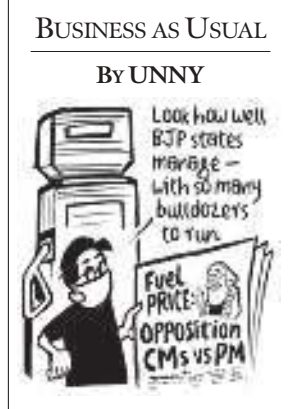


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Out in cold after criticising Govt, Shah Faesal is back in IAS



Resigned in 2019; withdrew it later

DEEPTIMAN TIWARY
NEW DELHI, APRIL 28

KASHMIRI IAS officer Shah Faesal, who resigned from the bureaucracy in 2019 to float a political party and was detained after the splitting and downgrade of Jammu and Kashmir, has been reinstated in the services, Home Ministry officials confirmed to *The Indian Express*.

Sources said Faesal, who quit politics, has been taken back into the Indian Administrative Service following clearance from the Ministry of Home Affairs and is likely to be posted in the National Security Council Secretariat in Delhi.

Notably, Faesal's resignation had never been accepted by the government and he even

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In a first, IndiGo uses Indian navigation system to land aircraft

PRANAV MUKUL
NEW DELHI, APRIL 28

AN INDIGO-OPERATED ATR 72-600 aircraft landed at Kishangarh airport Thursday, using an approach process guided by India's own satellite-based augmentation system named GAGAN, or GPS-aided GEO Augmented Navigation. With this trial landing at the small airport near Ajmer in Rajasthan, India joined a small group comprising the US, Japan and Europe with its own satellite-based augmentation system (SBAS).

While the SBAS developed by the US, Japan, Europe and India are already operational, there are several more under development. These include China's BeiDou SBAS, South Korea's Korea Augmentation Satellite System (KASS), Russia's System for Differential Corrections and Monitoring (SDCM), and the Southern Positioning Augmentation Network (SPAN) of Australia and New Zealand.

The test flight that landed at Kishangarh is a part of the approval process with aviation

EXPLAINED Other sectors too benefit

WHILE GAGAN is primarily meant for aviation, it will provide benefits to several other segments such as intelligent transportation, maritime, highways, railways, security agencies, telecom, etc. Once fully rolled out, it will make several smaller airports such as those in the North-East capable of having compliant aircraft land in low-visibility scenarios.

safety regulator DGCA, which includes training of pilots, validation of approach and simulator sessions. The flight was performed with a DGCA team on board and after the approval, the procedure will be available for usage of commercial flights.

The SBAS is a navigation system, which builds on the Global

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'INDIGENISE CRITICAL PARTS'

Must be ready for brief ops at short notice: IAF chief

Mentions Ladakh to stress preparedness for long standoffs

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, APRIL 28

AIR CHIEF Marshal V R Chaudhary said Thursday that the Indian Air Force needs to prepare itself for intense, small duration operations at short notice. He also said it needs to be ready for short, swift wars and long standoffs like the one in eastern Ladakh.

Addressing a conference on logistics management in the IAF, Air Chief Marshal Chaudhary said the "current geo-political situation necessitates the Indian Air Force to prepare for intense and small duration operations at short notice. This new paradigm of high intensity operations, coupled with minimal build-up time, would require major changes in terms of (operational) logistics."

Logistics support in such a scenario would be extremely challenging, he said, because the



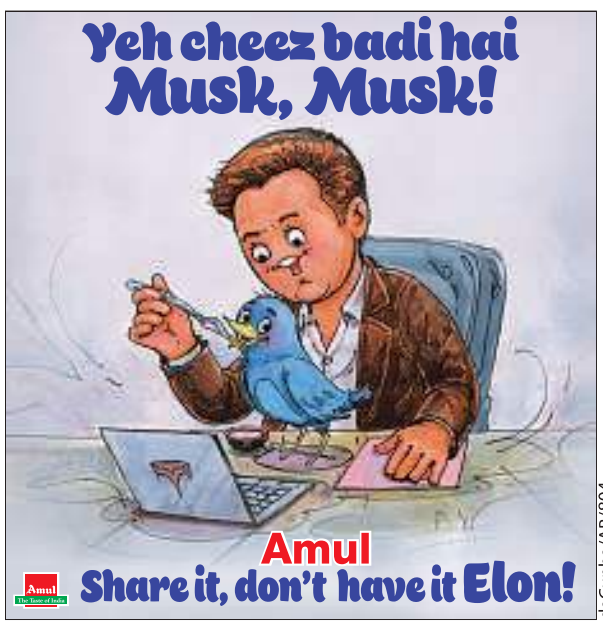
Defence Minister Rajnath Singh, MoS Defence Ajay Bhatt and Chief of Naval Staff Admiral R Hari Kumar in New Delhi on Thursday. PTI

IAF has a "fairly vast and diversified inventory".

"To address issues like availability of spares, I feel we need to re-evaluate demand forecasting methods and stocking philosophies. The way forward will be to have a serviceability-linked inventory management system.

Flexible stocking policies with modern forecasting techniques would help in demand sensing and prepositioning of items at bases. We must also review our procurement strategies in order to reduce lead time for supplies and pre-empt problems of

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From Vedic maths to zoonotic diseases: What ministries want in school curriculum

SOURAV ROY BARMAN
NEW DELHI, APRIL 28

AN ONGOING inter-ministerial consultation on revising the country's school curriculum has seen a push to incorporate "emerging topics" such as "catastrophic consequences of zoonotic diseases", vedic mathematics, coding and Swachh Bharat to "reflect current realities and priorities".

The suggestions are being examined by experts involved in revising the National Curriculum Framework (NCF), which will subsequently inform the changes in the NCERT textbooks. Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan is in Bengaluru to hold discussions with members of the national steering committee leading the process.

The Ministry of Education launched the inter-ministerial

consultation earlier this month. Records show that the Environment Ministry, Department of Science and Technology (DST) and the Union Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA) have shared lists of suggested topics.

On April 22, the DST proposed that the school curriculum should introduce students to the concepts of "traditional knowledge, coding, patents, intellectual property rights and vedic maths".

The MoHUA, in its proposal on April 21, said: "We need to inspire and motivate children and school students to be the messengers and facilitators of swachh behaviour" by incorporating concepts on sanitation as "formal part of school syllabus".

A section on Swachh Bharat Mission, of the scheme's rural as well urban aspects, would

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Remains found in Punjab well traced to 1857 rebellion: Study

ANJALI MARAR
PUNE, APRIL 28

THERE WERE 246 of them. They were soldiers, aged between 21 and 49 years. And they all came from the Gangetic plains and were killed in a Punjab town — by the British during the 1857 rebellion.

Eight years after skeletal remains were found in an abandoned well in Amritsar district's Ajnala town, researchers have solved the mystery of their origin through DNA testing.

The study, published Thursday in the journal *Frontiers in Genetics*, shows the skeletons were that of soldiers belonging to the Gangetic plain region, comprising people from the eastern part of West Bengal, Odisha, Bihar and Uttar Pradesh. It even identified them as soldiers of the



Researchers sort through the remains. Express

26th Bengal Native Infantry regiment of the British Indian Army — who were assaulted before being shot at close range.

Archaeologists say the site is the largest to possess skeletal remains linked to any single event of the 1857 Indian rebellion.

The remains were first dis-

covered in 2014 by a group of amateur, local archaeologists. The same year, the government tasked a group led by forensic anthropologist J S Sehrawat from Panjab University to scientifically investigate the matter.

Teeth, jaw fragments, vertebrae, skulls, phalanges (bone of the finger or toe), femur (thigh bone), clavicles (collar bone), bones of arms along with some coins, jewellery and medals were unearthed from the well site.

A total of 9,646 teeth samples were recovered. Of these, over 4,000 have been analysed so far.

Sehrawat told *The Indian Express*: "On the basis of trace elements and ancient DNA analysis, the average age of the soldiers was calculated to be between 21 to 49 years, with an average age of 33 years. As the

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Seven held in Ayodhya for bid to defile places of worship: UP Police

ASAD REHMAN
LUCKNOW, APRIL 28

SEVEN PERSONS were arrested in Ayodhya on Thursday for throwing objectionable posters and torn pages of religious texts outside three mosques and a shrine in what police said was their attempt to disturb the peace to protest against "the recent incident in Delhi".

The accused have been identified as Mahesh Kumar Mishra, Pratyush Srivastava, Nitin Kumar, Deepak Kumar Gaur alias Gunjan, Brijesh Pandey, Shatrughan Prajapati and Vimal Pandey — all residents of Ayodhya district. Police said while the youngest, Gaur, is 22

years old, the oldest, Mishra, is 37.

The accused have been booked under IPC Sections 295 (injuring or defiling places of worship with intent to insult the religion of any class), and 295-A (deliberate and malicious acts, intended to outrage religious feelings of any class by insulting its religion or religious beliefs).

In a statement, Ayodhya police said Mishra was the "mastermind", and the acts were planned "in opposition to the recent incident in Delhi". Police sources said the reference was to the violence in Delhi's Jahangirpuri earlier this month.

According to the police, objectionable items were thrown outside three mosques — Taatshah

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BIDEN ASKS CONGRESS TO CLEAR ANOTHER \$33 BN IN UKRAINE AID
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Between lines of language faceoff: South is new No. 1 in cinema stakes



Still from *RRR* and *Pushpa: The Rise*, among the highest grossing films this year

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ROHAN NAAHAR
NEW DELHI, APRIL 28

AS POLITICAL leaders across parties in Karnataka weighed in on a debate triggered by an exchange of words between Bollywood star Ajay Devgn and Kannada actor Kiccha Sudeep, former Chief Minister H D Kumaraswamy tweeted that what lay at the heart of it was a simple fact: "Devgn must realise that Kannada cinema is outgrowing Hindi film industry."

In recent months, films such as *Pushpa: The Rise*, *RRR* and most recently, *KGF: Chapter 2*, have broken box-office records, signalling a seismic shift in a marketplace long dominated by Hindi films. In 2019, Bollywood's share at the domestic box office was around Rs 5,200 crore, while

all South Indian film industries together accounted for around Rs 4,000 crore. By 2021, as per a new EY-FICCI report, Bollywood's earnings of Rs 800 crore were one-third of the Rs 2,400 crore made by South Indian films.

The political row erupted after Devgn stirred a Hindi vs regional languages debate following a statement by Sudeep at a recent press event that Hindi could no longer be considered the 'national language' as audiences had a clear appetite for regional cinema. Devgn tweeted to Sudeep Wednesday, saying that if he didn't consider Hindi the national language, why did South Indian filmmakers release dubbed Hindi versions of their films in Indian markets. Hindi is our mother tongue and national language and will remain so, Devgn said.

Sudeep later clarified that the context in which he made the

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| | Particulars | Quarter Ended 31/03/2022 (Audited) | Year Ended 31/03/2021 (Audited) | Year Ended 31/03/2022 (Audited) |
|---------------------------|--|------------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Net Profit 109.28% | Total Income from Operations (Net) | 3948.55 | 14496.21 | 15671.70 |
| NIM 3.15% | Net Profit / (Loss) for the period (before Tax, Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items) | 813.62 | 954.13 | 1955.60 |
| PCR 94.79% | Net Profit / (Loss) for the period before Tax (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items) | 813.62 | 954.13 | 1955.60 |
| CRAR 16.85% | Net Profit / (Loss) for the period after Tax (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items) | 355.23 | 550.25 | 1151.54 |
| Gross NPA 3.94% | Paid up Equity Share Capital | 6730.50 | 6560.16 | 6730.50 |
| Net NPA 0.97% | Reserves (excluding Revaluation Reserve) - as on date | 5913.93 | 4400.40 | 5913.13 |
| | Securities Premium Account | 328.31 | 94.95 | 328.31 |
| | Net Worth | 10512.38 | 8019.20 | 10512.38 |
| | Paid up Debt Capital / Outstanding Debt | 50.29 | 61.47 | 50.29 |
| | Debt Equity Ratio | 0.42 | 0.39 | 0.42 |
| | Earnings Per Share (of ₹ 10/- each) (for continuing and discontinued operations) | 0.53 | 0.88 | 1.72 |
| | Capital Redemption Reserve | --- | --- | --- |

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Man dies after ‘falling off ledge’ while installing AC in Gurgaon

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
GURGAON, APRIL 28

AN AC mechanic died after allegedly falling off the ledge of the sixth floor of an apartment while installing an air conditioner in Mapsko Royale Ville at Sector 82 on Thursday evening, said police.

According to police, the deceased has been identified as Aman, a native of Najibabad in Uttar Pradesh, who was working for a private home appliances company.

“The incident occurred around 6.30 pm when the victim and his colleague were fitting an AC in a flat on the sixth floor of a tower. The victim was not wearing a safety belt and

Police said the victim fell on a gazebo-like structure and suffered several injuries. He was rushed to a private hospital where he died

went from the balcony to the outer ledge to fit the AC. It is not yet clear if the AC fell on the ledge causing a portion to collapse or the ledge collapsed due to the weight causing the fall or if he lost his balance,” said Rajender Singh, SHO, Kherki Daula police station.

Police said the victim fell on a gazebo-like structure and suf-

fered several injuries. He was rushed to a private hospital, where he succumbed to injuries, said police.

SHO Singh said they informed the victim’s family and they are on their way to Gurgaon to record their statement.

“A complaint is yet to be received,” he added.

A spokesperson of the Mapsko Group said, “We are deeply sorry about the death of the worker and express condolences to his family. However, the incident happened because of the disbalance of the AC unit while the worker was installing the unit. There is no damage to the *chajja* (ledge) of the said place, it is intact. This is an unfortunate incident.”

SC order on plea to refer Centre-Delhi row to Constitution bench reserved

New Delhi: The Supreme Court Thursday reserved its order on the Centre’s plea that the matter related to its dispute with the Delhi government over control of administrative services in the National Capital Territory should be referred to a five-judge Constitution bench as it involves interpretation of a substantial question of law.

A three-judge bench presided by CJI N V Ramana told the two sides that if it decides to refer the matter, they should conclude the arguments by May 15, so the judges can utilise the recess to work on the judgment. The Centre had said it requires further interpretation of Article 239AA, which gives special status to Delhi, before the dispute can be settled. **ENS**


FORM No.-15
BEFORE THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL
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O.A. No. 769 of 2019
Punjab National Bank, B.O. Gorsara, Kaimur.
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Maa Keshari Rice Mill
SUMMONS
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The abovementioned Defendants are, therefore, hereby directed to appear before this Tribunal in Person or through an Advocate or duly authorized Agent in support of their defence to Show Cause within 30 days from the date of Publication or on **23/05/2022 at 10.30 A.M.** (Forenoon) as to why Reliefs prayed for by the Applicant should not be granted.
Take notice that in case of default of your appearance on the day mentioned herein before, the proceeding will be heard and determined in your absence.
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(In R.P. Case No. 361/2019 arising out of Certificate No. OA. 891/2018)
E-AUCTION SALE NOTICE
As per order dated **30/03/2022**, under mentioned property will be sold by **public online e-Auction** on the date and time mentioned herein for recovery of **Rs. 37,40,092/- from M/s Sarvashree Vijaya Mini Rice Mill & Others**, the sum is recoverable together with interest, cost, charges, as per the certificate. The auction sale will be by way of **online e-Auction**.
Description of Property:

| Description of Property | Reserve Price | EMD | Date and Time of Auction |
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| All that piece and parcel of land in the name of certificate debtors namely Sri Mohan Upadhyay, Sri Madan Upadhyay, Sri Din Dayal Upadhyay and Sri Nandlal Upadhyay, S/o Sri Nivas Upadhyay vide Sale Deed No. 6207 dated 07.06.2004 situated at Mauza- Surat Darwan, Revenue Thana- Ramgarh, Thana No. 358, Khata No. 343, Plot No. 1450, Area measuring 36 1/2 Decimals. Bounded and butted as follows- North : Mohan Upadhyay; South: Din Dayal Upadhyay; East: Nand Lal Upadhyay; and West: Madan Upadhyay. | Rs.18,00,000/- (Rupees Eighteen Lacs Only) | Rs. 1,80,000/- (Rupees One Lac and Eighty Thousand Only) on or before 23/05/2022 upto 4.00 P.M | 2 5 / 0 5 / 2 0 2 2 between 12.30 P.M. to 4.00 P.M. with auto extension clause in case of bid in last 5 minutes before closing if required. The amount by which the biddings are to be increased shall be Rs. 20,000/- |

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Bidder Support: Mobile No. +91 9265562821 Landline No. 079-68136837/842/881/880, E mail Address-support@auctiontiger.net and hardik@auctiontiger.net
Facilitating Agency: (i) Office of Recovery Officer, A, B & F Wings, 2nd Floor, Karpuri Thakur Sand, Ashiyana Digha Road, Patna - 25 and (ii) Punjab National Bank, Circle Sastra, Arrah. Contact Person - Sri Deepak Kumar Gupta, Chief Manager, Mobile No. 8789290402, E-mail address-cs8187@pnbb.co.in8285@pnbb.co.in. **Branch Head :** Sri Sri Santosh Kumar, Senior Manager, Branch Office Gorsara, Kaimur, Mobile No. 7070999420, E-mail- bo2784@pnbb.co.in, Sri Indrajeet Kumar (2nd Man), Dy, Manager, Branch Office Gorsara, Kaimur, Mobile No. 9155706658, E-mail - bo2784@pnbb.co.in.
ACCOUNT DETAIL FOR ONLINE MONEY TRANSFER

| ACCOUNT NO.& NAME | NAME | IFSC CODE |
|-------------------|----------------------|-------------|
| 1494002100087758 | PUNJAB NATIONAL BANK | PUNB0149400 |

TERMS & CONDITIONS OF SALE:-
1. The property shall be sold "as is where is basis".
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3. To take part in Auction, each bidder shall deposit Earnest Money (EMD) @ of 10 % of the Reserve Price which shall be paid by electronic transfer to the concerned Bank's EMD Account or through DD/pay order drawn in favour of Recovery Officer, DRT., Patna alongwith copy of PAN card, Address proof and Identity proof with E-mail ID, Mobile No. of bidder. The Envelope containing EMD alongwith details of documents should be superscribed **R. P. No. 361/2019** and in case of the company copy of resolution by the Board members of the company or any other document confirming representation/attorney of the company should reach on or before 4.00 P.M. of **23/05/2022** in the office of Recovery Officer, DRT., Patna or should credit the amount in respective Bank's/Financial Institution's account. EMD received thereafter shall not be considered.
4. The successful bidder shall have to pay 25% of the sale proceeds (including EMD) on the Next working day of sale through the mode as stated above.
5. The purchaser shall deposit the balance 75% of the sale proceeds before the undersigned on or before 15th day from the date of sale of the Property, exclusive of such day, or if the 15th day be Sunday or other holiday, then on the first office day after the 15th day alongwith the poundage fee @2% upto Rs.1,000/- and @ 1% on the excess of such gross amount over Rs.1,000/- by prescribed mode as stated above.
6. In case of default of payment within the prescribed period, the property shall be resold, after the issue of fresh proclamation of sale. The deposit, after defraying the expenses of the sale, may, if the undersigned thinks fit, be forfeited to the Government and the defaulting purchaser shall forfeit all claims to the property or to any part of the sum for which it may subsequently be sold.
7. The Recovery Officer has the absolute right to accept or reject any bid or bids or to postpone or cancel the e-auction without assigning any reasons.
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(Kumar Rajiv Ranjan)
Recovery Officer
Dated : 20/04/2022

Public Auction Notice
Debts Recovery Tribunal
A, B & F Wings, Karpuri Thakur Sadan, Ashiana Digha Road, Patna - 800 025
Punjab National Bank, Gorsara, District — Bhabua, Kaimur
Vs.
M/s Annapurna Mini Rice Mill & Others
(In R.P. Case No. 356/2019 arising out of Certificate No. OA. 890/2018)
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| i. All that part and parcel of landed property in the name of certificate debtors namely Sunil Kumar Singh, Sudhir Kumar Singh, Awadhesh Kumar Sing, Sushil Kumar Singh, Nand Bihar Kumar Singh and Ram Suresh Singh vide Sale Deed No. 9930 dated 11.11.2008 situated at Mauza Chhatapur, Thana- Ramgarh, Thana No. 91, District-Kaimur, Khata No. 39, Plot No. 523, Area- 9 Decimals, Plot No. 480, Area- 18 and 2/3 Decimals, Plot No. 454, Area- 4 and 1/3 Decimals. Total Area- 32 Decimals. Bounded and butted as follows Boundary for Plot No.523- North: Sakhiwimurat Singh; South: Ramchandra Singh; East: Baikunth Singh; and West: Kalpnath Singh. Boundary of Plot No. 480- North: Bakis; South: Bhuneswar; East: Ramchandra Singh; and West: Suryadeo Singh. Boundary of Plot No. 454- North: Sambhu Singh; South: Kaker; East: Kalpnath Singh; and West: Daroga Singh. ii. All that part and parcel of landed property in the name of certificate debtors namely Sri Awadhesh Singh and Ram Suresh Singh, S/o Late Shivjee Singh vide Sale Deed No. 8154 dated 20.07.1987 situated at Mauza Chhatapur, Thana- Ramgarh, Thana No. 93, District-Kaimur, Halka No. 1, Khata No. 49, Plot No. 286, Area- 10 Decimals. Bounded and butted as follows- North: Khata No.285; South : Siwana Devkuia; East: Nij; and West: Baikunth Singh. Total Area — 42 Decimals. | Rs.20,00,000/- (Rupees Twenty Lacs Only) | Rs. 2,00,000/- (Rupees Two Lac Only) on or before 23/05/2022 upto 4.00 P.M | 2 5 / 0 5 / 2 0 2 2 between 12.30 P.M. to 4.00 P.M. with auto extension clause in case of bid in last 5 minutes before closing if required. The amount by which the biddings are to be increased shall be Rs. 20,000/- |

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(Kumar Rajiv Ranjan)
Recovery Officer
Dated : 20/04/2022

CORONAVIRUS
IN THE CAPITALVACCINATIONS IN
LAST 24 HOURS
38,121PATIENTS IN HOSPITAL: **151**OXYGEN SUPPORT **42**VENTILATOR SUPPORT **2**DELHI TOTAL
CASES
18,79,948

April 27 1,367

April 28 1,490

Total 5,250*

HOSPITAL BEDS **9,579**

Recoveries 1,042

Deaths 1

Tests 30,346

Total

9,579

ICU BEDS

2,514

Deaths

26,172

Tests

3,77,94,346

*Total active cases in Delhi

NOIDA

Apr 27

Apr 28

Cases

110

Deaths

0

GURGAON

Cases

421

Deaths

0

BRIEFLY

DU panel to look into SC/ST enrolment shortfall

New Delhi: Delhi University Vice-Chancellor Yogesh Singh has constituted a committee to look into the "shortfall" in enrolment of Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe students in the past years, and come up with recommendations to address the issue. In a notice dated April 25, the Joint Registrar (Establishment) said, "The Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor has constituted a committee to examine the issue regarding shortfall in the enrolment of SC/ST students and make recommendations to enhance their enrolment in the University of Delhi with immediate effect."

Soon, Gurgaon commuters can book city bus through Uber

Gurgaon: Commuters will soon be able to book the city bus service (Gurugaman) via the Uber app. The Board of Directors of Gurugram Metropolitan City Bus Services Private Limited, which runs the service, gave the go-ahead to start the special bus service. **ENS**

RELIEF LIKELY NEXT WEEK

Mercury soars to 43.5°C amid heat wave in Delhi, highest yet this season

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, APRIL 28

IN THE midst of a heat wave, Delhi recorded a maximum temperature of 43.5 degrees Celsius Thursday, five degrees above the normal, and the highest maximum temperature so far this season. It is also the highest maximum temperature recorded in April in the past 12 years.

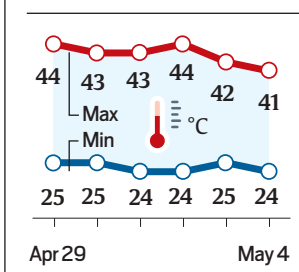
At the Safdarjung weather observatory, which provides a marker for the city, it is the second-highest maximum temperature recorded in April from 1962 onwards, after 43.7 degrees were recorded in April 2010.

Higher temperatures were recorded at other weather observatories in Delhi-NCR, with some weather stations crossing the 45-degrees mark for the first time this season. At the weather station at the CWG Village Sports Complex in East Delhi, the maximum temperature was as high as 46 degrees Celsius. In Gurgaon, a maximum temperature of 45.6 degrees Celsius was recorded, while it was 45.4 degrees at Najafgarh, and 45.2 degrees at Pitampura.

Delhi has recorded nine heat wave days so far this month, including Thursday.

A heat wave is recorded when the maximum temperature is 4.5 to 6.4 degrees above

FORECAST



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| Apr 29 | Heat Wave |
| Apr 30 | Heat Wave |
| May 1 | Dust storm or thunderstorm |
| May 2 | Heat Wave |
| May 3 | Partly cloudy sky |
| May 4 | Dust storm |

The capital has recorded nine heat wave days so far this month. *Abhinav Saha*

the normal, and is 40 degrees or above. It may also be recorded when the maximum temperature is 45 degrees Celsius or above. The ongoing heat wave spell is the third one that the national capital region is witnessing this summer.

Heat wave conditions remain in the forecast for April 29 and 30, and May 2.

RK Jenamani, senior scientist

at the India Meteorological Department (IMD), said the heat wave spell that began in parts of northwest India on Wednesday is likely to continue till around May 1 or 2. The Safdarjung observatory may record a total of around 10 or 11 heat wave days this month, he added. The dry spell of around 65 days, not just in Delhi but also in the surrounding areas, along with westerly

winds from Rajasthan and the neighbourhood has kept temperatures high, he said.

Respite from heat wave conditions is likely next week, according to IMD scientists. A fresh western disturbance is likely to affect northwest India from May 2 onwards. Thunderstorms and rainfall brought about by the active western disturbance and assisted by moisture-laden winds from the Bay of Bengal could bring some relief from soaring temperatures from May 2 to 5, Jenamani said. One or two spells of rain, and strong winds could bring the temperatures down to below 40 degrees, he added.

Heat wave spells are being recorded in other parts of the country as well. Parts of Punjab, Haryana, Maharashtra, Odisha and Rajasthan also recorded heat-wave conditions on Thursday. An IMD bulletin issued Thursday evening indicates that it will continue over northwest and central India for the next five days, and over eastern India during the next three days, before abating.

With the sweltering heat, power demand has been on the rise. Delhi's peak power demand hit 6,000 megawatts (MW) at 3:31 pm on Thursday, an all-time high for the month of April. It has increased manifold from a peak of 4,469 MW on April 1. According to BSES officials, the peak power demand is likely to cross 8,200 MW this summer.

Power crisis could hit Metro, hospitals: Govt

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, APRIL 28

THE DELHI government Thursday said the growing power crisis amid coal shortage could lead to power cuts in important establishments in the capital such as Metro trains and hospitals.

Power Minister Satyendar Jain wrote to the Centre Thursday, requesting it to ensure adequate coal availability to power plants that supply electricity to the national capital. He also held a meeting with department officials to assess the situation. "Due to disruption of power supply from Dadri-II and Unchahar power stations, there may be a problem in 24-hours power supply to many essential institutions, including Delhi Metro and Delhi government hospitals," a government statement read.

Presently, 25-30% of the electricity demand in Delhi is being met through these power stations, and they face a shortage of coal, Jain said. He said the government was monitoring the situation closely and making every possible effort to ensure people did not face power outages in some areas of the capital.

The fire broke out around 6 pm on Tuesday. *Abhinav Saha*

48 hrs later, Bhalswa landfill still on fire

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, APRIL 28

NEARLY 48 hours after a massive fire broke out at the Bhalswa landfill in North Delhi, fire department officials were still trying to control the blaze on Thursday. Officials said the fire is still raging in parts of the landfill and a thick cloud of smoke covered the area.

The fire broke out around 6 pm on Tuesday, and 10 fire tenders were rushed to the spot. As many as 80 men worked at the site on Wednesday. At present, around 36 firefighters are at the spot, officials said.

DFS chief Atul Garg said, "The men are working round the clock with excavators and water hoses. Six of our teams with fire tenders are still at the spot. We'll send additional staff with water to help douse the fire."

Officials said the soaring heat has been a challenge. A firefighter said, "I have been working with a team for over six hours. It is not easy to control these landfill fires

because of their scale, the weather and toxic fumes... We think it's going to take one more day to completely douse the fire."

Meanwhile, Environment Minister Gopal Rai directed the Delhi Pollution Control Committee (DPCC) to impose a fine of Rs 50 lakh on the North Delhi Municipal Corporation for the fire. The environment department has also issued directions to the North MCD to provide permanent water tanker stations at the landfill site to deal with insufficient water supply, and increase the number of field workers, according to Rai. The North MCD has also been directed to construct peripheral roads for easy transportation at the site, stated a communication from the Environment Minister's office.

Rai said that as per the report submitted by the DPCC on Bhalswa, "constant discharge of methane gas from these landfill sites, rising temperatures in Delhi, and a dry atmosphere are among the main reasons behind regular fires in landfill sites".

As videos emerge of 'cow vigilantes' using excess force, Nuh villages on edge, police register FIR

PAVNEET SINGH CHADHA
NUH, APRIL 28

DAYS AFTER a video titled "Taking away the cow smuggler" went viral on social media, wherein purported 'gau rakshaks' are seen forcing a man into an SUV at gunpoint, police have ascertained it is from Haryana's Nuh district. After the first such video emerged on Sunday, two more followed — one showing a gun being pointed at people from a moving vehicle, titled 'Gau Raksha Dal, Haryana, Mewat raid', and another showing armed men taking away a man and threatening to shoot at villagers.

SP Nuh Varun Singla said that they had taken cognizance of the videos. "Earlier these had no source; we were not sure when or where they were from. But after an enquiry, we have ascertained that they are from Ferozepur Jhirka jurisdiction."

SHO, Ferozepur Jhirka, Arvind Kumar said on Thursday: "We have registered an FIR in the matter."

Officials said that a Special Investigation Team will also be formed to probe the incidents. "Such raids by individuals are banned. Initially, they were police informers who were just keeping a tab on people engaged in cow slaughter. Now, they have started misusing their role and tried to take the law into their own hands. However, no incident of assault happened in the presence of police even in the current cases. It appears the incidents shown in the video clips took place before the arrival of the police at the spots concerned," said an official.

On Wednesday, an FIR was

filed based on the complaint of ASI Ravikant against "three-four unidentified persons" following an enquiry into the videos. It states that some videos had gone viral on social media and it has been alleged on social media that members of Gau Raksha Dal are associated with the incident.

The FIR adds: "In the video from village Sheikhpur, some young men are seen assaulting a man and putting him in a Scorpio at gunpoint. Two-three men are seen holding sticks while one man seems to be firing a gunshot in the air with a pistol."

The FIR adds that in another video from Rawli village, some young men are seen taking a man away, and in the video from Basai Meo village, two young men are seen beating up an old man in a car. Police said the accused are yet to be identified.

At the village

When *The Indian Express* visited Sheikhpur village on Wednesday, locals and several eyewitnesses said that on the morning of April 23, a group of 15-20 men claiming to be cow vigilantes, brandishing country-made guns, double barrel rifles and sticks, arrived in a Scorpio and three Boleros.

Basiri (62) said she was seated on a wooden *charpai* outside her house when the Scorpio pulled up. "Around 6:30 am, most villagers were asleep after offering *namaz*. Suddenly there was commotion and several armed men alighted from the car and started hurling abuses. They banged on a gate across the lane and fired two gunshots in the air," said Basiri.

She claimed that when a woman objected, they pointed a

At Sheikhpur village, where one of the videos was recorded. *Express*

gun at her: "I got scared. This has never happened here. *Ye toh gunda raj hai* (this is gunda raj)."

Aarif Hussain, the village lambardar, said that the man in the video being dragged into the SUV is Sahib Hussain (32). "The group claimed to be cow vigilantes from Bajrang Dal... Three cars had no registration number. These goons waved guns, fired twice in the air, and misbehaved with women before abducting Sahib. They later handed him over to the police," he alleged.

The same evening, Nuh Police arrested Sahib for alleged cow smuggling and booked him under sections 13 (1) and 13 (3) of The Haryana Gauvansh Sanrakshan and Gausamvardhan Act, 2015. Police said he was arrested by their staff during a raid in the village.

An FIR, filed at Ferozepur Jhirka police station at 5:38 pm on Saturday (April 23) based on

the complaint of head constable Jagat Singh from... staff of Ferozepur Jhirka, states that a raid was conducted by a police party alongside an informer, and alleges that Sahib was caught while "slaughtering a cow with the intention of selling cow meat" on an empty plot.

Sahib's family, however, claimed he has been falsely implicated. His father Hoshier Hussain said Sahib farms for a living: "Police are claiming they have evidence. No policeman came to the village for the arrest."

The family has also filed a complaint at Ferozepur Jhirka police station demanding action against the people in the video. Nuh MLA Aftab Ahmed also called for a thorough probe: "The videos... were brought to my notice. These anti-social elements are pointing weapons at members of the minority community and attacking people. I have spo-

ken to the ADGPCID and told officials to take strict legal action against the culprits."

Singla, the Nuh SP, said that a meeting was held with locals and community leaders on Tuesday to stress that such incidents can affect communal harmony. "The message has been conveyed that strict action will be taken against people who take law into their hands," Singla said. Sources said Bajrang Dal members were part of the meeting as well.

Meanwhile, members of Bajrang Dal Gurgaon and Vishwa Hindu Parishad Gurgaon gave a memorandum to the Gurgaon DC and protested outside the office of the Gurgaon Police Commissioner on Thursday afternoon, alleging that people engaged in cow protection had been receiving threats from Nuh.

Devender Singh, zila mantri, Manesar, VHP, said, "The allegations are false. When the matter of cow slaughter came to light, some workers and a police team went there and caught the people involved. Everything was done as per law. Our members were assisting the police and the administration under the law which has been made for cow protection."

Asked if people seen in the video are from his team, Mohit, a member of the cow protection task force Haryana and Bajrang Dal, Manesar, said, "Only a part of the video is being shown... Police personnel were also at the spot. We helped police catch the person... Members of our outfit and gau rakshaks have been getting threats. We are unfazed by all this and will continue to work with the police to protect cows."

(Inputs from Sukhbir Siwach)

SUANSHU KHURANA
NEW DELHI, APRIL 28

AFTER THE Centre Tuesday evicted Odissi dance exponent Guru Mayadhar Raut from his Asiad Village home, one that had been allotted to him on a nominal rent in the 1980s, other eminent artistes facing eviction are packing up and looking for rented accommodation in Delhi.

While 91-year-old Guru Mayadhar is living in a basement in Sarvodaya Enclave, temporarily provided to him by a student's parents, dhruwad singer Ustad Wasifuddin Dagar has moved his things to an apartment owned by a student in Gurgaon, while Mohiniyattam dancer Bharati Shivaji (74) explored affordable areas in East Delhi. Shivaji said most landlords do not want them to either practice or teach dance because it will disturb others in the neighbourhood.

Kathak exponent Geetanjali Lal has divided her costumes and instruments into two spaces owned by her students, while artist Jatin Das, who wants the government to have a cultural policy in place, was boxing up his artwork, and supplies, apart from looking for an apartment.

"I wonder why they did not see our incomes before evicting us. My father never charged for teaching Odissi. The standing instruction was *pehle kuch khao, phir riyaz*," said Madhumita Raut, daughter of Guru Mayadhar, who played a key role in giving Odissi the status of a formal and methodical system.

"He's created a galaxy of dancers, who've gone on to win awards and accolades. Actor Meenakshi Seshadri was often in our kitchen, eating before



Odissi dance exponent Guru Mayadhar Raut after the eviction

practice, Protima Bedi was perpetually on a diet so she only wanted two Marie biscuits when she learned. Once a Dutch student insisted on a fee, so he gave it to the milkman, saying give some extra milk for this girl's bones. He gave this nation far too much to be thrown out like this in return," she said.

Under the central government's new policy of 2014, central government employees are to be given government accommodation and all quotas for artistes and sports persons are being gradually eliminated. The reason cited in the past was that the Ministry of Housing and Urban Development is falling short of houses to be provided to the government employees.

The government Thursday clarified that the decision to evict artistes from houses allotted to them was as per the Delhi High Court's orders. The Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs said that the artistes had filed a petition in the High Court which was dismissed earlier this year and added that a grace period of two months was given to the allottees to hand over possession. According to a statement is-

sued by the MoHUA, "the Ministry had issued guidelines dated 24.10.1985 for allotment of government accommodations under Eminent Artists' category on the basis of a decision taken by Cabinet Committee on Accommodation on 12.09.1985, which was subject to certain conditions including that 'duration of allotment would be three years and cases of allotment to be reviewed once in three years'."

Kuchipudi exponents Guru Jayarama Rao (75) and his wife Vanashree Rao (67) will be moving to a flat arranged by their Mumbai-based son. "I feel disgraced and dishonoured. We were criticised, trashed, and called squatters, defaulters... Patronage is not charity, it is a recognition for the arts," said Vanashree.

Madhumita said that previous Prime Ministers including Manmohan Singh, Atal Bihari Vajpayee, and Rajiv Gandhi would have the artistes over for tea at home, and tell the ministries of Culture and Housing "to not disturb the artistes and do their work". "This government does not care for its artistes," she said. *With inputs from Anisha Dutta*

Anti-encroachment drive in Sarita Vihar on hold after police say no manpower

ABHINAV RAJPUT
NEW DELHI, APRIL 28

AN ANTI-ENCROACHMENT drive by the special task force (STF) in Southeast Delhi's Sarita Vihar and Jasola Vihar could not be executed on Thursday as the Delhi Police informed the South MCD that it was not possible to provide manpower for the same.

"Due to pre-engagement/pre-occupation of police staff of PS Sarita Vihar in other law and order/investigation duties, it is not possible to provide sufficient staff to assist SDMC staff in carrying

out encroachment removal drive in ward no. 101-S today," the Delhi Police replied to the South MCD's letter asking for personnel.

"It is requested that prior intimation of at least 10 days may be given to fix the date for encroachment removal drive in the area of police station Sarita Vihar so that sufficient staff may be given to assist the SDMC staff," police added.

SDMC Mayor Mukesh Suryan said: "The drive at Jasola and Sarita Vihar has been cancelled due to the unavailability of adequate police force... It will be rescheduled accordingly."

The situation, however, led to

apprehension among residents in nearby Shaheen Bagh after SDMC mayor Mukesh Suryan had said Thursday could see an anti-encroachment drive there as well.

