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# 'Keen on good ties with Pak but it must end terror, bids to draw global attention to J&K'

'China troops along Ladakh LAC up from 8,000 to 60,000; Army can counter PLA'

ESHA ROY & SHUBHAJIT ROY
NEW DELHI, APRIL 29

EXPRESS EXCLUSIVE

MORE THAN a year after India and Pakistan agreed on a ceasefire along the Line of Control, Indian Army chief General M M Naravane has said that "ceasefire violations along the border are in no one's interest" and India is "more than keen to have good relations with Pakistan", but "they (Pakistan) have to first rein in their support to terrorism and attempts to draw international attention to J&K".

This is the strongest endorsement of the ceasefire between the two countries and a positive articulation from the Indian Army chief, weeks after Pakistan Army chief General Qamar Javed Bajwa said the situation on the LoC has been "fairly peaceful" the past year and Pakistan stands ready to address the Kashmir

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'CONTINUING TO ENGAGE (WITH CHINA)... WILL LEAD TO RESOLVING OUR DIFFERENCES'
GENERAL M M NARAVANE
CHIEF OF THE ARMY STAFF

## After two years, China says will permit 'some' Indian students to return

SHUBHAJIT ROY & SHEETAL BANCHARIYA
NEW DELHI, APRIL 29

A MONTH after External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar raised the issue, China on Friday announced plans to permit the return of "some" Indian students stranded here for over two years following visa and flight restrictions imposed by Beijing after the pandemic.

"China attaches high importance to Indian students' concerns about returning to China for studies. We have shared with the Indian side the procedures and experience of other countries' students returning to China," Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesman Zhao Lijian told a media briefing in Beijing.

"We understand that there is

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## Power shortage: Rlys cancels 753 trips to prioritise coal delivery

KARUNJIT SINGH & ANISHA DUTTA
NEW DELHI, APRIL 29

WITH LOW coal stocks signalling a power crisis, the Railways has decided to cancel 753 trips involving 42 trains to prioritise the delivery of coal rakes across the country.

A total of 713 trips of the South East Central Railway (SECR) have been cancelled till May 25 while 40 trips of the Northern Railways (NR) have been cancelled till May 8.

The cancellations will primarily impact passengers travelling from key coal-producing states, including Chhattisgarh, Odisha, Madhya Pradesh and Jharkhand.

At least 108 of India's 173 thermal coal-fired plants currently have critically low levels of coal inventory. A number of states, including Maharashtra, Punjab, Jharkhand, Bihar, Haryana, Uttar Pradesh and Andhra Pradesh, have faced power outages due to

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EXPLAINED

**Strain on the sector**

HIGH HEAT, rising demand and low output from imported coal-based thermal power plants have put major stress on the supply of coal. Shortages have already led to power cuts across most of north India and in parts of south India.

HEAT WAVE UNTIL MAY 2: IMD PAGE 7

## 2 top athletes fail dope test; dropped from camp, face ban

NIHAL KOSHIE
NEW DELHI, APRIL 29

INDIA'S DRIVE against doping in sports has received a setback with two of its track-and-field Tokyo Olympians, a male and a female, failing dope tests for using banned anabolic steroids and facing bans up to four years, *The Indian Express* has learnt.

The Athletics Federation of India (AFI) was tight-lipped about the cases but multiple sources confirmed that the two top athletes have been dropped from the national training camp.

"Two track-and-field athletes have tested positive and they are no longer part of the national camp," a national coach said, speaking to this newspaper on condition of anonymity.

India is ranked third in doping, according to the latest World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) report released in 2021. With 152 cases across disciplines, the country is marginally below leaders Russia (167) and Italy (157) on this list.

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## After 3 failed bids, Govt sells its stake in Pawan Hans to pvt consortium

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU
NEW DELHI, APRIL 29

AFTER THREE unsuccessful attempts at disinvesting its stake in the helicopter services provider, the government Friday approved the sale of Pawan Hans Ltd along with management control to Star9 Mobility Pvt Ltd — a three-way consortium between Big Charter Private Limited, Maharaja Aviation Private Limited and Almas Global Opportunity Fund SPC.

This disinvestment is the second major sale from the government's aviation portfolio in the last 12 months — Air India went to Tata Group in January this year.

Pawan Hans, which currently operates 42 helicopters, is a 51:49 joint-venture between the government and state-owned Oil & Natural Gas Corp Ltd. ONGC had earlier decided to offer its entire shareholding to the successful bidder identified in the government strategic disinvestment transaction, on the same

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## Curfew in Patiala, violence breaks out over 'anti-Khalistan' march

NAVJEEVAN GOPAL
PATIALA, APRIL 29

AN 11-HOUR curfew was imposed in Punjab's Patiala from 7 pm on Friday after the police fired several rounds in the air to avert a clash between members of Shiv Sena (Bal Thackeray), who had called for an "anti-Khalistan" march, and Sikh activists and Nihangs brandishing swords outside the Kali Mata temple, officials said.

The incident also led to stone-pelting by both sides,

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The clash took place near Kali Mata Mandir, Patiala. *Harmeet Sodhi*

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## Mevani gets bail, court slams Assam Police: 'False FIR... police state'

TORA AGARWALA
GUWAHATI, APRIL 29

GRANTING BAIL to Gujarat MLA Jignesh Mevani, arrested for allegedly assaulting a woman police officer while in custody, a court in Assam's Barpeta district on Friday pulled up the state police for lodging a "false FIR" and "abusing the process of the court and the law". It also warned the Assam Police against "converting our hard earned democracy into a police state".

**Was accused of assaulting a woman police officer**

Citing "ongoing police excesses in the state", Barpeta District and Sessions Judge Aparesh Chakravarty urged the Gauhati High Court to direct the police force to "reform itself". "Converting our hard earned

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## Army chief

issue with India through diplomacy and dialogue.

In an exclusive interview to *The Indian Express*, General Naravane, who demits office Saturday, said: "When your neighbouring country is unstable, it doesn't help. Instability in our neighbourhood doesn't help. Let's hope that our western neighbour sees the light of reason. We are more than keen to have good relations with them, but they have to first rein in their support to terrorism and attempts to draw international attention to J&K."

On the India-Pakistan ceasefire, he said: "Ceasefire violations along the border are in no one's interest. Peace and tranquility all around us is our aim. If the neighbourhood is stable, then we automatically as a nation become safer... The civilian population along the LoC has greatly benefited from the ceasefire, and their quality of life has improved."

Underlining that events of 2020 brought about a paradigm shift in force posturing in eastern Ladakh by both sides, General Naravane said the Chinese troop strength increased from 8,000 to 60,000 opposite eastern Ladakh and "our own deployment is in equal measure". He said the Indian Army is "well poised to counter any belligerent actions of the PLA in the future".

Asked why did the Galwan incident happen -- 20 Indian Army personnel were killed in Galwan Valley in June 2020 -- he said: "We have been asking ourselves this question as well for the past two years about China's move, but have not been able to fathom why this (Galwan incident) happened. Was it due to internal or external dynamics or pressure regarding the Covid pandemic which led China to take this step? We don't know."

On the impact of the Russia-Ukraine war and its impact on defence supplies, he said India is "dependent on both Ukraine and Russia" but has always maintained a buffer in stocks and, therefore, will not be impacted in the near-term.

He used an analogy to explain India's defence stocks. "Just as an analogy... we all keep two months of salary in our bank accounts as a buffer, in case we lose our jobs due to some reason. So we too have buffer stocks," he said, adding that "in case we continue to conserve our equipment, the stocks will last longer".

On the removal of AFSPA from certain areas, he said, "We were definitely consulted before AFSPA was lifted from certain areas, it is always a consultative process and a 'whole of government' approach... Removal of the Army from such areas which are no longer 'disturbed' helps us in focusing on our primary task -- dealing with external enemies."

## Indian students

a large number of Indian students studying in China. India may need some time to collect the names. China is ready to receive some Indian students under the current, complicated, severe epidemic situation. In handling foreign students returning to China for studies, we need to take into consideration the international epidemic situation, evolving circumstances, and their majors. This principle applies equally to all foreign students," Zhao said.

"Actually, the work for Indian students' return has already started. All that remains to be done is for the Indian side to provide the list of students who really need to come back to China," he said.

According to estimates, over 23,000 Indian students, mostly studying medicine, are stuck in India after they returned home following the Covid-19 outbreak in China in December 2019. They could not return to China due to the restrictions imposed by the government there.

Following China's announcement, the Indian Embassy sought details of students who intend to return. "The Chinese side has expressed its willingness to consider facilitating the return of Indian students to China on a need-assessed basis... In order to facilitate this (return), the Indian Embassy intends to prepare a list of such students which will be shared with the Chinese side for their consideration. Therefore, Indian students are requested to provide necessary information by filling up the Google form... latest by 8 May," it said in a statement on Friday.

"Once the collated information is shared with the Chinese side, they would consult relevant Chinese departments to verify the list and indicate whether the identified students can travel to China to complete the course," it said. This coordination process would be carried out in a time-bound manner, it said.

The Chinese side has also conveyed that eligible students should unconditionally abide by pandemic prevention measures, and agree to bear all expenses related to such measures, it said.

On March 25, after his meeting with visiting Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi, Jaishankar had said that he "took up strongly the predicament of Indian students studying in China who have not been allowed to return, citing Covid restrictions".

Most students stranded in India welcomed the announcement on Friday. "In July, I will appear for my third-year exams. Though the exam schedule is not out yet, we'll be happy to appear for offline exams if our return is facilitated soon... Even if we cannot return together, we are at least assured that we will be going back to the campus sooner or later," said Harsh Vyas, a 21-year-old MBBS student at Beihua University in Jilin City.

But Ghanshyam Yadav from Jaipur, also studying medicine at the University of South China, Hengyang, since 2018, said: "In July-August, I will appear for my fourth-year exams. I have only a year left to finish my degree, and will have to undergo compulsory practical internship. After living here for over two years, I would like to intern at an Indian hospital instead of getting into the whole hassle of visas," he said.

