shots, he chose not to press the accelerator early, not because of other personnel in the team, but that's his game.

Anachronistic approach

With great confidence in his heyday, he has personified that white-ball principle of "I can make up later in the innings". It's a nice theory but as we have seen even with RCB in the past, doesn't quite hold up.

That reticence can be a choice and situational but when it becomes the default mode, it's time for reflection. Going by Bangar's comments and some of his shot selections in this IPL, it seems Kohli was keen to change that, to have one last throw of the dice in this format but it hasn't quite

Is it a coincidence that the form of Kohli, Rohit and Ravindra Jadeja have nosedived since the recent captaincy changes?

A bit of Sharma's form can be linked

ner Ishan Kishan. Sharma's best in T20 comes when he doesn't have to worry about an early surge of runs or a drought from the other end. Great batsmen need to go beyond that handicap but Sharma's T20 batting has been like that for a while now. Just like Kohli's, set in his own ways.

It's clear that both have tried this season. Sharma has tried to soak up Kishan's bad form and tried to set the

tempo on his own, but has succumbed. Kohli has tried to up the ante from the start but hasn't managed. Against Umesh Yadav, knowing well the

bounce on the pitch and the bowler's plan, he went for a forceful on-the-up punch and fell. Against Dushmantha Chameera, on a pitch with steep tennis- ball bounce, he went for a semi-vertical punch-drive that he plays square of the pitch, trusting his wrists to ride the bounce.

wrong time (it was his first ball), wrong pitch. Then there are two run-outs which prompted former India player and IPL coach Mohammad Kaif to ask on air why Kohli didn't dive. Then there were two legside heaves off length deliveries that found the men in the deep without threatening the boundary. It's the shot of a man wanting to show intent but without the touch or form to pull it off, and also against the instinct of a normally more conservative T20 batsman.

One hopes that Kohli regains touch for himself, for RCB, and for his fans, but it's time India looks at the bigger picture which can only help Kohli the Test and ODI batsman - and call time on his T20 career.



Virat Kohli avoided a hat-trick of golden ducks but was far from convincing against Rajasthan Royals on Tuesday. Sportzpics for IPL

Another batting implosion, another huge defeat for Royal Challengers Bangalore

SYNOPSIS: Sen works up pace on the heels of Parag's half-century

SHAMIK CHAKRABARTY

AT 66/5, Royal Challengers Bangalore's chances depended on Dinesh Karthik. But Shahbaz Ahmed ran him out, via a terrible call. The throw came at the bowling end and Yuzvendra Chahal had dropped the ball. Karthik, though, had given up and Chahal got enough time for recovery. RCB were chasing a modest 145 for victory, but another batting implosion, on the back of 68 all out against SRH, put paid to their hopes. They folded up for 115 to lose by 29 runs.

The MCA Stadium pitch in Pune had enough for the bowlers. But 145 was very much gettable. RCB would rue the dropped catch of Riyan Paragand Karthik's run-out. They lost the crucial moments and the game. For Rajasthan Royals, Parag's 56 not out off 31 balls eventually proved to be the difference between the two teams. But a lot of work was still to be done on the bowling front. Kuldeep Sen changed the game with the wickets of Faf du Plessis and Ravichandran Ashwin joined the party.

Sen works up pace

As Virat Kohli came to open the innings, a trap was set. Not often does an opposition team set a trap for Kohli, but the latter was coming into this game after consecutive golden ducks. So a fielder, Daryl Mitchell, was posted at shortish square leg and Trent Boult angled the ball into the batsman's body. The ploy nearly worked, just that Mitchell took the catch on half-volley and readily signalled to the umpire that it landed short. Kohli escaped his third duck in a row, but a Prasidh Krishna bumper got the better of him. A stunning catch to dismiss Boult was his only takeaway from this match.

As Kohli walked back, Sen took over. The fast

IPL TABLE

TEAM	M	W	L	PT	NRR
RR	8	6	2	12	0.561
GT	7	6	1	12	0.396
SRH	7	5	2	10	0.691
LSG	8	5	3	10	0.334
RCB	9	5	4	10	-0.572
PBKS	8	4	4	8	-0.419
DC	7	3	4	6	0.715
KKR	8	3	5	6	0.080
CSK	8	2	6	4	-0.538
MI	8	0	8	0	-1.000

bowler was dropped after the game against Gujarat Titans. Brought back to the fold, he worked up pace. He was a bit lucky to get du Plessis, for the RCB captain unerringly hit a length ball to Jos Buttler at cover. Maxwell's scalp was exciting in its double bluff. The field was set for a short ball, but Sen bowled an awaygoer that the batsman nicked it to first slip. It a slip at the outset and RCB were immediately under pressure. They wilted under it, as Ashwin (3/17) tightened the screw followed by Karthik's run-out, which made things improbable for RCB. Sen would return to tame Wanindu Hasaranga, beaten for pace, when the allrounder was showing some aggression. Harshal Patel's wicket in the final over took his match figures to 4/20.