Several traders in the wood market were seen clearing their wares from outside their shops. Shahazad Ali, a trader, said he was bringing his items inside as there was news that the MCD would take them away.

Another trader Mohammad Salim said, "The *nallah* here has not been cleaned in years; garbage is dumped nearby. The MCD should look into this as well."

(with PTI inputs)

Jahangirpuri violence: Man arrested from West Bengal

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THE DELHI Police Thursday said it has arrested one of the main accused involved in the Jahangirpuri communal violence from West Bengal. Police said the man, Farid alias Neetu (33), was picked up from a relative's house.

DCP (Special Cell) Rajiv Ranjan Singh said, "We found that he was one of the prime conspirators... He is an active 'bad character' of the area and is involved in over six cases of robbery. Our team was looking for him for two

weeks. We raided multiple hide-outs in UP and West Bengal. He was frequently changing his location. On Thursday, the team arrested him from East Medinipur."

According to police, teams of the Crime Branch and Special Cell were looking for Farid after he was allegedly spotted in a video of the violence that broke out on April 16. Police said Farid has been booked under sections of assault, rioting, criminal intimidation, attempted murder among others.

The Crime Branch has also arrested two other men for their alleged involvement in the clashes.

Rename 40 villages with 'Mughal-era' names after artistes, martyrs: Delhi BJP

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THE DELHI BJP Thursday asked the AAP-led Delhi government to rename 40 villages with "Mughal-era" names after freedom fighters, artistes, and martyrs including IB staffer Ankit Sharma and head constable Ratan Lal who were killed in the 2020 Northeast Delhi riots.

Other names proposed by the state BJP include that of Delhi Police officer Mohan Chand Sharma, who was killed in the Batla House encounter; Captain

Vikram Batra who was killed in the Kargil war; Maharishi Valmiki; singers Lata Mangeshkar and Mohammed Rafi; cricketer Yashpal Sharma, and athlete Milkha Singh. "We are sending a proposal to name the villages after them as people want the Mughal-era names to be changed," said Delhi BJP president Adesh Gupta.

He said there are 40 villages that have names "associated with the Mughals" and "symbolise slave mentality". "These villages have names like Jia Sarai, Zamroodpur, Masoodpur, Jafarpur Kalan, Tajpur, Najafgarh,

Neb Sarai. Delhi is no longer a *sarai* (inn). It is the national capital of the country," said Gupta.

He said the BJP has moved the proposal after consulting panchayats and locals. "We hope the Delhi CM rises above politics and accepts our proposal," he said.

On Wednesday, plaques declaring Mohammadpur village as Madhavpuram were placed in the said village by local BJP councillor Bhagat Singh Tokas. Gupta had attended the event along with some locals to 'rename' the area. The ultimate power to change names rests with the Delhi government.

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(Project Length: 10.00 Km, Cost of Project: Rs.521.50 Cr.)

6-laning of Thondupalli – Kothur of Hyderabad – Bangalore Section of NH-44

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Section of NH-365B (Project Length: 46 Km, Cost of Project: Rs.423.48 Cr.)

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(Project Length: 69 Km, Cost of Project: Rs.549.28 Cr.)

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Construction of 4-lane of Hanmakonda – Mulugu Section of NH-163

(Project Length: 30 Km, Cost of Project: Rs.317.19 Cr.)

Construction of 6-lane with Paved Shoulders from Hyderabad to Bhupalapatnam

Section on NH-163 (Project Length: 4 Km, Cost of Project: Rs.48.32 Cr.)

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LUNCH MEET

KARNATAKA CHIEF Minister Basavaraj Bommai, who recently got a go-ahead signal for governance initiatives as well as Cabinet expansion to prepare the party for elections next year, appears to be getting more support from the central leadership. On Thursday, party circles were abuzz with talk of Union Home Minister Amit Shah's visit to Bangalore next week. Shah is expected to be in Bengaluru to attend the opening ceremony of Khelo India University Games on May 3, but what has sent a discordant signal to different factions in the state unit is the news that Shah will have lunch at Bommai's place. Although sources close to Bommai said it will be an official meeting between the Chief Minister and Union Home Minister, many senior leaders fear it is much more than that, especially as it comes at a time when the Cabinet expansion is about to happen.

THE OMISSION

AS THE hype and hoopla over Prashant Kishor's engagement with the Congress settle down, many of the Congress leaders are now ruminating on the developments that unfolded in the past 10 days or so. Some of the leaders could not help wondering why the party's in-house data expert Praveen Chakravarty was not part of the group which engaged with Kishor, who gave a detailed data-driven presentation to the party leadership. Chakravarty, the head of the Congress's data analytics department, is also a political economist but he is surprisingly not part of the P Chidambaram-headed group, which is drafting the economic resolution to be presented at the Udaipur Chintan Shivir next month.

IN LIGHTER VEIN

EXTERNAL AFFAIRS Minister S Jaishankar gave some sharply worded responses to European ministers and leaders during the Raisina dialogue on the issue of the Russia-Ukraine war. But when asked what keeps him up at night — essentially what preoccupied his mind most — he tried a witty reply: "The only thing that keeps me up at night is jet lag." A diplomat for four decades before becoming a minister, Jaishankar has travelled the world on official assignments.

MODI IN ASSAM

Working towards removing AFSPA from Northeast: PM

TORA AGARWALA
GUWAHATI, APRIL 28

PRIME MINISTER Narendra Modi on Thursday said the Centre is working towards lifting the Armed Forces (Special Powers) Act (AFSPA) from the Northeast region.

"For long, many states of the Northeast have been under AFSPA. But in the last eight years, because of peace and better law and order situation on ground, we have removed AFSPA from many parts of the region," said the Prime Minister, addressing a 'Peace, Unity and Development' rally in Diphu in Assam's Karbi Anglong district.

Earlier in the day, he inaugurated three colleges for veterinary science, agriculture, model government colleges in Diphu. He also launched the Rs 1,150 crore Amrit Sarovar Project to rejuvenate 2,950 water bodies across Assam. In Dibrugarh, he later inaugurated seven new cancer care hospitals, as well as laid the foundation stone for seven more.

The Prime Minister said that since 2014, violent incidents had reduced by 75 per cent in the region. "That is why we were able to lift AFSPA from first Tripura, then Meghalaya," he said.

"In Assam, the AFSPA has been in force for three decades, and the previous governments kept extending it. But in the last few years, the situation has improved so much that AFSPA was removed from 23 districts of Assam," he said, adding that the Centre was working towards removing the Act from Nagaland and Manipur as well.

The demand to repeal the AFSPA, which gives sweeping pow-



Prime Minister Narendra Modi with Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma at a rally in Assam's Karbi Anglong district on Thursday. *PTI*

ers to the armed forces to arrest without warrants and even shoot to kill in certain situations in 'disturbed areas', got a renewed push after 14 civilians were killed in a botched security ambush in Nagaland's Mon district in December last year.

In his speech, Modi complimented the Chief Ministers of the region for their efforts in solving the decades-old interstate boundary disputes. He said the BJP's double-engine government had worked towards bringing peace and development in Assam.

"Since 2014, there has been peace and development in the Northeast," he said, citing the peace accords in Assam's Karbi Anglong, Bodo region and Tripura.

In Dibrugarh, while inaugurating the cancer hospitals, the Prime Minister said cancer is detected in

big numbers in Assam and the Northeast. "The most impacted are the poor and the middle class. There was a time a few years ago when poor and middle class patients had to go far away to big cities for treatment. This was a big financial burden on them," he said, adding that the scenario had changed in the past five years.

"Assam has a big network of cancer care hospitals courtesy the work of former Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal, current Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma and Tata Trusts," he said.

The new hospitals — being built at a cost of Rs 4,000 crore — are a collaborative initiative by the Assam government and Tata Trusts. A PIB release said the project is aimed at building "South Asia's largest affordable cancer care network with 17 cancer care hospitals spread

across the state".

Under Phase 1, seven hospitals have been built at Dibrugarh, Kokrajhar, Barpeta, Darrang, Tezpur, Lakhimpur, and Jorhat, while three are under construction. Phase 2 will witness hospitals in Dhubri, Nalbari, Goalpara, Nagaon, Sivasagar, Tinsukia and Golaghat.

Ratan Tata, Tata Trusts chairman, who was present at the inauguration, said it was an "important day in the history of Assam". "Higher level healthcare facility for cancer treatment which was earlier not available in the state is being brought here. Cancer is not a rich man's disease," he said.

Chief Minister Sarma said it was a dream come true for Assam. "We are now providing the largest cancer care treatment network of its kind in South Asia. This is a huge milestone for us," he said.

MEETS PRIME MINISTER SHEIKH HASINA

Jaishankar: Looking to resume bus, rail link to Bangladesh

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INDIA IS looking at resuming cross-border bus and railway services with Bangladesh "shortly after Eid", External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar said on Thursday.

Jaishankar said this while making a press statement in Dhaka, where he met Bangladesh Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina and Foreign minister A K Abdul Momen.

Bangladesh PM's spokesperson Ihsanul Karim Hasina told PTI in Dhaka that Hasina underlined the importance of connectivity between the two neighbours and offered her country's main seaport — Chittagong Port — to India's landlocked northeastern states such as Assam and Tripura. She told Jaishankar the enhanced connectivity was needed for mutual benefit, while it would particularly benefit India's north-eastern region in using Chittagong port, Karim said. "If the connectivity is increased... states like Assam and Tripura can have access to the seaport in Chattogram," she said.

She said initiatives were taken to resume cross-border routes between Bangladesh and

India which were stopped during the 1965 India-Pakistan war, when Bangladesh was the eastern wing of Pakistan.

Karim said several bilateral and international issues were discussed during Hasina's more than half-an-hour-long meeting with Jaishankar.

Jaishankar handed over an invitation to Hasina on Prime Minister Narendra Modi's behalf to visit New Delhi. "Thank Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina for her warm reception. Conveyed personal greetings of PM @narendramodi. Our bilateral relations are moving from strength to strength under the guidance of the two leaders," he tweeted.

Jaishankar later held "positive discussions" with his Bangladeshi counterpart AK Abdul Momen.

Jaishankar said he expects early commissioning of new projects with Bangladesh in different sectors, including power, energy and connectivity.

Defence cooperation, water-sharing of Kushiara and Feni rivers, the Covid-19 situation and impacts of the Russia-Ukraine war on the global economy came up prominently in the discussion between Jaishankar and Hasina, Karim was quoted as saying by Bangladesh media.



Jaishankar with Bangladesh PM Sheikh Hasina in Dhaka. *PTI*

Assembly polls 2023: Chouhan back in favour for MP but BJP may go without CM face in Chhattisgarh

LIZ MATHEW
NEW DELHI, APRIL 28

WHILE THE BJP is almost certain to fight the next Assembly elections in Madhya Pradesh under the leadership of Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan, the party is unlikely to project a chief ministerial candidate for the polls in Chhattisgarh, where there has been a strong demand for change in the state unit leadership, sources said on Thursday.

Both states are expected to go polls before November 2023.

On Thursday, the BJP senior leadership held meetings with key leaders of the core groups of Madhya Pradesh and Chhattisgarh in Delhi.

The meeting on Madhya Pradesh, attended by BJP national president J P Nadda, general secretary (organisation) B L Santosh and party state in-charge P Muralidhar Rao apart from the state leaders, decided to expedite preparation work such as filling up vacancies in the ministry, state-run boards and commissions while stepping up organisational activities at the booth level, sources said. They said the central



MP Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan



Former Chhattisgarh chief minister Raman Singh

Poll losses in Chhattisgarh

THE BJP central leadership has taken a serious view of the Khairagarh bypoll defeat, in which the party candidate lost by a margin of more than 20,000 votes, earlier this month, according to a leader familiar with the develop-

EXPLAINED **E**ments. In the 2018 elections, the tally of the BJP, which was in power in Chhattisgarh for three consecutive terms, went down from 49 to 15 seats in the 90-member Assembly. A year later, the party lost Dantewada in a bypoll.

leadership "has no plans or discussions" on change of leadership at the party level or the government level ahead of the elections as Chouhan — a four-term chief minister — "has regained" the national leadership's "confidence with his effective leadership".

During a recent visit to Bhopal, senior party leader and Union Home Minister Amit Shah praised Chouhan for the way his government has been implementing the welfare schemes initiated by central government led by Prime Minister Narendra Modi. The

sources said the state BJP unit was also upbeat with activities at the district to booth levels.

But the situation in Chhattisgarh, where the party is in the opposition, is different, the sources said. The rift-ridden state unit has not shown any sign of revival, with one faction alleging that the dominant faction led by former chief minister Raman Singh is calling the shots without taking others into confidence.

A national BJP vice-president, Singh remains the tallest leader and managed to put those close to him in key posts. Both state unit chief Vishnu Deo Sai and leader of the opposition Dharamlal Kaushik are considered close to him. According to a party leader from the state, "even secretary (organisation) Pawan Kumar Sai would not like to upset Singh".

However, the recent defeat in Khairagarh bypoll, which was termed as semi-final to Assembly elections by Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel, has made the state leadership's position precarious. "The party has not won a single election under this leadership. Every party leader till the mandal level would tell you this leadership will not be able to lead the

party to a win. The BJP is not able to make use of the internal differences or the governance failures of the Congress government in the state," a party leader said. "The current leadership has failed not only in regaining the trust of the voters but also failed to take everyone along in the organisation too."

Over the past few days, BJP general secretary D Purandeswari, who is in charge of Chhattisgarh, met state leaders to take their feedback. She is expected to submit a report to the national leadership on the basis of the feedback.

At Thursday's meeting, which was attended by Singh, Vishnu Deo Sai, Kaushik and Pawan Kumar Sai, the demands for a leadership change came up, party sources said. "However, no decision is taken," said a source.

"With a section of the state unit strongly opposing Raman Singh, the national leadership may opt for going to polls without a chief minister face [in Chhattisgarh]," said a senior party leader.

Earlier this month, the party leadership in a similar meeting with leaders from Rajasthan, another state with factionalism, indicated that the BJP is likely to go to polls without a CM candidate.

Kamal Nath quits as CLP leader; Cong picks Govind Singh for post

IRAM SIDDIQUE
BHOPAL, APRIL 28

AFTER MORE than two years as Leader of Opposition in Madhya Pradesh Assembly, former chief minister Kamal Nath Thursday stepped down as leader of Congress Legislature Party (CLP). The party named seven-time MLA Govind Singh as his replacement.

Kamal Nath, who is also the state Congress president since 2018, took over as Leader of Opposition after his 15-month-long government fell on March 20, 2020 with the exit of Jyotiraditya Scindia and his 25 loyalist MLAs.

"This is to inform you that the Congress president has accepted your resignation from the post of leader, Congress Legislature Party, Madhya Pradesh with immediate effect. The party wholeheartedly appreciates your contribution as the CLP leader," said AICC general secretary K C Venugopal in a communication to Kamal Nath. The letter also named 71-year-old Singh as the next CLP leader.

Over the past month, Kamal Nath during interactions with the



Kamal Nath with Govind Singh and other senior Congress leaders. *Express*

media suggested that his focus was towards strengthening the party organisation in the state.

Soon after receiving the communication about his appointment, Singh in an apparent show of unity reached Kamal Nath's residence with other leaders and thanked him. "The issues of people, including excesses of the government, specially though illegal bulldozer action, unemployment, farmers' issue, price rise will all be taken up in Assembly with force," he told reporters.

A tall Thakur leader, who has been representing Lahar in Bhiind district since 1990, Singh was a minister in the previous Kamal Nath government.



Hardik Patel with Congress leaders at an event to mark his father's death anniversary. *Nirmal Harindran*

Hardik will have key role in polls, says Congress's Gujarat in-charge

PARIMAL DABHI
VIRAMGAM, APRIL 28

CONGRESS LEADERS turned up in strength for the death anniversary of Hardik Patel father on Thursday in Viramgam, asserting that the Patidar leader has a "key role" to play in the upcoming Assembly elections.

With Hardik's list of BJP invitees largely staying away, the state Congress working president returned the favour by saying it could be said that the issues he had with the Congress had been resolved.

"Our aim is to form a Congress government in 2022 (the coming Assembly elections), and Hardik Patel will have a key role in it," Raghu Sharma, in-charge of Congress in Gujarat who was present at the Viramgam event, said. Asked about Hardik's statements expressing unhappiness within the party, he added: "Hardik is the future and an inseparable, strong pillar of the Congress. He will continue to work for the party, his future is bright."

The death anniversary of Hardik's father Bharatbhai, who succumbed to Covid-19, saw recitation of Ram Dhun and Sundar Kand and Hindu priests from different sects.

The entire top leadership of the Gujarat Congress was present, including state president Jagdish Thakor, Leader of Opposition Sukhrum Rathva, local Congress MLA Lakhabhai Bharwad, former Leader of Opposition Paresch Dhanani, Dasada MLA Naushad Solanki and former state president Siddharth Patel.

ARTICULATE, LEFT, SELF-MADE CONG ASSET

BJP may deny but can't ignore Jignesh Mevani

PARIMAL DABHI
GANDHINAGAR, APRIL 28

IN 2017, when three youths emerged on the political scene of Gujarat as leaders, having led successful agitations, the BJP appeared shaken, given that Assembly elections were scheduled that year's end.

Five years later, two of the three — Hardik Patel, who led the Patidar quota agitation and is now a working president of the Congress, and Alpesh Thakor, who led the OBC agitation and is now with the BJP — do not worry the ruling party, as much as Jignesh Mevani. A former journalist, lawyer, activist and now Independent MLA from the re-

served Vadgam constituency of Gujarat, Mevani's "Left leanings" put him far out of the BJP reach.

Mevani, who has pledged support to the Congress, has been slapped with two criminal cases in Assam where the BJP is in power and is currently in police remand. The MLA, who is under police protection provided by the Gujarat government since 2017, following a 'security assessment', was picked up by the Assam Police late in the night last week from the government circuit house in Palanpur after an FIR objecting to a tweet of his that was critical of Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

A vocal critic of the BJP and its ideological fountainhead RSS not only in Gujarat but also other states, Mevani, 42, had come into



Gujarat MLA Jignesh Mevani

the spotlight following an agitation he led on the public flogging of Dalits in Una, Gujarat, in 2016.

Many BJP leaders admit the party has not been comfortable with Mevani's rise. Says a senior BJP leader: "From the beginning, Hardik and Alpesh have not been much of a concern for the party. Ideologically, the two are not very distant from our party's principles. But, because of his Leftist

thought, Mevani symbolises a culture alien to Gujarati society politically. Our party is worried about the seeds of this ideology, although Mevani is almost part of the Congress now." Mevani pledged support to the Congress last year though he remains an Independent MLA, and is expected to get a ticket from the Congress in the coming election.

Says a political observer based in the state, "Out of the three youth leaders, the BJP has already got Alpesh within its fold. Hardik is severely dissatisfied with the Congress's state leadership and is praising the BJP now. Mevani is the only one who looks certain of not joining or aligning with the BJP."

A senior Gujarat BJP leader,

however, denies that the party is particularly concerned about Mevani. "I don't think there is a specific ploy to tackle him by our party. In fact, there are certain persons with whom our party does not bother negotiating at all due to fundamental differences with them. And Mevani is one of those few people in Gujarat."

The leader also notes that Mevani has been around taking on the government for long. "He has never been targeted for that."

Another BJP leader argues that rather than helping the BJP, the arrest will aid Mevani. "Politically he looked finished before these cases were registered against him. The cases have provided him oxygen to survive..." **FULL REPORT ON**

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A LOCAL court in Assam's Barpeta district on Thursday reserved its order on Gujarat MLA Jignesh Mevani's bail plea in connection with a case of allegedly assaulting a woman police officer.

The court will pass the order on Friday, Mevani's advocate Angshuman Bora said.

"We had moved for bail in the sessions court in Barpeta. The hearing got over earlier this (Thursday) afternoon," Bora said. According to him, the prosecution tried to get an adjournment but the court "declined it" and ordered the prosecution to submit its arguments on Thursday itself.

On Tuesday, the Chief

No major communal violence in last 7-8 yrs: Naqvi to EU team

ESHA ROY
NEW DELHI, APRIL 28

UNION MINISTER for Minority Affairs Mukhtar Abbas Naqvi on Thursday told a visiting European Union delegation that there has been “no major incident of communal violence in the past seven-eight years” under the Narendra Modi government.

Naqvi told the delegation that there is no discrimination against minorities in India and that the percentage of minorities in Central government jobs, “which was below 4 per cent in 2014, has now significantly increased to above 10 per cent”, under the Modi government, a source close to the minister said.

The six-member EU delegation, led by EU Special Representative for Human Rights Eamon Gilmore and Ambassador of the European Union to India Ugo Astuto, met Union Minister for Minority Affairs Mukhtar Abbas Naqvi in New Delhi and raised concerns of discrimination against minorities in the country.

Naqvi told The Indian Express, “The delegation met me and I apprised them of the socioeconomic and educational empowerment for all communities with dignity, without any discrimination. They did raise concerns about the letter written by the bureaucrats (to the Prime Minister), and about com-

munal violence against minorities. But I have clarified to them that there has been no major incident of communal violence in the past seven-eight years. There have been some isolated incidents, and in these the Modi government has taken strong and effective action against the perpetrators, without consideration of religion, caste or community.”

When contacted, a source in EU said, “Gilmore met Minister Naqvi today to discuss the human rights situation in India and the situation of minorities. He expressed his concern about recent episodes of communal violence.”

Naqvi also told the delegation that several incidents, which are criminal in nature, have been given a “communal hue” to defame the Prime Minister, and the country, by certain sections as “part of their conspiracy”, sources said. “Not a single communal riot has taken place in India since 2014. There was some conspiracy to give communal colour to a criminal incident,” a source close to Naqvi said.

Sources in the ministry said the delegation members raised the question of conversions being stopped and this affecting the right to practice religion freely, to which the minister explained that the right to religious freedom is guaranteed under the Constitution, the source said. But, he said, the government is forced and fraudulent conversions.

No prayer today in Srinagar’s Jamia Masjid

BASHAARAT MASOOD
SRINAGAR, APRIL 28

THE JAMMU and Kashmir government has decided not to allow the last congregational Friday prayers of Ramadan at the historic Jamia Masjid in Srinagar.

“It has been conveyed that the Jumat-ul-Vida (the last Friday prayers of Ramadan) and Shab-e-Qadr (night prayers on the 27th night of Ramadan) would not be allowed at the grand mosque,” secretary of Anjuman Auqaf Jamia Masjid, Altaf Ahmad Bhat, said.

A team of officials led by the tehsildar and police officials conveyed the decision late on Wednesday evening.

While the Shab-e-Qadr – the night on which Muslims stay awake and pray – falls on Thursday, the Jumat-ul-Vida prayers fall on Friday. The Jumat-ul-Vida prayers are traditionally the largest congregation of the year at the grand mosque and over 1 lakh worshippers attend. Police sources said the decision to disallow the prayers was taken as police did not want to take any chances. “Traditionally,

it is a huge congregation and it can easily spiral into an Azadi protest,” a police officer said. “It would be difficult for us to manage such a huge congregation.”

Friday prayers at the grand mosque were allowed in March after almost two and a half years. While the mosque was closed for worshippers after the abrogation of Jammu and Kashmir’s special status on August 5, 2019, Friday congregational prayers were not allowed due to the pandemic till March this year.

A religious seat of Hurriyat leader Mirwaiz Umar Farooq, the grand mosque in the old Srinagar city has traditionally been the stronghold of separatists. Since August 2019, Mirwaiz has been under house detention and has not been allowed to give a sermon at the mosque.

The mosque was opened for Friday prayers on March 4 this year. On April 9, pro-azadi slogans were raised inside the mosque. A day later, police arrested and booked 13 youth under the Unlawful Activities Prevention Act (UAPA).

The Jamia Masjid management has condemned the police decision to bar the prayers.

Man held for putting up loudspeakers in temples in Saharanpur

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A MAN was arrested for allegedly installing loudspeakers in temples in Saharanpur city on Thursday amid the state government’s latest directive to remove “illegal” and “unauthorised” loudspeakers. The government has also ordered that no new loudspeakers would be installed without permission from the local authorities.

Videos had surfaced on social media in which the man and his associates were trying to install loudspeakers in temples.

Police identified the accused as Vishu Kamboj alias Shanky. “We received information that a member of an organisation called Hindu Yodha Parivar was installing loudspeakers in temples. There are guidelines by the government that loudspeakers cannot be installed without permission. The accused was identified and arrested,” said Superintendent of Police (Saharanpur City) Rajesh Kumar.

Hindu Yodha Parivar had earlier issued a press release stating that its members were starting a “new movement” of installing loudspeakers in temples from where they have been removed. The outfit’s members, primarily operating in Saharanpur, would go around temples and install

‘22,000 ILLEGAL LOUDSPEAKERS REMOVED FROM RELIGIOUS PLACES’

Lucknow: Close to 22,000 unauthorised loudspeakers were removed from religious places and volume of over 42,000 was set to permissible limits across UP following a government order, a senior police official said on Thursday. The state government on April 23 ordered for the removal of illegal loudspeakers from religious places in the state.

A statewide drive is being undertaken to remove unauthorised loudspeakers from religious places and set the volume of others within permissible limits, Additional Director General of Police (Law and Order) Prashant Kumar said. He added that loudspeakers are being removed from all religious places without any discrimination. **PTI**

loudspeakers, the statement said. In the videos, Kamboj can be heard saying people, through loudspeakers, would be able to hear aartis and bhajans all day.



IFTAR

An iftar was organised at St Peter’s Church in Mumbai on Thursday. *Amit Chakravarty*

No benefit to violence, need to bring communities together: RSS chief

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AMRAVATI, APRIL 28

RASHTRIYA SWAYAMSEVAK Sangh (RSS) chief Mohan Bhagwat on Thursday said violence did not benefit anybody and emphasised the need to bring together all communities and preserve humanity, comments coming in the backdrop of recent clashes between different groups in several parts of the country.

He also underlined the need for establishing a Sindhi university in the country to ensure survival of the Sindhi language and culture. The RSS chief said India was a multi-lingual country and each language had its own importance.



Mohan Bhagwat

Bhagwat was speaking as the chief guest at the ‘Gaddinashini’ programme (ceremony to assume religious seat) of Sai Rajeshlal Mordiya, the great-grandson of Sant Kanwarram, at Kanwarram Dham on Bhankhed Road near here in eastern Maharashtra. Hundreds of Sindhi community members from Amravati district and different parts of the country attended the ceremony. “Violence does not benefit anybody. The society to which

violence is dear is now counting its last days. We should forever be non-violent and peace-loving. For this, it is essential to bring together all communities and preserve humanity. We all need to do this work on priority,” said Bhagwat.

The RSS leader’s remarks came in the backdrop of communal clashes during Ram Navami and Hanuman Jayanti celebrations in nearly half a dozen states, including the BJP-ruled Madhya Pradesh and Gujarat.

Observing that the Sindhi community has contributed richly in development of the country, Bhagwat stressed the need for having a Sindhi university to promote and preserve the Sindhi culture and language.

House panel to summon tech giants

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
NEW DELHI, APRIL 28

WITH A number of global tech giants facing CCI probe for alleged anti-competitive practices, a key parliamentary panel on Thursday decided to summon representatives of Google, Amazon, Facebook, Twitter and others to examine their competitive behaviour.

The next meeting of the panel on the issue is likely to be held on May 12.

The issue was discussed in detail by members of the

Parliamentary Standing Committee on Finance after a presentation was made before it by the Competition Commission of India (CCI).

The regulator told the panel that it was setting up a ‘Digital Markets and Data Unit’ for effectively dealing with anti-competitive practices of big tech companies and bringing a new Bill to amend the CCI Act.

CCI also cited a number of investigations it is carrying out in the digital space, including those against Google, Facebook, WhatsApp, Apple, Amazon, Flipkart, MakeMyTrip-Goibibo,

Swiggy and Zomato.

The meeting also comes against the backdrop of mounting concerns globally, including in India, about alleged practices of big tech players and technology platforms that could be adversely impacting competition in the market place.

Panel Chairman Jayant Sinha told PTI that it had “an excellent set of discussions” with officials from the Ministry of Corporate Affairs, Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology and Competition Commission of India.

“In our next hearing (on this

NON-DELIVERY OF NAMO TABLETS IN GUJARAT

Give our money back: Students to CMO

RITU SHARMA
AHMEDABAD, APRIL 28

NEARLY 75,000 students who paid Rs 1,000 each for the NAMO (New Avenues of Modern Education) e-tablets under a Gujarat government scheme launched in 2017-18, and have not got them due to reasons, including the devices ‘failing quality tests’, have written to the government to return their money, or adjust it with their final semester fee.

Many of these students will now complete their three and four year diploma and degree courses without receiving the tablets for which they have paid at the beginning of academic sessions in 2018-19 and 2019-20.

In a letter to the chief minis-

ter’s office (CMO) last month, accessed by The Indian Express, a student of 2018-19 batch from Government Engineering College, Godhra, said: “We had paid Rs 1,000 for the tablets in the first year (August 2018) but are still waiting for the tablets... We complained many times but got no proper solution... Barely couple of months left for completion of BE...”

The government has now issued fresh tenders after suspending the scheme for 2020-21 and 2021-22 academic sessions. Since the scheme was announced, the government has given out nearly eight lakh tablets.

Then education minister Bhupendrasinh Chudasama said in the state assembly in February 2020 that the Lenovo tablets cost Rs 6,667 to the state government.

The distribution was delayed after the Gujarat government inserted a “Make in India” clause in the tender and the tablets that were procured failed quality tests.

After tenders were issued 3-4 times but failed to generate good response or meet the technical specifications, in August 2021, the tender was awarded to Indian firm, Lava International. Education Minister Jitu Vaghani said, “Since Lava International failed quality tests, earlier tender was cancelled and fresh tenders have been floated again.” Vaghani said after failing quality tests twice, the government cancelled the previous tender of 2021 for three lakh tablets.

Principal secretary, education, SJ Haider, said, “The result of second quality testing is still awaited. The delay from the vendor is due to chip shortage in the global markets.”

On March 23, 2022, the education department issued fresh tenders for 3,75,000 tablets, agreeing to split the bid between two manufacturers. The tender also invites bids from “MSE and start-ups” after exempting conditions such as three years of experience and minimum average annual turnover of Rs 150 crore. The last date for bidding was extended from April 12 to May 16, 2022.

With further delay expected in procuring tablets, the government will have to provide tablets to nearly 9.75 lakh students, including those still studying as well as new admissions in June 2022.

NAVAL COMMANDERS’ CONFERENCE

Russia-Ukraine war shows necessity of self-reliance: Rajnath

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, APRIL 28

“THE COUNTRY’S sovereignty and prosperity depend on the nation’s armed forces and the need for a strong and credible Navy cannot be over emphasised,” Defence Minister Rajnath Singh said Thursday.

He said he was conscious of the importance of long-term funding for the sustained growth of the Navy and the Navy’s consistent performance in optimally utilising the allocated budget.

“The endeavours of the Navy to meet all commitments and remain combat-ready, despite various challenges, are well appreciated,” Singh said.

Addressing the Navy’s top brass on the concluding day of the Naval Commanders’ Conference, which began on April 25, Singh said he was “cognisant that India’s maritime character and its vital geo-strategic location have played a primary role in our growth as a nation and evolution as a civilisation”. With increasing dependence on the seas for national development and engagement with the world, he added, the Navy continued to protect India’s maritime interests and enabled a safe and secure environment in the region.

“Over the years, the Navy has maintained a high tempo of operations and has established a



Defence Minister Rajnath Singh addresses the Naval Commanders’ Conference in New Delhi. *PTI*

credible and responsive presence in the Indian Ocean Region through mission-based deployments, which reaffirm Navy’s position as a preferred security partner in the region,” Singh said.

The ongoing Russia and Ukraine conflict had again highlighted that being self-reliant without dependencies was a vital necessity, he said, adding that the Navy had been at the forefront of the government’s “Atmanirbhar Bharat” project and must continue to lead the way and remain a necessary guarantor of India’s maritime trade, security and national prosperity.

He said the Navy had re-invested 64 per cent of its capital budget into the domestic economic and the percentage share of modernisation budget was bound to grow up to 70 per cent towards indigenous procurement

in the current financial year.

“It is heartening that out of 41 ships and submarines that are on order, 39 are being built in Indian shipyards. While the Navy has been at the forefront of indigenisation, it is important for us to leverage on the momentum that we have gained thus far. I urge the senior leadership to maintain their focus on futuristic capability development, to ensure that the nation’s maritime power grows in tandem with our economic interests,” he said. He also mentioned the country’s first Indigenous Aircraft Carrier (IAC), Vikrant, that would be commissioned this year, calling it a “milestone event”. “The ship has successfully completed three sea trials and “all-out efforts need to be made so that the ship is delivered and commissioned in the 75th year of our Independence,” he said.

Jharkhand Governor meets Shah amid allegations of graft against CM Soren

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
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JHARKHAND GOVERNOR Ramesh Bais met with Union Home Minister Amit Shah in New Delhi Thursday and discussed, according to sources, a range of issues including allegations of corruption against Chief Minister Hemant Soren.

Bais has already written to the Election Commission of India (EC) and asked it to examine if Soren’s alleged actions disqualified him as an MLA. The poll panel has sought to examine relevant documents before giving its opinion on the disqualification.

Thursday’s meeting came days after senior BJP leader and former Jharkhand CM Raghubar Das alleged Soren’s wife Kalpana Soren was allotted 11 acres in Ranchi’s Bijupara industrial area. The industries portfolio is held by Chief Minister Soren himself.


In September last, Das had released documents that showed Soren, who is also the Mines & Geology Minister, allotted a mining lease in Ranchi to himself besides issuing a plot in his wife’s name. The documents allegedly also showed Soren, who holds

Meeting comes after BJP leader Raghubar Das alleged Soren’s wife was allotted 11 acres in Ranchi’s Bijupara industrial area

the Environment and Forests portfolio as well, used his position to obtain environmental clearance for the mine.

Das has also accused Soren’s political representative Pankaj Mishra and press advisor Abhishek Prasad of using their position to get mining leases.

The mining lease matter is being heard by the High Court and, during a hearing on April 8, Advocate General Rajiv Ranjan admitted the state had committed “a mistake”. The lease has since been surrendered.



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Versus
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‘Need more India visas... Afghans feel abandoned’

NIRUPAMA SUBRAMANIAN
NEW DELHI, APRIL 28

THE AFGHAN people are feeling “betrayed” by Delhi shutting its doors on them, allowing just a few to enter India in the last eight months since the Taliban takeover of the country, said Saad Mohseni, the Afghan business baron who owns the country’s biggest media group.

“They are simply not issuing visas to Afghans. I don’t understand why they are punishing the entire Afghan people for no fault of theirs. This is collective punishment,” said Mohseni, the owner of *TOLO News*, here in the capital for the Raisina Dialogue, organised by the Observer Research Foundation and the Ministry of External Affairs.

Mohseni, whose Moby Group is based in Dubai, said the Afghan people had always believed they shared a special bond with India. “They are now feeling quite betrayed, they are feeling abandoned” he said.

In the wake of the Taliban takeover of Afghanistan last August, thousands have fled the country, and many had hoped to

come to India, like they did in the 1990s, during a previous Taliban regime. Besides, many who had been studying in India and had gone home to Afghanistan around the time of the takeover, and wished to return to continue their studies, or visit for medical treatment, also found found that they were no longer welcome.

In December 2021, Parliament was told that India had granted just 200 emergency e-visas to that Afghan citizens. “In view of the prevailing situation in Afghanistan, the Government of India has started an e-Emergency X-Misc visa for a period of 6 months for Afghan nationals. ...As on 24.11.2021, 200 e-Emergency X-Misc visas have been issued (since the takeover),” Minister of State for Home Nityanand Rai said in a written reply in the Rajya Sabha.

The government has allowed extensions on the visas of Afghans who were staying in the country from before the Taliban take over and remained here.

“Further, stay visa is granted to Afghan nationals staying in India keeping in view the present situation in that country. Presently, 4,557 Afghan nation-



Afghan media baron Saad Mohseni

als are staying in India on stay visa after extension of their visas,” Rai said.

Mohseni urged the Indian government to engage with the Taliban regime. “I know the problems India has with Afghanistan,” he said, mentioning the 1999 hijacking episode during which Taliban, then in power, allowed an Indian Airlines plane hijacked by Pakistani terrorists to land in Kandahar, and negotiated on behalf of the hijackers. But, he said, the absence of engagement was hurting the Afghan people more.

Pakistan could no longer take for granted the Taliban, Mohseni

said. “The formula is simple: Afghan + Kabul = closer ties with India, no matter who the Afghan is,” he said, explaining that after Taliban took Kabul, the distance between the Taliban and Pakistan had grown, as evident from clashes at the border, and the Pakistani bombing of Afghan areas that had killed civilians.

“Look at the TTP, the Taliban are sheltering them in Afghanistan,” he said, referring to the Tehreek-i-Taliban Pakistan, which has targeted Pakistan since its formation in 2007.

“India must engage with the Taliban directly, must engage with the world and the region on the way forward in Afghanistan, and must engage with Pakistan also on the Taliban,” he said.

The media mogul, whose family moved to Australia in 1982, returned to his country after the fall of the previous Taliban regime in 2001 to set up media and entertainment channels. He said the Taliban had not banned news programmes, and his channel had pulled music and entertainment on its own.

He said apart from some run-ins with the Taliban, *TOLO* news were able to put out news as it happened, including news that

would not be favourable to the Taliban, such as on the ban on girls attending high schools or the Taliban house-to-house searches in Kabul.

On the one hand, the Taliban were asking people to return and promising freedom of travel, and on the other, they had restricted the movement of the two most famous Afghans, former President Hamid Karzai, and former foreign minister Abdullah Abdullah. “They are not under house arrest, but they cannot leave Kabul,” he said.

The Taliban had to become more inclusive, get rid of the terrorists in Afghanistan to win international trust. At the same time, engagement with the international community might strengthen the hands of the moderates in the regime, Mohseni said.

“We have a very short window of about six month in which some things can be changed for the better. After that, it’s one of two things – either the Taliban turn really repressive and go back to how they were in the 1990s, or they get fragmented and we are in for another long civil war between the factions,” he said.

Military equipment from Afghanistan seized in Kashmir: Army Chief

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NEW DELHI, APRIL 28

THERE HAS been a rise in incidents of military equipment from Afghanistan being seized in Kashmir, Army Chief General MM Naravane has said, amid fears of a spillover of fighters into India as Taliban surged back to power in the war-torn country.