## Power shortage

a lack of sufficient coal at thermal power plants.

On April 28, India faced a shortage of 192.1 million units of power as peak demand reached a new all-time high of 204.6 GW. On average, India's thermal power plants had less than eight days worth of coal stock on Thursday against the norm of 24 days.

The shortage has come even as the Coal Ministry has insisted that there is sufficient coal to meet the demand of power houses. India relies on coal for about 75 per cent of power requirements, and the Railways is the primary transporter of coal.

According to the Rail Ministry, the SECR division, which covers the coal producing regions, has cancelled 34 trains. NR, which includes areas that receive coal for many power stations in the north, has cancelled eight trains.

Some passenger services under the SECR like the Bilaspur-Bhopal train, which was suspended on March 28, will remain at this status till May 3. The MEMU between Maharashtra's Gondia and Odisha's Jharsuguda stands cancelled from April 24 to May 23 as well as the Dongargarh-Raipur MEMU in Chhattisgarh from April 11 to May 24, according to the ministry.

Amid the crisis, the Rail Ministry has raised the average daily loading of coal rakes to over 400 a day, the highest in the past five years. The national transporter has also put over 500 rakes for coal duty per day, 53 more than were put into service last year. On Thursday, 1.62 million tonnes of coal was loaded in 427 rakes, according to the ministry.

Key issues that have led to the major shortage of coal at thermal power plants are high demand for power due to the economic recovery post-Covid and the sweltering heat across major parts of India.

At the same time, many imported coal-based thermal power plants have stopped power generation due to high international coal prices and an inability to pass on the additional cost to states that procure power from them.

The demand for power is expected to rise further and peak at about 215-220 GW over the upcoming months. Officials are hopeful that the current crisis will ease in a fortnight as parts of southern India are expected to cool down. Experts have, however, noted that the current shortage of coal at thermal power plants could mean a worse power crisis later in the year. Thermal power plants usually build up coal stock during these months in preparation for the monsoon season when coal production and transportation are affected by heavy rains.

## Pawan Hans

price and terms as the government. In December last year, the government received three financial bids for the company.

"M/s Star9 Mobility Private Ltd, a consortium of M/s Big Charter Private Limited, M/s Maharaja Aviation Private Limited and M/s Almas Global Opportunity Fund SPC, emerged as the highest bidder quoting Rs 211.14 crore, which was above the Reserve Price," the Ministry of Finance said in a press release. "The other two bids were for Rs 181.05 crore and Rs 153.15 crore. Following due deliberations, the financial bid of M/s Star9 Mobility Private Limited has been accepted by the government," it said.

Mumbai-based Big Charter Pvt Ltd runs the 'flybig' airline, which operates on UDAN routes, while Delhi-based Maharaja Aviation Pvt Ltd is a helicopter charter company. Almas Global Opportunity Fund is a Cayman Islands-based fund managed by Dubai-based Almas Capital.

The consortium's bid was also granted clearance by the Alternative Mechanism for Pawan Hans disinvestment. The Alternative Mechanism comprises Road Minister Nitin Gadkari, Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman and Civil Aviation Minister Jyotiraditya Scindia.

"The strategic disinvestment transaction was implemented through an open, competitive bidding process supported by a multi-layered consultative decision-making mechanism involving Inter-Ministerial Group, Core Group of Secretaries on Disinvestment and the empowered Alternative Mechanism," the official statement said.

Moving forward, the government will now issue the Letter of Award, which will be followed by signing of the Share Purchase Agreement and closing the transaction.

In October 2016, the Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs had approved strategic disinvestment of the entire government stake in Pawan Hans and post that the government made three fruitless attempts at disinvestment.

## Dope tests

The female athlete under the scanner was expected to win a medal at the Commonwealth Games and Asian Games this year, and was a contender to enter the World Athletics Championships finals. Buoyed by her meteoric rise and medal potential, the AFI had also scouted for a foreign coach after the Tokyo Olympics.

The male athlete's samples were collected during an out-of-competition test. Although his current form has dipped, he remains an international medallist.

Both were part of the Target Olympic Podium Scheme, under which athletes receive funding from the sports ministry, at various stages of their career.

At the domestic level, too, the scourge of doping has seen an Under-23 medal winner in the women's 100 metres, who was labelled as a future star, and a podium finisher among men at the Open Nationals testing positive. Both of them received reduced three-year bans after admitting to anti-doping rule violations instead of appearing for disciplinary panel hearings.

## Patiala

officials said, adding that at least four persons, including two policemen, were injured in the clash.

The incident was the first major law-and-order incident in the state under the new AAP government. While Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann called for an "immediate probe" and directed officials to ensure that those guilty are not spared, the Opposition Congress and SAD criticised the state government for what they described was "anarchy".

On Friday evening, the Shiv Sena leadership in Mumbai directed its Punjab unit to take "stern action" against all those linked to the party who were involved in the clash. In a statement issued through the Punjab unit, the Sena said it has expelled a local leader, Harish Singla, who had allegedly led the "Khalistan Murdabad" march.

Singla was later arrested in a case lodged under IPC sections 153-A (promoting enmity), 186 (obstructing public servant), 188 (disobeying official orders) and 353 (assault to deter public servant).

Two more cases on various charges, including attempt to murder (IPC section 307) were registered against "unknown persons" on complaints from both sides involved in the clashes.

Singla has been described as the working president of Shiv Sena (Bal Thackeray), the unit of the Sena in Punjab. The state has about 15 Sena factions, including Shiv Sena Samajwadi, Shiv Sena Rashtrawadi, Shiv Sena Hindu Bhayia and Shiv Sena Akhand Bharat.

Leaders at the Sena HQ in Mumbai said the party directed the Punjab unit to issue an official statement announcing the action against Singla. "Punjab Shiv Sena (Bal Thackeray) working president Harish Singla has been expelled from the party. Along with him, a few party workers were also suspended. Singla led a protest rally in Patiala. The march turned violent, leading to clashes with some members of Sikh organisations," the statement said.

Sena MP Sanjay Raut said the group in the clashes was "not a Shiv Sena unit". "Some people claim to be from Shiv Sena. They have no connection with us. We have already said that they should be removed," Raut said.

Shiv Sena's Punjab president Yograj Sharma said Singla has been officially expelled from the party for "anti-party activities" on "orders" from party supremo Uddhav Thackeray, Yuva Sena national president Aaditya Thackeray and Sena national secretary Anil Desai.

According to Sharma, the party had written to the Patiala SSP on April 20 to convey that it had nothing to do with Singla's call, which was made in "his personal capacity". Singla was not available for comment.

Singla had announced the march around 15 days ago after the banned outfit, Sikhs For Justice (SFJ), gave a call to observe "Khalistan sthapna diwas (Khalistan foundation day) in April across district police offices in Haryana".

Patiala SSP Nanak Singh said Singla was denied permission to hold the march. The officer also said that activists of the Sikh outfit SAD (Amritsar) were denied permission to hold a meeting on Thursday against Singla's call, and were assured that the march would not be allowed.

Following the clash, Singla was attacked by members of the Hindu community outside the temple on Friday evening when he had come to attend a meeting.

Patiala officials said curfew was imposed till 6 am on Saturday due to "incidents of breach of peace and disputes between certain different groups in the district, which can result in further disturbance of peace and communal and maintenance of law and order".

Describing the incident as "deeply unfortunate", Chief Minister Mann posted on Twitter: "I spoke with the DGP, peace has been restored in the area. We are closely monitoring the situation and will not let anyone create disturbance in the state."

Mann tweeted that his government "will not allow anti-Punjab forces to disturb Punjab's peace at any cost". The AAP, meanwhile, posted pictures purportedly from the clash and accused two people shown in the images of being BJP leaders with links to the party's top leadership.

Police in Patiala said a group of Nihangs gathered at Dukh Niwaran Sahib gurdwara to counter the Sena unit's call and marched towards the temple raising slogans. They were joined by other Sikh activists, they said.

The police team, including Patiala SSP Nanak Singh, fired several rounds in the air to disperse the Sikh group which had reached outside the temple. A separate police contingent was deployed at Arya Samaj, a kilometre away, where those supporting Singla's call were holding the march.

According to the SSP, Sikh protesters alleged that a member of their group suffered a gunshot injury. "We are getting it examined by doctors," he said. A member of the "anti-Khalistan" march sustained a "minor injury" on the hand allegedly caused by a sharp-edged weapon, the SSP said.

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## Mevani

democracy into a police state is simply unthinkable and if the Assam Police is thinking about the same, the same is perverse thinking," the court said.

It said the High Court should consider directing "each and every police personnel engaged in law and order duty to wear body cameras, to install CCTV cameras in vehicles while arresting an accused or taking an accused to some place for recoveries of goods or other reasons, and also install CCTV cameras inside all police stations."

These measures should be considered to "prevent registration of false FIR like the present one and to give credibility to the police version of occurrences like the arrest of accused persons and the accused persons attempting to escape from police custody at midnight, while the accused was allegedly leading the police personnel to discover something, and the police personnel firing and killing or injuring such accused, which has become a routine phenomenon in the state," it said.

The court directed that a copy of the order be sent to the Registrar General of the High Court for placing it before the Chief Justice "to look into this aspect and consider whether the matter can be taken up as a PIL to curb the ongoing police excesses in the state".

According to data shared in the Assam Assembly last month, 29 people have been killed and 96 injured in police firing since Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma took charge in May 2021.

"The bail has been granted against a personal bond of Rs 1,000. Some formalities are left and he has to be taken to Kokrajhar, so he will be released only tomorrow," said Mevani's counsel Angshuman Bora.