Parag's half-century

Royals reached the 100-run mark after 15 overs. But Shimron Hetmyer was there and the fire of hope was still burning. A few lusty blows from him would have been enough to take the Royals past 160, but he was cramped by the crawl that preceded him. Hetmyer had to go af-

ter everything. A failed slog-sweep attempt against Hasaranga sent him back to the dugout, which cancelled out a back-end explosion.

Before Hetmyer, there was Mitchell, who struggled to get going in his first game in this IPL. Twitter revelled in gallows humour: "He is giving an audition for Test cricket." Mitchell's 16 off 24 balls seriously affected his team's midinnings momentum. As it turned out, Shahbaz's 17 off 27 deliveries for RCB was worse.

As regards to Royals, the damage was done upfront, when, for a change, Buttler fell cheaply. The opener misjudged the length of a Josh Hazlewood delivery, pulled it into the hands of the diving Mohammed Siraj at mid-on and departed for eight. Samson was set up by Hasaranga before the leg-spinner castled him, but more on that later.

RCB bowled well. Siraj trapped Devdutt Padikkal leg-before in his first over after making the batsman's footwork iffy with a ripper. Ashwin, the floater in the Royals batting lineup, came at No. 3 and showed intent with a few gorgeous fours. But a Siraj lifter got big on him and the onus fell on Samson to take the innings forward. The wicketkeeper-batsman looks exquisite when he charges down against the spinners, gets to the pitch of the ball and lifts it over against Shahbaz were excellent viewing, but a fine over from Siraj pegged him back, forcing him to do something different against Hasaranga. His first reverse sweep against the leggie didn't come off. Hasaranga's next ball was fuller and faster and Samson's premeditated reverse sweep attempt wasn't proper.

For 44 deliveries Royals couldn't score a boundary, But Parag showed maturity and took the innings deep. Hasaranga dropped a sitter to give him a reprieve on 32 all right, but this knock would give the youngster more confidence going ahead.

BRIEF SCORES: RR144 for 8 in 20 overs (Parag 56*, Samson 27; Hazlewood 2/19, Hasaranga 2/23. Sirai 2/30) bt RCB 115 in 19.3 overs (Sen 4/20, Ashwin 3/17) by 29 runs

BRIEFLY -

EMOTIONAL ROLLERCOASTER ...

Hot heads, calm minds and everything in between

Super Trouper Siraj

What is the one thing about Mohammad Siraj that impressed



Sachin Tendulkar? The spring in his legs, the master said recently. Siraj can hop endless when belting out the RCB song in the dressing

room, is a delightful

dancer, has rhythm in his walk and, most importantly, can bounce back. Devdutt Padikkal hits a six on the first ball, Siraj traps him lbw on the final ball. The experimental No.3 Ravichandran Ashwin takes two fours off him. Then, he gets Ashwin, once again on the final ball of the over. The easy run-up, thanks to those well-oiled supple knees and those gazelle-like smooth strides, the dangling gold chain, his chirping presence in the huddle and that full smile that doesn't need a reason to flash. Siraj, on the field, in the dressing room and the dance floor, can't go unnoticed.

Kohli's charmed life

A wry smile escaped Virat Kohli's face. Then he gave his partner Faf du Plessis a half-relieved look. Kohli would have easily perished for his third zero on the bounce, but for a matter of centimetres. Third ball of the Trent Boult over, he flicked a ball off his hips, but straight in the direction of square leg, where Daryll Mitchell was prowling. Fortunately for Kohli, the air-borne ball dropped in front of the plunging Mitchell. The next ball was fired almost at the same spot, but the length was fuller and Kohli crunched it towards the left of Mitchell for a four. Duck averted, but Kohli would have floundered the very next ball. He French-cut the next past the keeper for another four. The frame repeated the next ball, only the edge was not chunky enough to reach the fence or straight enough to the keeper's grasp. Kohli gazed soberly-he might have had a sense of foreboding that his luck would eventually fizzle out. It did, four balls later, at the hands of Prasidh Krishna.

Batman Ashwin?