“When the previous Taliban regime was there in Afghanistan in early 2000s, we did have a little spillover. We had captured or killed Afghan terrorists (in Kashmir) also,” Naravane said during Raisina Dialogue, a video of which was released Thursday. The Army chief said while there has been no spill over of manpower “so far” this time,

“there is definitely a movement in that direction”. “There is an increase in the number of weapons and other equipment, especially night-vision devices that we are capturing or unearthing, which have come from Afghanistan,” Naravane said. “That is a major cause of concern.”

Responding to a question on the ongoing war in Ukraine, Naravane said it has forced a re-think of certain military assumptions. “First, that the conventional wars are passe,” he said. On another ‘assumption’ that all wars now will be of a short duration and will stop when the international community intervenes, he said: “We are already in the third month (of Ukraine war).” The point, the Army chief said, is wars and conflict “will happen”.

SBI draws Gujarat HC ire for not issuing no-dues certificate over 3l paise

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AHMEDABAD, APRIL 28

GUJARAT HIGH Court Wednesday pulled up SBI for not issuing a no-dues certificate to a borrower for pending dues worth 31 paise. The petitioners — Rakesh and Manoj Verma — moved the HC after buying a plot of agricultural land at Sanand, Gujarat, from the borrower. Owing to outstanding dues by the previous owner, who had taken cash crop loans worth Rs 4.55 lakh from SBI, the application by Rakesh and Manoj before the revenue department to mutate the land to their names was rejected.

Advocate Jinesh Kapadia, representing the petitioners, said the previous owner paid off the outstanding, leaving no hurdle for mutation of records in favour of petitioners. But non-issuance of no-dues certificate owing to pending 31 paise by SBI kept the mutation in favour of petitioners pending.

The SBI on Wednesday submitted that the borrower had paid the outstanding dues in account of the crop loan. Following this, the court directed SBI to place on record a statement of account of the account in question and kept the matter for further hearing on May 2. The SBI drew Justice Bhargav Karia’s ire as he said, “there is a banking regulation Act that provides that anything less than 50 paise is not to be counted (as outstanding dues).”

ASSAM POLICE HEADQUARTERS
ULUBARI, GUWAHATI
Corrigendum-2

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CHARGESHEET
Officer under Rashmi Shukla advised her against phone-tapping

SAGAR RAJPUT
MUMBAI, APRIL 28

AN ASSISTANT commissioner of police (ACP)-rank officer, who has worked under senior IPS officer Rashmi Shukla while the latter was serving as the State Intelligence Department (SID) commissioner and is considered as a crucial witness in the alleged phone tapping case, in his statement to police, has said he had told Shukla that she was flouting the rules by recording the phone conversations of NCP and Shiv Sena leaders Eknath Khadse and Sanjay Raut, respectively. The officer said Shukla, however, ignored his suggestions and continued with tapping the phones of the two leaders.

The deposition of the officer is part of the 750-page-long chargesheet submitted against Shukla on Tuesday. The investigating officials have also corroborated the said officer's claims with the statements of other government servants who were then working in SID. The officer has further said a number of people in the department were aware that Shukla was tapping the phone conversations of Raut and Khadse.



IPS officer Rashmi Shukla

The ACP has further alleged that he had told Shukla that tapping the phones of the two leaders “was wrong”. However, as per his statement, Shukla did not heed to his advice and turned him away saying she has powers to record conversation under section 419-A of the Indian Telegraph Act.

The investigator said they have also attached the statements of eight other listeners at SID. These listeners are personnel whose job is to listen to the phone conversation and record important ones for future reference.

They have told police that there was a conversation within the office that “Shukla is not listening to them.” Their statements have also revealed that they would record important conversations of Raut and Khadse, which were later heard by Shukla herself.

Shukla had sought permission from the then Additional Chief Secretary, Home, for tapping the phones by claiming that the

phones belonged to two individuals S Rahate and Khadase.

Shukla has been charged under sections 165 (Public servant obtaining any valuable thing, without consideration, from a person concerned in proceeding or business transacted by such public servant), 465 (punishment for forgery) and 471 (using as genuine a forged document) of IPC and section 26 of Telegraph Act.

As per the data procured by the investigating authorities, police have learnt that Khadse’s phones were tapped between June 21 and August 17 in 2019. Raut’s phones were recorded from November 7 to 14 and subsequently from November 18 to 24. Their phones were tapped in the run-up to the formation of the Maha Vikas Aghadi government, which took charge on November 26, 2019 due to which police have mentioned in their chargesheet that tapping of phones was done with vested political interest.

The chargesheet includes statements of 18 witnesses and other documentary evidence. Witnesses in the case are Khadse, Raut, a former additional chief secretary (ACS) and other personnel who worked in SID when Shukla was in charge.

Kerala team visits Gujarat CM Dashboard, chief secy lauds it

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AHMEDABAD, APRIL 28

CHIEF SECRETARY of Kerala VP Joy who visited the “CM Dashboard” at Gujarat Chief Minister Bhupendra Patel’s residence in Gandhinagar on Thursday lauded the state-of-the-art system to monitor government services and getting the feedback from beneficiaries as “the leading force towards good governance”.

Joy, who was accompanied by officer on special duty (OSD) NSK Umesh, was quoted as saying that the visit was to understand the monitoring system, following Prime Minister Narendra Modi’s suggestion to study the initiative taken by Gujarat for transparent and real-time monitoring of public delivery services and schemes.

The visit that came two weeks after Kerala’s ruling CPM decided at its party congress in Kannur to take the “Kerala model of development and governance” across the country, was slammed by Opposition parties as an admission of “failed governance”. According to Public Affairs Index (PAI) 2021, Kerala is the best governed state in the country on various parameters.

The Kerala delegation spent around three hours at the CM’s residence and got acquainted with the Dashboard, following which they visited state education department’s Vidya Samiksha Kendra (VSK).

A release issued by the Gujarat government stated, “The Chief Secretary lauded the initiative developed by Gujarat using state-of-the-art technology in the field of full real time monitoring.



Chief Secretary V P Joy (second from right) being briefed on the CM Dashboard by Gujarat Chief Secretary Pankaj Kumar (first from right) and K Kailashnathan, Chief Principal Secretary to the Chief Minister (third from right). Joy was accompanied by OSD NSK Umesh. Express

Appreciating the beneficiary feedback system, the Chief Secretary of Kerala expressed keen interest in getting himself updated and acquainted with all the details, the release added.

Senior officials from Gujarat, including Chief Principal Secretary to CM K Kailashnathan and Chief Secretary Pankaj Kumar, explained the features and the comprehensive procedure to the Kerala delegation.

“It was informed that all the basic facilities, such as benefits of public welfare schemes and facilities... are easily available through 26 government departments and district-taluka level offices in the state. Real time monitoring can be done from Gandhinagar through CM Dashboard,” the release stated.

All districts and administrative departments along with their schemes are monitored on a single-window platform by 3,400 predefined indicators. “Through this platform, the Chief

Minister is constantly monitoring the administrative functions of all important officials of the state. During the pandemic, details about hospital beds, oxygen supply and availability of medicines could be obtained through the video wall of this dashboard,” a senior official said.

At a meeting of the delegation with CM, Joy presented CM Patel spices from Kerala, while Patel gifted him a Kutch shawl. “They were given a presentation and a live demo of the functioning of Vidya Samiksha Kendra through the video wall... they showed keen interest in it,” secretary education Vinod Rao told *The Indian Express*.

The team was briefed about the centre that works on various parameters, including enrollment, attendance, learning outcomes, drop-outs, school accreditation, and monitoring of schools, teachers and block and cluster resource centre co-ordinators.

PM-Kisan in Kerala: Over 30,000 ineligible beneficiaries detected

SHAJU PHILIP
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM, APRIL 28

AS MANY as 30,416 people in Kerala, including 21,018 income-tax payers, got assistance from the PM Kisan Samman Nidhi despite being ineligible for the central government initiative under which farmers get up to Rs 6,000 per year as minimum income support, government data showed.

According to the data, Rs 31 crore has to be recovered from these ineligible beneficiaries who were identified by central and state government agencies by combing the income-tax database. So far, only Rs 4.90 crore has been recovered.

In Kerala, 372 lakh beneficiaries have registered for the PM-Kisan assistance. During the last three years, Rs 5,600 crore have been directly transferred to the accounts of the beneficiaries.

“The weeding out of ineligible cases is a continuous process and so far 30,416 have been identified as ineligible. All field level officers are instructed to issue notice to the ineligible beneficiaries for refunding the availed benefit,” sources in state agriculture department said. They said the Centre has been insisting that any fund provided to ineligible beneficiaries should be recovered in full and refunded to PM-Kisan. “The department of financial services under the Union Ministry of Finance has, early this month, directed Kerala to speed up the recovery of the refund.”

Karnataka: Two girls playing hide-and-seek die inside freezer

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BENGALURU, APRIL 28

TWO GIRLS died due to suffocation after hiding inside an abandoned ice-cream freezer while playing hide-and-seek with friends at Masage village near Mysuru Wednesday, police said. The deceased were identified as Bhagya (12), daughter of Nagaraja Nayaka and Kavya (7), daughter of Raju Nayaka.

According to police, to hide from their friends, the girls entered the freezer, which was left unattended in their area. When they closed the door, it automatically got locked and they were trapped inside, said police.

After some time, the girls’ parents realised their children were missing and began searching for them, police added. When the parents came to know that the girls were playing hide-and-seek, they checked the freezer and found the bodies, said the police.

OFFICE OF EXECUTIVE ENGINEER
CONSTRUCTION DIVISION, P.W.D. KASGANJ
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प्रज्ञांक : 425 / 17 ए दिनांक 23.04.2022

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| वर्ष 2022-23 के अन्दरगत सामान्य मरम्मत के खास नवीनीकरण का कार्य | | | | | | | |
| 1 | Kasganj | Renewal Of Etah Ganjundwara Road to Dharikpur Road | 19.60 | 1.96 | 500+300+144+944 | 3 Month | A B C D |
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| 3 | Kasganj | Renewal Of Nagla Heera to Kuda Road | 16.60 | 1.66 | 500+300+144+944 | 3 Month | A B C D |
| 4 | Kasganj | Renewal Of Ganjundwara Songadi Road to Shiddhamagar | 11.40 | 1.14 | 500+225+131+856 | 3 Month | A B C D |
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| 9 | Kasganj | Renewal Of Aliganj Soron Road to Ashokpur Ratanpur Road | 10.20 | 1.02 | 500+225+131+856 | 3 Month | A B C D |
| 10 | Kasganj | Renewal Of Aliganj Thana Darnaoganj Road to Majhola Chowki Ghul Road | 16.90 | 1.69 | 500+300+144+944 | 3 Month | A B C D |
| 11 | Kasganj | Renewal Of Patiyali Nardauli Road to Nadarnai Road | 11.00 | 1.10 | 500+225+131+856 | 3 Month | A B C D |
| 12 | Kasganj | Renewal Of Nagla Beru Dhampur Sahwajpur Road to Nagla Shikari Road | 10.80 | 1.08 | 500+225+131+856 | 3 Month | A B C D |
| 13 | Kasganj | Renewal Of Patiyali Nardauli Road to Damapur Road | 27.80 | 2.78 | 500+300+144+944 | 3 Month | A B C D |
| 14 | Kasganj | Renewal Of Sahawar Aliganj Bastar Road to Nagla Mau Link Road | 22.90 | 2.29 | 500+300+144+944 | 3 Month | A B C D |
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| 16 | Kasganj | Renewal Of Aliganj Soron Road to Kutubpur Saray Road | 14.20 | 1.42 | 500+225+131+856 | 3 Month | A B C D |
| 17 | Kasganj | Renewal Of Dhampur Sahwajpur Road to Nagar Kanchanpur Road | 26.00 | 2.60 | 500+300+144+944 | 3 Month | A B C D |
| 18 | Kasganj | Renewal Of Sidhpura Patiyali Road to Bakolia Bhaishan | 10.00 | 1.00 | 500+225+131+856 | 3 Month | A B C D |
| 19 | Kasganj | Renewal Of Patiyali Nardauli Road to Nagla Sisiaya Road | 16.60 | 1.66 | 500+300+144+944 | 3 Month | A B C D |
| 20 | Kasganj | Patch Repair of Different Roads of Block Patiyali | 25.00 | 2.50 | 500+300+144+944 | 12 Month | A B C D |
| 21 | Kasganj | Patch Repair of Different Roads of Block Ganjundwara | 25.00 | 2.50 | 500+300+144+944 | 12 Month | A B C D |

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कार्यपालक अभियंता का कार्यालय
बाढ़ नियंत्रण प्रमण्डल-1, झंझारपुर

अपेक्षकालीन निविदा आमंत्रण सूचना संख्या – 03/2022-23
(केवल ई-टेंडर पद्धति के अनुसार वेबसाइट www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in पर)

1. कार्य का विवरण –

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2. निविदा आमंत्रण सूचना निर्गत करने की तिथि : दिनांक – 26.04.2022

3. निविदा कागजात डाउनलोड एवं अपलोड करने की अवधि : दिनांक 05.05.2022 से दिनांक 07.05.2022 के 3.00 बजे अपराह्न तक (सिर्फ वेबसाइट www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in पर)

4. प्री-बीड मीटिंग का समय, स्थान एवं तिथि : दिनांक 06.05.2022 के 3:00 बजे अपराह्न में मुख्य अभियंता का कार्यालय बाढ़ नियंत्रण एवं जल निरीक्षण, जल संसाधन विभाग, समस्तीपुर ।

5. तकनीकी बिड खोलने की तिथि एवं समय : 09.05.2022 समय 3.30 बजे अपराह्न । (सिर्फ वेबसाइट www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in पर)

6. वित्तीय बिड खोलने की तिथि एवं समय : सभ्य परीक्षकारी द्वारा बाद में घोषित की जायेगी (सिर्फ वेबसाइट www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in पर)

7. निविदा खोलने का स्थान : www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in पर

8. निविदा की वैधता अवधि : 120 दिन

9. विज्ञापनदाता का पदनाम एवं पता : कार्यपालक अभियंता, बाढ़ नियंत्रण प्रमण्डल-1, झंझारपुर । मो०: 7463889833

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EXPRESS NETWORK

Two IFS officers suspended over construction, felling of trees in Corbett reserve

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
DEHRADUN, APRIL 28

THE UTTARAKHAND state government has suspended two senior Indian Forest Service (IFS) officers over allegations of illegal construction and felling of trees inside the Corbett Tiger Reserve (CTR). The reserve's director has been removed from his post.

The High Court had asked the government to take action against officials found involved in the illegal constructions and felling of trees in Pakhro and Morghati areas of the wildlife reserve.

According to three separate orders issued by principal secretary forests RK Sudhanshu Wednesday, JS Suhag, a former chief wildlife warden and the current chief executive officer (CAMPA), and Kishan Chand, the former divisional forest officer of Kalagarh Tiger Reserve, have been suspended with immediate effect.

CTR director Rahul, who uses only one name, has been attached to the office of the principal chief conservator of forests in Dehradun.

The orders cited inspections carried out at the reserve by the National Tiger Conservation Authority (NTCA) in October last year and by Union Environment Ministry officials in December, 2021. It said the inspecting teams had found illegal constructions such as Kandi road, some houses in Morghati, besides a forest rest house in Pakhro.

The teams also found illegal felling of trees for the proposed tiger safari in Pakhro.

"Even after clear instructions, Suhag (the then chief wildlife warden) did not take any action in the matter," the order added.



ELIXIR OF LIFE

Residents collect water from a tanker on the outskirts of New Delhi on Thursday. *Amit Mehra*

Normal or more rainfall this monsoon: SASCOF

ANJALI MARAR
PUNE, APRIL 28

MOST OF South Asia will receive either normal or above normal rain during the upcoming summer monsoon season, according to the consensus statement released at the 22nd South Asia Climate Outlook Forum (SASCOF).

The forecast is almost in tune with the first stage Southwest Monsoon forecast for India released earlier this month by the India Meteorological Department.

As per the consensus statement, above normal rainfall has been predicted over the Himalayan foothills, parts of coastal Gujarat, north Maharashtra, Jharkhand, West Bengal, areas along Pakistan-Afghanistan border, Nepal,

Bhutan and northern Sri Lanka.

Rainfall during the June to September season will, however, be below normal over extreme southern areas of Kerala, Lakshadweep, west Rajasthan, Arunachal Pradesh, Ladakh, Kashmir, central and southern Sri Lanka, Bangladesh and Myanmar.

During the Southwest Monsoon season, the maximum temperature over most of South Asia -- barring Afghanistan, eastern Myanmar and Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh -- will remain above normal.

SASCOF is a forum where climate experts from India, Pakistan, Afghanistan, Nepal, Bhutan, Sri Lanka and Myanmar meet twice annually to discuss the Southwest and Northeast monsoons. This year, the meet was held virtually from April 26 to 28.

IMD: heatwave to intensify, 'orange' alert for 3 states

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
NEW DELHI, APRIL 28

THE ONGOING heatwave sweeping through vast swathes of the country will intensify in the next five days, with the IMD issuing an "orange" alert for Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh and parts of Maharashtra, and predicting a rise of another two degrees Celsius in northwest region.

According to an India Meteorological Department (IMD) forecast issued on Thursday, a heatwave spell will persist over northwest and central India during the next five days and over east India during the next three days.

"A rise of about two degrees Celsius in the maximum temperature (is) very likely over most parts of northwest India during

the next two days and no significant change thereafter," it said.

An orange alert has been issued for Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh, and the Vidarbha region of Maharashtra for next four days. The IMD uses four colour codes for weather warnings -- green (no action needed), yellow (watch and stay updated), orange (be prepared), and red (take action).

Based on absolute recorded temperatures, a heatwave is declared when an area logs a maximum temperature of 45 degrees Celsius. A severe heatwave is declared if the temperature crosses the 47-degree mark.

The IMD said the heatwave could lead to "moderate" health concerns for vulnerable people -- infants, the elderly, and people with chronic diseases -- in affected areas.

Repeal sedition law or stop its misuse with changes: Pawar

CHANDAN HAYGUNDE
PUNE, APRIL 28

IN AN additional affidavit filed before the Koregaon Bhima Inquiry Commission earlier this month, Nationalist Congress Party (NCP) chief Sharad Pawar has proposed amendments in some laws, including Section 124 A of the Indian Penal Code (IPC), which deals with sedition.

In the affidavit, Pawar stated that Section 124 of IPC "was inserted by the British in 1870 to control the uprisings against them and to suppress the freedom movement. However, in recent times, this section is often misused against people who criticise the government, suppressing their liberty and tends to stifle any voice of dissent raised in a peaceful and democratic way. Hence, it is proposed that the misuse of Section 124 A of IPC should be stopped with amendments or the said section should be repealed. I have a reason to say so because provisions of IPC and Unlawful Activities Prevention Act are sufficient for protecting national integrity."

The two-member commission, headed by retired High Court Justice JN Patel, is probing the causes of violence in Koregaon Bhima area on January 1, 2018, which had claimed one life and left hundreds injured.

Pawar had initially filed an affidavit before the commission in October 2018. After its hearings were stalled for over an year due to the Covid-19 pandemic, the



Sharad Pawar. *File*

commission had summoned Pawar to depose as a witness on February 23 and February 24 this year.

But the NCP chief sought an adjournment of his hearing, saying he wanted more time for filing an additional affidavit with detailed information. Pawar filed the additional affidavit on April 11. He has again been summoned by the commission to depose on May 5 and May 6.

But in his additional affidavit, Pawar said he has "no personal knowledge of information about the sequence of events" leading to the violence. "I have no allegation to make against the political agenda or motive behind such an unfortunate incident," he mentioned.

He further proposed amendments in some sections of the Criminal Procedure Code and IPC for "handling riot-like situations and avoiding any breach of public peace."

Along with Section 124 A of IPC, Pawar has proposed amendments in Section 144 of CrPc and Section 188 (disobedience to order duly promulgated by public servant) of IPC, Prevention of Defacement of Property Act

1983, the Maharashtra Prevention of Defacement of Property Act 1995 and also Chapter VIII of CrPc, which deals with "security for keeping peace and good behaviour".

Pawar has asked for "uniform" and "detailed guidelines" for controlling riot-like situations, in connection with sections 129 to 132 of CrPc, which deal with dispersal of unlawful assembly. Incidentally, Pawar had earlier raised suspicion about the role of Hindutva groups in the violent clashes. But in his first affidavit, Pawar had stated that he was "not in a position to specifically make allegations against any particular organisation" for causing the violence.

He also stated, "it is unfortunate that the state government and law enforcement authorities failed to protect the interest of the common man residing at Koregaon Bhima and around localities of Pune district. Active role of right-wing forces behind the violence at Koregaon Bhima cannot be ruled out. However, concrete evidence can be gathered only by the law enforcement agencies of the state."

Later, while addressing a press conference in February 2020, Pawar had made allegations against Hindutva leaders Milind Ekbote and Sambhaji Bhide. He had also raised doubts on the role of Pune City Police in investigating the Elgaar Parishad case, in which several prominent activists and lawyers have been arrested for their alleged links with banned CPI-Maoist.

Severe lung infections, kidney injury common in Covid deaths: study

SOHINI GHOSH
AHMEDABAD, APRIL 28

ACUTE KIDNEY injury, secondary respiratory infections and pulmonary macrothrombi (visible blood clots in pulmonary arteries) are common among patients infected with SarS-Cov-2 for more than a week, revealed autopsies of Covid-19 deceased conducted by PDU Government Medical College in Rajkot.

The findings of the autopsies conducted on 33 bodies validate previous clinical discoveries and have been published in Indian Journal of Medical Research on April 8.

The study—the first of its kind in Gujarat and led by Dr Hetal Kyada of the Rajkot-based medical college—noted that lungs bore most of the burden of Covid-19 in among the 33 subjects studied. This is in line with observations from previous autopsy studies of Covid deceased, globally and in India.

Additionally, the Rajkot study made a prominent finding of diffuse alveolar damage (DAD)—a histological feature of acute respiratory distress syndrome used to describe specific changes that occur to the structure of the lungs during injury or disease.

The study included 28 males and five females with a median

age of 61 years and an average hospitalisation rate of seven days. The patients had died between September 7, 2020 and December 23, 2020 with the average interval between death and autopsy being three hours.

All 33 patients required oxygen administration at some point during their hospitalisation with 30 of them requiring oxygen administration at the time of admission. Ultimately, 28 of them had to be shifted to invasive modes of ventilation with a median duration for mechanical ventilation being three days as their condition deteriorated gradually.

Similar to previous studies, microscopic and macroscopic evidence of secondary respiratory infections in the form of bronchopneumonia and lung abscesses were observed as a result of hospital-acquired infection. "Such nosocomial infections (contracted while in the hospital for another reason) among Covid-19 patients could be caused by prolonged hospitalisation, prolonged mechanical ventilation, central venous catheter usage, immunosuppressive medications such as steroids and tocilizumab, as well as potential lapses in routine infection-prevention measures due to overburdened hospitals during the pandemic," noted the published study.

Top NTA official says CUET does not take away importance of schools

SUKRITA BARUAH
DELHI, APRIL 28

A SENIOR National Testing Agency (NTA) official spoke to hundreds of school administrators on Thursday to apprise them of the common entrance exam for Central universities, and told them that it would not take away from the importance of senior secondary schooling.

Dr Sadhana Parashar, senior director (examinations) at the NTA, walked heads of schools through the registration process of the Common Universities Entrance Test (CUET) and the subjects students need to opt for

to be eligible for the programmes of their choice in universities. The session, aimed at enabling school administrators to help students through the new admission process for universities, was organised by Action Committee Unaided Recognised Private Schools — an umbrella body of private schools in India — as well as Indraprastha School Complex and Delhi Sahodaya Schools Complex.

Parashar began the session by saying that the introduction of CUET should not be seen as taking away from the importance of schools or class 12 examinations. "I would like to say that the CUET is completely designed based on

the syllabus of just grade 12. So it is nowhere taking away from the board exam. In fact, it is supplementary. And the only reason the ministry has got this into being is not just because it was part of the National Education Policy, but because there was so much of variation across the boards in the country in terms of the way the evaluation was done, the way the question papers were made, (and) the typology of the questions. So, sometimes, meritorious students got left behind..." she said.

She also told school authorities that the reduction in pressure on students to score very high marks in board exams could be seen as an opportunity.

Karnataka S-I recruitment scam: CID makes 17th arrest, a government staffer

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
BENGALURU, APRIL 28

THE CRIMINAL Investigation Department of Karnataka Police, which is probing into a scam in the examination to recruit 545 police sub-inspectors in the state, on Thursday arrested a government employee, who allegedly helped a woman candidate in the exam. This is the 17th arrest in the case.

Jyoti Patil is alleged to have

provided answers via a Bluetooth device to the candidate who appeared for the police sub-inspector recruitment exam at Jnana Jyothi English School in Kalaburagi on October 3, 2021.

The candidate obtained third rank among 25 women candidates selected from Kalyana Karnataka region, scoring 101 out of 150 marks. She is yet to be arrested.

A first division assistant in Kalaburagi Municipal Corporation, Patil is accused of

providing answers to the candidate over a Bluetooth device arrangement created by another government employee, Manjunath Malekundi, who is currently absconding.

The exam scam emerged after a candidate, Veeresh N, who obtained seventh rank among 67 candidates selected from Kalyana Karnataka region, was found to have obtained 121 marks in the exam despite answering only 21 out of 100 questions in an objective paper for 150 marks.

Kerala: cops issue lookout circular against producer-actor in rape case

SHAJU PHILIP
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM, APRIL 28

THE KERALA Police on Thursday issued a lookout circular against Malayalam actor-producer Vijay Babu who has been booked for allegedly raping a woman actor after promising her a role in his films.

Babu has gone into hiding after the woman filed a police complaint on April 22 and alleged he had raped her multiple times over the past one month.

A separate case was filed soon after as Babu appeared in a Facebook live session and, while



Vijay Babu

pleading his innocence, revealed the woman's identity.

On Thursday, as police examined the premises in Kochi where the alleged sexual abuse had taken place, Kochi city police commissioner CH Nagaraju told reporters Babu seems to have fled the country.

"Prima facie the exploitative angle in the case is established. We have collected evidence and statements corroborating the allegations in the complaint," Nagaraju said. "If he is not return-

ing to the country to face the case, we will explore other options."

Babu, who has been active in the film industry for over a decade, is the founder of Friday Film House production company. He has six productions to his credit.

The woman had first made the allegations against Babu on a Facebook page "Women Against Sexual Harassment". "He won my trust by being friendly and advising me as I was a novice in the film industry. Under the guise of a professional guide, he sexually exploited me. Disregarding my protest, he raped me several times," she wrote.

While pleading innocence during his Facebook live, Babu had said: "I am the real victim."

Bharat Ek Khoj actor Salim Ghouse dies

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, APRIL 28

FILM AND TV actor Salim Ghouse passed away on Thursday in Mumbai after suffering a cardiac arrest. He was 70. The last rites of the actor were performed early on Thursday morning.

Salim Ghouse's wife Anita Salim confirmed her husband's death. She told *The Indian Express* that after experiencing pain in his chest on Wednesday night, he passed away on Thursday morning due to a cardiac arrest.

She said, "We took him to Kokilaben Hospital last night, and he passed away this morning. He hated grieving and wanted life to go on. He didn't suffer, he wouldn't have liked being dependent



A renowned name in the theatre circuit, Salim Ghouse had a few international projects to his credit. *Twitter/ @CinemaRareIN*

on anyone. He was a man with a lot of self-respect. He was a multifaceted actor, a martial artist, an actor, a director and a lovely chef in the kitchen."

The Family Man actor Sharib Hashmi condoled the death and tweeted, "Pehli baar

#SalimGhouse Sahab ko tv serial #Subah mein dekha tha! Aur unka kaam behadd lajvaab laga tha!! Unki awaaz."

Ghouse started his acting journey in 1978 with the movie Swarg Narak, following which he featured in films like Chakra

(1981), Saaransh (1984), Mohan Joshi Hazir Ho! (1984), and several others.

The other films where Ghouse played prominent parts include Manthan, Kalyug, Trikal, Aghaat, Drohi, Thiruda Thiruda, Sardari Begum, Koyla, Soldier, Aks, and several others.

Ghouse was also a known face in the television industry. He essayed the roles of Rama, Krishna and Tipu Sultan in Shyam Benegal's TV Series *Bharat Ek Khoj*. He was also a part of the sitcom Wagle Ki Duniya (1988).

A renowned name in the theatre circuit, Salim Ghouse also had a few international projects to his credits including Kim, The Perfect Murder, The Deceivers, The Maharaja's Daughter and Getting Personal.

FCRA CANCELLATION MHA allegations vague, will explore legal remedies: CHRI

DEEPTIMAN TIWARY
NEW DELHI, APRIL 28

THE COMMONWEALTH Human Rights Initiative (CHRI), whose registration under the Foreign Contribution Regulation Act (FCRA) was cancelled by the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) recently, said on Thursday that it had explained every alleged irregularity pointed out by the ministry but its cancellation order does not mention why they were unsatisfactory.

It said one of the grounds for cancellation is vague and cannot even be explained. The NGO said it will explore all legal remedies to reverse the cancellation.

"CHRI fully cooperated with the MHA in all the proceedings initiated since June 2021, by submitting detailed responses against the allegations contained in the suspension order, the (MHA) Audit Team's observations and the show cause notice. More than 7,500 pages of records containing details of our transactions were photocopied and submitted on MHA's demand, within the deadlines stipulated. Nothing in the cancellation order indicates, why the MHA finds our explanation unsatisfactory, unreasonable or untenable," a CHRI statement said.

"CHRI will seek all remedies in law to reverse the MHA's cancellation order. Meanwhile, CHRI will continue to work for the practical realisation of people's human rights, access to justice and access to information, as per its mandate," it said.

According to the CHRI, the MHA's April 19 order of cancellation cited three main grounds for taking action against the NGO. The first ground was that the CHRI had credited a sum of Rs 31.9 lakh in its FCRA bank account although it is not covered under the definition of "foreign contribution". The second was that the NGO provided incomplete information in FC-4 Form in financial year (FY) 2018-19 by not disclosing details of activities/projects for which foreign contributions had been received and utilised.

The third ground for cancellation was that the NGO utilised foreign contribution on activities beyond the scope of the Act for which the registration was granted.



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BECAUSE THE TRUTH INVOLVES US ALL

WITH DUE RESPECT

Delhi High Court's comments on Umar Khalid's political vocabulary strike a jarring, and disquieting, note

ON WEDNESDAY, HEARING the bail application of student and activist Umar Khalid in the larger conspiracy case of the 2020 Northeast Delhi riots, the Delhi High Court asked if it is “proper” to use the term “jumla” for the Prime Minister of India. The day after, that is not the question. It is: What does it mean when a high court asks what it did? That the Division Bench of Justice Siddharth Mridul and Justice Rajnish Bhatnagar should be so easily offended on the PM's behalf, that it should speak of a “laxman rekha” for criticism of government, points to more disturbing things. These are times when the ruling establishment has made a dismal habit of labelling dissenters and political opponents as “anti-national”, and harsh laws like the UAPA are being weaponised to target critics. These are times, too, when the courts are not as vigilant against the misuse of law to cramp citizens' freedoms, and when they all too often give the executive the benefit of doubt. In times like these, especially, Delhi HC's objections to words used by Umar Khalid in a speech in Amravati in February 2020 strike a jarring note.

The Delhi HC has also flagged “oont pahad ke neeche aa gaya (idiomatic Hindi for cutting the arrogant down to size)” and the use of expressions like “inquilabi” and “krantikari (revolutionary)” in the speech. The court's picking on satirical or polemical words and innocuous phrases underlines a deepening worry about the Delhi riots cases — that dots are being joined loosely and indiscriminately, between legitimate protests against a law, CAA-NRC, in which Khalid also participated, and the communal violence that broke out in Northeast Delhi which left 53 dead. The central pillar that holds the prosecution's edifice is the criminalisation of the protest by linking it to the violence and, by invoking the UAPA, even to terror. Another bench of the Delhi HC, last year, spoke wisely and sharply against this, while granting bail to Khalid's co-accused, Natasha Narwal, Devangana Kalita and Asif Tanha: “... it seems that in its anxiety to suppress dissent, in the mind of the state, the line between the constitutionally guaranteed right to protest and terrorist activity seems to be getting somewhat blurred. If this mindset gains traction, it would be a sad day for democracy”. The Supreme Court intervened within days of that HC order, though, and while it did not cancel the bail, it said that the reading down of the anti-terror law is “not to be treated as precedent by any court”.

But that reading down of the harsh law, the underlining of crucial distinctions between “protest”, “law and order”, “security of the state” and “terror”, and the court's warning that “wanton use of serious penal provisions would only trivialise them” is a judicial moment to hold on to. It gives reason to hope that the excesses of the executive will be checked by the court. One hopes, with due respect, that the court, through its remarks on Khalid's vocabulary, was merely being provocative in the back-and-forth that marks the adversarial process of justice. Because when citizens' freedoms are threatened, the only bulwark is a judiciary that will speak up without ambivalence or delay, on substance rather than style. To flag what can, or cannot, offend the PM is not the responsibility of an independent judiciary.

LET THEM LEARN

Kerala move to study Gujarat scheme stokes political controversy. But states must share ideas to improve governance

KERALA'S PINARAYI VIJAYAN-LED government has done well to ignore the Opposition's barbs on sending the chief secretary, V P Joy, to Gujarat to study the latter's “dashboard” scheme. Joy, who arrived in Ahmedabad on Wednesday, praised the scheme that allows the chief minister to monitor progress of public works and programmes across ministries and the working of bureaucrats in real time from his office.

It is a sign of polarised times that even a courteous exchange of views or the sharing of ideas that can benefit citizens get caught up in political polemic. Institutions such as the National Development Council (NDC) — presided over by the prime minister, with Union ministers, chief ministers, members of the Planning Commission, now NITI Aayog, ministers of state with independent charge, as members — were built in the 1950s as a platform for states to share ideas and learn from each other. The NDC ceased to be a lively platform long ago and the Narendra Modi government had proposed to wind up the Nehru-era institution. Instead, the Modi government reconstituted the Planning Commission as NITI Aayog and re-imagined it as a resource centre — “a repository of research on good governance and best practices in sustainable and equitable development...” — for states. However, political rhetoric and showmanship often gets in the way.

State governments should showcase their success stories and invite other governments to learn from them. Gujarat could learn ways to improve school education from Kerala while Tamil Nadu should be a model for states such as UP in optimising welfare schemes and building a robust public health system. Jammu and Kashmir's record on land reforms, working of Panchayati Raj institutions in Karnataka, and rural cooperatives of Maharashtra could be profitably studied by other states. Of course, political considerations will remain. For instance, the CPM expelled two-time MP, AP Abdullakutty, from the party in 2009 for praising the “Gujarat model” — he has since joined the BJP. The Congress seems to have taken the baton from the CPM in censuring engagements with the “enemy” — recently, it threatened disciplinary action against party leaders speaking at the CPM party congress. But all parties must recognise when the drawing of rigid political lines becomes counter-productive, when it starts looking like a self-goal.

UMRAN MALIK

From Kashmir, a son of a fruit-seller, a boy who began as a net-bowler, who is yet to play for the country, offers hope

FOR THE PAST few years the Indian Test team has had a potent pace attack that has been the envy of the world. But there has never been someone quite like Umrان Malik. You can marvel at Jasprit Bumrah's physique and the intelligence in his bowling, appreciate Mohammad Shami's seam positions, smile at Umesh Yadav's swing at pace, nod at Mohammad Siraj's springy zest. But Malik injects a never-before feeling: A visceral thrill at watching a ball rush through the air. There have been highly skilful fast bowlers and more are mushrooming, but Malik hurls intimidatory blurs, adrenalin-kickers, cannonballs to satiate cricket devotees' lust for pace.

His background adds romance to the story. From Kashmir, a son of a fruit-seller, a boy who began as a net-bowler, and who is yet to play for the country. What he offers is hope, and his emergence upholds the cherished belief that in sport, particularly cricket at least, an Indian with a talent will be identified, nurtured, and celebrated — regardless of class, race, religion, region or language.

But at the core, the real deal is Malik's pace. It may not last too long, and he will probably need more than that to become a great bowler. But that sobering thought can wait. In the here and now, it's how he takes the pitch out of the equation, how he makes fierce Australians go weak in their knees, how he makes international batsmen flinch in pain. He is growing as a bowler. Toes and heads are being threatened, LED-balls are lighting up eagerly, stumps are flying, and as Jeff Thompson, probably the fastest bowler that ever was, once said, he can smell fear in the batsmen. For the first time, an Indian bowler can say the same.

A war runs through it

Russia-Ukraine conflict has upended many assumptions in the Union budget, complicating fiscal management



MADAN SABNAVIS

THE UNION BUDGET 2022-23 received a great deal of attention even before the financial year began due to the Russia-Ukraine conflict, and the consequent rise in inflation. There has been considerable speculation on whether the fiscal targets will be altered due to the evolving conditions. The government, however, is quite sure of the numbers and has not spoken about the need to revisit them. Let's see how things have changed since February.

To begin with, the critical estimate of GDP growth assumed for this year has certainly changed, with the RBI also adjusting its earlier forecast. However, the budget was conservative to begin with, assuming an 11.1 per cent growth estimate on which its revenue collection targets were based. Given that real GDP growth has been scaled down by the RBI to 7.2 per cent, and as inflation has gone up, on balance, the 11.1 per cent assumption looks tenable. Hence, inflation has been a positive for the government in this respect.

Another positive that emerged last year was that overall tax collections were even more buoyant than expected. From the budgeted figure of Rs 22.17 lakh crore, the revised estimates raised the target to Rs 25.16 lakh crore. In comparison, actual collections have turned out to be even higher at Rs 27.07 lakh crore. Budgets normally calculate taxes as a per cent of GDP; and this ratio rose by almost 1 percentage point to 11.7 per cent in 2021-22, up from the revised estimates of 10.8 per cent. If this buoyancy is maintained, then the government can expect the 2022-23 target of Rs 27.57 lakh crore to be exceeded by around Rs 2.5 lakh crore (of this, around 30 per cent will go to the states). The Centre would potentially get an extra Rs 1.75 lakh crore. But will this scenario materialise?