Mevani, an Independent MLA who has pledged support to the Congress, was arrested by the Assam Police from Gujarat's Banaskantha district on April 20 and flown to Guwahati following a complaint by a BJP leader in Kokrajhar district over a purported tweet against Prime Minister Narendra Modi. On April 25, Mevani was granted bail by a Kokrajhar court, but was re-arrested in a fresh case filed in Barpeta district on the basis of a complaint by a policewoman who accused him of "assaulting" her and "outraging her modesty".

The woman police officer said Mevani "uttered slang words" and "physically pushed" her when she was escorting him from Guwahati airport to Kokrajhar on April 21. According to the FIR, two other police officers were present in the vehicle. The court said Friday that her version did not add up to the details in the FIR. "It was manufactured for the purpose of keeping the accused in detention for a longer period, abusing the process of the court and the law," it said. "No sane person will ever try to outrage the modesty of a lady police officer in the presence of two male police officers and there is nothing in the record to hold that the accused... is an insane person."

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NOTICE is further given to the public at large that the aforesaid project vide office order dated 06.06.2020 bearing no. 51/UPRERA/rehabilitation/project/PMD/NCR/2020-21 passed by Uttar Pradesh Real Estate Regulatory Authority (UPRERA) made it clear that the incomplete project shall be completed by the aforesaid Association only and the order dated 06.06.2020 attained finality when the Hon'ble High Court of Allahabad, Lucknow Bench vide its order dated 09.03.2021 in the Second Appeal No. 121 of 2020 preferred by the erstwhile promoters, M/s PSA IMPEX PVT LTD through Mr. Raj Kumar found that there is no infirmity in the order dated 30.09.2019 through which the registration of the aforesaid project was cancelled by UPRERA.

NOTICE is further given to the public at large that there are entities/ firms/ associations formed by some vested interests with a deceptively similar name with a malafide intent to deceive/ cheat the bonafide home buyers.

NOTICE is further given to the public at large that not to deal with any entity/ firm/ association who are not authorized to deal with the aforesaid project and any dealing by any home buyer or otherwise with such entity/ firm/ association shall be at their own risk and responsibility.

NOTICE is further given to the public at large that for any queries, you may contact the undersigned being the President of the aforesaid Association and can also inspect the orders passed by UPRERA, Appellate Tribunal, Hon'ble High Court of Allahabad, Lucknow Bench and any other detail towards the progress of the work carried out on the aforesaid project since the order dated 06.06.2020 passed by UPRERA as mentioned above.

SD/-
PRESIDENT
info@sampadalivia.com
SLB Welfare Association

**उ0प्र0 पावर ट्रांसमिशन कारपोरेशन लि. निविदा सूचना** निम्नलिखित मुहरबन्द निविदाएं दो भागों में अनुभवी ठेकेदारों से निम्न कार्य के सम्पादन हेतु आमंत्रित की जाती है। प्रत्येक निविदा के प्रथम भाग में धरोहर राशि एफ.डी.आर/सी.डी.आर. (राष्ट्रीयकृत बैंक) के रूप में अधीक्षण अभियंता, विद्युत पारेषण मण्डल मेरठ के पक्ष में देय हो एवं इन्कम टैक्स एवं पैन नं. इन्कम टैक्स रिटर्न, जी.एस.टी. पंजीकरण प्रपत्र की छाया प्रति तथा अनुभव सम्बंधी प्रपत्र अवश्य होने चाहिए अन्यथा की स्थिति में निविदा का भाग-2 विचारणीय नहीं होगा। निविदाओं के प्रपत्र निर्धारित शुल्क एवं निर्धारित धरोहर राशि आ.टी.जी.एस./एन.ई.एफ.टी. के माध्यम से अधीक्षण अभियंता, विद्युत पारेषण मण्डल, मेरठ के पक्ष में State Bank of India, Cantt Branch, Meerut Account No. 110047201099, IFSC Code SBIN0000680 में भी जमा करायी जा सकती है। बैंक जमा की साक्ष्य यथा योज्य यू.टी.आर. संख्या, पे-इन स्लिम मूल का प्रति निविदा के प्रथम भाग के साथ संलग्न किये जायें अथवा निविदा प्रपत्र कार्यालय समय में निविदा खुलने के एक दिवस पूर्व 16.00 बजे तक कार्यालय से ही अवापसीय निविदा प्रपत्र का मूल्य भुगतान कर प्राप्त किये जा सकते हैं। निविदाएं अधोहस्ताक्षरकर्ता के कार्यालय में निविदा खुलने की निर्धारित दिनांक को 14.00 बजे तक प्राप्त की जायेंगी और उसी दिन सार्वजनिक रूप से ठेकेदारों अथवा उनके प्रतिनिधियों की उपस्थिति में 15.00 बजे खोली जायेंगी। टी 25/22-23 (निविदा खोले जाने की तिथि 01.06.2022) विद्युत पारेषण मंडल मेरठ हेतु एक नग डीजल चलित कार (चालक सहित) 12 माह की अवधि के लिए किराये पर उपलब्ध कराने का कार्य। धरोहर राशि रु. 3,500.00/- (रुपये तीन हजार पांच सौ मात्र), निविदा प्रपत्र की जी.एस.टी. सहित मूल्य रु. 590.00/- अधीक्षण अभियंता विद्युत पारेषण मण्डल, 130-डी विक्टोरिया पार्क, मेरठ। "राष्ट्रहित में ऊर्जा बचायें"। पत्रांक /No. 1109 वि.पा.मं./ETC/मेरठ/MT/Tender, दिनांक : 29/04/2022

**NORTHERN RAILWAY**

**1st Corrigendum**

**No. 256-Sig/SPL/TKJ/225/HNZM**
**Dated: 29.04.2022**

**Sub:1st corrigendum to tender notice No. 256-Sig/SPL/TKJ/225/HNZM dt. 20.04.2022 in connection with the tender for the work of "Replacement of signalling gears on age cum condition basis with EI at Hazrat Nizamuddin Station of DLI Division, Northern Railway".**

**The following item of above tender document/tender notice may be read as under:-**

**Tender Document has been changed. Kindly refer to IREPS at www.ireps.gov.in for details**

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**NORTHERN RAILWAY**

**CORRIGENDUM TO E-AUCTION NOTICE**

**No. CIID/SLR/E-Auction/Apr-22**

**e-Auction re-scheduled for 10.05.2022 11:00 am.**

A notice for **e-Auction** for temporary lease contract (90 Days) for leasing of parcel space in **05 SLR compartments** was published in various English & Hindi newspaper on **23.04.2022**, where **e-Auction** was scheduled to be held on **04.05.2022.** The said e-Auction date is hereby **postponed** because of some technical reasons and now the said e-Auction for same SLR compartments will be held on **10.05.2022 at 11:00 hrs.** Kindly, visit IREPS website **(https://www.ireps.gov.in/)** for further information in this regard.

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**EAST CENTRAL RAILWAY**

**E-Tender Notice**

**E-Tender Notice No. Com/MPS/DNR/2022**

Notice for calling online bid on Open, competative, single packet system for provision of Multi Purpose Stall at PPTA & FUT stations over Danapur Division for five years. Station: PPTA (A Class) & FUT (D Class): **(1) Name of work with its location:** Tender for allotment of Multi Purpose Stall (MPS) at PPTA (A Class) & FUT (D Class) stations over Danapur Division. **(2) Reserve price (For 1st year):** PPTA (A Class)- Rs 3,81,000/- FUT (D Class)- Rs 69,000/- **(3) Earnest Money to be deposited:** PPTA (A Class)- Rs 38,100/- FUT (D Class)- Rs 6,900/- **(4) Date & time for submission of tender on IREPS website:** 23.05.2022 up to 12:00 Hrs. **(5) Website particulars, Notice Board location where complete details of tender can be seen: www.ireps.gov.in** Office of Sr. Divisional Commercial Manager, Danapur.

**Sr. Divisional Commercial Manager Danapur**

PR/00164/DNR/COML/T/22-23/28

**NORTH WESTERN RAILWAY**

**OPEN TENDER NOTICE (Through e-Tender)**

On behalf of President of India e-tenders are invited by the Sr. DMM/DSD/ NWR, Jodhpur. **1. Name of item :** PVC Insulated Aluminum Conductor Armoured, Unscreened underground Railway Signaling cable Copper Conductor size 12 core x1.5 sq mm **2. Approximate Cost of Items** : ₹ 3551279.00 (Rs. Thirty Five Lakh Fifty One Thousand Two Hundred Seventy Nine Only) **Earnest Money to be deposited** : ₹71030.00 **Last date and time for Submission of e-tender and Opening of e-tender :** 27.05.2022 before 14:25 Hrs. Website from which e-tender forms can be obtained : **www.ireps.gov.in** Address of the NIT issuing Office : Office of the Sr. DMM/DSD, NWR, Jodhpur 342001(Rajasthan) **Note: 1.** Manual offers are not allowed against this tender, and any such manual offer received shall be summarily rejected. **2.** Cost of tender document & EMD online through e-transfers i.e. through payment gateway facility on the IREPS website. 263-DP/22

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**INDIAN INSTITUTE OF SCIENCE**
Bangalore - 560012

**Corrigendum to Advertisement for the post of Assistant Project Engineer (Civil) and Site Engineer (Civil), Challakere dated 09.04.2022**

It is hereby notified that the last date for submission of application for the post of **Assistant Project Engineer (Civil) and Site Engineer (Civil), Challakere** is hereby **extended till 10.05.2022.** The eligibility criteria and other terms and conditions remains the same.

**Date: 29.04.2022** **Sd/-, REGISTRAR**

**GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA**
**OFFICE OF THE CHIEF CONSTRUCTION ENGINEER**
**RURAL WORKS CIRCLE: SUNABEDA**

O-142

**No:_____/** **Date:_____/**

**e-Procurement Notice for Buildings works**

1 **Name of the work** : Construction & Buildings as per Annexure (2 Nos)

3 **Class of contractor** : "B", "A", Class of (Odisha PWD) or relevant class of other licensing authority.