RAshwin has been in the limelight with the bat this season, for a change. He first ignited the debate over whether T20 batters should retire out tactically after becoming the first one to do so in the IPL, against LSG. In RR's next match, he was promoted to No 3, against Gujarat. Ashwin managed only a run-a-ball 8, but on Tuesday, he was back at onedown against RCB. And this time, he ing restrictions; he dispatched Siraj for four fours in a nine-ball 17. The flick, the cover-drive, the square-cut, all pleasing on the eye as always; when the ball is coming on, Ashwin can be one of the finest timers. It was too good to last, though. Siraj banged in the inevitable lifter, and gobbled up Ashwin's topedged heave with some emotion, and perhaps some relief too. While RR may be finding different roles with the bat for him, trust Ashwin to have made the first move. The only time he had batted at No 3 before this season in T20 was in IPL 2018, when he was then Kings XI Punjab captain. He made a two-ball duck.

Satwik-Chirag sail into second round of **Badminton Asia Championships**

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INDIA'S TOP doubles pairing of Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty cruised to the second round of the Badminton Asia Championships with a straight game win here on Tuesday.

The world number 7 and third seeded Indian duo hardly broke a sweat to register a 21-13 21-9 victory against the Thai pair of Apiluk Gaterahong and Natchanon Tulamok in 27 minutes.

Satwik and Chirag will next lock horns with Japan's Akiro Koga and Taichi Saito in the second round.

Ishaan Bhatnagar and Tanisha Crasto also advanced to the second round of the mixed doubles event. The Indian duo got the better of Hong Kong's Law Cheuk Him and Yeung Nga Ting 21-15 21-17 in half and hour.

However, it was the end of the road for the men's doubles duo of Krishna Prasad Garaga and Vishnuvardhan Goud Paniala.

Prasad and Pranjala fought hard but eventually conceded the first round tie to Kang Minhyuk and Kim Wonho of South Korea 10-21 21-19 16-21.



Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty will next lock horns with Japan's Akiro Koga and Taichi Saito in the second round of the continental championship. File

They will take on the winners of the tie between South Korea's Kim Wonho and Jeong Na Eun and the seventh seeded pairing of Tan Kian Meng and Lai Pei Jing of

Later in the day, fourth seeds Fajar Alfian and Muhammad Rian Ardianto of

Indonesia defeated MR Arjun and Dhruv Kapila 21-16, 24-22 in the men's doubles in just 35 minutes, while the mixed doubles Venkat Gaurav Prasad and Juhi Dewangan lost to Praveen Jordan and Melati Daeva Oktavianiti of Indonesia 21-9, 21-13 in just 19 minutes.

Former India hockey captain Britto no more

Bengaluru: Former Indian women's hockey team captain Elvera Britto died here on Tuesday due to old age related problems. She was 81. Elvera, the eldest of the three famous Britto sisters (others are Rita and Mae), ruled the domestic circuit from 1960 to 1967, guiding Karnataka to seven national titles. She represented India against Australia, Sri Lanka and Japan. In 1965, Elvera became only the second women hockey player to be conferred with the Arjuna Award after Anne Lumsden (1961).

Khelo India Youth Games from June 4

Chandigarh: Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar on Tuesday said the Khelo India Youth Games-2021, which were postponed multiple times due to the COVID-19 pandemic, will be organised in the state from June 4 to June 13. The Games will be held in Shahbad, Ambala, Chandigarh and Delhi apart from Panchkula. Around 8,500 players will participate in these games, he said.

18-member Esports team for Asian Games

New Delhi: The Esports Federation of India (ESFI) on Tuesday announced a 18member Indian team for the upcoming Asian Games where the sport will be making its debut. Medals will be awarded in eight games in Hangzhou but, India will send its players only in five games - FIFA22, Dota 2, League of Legends, HearthStone and Street Fighter V. PUBG Mobile and Arena of Valor are banned in India – while there are not enough teams for competition in Dream Three Kingdoms 2.

U-17 WC: Dennerby names 33 players

Jamshedpur: Indian women's football team head coach Thomas Dennerby on Tuesday named 33 players for a national coaching camp as part of its preparation for the FIFA U-17 Women's World Cup to be held in the country later this year. The players, who have assembled here, include 12 from the side that won the SAFF U-18 Women's Championship title earlier

New Delhi

Chiellini to retire from intl football

Rome: Italy captain Giorgio Chiellini plans to retire from the national team after the "Finalissima" match against Argentina in London on June 1. "If I'm in form I'll play and bid the national team goodbye at Wembley, where I reached the apex of my career in Azzurro and perhaps of my entire career," Chiellini said, referring to the Italy's European Championship title last summer. The Finalissima match at Wembley Stadium features the champions of Europe and South America.

Churchill Bros beat Rajasthan 2-1

Naihati: Churchill Brothers notched up their fifth win on the trot as they beat Rajasthan United 2-1 in an I-League Phase 2 match here on Tuesday. Towards the end of the game, Churchill were reduced to ten men but managed to cling on and walked away with all three points. In another match, NEROCA and Sreenidi Deccan FC played out a goal-less draw.

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