This additional revenue would ideally flow from enhanced GST collections, corporate tax, and customs. Central to GST collections increasing is private consumption. Today, high inflation erodes the purchasing power of households, which will divert a larger portion

of their incomes for necessities that have become expensive. Therefore, there will be uncertainty here. Corporates did well last year as they did manage to pass on higher input costs to the consumers, especially in the second half of the year. Can they do it for the second time is the question. High growth in trade volumes led to the government raking in higher customs collections. With global growth set to slow down in 2022, a similar flow is unlikely. Therefore, higher tax collections cannot be taken for granted on account of the buoyancy witnessed last year.

At the same time, the government will be watchful of excise collections as it is possible that rising fuel prices will lead to lower consumption. Interestingly, overall consumption of petro products increased in March 2022 even as the daily price hikes set in. Also, in case crude oil continues on the current path and remains in the region of \$100-120/barrel, a call may have to be taken by the government on the excise duty: Once the prices of diesel and petrol remain at a new threshold, there will be a tendency for freight rates to be increased permanently. This will have a secondary impact on inflation. A careful assessment will be needed on this front.

Further, on the revenue side, the LIC disinvestment that was to happen last year will materialise this year. The disinvestment has been pushed through for May, but would be of a much lower amount (around Rs 21,000 crore) than envisaged earlier. But this does send a strong message that the government is determined to go through with the disinvestment. It will be interesting to see if this would be a part of the Rs 65,000 crore target for this year. At any rate, other big-ticket disinvestments have to be considered this year.

On the expenditure side, too, there is uncertainty on account of the price rise. The biggest concern will be the fertiliser subsidy, which has been a volatile expenditure item. Higher prices of natural gas have meant that fertilisers have been more expensive and so, the budgeted amount of Rs 1.05 lakh crore

will have to be revisited. With inflation already high and agriculture expected to be the bright spot again, the government cannot risk ignoring the subsidy element on fertilisers because there can be an impact on farm product prices.

The food subsidy will also need to be examined. The minimum support price (MSP) has become even more significant today because there is a corresponding commitment to procurement. The present rise in food prices globally has meant that there is a good global market, especially for wheat. Exports for wheat and maize might rise but can distort the procurement process. The MSPs may have to be made more attractive to ensure that there are adequate stocks with the FCI. Under normal circumstances, this may not have mattered but the decision to extend the free food scheme for the first six months of the year does mean that stocking has to keep pace.

The budget had assumed that interest rates would be stable. However, conditions have changed quite quickly with bond yields moving up by almost 50 bps for the 10-year G-secs. The market expectation is that the benchmark can touch 7.4-7.5 per cent if conditions do not improve in the global arena. This will mean that the entire Rs 15.95 lakh crore of gross borrowing will have to be carried out at a higher cost. This can result in an additional Rs 8,000 crore of interest if the 50 basis points increase holds through the year. There could be an upward bias if rates go up further.

Therefore, the course and length of the war are critical. The longer the conflict continues the greater will be the impact. While the government has adeptly managed the fiscal numbers in the last couple of years, this year will be particularly challenging considering the nature of the shock.

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SHOCK-PROOFING POWER

Efficiency of thermal plants must be increased and regulators empowered



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IN OCTOBER LAST year, India witnessed significant power shortages stemming from the low inventory of coal at the power plants. After seven months, we are back to square one as reports of coal-shortage induced power outages across states continue to pour in. On the one hand, there is a rush towards buying expensive coal and power on the exchanges. On the other, states like Andhra Pradesh and Gujarat have asked industries to reduce consumption to manage the power deficit. As economic activity resumed after the Covid-induced lockdowns, the demand-supply mismatch for commodities such as coal widened globally, leading to a surge in prices. Geopolitical tensions have exacerbated the existing crisis. Amidst such unprecedented volatility, how can the Indian power sector become more resilient to future shocks?

Global supply disruptions due to the Russia-Ukraine conflict have sent coal prices touching historical highs. The cost of imported coal in India is expected to be 35 per cent higher in the fiscal year 2022-23 compared to the past year. Subsequently, power producers paid a premium of up to 300 per cent in March to secure coal supplies in the domestic spot market.

Even as coal stocks available with state thermal power plants fell, India also witnessed a sudden rise in energy demand in March — the hottest in its recorded history. This pushed peak power demand to 199 GW in the middle of March. The last week of March saw a 13 per cent higher demand over past year trends, accompanied by high electricity prices on the power exchange.

This has left distribution companies (discoms) with two options: Procure expensive power, but face uncertainty in revenue recovery or resort to power rationing, as several states are doing.

The Ministry of Power has taken a host of measures to alleviate the crisis. This includes giving directions to ensure maximum production of coal at captive mines, rationing of coal to non-power sectors, and a price cap of Rs 12 per unit on electricity traded on exchanges. But we need to do more to enhance the sector's resilience to such disruptions from exogenous factors.

First, create an enabling ecosystem to ensure power plants work efficiently. India has about 200 GW of coal-based generation capacity which accounts for nearly 70 per cent of the total electricity generated in the country. However, according to a CEEW assessment, a disproportionate share of generation comes from older inefficient plants, while the newer and efficient ones remain idle for want of favourable coal supply contracts or power purchase agreements. Revisiting fuel allocation and supporting the priority dispatch of efficient plants could help India reduce coal demand by up to 6 per cent of our annual requirement, and set aside more coal for the proverbial rainy day.

Second, enable discoms to undertake smart assessment and management of demand. We have advanced tools for medium- and short-term demand forecasting. However, few discoms have embraced these to inform their procurement decisions. With more than 90 per cent of power being procured through long-term con-

tracts, discoms have little incentive to dynamically assess and manage demand. Introducing time-of-day pricing and promoting efficient consumption behaviour would help shave peak demand and avoid panic buying in the market.

Third, empower electricity regulators to help bring down discom losses. Despite two decades of sectoral reforms, the aggregate losses of discoms stand at 21 per cent (2019-20). This is reflective of both operational inefficiency and poor recovery of dues from consumers, including those affiliated with state governments and municipal bodies. These losses are also the reason for discoms not being able to pay the generators on time, resulting in payment delays to Coal India, which, in turn, is reluctant to supply coal on request. Besides the ongoing initiatives like introducing smart meters and network strengthening, empowering regulators would be critical to infuse payment discipline across the supply chain of the electricity sector and to keep cost recovery as a key metric.

Given the country's development aspirations, India's power demand is set to rise substantially and become more variable. Increasing climatic and geopolitical uncertainties underscore the need to become more efficient in the way we generate, distribute and consume energy. We need to act now for the long-term resilience of India's power sector.

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UN CENSURES ISRAEL

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neral Assembly on Wednesday adopted a resolution for Palestinian statehood. It branded Israel “not a peace-loving” UN member and condemned the US support for it.

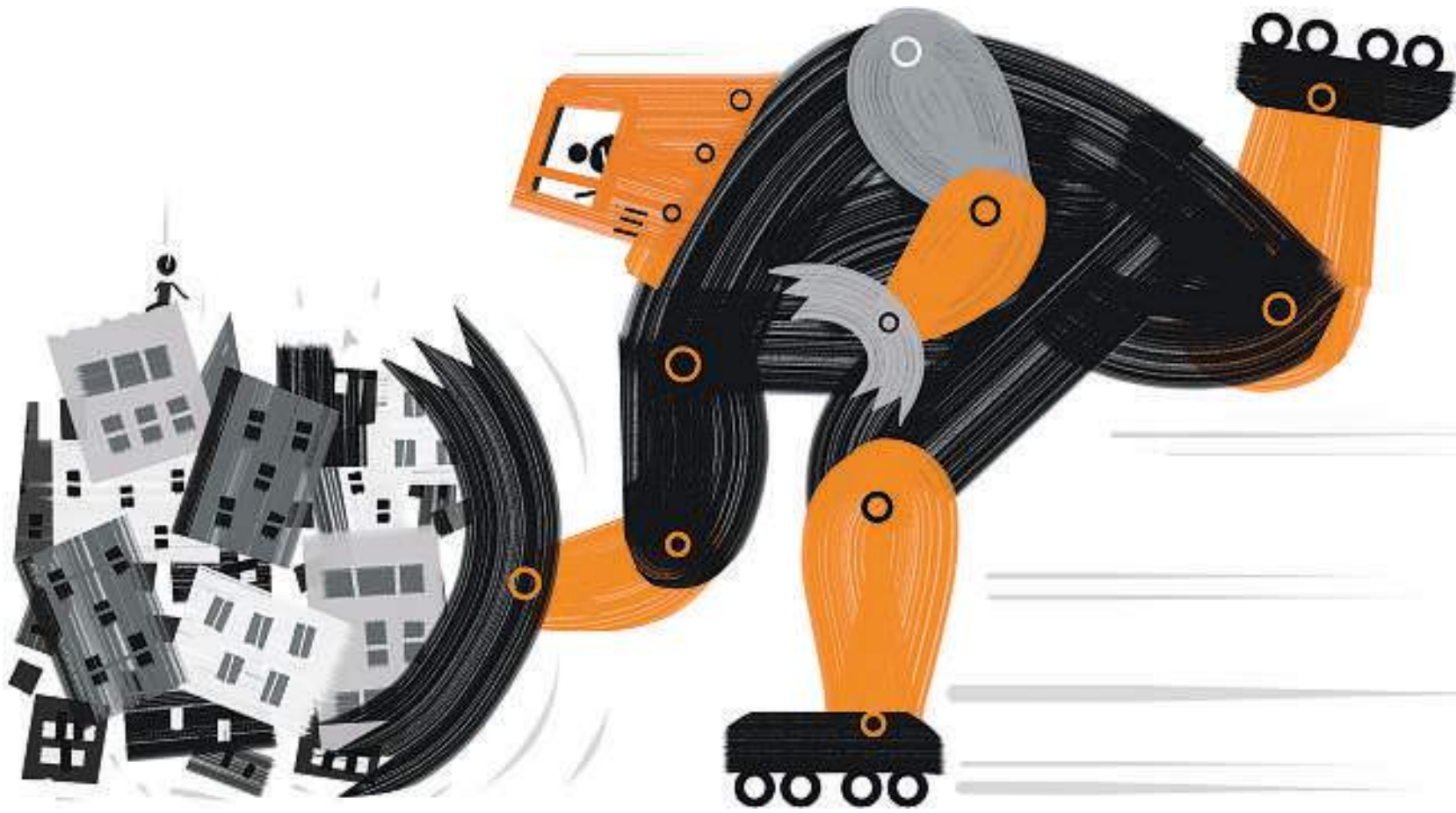
VELAYATI IN DELHI

THE FOREIGN MINISTER of Iran, Ali Akbar Velayati, met External Affairs Minister, P V Narasimha Rao on April 28. Velayati is in Delhi on a five-day official visit. According to a spokesperson of the Ministry of External Affairs, Velayati explained to Rao that the purpose of his visit was to consolidate Iran's relations with India in the political, economic, commercial, industrial and other fields.



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The IDEAS PAGE



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The return of instant justice

Tendency of law enforcement agencies to pronounce verdicts and dispense punishment, without going through due process, signals a setback to the quest for a more humane justice system



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IN FYODOR DOSTOEVSKY'S all-time great novel *Crime and Punishment*, the hero Rodion Raskolnikov initiates a classical discourse on the sociology of crime and the rationale of society punishing the "criminal". It was a common belief till the second half of the 19th century, when this immortal character was created, that a criminal is a cursed creature who deserves exemplary punishment, that too publicly. Justice was often instant with very few rights available to the person facing the "judge". In many cases, a person declared guilty was stoned, beheaded or hanged to death in full public view.

The changing face of the criminal, crime and punishment offers fascinating insights into the changing value systems of society. Acts considered criminal a few hundred years ago do not attract punishment today. Most societies don't punish extramarital relationships and LGBT people are not seen as deviants. Similarly, the rights of a person charged to defend himself reasonably have been recognised as part of natural justice. It is like the journey of a state towards civilisation. A more civilised society means more compassion towards a delinquent. The purpose of punishment changes from the destruction of the soul and body of a recalcitrant to facilitating him to become an integral part of the nation. Nation-states that top the human development ladder have abolished capital punishment. In India, the courts award such punishment in the rarest of the rare circumstances.

Civilised societies have also recognised the rights of the accused as part of natural justice. Instant justice has become a thing of

the past and an accused is provided a lawyer, his right to appeal a sentence is honoured and a person is generally considered innocent until proved otherwise. The sudden appearance of a bulldozer denies a victim any opportunity to avail any of these — *vakil*, *daili* and appeal. He is simply condemned to watch an arrogant bureaucracy demolish his property helplessly.

In independent India, which is trying to modernise very fast, instant justice has been abolished from the books but is deeply entrenched in the psyche of the people. Ram Manohar Lohia, a dominant presence in the political discourses of this country till the late 1960s, described this tendency as "cruel cowardice". He gave the example of the average Indian who dared not oppose the goonda of his locality but never missed the chance to give a blow to the pickpocket caught at a bus stop.

The Indian state displays this tendency at times, though not as brazenly as it has done of late. From my UP experience, I can admit that there was always a complicit state that looked the other way when a "dreaded outlaw" was gunned down by the police in an "encounter", but such acts were rarely celebrated. Except for a brief period when V P Singh was the chief minister and the state publicly extolled encounters, which were mostly fake, governments are not known to acknowledge them openly. A state may take some corrective measures, though unwillingly, only when there is a public outcry or judicial intervention. It is after a long gap that important political and executive functionaries have started speaking publicly in favour of instant justice. The police have been given the role of investigator, judge and executioner and they are really enjoying it. In the last few years, hundreds of people who were yet to be declared guilty by a court of law were, reportedly, shot in their legs and maimed.

The most unfortunate part of the story is that a large number of people support this cruelty. A few years ago, youngsters who had sexually assaulted and murdered a doctor

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were taken out of jail and killed by the police in a manner which could have shaken the conscience of any civilised society. However, the people of Hyderabad celebrated this ghastly violation of the law. Perhaps the traditional attraction for instant justice discouraged citizens from asking questions about the inability of the justice dispensation system of the country to punish such heinous criminals in a short time frame. My memory of UP has numerous anecdotes of people coming out on the streets and celebrating the killing or maiming of a person by the police who otherwise could not be punished by a court of law. This shows both attraction towards instant justice and the acceptance of an outdated legal framework, not equipped to meet the challenges of modern-day life. The state also appears to be happy about this uncivil acceptance, as bringing fundamental changes in police procedures, prosecution and courts will involve expenditure, and instant justice is cheap. The time has come when the nation has to choose between an expensive civilised justice dispensation system or a brute tradition in which the police dons the cap of investigator, judge and hangman.

Recent instances of bulldozing residential or commercial dwellings of people who the rulers of the day think have committed unpardonable crimes have opened the Pandora's box from where some very uncomfortable questions are emanating about the character of the Indian state. Instant justice makes an individual barbaric and similarly, instant justice makes a society barbaric. The bulldozer culture is turning the Indian state into an uncivilised and barbaric state. If this is not stopped immediately we will lose whatever little we have achieved through our wonderful Constitution in the last seven decades. Our journey to make our society democratic and amenable to the rule of law will turn into a nightmare.

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CHETANA SACHIDANANDAN

PRIYAM WAS THE life of the party at the day-care centre. A bright-eyed boy who captured the heart of the caretakers and played with abandon. Some time after his second birthday, all this started changing. He stopped playing with his toys, he seemed more interested in organising them now. He stopped talking, not responding even when called by name. He stopped smiling at people and making eye contact. Then the rhythmic movements started; rocking his body, banging his head or repeatedly tapping on the table. One day he banged his head so much that when his father came, hurriedly summoned by the caretaker, there was a trickle of blood running down his face. That was his last day at the centre; they refused to keep him after that.

Nancy was different. Growing up in a family with siblings and grandparents, she was used to people. But outsiders were studiously ignored. She heard all the questions and comments but never acknowledged them. Loud noises, rough-textured clothes, squishy toys, strong-smelling foods, all caused strong aversion. Now 10, she ventures out to play with other kids. She is often confused by the endless chatting of the other kids. She cannot fathom why they can't just

come, play and go home. She comes home crying most days because the others refused to include her in their play. She is smart, she understands that she is doing something wrong, but does not know what.

After multiple visits to the paediatrician and clinical psychologists, numerous questionnaires, behavioural evaluations through observations and play, both Nancy and Priyam were diagnosed to have Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD). People with ASD have difficulties in social interaction and communication, show repetitive behaviours like rocking movements or repeating certain words over and over again and are obsessive about routine and order in their daily lives. Between one in 50 to one in 150 people have a diagnosis of ASD in countries where this is being systematically done. In India, we do not have sufficiently uniform access to diagnosis to know the numbers.

A range of conditions previously known as Autism or Pervasive Developmental Disorder (PDD) or Asperger's Syndrome now come under the common umbrella of Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD). Like Priyam and Nancy, people with ASD have very diverse difficulties, hence the term "spectrum" is used. True to the name, brain

scans of people with ASD show a range of differences: In the volume and size of the brain and in the numbers and connectivity of neurons in the brain. But none of these differences is enough to diagnose a child as being on the Autism Spectrum. We know that the brains of ASD people are different from the brains of neurotypical people but we still do not know how that causes the behavioural changes. Autism is mostly genetic; the risk for autism increases in families with previous cases of ASD. But there is no single "autism gene" that can be tested for risk. The condition is a result of brain development being affected by a combination of nearly 100 or so genes.

High-functioning ASD kids, like Nancy, find it difficult to navigate the social world, but they are independent, able to attend mainstream schools, find employment and thrive. Many times, they excel at something that gets them noticed among their peers such as extraordinary mathematical, musical or artistic abilities. For such "high-functioning" autistic kids, these skills make their journey through life somewhat easier. But at the other end of the ASD spectrum are the children who do not speak beyond a few words, like Priyam. Some, but not all non-

verbal children, may also have an intellectual disability. These children would usually need occupational therapy to identify objects by name, to learn to ask for help and communicate with others.

In a recent study, scientists tested the communication abilities of neurotypical adults with autistic adults and autistic adults with other autistic adults. Very surprisingly, they found that autistic people could communicate with each other as well as neurotypical people can with other neurotypical adults. This study revealed that perhaps it is not just the ASD individuals who need help with communication. But rather, the rest of the society should also learn how to communicate with, work with and value the diversity of brains we have amongst us. As parents, as teachers, as friends and family, we must learn how to open our arms and minds to differences amongst us. Many autistic children go on to live happy, fulfilled, loved and loving adult lives. But this journey always begins with acceptance and engagement at home and in the immediate social circle.

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WHAT THE OTHERS SAY

"When Donald Trump was hoicked off Twitter and Facebook, Mr Musk tweeted: 'A lot of people are going to be super unhappy with West Coast high tech as the de facto arbiter of free speech.' Fair point then, fair point now." — THE GUARDIAN

Making room for the victim

SC judgment on bail in Lakhimpur Kheri case shows how the trial process can be remodelled to become more participatory



UPMA GAUTAM AND PRIYA DAS

THE VICTIMS' MOVEMENT, decrying the criminal justice system's lack of a participatory approach, spread like wildfire around the world in the previous century. The movement that began in the US has withstood the test of time and is credited with establishing the present discourse on enhancing the victim's position as a stakeholder in the administration of criminal justice.

Crime, which is essentially a wrong against the state, triggers the entire state machinery (police, judiciary) to spring into action to remedy the wrong and punish the wrongdoer. The cog that sets the wheel in motion acts as a mere spectator in the entire battle fought between the prosecutor and the accused. However, the recent decision of the Supreme Court in *Jagjeet Singh and Ors. v. Ashish Mishra and Anr.* (Lakhimpur Kheri violence case) has ignited a beacon of hope in victim jurisprudence. In this judgment, the court cancelled the bail granted to the accused by the high court over the denial of a fair and effective hearing to the victim in the bail proceedings. This necessitates an inquiry into the role of the victim in an adversarial criminal justice system like ours. As former US President Ronald Reagan put it, "For too long, the victims of crime have been the forgotten persons of our criminal justice system".

A milestone in the recognition of victims in the criminal justice process was the UN Declaration of Basic Principles of Justice for Victims of Crime and Abuse of Power, 1985. Victim participation is given a prominent position in various jurisdictions throughout the world and can be observed at various stages of a criminal trial, including producing evidence and questioning witnesses. It includes the right to know the status of the investigation, petition the court for further direction, being heard in the grant or cancellation of bail and advance arguments after the submission of the prosecutor's arguments. Unfortunately, in India, the victim is consigned to the shadows and often lurks in the background of a criminal trial, and even the protection of her interests is entirely dependent on the alacrity of public prosecutors who are already overloaded by the Indian court system's vast pendancy.

The convenient wielding of the wand by the courts in granting bail is buttressed by the Prison Statistics of India (NCRB, 2020), according to which 39.3 per cent of convicts and 95.4 per cent of undertrial prisoners were enlarged on bail in 2020, thus affirming the canon that "bail is the rule, jail an exception". The ever-evolving jurisprudence of bail is primarily dealt with by the Code of

Criminal Procedure 1973 and supplemented by judicial precedents. Granting bail in non-bailable cases is at the discretion of the court or the officer, depending on numerous factors like nature and gravity of accusation, severity of punishment which the conviction will entail, the danger of the accused absconding, tampering with evidence, reoffending and the interest of society. It is pertinent to note here that bail is an infeasible right of the accused in bailable cases; the scope of discretion is only in non-bailable matters.

The victim's participation in bail matters is provided for in the limited circumstances of non-bailable matters or where the accused is to be released on bail in case of suspension of sentence pending appeal, where the punishment prescribed is more than seven years imprisonment, and in cancellation of bail. The opportunity of being heard here is conferred on the public prosecutor, representing the victim. The high court, in the exercise of its inherent power, can allow the complainant or the victim to intervene and oppose the bail, pending appeal.

In contrast, special legislation like the SC/ST (Prevention of Atrocities) Act and POCSO Act, expressly recognise the victim's right to reasonable, accurate, and timely notice of any court proceedings, including the bail proceedings and to be informed by a special public prosecutor regarding the same. This right extends to the right of being heard at any proceeding under the act — bail, release, conviction, sentence, etc.

The V S Malimath Committee (2003) and 268th Law Commission Report of India, (2017) championed the victim's right to participate in grant or cancellation of bail and suggested "victim impact assessment" reports in bail matters, respectively. The concerns of the victim, along with the information on the physical, mental, the social impact of the crime and bail, must be given due consideration.

The victims' right to be heard at every stage of the proceedings under the SC/ST Act has been held to be inexecutable by the Supreme Court in *Hariram Bhambi v. Satyanarayan* (2021), where non-issuance of notice to the victims for the bail proceeding was held to be incurable. However, the victim's right to be heard is completely disregarded in IPC offences, as evidenced by the frowning of the apex court in *Rasiklal v. Kishore* (2009) upon cancellation of bail (non-bailable case) on the grounds of the complainant being unheard.

The ripples created by the decision of the Supreme Court reinforcing the right of a victim to be heard in matters of bail in non-bailable cases is one of the first steps in the long journey of remodelling the Indian criminal justice system to make it more victim-inclusive at each stage. The bail application in non-bailable cases should be decided after weighing the relevant considerations and affording an adequate opportunity of hearing to the victims.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

LEARNING LOSS

THIS REFERS TO the article, 'A time to re-visit the school' (IE, April 28). The need for well-organised government schools, particularly in the rural areas and aimed at facilitating learning for poor children is well stated, but the government does not seem to be alive to this issue. As against the 6 per cent of GDP required for education annually envisaged in the National Education Policy, the actual education budget has been hovering around 3.1 per cent, including this year. Much of it is in the area of digital education even as the recurring problem of understaffing and inadequate infrastructure in many schools remains unsolved. The addition of more IIMs and IITs is highlighted by the government. Efforts to rewrite history or introduce controversial religious practices could have waited till the challenge of making up for the loss of learning among the poor was sorted out.

Y G Chouksey, Pune

FREEDOM, FIEFDOM

THIS REFERS TO the editorial, 'Musk's Twitter' (IE, April 28). The title itself paints an ominous portrait of the state of free speech in present times. The digital public conversation now runs the risk of being spun by an individual. Even more concerning is the fact that Elon Musk views free speech as a binary — it either exists or does not. The extant algorithms of Twitter have been unable to moderate hate speech. A reduction in content monitor-

ing, as intended by Musk, is only going to exacerbate the issue.

Shreya Singh, Mumbai

This refers to the editorial, 'Musk's Twitter' (IE, April 28). Elon Musk's single-handed purchase of Twitter raises many red flags. As a self-proclaimed free speech absolutist, perhaps Musk would do well to remember that any kind of absolutism could easily turn into extremism. Freedom is inextricably linked with responsibility, which someone like Musk might incorrectly translate as restrictions. The world today is no stranger to how instances of hate speech, fake news, and misinformation about public health issues posted on social media platforms, when left unchecked, have led to dangerous consequences. Ownership implies control, and an individual's monopoly over public conversation is alarming.

Samiksha, Rohtak

HATE, A DISTRACTION

This refers to the report, 'Section 144, preventive arrests: Roorkee keeps the peace after SC order' (IE, April 28). The so-called Dharam Sansads, in effect insidious platforms for hate-mongering, could not be held at Roorkee after the apex court's intervention. This is just a temporary respite. The spewing of venom by hate peddlers — hand in glove with the BJP — shall grow in tandem with ballooning inflation, rising poverty and unemployment as this is the best strategy to distract attention from these burning issues.

Deepak Singhla, Noida



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|--|---|---|---------------------|--|------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|--|--|----------------------------------|
| 1. | Canara Bank Gurgaon AFTS Branch, T51, Sohna Road Air Force Station Campus, 122001, Gurgaon | All that part and parcel of the property consisting of flat no/ plot no 40-41 (old), Hno 1310A/5, Gali No 05 in Khasra no 3928/448, Patel Nagar, Sector 15-2, with in the registration district Gurgaon 122001. The property is bounded as : North: Road; South: Road; East: Other 1310/5; West: Other 1308/14. | Symbolic Possession | as on 28.04.2021 Rs. 17,44,902.38 plus further interest & other charges (minus recovery, if any) | Rs. 180.00 Lakhs | Rs. 18.00 Lakhs | Rs. 50000/- | Sh. Sushil Jain Ph. 7495918246 Mail ID: cb18246@canarabank.com | Gurgaon AFTS Branch, T51, Sohna Road Air Force Station Campus, 122001, Gurgaon A/c No 209272434, IFSC Code CNRB0108246 | 30.05.2022 26.05.2022 |
| (1) Pushker Singh S/o Jai Chand #1310A/5, Patel Nagar, Gurgaon- 122001, Haryana. (2) Virender Kumar Yadav H. No. 1092, Near Dairy, Hira Nagar, Gurgaon-122001, Haryana | | | | | | | | | | |
| 2. | Canara Bank Bawal Branch, Thana Road, Bawal, Distt Rewari (Hry) - 123501. | All part and parcel of khewat no 08, khatoni no 08, rect no 134, killa no14/2(1-10) measuring 1 Kanal, 10 Marla on Bawal Prangura road, VPO Nangal Teju, Tehsil Bawal, District Rewari -123501. The property is bounded as: North: Other Property; South : Radha Swami Clinic; East : Road; West : Other Property | Symbolic Possession | as on 13.05.2021 Rs. 9,32,476/- plus further interest & other charges (minus recovery, if any) | Rs. 60.00 Lakhs | Rs. 6.00 Lakhs | Rs. 50000/- | Sh. Sushil Jain Ph. 7495918260 Mail ID: cb18246@canarabank.com | Bawal Branch, Thana Road, Bawal, Distt Rewari (Hry) - 123501 A/c No 209272434, IFSC Code CNRB0108260 | 30.05.2022 26.05.2022 |
| (1) Smt Ram Rati W/o Shr Raj Singh Prop Raj Cotton Mill, Village Tikla PO Nangal Teju Bawal, Distt Rewari, Haryana- 123501 (2) Sh Fekkar Singh S/o Sh Mehar Chand, Village Tikla, PO Nangal Teju Bawal, Dist Rewari, Haryana- 123501 | | | | | | | | | | |
| 3. | Canara Bank Gurgaon AFTS Branch, T51, Sohna Road Air Force Station Campus, 122001, Gurgaon | All that part and parcel of the property consisting of flat no/ plot no house no 2/7 (measuring 50 sq yd), Subhash Nagar, Gurgaon with in the registration district Gurgaon 122001. The property is bounded as : North: House of Late Ram; South : House of Ravi Saini; East : Other's property; West: Gali and entry | Symbolic Possession | as on 28.04.2021 Rs. 12,30,343.70/- plus further interest & other charges (minus recovery, if any) | Rs. 30.00 Lakhs | Rs. 3.00 Lakhs | Rs. 50000/- | Sh. Sushil Jain Ph. 7495918246 Mail ID: cb18246@canarabank.com | Gurgaon AFTS Branch, T51, Sohna Road Air Force Station Campus, 122001, Gurgaon A/c No 209272434, IFSC Code CNRB0108246 | 30.05.2022 26.05.2022 |
| (1) Shiv Charan S/o Kamhaya Lal And Ghanshyam S/o Shiv Charan, HNO 2/7, Subhash Nagar, Gurgaon-122001 Haryana (2) Ved Prakash S/o Ghisa Ram H No 18, Bhim Garh Kheri Gali NO 9A, Gurgaon- 122001 Haryana | | | | | | | | | | |
| 4. | Canara Bank Gurgaon AFTS Branch, T51, Sohna Road Air Force Station Campus, 122001, Gurgaon | All that part and parcel of the property consisting of flat no/ plot no 20-21, Hno 1310A/5, Gali No 05 in Khasra no 3928/448 with in the registration district Gurgaon 122001. The property is bounded as : North: Road; South : Road; East : Other 1310/5; West : Other 1308/14 | Symbolic Possession | as on 28.04.2021 Rs. 16,17,303.36/- plus further interest & other charges (minus recovery, if any) | Rs. 180.00 Lakhs | Rs. 18.00 Lakhs | Rs. 50000/- | Sh. Sushil Jain Ph. 7495918246 Mail ID: cb18246@canarabank.com | AFTS Branch, T51, Sohna Road Air Force Station Campus, 122001, Gurgaon A/c No 209272434 IFSC, Code CNRB0108246 | 30.05.2022 26.05.2022 |
| (1) Uma Rani W/o Pushker Singh H no 20-21, Khasra no 3928/448 Patel Nagar, Gurgaon- 122001 Haryana (2) Darsith Gupta 1184 A/5, Patel Nagar Gurgaon -122001, Haryana | | | | | | | | | | |
| 5. | Canara Bank Manesar Branch, Village & PO Manesar Kanan Road, Manesar, Distt Gurgaon (Hry) - 122050. | Property part of Khewat No 978, Rect No 116, Killa No 1/6, 2/2(4-13), 9(6-11), 10/11(1-11) situated at near GSR public school, Village-Kasan, Manesar, Distt Gurgaon. The property is bounded as : North: Plot of Bashi Ram; South : House of Brahm Prakash; East : Plot of Others; West : Road (18'-0" wide) | Symbolic Possession | as on 11.08.2020 Rs. 87,74,429.90/- plus further interest & other charges (minus recovery, if any) | Rs. 75.00 Lakhs | Rs. 7.50 Lakhs | Rs. 50000/- | Sh. Sushil Jain Ph. 7495918237 Mail ID: cb18257@canarabank.com | Manesar Branch, Village & PO Manesar Kanan Road, Manesar, Distt Gurgaon (Hry) - 122050. A/c No 209272434, IFSC Code CNRB0018237 | 30.05.2022 26.05.2022 |
| (1) M/S Virender Trading Co Vill Khoh, Kanan Road Manesar-District Gurgaon-122051 (2) Mr. Virender S/o Balbir Singh Near Laxmi International School VPO Kasan, Gurgaon (3) Mr. Sunil Kumar S/o Om parkash Flat No 805, Plot no GH 52 Sector 1, IMT Manesar, Gurgaon (4) Mr. Parveen Kumar S/o Amar Singh Village Dhorka Gurgaon-122050 | | | | | | | | | | |
| 6. | Canara Bank, Rohtak Main Branch, Model Town, Delhi Road, Rohtak - 124001. | EMT of Shop, only 2nd Floor, Vijay Nagar, Jhajjar Road, Opp. Photo Wall Gali, Rohtak, measuring 83.11 sq. yds., in the name of Smt. Nancy Goyal W/o Sh. Avinash Goyal, registered vide Sale Deed No. 5675 dated 04.09.2013, bounded as under: East: 22'-0" - Property of Other; West: 22'-0" - Property of Amit Jain; North: 34'-0" - House of Other; South: 34'-0" - Gali 20' wide | Symbolic Possession | as on 08.06.2021 Rs. 83,76,148.43/- plus further interest & other charges (minus recovery, if any) | Rs. 54.00 Lakhs | Rs. 5.40 Lakhs | Rs. 10000/- | Sh. Basant Kumar Dash Ph. 857280171, 9205187770, 6012695638 Mail ID: cb1171@canarabank.com | Rohtak Main Branch, at Model Town, Delhi Road, Rohtak - 124001. A/c No- 209272946, IFSC Code CNRB0001171 | 30.05.2022 26.05.2022 |
| (1) M/s Ramayani Jind through its proprietor Rakesh Goyal Sree Market, Near Rani Talab Bank Road, Jind Haryana - 126102 (2) M/s Rakesh Goyal S/o Sh. Ramesh Chand 218/17, Vijay Nagar, Jhajjar Road, Rohtak - 124001 Guarantor(s) Mrs. Nancy Goyal W/o Sh. Avinash Goyal 299/17, Nehru Street | | | | | | | | | | |
| 7. | Canara Bank, Fatehabad Branch, Fatehabad, Haryana | Plot under Khewat No. 789, Khatuni No. 1055, Khasra No. 152/18/1/1 (6-19) measuring 1K-8 M being 28/139 share of total Land 08K-16M, situated at Vill. Kiradan, Tehsil Bhatlu Kalan, Distt. Fatehabad by virtue of release deed no. 957, registered on 25.06.2015 from office of sub registrar Bhatlu Kalan coupled with mutation no. 6036 sanctioned on Bounded: East-97'-0" - Plot of Umed Singh; West: 166'-0" - Common Street; North: 72'-0" - House of Sh. Bhadar Singh; South: 74'-0" - Road | Symbolic Possession | as on 21.06.2021 Rs. 42,78,772.00/- plus further interest & other charges (minus recovery, if any) | Rs. 32.00 Lakhs | Rs. 3.20 Lakhs | Rs. 10000/- | Sh. R.P Singh Ph. 9205797771 Mail ID: cb2343@canarabank.com | Canara Bank, Fatehabad Branch, A/c No 209272946, IFSC Code CNRB0002343 | 30.05.2022 26.05.2022 |
| (1) M/s Tushar Furniture Udyog represented by its proprietor Sh. Ram Niwas S/o Sh. Bhadar Singh, # 15, Block No. 5, VPO Kirthan, Fatehabad - 125053 (2) Sh. Ram Niwas S/o Sh. Bhadar Singh VPO Kirthan, Fatehabad - 125053 | | | | | | | | | | |
| 8. | Canara Bank, SIRSA MEENA BAZAR Branch, SIRSA, Haryana | EMT of residential house bearing property House no. 210-A, bounded as on east by Road, west by House No. 197-A-1, North by House No. 211-A-1, South by House no. 209-A-1, constructed on plot measuring 200.00 sq. yards property situated at old House unit No. 21/210, New House Tax unit No. SRS/B-21/1822, House no 210-A-1, ward no 21, Gali Dr. Om Parkash Aggarwal Wall, A-Block, Sirsa-125055. East: Road; West: House No 197-A-1; North: House No 211-A-1; South: House no 209-A-1 | Symbolic Possession | as on 02.06.2021 Rs. 79,97,712.80/- plus further interest & other charges (minus recovery, if any) | Rs. 82.90 Lakhs | Rs. 8.29 Lakhs | Rs. 10000/- | Sh. Sandeep Kumar Ph. 8572801403 Mail ID: cb2059@canarabank.com | Canara Bank, SIRSA MEENA BAZAR Branch A/c No 209272946, IFSC Code CNRB0002059 | 30.05.2022 26.05.2022 |
| (1) M/s P.S. Enterprises represented by its proprietor Mr. Vipran Kumar S/o Sh. Sadanand Chugh, House No. 210A, New House Tax unit No. SRS/B-21/1822 Ward No. 21, Gali Dr. Om Parkash Aggarwal Wall, A-Block, Sirsa-125055 (4) Mr. Vipran Kumar S/o Sh. Sadanand Chugh House No. 210A, New House Tax unit No. SRS/B-21/1822 Ward No. 21, Gali Dr. Om Parkash Aggarwal Wall, A-Block, Sirsa-125055 (2) Mr. Jain Chugh S/o Mr. Vipran Kumar House No. 210A, New House Tax unit No. SRS/B-21/1822 Ward No. 21, Gali Dr. Om Parkash Aggarwal Wall, A-Block, Sirsa-125055 | | | | | | | | | | |
| 9. | Canara Bank, S.M.E. Sukhrai Branch, San Towers, Mahesh Road, Sukhrai, Gurgaon-122001 | All part & parcels of House No 1170/5, Gali NO 15, Khasra NO 454, Patel Nagar, Gurgaon owned by Kala Devi. The property is bounded as under : North: House of Shiv Narayan; South: Plot Yadav; East: House of Surrender Singh; West: Road | Symbolic Possession | as on 11.05.2021 Rs. 39,43,854.51/- plus further interest & other charges (minus recovery, if any) | Rs. 64.00 Lakhs | Rs. 6.40 Lakhs | Rs. 50000/- | Sh. Hirenrao Kaushik Ph. 0124-2348733, 7466918243 Mail ID: cb18243@canarabank.com | S.M.E. Branch, San Towers, Mahesh Road, Sukhrai, Gurgaon 122001 Haryana A/c No 209272434, IFSC Code CNRB0008243 | 30.05.2022 26.05.2022 |
| (1) Dhayendra Sah S/o Jashirul Sah, H NO 1170/5, Gali No 15 Khasra NO 454, Patel Nagar, Gurgaon-122001 (2) Kala Devi W/o Dhayendra Shah, House No 1170/5, Gali No 15 Khasra No 454, Patel Nagar, Gurgaon | | | | | | | | | | |
| 10. | Canara Bank Gurgaon Main Branch, Ess Jay Tower, Old Railway Road, Distt Gurgaon (Hry) - 122001 | Residential property house no 3B/2 (old) and house no 406/1 (new), measuring 175 sq yards in residential colony, ward no 16, opposite Sheela Hospital, new Railway road, Gurgaon in the name Sh Manish Gupta, Sh Ajay Gupta and Sh Arun Gupta. The property is bounded as : North: Others's house; South : House of Girwar Mali; East: Road; West: House of J.P Gupta | Symbolic Possession | as on 09.04.2021 Rs. 1,74,87,493.42/- plus further interest & other charges (minus recovery, if any) | Rs. 150.00 Lakhs | Rs. 15.00 Lakhs | Rs. 50000/- | Smt. Ratiy Verna Ph. 7496973035 Mail ID: cb1723@canarabank.com | Gurgaon Main Branch, Ess Jay Tower, Old Railway Road, Distt Gurgaon (Hry) - 122001, A/c No 209272434, IFSC Code CNRB0001723 | 30.05.2022 26.05.2022 |
| (1) M/S Gupta Tradem, 242, New Railway Road, Opposite Lal Nursing Home, Gurgaon-122001 (2) Prop Sh. Manish Gupta S/o Sh. Rajinder kumar Gupta, H No 406/1, New Railway Road, Opposite Sheela Hospital, Sanjay Colony, Gurgaon- 122001 (3) Sh Arun Gupta S/o Sh. Rajinder kumar Gupta, H No 406/1, New Railway Road, Opposite Sheela Hospital, Sanjay Colony, Gurgaon- 122001 | | | | | | | | | | |
| 11. | Canara Bank Kundli Branch, Sonapat | Residential building situated on land Khewat No. 50, Khata No. 59-60 at Village Teha, Tehsil Ganaur Dist Sonapat in the name of ANJALI w/o Sri ANKIT. Boundaries: East : Other's House; West : Gali; North : House of Sh. Ashish; South : Other's Plot | Symbolic Possession | as on 05.08.2019 Rs. 57,72,721/- plus further interest & other charges (minus recovery, if any) | Rs. 38.00 Lakhs | Rs. 3.80 Lakhs | Rs. 50000/- | Sh. Anur Pandita Ph. 8572810326 Mail ID: cb3736@canarabank.com | Canara Bank Kundli branch A/c No 209272434, IFSC Code CNRB0003736 | 30.05.2022 26.05.2022 |
| (1) M/s Grand Power Solution (Prop - Ms Anjali W/o Ankit Tyagi) Village - Teha, Tehsil - Gannaur, Sonapat, Haryana - 131001 | | | | | | | | | | |
| 12. | Canara Bank Kundli Branch, Sonapat | Double storey building measuring 20 Sq Yds (9.1 X 26 Ft) situated in the abadi of Mohalla Kalan, Ram Bazar Sonapat within MC limit Sonapat; North: House of Udaybhan; South: Door of shop and Gali Rasta; East: Shop of Diwan; West: House of Bodhiraj | Symbolic Possession | as on 08.01.2022 Rs. 18,48,324/- plus further interest & other charges (minus recovery, if any) | Rs. 12.00 Lakhs | Rs. 1.20 Lakhs | Rs. 50000/- | Sh. Anur Pandita Ph. 8572810326 Mail ID: cb3736@canarabank.com | Canara Bank Kundli branch A/c No 209272434, IFSC Code CNRB0003736 | 30.05.2022 26.05.2022 |
| (1) M/s Haryana Fashion Point, (Borrower) Through its Proprietor Mr. Vinod Sharma S/o Sh Bhagwan Swaroop, Village Shahzadpur, Sandai Kalan, Sonpat, Haryana-131001 (2) Smt Sushila Sharma W/o Mahesh Chand Sharma, House no 98, Garhi Sablu, Loni Dehal, Ghaziabad, U.P.-201102 | | | | | | | | | | |
| 13. | Canara Bank, Panipat Samal Road Branch, Raj Tower, 01700, Samal Road - 132003. | Commercial building measuring 32.39 sq yds situated at property M.C. No R - 795, Ward No 6, Near Lal Masjid, Sethi Chowk, Panipat, North- Bazar Road to sethi chowk, South- Gali 9'-0" wide; East-Property of M/s Ahuja Trading co; West-Shop | Physical Possession | as on 30.01.2020 Rs. 58,84,588.49/- plus further interest & other charges (minus recovery, if any) | Rs. 45.00 Lakhs | Rs. 4.50 Lakhs | Rs. 10000/- | Mr. Jagdev Singh Ph. 0180-1880430, 8572810019 Mail ID: cb3019@canarabank.com | Canara Bank, Panipat Samal Road Branch, Raj Tower, 01700, Samal Road - 132003. A/c No- 209272434, IFSC Code CNRB0003019 | 30.05.2022 26.05.2022 |
| (1) M/s Yash Trading Company Address - Shop No 795/8, Near Lal Masjid Sethi Chowk, Panipat Guarantor(s) (2) Sh Leela Kishan S/o Sh Shiv Dayal, Prop M/s Yash Trading Company R/o HN 1453, First Floor, Sector 9, HUDA, Karnal | | | | | | | | | | |
| 14. | Canara Bank Kundli Branch, Sonapat | All that piece and parcel of Residential property measuring 352 sq yards having dimensions East 35 ft. 6 inch, then towards west 24 ft against towards north 20ft and then towards west 10 ft then turn towards North 13 ft, west 59 ft. 6 inch, North 40ft South 60 ft., situated in the abadi of Ganaur City, Tehsil Ganaur, District Sonapat within MC limit Ganaur, District Sonapat. The property is bounded as under: North: Gali Rasta; South: House of Roshan; East: House of Jai Narayana; West: House of Ram kishan | Physical Possession | as on 07.08.2019 Rs. 61,36,674/- plus further interest & other charges (minus recovery, if any) | Rs. 30.00 Lakhs | Rs. 3.00 Lakhs | Rs. 50000/- | Sh. Anur Pandita Ph. 8572810326 Mail ID: cb3736@canarabank.com | Canara Bank Kundli branch A/c No 209272434, IFSC Code CNRB0003736 | 30.05.2022 26.05.2022 |
| (1) M/s B K Industries, (Borrower) Through its Proprietor Mr. Pradeep Kumar S/o Bal Kishan, 331, Sandai Kalan, Niwada, Sonapat, Haryana - 131001 | | | | | | | | | | |
| 15. | Canara Bank Kundli Branch, Sonapat | Residential building situated on land area measuring 327.55 Sq. yards Khewat No. 50, Khata No. 59-60, Killa No. 5, Village Teha Ganaur Tehsil & Dist Sonapat in the name of Sh Ashish S/O shiv Dull. The property is bounded as under: East : Gali; West : Plot of Jaipal; North : House of Bhushan South : Plot of Jaipal | Symbolic Possession | as on 07.08.2019 Rs. 54,45,133/- plus further interest & other charges (minus recovery, if any) | Rs. 35.00 Lakhs | Rs. 3.50 Lakhs | Rs. 50000/- | Sh. Anur Pandita Ph. 8572810326 Mail ID: cb3736@canarabank.com | Canara Bank Kundli branch A/c No 209272434, IFSC Code CNRB0003736 | 30.05.2022 26.05.2022 |
| (1) M/s Ganima Industries (Prop - Ms Sapna Tyagi) W/o Shri Ashish Tyagi) Address: Village - Teha, Tehsil - Gannaur, Sonapat, Haryana - 131001 (2) Shri Ashish Tyagi S/o Shiv Dull, Village - Teha, Tehsil - Gannaur, Sonapat, Haryana - 131001 | | | | | | | | | | |
| 16. | Canara Bank, Ambala cantt Branch, Address- Tilaki Chambers, Opposite MC Office, Ambala, Haryana. | House no 896-A/1(896-B), measuring 198 S/Q Yards, situated at Mal Godown Road, Inder Puri Mohalla Ambala City in the name of Sh Tilak Raj Verma. | Symbolic Possession | as on 09.06.2021 Rs. 10,93,732.00/- plus further interest & other charges (minus recovery, if any) | Rs. 27.70 Lakhs | Rs. 2.77 Lakhs | Rs. 10000/- | Ms Teena Singh Ph. 8572800200 Mail ID: cb2000@canarabank.com | Canara Bank Ambala Cantt Branch, Address- Address- Tilaki Chambers, Opposite MC Office, Ambala, Haryana A/c No 209272946, IFSC Code CNRB0002000 | 30.05.2022 26.05.2022 |
| (1) M/s Shiv Kirpa Traders, Through its Prop Sh Vishal Verma Shop no 5 New cloth market Dev Samaj college road, Ambala City. (2) Sh Vishal Verma, Shop no 5 New cloth market Dev Samaj college road, Ambala City. (3) Sh Tilak Raj Sharma S/o Late Sh Chanan Ram 896/17, Maal Godam Road, Ambala City | | | | | | | | | | |
| 17. | Canara Bank, Panchkula Branch of the Canara Bank Address- SECTOR -5, MDC, PANCHKULA Haryana | Flat No 802-A, Ground Floor, Mona Aeroview, Swastik Vihar, Babhat, Zirakpur Dist. Mohali having 3 BHK Flat of Super area 1266 Sq Ft and covered Area of 900 Sq Ft in the name of Mr Ved Prakash Thakur and Smt Mamta Devi Thakur. | Symbolic Possession | as on 08.06.2021 Rs. 29,74,026.09/- plus further interest & other charges (minus recovery, if any) | Rs. 29.83 Lakhs | Rs. 2.99 Lakhs | Rs. 10000/- | Sh. Anur Dhand Ph. 8295926275 Mail ID: cb2059@canarabank.com | Canara Bank, Panchkula BAH branch, Haryana, A/c No 209272946, IFSC Code CNRB0003736 | 30.05.2022 26.05.2022 |
| (1) Mr Ved Prakash Thakur S/o Sh Nand Lal Thakur, Flat No 802-A, Ground Floor, Mona Aeroview, Swastik Vihar, Babhat, Patiala Road, Zirakpur, Dist. Mohali - 140610 Ward No 2, Tehsil Jaisinghpur, Village Harsi District Kangra (HP) (2) Smt Mamta Devi Thakur W/o Sh Ved Prakash Thakur, Flat No 802-A, Ground Floor, Mona Aeroview, Swastik Vihar, Babhat, Patiala Road, Zirakpur, Dist. Mohali - 140610 Ward No 2, Tehsil Jaisinghpur, Village Harsi District Kangra (HP) | | | | | | | | | | |
| 18. | SME Panchkula, Branch of the Canara Bank Address- SCC 27, Sector -11, MDC, PANCHKULA Haryana | 3BHK + 1 store flat No 219, IInd Floor, Tower E, Maple Apartments, Gazipur, Zirakpur, Tehsil Dera Bassi, District SAS Nagar in the name Sh Ulkarsh Sahni and Smt Krity Sahni. | Symbolic Possession | as on 16.11.2021 Rs. 10,94,8073.31/- plus further interest & other charges (minus recovery, if any) | Rs. 59.00 Lakhs | Rs. 5.99 Lakhs | Rs. 10000/- | Sh. Upendra Kumar Pande Ph. 9872582374 Mail ID: cb2059@canarabank.com | Canara Bank, SME Panchkula branch, SCC 27, Sector -11, Panchkula, Haryana, A/c No 209272946, IFSC Code CNRB0002374 | 30.05.2022 26.05.2022 |
| (1) Port Solutions Pvt. Ltd, Plot No. 240, Industrial Area Phase-I, Panchkula (1) Mr Ulkarsh Sahni W/o Sh S.K. Sahni Flat No E-219, IInd Floor Maple Apartments, Gazipur, Zirakpur, Dist. Mohali (2) Mr Krity Sahni W/o Sh S.K. Sahni, Flat No E-219, IInd Floor Maple Apartments, Gazipur, Zirakpur, Dist. Mohali | | | | | | | | | | |
| 19. | Canara Bank, Ambala Cantt Branch, Tilaki Chambers, Opposite MC Office, Ambala, Haryana. | Double Storied residential House no 3, comprised in Khasra no. 117/9/2, Khewat No. 2151, Khatouni No. 2433, Habdest No. 102, Situated at Ram Nagar, Jai Colony, Ambala Cantt. | Symbolic Possession | as on 08.05.2021 Rs. 52,66,51.00/- plus further interest & other charges (minus recovery, if any) | Rs. | | | | | |