4 **Estimated Cost** : Varies from Rs. 119.96 Lakhs to Rs 210.56 Lakhs (Approximately)

5 **Details projects as per Annexure attached.** :

| Procurement Officer | Bid Identification No. | Availability of Tender online for bidding | | Last Date & Time of seeking tender clarification | Date & Time of opening of tender | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | From | To | | Technical Bid | Financial Bid |
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 |
| Chief Construction Engineer, Rural Works Circle, Sunabeda | CCERWCSBD - Online - 05/2022-23 | 02.05.2022 at 11.00 A.M. | 18.05.2022 up to 5.30 P.M. | 16.05.2022 up to 1.00 P.M. | 19.05.2022 at 11.00 A..M. | To be intimated separately |

6. The details of works can be seen from the web site **https://www.tendersodisha.gov.in**
7. Any Corrigendum/ Addendum will be displayed in the above e-tender web site.

Sd/- **Chief Construction Engineer**
**Rural Works Circle, Sunabeda.**
OIPR- 25182/11/0005/2223

**NORTH CENTRAL RAILWAY, PRAYAGRAJ**

**E-Procurement Tender Notice No, 06/P-69/2022-23/TMC/HQ/NCR/Prayagraj Date; 27.04.2022**

**TENDER NOTICE**

On behalf of the President of India, **Principal Chief Engineer, North Central Railway, Subedarganj, Prayagraj-211015** invites the following E-Procurement Tenders. ***(The complete information along with tender document of this E-Procurement Tender are available in website on http://ireps.gov.in. upto 15:00 hrs. of the due date of tender opening).***

| SN | Tender No. | Brief Description | Quantity | Tender Value |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | TM 225062 | **PCB** Details of description, make and quantity as per tender document. **(Acceptable Make: Plasser)** | As per Section IV of tender document | **43,51,740/-** |
| 1 | TM 225069 | **V**EE Belt Set. Details of description, make and quantity as per tender document. **(Acceptable Make: Caterpillar)** | -do- | **1,63,677/-** |

**Earnest Money:** *S.N.*1. **87,100/-**, 2. **3,300/-, Date of Opening :** *For all* **23.05.2022**, **Note:- 1.** The Complete information along with Tender document of above E-Procurement Tender is available on website **https://www.ireps.gov.in.** Up to 15:00 hrs. On the due date of tender opening. **2.** Following condition has been included in Tender Document vide Railway Board Letter No. 2001/RS(g)/779/7 Pt I Dated : 29.06.2017. "Whenever tender is floated with purchase restriction from sources approved by nominated authorities and there exists a suspected cartel situation by approval sources or the rates available from approved/sourcess are adjudged unreasonably high, despite fair efforts as permissible, the purchaser reserves the right to place order on firms outside the approved vendors list, without any restrictions" **3.** Bids other than in the form of E-Bids shall not be accepted against above Tenders. For this purpose, venders are required to get themselves registered with IREPS website along with class III Digital signature certificates issued by CCA under IT Act-2000. **4.** This tender notice has also been uploaded on **www.ncr.indianrailways.gov.in.** **5.** Allocation for Security deposit and Earnest Money is "Deposit Misc stores 00844523. **6.** In case of any difficulty helpdesk available on the website of IREPS may be approached. **491/22 (D)**

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## CLARIFICATIONS & CORRECTIONS

### 24.04.22, PAGE 1

Responding to the *The Indian Express* report 'GST Council for hiking rates for 143 items, asks states for views' published on April 24, Harish Kumar, Deputy Secretary, Office of the Goods and Services Tax Council, said the Council has not sought any comments from the states on raising GST rates on 143 items.

"The article is baseless, misleading, ill-conceived and damaging. The subject matter of the article being extremely sensitive and having a direct bearing on trade and the economy, it was expected that due diligence would be performed before publishing any such content. That does not appear to be the case. Even a constitutional body, namely the GST Council, has not been spared and has been cited without bothering to confirm the facts. Needless to say, such an attempt to speculate and sensationalize a critical issue sends confusing and unwarranted signals to the trade. The GST Council in its 45th Meeting had formed a Group of Ministers to look into issues on rate rationalisation. The report of the Group will be placed before the GST Council for consideration. As a matter of fact, the Group has not yet submitted its report before the Council. As such, there is no substance in the article whose contents are strongly denied," said Harish Kumar in a statement.

**Our Correspondent replies:**

The list of 143 items was not circulated to the states by the GST Council. It was part of a submission made by the state of Chhattisgarh in response to inputs on rate rationalisation sought by the Tax Research Unit, Department of Revenue, Ministry of Finance.

The error is regretted.

| ANAND VIHAR | PUSA | SHADIPUR | ITO |
|---|---|---|---|
| Very Poor | Very Poor | Poor | Poor |
| 392 AQI PM 10 (0–500) | 303 AQI PM 10 (0–500) | 291 AQI PM 10 (0–500) | 278 AQI PM 10 (0–500) |

0-50 Good | 51-100 Satisfactory | 101-200 Moderate | 201-300 Poor | 301-400 Very Poor | 401-500 Severe

SKYWATCH

FORECAST: April 30
Partly cloudy sky. Heat wave conditions at a few places.

MAX: 44 (5.4° C above normal) | MIN: 26 (2.0° C above normal)

# Covid relief to families of 30 frontline workers

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, APRIL 29

THE DELHI government has provided Covid relief assistance of Rs 1 crore to families of 30 'Covid warriors' who lost their lives during the pandemic, said Deputy Chief Minister Manish Sisodia after handing over the 'Samman Rashi' to the family of a staffer.

Sisodia visited the family of Kamlesh, a sanitation worker at Lok Nayak hospital, who died of Covid while serving patients.

Handing over the cheque of Rs 1 crore to the family, Sisodia said: "The country salutes the sacrifice of these brave Covid warriors. The government took a pledge to take care of the families of martyred Covid warriors, and will always stand with their families in every situation. During the pandemic, doctors, paramedical staff and sanitation workers were risking their lives. Though this amount cannot compensate for the loss of the families, we hope it will definitely help them stand again and have a dignified life."

MAN KILLED ON 'SUSPICION OF COW SLAUGHTER'

# Dwarka farmhouse lynching: 2 arrested

JIGNASA SINHA
NEW DELHI, APRIL 29

DAYS AFTER a 40-year-old caretaker of a farmhouse was lynched by 10-15 men on suspicion of cow slaughter in Dwarka, police arrested two men from the Delhi-Haryana border.

The victim, Rajaram, lived with his family at the farmhouse and was working on April 11 when the accused, claiming to be gau rakshaks, barged in past midnight and assaulted him as well as some other workers at the spot. The accused had reached the farmhouse a while before police, too, reached the spot.

*The Indian Express* had earlier reported that an FIR was registered in the case stating that the incident took place in front of policemen but the accused managed to leave without giving their names.

DCP (Dwarka) Shankar Choudhary said, "Our teams had rushed all the six men to RTRM hospital where Rajaram succumbed to injuries. Soon after, FIRs were lodged and teams were sent to look for the men involved in the assault case, but they had fled from their homes. We conducted an investigation and, using technical evidence, identified 5-6 men."

Police said they have arrested two men who lived in the vicinity of the farmhouse, Ankit (25) and Praveen (26). They work as farm labourers and live in Chhawla. Initial questioning does not suggest the duo are associated with the Gau Raksha Dal, police said. During questioning, the men told police they were called to the spot by 3-4 locals who claimed to have seen cow carcasses being taken in vans from the farmhouse.

"The accused still claim they only scolded the victim... However, we have evidence such as their phone location and video footage that they were at the spot with the other accused. We are looking for 5-6 others who are on the run. The men said they saw cows being slaughtered and their associates attacked the victim and his men," said an officer.

The two men have so far been booked for assault, said police, adding that more stringent sections could be added as their questioning progresses.

Those absconding have been charged with IPC section 302 (murder) too.

Police had also booked the men who were assaulted under charges of cow slaughter. "We had sent the animal remains to Ghazipur hospital and are awaiting autopsy reports," DCP Choudhary said.

Meanwhile, Rajaram's wife Jhaso Devi said the family has no work because police also took eight cows and calves as part of the case property: "I have two young daughters and a son to look after. We used to sell cow milk to earn. How will we survive now? My husband would never kill cows."

# Contractor arrested after house collapse in Satya Niketan killed 2

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, APRIL 29

DAYS AFTER two labourers died while four others sustained injuries after a three-storey house under renovation collapsed on them in South Delhi's Satya Niketan, police arrested the contractor from Bihar's Araria district on Friday.

According to police, the accused, Md Raees (46), had hired the workers, who also hailed from Araria, to renovate the house. They were paid around Rs 300-Rs 350 per day.

DCP (Southwest) Manoj C said, "We arrested Raees who has been absconding since the day of the incident. Labourers at the spot told us he was there in the morning but left after some time. We are yet to ascertain if he was present at the time of the collapse. An FIR has been registered against him. He was the contractor in charge of modifying the building." Raees has been booked under IPC sections 308 (attempt to commit culpable homicide) and section 304 (culpable homicide), said police.

During questioning, Raees said that he was hired by a broker who asked him to renovate the house.

"The previous owner was a businessman... We contacted him and found that he sold the house through the broker. We have received six-seven names of potential owners, but the documents aren't clear. There are also documents showing the property was sold through GPA (general power of attorney)," said a police officer.

Police are looking for the current owner who was allegedly trying to convert the house into a PG accommodation. "We are checking the documents and will soon identify the owner," said the DCP.

The South MCD had booked the property for unauthorised construction. A notice was also issued on March 31 and the authorities had sought police intervention.

An officer at South Campus police station said: "We have written to the SDMC seeking details of the owner as no document has his name. Before the incident, they had informed us once about the construction. There was no further communication from their side. Under the DMC Act, the authorities were supposed to book the owner but they have only mentioned the house number in their order..."