SEARCH FOR MISSING/KIDNAPPED GIRL

General Public is hereby informed that one girl (depicted in the photo) namely Nishu Kumari D/o Sh. Ombir Singh R/o T-14A, Ward No.06, Islam Colony, Mehrauli, New Delhi Aged-15 Years has been reported missing/ kidnapped since 28.03.2022 vide FIR No.219/2022, u/s 363 IPC Dated 28.03.2022 registered at Police Station Mehrauli, New Delhi. Her physical description is as under:-
Complexion: Wheatish, **Height:** 4'6", **Face:** Round, **Built:** Medium, **Clothing:** Grey coloured lining suit, Grey coloured salwar and Black coloured shoes
Any person having any information/Clue about this missing/kidnapped girl, may inform SHO, Mehrauli, New Delhi at E-mail : cic@cbi.gov.in or website : <http://cbi.nic.in>



Nishu Kumari

Tele No. : 011-24368638 or 24368641 Sd/-
FAX No. : 011-24368639 SHO, Mehrauli, New Delhi
DP/105/SD/2022 Tel.: 011-26643200 26645050

APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION

General public is hereby informed that this unknown boy **Age** : 14-15 years, **Height** : 4'2", **Complexion** : Shallow, **Identification:** A cut mark on cheek and is unable to speak his name, wearing blue colour T-shirt, grey colour lower and black colour PT shoes in feet, has been found abandoned on 09.04.2022 at Rithala Metro Station, Delhi. In this regard DD No. 105-A dated 09.04.2022 has been lodged at P.S. Budh Vihar, Delhi.

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

E-mail: cic@cbi.gov.in
Website: <http://cbi.nic.in>
Tel.: 24368639, SHO : P.S. Budh Vihar, Delhi
Tel.: 24368638/24368641 Ph. : 011-27052773

SEARCH FOR MISSING



Vibha

General public is hereby informed that a girl namely Vibha, D/o: Yogesh, R/o: A-17 Parvesh Nagar, Mubarak Pur, Delhi has been reported missing since 04.02.2022 at about 4:00 AM from her house. In this regard DD No. 73 A, dated 04.04.2022 has been registered at P.S. Prem Nagar, Delhi. The description of missing girl is as under:

Name: Vibha, **Age:** 21 Years, **Height:** 5'8", **Complexion:** Wheatish, **Face:** Oval, **Hair:** Black, **Wearing:** Black Top and Black Leggy.

If anyone have any information about this missing girl please inform P.S. Prem Nagar, Delhi

Web: <http://cbi.nic.in>, Email: cic@cbi.gov.in
Ph.: 011-24368638/24368641, Fax: 011-24368639 SHO
Police Station Prem Nagar, Delhi Ph: 8750870322
DP/1431/RD/2022

HIMACHAL PRADESH TOURISM DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION LIMITED
(RITZ ANNEXE, SHIMLA-171001)
Tel. No: (0177) 2632764-066mail: purchase@hptdc.in
website : www.hptdc.in

No: Proj/4-172/2022 e-Procurement Short NOTICE Date:
INVITATION FOR BIDS (IFB)

The General Manager, HPTDC Ritz Annexe, Shimla on behalf of Managing Director, HPTDC invites item rate bid through electronic tendering system for the supply/installation of 2 Hecta Litter with 3 flavors Microbrewery complete in all respect for HPTDC, Hotel Kunzam, Manali (HP) and also at HPTDC, Hotel Holiday Home, Shimla (HP) from the registered manufacturers under G.S.T. Act 2017 -

1. Earnest Money Rs. 80,000/-, Completion Period 25 days and Cost of Tender Rs. 3000/- for 2 Hecta Litter with 3 flavors Microbrewery for HPTDC, Hotel Kunzam, Manali.

2. Earnest Money Rs. 80,000/-, Completion Period 25 days and Cost of Tender Rs. 3000/- for 2 Hecta Litter with 3 flavors Microbrewery for HPTDC, Hotel Holiday Home, Shimla.

Other terms & Conditions can be downloaded from the website: <https://hptenders.gov.in> or www.hptdc.in

GENERAL MANAGER

केनरा बैंक Canara Bank
(A Govt. of India Undertaking)
सिंडिकेट Syndicate

RECOVERY & LEGAL SECTION CIRCLE OFFICE,
BAYSITE 17-18, SECTOR 12 KARNAL- 132001 HARYANA
PHONE NO. 0184-4063589, 4063587, Email: rlcokar@canarabank.com

MEGA E-AUCTION OF PROPERTIES

E-AUCTION SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF MOVABLE/IMMOVABLE ASSETS UNDER THE SECURITISATION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT, 2002 UNDER RULES 6(2), 8(6) & 9 OF THE SECURITY INTEREST (ENFORCEMENT) RULES, 2002

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described immovable properties mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the symbolic / physical possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of Canara Bank of respective branches will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and " Whatever there is " E auction arranged by the service provider M/s CANBANK COMPUTER SERVICES LIMITED Contact: Mr. Pakhare DD (9480691777/8553643144).
Email id: eauction@ccsl.co.in through the website www.indianbankseaction.com, www.canarabank.com, www.ibapi.in

| Sr. No. | Branch Name/ name & Address of the Borrower(s)/ Guarantor(s) | Brief Description of Property/ies | Possession Type | Total Liabilities in Rs. | Reserve Price | Earnest Money Deposit | Bid increase amount | Authorised Officer & Contact Details | Earnest Money Collection A/c details along with IFSC Code of Branch | Date of E-Auction Date of EMD |
|---------|---|---|---------------------|--|-----------------|-----------------------|---------------------|--|---|----------------------------------|
| 25. | Yamuna Nagar-I (62868) Branch of the Canara Bank Address- Jawahar Market, Radour Road, YAMUNA NAGAR-135001 Haryana (1) M/S Som Prakash Enterprises through its Prop. Pankaj Saini Opp. Saraswati School, Chhachhrauli Road, Jagadhri, Yamuna Nagar, Haryana - 135001. (2) Sh Pankaj Saini S/o Sh Som Prakash Adarsh Colony, Kuttipur, Chhachhrauli, District Yamuna Nagar, in the name of Smt Kaushal W/o Sh Som Prakash | Residential property measuring 0K-03M (100.00 sq yards) being 3/140 share comprised in khewat no 633 Khtauri no 760 Khasra no 71/9/2(7-0) situated at masuja kishanpura. H.B no 167, presently known as Adarsh Colony, Kuttipur, Chhachhrauli, District Yamuna Nagar, in the name of Smt Kaushal W/o Sh Som Prakash | Symbolic Possession | as on 27.12.2021 Rs. 10,03,563.29/- plus further interest & other charges (minus recovery, if any) | Rs. 15.72 Lakhs | Rs. 1.58 Lakhs | Rs. 1000/- | Sh. Anil Parihar 8572852080 Mail ID: cb20010@canarabank.com | Canara Bank, Yamuna Nagar Branch, Haryana, A/c No 20827243A, IFSC Code CNRB0002080 | 30.05.2022 26.05.2022 |
| 26. | Canara Bank Karnal II Branch, Dist Karnal, Haryana (1) Smt. Sunita Devi W/o Sushil Kumar, H.No. 3075, Gali No.1, Shiv Colony, Karnal, 132001. (2) Sh. Sushil Kumar S/o Rati Ram, H.No. 3075, Gali No.1, Shiv Colony, Karnal, 132001. | All that piece & parcel of Residential House No. 3075 measuring 75.00 Sq. Yards (Property ID No. 106C205U11) situated in gali no. 1, Shiv Colony, Karnal, Haryana & bounded as under: North : Gali; South : R.K. Rice Mill & Sellar; East : House of Sh. Pawan Kumar; West : House of Sh. Subhash Khurana | Symbolic Possession | as on 04.06.202 Rs. 10,10,574.06/- plus further interest & other charges (minus recovery, if any) | Rs. 28.40 Lakhs | Rs. 2.04 Lakhs | Rs. 1000/- | Sh. Santosh Kumar Mitta Ph. 7495918250, 9486234690 Mail ID: cb18250@canarabank.com | Canara Bank Karnal II Branch, A/c No 20827243A, IFSC Code CNRB0018250 | 30.05.2022 26.05.2022 |
| 27. | Canara Bank Karnal II Branch, Dist Karnal, Haryana Kanchan W/o Harish Kumar, H.No. 177 Phoolgarh Road Durga Colony, Karnal, 132001 (Borrower) Guarantor(s) : Harish Kumar, H.No. 1532, Shivaji Colony, Hansi Road Behind SPS Public School, Karnal, 132001 | All that piece & parcel of Residential House measuring 102.66 Sq. Yards (Property ID No. 163C127U257) comprised in Khawat No. 2086, Khatoni No. 3304, Khasra No. 1535 min(2-8) waka Bahadur Chand Colony, Karnal & bounded as under: North : House of other; South : House of other; East : Road; West : Railway Line | Symbolic Possession | as on 05.03.2020 Rs. 13,97,223.37/- plus further interest & other charges (minus recovery, if any) | Rs. 17.00 Lakhs | Rs. 1.70 Lakhs | Rs. 1000/- | Sh. Santosh Kumar Mitta Ph. 7495918250, 9486234690 Mail ID: cb18250@canarabank.com | Canara Bank Karnal II Branch, A/c No 20827243A, IFSC Code CNRB0018250 | 30.05.2022 26.05.2022 |
| 28. | Canara Bank Karnal II Branch, Dist Karnal, Haryana (1) M/s Gupta Shoes, Indra Colony, Opposite Jundla Gate, Karnal-132001 (Borrower) (2) Prop. Sh. Anshul Garg S/o Subhash Chand, H.No.164, Ghose Ghali, Karnal, 132001, Mob.No. 9898967240 (Borrower). | All that piece & parcel of Residential House No. 12/164/173 measuring 53.30 Sq. Yards, situated in Ghos Ghali, Old City, Near Sarafa Bazar, Karnal, Haryana & bounded as under: North : House of Smt. Darshan Devi; South : Gali; East : Gali; West : Gali | Symbolic Possession | as on 18.08.2021 Rs. 17,97,080.63/- plus further interest & other charges (minus recovery, if any) | Rs. 14.45 Lakhs | Rs. 1.45 Lakhs | Rs. 1000/- | Sh. Santosh Kumar Mitta Ph. 7495918250, 9486234690 Mail ID: cb18250@canarabank.com | Canara Bank Karnal II Branch, A/c No 20827243A, IFSC Code CNRB0018250 | 30.05.2022 26.05.2022 |
| 29. | Canara Bank Gurgaon Palam Vihar Branch, Shop No. 55F 04, 05, 10 & 11 Palam Triangle Block Palam Vihar Gurgaon Haryana-122017 (1) M/S Balaji Tours (Prop- Ranvir Singh S/o Bhardwaj | House No 70, Khasra no 138, Swaroop Garden, Rajendra Park, Gurgaon-122001. The property is bounded as : North: House of Manbhawati; South : House of Pushpa Devi; East : Road 20.00 ft; West : Open plot of Krishan Bhardwaj | Symbolic Possession | as on 02.02.2021 Rs. 35,45,104.80/- plus further interest & other charges (minus recovery, if any) | Rs. 60.00 Lakhs | Rs. 6.00 Lakhs | Rs. 1000/- | Sh. Sh. Sushil Jain Ph. 8625722996 Mail ID: cb2890@canarabank.com | Canara Bank Gurgaon Palam Vihar Branch, Shop No 55F 04, 05, 10 & 11 Palam Triangle Block Palam Vihar Gurgaon Haryana 122017 A/c No 20827243A IFSC, Code CNRB0022996 | 30.05.2022 26.05.2022 |

STATUTORY 15/30 DAYS SALE NOTICE UNDER THE SARFAESI ACT, 2002

There are NIL encumbrances to the knowledge of bank in the above mentioned properties. For detailed terms and conditions of the sale please refer the link "E-Auction" provided in M/s CANBANK COMPUTER SERVICES LIMITED Contact: Mr. Pakhare DD (9480691777/8553643144). Email id: eauction@ccsl.co.in through the website www.indianbankseaction.com

Date : - 28.04.2022 Place:- Karnal Authorized Officer, Canara Bank

NOTICE BOARD

CORPORATE ASSOCIATE DIARY

APPOINTMENTS, MOVEMENTS, CELEBRATIONS, HONOURS



AWARD - GAIL

GAIL has bagged the National Award for Excellence in Cost Management from the ICAI for the fourth consecutive year. The award, presented by Piyush Goyal, Minister, C&I, Textiles, Consumer Affairs & Food & Public Distribution.



VISIT- IREDA

CMD, IREDA, PK Das along with Director (Technical), IREDA, Chintan Shah & other Senior Management officials visited IREDA funded 15 MW Waste-To-Energy (WTE) Plant at Visakhapatnam, AP recently.



MEETING - PNB

Interactive meeting was held among Presiding officer, Drt, Dehradun with all Banks Officials at Circle Office – Canara Bank, It Park, Shastradhara. Session was related to Tribunal Functioning And Educating Banks Officials For Drt Matters.



MoU - DHANLAXMI BANK

Dhanlaxmi Bank a South based Bank established in 1927, has presence over 14 States & 1 Union Territory in the country has entered into a MoU with CBDT & CBIC for collection of Direct & Indirect Taxes.



DEDICATION- ONGC

Hardeep Singh Puri, Minister of Petroleum & Natural Gas and Housing & Urban Affairs dedicated two major projects of ONGC to the nation at Western offshore recently. He was accompanied by CMD, Dr Alka Mittal.



PARTNERED - REC

REC & JPDCL, have partnered with the Abdul Latif Jameel Poverty Action Lab South Asia to test the impact of smart meters on improving consumer payments and electricity delivery in Jammu.



CLEANLINESS DRIVE- CWC

CWC organized cleanliness drive recently in Corporate office, Regional office as well as in field units. In during the cleanliness drive, cleanliness activities undertaken in record room, basement area, Roof-top & parking space in the offices.



TRIBUTE- HNB MEDICAL UNIVERSITY

On the occasion, Vice Chancellor Hem Chandra offered a garland on the statue of Bahuguna. Remembering the works done by Bahuguna in the welfare of the country, University V-C applauded Bahuguna's role in the nation building.



AWARD- RITES

RITES has been conferred the first position under the 'consulting category' at the 17th National Awards for Excellence in Cost Management-2019. The award, presented by ICAI.



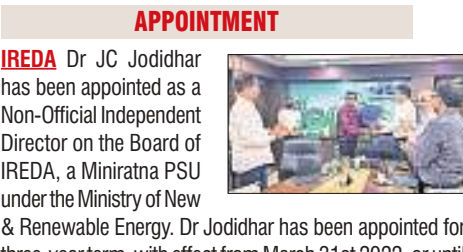
EXHIBITION- DFCCIL

DFCCIL in association with IISc, Bengaluru & IISc start-up L2M Rail has organised a two-day poster exhibition on 26th & 27th April 2022 to showcase ideas & innovations for digital rail-based solutions.



INNOVATION - NTPC

NTPC has come together with DJB to utilize the sludge produced in the sewage treatment plants (STP) of DJB. This green technological solution is an innovative way to convert STP sludge into energy.



APPOINTMENT

IREDA Dr JC Jodidhar has been appointed as a Non-Official Independent Director on the Board of IREDA, a Miniratna PSU under the Ministry of New & Renewable Energy. Dr Jodidhar has been appointed for three-year term, with effect from March 31st 2022, or until further orders. Dr Jagannath is an MBBS and holds MD in Internal Medicine. He is a Consultant Physician and Diabetologist in Narayan Hospital, Thindlu and Prolife Hospital, Byatarayanpura, Bangalore. Dr. Jagannath is a Treasurer of Indian Medical Association, Yelhanka Branch.



FOUNDATION DAY- HUDCO

To commemorate its 52 yrs of dedicated service to the nation, the HUDCO organized its Foundation Day recently. M/o Housing & Urban Affairs & Petroleum and Natural Gas, Hardeep S Puri, the Chief Guest, MoS (Housing & Urban Affairs), Kamal Kishore, Secy MoHUA, M Joshi, & other Senior dignitaries were part of the function. HUDCO, dedicated to the service to the nation has been championing the cause of sustainable housing & urban development in India. Despite two waves of the Covid19 pandemic, HUDCO is committed to its goal of providing housing and infrastructure with a focus on the EWS & LIG categories & has demonstrated yet another financial year of excellent performance in FY 2021-22 despite economic slow downs & other adversities.



FLAGGED OFF- BRO

BRO undertakes Multi-Dimensional Expedition involving 4 challenging activities. Governor of Uttarakhand Lt GG Singh, recently, flagged Off the "BRO@63 Multi-Dimensional Expedition" from Dehradun.

ITPO Aahar is an important B2B event for food and hospitality sectors. The event was inaugurated recently by Piyush Goyal, Minister, C&I, Consumer Affairs, Food & Public Distribution and Textiles, Gol. Piyush Goyal expressed his satisfaction with 36th Aahar International Food and Hospitality Fair being held after a gap of two years due to Covid.

BSNL For making available high quality and high speed internet access to Meghalaya and other North Eastern States of the country, BSNL has commissioned additional one 10 Gbps International Bandwidth for Internet Connectivity at Agartala through Cox Bazar, Bangladesh on 21-04-2022 which will also help in reduction of latency and congestion in Internet Traffic. BSNL had commissioned earlier one 10G International bandwidth at Agartala on 26-11-2021 for North Eastern states. The availability of high speed internet access will help in establishment of software parks & high speed Data centers for business purposes in NE States.



EVENT - EMBASSY OF SPAIN

The Embassy of Spain in collaboration with The Leela Palace New Delhi recently hosted a special gourmet evening of Spanish Tapas with the Spanish Michelin Star Chef Rubén Arnanz. He demonstrated his cooking skills as well as a fresh manner of expressing himself via his works. Chef Arnanz is a pioneer of the nouvelle Castilian cuisine & one of the youngest chefs to be given a Michelin star. The event was attended by the diplomats of the Embassy, representatives of the diplomatic corps, business & media. He also conducted a live Masterclass & an interactive session with the students of the Indian School of Hospitality, Gurugram. He talked about his culinary journey, as well as his views on sustainability & resource management.



BOOK LAUNCH- KGH

MP GBN & Former Minister, Dr Mahesh Sharma has released a book named "Hospital Administration from the Perspective of Non-Medical Executives- The Unsung Heroes" written by Shri Vishwa Bandhu Joshi.

ONGC continues to organize study tours for students, as a part of the observance of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav – celebrating 75 years of India's independence. Recently, a group of 50 students from HRH Prince of Wales Institute of Engineering & Technology (PoWIET) in Jorhat, Assam, visited ONGC's oil-field installations in Borholla (in Jorhat district). The students, belonging to different disciplines, including Electronics, Electrical, Civil and Mechanical, were accompanied by their faculties.

BRPL The Union Minister Piyush Goyal presented BRPL & BSES Yamuna Power Ltd. (BYPL) with coveted awards during the recently concluded 17th National Awards for Excellence in Cost Management-2019. Organised by The Institute of Cost Accountants of India, BRPL was adjudged 'first' & BYPL 'second' for excellence in cost management in the category 'Power Distribution & Transmission'. BRPL team led by CEO Rajesh Bansal & CFO Surya Banerji received the award on behalf of the organisation.

TOP OF THE WORLD



Prince Andrew. AP

UK
Andrew stripped of 'freedom of city' honour

London: Prince Andrew has lost another ceremonial honour as groups throughout Britain cut ties to the royal disgraced by allegations of sexual misconduct. The council in the northern city of York on Wednesday night voted unanimously to withdraw the prince's "freedom of the city." The honor was awarded to Andrew in 1987 after Queen Elizabeth II made him the Duke of York. Andrew is the first person to be stripped of the status, a purely ceremonial honour that dates back to medieval times when "freemen" enjoyed special privileges. Honorees include the actress Judi Dench and Princess Anne, Andrew's sister. **AP**

ISRAEL
PM's family receives second death threat

Jerusalem: Prime Minister Naftali Bennett's teenage son has received a death threat and bullet in the mail, Israeli officials said on Thursday, second such warning against the Israeli leader's family this Israeli police said that both incidents were being investigated, but gave few other details, including where the items were sent and who might have sent them. Bennett has been the target of fierce criticism from Israel's hard-line right wing since forming his governing coalition last year. **AP**

SINGAPORE
Malaysian to be hanged wins reprieve

Singapore: A second Malaysian man due to be hanged in Singapore this week for drug trafficking won a last-minute reprieve Thursday from the top court. Datchinamurthy Kataiah, 36, was scheduled to be hanged Friday, just two days after the execution of a Malaysian man that sparked an international outcry because he was believed to be mentally disabled. Lawyer M Ravi, who earlier represented Datchinamurthy, said the Court of Appeal allowed a stay of execution pending a legal challenge on May 20. **AP**



Nearly 1,000 trade unions in Sri Lanka staged a one-day nationwide strike on Thursday demanding immediate resignation of the government. AP

Lankan trade unions on strike, demanding Rajapaksas' ouster

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
COLOMBO, APRIL 28

NEARLY 1,000 trade unions in Sri Lanka staged a one-day nationwide strike on Thursday demanding the immediate resignation of the government, including President Gotabaya Rajapaksa and Prime Minister Mahinda Rajapaksa, over its failure to tackle the country's unprecedented economic crisis. The unions from a number of sectors, including the state service, health, ports, electricity, education and postal joined the strike under the theme 'Bow to the people - government go home', urging the President, the PM and the government to 'go home'.

Teachers' trade union spokesman Joseph Stalin said the Rajapaksa government tries to hang on to power when the people have got into the streets and demanded them to go. Ravi Kumudesh from the health workers' trade union said that after Thursday's strike, they would give the government a week to resign. "After that, we would strike continuously till the government resigns". He said that over 1,000 trade unions joined the strike.

The bank employees' union said all banks remain closed and public transport was crippled with just a handful of government-owned buses operating. Plantation workers from the central hills also joined the token strike. "The plantation workers have joined the strike in thousands," Opposition politician Mano Ganesan said. Meanwhile, four Sri Lankan policemen were arrested on Thursday for their alleged role in the death of a protester who died in the police firing at an anti-government protest against the fuel price hike in southwestern region of Rambukkana last week.

SAY NOT GETTING ADEQUATE ELECTRICITY FROM INDIA

Officials: Nepal may cut power to industrial corridors any time

SHIRISH B PRADHAN
KATHMANDU, APRIL 28

NEPAL MAY cut power to its industrial corridors soon as the Himalayan nation is not getting adequate power supply from India, authorities said Thursday.

Currently, Nepal is receiving only 100 MW of electricity from India, against its demand for 400 MW, said Pradeep Thike, Deputy Managing Director, Planning of the Nepal Electricity Authority.

"We are short of 300 MW of electricity at present because we have not received adequate electricity from India, which itself is facing a power shortage," he said.

Nepal faces a short supply of electricity during the dry season while during the rainy season, it has a surplus. This will certainly affect the power supply to

Nepal's three industrial corridors, Birgunj, Biratnagar and Bhairahawa, Thike said, adding, "we may have to cut power to these corridors at any time."

This will mainly affect large industries and small industries will not have any problem, he said. "We will also be able to supply power for lighting purposes, but not for running big machines in the industries during the dry season," he said.

However, after one or one and half months, when the rainy season arrives, the situation will improve and Nepal will be in a position to export electricity to India, he pointed out. He is, however, optimistic about importing electricity from India after a few days. The authorities in India's Bihar state have indicated that they might provide additional electricity after 2,3 days, said Thike. **PTI**

A SHOT AT FAIR PAY

In NYC, ads for jobs will have to say what they pay

JENNIFER PELTZ
NEW YORK, APRIL 28

HELP WANTED. The job: putting one of the nation's most far-reaching salary disclosure laws into practice. Location: New York City.

Just four months ago, city lawmakers overwhelmingly voted to require many ads for jobs in the nation's most populous city to include salary ranges, in the name of giving job applicants — particularly women and people of colour — a better shot at fair pay. But on the cusp of implementing the measure, lawmakers will likely vote Thursday

to postpone it for five months after employers waved red flags.

The debate marks a prominent test for a burgeoning slate of US "pay transparency" laws. And the answer seems simple to Brooklyn restaurant server Elizabeth Stone. "I believe I deserve to know how much I can make as a waitress," she said.

Stone has scoured job ads that are mum about pay, leaving her wondering whether to try to move on from an employer she likes but wishes paid more, and feeling like she has no leverage to push for a raise.

"You're put in a really challenging position of not wanting

to upset your employer and not wanting to scare away an opportunity, but also wanting to fight for what you know is what you deserve," said Stone, 23, a member of restaurant workers' advocacy group ROC United.

Over the last four years, at least seven states from California to Connecticut and at least two cities beyond New York — Cincinnati and Toledo, Ohio — have started demanding employers disclose salary information to job-seekers in some circumstances. In many cases, that means upon request and/or after an interview, and there are exemptions for small businesses.

Nepal conducts successful test flight

YUBARAJ GHIMIRE
KATHMANDU, APRIL 28

NEPAL'S NEWLY built Gautam Buddha International Airport in Lumbini will be open for regular commercial flight from Buddha Jayanti day on May 16. Officials said a test flight was successfully completed on Thursday from Kathmandu to Lumbini by A-330 with 260 people onboard, including tourism minister Prem Ale.

Al Jazeera airlines has already confirmed that it will operate from Lumbini, the second international airport, from Day One. The new airport, which is 45m wide with a 3,000m long runway, has been built with concessional loan of Rs 11 billion from ADB.



TURKEY

ERDOGAN HEADS TO SAUDI TO MEND TIES

Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan left for Saudi Arabia on Thursday in a major reset of relations between two regional heavyweights following the slaying of a Saudi columnist in Istanbul. The visit marks the latest in Ankara's bridge-building efforts with its key regional rival. It will also be Erdogan's first visit to the kingdom since 2017, the year before the murder in Turkey of journalist Jamal Khashoggi by Saudi agents.

PUTIN WARNS WEST OF LIGHTNING RETALIATION

Biden asks Congress to approve another \$33 billion in Ukraine aid

AGENCIES

WASHINGTON, APRIL 28

PRESIDENT JOE BIDEN called on Congress on Thursday to approve \$33 billion in additional aid for Ukraine, arguing that American weapons and humanitarian assistance are helping to beat back Russian invaders in a conflict with enormous consequences for the United States and the world.

"The cost of this fight is not cheap," he said in a statement made at the White House, addressing domestic concerns about the expense. "But caving to aggression is going to be more costly if we allow it to happen."

"We either back the Ukrainian people as they defend their country or we stand by as the Russians continue their atrocities and aggression in Ukraine," he added.

The massive aid package would eclipse all the spending by the US so far on the war and ramp up America's investment not just in Ukraine's defence but, more broadly, in weakening Russian military capacity, a goal outlined in recent days by Defence Secretary Lloyd Austin III.

While Biden's letter to Congress endorsed tying the Ukraine aid to a separate \$22.5 billion pandemic response package, he told reporters that did not really care whether the two measures were linked or passed separately. The President also said he is sending lawmakers a legislative plan to make it easier to seize the assets of Russian oligarchs tied to President Vladimir V Putin and direct some of those resources to the Ukrainians.



UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres toured areas outside Kyiv that suffered damage in the war. Speaking to journalists on Thursday, Guterres urged Russia to cooperate with the International Criminal Court. **NYT**

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How will aid be used

OF THE money Biden is requesting now for military purposes, there would be \$6 billion to arm Ukraine directly, \$5.4 billion to replace US supplies sent to the area, \$4.5 billion for other security assistance for Ukraine. The aid is meant to signify that the US is not tiring of helping to stave off Putin's attempt to expand his nation's control of its neighbourhood, and perhaps beyond.

Earlier in the day, Russia stepped up its assaults on eastern and southern Ukraine, Kyiv said on Thursday, and President Vladimir Putin threatened "light-

ning-fast" retaliation against any Western countries that intervene on Ukraine's behalf.

"If someone intends to intervene in the ongoing events from the outside, and create strategic threats for Russia that are unacceptable to us, they should know that our retaliatory strikes will be lightning-fast," Putin told lawmakers in St Petersburg.

Moscow's offensive in eastern Ukraine gathered momentum as several areas came under heavy shelling Thursday. Ukrainian authorities reported intense Russian fire in the Donbas and near Kharkiv, a northeastern city outside the Donbas that is seen as key to the offensive.

In the ruined southern port city of Mariupol, Ukrainian fighters holed up in the steel plant that represents the last pocket of resistance said concentrated bombing overnight killed and wounded more people.



Cases have been on the upswing since late March. AP

With 11k new cases, Taiwan faces largest Covid outbreak yet

HUIZHONG WU
TAIPEI, APRIL 28

TAIWAN, WHICH had been living mostly free of Covid-19, is now facing its worst outbreak since the beginning of the pandemic with over 11,000 new cases reported on Thursday.

Cases have been on the upswing since late March. In April, the island's central authorities announced that they would no longer maintain a "zero-Covid" policy like the Chinese government's in which they could centrally quarantine positive cases. Instead, the government is

asking people to quarantine at home if they test positive, unless they show moderate to severe symptoms.

Chen Shih-chung, the island's health minister, announced Thursday they had found 11,353 new cases, along with two deaths. During the daily press briefing held by the Central Epidemic Command Center, he said 99.7% of the cases in the current outbreak either had no symptoms or had mild symptoms.

Most of Taiwan's 858 Covid-19 deaths came from summer 2021. Until this month, it had been the island's one major outbreak in the pandemic. **AP**

German House approves plea to deliver arms to Ukraine

Berlin: Germany's Bundestag lower house of Parliament on Thursday overwhelmingly approved a petition on support for Ukraine backing the delivery of weapons, including heavy arms to the country. "Alongside the broad economic isolation and decoupling of Russia from international markets, the effective means to stop the invasion is to intensify delivery of effective weapons and complex systems including heavy arms," the petition read. **REUTERS**

British man killed, another missing

London: The British government says a UK national has been killed in Ukraine, and another is missing. The Foreign Office confirmed Thursday that it is supporting the family of a British national killed in Ukraine. It also said it was "urgently seeking further information" on another Briton who is missing. The government did not provide further details. Sky News reported that the Britons were believed to have been fighting with Ukrainians. **AP**

KARACHI UNIV BLAST

Pakistan agencies suspect presence of more women suicide bombers

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PAKISTANI INVESTIGATORS probing the suicide attack by a woman at the Karachi University that killed three Chinese teachers have not ruled out the presence of more women suicide bombers at sleeper cells of the outlawed Baluchistan Liberation Army, even as police in Lahore have arrested a suspect from Punjab University in connection with the bombing.

"Initial investigations confirmed Shaari Baloch, the suicide bomber in Tuesday's incident, was part of the banned Majeed brigade, a part of the BLA which has brainwashed these suicide bombers," an official of the Anti-Terrorism Department said.

"We are looking into possibilities that there might be more women suicide bombers brainwashed to become part of the Majeed Brigade and waiting in sleeper cells," he said. He confirmed that initial investigations had shown that Shari Baloch did not carry out the attack independently and was guided and helped by her handlers/facilitators.

The security forces on Thursday raided the house of the father of the bomber in a society located in Karachi's Scheme 33. Laptops and other evidence, including documents, were seized during the raid.

China on Thursday asked thousands of its nationals working on the \$60 billion CPEC projects in Pakistan to increase their security and watch out for terrorist risks following a deadly suicide blast. "Once again, we remind our institutions' personnel in Pakistan to heighten their security awareness and watch out for terrorist risks," Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesman Wang Wenbin.



An explosion triggered by a woman suicide bomber killed three Chinese teachers on Tuesday. **Reuters**

PUBLIC HEALTH EXPERTS SAY PROPOSAL COULD SAVE HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF LIVES

FDA moves to ban sales of menthol cigarettes, flavoured cigars

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THE FOOD and Drug Administration on Thursday announced a plan to ban sales of menthol-flavored cigarettes in the US, a measure many public health experts hailed as the government's most meaningful action in more than a decade of tobacco control efforts.

The proposed ban is expected to have the deepest impact on Black smokers, nearly 85 per cent of whom use menthol cigarettes, compared with a rate of 29 per cent among white smokers, according to a govern-

ment survey. If effective in reducing smoking, the ban could significantly diminish the burden of chronic disease and limit the number of lives cut short by one of the most hazardous legal products available.

The proposed ban "would, among other things, improve health and reduce mortality risk of current smokers of menthol cigarettes or flavoured cigars by substantially decreasing their consumption and increasing the likelihood of cessation," the FDA commissioner, Dr Robert Califf, told a Senate committee Thursday.

Menthol is a chemical derived from the mint plant that can also be made in a lab. It is in-



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cluded in cigarettes to make smoking less harsh, providing a cooling sensation in the throat.

Public health experts say menthol cigarettes have been heavily marketed to Black people, to

devastating effect: African American men have the highest rates of lung cancer in America, according to the Centres for Disease Control and Prevention.

Taking menthol cigarettes off the market is expected to further reduce smoking levels and reduce the number of young people taking up the habit. If the US' experience mirrors that of Canada after it banned menthol cigarettes, 1.3 million people would quit smoking and potentially hundreds of thousands of premature deaths could be averted, said Geoffrey Fong, principal investigator of the International Tobacco Control Policy Evaluation Project.

"This is potentially an extraor-

dinary, landmark intervention to reduce No. 1 preventable cause of death and disease," Fong said.

The proposed ban was announced after a frenzy of lobbying by tobacco and retail interests. The proposed rule will be open for public comments for at least 60 days and then finalised with possible revisions. It is expected that it will take a least a year to go into effect. The tobacco companies are likely to contest the rule in court, which could result in a long legal battle.

Erika Sward of the American Lung Association said, once finalised, the menthol ban "will be the single most significant action taken by the FDA in its almost 13-

year history of regulating tobacco products."

The proposed rule does not cover menthol e-cigarettes. The FDA is currently reviewing all vaping products being sold in the US to determine whether to allow them to stay on the market. The agency has so far granted marketing approval to makers of some tobacco-flavoured vapes.

Public health advocates have long sought a menthol ban. When the landmark Tobacco Control Act passed in 2009, giving the FDA the authority to regulate tobacco products, menthol was exempted from the tobacco flavours that would be banned. **NYT**

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After revised pricing, should you invest in LIC's IPO?



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INDIA'S LARGEST financial institution, Life Insurance Corporation (LIC), which manages around Rs 40 lakh crore of public money, is getting listed on the stock exchanges with a Rs 21,000 crore initial public offering (IPO) early next month.

How is the IPO priced?

LIC on Wednesday priced its IPO, the largest in the history of the capital market despite a reduction in size, at Rs 902-949 per share. LIC has offered a discount of Rs 60 for policyholders and Rs 45 for retail investors

and employees. The IPO will open on May 4 and close on May 9.

The government will sell 22.13 crore shares through the offering. The anchor book will open on May 2, and the issue will open for retail investors two days later. Investors can bid in multiples of 15 shares. The size of the IPO was cut from Rs 65,000 crore to Rs 21,000 crore as the Russian invasion of Ukraine and sustained selling by foreign portfolio investors (a net of Rs 1,48,078 crore since the beginning of December 2021) affected the stock markets.

How should investors view the issue?

A couple of leading mutual fund managers said the reduction in valuation has made the issue attractive. "While there is a lot of inherent strength in the company and there are growth prospects, the valuations too seem fine now after the revisions. As the market is not witnessing a mad bull run that was being seen over the last year, there is a possibility that investors may not get immediate listing gains. But it will generate decent

returns over the next three to four years," a leading fund manager said.

"There is a lot of strength in the company. There are many categories where LIC is not present on the business front, and so there is a lot of scope for it to explore these and grow. As LIC had a monopoly, one can only lose market share from such a position. It is, however, important to note that the company still maintains around a 60% market share and it could be a good company to invest with a medium- to long-term view," said another fund manager.

Some see the listing as part of a strategic vision of the government aimed at long-term value creation for shareholders. "Our take is that we won't be able to determine the true value in the case of LIC as it is a very big entity in itself. There are two ways to look at it: one in the present case where everyone is buying policies to safeguard themselves from uncertainties... second, due to huge buying power in the hands of consumers, the margins might reduce. One can subscribe with a long-term perspective," said Manoj Dalmia, founder and director, Proficient Equities Limited.

How does the valuation compare with that of other insurers?

Yash Gupta, analyst at Angel One Ltd, said that at the offer band, the IPO is valued at a Price/Embedded Value (P/EV) of 1.06-1.1 on its September 2021 EV of Rs 539,686 crore, which is at a significant discount compared to the P/EV for listed private life insurance companies. HDFC Life Insurance is trading at a P/EV of 3.9, SBI Life at 3.2, and ICICI Pru Life at 2.5 on their respective December 21 EVs.

"Although LIC valuations appear to be cheap compared to listed private players, investors need to keep in mind that LIC has a lower VNB margin (value of new business) of 9.9% in FY2021 compared to private players that have VNB margins of 22-27% due to higher share of participation and group products. Despite lower margins and inferior business mix, we believe that the IPO is being priced reasonably and offers value to investors with a long-term view," Gupta said.

There is, however, a section of the market that is not fully convinced about the valuation. "The ongoing volatility in stock mar-

kets due to the Russia-Ukraine war has forced the government to cut the issue size to 3.5%. However, the price band is kept on the higher side, which is not an attractive price for adequate return growth. We recommend that investors may subscribe for listing day gains and wait for lower levels for long-term investment," said Ravi Singh, Vice-President and Head of Research, ShareIndia.

Tuhin Kanta Pandey, Secretary, Department of Investment and Public Asset Management, said, "This is a fair and attractive valuation... We want to champion LIC as a long-term value creator in the equity markets." He said the issue is right-sized considering the capital market environment and will not crowd out capital and monetary supply even under the current constraints.

How big is LIC?

LIC, formed by merging and nationalising 245 private life insurance companies on September 1, 1956, with an initial capital of Rs 5 crore, now manages around Rs 40 lakh crore assets. It is the fifth largest life insurer

globally and the largest asset manager in the country. As on December 31, 2021, it covered 91% of all districts and had 1.33 million individual agents, and had a market share of 61.6% in terms of premiums or GWP, 61.4% in terms of New Business Premium, 71.8% in terms of number of individual policies issued, and 88.8% in terms of number of group policies.

What are the advantages of listing?

LIC's profile will get a boost. Investors can trade in its shares or keep them long-term. LIC will become more transparent and answerable to shareholders for any mismanagement. It will have to follow the listing guidelines of stock exchanges and SEBI regulations.

While Pandey has ruled out a follow-on issue in the current financial year, markets are expecting more offers in the next financial year. Moreover, the insurtech industry will benefit. "Most of the public insurers in the country were still evaluating digitisation of customer journeys, which will get a boost post the LIC IPO," said Surjendu Kuila, co-founder and CEO, Zopper.

From environmental concern to practical use: study shows old masks can strengthen cement

WITH SINGLE-USE masks during the pandemic now presenting an environmental problem, researchers have demonstrated the idea of incorporating old masks into a cement mixture to create stronger, more durable concrete. If they are not reused, disposable masks can remain in the environment for decades and pose a risk for the ecosystem.

In a paper published in the journal *Materials Letters*, researchers showed that the mixture using mask materials was 47% stronger than commonly used cement after a month of curing. Washington State University said in a press release.

Production of cement is a carbon-intensive process, responsible for 8% of carbon emissions worldwide. If concrete is reinforced with microfibres, it can potentially reduce the amount of cement needed for a project, or make the concrete last longer, saving carbon emissions as well as money. Medical masks have fibres that can be useful for the concrete industry.

"These waste masks actually could be a valuable commodity if you process them properly... This work showcases one technology to divert the used masks from the waste stream to a high-value application," the release quoted the paper's corresponding author Xianming Shi, professor of civil and environmental engineering, as saying.

The researchers developed a process to fabricate tiny mask fibres, ranging from 5 mm to 30 mm in length, and then added them to cement concrete to strengthen it and to prevent its cracking. They removed the metal and cotton loops from the masks, cut them up and incorporated them into ordinary Portland cement. They mixed the mask microfibres into a solution of graphene oxide before adding the mixture to cement paste. Without the fibres, micro-



A piece of a disposable face mask and a pile of tiny mask fibres.

Washington State University

scopic cracks in the concrete would eventually lead to wider cracks and the material's failure, the release said.

The researchers are conducting more studies to test their idea that the graphene oxide-treated microfibres could also improve the durability of the concrete and protect it from frost damage and from deicing chemicals that are used on roadways. They also envision applying this technology to the recycling of other polymer materials, such as discarded clothing, to incentivise the collection of such waste.

The study was led by Zhipeng Li, a graduate student in WSU's Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering. The study was funded through the US Department of Transportation's National Center for Transportation Infrastructure Durability and Life Extension.

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THE CENTRE and the states are at loggerheads over taxes and duties on petrol and diesel. While the Centre feels the states are not reducing VAT in line with the Centre's cut in excise duty, the states have expressed concerns over their fiscal cushion, especially with the GST compensation regime due to end in June.

On Wednesday, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said Maharashtra, West Bengal, Telangana, Andhra Pradesh, Tamil Nadu, Kerala, and Jharkhand have not reduced VAT, and urged "all states to work as a team in this time of global crisis following the spirit of co-operative federalism".

From opposition-ruled states, West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee said the state government has lost Rs 1,500 crore on account of a Re 1 subsidy it provides on petrol prices, and that the Centre owes West Bengal Rs 97,000 crore. Maharashtra CM Uddhav Thackeray issued a statement detailing the Centre and the state's share of taxes on fuel and saying the former owes Maharashtra Rs 26,500 crore. Telangana CM K Chandrasekhar Rao said the state had not hiked fuel prices since 2014; Kerala Finance Minister K N Balagopal said the price hike was due to the cess and surcharge levied by the Centre.

As fuel prices soared in November 2021, the Centre, for the first time in over three years, cut central excise duties on petrol (by Rs 5 per litre) and diesel (by Rs 10 per litre). Twenty-one states, including 17 ruled by the BJP, and some Union Territories then cut VAT in the range of Rs 1.80-10 per litre for petrol and Rs 2-7 per litre for diesel. The revenue loss to states due to this is estimated at 0.08% of GDP, as per the RBI's State Finances report for 2021-22.

But the relief these moves provided was outweighed by a series of 14 price hikes in 16 days, following the lifting of a 137-day freeze after state elections in March.

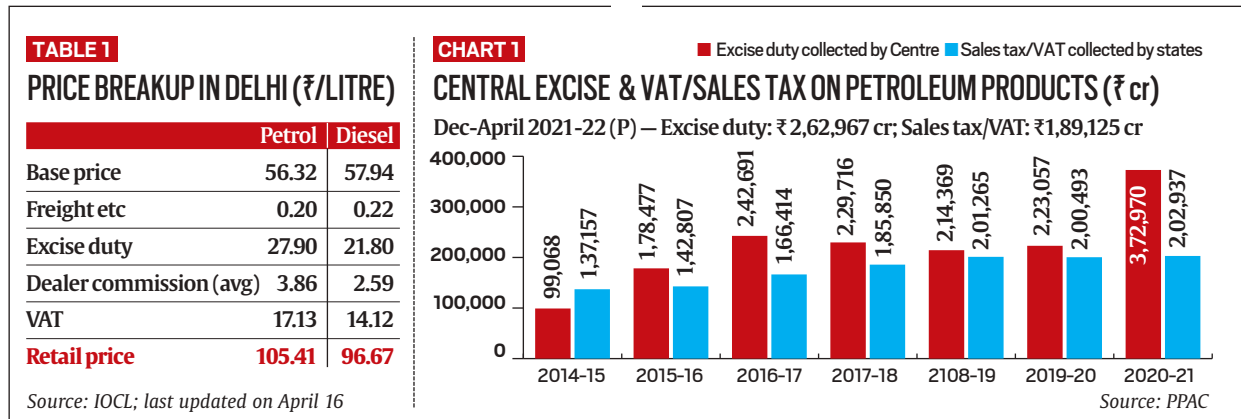
Fuel levies as revenue share

Excise duty and VAT on fuel constitute an important source of revenue for both the Centre and the states. Excise duty on fuel makes up about 18.4% of the Centre's gross tax revenues. Petroleum and alcohol, on an

SIMPLY PUT QUESTION & ANSWER

States vs Centre on fuel taxes

The Prime Minister has noted that certain states have not reduced VAT; states have attributed rising fuel prices to central taxes. How is fuel taxed, and how are collections shared between the Centre and states?



average, account for 25-35% of states' own tax revenue, as per the RBI's Study of Budgets 2020-21. Of the revenue receipts of states, central tax transfers comprise 25-29%, and own tax revenues 45-50%.

During April-December 2021, taxes on crude oil and petroleum products had yielded Rs 3.10 lakh crore to the central exchequer, including Rs 2.63 lakh crore as excise duty, and Rs 11,661 crore as cess on crude. For the same period, Rs 2.07 lakh crore accrued to the states' exchequer, of which Rs 1.89 lakh crore was through VAT, as per the Petroleum, Planning & Analysis Cell (PPAC).

This compares with Rs 4.19 lakh crore (Rs 3.73 lakh crore excise duty; Rs 10,676 crore cess) collected by the Centre and Rs 2.17 lakh crore by states (VAT Rs 2.03 lakh crore) in 2020-21.

Petroleum taxes with states are shared out of basic excise duty. The Centre also levies additional excise duty and cesses on petroleum products. In 2020-21, the total central excise duty (including cesses) collected from petrol and diesel was Rs 3.72 lakh crore. The total tax devolved to state governments from the corpus collected under the central excise duty was Rs 19,972 crore.

Central and state taxes currently account for about 43% and 37% of the retail price of petrol and diesel respectively in Delhi. Credit ratings agency ICRA had noted in February that the Centre would have to forgo revenue of about Rs 92,000 crore in FY23 to restore excise duties on petrol and diesel to pre-pandemic levels. The levies on fuel and liquor have also become an important source of revenue for states as other indirect tax revenue is routed through the GST regime.

Sunil Kumar Sinha, Principal Economist, India Ratings and Research, said the switch to GST has severely curtailed the states' flexibility to adjust revenues according to the situation. "So at the moment, the only components which they can adjust are the fuel tax and excise duty on liquor," Sinha said, noting that this is why states are not willing to accept interference from the Centre on these taxes.

How fuel is taxed

States apply an *ad valorem* VAT or sales tax on the base price, freight charges, excise duty and dealer commission on petrol and diesel. Therefore, state collections also rise as the Centre hikes excise duties. Prior to the cut in excise duties on November 4, the Centre had increased excise duties by a total of Rs 13 per litre on petrol and Rs 16 per litre on diesel compared to pre-pandemic levels.

Delhi imposes 19.4% VAT on petrol while Karnataka levies a 25.9% sales tax on petrol and 14.34% on diesel. Certain other states impose an *ad valorem* tax in addition to a flat tax per litre. Andhra Pradesh, for instance, levies Rs 4 per litre VAT and Rs 1 per litre road development cess on autofuels in addition to VAT (31% on petrol; 22.5% on diesel).

Other states have sales taxes with a fixed floor in rupee terms on the sale of petrol and diesel but apply an *ad valorem* tax as prices go higher. Uttar Pradesh, for instance, charges whichever is higher between 19.36% or Rs 14.85 per litre on the sale of petrol.

While state VAT collections have risen along with higher fuel prices and previous hikes in excise duties, the states' share of excise duties on fuel was reduced in the FY2022

Budget. It cut the Basic Excise Duty (BED) on petrol and diesel by Rs 1.6 and Rs 3 per litre respectively, cut the special additional excise duty on both by Rs 1 per litre, and introduced an Agriculture Infrastructure and Development Cess (AIDC) of Rs 2.5 per litre on petrol and Rs 4 on diesel. While reducing the states' share, this did not impact pump prices since collections from cesses are not part of the shareable pool.

Tax revenues & price trends

The Centre's excise duty collections moved upward during 2014-15 to 2016-17, then showed moderation for next two years, before picking up again since 2019-20 after excise duty was raised in 2019 (see *Chart 1*). Every rupee hike in excise duty roughly yields Rs 13,000-14,000 crore annually, conditional on global prices and consumption levels.

Oil marketing companies (OMCs) have been revising prices since last month in line with rising crude prices, after a freeze of 137 days. Ordinarily, the prices of petrol and diesel are revised daily in line with a 15-day rolling average of benchmark prices. However, OMCs had held prices constant starting from the excise cut on November 4, until the end of elections in five states in March.

Since the revisions began in March, OMCs have hiked petrol prices by Rs 12 per litre and diesel prices by Rs 10 per litre. The price of LPG too has increased: a 15 kg cylinder now costs Rs 949.50 (up Rs 50) in Delhi, and a commercial 19 kg cylinder Rs 2,253 (up Rs 250).

The price of Brent crude has increased by about \$25.53 per barrel since November 4 to \$106.48 per barrel. India imports about 85% of its crude oil requirements.

The Hattis of Himachal Pradesh, and their demand for ST status

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HIMACHAL PRADESH Chief Minister Jai Ram Thakur announced this week that Union Home Minister Amit Shah had assured him that the Centre would consider favourably the state government's request for inclusion of the Hatti community in the list of Scheduled Tribes (STs) in the state. Thakur said the state government would complete all required formalities for getting tribal status for the Hattis.

With Himachal Pradesh headed to Assembly elections later this year, the ruling party's outreach to the estimated 3 lakh-strong community is politically significant. Earlier this month, they had threatened to boycott the elections if their demand for ST status was not met.

The Hattis have a sizable presence in about nine Assembly seats in the Sirmaur

and Shimla regions. Their population is concentrated in the four Assembly constituencies in Sirmaur district — Shillai, Paonta Sahib, Sri Renukaji, and Pachhad (all part of the Shimla Lok Sabha seat).

The BJP won 44 of the 68 Assembly seats in the 2017 elections, but the 2022 elections are likely to be tougher for the party, with the Aam Aadmi Party, upbeat after its spectacular win in Punjab, also in the fray.

Community and land

The Hattis are a close-knit community who take their name from their traditional occupation of selling home-grown crops, vegetables, meat, and wool at small-town markets known as *haats*. Hatti men traditionally don a distinctive white headgear on ceremonial occasions. Thakur said the Hattis live in 154 panchayat areas, and members of the community numbered 2.5 lakh in the 2011 Census.

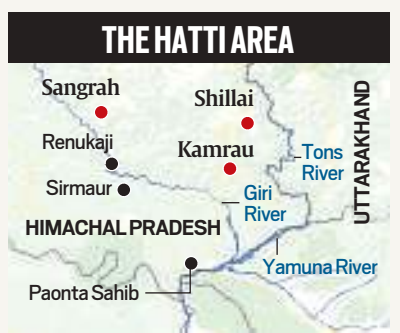
The Hatti homeland straddles the

Himachal-Uttarakhand border in the basin of the Giri and Tons rivers, tributaries of the Yamuna. The Tons marks the border between the two states, and the Hattis living in the trans-Giri area in today's Himachal Pradesh and Jaunsar Bawar in Uttarakhand were once part of the royal estate of Sirmour. Jaunsar Bawar was conquered by the British in 1814. The two Hatti clans have similar traditions, and inter-marriages are common.

Within the Hatti community, a fairly rigid caste system operates — the Bhat and Khash are upper castes, and the Badhois are below them. Inter-caste marriages have traditionally been discouraged. The Hattis are governed by a traditional council called *khumbli* which, like the *khaps* of Haryana, decide community matters.

Demand for ST status

The list of STs in Himachal Pradesh includes Gaddis, Gujjars, Kinnaaras (Kinnaur), Lahaulas, Pangwalas, and some other



smaller tribes. The bulk of the tribal population lives in remote, high altitude areas in the districts of Lahaul, Spiti, Kinnaur, and Chamba. The tribal population of the state was 3.92 lakh (about 6% of the total) in 2011.

The Hattis have been demanding ST status since 1967, when tribal status was accorded to people living in Jaunsar Bawar in Uttarakhand, which shares a border with

Sirmaur district. Over the years, various *maha khumbli*s passed resolutions pressing the demand.

"[Hattis of Jaunsar Bawar] share similar culture and socio-economic conditions with the Hattis residing in Sirmour," Chief Minister Thakur said. "In 1967, their family members who were in Jaunsar were declared tribals but those who remained in Himachal were not given the same status or benefits." Since getting the benefit of reservations, the Jaunsar Bawar area has produced a sizable number of civil servants.

Due to topographical disadvantages, Hattis living in the Kamrau, Sangrah, and Shillai areas of Himachal Pradesh have lagged behind in both education and employment.

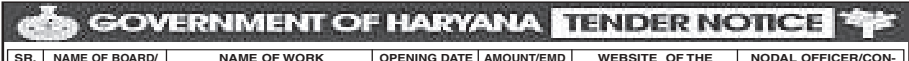
Political promises

In its Lok Sabha election manifesto in 2009, the BJP promised, for the first time, to give ST status to the Hattis. This led to the consolidation of the community behind the

party, which has repeated the promise in its subsequent manifestos. The BJP has gained from Hatti support in the parliamentary elections in Shimla, which was once a Congress stronghold. In 2014, Rajnath Singh, who was then national president of the BJP, promised the Hattis ST status at a rally in Nahan in Sirmour.

In 2016, then Congress Chief Minister Virbhadra Singh moved a file to the Union Ministry of Tribal Affairs asking for tribal status to the trans-Giri region, and Dodra Kwar in Rohru on the basis of a study conducted by the Tribal Affairs Institute, Shimla.

The Union Ministry, however, said that the ethnography report about the Hatti community was inadequate, and sought a full-fledged ethnographic study. In March this year, the Jai Ram Thakur government sent a detailed ethnographic proposal to the Centre, seeking the inclusion of the Hattis of the trans-Giri area in the ST list of Himachal Pradesh.

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| निविदा सं. | कार्य विवरण | घरोहर ई-निविदा प्रश्न | ई-निविदा अपलोड करने की तिथि एवं समय | ई-निविदा प्रश्न करने की तिथि एवं समय | ई-निविदा प्रश्न करने की तिथि एवं समय | तकनीकी बिड खोलने की तिथि एवं समय | निविदा की वैधता | बि-बिड-निविदा से सम्बन्धित सूचना/संशोधन ई-मेल eecs-ujls-uk@nic.in पर send करने की अंतिम तिथि एवं समय | |
|------------|---|-----------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|---|----------------------------------|--------------------------|--|----------------------------|
| 1 | | | | | | | | | |
| 22 | गोष्ठीक दर अनुमान पर, Three Core Copper Conductor Flexible PVC Insulated & Sheathed Flat Cable, without earth continuity conductor for Submersible Motor-Pump generally conforming to IS: 694:1990 (Reaffirmed 1995) revised as IS: 694:2010 or its latest amendment(s) को आपूर्ति। | | 1,60,000.00 | 02.05.2022 from 11:00 a.m. | 07.05.2022 from 11:00 a.m. to 24.05.2022 upto 5:00 p.m. | 24.05.2022 upto 5:00 p.m. | 25.05.2022 at 11:00 a.m. | 120 days | 05.05.2022 upto 11:00 a.m. |

अहर्ता:- Only manufacturers of Three Core Copper Conductor Flat Cable or agency authorised by manufacturer having BIS license for IS: 694:1990 (Reaffirmed 1995) revised as IS: 694:2010 or its latest amendment(s) are allowed to take part in this tender.

ई-निविदा से सम्बन्धित समस्त जानकारी एवं शर्तें उत्तराखण्ड की वेबसाइट www.uktenders.gov.in एवं विभागीय वेबसाइट <http://ujls.uk.gov.in> पर ऑन लाइन देखी/ प्राप्त की जा सकती है।

JAL SHAKTI VIBHAG**NOTICE INVITING E-TENDER**

Online bids on item rate basis are invited by the Executive Engineer Jal Shakti Division Chaurtra on behalf of the Governor of Himachal Pradesh, in electronic tendering system in **three covers** for the under mentioned work from the contractors/firms of appropriate class .

1. Name of work:- Providing lift irrigation Scheme to Joginder Nagar Constituency area of Lad Bhalol in Tehsil Lad Bhalol District Mandi (H.P.) Under "PMKSY"

Estimated Cost :- Rs. 58,74,01,240/- Only. Earnest Money :- Rs. 59,06,512/- Only. Time Limit :- Two year.

Cost of tender document :- Rs. 2500/-

2. Name of work:- Providing lift irrigation Scheme to Village Main Bholarla, Tikkar, Dohag, Sainthal, Chaurtra etc. in Tehsil Joginder Nagar District Mandi (H.P.) Under "PMKSY"

Estimated Cost :- Rs. 64,72,56,927/- Only. Earnest Money :- Rs. 65,05,069/- Only. Time Limit :- Two year.

Cost of tender document :- Rs. 2500/-

Schedule of tendering:-

| | | |
|----|---------------------------|---|
| 1. | Bid Submission start date | 26.04.2022 05.00 PM |
| 2. | Bid Submission end date | 10.05.2022 05.00 PM |
| 3. | Pre-Bid Meeting | On 02.05.2022 at 11:30 AM in the Office of Chief Engineer (HZ) Jal Shakti Vibhag Hamipur. |
| 4. | Opening of Cover-I | 11.05.2022 at 11:30AM |
| 5. | Opening of Financial bid | Date and place to be notified separately. |

Conditions:-
Tender documents, Terms and conditions and other instruction can be downloaded or viewed online from the portal <https://hptenders.gov.in>.

Executive Engineer,
JS Division, Chaurtra

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Directorate Of Food And Consumer Affairs, Jharkhand,**Third Floor, JSFC Bhawan, Kadru Ranchi**

Letter No- 708**Date- 28.04.2022**

Tender Ref No:Kha.up.Ni-01- Chi.Vi.Yo.-01/2022- 568**Dated – 01-04-2022**

Corrigendum Notice


Reference to Tender No.: Kha up Ni 01 SUGAR 01/2022 568 Dated 01/04/2022 and PR NO. 267486 for Empanelment of suppliers for supply of Sugar under Public Distribution System Scheme of Government of Jharkhand for the First Quarter (Apr'22-Jun'22)of Financial year 2022-23 under Reverse Auction Mode.
Following Amendment are hereby Authorised.

| Description | As per RFP | Amended As |
|--|------------|----------------------|
| Bidding Cost and Earnest Money Deposit (EMD)/Bid Security submission last date | 25.04.2022 | 09.05.2022 |
| Tender Document Sales End Date | 25.04.2022 | 09.05.2022 18:00 IST |
| Bid Submission Closing Date | 25.04.2022 | 09.05.2022 18:00 IST |
| Bid Opening & Evaluation | 26.04.2021 | 10.05.2022 16:00 IST |

However, the prospective bidder are advised to regularly keep visiting and checking the website <http://jharkhand.gov.in/food> & <https://jhtenders.eproc.in> for any further forthcoming information/ notice(s)/developments/amendment(s)/ Clarification(s) regarding the subject Tender. Rest all the Terms and Conditions of the RFP and subsequent amendment remains unchanged.

PR 269167 Directorate of Food and Consumer Affairs(22-23).D

Director
Directorate of Food & Consumer Affairs

**Directorate of Horticulture and Farm Forestry****Indrawati Bhawan, B-block, 4th Floor, Nava Raipur Atal Nagar Chhattisgarh****E-mail: dir.horti-cg@nic.in Website: <http://agriportal.cg.nic.in/horticulture/HortiHi/>****Phone: 0771-2433001, Fax: 0771-2433002**

- Expression of Interest (EoI) for 2 separate works -

Expression of Interest are invited individually for 2 works from reputed and qualified firm of Chartered Accountants. The details of two separate works are as follows:-

1. Computerization & Conversion of Accounts into the Double Entry System of Accounting and Preparation of Appropriate Final Accounts including various related assignments of State Horticulture Development Society (SHDS) and 20 District mission Committees (DMC) for the F.Y. 2021-22, 2022-23 & 2023-24.


2. Statutory Audit of State Horticulture Development Society (SHDS) and 20 District mission Committees (DMC) for the F.Y. 2021-22, 2022-23 & 2023-24.

The details of both EOI, terms and conditions, scope of works, etc. could be downloaded from Directorate Website: <http://agriportal.cg.nic.in/horticulture/HortiHi/>. Minimum Prescribed Fees has been given in both tender documents. CA Firm may submit their sealed offers of both the EOI in separate envelope with the title name to The Director, Directorate of Horticulture & Farm Forestry, Indrawati Bhawan, 2nd block, 4th Floor, Nava Raipur Atal Nagar, CG.

Last date for submission is 18/05/2022 upto 04:00 PM through post or by hand.
Tender shall be opened on 19/05/2022 at 12:00 noon.

Sd/-
Director,
Horticulture & Farm Forestry
Nava Raipur Atal Nagar CG

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**यमुना एक्सप्रेसवे औद्योगिक विकास प्राधिकरण****प्रथम तल, कॉर्पोरेट कॉम्प्लेक्स, सेक्टर-ओमेगा-1 (पी-2) ग्रेटर नोएडा****Toll Free No. 18001808296 वेबसाइट:- www.yamunexpresswayauthority.com**

पत्रांक – वाई0ई0ए0/OSDM/2022/668**दिनांक:-28.04.2022**

ई-निविदा आमंत्रण सूचना

निम्नलिखित कार्य हेतु केन्द्र सरकार/राज्य सरकार/केन्द्रशासित/अर्द्धशासित/सार्वजनिक उपक्रमों के कार्यों का काम से कम चार वर्ष का अनुभव रखने वाले ठेकेदारों/फर्मों से ई-निविदाएं आमंत्रित की जाती है। ई-प्रोक्योरमेंट सोल्यूशन द्वारा निविदाएं द्विस्तरीय प्रणाली से खोली जायेंगी।

| क्रम सं० | कार्य का नाम / वर्क सॉफ्ट | अनुमानित लागत |
|----------|---|---------------|
| 1 | Maintenance of Street Light for One Year on 30 Mtr, 60 Mtr Wide road Parallel to Yamuna Expressway & 100 Mtr Wide road Between Sector-18 & 20 (2022-2023), YEA (E&M-02) | रु० 44.61 लाख |
| 2 | Maintenance of Street Light for One Year on 120 Mtr Wide road FROM CH. 00.00 KM TO CH. 4.30 KM (2022-23) YEA (E&M-02) | रु० 19.04 लाख |
| 3 | Annual Maintenance of Street Light for one Year in 5 village – Clubbed as Package-3 (2022-23) YEIDA E&M-03) | रु० 36.83 लाख |
| 4 | Providing Street light at Village-Dhanauri khurd YEIDA (E&M-01) | रु० 35.03 लाख |
| 5 | Providing Street light at Village- Niloni YEIDA (E&M-01) | रु० 43.36 लाख |
| 6 | Providing Street light at Village-Chak Birampur YEIDA (E&M-01) | रु० 39.92 लाख |
| 7 | Providing Street light In Village- Muradghari YEIDA (E&M-01) | रु० 36.41 लाख |

जिसे दिनांक 04.05.2022 से 13.05.2022 को 5:00 बजे तक अपलोड किया जा सकता है। प्राप्त ई-निविदाओं की प्री-क्वालिफिकेशन दिनांक 17.05.2022 को प्रातः 11:00 बजे खोली जायेगी।

| क्रम सं० | कार्य का नाम / वर्क सॉफ्ट | अनुमानित लागत |
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| 8 | Providing Street light at Village- Mohamadpur Gurjar YEIDA (E&M-01) | रु० 37.39 लाख |
| 9 | Providing Street light at Village- Kadarpur YEIDA (E&M-03) | रु० 38.23 लाख |
| 10 | Providing Street light at Village- Salarpur YEIDA (E&M-03) | रु० 41.04 लाख |
| 11 | Providing Street light at Village- Chak Jalalabad YEIDA (E&M-03) | रु० 12.64 लाख |
| 12 | Providing Street light at Village- Gunpura YEIDA (E&M-03) | रु० 31.09 लाख |
| 13 | Providing Street light In Village- Pachokra YEIDA (E&M-02) | रु० 18.09 लाख |

जिसे दिनांक 05.05.2022 से 17.05.2022 को 5:00 बजे तक अपलोड किया जा सकता है। प्राप्त ई-निविदाओं की प्री-क्वालिफिकेशन दिनांक 18.05.2022 को प्रातः 11:00 बजे खोली जायेगी।

| क्रम सं० | कार्य का नाम / वर्क सॉफ्ट | अनुमानित लागत |
|----------|--|---------------|
| 14 | Providing Street light In Village- Chandpur YEIDA (E&M-02) | रु० 32.05 लाख |
| 15 | Providing Street light In Village- Achhepur YEIDA (E&M-02) | रु० 39.77 लाख |
| 16 | Providing Street light In Village- Sakka (Majra of Bhatta) YEIDA (E&M-02) | रु० 15.70 लाख |
| 17 | Providing Street light In Village- Rustampur YEIDA (E&M-02) | रु० 28.11 लाख |
| 18 | Providing Street light In Village- Nagla Padam Singh & Nagla Shri Gopal YEIDA (E&M-02) | रु० 33.78 लाख |
| 19 | Providing Street Light at Village- Mirzapur, Yamuna Expressway Authority (E&M-01) | रु० 56.15 लाख |
| 20 | Providing Street Light at Village- Ronija Yamuna Expressway Authority (E&M-01) | रु० 58.67 लाख |

जिसे दिनांक 06.05.2022 से 18.05.2022 को 5:00 बजे तक अपलोड किया जा सकता है। प्राप्त ई-निविदाओं की प्री-क्वालिफिकेशन दिनांक 19.05.2022 को प्रातः 11:00 बजे खोली जायेगी।

विशेष कार्याधिकारी (एम)

**The Brihanmumbai Electric Supply & Transport Undertaking****(OF THE BRIHANMUMBAI MAHANAGARPALIKA)****BEST**

TENDER NOTICE

E-tender is invited for the supply of following item.