A senior South MCD official, however, said police should have taken action when they notified them of the illegal construction in the building. "We identify buildings where illegal construction is done. The building is booked in such cases, not people," said the official.

# Lemonade seller beaten to death in Ghaziabad

*New Delhi:* A lemonade seller was beaten to death in Ghaziabad on Wednesday over payment issues, said police, adding that an e-rickshaw driver was arrested in connection with the incident on Thursday. The victim has been identified as Gaurav Kashyap.

Police said the accused, Bobby, along with two persons, stopped at Gaurav's stall in Raj Nagar Extension to buy lemonades. The accused told police that Gaurav allegedly used stale lemons to which Bobby and the others objected and Gaurav held on to the e-rickshaw for payment which overturned.

Locals told police that a scuffle broke out between them and Gaurav was rushed to a hospital. Police were informed that Gaurav died during treatment. His family alleged that he was beaten with sticks and stones. He is survived by his wife and eight-year-old daughter. **ENS**

# Atishi addresses UN General Assembly

*New Delhi:* In her speech at the UN General Assembly titled "Delhi model of governance", AAP MLA Atishi talked about the development work done by the AAP government in the national capital in the past seven years. Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal took to Twitter to congratulate her.

Atishi talked about how the AAP government reduced the electricity tariff, developed government schools, improved public health infrastructure by introducing mohalla clinics and took several other initiatives for public welfare in the past seven years. "About four million households in Delhi get zero electricity bills, more than 1,500 residential areas have access to piped water supply and around 2,00,000 students shifted from private schools to government schools, and mohalla clinics are providing free healthcare to citizens," Atishi said in her speech. She also said the AAP's model of governance had increased Delhi's GDP.

Retweeting a video of Atishi's speech, Kejriwal said, "A moment of pride for India. Delhi and AAP make Indians proud. The world is now looking to Delhi for solutions in many areas of urban governance." **ENS**

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Dr. B.R. Ambedkar University Delhi
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RECRUITMENT NOTICE FOR TEACHING POSTS

No. AUD/16/2022/Acad. Ser./ Dated: 22.04.2022

Dr. B. R. Ambedkar University Delhi is a State University established through Dr. B.R.Ambedkar University Delhi Act, 2007 by the Legislature of the National Capital Territory of Delhi. Dr. B.R. Ambedkar University Delhi is one of the few universities in India with the core objective of promoting the study of humanities and social sciences and it recognizes these disciplines as pivotal to the understanding and imagination of a society in transition. University's aim is to reconceptualize social sciences with innovative curriculum and pedagogic processes.

The University invites online applications from the eligible candidates for faculty positions (Professor, Associate Professor and Assistant Professor) on regular basis in the following disciplines:

| Sl. No. | School | Discipline | Professor (Pay Level-14) | Associate Professor (Pay Level-13A) | Assistant Professor (Pay Level-10) |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | School of Culture and Creative Expression | (i) Performing Arts/ Performance Studies | OBC-1 | - | - |
| | | (ii) Literary Art/ Creative Writing | - | UR-1 | - |
| | | (iii) Film Studies | - | - | OBC-1 |
| 2. | School of Global Affairs | Global Studies | SC-1 | - | 05(UR-1, OBC-3, ST-1) |
| | | Urban Studies | 02 (SC-1, ST-1) | 02 (UR-1, OBC-1) | 03 (UR-2, SC-1) |
| 3. | School of Law, Governance and Citizenship | Law or Any Social Science/ Humanities Discipline | OBC-1 | 03(UR-1, OBC-1, SC-1,) | EWS-1 |
| 4. | School of Education Studies | Education | 02(EWS-1, UR-1) | - | - |
| 5. | School of Undergraduate Studies | (i) Economics | UR-1 | UR-1 | - |
| | | (ii) History | OBC-1 | 02 (SC-1, EWS-1) | - |
| | | (iii) Psychology | - | OBC-1 | - |
| | | (iv) Social Science and Humanities | UR-1 | 02(EWS-1, SC-1) | 03(UR-1, EWS-1, OBC-1) |
| | | (v) English | OBC-1 | ST-1 | - |
| | | (vi) Mathematics | - | UR-1 | - |
| | | (vii) Sociology | - | 02 (UR-1, OBC-1) | - |
| 6. | School of Vocational Studies | Tourism & Hospitality/ Retail Management/ Early Childhood Education/ Accounting in Finance/ Education | - | 02 (UR-1, OBC-1) | 04 (OBC-2, UR-2) |
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| 9. | School of Design | Design | EWS-1 | EWS-1 | - |
| | TOTAL POSTS | | 14 | 22 | 19 |

Of these vacant posts, 02 are reserved for the Person with Disabilities in the following categories:-
i) OH(Orthopedically Handicapped) ii) VH (Visually Handicapped)

For details, please visit University website www.aud.ac.in for Qualifications, General Instructions, Eligibility Criteria, online application form, payment of fee & other details.

Commencement of online application form: 23.04.2022 Last date to apply online: 22.05.2022 (up to 23:59hrs)

The Last date of receiving hard copy of application form: 03.06.2022 (up to 17:30 hrs)

A hard copy of the online application along with self-attested required documents, mentioning the name of the post/discipline on the top of the envelope, must reach at the following address:-

DEPUTY REGISTRAR (ACADEMIC SERVICES), ROOM No.3, DR. B.R. AMBEDKAR UNIVERSITY DELHI, LOTHIAN ROAD, KASHMERE GATE CAMPUS, DELHI – 110 006

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## BRIEFLY

### 25 years after fake encounter at CP, HC grants Rs 15L to survivor

*New Delhi:* More than 25 years after police shot dead his two friends at Barakhamba Road near Connaught Place and injured him in a shootout, the Delhi High Court has directed the Centre to pay a compensation of Rs 15 lakh to Tarun Preet Singh along with an interest of 8% per annum from March 31, 1997, the date of the incident, within a period of eight weeks. Justice Prathiba M Singh said the injury caused due to the state action, and "that too one, where police officials were convicted of criminal offences and not some inaction or negligence", needs to be considered at a higher standard than ordinary cases of negligence and inaction. Singh has a shrapnel lodged in the head and slight disability in the right hand.

### New structural safety norms issued: Khattar

*Gurgaon:* Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar on Friday said the Haryana government had issued new structural safety guidelines to ensure the safety of residents of multi-storey residential buildings. As per the new guidelines, during the construction of a building, the developer will have to get the safety audit done three to four times till its completion, said the CM.

### Govt to hold summer camp for children

*New Delhi*: To continue the focus on foundational learning in reading, writing and numeracy, all government school students of classes III to IX will be required to attend 'summer camp' in their schools from May 11 to June 15. Schools in Delhi have been operating at full capacity for all grades since April 1 and since then, the focus for government school students of classes III to IX has been entirely on foundational reading, writing and numeracy.

### Burglar held

*New Delhi:* Police arrested a burglar following an encounter in South Delhi's CR Park Friday morning. According to police, the incident took place at Jahanpanah City Forest where investigators laid a trap to nab five burglars on Thursday night. Police tried to arrest the accused, but the men allegedly retaliated using knives and fired at them, they said. **ENS**

## THE YAMUNA

**In the midst of a heatwave, parts of the Yamuna turned dry near ITO. Delhi recorded the second consecutive day of a heatwave spell on Friday when the maximum temperature settled at 43.5 degrees Celsius.** *Praveen Khanna*

PEAK POWER DEMAND FOR APRIL HIT AROUND 6,000 MW ON THURSDAY

# Power minister raises alarm: Some plants have coal to last just one day

**ABHINAYA HARIGOVIND**
NEW DELHI, APRIL 29

DELHI POWER Minister Satyendar Jain reiterated on Friday that there is a shortage of coal at some power plants. "There is a major shortage of coal across the country and the major reason is the shortage of rakes for trains that transport coal," he said. "The power plants need to have a stock of coal. In some plants, there is stock for only a day today."

Jain wrote to the Centre on Thursday asking them to ensure that sufficient coal is available at power plants that supply electricity to Delhi.

Flagging "a major electricity crisis across the country", Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal tweeted on Friday: "So far we have managed somehow in Delhi. The situation is grave across the country. We have to find a solution to this quickly. It is necessary to take quick measures to deal with the problem."

A statement from the government Thursday had pointed to disruption of power supply from Dadri-II and Unchahar power stations that could lead to a problem in 24-hour power supply to essential institutions, including the Delhi Metro and hospitals.

NTPC Limited, which runs the power plants at Dadri and Unchahar, however tweeted Friday that units at the two plants "are declaring more than 100% rated capacity to the grid". All units of Unchahar and Dadri are running at full load, except Unchahar unit-I which is under annual planned overhaul, it said. It also said units at Dadri and Unchahar are receiving regular coal supplies. "Present stock is 1,40,000 MT and 95,000 MT respectively; import coal supplies are also in the pipeline," it said.

Minister Satyendar Jain

Sources said the distribution companies have been able to meet the growing power demand so far — the peak power demand for April hit an all-time high of around 6,000 MW on Thursday afternoon.

While states in the neighbourhood, including Punjab, Haryana, Rajasthan and Uttar Pradesh, recorded an energy shortage on Thursday, Delhi did not record a shortage, going by daily data on power supply reported by the Power System Operation Corporation Limited. The maximum power demand met on Thursday was 5,942 MW, as per the report. Reports over the past five days indicate that Delhi has not yet recorded a power shortage.

According to the power generation report for NTPC stations released by the Central Electricity Authority (CEA) Thursday, the coal stock available for six units at the Dadri National Capital Thermal Power Project was for six days — stock of a day for each of the six units. The coal stock available at the Unchahar power plant was for 18 days — three days each for the six units at the plant. The stock at both plants falls short of the normative stock required at power plants, which is 26 days.