(1) Empanelment of Agencies for Rooftop Solar Systems in residential premises, (2) Hiring of Light / heavy Commercial E-Vehicles in Utility without driver,

RE-INVITED E-TENDER

(3) 73065.

Note : For more details, log on to website <https://mahatenders.gov.in>.
PRO/AAM(M)/22/2022**GENERAL MANAGER**

No. F.2(75)/PCD/PPP/2021-22/**GOVERNMENT OF TRIPURA****PLANNING (P&C) DEPARTMENT****ADVERTISEMENT**

Dated, Agartala, THE 26th April, 2022

Applications are invited for engagement in the following Posts on purely contractual basis for a period of 3 years in Planning (P&C) Department & Finance Department.

1) Consultant- PM GatiShakti.

2) Consultant- Public Finance

3) Consultant- IT Innovation.

4) Consultant- Information Technology.

Age: Maximum 55 (Fifty five) years on the date of application.
Sacale of Pay: Consolidated remuneration up to ₹ 1.25 Lakh per month.

How to apply:
Eligible candidates may send their detailed bio-data mentioning two references along with a recent pass-port size photograph and giving particulars of Name, Address, Contact Phone, Fax No./ E-mail Address, Age, Qualification, Experience. Proof of Academic attainment, addressed to the **Director Planning, Directorate of Planning & Coordination, Government of Tripura, E-mail:directorplanning.tr@gmail.com. For further details, please visit the website: <https://www.planning.tripura.gov.in>**

Sd/ (U.Sinha)

Addl. Secretary

Planning & Coordination

ICA/D/172/22

WESTERN RAILWAY

E-PROCUREMENT TENDER NOTICE No.S/14/2022 Date 28.04.2022

| S.N. | Short Description of Item | Quantity | T.O.D. |
|------|--|-----------|----------|
| 162 | Yoke For Upgraded High Tensile CBC | 200 Nos | 13.05.22 |
| 163 | Oil Cooler Radiator | 5 Nos | 18.05.22 |
| 164 | High Reach Pantograph | 40 Sets | 18.05.22 |
| 165 | Electric Point Machine 143mm | 229 Nos | 19.05.22 |
| 166 | Air Brake Hose Coupling | 17374 Nos | 23.05.22 |
| 167 | Set of Labyrinth and Bearing Cap | 114 Sets | 23.05.22 |
| 168 | Set of Rubber Components For Combined EP Brake | 380 Sets | 24.05.22 |
| 169 | Welding Cable With Copper Conductor 70 sq.mm. | 9237 MTR | 26.05.22 |
| 170 | Cochlear Implant | 13 Nos | 26.05.22 |
| 171 | L-TYPE Composition Brake Block | 9007 Nos | 27.05.22 |
| 172 | Large Span Wire 130 Sqmm | 5234 MTR | 01.06.22 |

Reverse Auction

| | | | |
|---|---|--------|----------|
| 7 | Supply , Transportation, Installation, Testing and Connection of Multi Section Digital Axle Counter (MSDAC) | 24 Nos | 25.05.22 |
| 8 | Single Phase to Three Phase 2 x 130 KVA Converter | 80 Nos | 27.05.22 |

Corrigendum : The Due Date for Tender No. 09215018 for procurement of "Electronic Talk Back System" has been further extended from 27.04.22 to 09.05.2022. **Tender notice no. S/03/2022 dated 02.02.2022 at Sr. No. 38.**

Regarding detailed notice EMD, Purchase restrictions and detailed tender conditions, please visit website www.ireps.gov.in and www.wr.indianrailways.gov.in

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For Principal Chief Materials Manager

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**New Okhla Industrial Development Authority****Administrative Building, Sector-6, Noida, (U.P.)****Website: www.noidaauthorityonline.com**

E-TENDER NOTICE

E-Tender are invited from firms / contractors registered with UPLC Lucknow for the following jobs/against which bids can be uploaded and same shall be opened/downloaded as per schedule mentioned. The details and conditions of all tenders are available on NOIDA Authority's official Website: www.noidaauthorityonline.com and <https://etender.up.nic.in>. Please ensure to see these websites for any changes/amendments & corrigendum etc.

(A)

1. 01/PGM/AO/SM(JAL-OA)/22-23 - M/o STP (Supply and Fixing of Light Arrangement LT, HT armoured Cables and other related Electrical works at STP-168 Compound) **NOIDA, Cost : Rs. 33.41 Lac**

Which can be uploaded by date **13.05.2022** upto 5.00 pm. Pre-qualification shall be opened/downloaded on date **17.05.2022** at 11.00 am.

(B)

1. 16/CGM/AO/SM(JAL-OA)/21-22 - S.T.P. Treated water line in Sewerage District-B (Providing and laying of treated water pipe line from STP Sec-50 to C & D waste plant Sec-80 and Sector-78, 79 Park) **NOIDA, Cost : Rs. 80.61 Lac**

Which can be uploaded by date **06.05.2022** upto 5.00 pm. Pre-qualification shall be opened/downloaded on date **09.05.2022** at 11.00 am.

Principal General Manager
NOIDA

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**Government of Maharashtra****PUBLIC WORKS (South) DIVISION, PUNE-411 001****Phone No. 020/26121765****Web- www.mahapwd.gov.in****e-mail-integratedpune.ee@mahapwd.gov.in**

e-TENDER NOTICE No. 07 for 2022-2023

Sealed Online B-1 Tender Format Tender _1_ is/are Invited By The Executive Engineer, Public Works (South) Division, Pune-411001. (Telephone No. 26121765) invites bids for Given works from Registered as well as Unregistered contractor in B-1 Tender Format. As per Maharashtra Government, Public Work Department G.R. No. CAT/2017/Pra.Kra-08/Bldg-2, Dt. 27/9/2018 and Public Work Department Mantralaya Mumbai Circular No. CAT/2017/Pra.Kra-08/Bldg-2, Dt. 22/10/2018 & 19/01/2021

Bids document can be downloaded from website <https://mahatenders.gov.in>. Executive Engineer reserves all rights to accept or reject bids without assigning any reasons. Conditional bids will not be accepted.

The detailed Tender Notice can be available on
1. Web: www.mahapwd.gov.in (Only Tender Notice)
2. <https://mahatenders.gov.in> (Details of Tender Notice)
(Any changes in the NIT will be Corrigendum/s published on above website)

Sd/-

- A. B. BHOSALE,
Executive Engineer,
Public Work (South) Division,
Pune 411 001.

(dgjpr/2022-2023/346)


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You laid down your lives and made the supreme sacrifice in the highest traditions of the FIFTH ROYALS. Your inspiring and selfless deed has always been a source of motivation to each one of us.

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Fondly remembered
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**CENTRAL ORGANISATION FOR RAILWAY ELECTRIFICATION****1, NAWAB YUSUF ROAD, CIVIL LINES, PRAYAGRAJ-211001**

No.: RE/Tender/Civil/517 E-TENDER NOTICE**Dated: 27.04.2022**

Name of work: Zonal repair and maintenance, white washing, distemping etc. and execution of miscellaneous works in Head Quarters office building, City side ORH, Civil lines side ORH and RE officers Club including Sports Complex of CORE at Prayagraj.

(1) Completion Period : 12 Months, **(2) Approximate Cost of the work** : ₹ 6656634.70, **(3) Tender Cost** : ₹ 0.00, **(4) Earnest money to be deposited** : ₹ 133100.00, **(5) Submission/Opening of tender** : 20.05.2021 Upto 15.00 Hours for submission of tender through www.ireps.gov.in and the Tender shall be opened online using IREPS portal any time after closing of tender. **(6) Website particulars** : www.ireps.gov.in (where details have been uploaded). **(7) Office address** : Office of PCE/CORE, 1 Nawab Yusuf Road, Civil Lines. Prayagraj.

NOTE: Only e-Bid shall be accepted against above tender.

By Chief Engineer/CORE/Prayagraj

FOR & ON BEHALF OF PRESIDENT OF INDIA

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No 8773/CDC/2021-22**Dated 25/04/2022**

RFP NOTICE

SELECTION OF BIDDER FOR DEVELOPMENT, OPERATION & MAINTENANCE OF DIAGNOSTIC CENTRE for Korba

Through this notice Municipal Corporation, Korba Executive Engineer herein invites proposal through online Electronics Chhattisgarh Government Procurement System (eGPS) <https://eproc.cgstate.gov.in> for Selection of Bidder development OPERATION & MAINTENANCE OF DIAGNOSTIC CENTRES four Korba. Bidder may also download the Bid enquiry documents (a complete set of document is available on website) from the web site (<https://eproc.cgstate.gov.in>) or <https://uad.cg.gov.in> or www.korbamunicipal.in

System RFP No.- 97948 (1st Call)
Last Date of online Bid Submission- 17.05.2022
Last Date of Physical Submission-20.05.2022 up to 3.00PM

Sd/-

Executive Engineer
Municipal Corporation,
Korba (C.G.)

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**NORTH CENTRAL RAILWAY, PRAYAGRAJ**

TENDER NOTICE

E-Procurement Tender Notice No. 211-S/TS/Tender Notice/1/2022, dated 25.04.2022


On behalf of the President of India, Principal Chief Engineer, North Central Railway, Prayagraj invites the following E-Procurement Tenders:

| S N | Tender No. | Brief Description | Quantity | Approx. Value (₹) | Completion Period |
|-----|--------------|---|-------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| 1. | 01/2022/2023 | Metal Liner 60Kg for modified wider base sleeper for Drg. No. T-8748. | 155400 Sets | 51,49,956/- | 24 months |

Date of tender opening: 24.05.2022 **Note:-** 1. The complete information of above E-Procurement Tender are available an IREPS website i.e. <https://ireps.gov.in> 2. Bids other than in the form of E-Bids shall not be accepted against above Tenders. For this purpose, vendors are required to get themselves registered with IREPS website along with class-III Digital signature certificates issued by CCA under IT Act-2000. 3. Rate entered into Financial Rate page and duly signed digitally shall only be considered. Rates and any other financial entity in any other form/letter head if attached by vendor shall be straight way ignored and shall not be considered.


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Press Notice Tender

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| 1. | P/L 400 mm dia M.S. connection line from A-5 RW to feeding main of Palla R/W/TW for improving water supply at Holambi Kalan and SOT UGB under ACEN-14 (Re-invite) | Rs. 90,21,961/- | Rs. 1,80,500/- Rs. 1000/- | 28.04.2022 | 13.05.2022 Upto 3.00 PM |
| 2. | P/L 900 mm dia MS water main for making interconnection from G.T. Road near Singhola Red Light to DDA Command Tank No.-1, Sector A-6, Pocket-11, Narela in AC-01 Narela under EE (NW)-II (Presently under ACE (M)-3) (Re-invite) | Rs. 10,71,26,326/- | Rs. 21,42,600/- Rs. 1500/- | 28.04.2022 | 13.05.2022 Upto 3.00 PM |

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

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SECTOR WATCH
CONSUMER INTERNETVCs shrink budgets:
Startups restructure
ops, hand pink slips
to over 5K staff in '22SOUMYARENDRA BARIK
NEW DELHI, APRIL 28

AS VENTURE capitalist funds tighten their purse strings, startups in India's consumer internet sector have begun consolidating their operations, and this has resulted in more than 5,000 full-time as well as contractual employees being handed pink slips in the first four months of 2022 alone.

Startups from across the board ranging from industries like ed-tech, e-commerce, financial technology, real estate and home furnishing are among those that have laid off employees. Housing mortgage company Better.com laid off more than 3,000 employees from India and the US. While the company did not give a breakdown of how many of those employees were from India, the number of those laid off in India is pegged to be around 1,000.

Ola, which recently ventured into quick-commerce, is learnt to have laid off close to 2,500 contract workers that it had onboarded to expand its business, and it is learnt, has not started running some of its warehouses that it had leased. Blinkit also laid off close to 300 contractual workers engaged with the company as warehouse managers, pickers and delivery workers.

Unacademy has laid off close to 1,000 people, including employees and tutors that it had hired on a contractual basis, according to sources. Lido Learning laid off more than 200 employees after running out of funding. Social-commerce platform Meesho fired 150 employees from its grocery arm Farmiso.

Sequoia Capital-backed social-commerce app Trello, hit by corporate governance issues, laid off close to 300 employees — around 50 per cent of its entire workforce. Furlenco laid off around 200 employees mostly from customer support roles.

Fintech platform OKCredit has fired around 40 people from its bookkeeping and e-commerce arm. When reached out for a comment, a representative for Unacademy pointed to the statement that the company released earlier this month claiming "less than 600 employees/contractual workers and educators have been laid off". E-mail queries sent to Better.com, Ola,

ACROSS SEGMENTS

■ Startups, ranging from ed-tech, real estate, e-commerce, financial technology to home furnishing have laid off employees

Furlenco and Blinkit, and messages sent to Lido Learning, Trello, and OKCredit did not elicit a response until publication.

Experts tracking the field said 2022 has seen a slow-down in funding overall, sending high growth, high cash burn startups back to the drawing board to restructure their firms to reduce their burn. Overall, the startup ecosystem raised more than \$40 billion in 2021, according to a report by Orios Venture Partners, an investor in early stage startups.

"Everyone knew the funding frenzy of 2021 was not going to last forever," said a seasoned investor. "Now when the funding has somewhat slowed down, it is natural that startups are looking at cutting headcount since it is a quick way to reduce cash burn and extend their runway".

A key reason for the funding drying up this year, experts said, is the geopolitical tensions led by Russia's invasion of Ukraine, and the overall poor performance of fast-growing tech companies in the US and China, impacting major investment houses like Tiger Global and Softbank which have infused billions of dollars in Indian startups in 2021, and had a huge hand in converting a number of those startups into unicorns. Softbank chief Masayoshi Son has also recently written to the Japanese investment company's senior executives on slowing down of new investments.

Further, a number of Indian startups including BharatPe, Trello, and InfraMarket have been hit by corporate governance issues, including potential instances of embezzlement of funds by senior executives. This is another reason, said analysts, why investors have become more cautious before placing bets.

Another reason behind startups reducing their headcount is trimming a part of the company for not performing as well as expected. Full report on www.indianexpress.com

INDEX WON'T BE UNIFORM SINCE STRESS LEVELS VARY

To plug support package loopholes,
Nabard plans farmer distress indexGEORGE MATHEW
MUMBAI, APRIL 28

THE NATIONAL Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (Nabard) is planning to formulate a farmer distress index (FDI) to track, identify and support "needy and distressed farmers."

Depending on the level of distress, the government and the financial institutions can decide on an appropriate package of support instead of the current practice of doling out distress package to all the farmers across the board. "We are thinking of such an index. It will help really needy and distressed farmers. It has not yet been worked out," Nabard Chairman G.R. Chintala said. This index won't be uniform across the country as it changes from place to place depending on the stress levels. It will also help the entire financial sector, government departments and insurance companies. While the distress of a farmer is usually

EXPLAINED
Data integration

THE INDEX can integrate the available high-frequency data on key agricultural variables like deviation of monsoon rains, excessive rainfall, drought and dry spells, variations in temperature and soil moisture, and yield of major crops in the district, among others.

measured by the extent of his crop damage, this leaves way too many distressed farmers in other areas out of the beneficiary ambit.

According to a study jointly conducted by Nabard and Bharat Krishak Samaj, a farmer producers' organisation in Punjab, more than 60 per cent of the 'very high' and 'high' distress small and mar-

FY22: Nabard refinance
disbursement hits record high

Mumbai: Nabard has reported an all-time high refinance disbursement of Rs 2.68 lakh crore during the year 2021-22, up 20 per cent as against a total refinance disbursement of Rs 2.23 lakh crore extended in the previous year despite the Covid pandemic.

Nabard posted a 7.73 per cent rise in total disbursement during the fiscal 2021-22 at

Rs 377,086 crore as against Rs 350,022 crore in the last fiscal. "Long-term refinance disbursement reached an all-time high of Rs 116,000 crore as against Rs 92,786 crore disbursed during FY 2020-21, marking growth of 25.02 per cent over the previous year," Nabard Chairman G.R. Chintala said. **ENS** Full report on www.indianexpress.com

ginal farmers (SMFs) did not receive farm loan waiver (FLW) benefits. The exclusion rate was also 60 per cent for the medium distress category SMFs. In Maharashtra, SMFs that were better off as they were categorised as 'low' distress received the maximum FLW benefits. Close to 42 per cent of the SMF whose distress category was

'very high' did not receive FLW benefits. In UP, 47 per cent of the 'very high distress' category, and 45 per cent of the 'high distress' category SMF did not receive FLW benefits. In the three states together, more than 40 per cent of the 'very high distress' farmers did not receive any FLW benefits.

In Maharashtra and UP, the

sugarcane farmers who had taken loans, mostly had irrigated land and were assured of a fair price in the form of FRP (fair and remunerative price) and SAP (state advised price). They all received the benefit of farm loan waiver. The more distressed small and marginal farmers having un-irrigated lands and growing lower value crops (particularly ones not procured at MSP) may not have taken crop loans. So, they have not benefited from FLW schemes, the study said.

Nabard study says this index can integrate the available high-frequency data on key agricultural variables like deviation of monsoon rains, excessive rainfall, drought and dry spells, variations in temperature and soil moisture, among others. "This index can be used by the policymakers and the government to plan and design a timely and targeted method of supporting distressed farmers," said Nabard Deputy MD Shaji KN.

Full report on www.indianexpress.com

Vaishnaw:
5G auctions
by May-end
or early JuneASHWINI VAISHNAW
Telecom Minister

File

New Delhi: The government plans to auction 5G spectrum airwaves by May-end or early June, Telecom Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw said on Thursday, adding the Digital Communication Commission would take a call on the Telecom Regulatory Authority of India's recommendations "within the next 5-6 days".

The Department of Telecommunications was, meanwhile, working to resolve the industry's concerns around spectrum pricing, Vaishnaw said. Trail recently recommended spectrum prices of various bands in 5G should be cut between 35 and 40 per cent. **ENS**

Support plan for chip
cos: Import curbs, local
sourcing for electronicsSOUMYARENDRA BARIK
BENGALURU, APRIL 28

IN ADDITION to the financial incentives being provided to set up semiconductor manufacturing capacity in the country, the government could encourage manufacturers of electronic products to use made-in-India semiconductors, while potentially restricting imports to a certain extent, a senior IT Ministry official said.

"Apart from offering financial incentives to companies to set up semiconductor fabs in the country, we could potentially encourage that products made in India will have to use semiconductors made here," the official said.

Indicating the possibility of import restrictions on semiconductors once capacity here is up and running, the official said: "Why would we allow that to be imported from somewhere else if there's a... compatible product ... that is being made in India. Why would we allow something to be imported from Taiwan?"

Last December, the Union Cabinet approved a Rs 76,000-crore plan to provide incentive support for companies engaged in silicon semiconductor fabs, display fabs, compound semiconductors, silicon photonics, sensor fabs, semiconductor packaging and semiconductor design.

The first stage of evaluation of these applications will be carried out by the India Semiconductor



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Mission, according to the official quoted above. "The government is in the final stages of selecting a CEO of the Indian Semiconductor Mission (ISM) and could make a decision as early as mid-May. Once that is done, the ISM will start the evaluation of proposals for the PLI scheme," the person added.

"Once the proposals are cleared by the ISM, they will head to the Cabinet for final approval. We estimate that after a deal is signed it will take around three years for the selected entities to start semiconductor production." So far, the government has received five applications for setting up of semiconductor fabrication and display fabrication units with a total investment commitment of \$20.5 billion (Rs 153 lakh crore). For setting up of semiconductor fab units, proposals have been received from Vedanta (which has announced a joint-venture with Foxconn), Singapore-based IGSS Ventures, and ISMC, which is led by Next Orbit Ventures Fund.

(The correspondent is in Bengaluru at the invite of the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology)

'CCI raids target sellers
on Amazon, Flipkart'REUTERS
NEW DELHI, APRIL 28

THE ANTI-TRUST body launched raids early on Thursday against two top domestic sellers of online retail giant Amazon.com, and some on Walmart's Flipkart, following accusations of competition law violations, sources said.

The two Amazon sellers figuring in Thursday's raids were Cloudtail and Appario, two sources said on condition of anonymity, as the details were not public.

Two other sources said some sellers on Walmart's Flipkart platform were also being raided by officers of the Competition Commission of India (CCI), but there were no immediate details.

"This is a significant development as generally CCI doesn't do searches in non-cartel cases," a for-

'ONDC launch'

New Delhi: The Commerce Ministry will launch the pilot phase of open network for digital commerce (ONDC) on Friday in Delhi NCR, Bengaluru, Bhopal, Shillong and Coimbatore, a senior official said. **PTI**

mer official of the competition regulator told Reuters.

"Doing dawn raids to unearth complex economic activities is a new domain for the regulator."

Amazon, which has an indirect equity stake in both the sellers raided, did not immediately respond to a request for comment, nor did Flipkart. Cloudtail, Appario and the regulator did not immediately respond to emailed queries.

GUIDELINES ISSUED BY CERT-IN FOR COMPANIES, GOVERNMENT ORGANISATIONS

Mandatory reporting of cyber incidents in 6 hrs

ENSECONOMIC BUREAU
NEW DELHI, APRIL 28

THE INDIAN Computer Emergency Response Team (CERT-In) has mandated that all cybersecurity incidents such as targeted scanning or probing of critical networks and systems, compromise of critical systems and information, unauthorised access of data and systems among others must be informed to it by the respective companies within six hours of ei-

ther being made aware of the incident or becoming aware itself.

The new guidelines issued by CERT-In to companies operating in India say that service providers, intermediaries, data centres, companies and government organisations must mandatorily report such incidents within six hours.

It has also mandated that virtual asset service providers, virtual asset exchange providers and custodian wallet service providers shall maintain all the information they have gathered as a part of the

know your customer (KYC) process and records of financial transactions for a period of five years.

"With respect to transaction records, accurate information shall be maintained in such a way that individual transaction can be reconstructed along with the relevant elements comprising of, but not limited to, information relating to the identification of the relevant parties including IP addresses along with timestamps and time zones, transaction ID, the public keys (or equivalent identi-

fiers), addresses or accounts involved (or equivalent identifiers), the nature and date of the transaction, and the amount transferred," CERT-In said.

Similarly, data centres, virtual private server providers, cloud service providers, and VPN providers shall be required to keep details like customer's validated name, period of the service, IP addresses allotted and used, purpose for which the service was sought, address and contact number as well as ownership pattern.

REPORT BY ACCESS NOW & KEEPITON COALITION

'106 net shutdowns in India in 2021'

AASHISH ARYAN
NEW DELHI, APRIL 28

INDIA ENFORCED as many as 106 internet shutdowns last year and was on top of the list of nations that applied internet shutdowns for the fourth year in a row, as per a report published by Access Now and the KeepItOn coalition.

"India was responsible for at least 106 incidents, making it the country imposing the highest number of shutdowns globally for the fourth consecutive year. Of these, 85 were in Jammu and Kashmir, ... where authorities continue to impose intentional internet disruptions that last for long periods..." the report said.

There were at least 182 docu-



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mented internet shutdowns during 2021 in 34 countries, as against 159 documented across 29 nations in 2020, as per the report.

"Following trends we've seen developing for years, in 2021, governments imposed both prolonged and increasingly targeted internet shutdowns, and relied on many of the same justifications for deploying these inherently disproportionate and drastic meas-

ures," it said.

While India led the pack of countries which enforced these shutdowns for the fourth year in a row, Myanmar — at number two — imposed 15 shutdowns in 2021, followed by Sudan and Iran which imposed five shutdowns each.

In a report released earlier this year, internet firm top10vpn.com had said that internet shutdowns, ordered by central, state and district level authorities in India had lasted for 1,157 hours in total, resulting in a loss of \$583 million in 2021. These shutdowns impacted 59.1 million people. India was third in terms of total duration of domestic internet shutdowns, behind Myanmar and Nigeria, with blackouts of 12,238 and 5,040 hours, respectively.

Govt survey shows rising trend in
organised sector employment: Yadav

New Delhi: As many as 3.14 crore workers were employed in nine industries in the December quarter of 2021, indicating a rising trend in employment in the organised sector, as per a Labour Bureau survey. In the September quarter of 2021, the number of workers was around 3.10 crore.

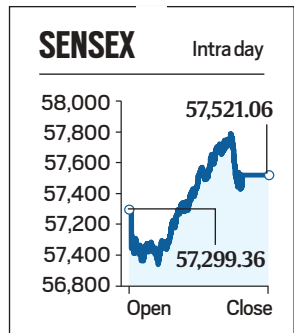
The Ministry of Labour and

Employment on Thursday released the report of the Quarterly Employment Survey (QES) for the October-December 2021 period.

"Happy to inform the report on 3rd Round (Oct-Dec, 2021) of Quarterly Employment Survey shows a rising trend in employment in organised sector, employing 10 or more workers, of the se-

lected 9 sectors," Labour Minister Bhopender Yadav tweeted.

QES captures employment data in respect of establishments employing 10 or more workers in nine sectors: Manufacturing, Construction, Trade, Transport, Education, Health, Accommodation & Restaurants, IT/ BPOs and Financial Services. **PTI**

Markets
rebound
by 1.2%

Mumbai: Domestic stock markets on Thursday rose by 1.2 per cent as strong global cues boosted the investor sentiment. The benchmark SENSEX rallied 701.67 points to 57,521.06 and the NSE Nifty rose 206.65 points to 17,245.05.

The rupee pared initial losses to settle 4 paise higher at 76.53 against the US dollar and the yield on 10-year government bonds rose 7 basis points to 7.15 per cent.

RIL m-cap crosses ₹19L cr

Reliance Industries (RIL) shares rose 1.49 per cent at Rs 2,819.20, taking its market capitalisation above Rs 19 lakh crore to Rs 19.07 lakh crore. **ENS**

BRIEFLY

NCLT, FRL reply

Mumbai: NCLT gave Future Retail till May 12 to reply to petition by Bank of India.

'Pilots abusing'

New Delhi: At least 7 IndiGo pilots allegedly used abusive language on salary on a frequency used for emergency purposes, sources said. DGCA has launched a probe.

Irdai proposal

New Delhi: Irdai proposed rationalisation & standardised administration of group health insurance policies.

ICICI Bank

New Delhi: ICICI Bank launched 'digital ecosystem' for MSMEs with enhanced services for existing customers.

Fertiliser subsidy

New Delhi: FY23 fertiliser subsidy bill may rise 55% to ₹2.5 lakh crore, sources said.

REIT, InVIT listing

New Delhi: Sebi cut listing time for REITs and InVIT to 6 working days from 12. **PTI**

Musk criticism
of Twitter
staff leads
to backlash

New York: Elon Musk's criticism of Twitter Inc sparked a barrage of abusive tweets against the company's top lawyer on Wednesday.

Musk tweeted he disagreed with a decision Twitter made in 2020 to restrict the distribution of a New York Post article about US President Joe Biden's son, Hunter. Musk was responding to a tweet by a podcast host Saagar Enjeti about Vijaya Gadde, the executive who oversees Twitter's policy and legal teams. Enjeti described Gadde as "the top censorship advocate at Twitter who famously gaslit the world on Joe Rogan's podcast and censored the Hunter Biden laptop story."

Gadde then became the subject of personal attacks by Twitter users. Meanwhile, Twitter reported strong user growth, with daily active users rising to 229 million in the first quarter. It said an internal error resulted in overstating quarterly user numbers by about 1.5 million between fourth quarter of 2020 to end of 2021. **REUTERS**



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Classifieds

PERSONAL

We Sushma Gupta & Satish Chand Gupta, resident of NOIDA have corrected our daughter's name as Sneha Gupta from Sneha Satish Gupta, sworn before notary D.P. Mathur 26.04.22

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I,AMRITPAL SINGH, S/O.RASPAL SINGH NAGI, ADD-FLAT-103 GOBIND-APARTMENT B-2, VASUNDHARA-ENCLAVE EAST DELHI-110096,changed my name to **AMRIT PAL SINGH.** Permanently. 0040611758-8

I, Veena Rani W/o Rajender Prakash Gambhir, R/o D-201, Karampura, New Delhi-110015, have changed my name to Veena Gambhir. 0040611763-3

I,VINEET PRAKASH, S/O.AMAR PRAKASH, ADD-FLAT-NO.14,VENUS APARTMENT, INDER ENCLAVE PASCHIM-VIHAR NEW DELHI-110087, changed my name to **VINEET PRAKASH NIMBEKAR.** Permanently. 0040611758-6

I,Ulka Bapna W/o-Vinay Bapna R/o-H.No-18/2,Ballygunge Circular Road Kolkata-700019, have changed my name to Ulka Bapna. 0040611750-3

I,Tarasha Bajaj W/o Paramjit Singh R/o 4/65,First-Floor, Plot-No.4, Road-No.65, Punjabi Bagh, N.Delhi-26 have changed my name to Tarasha. 0040611763-5

I,Sunita Sao W/O,Muneshwar Sao R/O, A-3/74, Sector-5,Rohini Delhi-110085 have changed my minor Daughter's name Rutba to Rutba Kumari. 0040611758-1

I,Simranjeet Kaur D/o-Bhupinder Singh W/O Piyyush Arora R/o-F-148,Prashant Vihar Delhi-110085, have changed my name after marriage to Simran Arora for all,purposes. 0040611763-4

I,Siddharth Bapna S/o-Vinay Bapna R/o-H.No-18/2,Ballygunge Circular Road Kolkata-700019, have changed my name to Siddartha Bapna. 0040611750-2

I,Samrath Rekhi S/o Sunil Rekhi R/O C-6, Kirti Nagar, New Delhi-110015, have changed my name to Samarth Rekhi. 0040611771-1

I,Sachin Kumar Verma@Sachin Kumar,S/o/Jai Ram Prasad Verma,R/o PMG-072,The Primus,DLF- Garden-City, Sector-82A, Shikohpur(160),Gurgaon, Haryana-122004, have changed my name to Sachin Verma, for all purposes. 0040611763-8

I,SHUBHKA BAJAJ,W/O ASHISH NIRANJAN,R/O TOWER-9.1502 THE CLOSE-SOUTH NIRVANA-COUNTRY SECTOR-50,GURGAON HARYANA-122018, HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO SHUBHIKA BAJAJ. 0040611758-3

I,SANJAY KESWANI S/o-MOOLCHAND KESHWANI, R/o- STO-605,6TH-FLOOR SHIPRA SUNCITY INDIRAPURAM ghaziabad-201014 U.P, changed my name to SANJAY KESHWANI. 0040611771-5

I,Rajender Gambhir S/o Bhagnal Gambhir, R/o D-201, Karampura, New Delhi-110015, have changed my name to Rajender Prakash Gambhir 0040611763-2

I,Pankaj Rautila, S/o Jeevan Singh Rautela R/o-46,Second-Floor A-Block Lok-Vihar VTC Pitampura Delhi-110034, changed my name to Pankaj Rautela. 0040611763-1

I,Manorama Thullai W/o Rakesh Zadoo R/O B-258,Sudershan Park New Delhi-15, have changed my name to Mansi Zadoo. 0040611750-5

I,Manoj Kumar S/o-Late Raibadhar Pathak R/o: RZG-42,Ground Floor, Gali No.1,Vijay Enclave, New Delhi-45, Have Changed My Name to Manoj Kumar Pathak. 0040611758-2

I,Lokesh Kumar, S/o Late.Chote Lal Verma, R/o H.No.175, Gali No.4,Surya Colony Part-II, Sehatripur, Faridabad, have changed my son's name Garvit Kumar to Ronit Kumar. 0040611763-10

I,KHUSHABU SHUKLA W/O RAHUL SHUKLA R/O.HOUSE.No.380 RAJPUR KHURD NEW DELHI 110068, have changed my minor Daughter name, from ANJAL to ANGEL SHUKLA,Permanently. 0040611750-6

I,KAVITA W/o-om pal singh ADDRESS-H.O.No.32 BADAR PUR GAON BADAPUR DELHI-110044, have changed my name to KAVITA DEVI. 0040611763-9

I,Gurvinder kaur Saini R/O.B-62 Asha park, near Tilak Nagar, New Delhi-110018, have changed my name to Gurvinder kaur, for all purposes. 0040611750-9

I,Gurmeet Singh Sabharwal R/O.B-62 Asha park near Tilak Nagar, New Delhi-110018, have changed my name to Gurmeet Singh, for all purposes. 0040611750-8

I,DEVENDRA MALHOTRA S/O-HARBANS LAL MALHOTRA/R/O-B202 RAMA-APARTMENT PLOT.No.25 SECTOR-43, GURGAON, HARYANA 122002, HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO DEVENDRA KUMAR MALHOTRA. 0040611750-1

I,Gita Rani W/o Roop Lal R/o A-187,27, Bharat Vihar,D.K.Mohan Garden,Uttam Nagar,Delhi-59, have changed my name to Geeta Rani vide affidavit dt. 28.4.22. 0040611750-7

I,Bhavna Abhishek Dua,D/O A. K. Luthra, R/O 55,Sukhdev Vihar, New Delhi-110025, HAVE CHANGE MY NAME TO Bhavna Luthra, FOR ALL PURPOSE. 0040611750-10

I,Baanya Narang,D/o S.Gaganpreet Singh Narang, R/o 6,North-Avenue,Third-Floor, Punjabi-Bagh West, N.Delhi-110026, have changed my name to Baanya Kaur Narang. 0040611763-6

I,Asha Devi W/o-Jagdish Choudhary R/O-H-16/2185, Gali.no.16,Sangam Vihar,New Delhi-110080, inform that My,son's name in his school record wrongly-written Dipak Kumar but actual name is Deepak Kumar Choudhary, for all, future purposes. 0040611771-4

I, Vikash Kumar, S/o Dinesh Chandra, R/o Barahua Bhojpur, Sarai Murar Singh, Pratapgarh, Uttar Pradesh-230402, that name of my mother has been wrongly written as Gaytri Devi in my Secondary School Certificates and Marks Statement. The actual name of my mother is Gayatri Devi. 0070782922-1

I, Sunita, W/o Late Ashok Kasana, D/o Dhanpal Singh, R/o House No-404, Sharfuddinpur Javli, Ghaziabad, Uttar Pradesh-201102, has changed my name to Sunita Kasna for all future purposes. 0070782891-1

I, Suman Jain, W/o Pankaj Saraf, R/o 330 B, Platinum Height, Sector-18 B, Dwarka Kakrola, Delhi-110078, have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Suman Saraf. 0070782894-1

I, Shameemuddin S/o Basheeruddin R/O 1221, Rakab Ganj, Near Deltite Cinema, Asaf Ali Road, New Delhi-110002, have changed my name to Shameemuddin Qureshi, for all purposes. 0040611703-1

I, Sayara Bano,W/o-Hasan Abbas,R/o-C-155, Gali No.8,Shastri Park, Delhi-110053, have changed my name to Sayaira Bano, for all purposes. 0040611771-2

I, Sanjay Bisht, R/o Flat no S-1, Plot no 14, Sai Garden 3rd, Near SST Pre-School, Shahbheri, Gautam Budh Nagar, have changed my name to Sanjay Singh Bisht. 0070782919-1

I,Sanjay Kumar,S/o Amar Nath Gosain R/o-H.No.460, Pkt.-1,Paschim Puri, Delhi-63, have changed my name to Sanjay Gosain. 0040611763-7

I, SHAKTI SINGH R/O A-70 Shyam Colony BUDH VIHAR PHASE-2 DELHI-110086 in my educational documents my father's name wrongly mentioned as Girivar Singh but actual name is Girwar Singh for all purposes. 0040611517-1

I, Pyare Mian, S/o-Darban Haider, R/o-A-47, Gali No.2, Chand Bagh, Delhi 110094, have Changed My Name to Pyare Miyan, for all purposes. 0040611771-3

I, Paneet Dhuhan, S/o Ram Kumar, employed as Animal Attendant, Posting Address- Government Veterinary Dispensary, Kulturan, Distt Kathail, Haryana, R/o House Number-160/23, Behind Jai School, Nehru Garden Colony, Kathail, Haryana-136027, have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Paneet Duhau. 0070782892-1

I, PARTH, S/O,ARUN KUMAR, ADD-D/11/11 CORNWALLS-ROAD LODHI ROAD,NEW DELHI-110003, changed my name to PARTH TIWARI, For all, future Purposes. 0040611758-7

I, No.-2892791N, Rank- Hav, ANIL KUMAR R/o 16 Raj Rif c/o 56 APO, Delhi Cantt have changed name of my son from SHUBHAM to SHUBHAM KUMAR vide Affidavit No. IN-DL24486035668473U dated 27/04/2022 before Notary Public, Delhi. 0040611697-1

I, No.-2892791N, Rank- Hav, ANIL KUMAR R/o 16 Raj Rif c/o 56 APO, Delhi Cantt have changed name of my son from SAHIL to SAHIL KUMAR vide Affidavit No. IN-DL24485311285305U dated 27/04/2022 before Notary Public, Delhi. 0040611697-2

I, Naresh Kumar S/o Prahlad Singh R/o H.No.E-359, Delta-I, Greater Noida, G.B.N.have changed my son's name from Gireek Chhoker to Garv Chhoker for all future purpose. 0040611742-1

I, KANTI DEVI spouse of SANJAY KUMAR resident of FLAT NO E-6/8, 23 ACRE RESIDENTIAL COMPLEX, DELHI CANTT,NEW DELHI-110010 have changed my Name from KANTI DEVI to KANTI KUMAR vide Affidavit dated 12.04.2022 0040611722-2

I, Jitendra S/o Shri Ramesh Chand R/o D-5/68E, Sangam Vihar, New Delhi-110080, have changed my name from Jitendra to Jitender Kumar for all future purposes. 0040611739-1

I, Diwakar Jha, S/o Ram Chandra Jha, R/o Flat No-72B, Pocket-10, Kohinor Apartment, Kalkaji Extension, Kalkaji, Delhi-110019, have changed my minor Daughter's name from Aadhya Jha aged 5 years to Praashi Vats forever. 0070782924-1

I, Gurinder Pal Singh Bindra, S/o Bhupinder Singh Bindra, R/o C-14, 3rd Floor, Fateh Nagar, Jail Road, New Delhi-110018, have changed my name to Gurinder Pal Singh. 0070782918-1

I, Gulshan Mittal, S/o Shambhu Dayal, R/o 579/19, Hanuman Mandir, Shivaji Nagar, Gurgaon, Haryana-122001, have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Gulshan Rai. 0070782895-1

I, Ashutosh Dubey S/o Uday Raj Dubey, R/o-DD-1/3, Jeewan Jyoti-Apartment, Pitam Pura, Delhi-110034, have changed my minor son name Arihaan Dubey to Arihaan Dwivedi permanently. 0040611710-1

I, Arun, S/o Ranjit Singh, R/o Plot No.120, First Floor, Block D, Sector 8, Dwarka, New Delhi 110077, have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Arun Kumar. 0070782869-1

I Anil kumar S/o Omkar Sharma R/o E23 b, Mansa Ram park, Uttam Nagar New Delhi 110059 have changed my name to Anil Kumar Sharma 0040611694-1

I, AKANKSHA AGARWAL R/O, K-2003, Hyde Park Sec-78, Noida in mysome document my name wrongly mentioned as KM Akansha but my actual name is Akanksha Agarwal for all purposes. 0040611518-1

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I Rajni Devi D/o Rajendra Singh and W/o Shiromani Singh R/o Parvatpur, Parwatpura, Madhogarh, Jalaun, Uttar Pradesh-285123, have changed my name to Suman. 0070782922-1

I Praveen S/o Sh. Raja Ram R/o 78, Jyoti Kiran Housing Society (Near Silver City-2), Sector-32, (PI-Iand II), Greater Noida, Kasana, Gautam Buddha Nagar,Uttar Pradesh-201310 have changed my name to Praveen Vishwakarma for all purposes. 0040611691-7

I Omkar Singh S/o Bhu dev Sharma R/o E23 b, Mansa Ram park, Uttam Nagar, New Delhi-110059 have changed my name to Omkar Sharma 0040611695-1

I Neha Parag Sashte D/o Late Sh. Parag Sashte R/O A-35, Street No.9, Milan Garden, Sabhapur Extn., Khajuri Khas, North East Delhi, Delhi-110090 have changed my name to Shivani Tiwari for all purposes. 0040611691-8

I Dukhi Mandal, S/o Late Sh. Gyan Chand Mandal, R/o Village Ratikar, P.O Bhatsimar, va- Rajnagar, Distt. Madhubani, Bihar-847235 Office at MGF Mall, 3rd Floor, DPSGS, New Delhi-110017 declared that inadvertently in my pan card no. DOOPM2728Q the name mentioned as Jai Prakash Mandal instead of Dukhi Mandal & Dukhi Mandal is the same person. 0040611711-1

I Ajit Singh Setia S/o Mansa Singh R/o WZ-64B STREET NO. 8/9 SANT GARH TILAK NAGAR NEW DELHI-110018 have changed my name to Ajit Singh 0040611696-1

I,SHUBHAM, S/O.PURNANAND JHA, H.NO-30, GALI.No.1 NEAR-B3S MEMORIAL-PUBLIC SCHOOL AGWANPUR ROSHAN-NAGAR ,FARIDABAD HARYANA-121003, changed my name to SHUBHAM JHA. Permanently 0040611758-9

I,NIHAL ALAM S/O.NOUSHAD ALAM, H.NO-B-160,STREET NO-2/5 INDIRA VIHAR, NORTH EAST DELHI-110094, changed my name to NIHAL AHMED. Permanently. 0040611758-4

I,GULAM E MUSTAFA, S/O,HABIB ANSARI, H.NO.A-1215/5, JAIPUR,EXT PART-2 BADAPUR, SOUTH EAST-DELHI 110044, changed my name to GULAM MUSTAFA, Permanently 0040611758-5

I,Vinay Bapna S/o-Dr Yeshwant Singh Bapna R/O H.No-18/2, Ballygunge Circular-Road Kolkata-700019, have changed my name to Vinaay Y Bapna. 0040611750-4

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To be known to all that my client, Smt Sandeep Chopra S/o J.P Chopra R/o B-5, Ordinance Apartment, Vikas Puri, New Delhi-110018, is the allottee of property No. 12-B, DG-2 DDA Flats situated at V.P. Pur, New Delhi-110018 alongwith Reekha Malhotra wife Shri. Smiti Kumar Malhotra and Shri Aksh R/O S/o Shri P.B. Arora. He has applied for conversion of the aforesaid property from lease hold to freehold in DDA. The original document is Allotment cum Demand letter vide file No. F 118/11113353/SV/VIII, of the said property has been lost or misplaced by him and is not traceable inspite of best efforts. An FIR SO NO. 4302/2014 Delhi Police LR No. 344531/2022 Dated 5-5-2022 in this effect has been lodged. Any person (s) claiming any rights, interest having any objection or bound in possession of original document may writecontact with above named person at B-5, Ordinance Apartment, Vikas Puri, New Delhi-110018 or Phone: 8036628555 within 15 days from the date of publication of this notice. The person claiming any right, interest, objection with respect to write to Deputy Director, Land (leasing) or Director (Housing), Vikas Sadan, New Delhi. Sd/- B.B.N. Deo, Advocate, SR-II-B, Distt. Centre, Jankipur, ND-58

PUBLIC NOTICE

I, declare my client namely **Mr. Gurmeet Singh S/o Mr. Kesar Singh & his wife & Mrs. Anita,** both R/O A247/1, First Floor Near Clock Tower, Hari Nagar, Wants to disown their son namely **Mr. Davinder Preet Singh** from their movable and immovable property for future all actions and above said statements are true and correct in best of my knowledge and belief. **Isha Arora, Advocate D/2622/2018**

Place: New Delhi
Date: 29.04.2022

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform to public at large that my clientless: **Santosh Kumar Gupta W/o Late Krishan Kumar Gupta,** aged about 74 years R/o B-1, First floor, Malviya Gang, Opposite Hans Raj College, Delhi-110007 has severed all relationship from his son **Sanjay Gupta S/o Late Krishan Kumar Gupta R/o 2918, Muggi Way, Chantoli, PA 18914, USA** and his wife **Charanpreet** and disowned their son and wife from all her movable and immovable properties as they have become disoriented and they are out of control of my above clientless and my clientless has nothing to do with them. My clientless shall not be responsible for his acts, deeds. If any person deals with them then he will be doing that at their own risk, cost and consequences. Sd/- **Rakesh Bhatia (Advocate) 2022, New Rohini Road, New Delhi-05**

PUBLIC NOTICE

"Public at large is hereby informed that my client Smt. Sushma Devi W/o Sh. Madan Lal Sharma R/o A-16148 Sangam Vihar Punjab Vihar South Delhi Delhi-110082, have severed/irrevocably all their relationship with his son namely Sh. Ajay Kumar Sharma S/o Sh. Madan Lal Sharma and his wife Smt. Sheetal Sharma S/o Sh. Ajay Kumar Sharma and their daughter Ms. Rishita Sharma D/o Ajay Kumar Sharma and my wife have disowned their son Sh. Ajay Kumar Sharma and his family from their movable and immovable properties since he is not in control of my client and their acts are in irreparable nature. If any person will deal with them shall do so at his/her own risk and cost and my clientless shall not be responsible in any manner." Sd/- **Pradeep Kumar Advocate En. No. D/2786/2021 523, Lawyer's Chamber, District Court, Sec-10, Dwarka, New Delhi-110075**

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the general public that my client Sh. Nem Singh R/O A-205, New Ashok Nagar, Delhi-110096 has disowned, disinherited and debarred his son **Bhano Prakash,** his wife **Smt. Meenakshi Prakash** and their son **Pulkit Prakash** from all his properties, movable and immovable, whatsoever and wheresoever situated due to bad behavior of his daughter-in-law towards him and they are residing separately since marriage at first floor above property and further shifted to rented accommodation. My client has further severed all his relations, social and economical with them. Anybody dealing with them shall be at his/her/their risks and consequences and my client shall not be responsible for the same. Sd/- **(RUPENDU SINGH) Advocate Chamber No. K-II, Lawyers Chamber, Tis Hazari Courts, Delhi-110054**

PUBLIC NOTICE

General Public is hereby informed that under instructions from the behalf of my client **HEMA GULATI W/o Prem Nath Gulati, R/O C-80A, First Floor, Moti Nagar, New Delhi-110015,** have disowned/ disinherited her Grand Son **TUSHAR GULATI** his Mother **Smt. LEENA GULATI** S/o, W/o Late Manish Kumar Gulati from all his immovable properties and movable assets, and severed all relations with them due to their dis-obedience and misbehavior. Anybody dealing with them, will do at his/her/their own risks, costs and responsibility and my client and all her other family members shall not be responsible for any acts done by themselves. Sd/- **J.C. Tripathi (Advocate) Ch.No.M4-C.S., Tis Hazari Courts, Delhi**

PUBLIC NOTICE

To be known to all that I, **SURESH CHAND GUPTA, S/o. MURARI LAL R/O 28, PANCHSHEEL NAGAR, YASHODA BHAWAN, BHOPAL (MP)** has applied for issuance of Certified Copy/Conversion of the aforesaid property from lease hold to free hold vide File No.F-391598/2004/RHM in DDA The original documents are DEMAND/ ALLOTMENT LETTER, POSSESSION LETTER, SITE POSSESSION and CHALLAN, BALKU CHALLANS of the above said property has been lost. An NCR/LR NO.29188/2022 dated 07.04.2022 in this effect has been lodged in F-3 Crime Branch, Delhi. Any person(s) claiming any right, interest, having any objection or bound in possession of original documents, may write/contact with above named person at above Address-Phone No. 8463083731 within 15 days from the date of publication of this notice. The person claiming any right, interest, objection with respect to this property, can personally inform or write to Deputy Director (LAB) Rohini or Director (Land), DDA, Vikas Sadan, New Delhi. Sd/- **J.C. Tripathi (Advocate) Ch.No.M4-C.S., Tis Hazari Courts, Delhi**

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BRIEFLY

Asia C’ship: Sindhu in last-8, Saina out

Manila: Star Indian shuttler PV Sindhu notched up a straight game win over lowly-ranked Yue Yann Jaslyn Hooi of Singapore in women’s singles competition to advance to the quarterfinals of Badminton Asia Championships here on Thursday. The Indian men’s doubles pair of Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty also made it to the quarterfinals but it was curtains for London Olympics bronze medalist Saina Nehwal and world championships silver winner Kidambi Srikanth. Sindhu, seeded fourth, who had claimed a bronze in the 2014 Gimcheon edition, defeated Jaslyn Hooi, ranked 100th, 21-16 21-16 in 42 minutes to set up a clash against third seed Chinese He Bingjiao, whom she had beaten for a bronze at the Tokyo Olympics.

Madappa in lead at Asian Games trials

Bengaluru: Viraj Madappa stayed ahead of the pack despite a modest one-under 71 but his lead was cut to two at the end of the third round of the Asian Games golf Trials on Thursday. Madappa’s 71 brought his three-day total to 11-under 205 and he is now two ahead of Karandeep Kochhar (69) at 9-under. Rashid Khan shot five-under 67 and moved into Tied-third with Veer Ahlawat (69). As four best of the five rounds will be counted, Madappa is just one ahead of Rashid Khan and Veer Ahlawat and Kochhar, who has three 69s is fourth.

Bengaluru to host Ranji knockout games

Mumbai: Bengaluru will host the Ranji Trophy knockout matches, starting with the quarterfinals from June 4, with the final set to be played from June 20. The league stage of the Ranji Trophy was played before the start of the ongoing IPL and the BCCI had said that the knockouts would be played after the lucrative T20 league. It is understood that there will be no compulsory quarantine for the players but bio-bubble will be maintained. The teams and the players will have to submit a negative RT-PCR report on their arrival. The four quarterfinals will be played from June 4-8. Bengal will take on Jharkhand in the first quarterfinal. Mumbai are up against Uttarakhand while Karnataka and Uttar Pradesh will square off in the third quarterfinal.

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Three Lions get a new king

Ben Stokes to lead England in Tests; pacers Broad and Anderson back in the mix

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BEN STOKES was appointed as captain of England’s Test cricket team on Thursday, taking on the high-pressure role just a few months after returning from a long spell away from the game to protect his mental health. The all-rounder was the only credible option to replace Joe Root, who quit his position, which he had held for five years, two weeks ago with England having only won one of its last 17 Test matches. It is the first big decision by Rob Key, the former England batsman who was recently hired as managing director of men’s cricket in England in a turbulent period for the national team that is currently without a head coach. Key said he was sure Stokes was ready to shoulder the burden of the captaincy despite missing most of 2021 to focus on his well-being and also recover from two finger operations. It could mean Stokes plays fewer one-day and Twenty20 internationals, though. “It’s just something we’ve got to do, we’ve got to manage that load, we have to prioritize at times where we think he needs to be playing. At the moment, that’s going to be test cricket,” Key said. “I don’t think we have to overthink this. We have to make sure he is in a good frame of mind, his body is in good shape, and then we can plan accordingly.” While announcing Stokes’ new role, Key also said veteran fast bowlers James Anderson and Stuart Broad, the top two wicket-takers in England’s test history, would also be available again after being controversially left out of the recent West Indies tour.

Tough road ahead

England plays Test series against New Zealand and South Africa this summer, and also completes the series against India that was cut short last year with India 2-1 ahead with one test remaining. “Before it got announced I was doing this job, I rang them up and said, ‘In my opinion you’re both available for selection,’” Key said of the 35-year-old Broad and the 39-year-old Anderson. “I can’t promise you you’re going to play but you are just available for selection. Ben Stokes was very clear on the fact that he wants Jimmy and Broady to come back in. It will purely be done on what’s the best XI to win that first test match. Nothing more, nothing less. If they are in that, which there’s every chance they will be because they are two great bowlers, then they play.” Key said new head coaches would soon be hired to lead the men’s Test and limited-overs teams, insisting the same person can not handle both jobs.



The new role could mean Ben Stokes plays fewer one-day and Twenty20Is. Reuters

Always got each other’s backs. Congratulations mate, I’ll be right with you every step of the way.”

JOE ROOT
FORMER ENGLAND TEST CAPTAIN

“It’s just become a job that has become near-impossible for one coach to do,” Key said. “The amount of cricket we play, with all the COVID catch-up, all that stuff, you’re going to have times where you literally would be jumping on a plane to the other side of the world to coach a different format.” Getting rid of COVID bubbles for teams is expected to further ease the mental burden on players and coach staff. That should help Stokes, one of the world’s best cricketers in all formats, as he settles back into the swing of a hectic cricket schedule. “He cares about the people around him,

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ROB KEY
ENGLAND MANAGING DIRECTOR

he has understanding for why people struggle, he has understanding for why people might not be feeling right,” Key said. “All those traits, along with a very good cricket brain, make him the standout choice.” Stokes said Root will “continue to be a key ally for me” as he takes on the captaincy. “I want to thank Joe for everything he has done for English cricket and for always being a great ambassador for the sport all across the world,” Stokes said. “He has been a massive part of my development as a leader in the dressing room.”

Red-hot Liverpool check Villarreal’s underdog story

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LIVERPOOL, APRIL 28

LIVERPOOL LOOKS like being one European giant too many for Villarreal. Wins in the Champions League semifinals are rarely as routine as Liverpool’s 2-0 first-leg victory on Wednesday over the Spanish underdog, which appears to have finally come unstuck on a fairytale run that has already accounted for European football royalty in Juventus and Bayern Munich.

Liverpool, still on course for an unprecedented quadruple of major trophies, proved to be a bigger test. The six-time European champions slowly dismantled the limited challenge of Villarreal on another night when they were swept along by the power of Anfield. The goals came early in the second half — and within 133 seconds of each other — as Villarreal left back Pervis Estupinan unwittingly deflected a cross by Jordan Henderson into his own net in the 53rd minute, with goalkeeper Geronimo Rulli only managing to tip a looping ball into his own net.

One goal can quickly turn into two in these energy-charged European nights at Anfield and that’s what transpired again, with Villarreal still shaken up from conceding the opener when Sadio Mane ran onto Mohamed Salah’s through-ball and toe-poked a low finish beyond Rulli.

The second leg takes place at Estadio de la Cerámica on Tuesday and only a major surprise will prevent Villarreal — a team only in seventh place in the Spanish league and filled with players who failed to make it in England — from bowing out, just like in 2006 in its only other appearance in the semifinals.

Liverpool manager Jurgen Klopp struck a cautious note despite the one-sided nature of the first leg. “Nothing has happened yet,” he said. “We’re playing a game and it’s 2-0 at halftime. You have to be completely on alert, 100% in the right mood.”

Klopp has built a formidable winning machine that looks even more complete than the team which won the Champions League in 2019, a year after also reaching the final and losing to Real Madrid under the German coach. As his players did a lap of honor inside Anfield after the final whistle, Klopp waved to the crowd and tapped the club crest on the front of his thick coat.

Another win. Likely another Champions League final. And, amazingly, the quadruple is still on for a team that has already won the English League Cup, is into the FA Cup final and is only a point behind Manchester City in the Premier League title race. It could yet be a Champions League final between the two northwest rivals, with City taking a 4-3 lead over Real Madrid into the second leg of their semifinal in Spain next Wednesday.

A sea of yellow-clad Villarreal fans — at around 5,000, they amounted to almost 10%



Liverpool benefitted from a self goal while Sadio Mane scored a second in the 2-0 win over Villarreal. Reuters

of the population of the town in eastern Spain — swarmed its way from Liverpool city center to Anfield ahead of the game. A rendition of The Beatles’ “Yellow Submarine,” which is the nickname of visitors, was well-received by the lively away contingent before kickoff. That was as warm as the welcome got. Liverpool snapped into tackles and pressed high from the first whistle, meaning Villarreal’s players hardly got out of their half all match. “The reality is, they are in the best moment,” Villarreal coach Unai Emery said of Liverpool. “They are in the favorite to win this competition.”

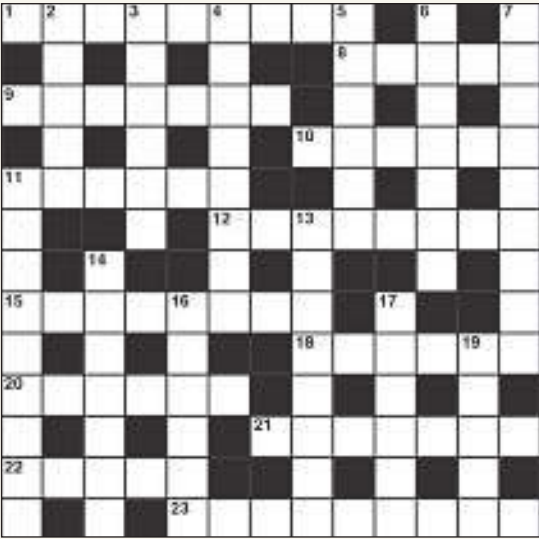
Yet, with Emery setting up his team with his back four screened by a deep-lying and narrow midfield four, Liverpool was initially starved of space in what quickly became tantamount to an attack vs. defense exercise.

There were plenty of half-chances — Mane headed wide off his face, Salah curled over then volleyed over, and Thiago Alcantara smashed a long-range shot off the outside of the post — but Villarreal held out until halftime.

SCORELINE

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| Liverpool | Villarreal |
| 2 | 0 |
| Estupinan 53' (og) | |
| Mane 55' | |
| *Aggregate 2-0 | |

CROSSWORD 4727



ACROSS

- 1 Majority status (9)
- 8 Morning custom which can cause laughter (5)
- 9 Teams of seven put out by the Spanish (7)
- 10 Hit with explosive - bandage needed (6)
- 11 Nominal winner (6)
- 12 The height of distinction (8)
- 15 Really look on the exams as trials of ability (8)
- 18 Suitable voice for a trio? (6)
- 20 Being rich, packed it in (6)
- 21 Add to general disorder (7)
- 22 Little in the way of pudding (5)
- 23 He may study an insect and its changing form (9)

DOWN

- 21 Held out for capital (5)
- 3 It’s frivolous having a tax about it (6)
- 4 She turns into Diana (8)
- 5 Naturalist in ward for treatment (6)
- 6 Sarcastic extract from a newspaper (7)
- 7 Respect some hesitation in one’s excuses (9)
- 11 Utterly incompetent (9)
- 13 An example of the position one may take up (8)
- 14 Makes one see red as green perhaps (7)
- 16 Puts up secret amendments (6)
- 17 The meal is about over (6)
- 19 Goals are redefined in Africa (5)

Solutions Crossword 4726: Across: 1 Low-down, 4 Ivory, 7 Wine, 8 Lost time, 10 Shopkeeper, 12 Owlets, 13 Dieted, 15 Churchgoer, 18 Economic, 19 Club, 20 Freak, 21 Sporan. Down: 1 Lawms, 2 Wantonly, 3 Noosed, 4 In the right, 5 Ohio, 6 Yielded, 9 Sketchbook, 11 Stroller, 12 Oneself, 14 Traits, 16 Robin, 17 Nose.

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.

The good times of today, are the _____ of tomorrow. - Bob Marley (3,8)

PYAOS



TRUST



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Answer: The good times of today, are the sad thoughts of tomorrow. - Bob Marley

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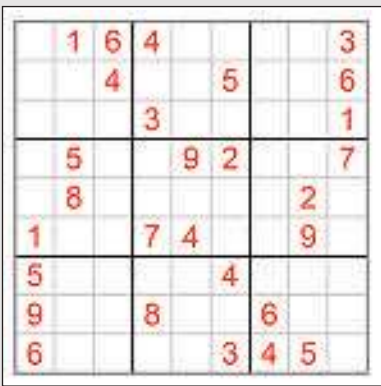
MARVIN by Tom Armstrong



SUDOKU 4819

Difficulty Level 2s
Instructions
To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every digit from 1 to 9 must appear in each of the nine vertical columns, in each of the nine horizontal rows and in each of the nine boxes.

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



SOLUTION SUDOKU 4818



DAY TODAY

BY PETER VIDAL

ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr 20)

The better you have come to terms with whatever happened long ago, the more prepared you will be to deal with excitable emotional influences, now. It does appear as if a close partner is sending you conflicting signals. But, then, that seems to be quite normal, these days.

TAURUS (Apr 21 - May 21)

Complex planetary patterns offer a sign to all, but for those who have their heads completely buried in the sand, changes are afoot. Actually, it’s your attitudes which should shift, first. Success will result from taking a principled stand and it’s surprising how partners respect you if you seize the moral high ground.

GEMINI (May 22 - June 21)

You must be prepared to consider long-term arrangements, which should moderate your willingness to take risks. However, there is scope for discussions as far as joint financial arrangements are concerned. Take time off for a romantic dalliance.

CANCER (June 22 - July 23)

It now seems inevitable that you will have to alter your stance over home or family affairs. However, it may now be best to wait about four or five days before confirming existing arrangements. By then, current uncertainties will clear up.

LEO (July 24 - Aug 23)

You cannot help but express your true emotions and, in the process, give other people a much firmer understanding of who you are and where you’re heading. In the long run this can only be to the good, for partners will appreciate a better sense of your plans.

VIRGO (Aug 24 - Sep 23)

You should already have taken any major decisions affecting the general structure and pattern of your life. From now on, you will have to focus on the details one by one. Start by reconsidering joint financial arrangements, especially those which you may have been entered into without enough thought.

LIBRA (Sep 24 - Oct 23)

Whatever happens now, remember that you are in command. In the old days your sign was associated with war as much as with peace, so don’t shrink from taking a tough stand if gentle persuasion doesn’t work. It’s about time other people saw that you meant business.

SCORPIO (Oct 24 - Nov 23)

Your private affairs are your business and nobody else’s. There are therefore likely to be many instances when you have to distance yourself from people who are taking you for granted or peering too closely into your activities. They will just have to learn, won’t they?

SAGITTARIUS (Nov 24 - Dec 22)

Battles and conflicts at work must be taken in your stride as part and parcel of an inevitable teething process. New people and fresh ideas require a period of adjustment which may be difficult, even if temporary. The pleasure comes when it’s all over.

CAPRICORN (Dec 23 - Jan 20)

If you are tired of being put-upon or taken for granted, now is your chance to correct the balance. However, it will be naive to imagine that other people will take your complaints lying down. You should understand just how close you have come to success in a personal matter, and will be again, very soon.

AQUARIUS (Jan 21 - Feb 19)

You haven’t been misguided, but you may have been misinformed. However, Mercury’s changing position offers hope that you will once again be able to see the broader picture, restoring a balanced perspective. You’ll be more concerned with the basic facts.

PISCES (Feb 20 - Mar 20)

There’s still plenty to be accomplished at home before you can relax. Today’s lunar influences suggest that your family is more important to your happiness and security than you often imagine. Your sense of beauty is at its peak, and you’ll be creating a sensitive, harmonious environment.

J&K to IPL: Following Malik's path

In nets fast bowlers Basit Bashir, Sharukh Ahmed Dar, Rasikh Salam are pinging batsmen with scorchers

PRATYUSH RAJ
DELHI, APRIL 28

At the IPL 2021, Umran Malik was still a nets bowler for the Sunrisers Hyderabad and replaced T Natarajan, who went out due to Covid-19. Without the claustrophobia of the nettings, but with the nerves of the show-time arc lights showering on him, he produced the second-fastest ball of the tournament, a 152.95 kph brute against Royal Challengers Bangalore. Life has changed for Umran in the space of few months. The Jammu lad had impressed the then skipper Virat Kohli so much that he was summoned as a net bowler with the Indian team.

This year, he has taken his performance to the next level as 150 kph-plus deliveries from him have become a new norm. Not every day does one Indian fast bowler rouse an entire Wankhede stadium on its feet. A fan was holding a placard that read, 'I am here to see Umran Malik's bowling.'

What's even more impressive is that other rookie pacers from Jammu and Kashmir are finding in Malik's footsteps - very quickly too.

One such promising fast bowler is Basit Bashir. The 19-year-old from Kupwara is currently a part of Punjab Kings' net-bowling contingent in the ongoing IPL 2022. The 6 feet 3-inch tall left-arm pacer, Basit, has represented J&K at U-16 and U-19 levels. He was also a part of Zonal Cricket Academy and MRF Pace Academy in the past.

Bashir was in Chennai at MRF Pace Academy when he got a call from the Punjab Kings that they wanted him as a net bowler. The coaches at the MRF pace academy allowed Bashir to join the Punjab Kings, but had one condition.

"Senthil sir (Mylvahanan Senthilnathan) told me that I must come back to the academy once my stint with Punjab Kings is over. It was the most difficult two days of my life, I had to choose between MRF Pace Academy and IPL. But luckily, I got the permission," Bashir tells Indian Express.

Fast bowling came naturally to Basit as his father, Basir Ahmed Lone, and maternal uncle Tahir Mir are fast bowlers.



Basit Bashir, 19, from Kupwara is a net bowler with Punjab Kings. (R) Sharukh Ahmed Dar, 26, with SRH bowling coach Dale Steyn.

"My father played till district, but my mamu has been part of the Jammu and Kashmir's Ranji Trophy team. My elder brother Faisal Bashir was also part of the Jammu and Kashmir U-23 camp. Cricket is in our blood, so I never had to look anywhere else for inspiration," says Bashir who was selected for U-16 trials at the Sher-i-Kashmir Stadium in Srinagar where Irfan Pathan, saw him. The left-arm pacer bagged two five-wickets hauls in three matches.

"I remember seeing Basit playing on the mountains of Kupwara. A couple of days before I went to Kupwara, there was a conflict between the army and the militants. I was staying not even 100m far from the conflict zone. The next day, I saw Basit, and I was very impressed with his bowling. So straightaway, I put him in the U-19 age group," says Irfan Pathan, who was appointed as player-cum-mentor in March 2018.

Then there is a 26-year-old swing bowler



Sharukh Ahmed Dar, who lost his cricket-loving father at the age of 14, and is a net bowler for the Sunrisers Hyderabad. Dar hails from Srinagar and is well-known, courtesy his brilliant performances in the Downtown Champions League, a T20 Tennis ball tournament, who took cricket seriously when Pathan pointed out his talent.

"Irfan sir gave me the self-belief. Within a year, I was with the senior team. And now I am with the SRH set-up and learning the trade from my all-time favourite Dale Steyn," says Dar, whose family is more into Bollywood than cricket. "In Kashmir, we all play cricket. Even in my family, my uncle used to play cricket, but never as a professional. We are more into Bollywood. My name is Sharukh, my elder brother's name is Salman, my cousin's name is Aamir," laughs Dar.

"Umran has set a great example for us. If I manage to impress Dale Steyn and Tom Moody this season, maybe I will be playing

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IRFAN PATHAN
FORMER MENTOR J&K

for the SRH next season," he adds, having been spotted alongside Abdul Samad, Umran Malik, and Rasikh Salam after Pathan took on the role of Jammu and Kashmir's player-cum-mentor in 2018 scouting out 100 cricketers from 22 districts of J&K for different age groups. He changed the mindset of the team. J&K even reached the quarter-finals of the 2019-20 Ranji Trophy season.

Pacer Umar Nazir Mir, 28, has played 42 first-class matches for J&K, but he feels the professionalism in the system came only after the arrival of Irfan Pathan.

"He instilled the belief that our players can play in the IPL and for India," says Nazir, who, too is a net bowler for SRH in the ongoing IPL season.

Pathan spotted Abdul Samad and Umran Malik at the Science College ground in Jammu during a camp organised for the state Ranji Trophy team.

He located Sharukh, Basit and Rasikh at Sher-e-Kashmir Cricket Stadium in Sri Nagar. Pathan was so impressed with Basit that he even went to Kupawara just to watch him play. "Guys are playing on the banks of river, and mountains, playing on the mat in canvas shoes. Even a guy who can hardly bowl 110-115, was confident enough that he can do well. The level of confidence amazed me," says Pathan.

"In 2017-18, when I was about to take up the role with Jammu & Kashmir, Kapil paaji was in that meeting with the J&K officials. I still remember his words, 'If you genuinely want to do something for the country, stop thinking about playing all those leagues and take Jammu & Kashmir cricket in your hands. Help the youngsters out there. It won't be just a cricketing assignment but a service to the nation,'" says Pathan.

Former knight Kuldeep makes Kolkata pay

SYNOPSIS: Kuldeep is DC's MVP. Umesh's fight goes in vain.

SHAMIK CHAKRABARTY
APRIL 28

THREE WICKETS and just two runs in Mustafizur Rahman's last over restricted Kolkata Knight Riders' total to a below-par 146/9. But Delhi Capitals made things difficult for themselves by losing two early wickets followed by three more in the middle-overs, on the heels of a 65-run third wicket partnership between David Warner (42) and Lalit Yadav. As they regained the initiative, Axar Patel's run-out was unnecessary. But KKR suffered their sixth defeat in this IPL, five on the spin, because they didn't have enough runs on the board. DC won by four wickets with an over remaining, while KKR's team selection suggested desperation.

DC's MVP

Last year, he didn't even get a game for KKR before being unceremoniously dumped by the franchise ahead of the mega auction. Kuldeep Yadav was recovering from a knee surgery and as the 2022 IPL auction took place, he ran the risk of going unsold. DC bought him for Rs 2 crore and they are reveling in the smart pick. DC so far have four victories, with the chinaman bowler taking the Man of the Match award in all four of them, this game being the latest. He was his old franchise's nemesis in the first-leg. On Thursday at Wankhede, he spun a web around the KKR batsmen. 4/14 took his tournament tally to 17 scalps. If Umran Malik is the flavour of this IPL, Kuldeep is the resurrection story of the season.

Success begets confidence. Three years ago, Kuldeep cried on the field after being at the receiving end of a Moeen Ali batting assault. He is now playing with a smile. There's a spring in his step, his body language is positive and on occasions, like he did today, he is making the ball talk. After accounting for Baba Indrajith and Sunil Narine off successive deliveries in his first spell, Kuldeep cancelled out a KKR recovery with the wickets of Shreyas Iyer and Andre Russell in his second.



Kuldeep won his 4th Player of the Match award. Sportzpics/IPL

ond. Indrajith, on his IPL debut for KKR, jumped out of the crease and was deceived by the flight. Narine was done in by the double bluff. A slip was posted, hinting a conventional away-goer. A flipper came instead that zipped off the surface and trapped the batsman leg-before. Much to the Indian cricket's delight, Kuldeep has also got his zip back.

Shreyas, the KKR captain, was trying to mount a fightback, upping the ante with a couple of fours against Axar. A Kuldeep wrong'un removed him, via a stunning catch by Rishabh Pant. Russell tried his typical strong-armed tactic but fell to Kuldeep's guile; out stumped. Mustafizur, too, handsomely contributed to the cause, returning with 3/18.

Umesh's fight

He is an old guard in a field of new-age speed merchants. But Umesh Yadav is having a fine IPL and today also, he spearheaded his team's pace attack. After dismissing Prithvi Shaw with an excellent return catch in his first ball, the fast bowler returned to bounce out a well-set Warner before getting rid of Pant. At 84/5, the game was wide open. Umesh returned with 3/24 from his four overs but he didn't have a pace partner to run into the DC lower-order and complement his bowling.

BRIEF SCORES: KKR: 146/9 in 20 overs (Shreyas Iyer 42, Nitish Rana 57; Kuldeep Yadav 4/14, Mustafizur Rahman 3/18) lost to **DC:** 150/6 in 19 overs (David Warner 42; Umesh Yadav 3/24).

A young Munaf Patel was once said to be the fastest bowler in the country. Injuries took their toll, though, and the pace dropped drastically. Patel talks about the thrill of watching another young tearaway burst onto the scene, and stresses how critical it is to manage Umran Malik.

‘If you use Umran too much, he will start cutting down on his pace’



MUNAF PATEL

MY ADVICE as a 21-year old to Umran would be: *Jaao aur josh se ball phenko. Yehi hai (Go bowl with more vigour and pace)*. Watching him run in to bowl, I feel like bowling too. It is so good to see such kids getting opportunities in the IPL. The scouts that go out to spot talent... It feels good that the world's biggest league is benefitting our players, especially those who come from small places. Otherwise who knows how he would have come in and where he would have played. Now he is the league's fastest bowler, and that makes me very happy.

The BCCI should not wait for him to perform in the domestic circuit and then bring him into the Indian team. You take him as the 17th member of the squad if you want, but do take him along. He will learn about the culture and various situations and will learn to adapt if he stays around with everyone. It is something that has to be done.

Handle with care

When I first came on to the scene, social media wasn't as big as it is now but there was certainly excitement around. It is a natural reaction if somebody comes up from a small place where there is no infrastructure. Umran has come up the same way I did. You need to take good care of him. He will last long only if the BCCI does that.

If you see, Zaheer Khan had also arrived as a 145-plus bowler, Ashish Nehra was there, I was there, VRR Singh was there, Ishant Sharma was also quick when he came in. At present you have guys like Umesh Yadav, Navdeep Saini. There needs to be a system in place where there is a restriction on the number of matches a fast bowler plays in a year. Now, of course, technology has advanced in terms of physiotherapy and training, but still you will have to take care of him. If you use him too much, then chances are he will suffer a big injury and that means he will then have to start managing his pace. But right now, he is bowling like soney pe suhaaga.

The importance of Steyn

Dale Steyn is with him right now, so he will get to learn a lot. That will make a huge difference. Steyn is a genuine man, he is not egoistic. And he used to bowl 145 himself.



Umran Malik's pace and accuracy has made him an instant sensation.

Whatever he can pick up from Steyn, he should. And because he is from a small place, he is like a blank paper, you can write what you want on it. He will do as Steyn says.

At that age, you do not know anything. You are from a small place, and not that mature, so you feel like you should learn from this person and that person and so on. The fact that he will be with Steyn for a few months now is a golden period for him. Jitna unsej lapet sakein, lapet lein (Whatever he can soak in, he should). This is the age to learn as well as bowl. I don't think there will be a better opportunity for him in life than this.

The way he is going, he will travel to the next Test venue (with the Indian team). But there is so much competition in Indian cricket that once you get sidelined, it takes time to make a comeback. We have so many fast bowlers. So it is not like that they will keep playing you if you do not do well.

Adding line and length

If he can focus more on line and length, like Steyn had, then no one can stop him, and the rest is then down to his fitness. You will have to sacrifice some pace. Firstly you have to bowl in our conditions, which are not ideal for fast bowling. You either have to make it reverse or bowl with the new ball, that's it.

Most of the work is done by the spinners.

Even Steyn used to bowl 150 when he started playing international cricket. But thereafter he would hover around 140. But he had swing, and he would bowl in South Africa. So Umran will have to add that (line and length). If he can do it at the same pace, nothing can be greater than that. But even if he loses a few yards and can swing it at 145, that is excellent.

If you remain hell-bent that I will not cut down my pace no matter what, it won't work. You look at VRR or Varun Aaron. But that is only after a certain age or if you are hampered by injuries. If you are around 30, and if you can adjust yourself around 135-137 kph, you will be able to survive. Otherwise, I don't believe in cutting down on pace. Definitely not at his age.

He will have to focus a lot on his fitness. You use so much strength and it takes so much out of your body... if you have to play multi-day cricket, you will have to do it. He will have to adopt specialised training, which the BCCI anyway has these days.

He has a smooth action. It is not an action that puts too much stress on the body, like Shaun Tait's or Lasith Malinga's did. It is like Steyn's or Brett Lee's. It can be sustained for a long time. Right now, it is very natural for him. But over a period of time, there is always a chance of breaking down. But if he trains well, then it won't happen.

Learning from the IPL

He needs to play the IPL. If you don't, there are far fewer people watching you. If you do not play the world's biggest league, what is the point? There is so much to learn in the IPL. Like the bowler (Marco Jansen) who gave 25 runs (in the last over against Gujarat Titans) was the man of the match in the previous game (against Royal Challengers Bangalore). It teaches you that you will be down one day and up the next.

Should a special fast bowler be played only in overseas Tests? Well, it is difficult to play someone only in overseas Tests. We go to England once in four years, so you cannot have Bumrah, for instance, on the bench in between. You can certainly use Umran on some of the good wickets for pacers in India such as Mumbai. You need pace to generate reverse swing anyway. If your bowlers are not generating pace, they will not get reverse swing. So even in India, you need players who can bowl fast.

(Munaf Patel is a World Cup winner and former India pacer. He burst on the scene as a tearaway but later slowed down and struggled with injuries. **Munaf spoke to Abhishek Purohit**.)

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