The daily coal stock report as of April 28 released by the CEA shows that the actual stock at the Dadri plant (1,59,000 tonnes) was only around 2% of the normative stock (65,09,000 tonnes). Coal stock is considered 'critical' if it is less than 25% of the normative stock. The actual stock at Unchahar was around 17% of the normative stock. Both plants receive coal stock by rail.

Meanwhile, Delhi recorded the hottest April in the past 12 years, going by data from the India Meteorological Department. The average maximum temperature in April this year was 40.2 degrees Celsius, the highest since 2010 when the average for the month stood at 40.4 degrees Celsius. In the past 72 years, from 1951 onwards, the average maximum temperature in April has crossed 40 degrees only twice — in 2010 and now in 2022.

# Power cut roster in Gurgaon, outages to last several hours

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE**
GURGAON, APRIL 29

AMID A power crisis across Haryana, with outages lasting hours, discom officials on Friday released a tentative roster of scheduled power cuts for the next few days in Gurgaon.

As per the tentative schedule, in urban areas under Dakshin Haryana Bijli Vitran Nigam (DHBVN), the total power cut duration would be 6.5 hours and for domestic supply areas, the total duration of power cuts would be at least 4 hours in a day. For industries, power would be cut for eight hours from 8 pm to 4 am.

The timings of the power cuts would be staggered. For urban areas under DHBVN, the tentative schedule of load shedding would be from 4 am to 5 am, 6 am to 7 am, 8.30 am to 9 am, 10 am to 12 noon and 3.30 pm to 5.30 pm. For rural domestic supply areas under DHBVN, power would be cut for an hour each four times in a day — from 1 am to 2 am, 4 am to 5 am, 8 am to 9 am and 11 pm to midnight.

A DHBVN official, requesting anonymity, said due to increased demand and shortage of power in Haryana, the load shedding/power cut to different categories of consumers has to be done to maintain the grid discipline and grid frequency.

Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar also met Union Minister of Power R K Singh on Friday and discussed measures to ensure uninterrupted power supply in Haryana.

As per power department officials, Haryana's demand has touched around 9,000 megawatts (MW) per day this week. Gurgaon's peak demand on Thursday was around 1,650 MW. In the past week, long power outages have also hit industrial activity in the state.

"Across Haryana, there is a deficit of over 2,000 MW at present. In Gurgaon, the deficit in power supply is over 20%, resulting in scheduled and unscheduled power cuts. As per this roster, power cuts have been scheduled for the next few days. Measures are being taken to procure power from several resources and power crisis will be resolved soon," said a DHBVN official.

# HC defers Umar bail appeal: 'Let SC take view on 124A first'

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE**
NEW DELHI, APRIL 29

THE DELHI High Court Friday deferred the hearing of the bail appeal of student activist Umar Khalid in the larger conspiracy case of the Northeast Delhi riots to May 6, saying that the challenge to IPC 124A (sedition) — one of the provisions invoked against Khalid and others by police — is listed for hearing before the Supreme Court on May 5.

"124A is under challenge before the Supreme Court and is coming up on May 5. The findings on 124A will have bearing on these cases also. My opinion is that we shall fix it after 5th of May, let the Supreme Court take a view on it," said Justice Rajnish Bhatnagar at the outset of the hearing.

The division bench of Justice Siddharth Mridul and Justice Bhatnagar has earlier heard arguments on the bail appeal on two dates. On Wednesday, after listening to a speech given by Khalid at Amravati, Maharashtra, in February 2020, which forms part of the chargesheet against him, the court had asked whether it was proper to use the term 'jumla' with respect to the Prime Minister and said there has to be a "a line" or a "lakshman rekha" when it comes to criticism of the government.

Senior advocate Trideep Pais, representing Khalid, Friday told the court that the case pertaining to 124A before the Supreme Court was not likely to be concluded on May 5. "Also, in so far as 124A is concerned, that is not an issue before your lordships. If it was only 124A, I would have got bail long ago. It is Section 43D(5) [of UAPA] and whether 15, 17 and 18 [of UAPA] are applicable at all. That is the difficulty," argued Pais, while referring to the stringent bail provisions under UAPA.

Pais added that though the matter before the Supreme Court on 124A no doubt is very important and "very seminal" on the question, he has to deal with UAPA provisions more during his arguments. However, Justice Mridul said, "We can have it on the 6th. There is no harm. Anything that may have a bearing, we should await the outcome."

**Umar Khalid is accused in the larger conspiracy case of the Northeast Delhi riots**

The court also said co-accused Sharjeel Imam's bail plea is also before it now and Khalid's application will be heard together with it on May 6. When Pais insisted again that the hearing of 124A challenge may not be concluded on May 5, Justice Mridul said the court will hear the bail appeals together and added, "In fact, we were keen to go back and hear that speech, Amravati, once again because according to you the origins of the chargesheet against you stem from that speech at Amravati."

Pais submitted that the speech is the only "overt act" that the prosecution can "advert to" and that the "rest is fiction". Justice Mridul said, "the rest could also be acts of omission".

The court Wednesday had sought clarification regarding the use of expressions like '*inquilabi* (revolutionary)' and '*krantikari* (revolution)'. Khalid had mentioned "*inquilabli salam*" and "*krantikari istiqbal*" at the beginning of his speech. On April 22, while hearing Khalid's application, the court had said that his speech at Amravati was "offensive", "obnoxious" and hateful.

Meanwhile, the court on Friday issued notice to the police on Imam's bail application in the same case. Imam has argued that he has been arrested by the police as part of a "targeted campaign" to have multiple FIRs and investigations against him at the same time. When the violence broke out in Northeast Delhi, he was already in custody in two other FIRs and no overt or covert act can possibly be attributed to him, reads the appeal.

# Supertech towers demolition likely to miss May 22 deadline

**The Supreme Court had on August 30 last year ordered the demolition of the twin towers.** *Archive*

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE**
NOIDA, APRIL 29

DEMOLITION OF the Supertech twin towers is likely to miss the May 22 deadline by one or two months as more time is required for the blast preparation, sources have told *The Indian Express*. The matter is likely to be discussed in court, said sources.

The Supreme Court had on August 30 last year ordered the demolition of the two towers in Supertech's Emerald Court in Noida's Sector 93A within three months for violating regulations on the distance between buildings.

Edifice Engineering, a company selected by the Noida Authority and the Central Building Research Institute, Roorkee, is readying the buildings for the implosion in collaboration with Jet Demolition, a company from South Africa.

At the site, a mound of debris, nearly two storeys tall, was spotted next to the entrance gate while laborers and technical staff prepared the buildings for the blast. Geotextile fabric was being wrapped around pillars and beams which will prevent dust and debris from splintering following the blast. Sources said steel containers will also be placed in the vicinity of the Apex and Cayenne towers to reduce the spread of debris.

"For the next few weeks, we will be laying out the fabric in different sections of the building. We are also trying to create space where the containers can be placed. Teams are working constantly and we are gathering more inputs on the safety procedures. Our main effort is to ensure that the blast is carried out safely," said a source.

Foreign technicians from Jet Demolition Company were also at the site. The company is preparing the blast plan which will contain procedures for the implosion.

A test blast was carried out earlier this month to ascertain the quantity of explosives required for the main blast.

# India Art Fair returns to capital after Covid hiatus

**VANDANA KALRA**
NEW DELHI, APRIL 29

THE PANDEMIC led to the cancellation of the India Art Fair (IAF) last year, but as it opened its doors this week, despite the sweltering heat, it saw the coming together of the art community. In its 13th edition, it has on display works brought together by over 60 galleries and 14 institutional participants.

### Raising concerns

Art is a reflection of society and artists often urge viewers to ask questions. Right at the entrance is a Madhukar Mucharla portrait of Babasaheb Ambedkar, the architect of the Indian Constitution. Inside the tent, Riyas Komu's Eighteen Steps to Nasreen Mohamedi (2022) too emphasises on nurturing a sense of community. "This work seeks to prise open the various intertwined and submerged plural pasts that are now ominously and violently being set for closure. It is an attempt to retrieve from the flux of time, memories and ebb and tides of the multi-layered culture that we are and ought to be," says Komu.

There is also an attempt to document violence and call for peace. If T V Santhosh explores global conflicts and historical injustices through his works at The Guild booth, Gulammohammed Sheikh's "Ecce Homo", prompted after the fall of Kabul, is an interpretation of events from world over in the last two years that induces viewers to confront socio-political and religious realities. Mithu Sen puts together a collage of numerous instances of violence, from racism she witnessed in South Africa in 2012 to the 2015 Paris terrorist attack and the war in Ukraine, through a "bombed tree". "Through the collage, I am attempting to map events as memorials of violence and precarious global climate," says Sen.

**India Art Fair is on till May 1 at NSIC Ground, Okhla.** *Tashi Tobgyal*

### Larger than life

There are instances when some works also attract attention due to their medium and method. At Gallery Art Positive, Ankon Mitra is drawing crowds with delicate works in origami. This year sees the return of contemporary artist Shilo Shiv Suleman with an installation and Debanjay Roy also has new-age Gandhi talking on his cellphone. At Museo Camera Booth, multiple projects come together, from an installation by Gopal Namjoshi to a wall that documents the life of exiled Nepal premier Dev Shumsher Jung Bahadur Rana through the archives of Bhuvan Kumari Devi. In a new set of works, Bangladeshi artist Tayeba Begum Lipi contemplates life during pandemic-related lockdowns. Tapasya Gupta dedicates her fibreglass and resin works to her father, who she lost to Covid.

### Modernists on view

The IAF has a range of modernists, from the Bengal masters such as Nandalal Bose, Ramkinkar Baij and Somnath Hore at the Akar Prakar booth, to KG Subramanyan at Art Heritage. A tribute is being paid to artists Satish Gujral and Rini Dhumal, who passed away recently, in the 'In Memoriam Section'. There is a room dedicated to MF Husain by Crayon Art Gallery.

While Dhoomimal Art Gallery is showcasing FN Souza, Amrita Sher-Gil and Jamini Roy, among others, the DAG booth has 200 years of Indian art capsuled in an exhibition that includes, among others, early Bengal oil paintings as well as works of MF Husain, SH Raza and a Dhanraj Bhagat sculpture. Attracting attention is a large canvas by Madhvi Parekh, where the artist depicts a "Christian theme" in a naïve Indian folkart style.

### Indigenous art

Special effort has been made to highlight indigenous art through Gond paintings by Jangarh Singh Shyam, rare bhuta bronze masks from Kerala and Karnataka. If the Pichvai Tradition & Beyond has works by artists from its atelier, Delhi Crafts Council has Rajasthani artist Sangeeta Jogi's dot drawings depicting the many new roles performed by women.

### Engaging with the audience

The audience can also be part of the art project. At their booth, artist duo Jiten Thukral and Sumir Tagra are educating them about the effect of greenhouse gases and asking them to bring it to zero in a game titled '2030 Net Zero'. They are also discussing the problems faced by farmers through another game, 'Weeping Farm'. At the Khoj booth, meanwhile, one has to learn to survive as a woman from the agrarian community despite the various challenges.

*India Art Fair is on till May 1 at NSIC Ground, Okhla. Tickets on bookmyshow.com*

MANDATE DOCUMENT BY CURRICULUM REVISION PANEL

# Don't wait, act now to fix learning loss: Govt panel

SOURAV ROY BARMAN
NEW DELHI, APRIL 29

THE STATES and the Centre "must act urgently" to address the "huge learning loss" among students due to the interruptions in regular teaching and learning caused by the pandemic over the last two years, a high-powered committee set up to revise the country's school curriculum has advised.

The committee, led by Princeton University professor Manjul Bhargava, has observed that authorities need not wait for the completion of curriculum revision exercises to help students make learning recoveries.

The observations are part of a "mandate document" released Friday by Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan in Bengaluru. The mandate document will act as a guidebook for the experts working on revising the National Curriculum Framework (NCF) for which a deadline of December 2022 has been set.

"The pandemic has driven a huge 'learning loss' amongst the vast majority of our children, and the States and the Centre must act urgently and with great focus to recover this lost learning over the next 12 months," the document reads. "This mandate document... encourages the development of teaching-learning- materials, training programs, and all other relevant initiatives for the effective implementation of such priorities. These need not wait or be held back for the development of the NCF..."

The document also says: "Even if a teacher's personal values are different, she/he must only practise constitutional values while in the school."

The mandate group has set February 28, 2023 as the deadline for the revision of syllabi based on the new NCF. And by October 30, 2023, NCERT books based on the new syllabi should be ready, they have recommended.

The "key deliverables" of the new curriculum, according to the mandate group, will be the development of foundational literacy and numeracy among students by class III, "constitutional values including gender equality", "rootedness and pride in India", a "sense of service or sewa to others in need", and scientific temperament, among others.

At the release of the document, Pradhan said the revised NCF will be an instrument to "decolonise our education system". "After 1947, we have adopted a methodology on our learning, teaching process where the method was envisioned by a set of people who are supposed to rule us. Let us decolonise our education system," he said.

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**A guide for revision**

THE MANDATE document will guide the development of the new National Curriculum Framework (NCF). Its objective is primarily to provide direction to the groups of experts from varied backgrounds working on revising the NCF across the country.

## Jaishankar in Bhutan: Our bond emotional, built on concern for each other

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
THIMPHU, APRIL 29

THE INDIA-BHUTAN relationship is based on genuine concern for each other's welfare and interests, External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar said Friday in Thimphu, asserting that New Delhi's development cooperation paradigm with the Himalayan nation is prompted by moral principles and emotional bonds.

Jaishankar, who is in Thimpu on an official visit at the invitation of his Bhutanese counterpart Lyonpo Tandi Dorji, is Bhutan's first high-level foreign visitor since the onset of the pandemic. He met the country's top leadership, including King Jigme Khesar Namgyel Wangchuck and Prime Minister Lyonchhen Lotay Tshering.

At a handing-over ceremony for a consignment of medical supplies, the minister said: "Our relationship is based on a genuine concern for each other's welfare and interests. India's development cooperation paradigm is unique, prompted as much by economic impulse as by moral principles and emotional bonds."

## Police exam scam: Fugitive school owner, two teachers among 5 held

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
BENGALURU, APRIL 29

FORMER PRESIDENT of the BJP's Kalaburagi district women's unit Divya Hagaragi, an accused in the police sub-inspector recruitment exam scam, was among the five people arrested by the Karnataka Police's Crime Investigation Department (CID) from Solapur in Maharashtra on Friday night.

Two of those arrested — Archana S and Sunanda S — were invigilators at Hagaragi's school, one of the exam centres. The remaining two, including a businessman from Maharashtra, were held for sheltering them.

Hagaragi, 41, the owner-principal of the Jnana Jyothi English School in Kalaburagi, is accused of facilitating large-scale cheating in the police recruitment exam conducted on October 3, 2021, at the school that was one of the centres.

The CID had obtained an arrest warrant for Hagaragi and three teachers from the school on April 19.

The Karnataka government has withdrawn the PSI exam results and announced that re-examination will be conducted soon. Home Minister Araga Jnanendra Friday said malpractices took place in more than one centre. He said: "We will reduce the number of centres and install network jammers."


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**CENTRAL STORES, JAMALPUR**
**(Tender Notice for Online E-Tendering)**
**Short Tender Notice No. 01/2022-23/Tender No. CST. 01/2022-23**
Online tenders are invited by the Ahmedabad Municipal Corporation from Eligible and interested bidders for the supply of below items.
**E-Tender Notice No. 01/2022-23 and CST No. 01/2022-23**
Supply of ISI Marked 450 mm And 1000 mm Dia. K-9 Class D.I. Pipes (With Rubeer Ring) confirming to IS:8329/2000 bearing ISI Mark and Suitable for Push on Joints. (Approx. Amt - Rs.4.52 Cr.)

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| Tenders available on Website(s) | www.amc.nprocure.com or www.nprocure.com |
| Online Submission Date/Time upto | Date:09-05-2022 upto 18.00 Hrs. |

**DY. MUNICIPAL COMMISSIONER (Central Store.)**

**GOVT. OF BIHAR**
**BIHAR COMBINED ENTRANCE COMPETITIVE EXAMINATION BOARD**
**I.A.S. Association Building, Near Patna Airport, Patna-14.**
**UNDER GRADUATE MEDICAL ADMISSION COUNSELLING (UGMAC)-2021 for BDS in Govt. Dental Colleges and Private Dental Colleges of Bihar**
**Adv. No.- BCECEB(UGMAC)-2021/27 Dated 29.04.2022** Website : bceceboard.bihar.gov.in

**Important Notice for 2nd Round MOP-UP Counselling [BDS Course]**

In the light of ADG (ME), New Delhi Letter no. F.No. U-11011/08/2021-MEC dated 28.04.2022 the last date of admission to BDS Courses for Dental Colleges has been extended up to 15.05.2022 for the academic session 2021. **Fresh Online Registration and submission of Application form are invited** from such qualified, eligible & intrested NEET(UG)-2021 candidates for appearing in the 2nd round offline MOP-UP Counselling of Under Graduate Medical Admission Counselling (UGMAC)-2021, who are not admitted in any Medical / Dental Colleges of India, on the vacant seats of Government/ Private Dental Colleges of Bihar after admission on the basis of UGMAC-2021 Online Mop-up round counselling from 05.04.2022 to 10.04.2022.
2. Second Round Mop-up Counselling will be conducted Offline at BCECE Board, IAS Bhawan, Near Patna Airport, Patna-800014.
3. **Eligibility criteria and instructions and other details are available in the prospectus of UGMAC-2021 which can be downloaded from the Board's website bceceboard.bihar.gov.in.**
If cut off marks for admission in BDS Course during the period of Registration and submission of Application form by apex body / DCI / MCC, those candidates shall also be eligible for Registration / Submission of Application form for this 2nd round Mop-up Counselling.
4. Those candidate who are admitted in any Govt./ Pvt. Medical / Dental College of India are not eligible for 2nd Round MOP-UP counselling.
5. Seat Matrix of vacancies after completion of 1st Round Mop-up Counselling will be available on Board's website from 02.05.2022. If any further vacancies arise, the Seat matrix of updated vacancies shall be uploaded on the Board's website on 12.05.2022 (10:00 A.M.) before starting of 2nd Round Mop-up Counselling. The details of programme / process / fee etc. has been uploaded on the Board's **website : bceceboard.bihar.gov.in vide adv. No. BCECEB(UGMAC)-2021/26 Dated 29.04.2022.**
6. The concerned candidates are requested to download the details and go through it and complete the process accordingly as per the details of above advertisement for attending the 2nd round MOP-UP counselling.
**Controller of Examination**

**High Commission of the Republic of Zambia, New Delhi**
**Expression of Interest for Shortlisting of Contractors for Construction of The Chancery & Residence for the High Commission of the Republic of Zambia**
Expression of Interest are invited from reputed contractors. Interested parties may download EOI document from the website www.zambiahighcomdelhi.org / www.adpl.in Filled in EOI document as per instruction should be submit on or before 10 May by 3.00 PM on the address given below:
**The High Commissioner, High Commision of the Republic of Zambia, 7 Poorvi Marg, Vasant Vihar New Delhi - 110057**

**ICAR- CENTRAL INSTITUTE FOR RESEARCH ON GOATS**
**MAKHDOOM, P.O. FARAH-281 122, MATHURA U.P.**
Phone: 0565-2763380 (Director), 0565-2763327 (Sr. Admin. Officer)
Fax No. 0565-2763246
F. No. 2-3(7)/R&P/2021 Dated: 29th April 2022
**VACANCY NOTIFICATION**
Two (02) contractual positions of Data Enumerator in the AICRP Barbari Unit and one (01) contractual position of Date Enumerator in the AICRP Jamunapari Unit is proposed to be filled through walk-in-interview on 05.05.2022 from 11:00 AM onwards.
Interested candidates may visit our website www.cim.res.in for details.
Asstt. Admin. Officer

**FORM A**
**PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT**
(Under Regulation 6 of the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India (Insolvency Resolution Process for Corporate Persons) Regulations, 2016)
**FOR THE ATTENTION OF THE CREDITORS OF SHIV SAI METAL PRODUCTS PRIVATE LIMITED**

| RELEVANT PARTICULARS | | |
|---|---|---|
| 1. | Name of corporate debtor | Shiv Sai Metal Products Private Limited |
| 2. | Date of incorporation of corporate debtor | 24th April 2012 |
| 3. | Authority under which corporate debtor is incorporated / registered | ROC- Patna |
| 4. | Corporate Identity No. / Limited Liability Identification No. of corporate debtor | U31908BR2012PTC018540 |
| 5. | Address of the registered office and principal office (if any) of corporate debtor | M/S Shiv Sai Metal Pvt Ltd Maner, Patna, Bihar 801108 |
| 6. | Insolvency commencement date in respect of corporate debtor | 27th April 2022 |
| 7. | Estimated date of closure of insolvency resolution process | 24th October 2022 |
| 8. | Name and registration number of the insolvency professional acting as interim resolution professional | Aditya Kumar Tibrewal IBBI/IPA-001/IP-P00743/2017-2018/11249 |
| 9. | Address and e-mail of the interim resolution professional, as registered with the Board | 7C, Kiran Shankar Roy Road, Hasting Chamber, Basement, Kolkata -700 001 adityatibre@gmail.com |
| 10. | Address and e-mail to be used for correspondence with the interim resolution professional | 7C, Kiran Shankar Roy Road, Hasting Chamber, Basement, Kolkata -700001 Email - cirp.ssm@gmail.com |
| 11. | Last date for submission of claims | 11th May 2022 |
| 12. | Classes of creditors, if any, under clause (b) of sub-section (6A) of section 21, ascertained by the interim resolution professional | Not Applicable |
| 13. | Names of Insolvency Professionals identified to act as Authorised Representative of creditors in a class (Three names for each class) | Not Applicable |
| 14. | (a) Relevant Forms and (b) Details of authorized representatives are available at: | (a) Relevant Forms may be downloaded from the following web link: https://ibbi.gov.in/home/downloads (b) Not Applicable |

Notice is hereby given that the National Company Law Tribunal has ordered the commencement of a corporate insolvency resolution process of the **Shiv Sai Metal Products Private Limited on 27th April 2022.**
The creditors of **Shiv Sai Metal Products Private Limited**, are hereby called upon to submit their claims with proof on or before 11th May 2022 to the interim resolution professional at the address mentioned against entry No. 10.
The financial creditors shall submit their claims with proof by electronic means only. All other creditors may submit the claims with proof in person, by post or by electronic means.
A financial creditor belonging to a class, as listed against the entry No. 12, shall indicate its choice of authorized representative from among the three insolvency professionals listed against entry No.13 to act as authorised representative of the class [specify class] in Form CA.
**Submission of false or misleading proofs of claim shall attract penalties.**
Aditya Kumar Tibrewal
Date : 30/04/2022 Interim Resolution Professional
Place : Kolkata IBBI/IPA-001/IP-P00743/2017-2018/11249

केनरा बैंक Canara Bank
भारत सरकार का उपक्रम A Government of India Undertaking
सिंडिकेट Syndicate
**Regional Office - II**
2nd Floor, Maurya Tower, Maurya Lok Complex, Patna
**POSSESSION NOTICE [SECTION 13(4)]**
**(For Immovable Property)**
Whereas, the undersigned being the Authorised Officer of the **Canara Bank** under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (Act 54 of 2002) (hereinafter referred to as "the Act") and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(12) read with rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a Demand Notice calling upon the borrower and also owner of the property/surety to repay the amount mentioned in the notice within 60 days from date of the said notice.
The borrower and also the owner of the property surety having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the owner of the property and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with rule 8 & 9 of the said rules on the dates mentioned against account. The owner of the property in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealing with the property will be subject to the charge of the **Canara Bank** for the amount and interest/costs thereon, mentioned against account herein below.
The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of Sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.
**BRANCH : HAJIPUR**
**1. Borrower: Sri Uma Kant Prasad Nirala** Prop of M/s Nirala Filling Station, **Amount out-standing of ₹ 2,01,39,246/-** (Rupees Two Crore One lakh Thirty Nine thousand Two Hundred Forty Six only) with interest and incidental charges and costs, **Date of Demand Notice- 28.01.2022, Date of Possession- 27.04.2022, Description of the Immovable Property: Details of Security Assets:-** All that part and parcel of the property consisting of Khata No.-91, Khesra No.-2992, Thana No.- 157, East of R N College, Yusufpur, Hajipur, Vaishali, Bihar, Survey Ward No. 13, Acquired through Sale Deed No.- 7086, Total: 11.6 Decimal, With in the Registration Sub District: Hajipur and Dist.- Vaishali, **Boundaries:-** North: Bharat Chaudhary, South: Rama Dubey, East: Dev Lal Singh, West: Kailash Bhagat.
**2. Borrower: Md. Ekbal**, S/o Ahmad Hussain, **Amount out-standing of ₹ 5,57,783.75/-** (Rupees Five lakh Fifty Seven thousand Seven Hundred Eighty Three and Seventy Five Paisa only) with interest and incidental charges and costs, **Date of Demand Notice- 20.04.2021, Date of Possession- 27.04.2022, Description of the Immovable Property: Details of Security Assets:-** All that part and parcel of the property consisting of Khata No.-396, Khesra No.-541,542,543, Mauza- Noon Gola,Thana No.- 178, Anchal- Hajipur, Sub Division Office and District Sub Registry Office- Hajipur, Dist Vaishali, Extent- 2.72 Decimal. **Boundaries:-** North: W/o Kazi Basiur Rahman & Gali towards Nagarpalika Sarak, South: Md. Suleman & Others, East: Late Dr. Maniruddine, West: Bazuddine Hal Rafique Mian.
**Date: 29.04.2022** **Authorized Officer**
**Place: Hajipur** **CANARA BANK**

केनरा बैंक Canara Bank
भारत सरकार का उपक्रम A Government of India Undertaking
सिंडिकेट Syndicate
**Recovery & Legal Section, Circle Office, 3rd Floor, Luv-Kush Tower, Exhibition Road, Patna-800001**
**Ph.: 0612-2320180, E-mail: npacopat@canarabank.com**
**PROPERTY FOR E-AUCTION NOTICE**
**E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of immovable assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with provision to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.**
Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/hypothecated/Pledged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the **Constructive/Physical** Possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of Canara Bank, will be sold on **"As is where is", "As is what is" and "Whatever there is"** on **31.05.2022**
Details are as under:

| Sl. No. | Name/Address/ Contact No./ A/c No. & IFSC Code of the Branch | Name and Address of the Borrower(s)/Guarantor(s)/ Mortgagor(s) | Outstanding in Rs. | Details of Property | Reserve Price (in Rs) / EMD / Bid Multiplier |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | Katari Branch, Post-Katari, Sheikhpura 811102 **Contact No. 8210998549 A/c No. 209272434 IFSC Code: CNRB0001722** | **Borrower/ Mortgagor: Mr. Ajeet Kumar** S/o Brahmdev Prasad, Mohalla-Khandpar, Sheikhpura-811105. | **Rs. 32,58,950/-** as on 22.04.2022 + interest & other cost till realization. | EMT of land and building in the name of Mr. Brahmdeo Prasad, S/o Ragho Mahto. Mauza-Sheikhpura, (1) Khata No.-553, Khasra No.-2378, Tauzi No.-214, Thana No.-176, Area-0.06 Dec., Boundary: North-Ramlal Mahto, South-Brahmdeo Prasad, East-Rasta, West-Bhola Mahto. (2) Khata No.-230, Khasra No.-2382, Area-0.07 Dec, Boundry: North-Niz Plot, South-Rasta, East-Rasta, West-Munna Mahto. | **₹46,10,000/-** / **₹4,61,000/-** / ₹10,000/- |
| 2. | Saristabad Branch **Contact No. 8210998451 A/c No. 8361295000001 IFSC Code: CNRB0008361** | **Borrower/ Mortgagor: Sri Binod Kumar,** S/o Ragu Nandan Singh, Prabha Niwash Adaresh Colony, Road No.-03, Khemini Chak, Patna, Bihar, Pin-800027 and Smt. Pusplata Sinha, W/o Binod Kumar, Prabha Niwash Adaresh Colony, Road No.-03, Khemini Chak, Patna, Bihar, Pin-800027 | **Rs. 24,91,637.17/-** as on 30.04.2021 + interest & other cost till realization. | All the part & parcel of the property Mauza-Brahampur, Sekhpura, P.S.-Phulwarisharif now Gaurichak, Tauzi No.-28, Thana No.111, Khata No.-38, S. Plot No.714 (Part), Society Plot No.-49, Registry-Danapur, Sadar Registry & Dist.-Patna, (Area-1322 Sq. Ft.), Bounded By:-North-S. Plot No.-48, South-S. Plot No.-50, East-20 Ft Road, West-Society Himself. | **₹61,61,400/-** / **₹6,16,140/-** / ₹10,000/- |
| 3. | Gulabbagh Branch, First Floor Hansda Road, Sanauli Chowk, Gulabbagh, Bihar-854326 **Contact No. 8210998598 A/c No. 8362295000001 IFSC Code: CNRB0008362** | **Borrower/ Mortgagor: M/S C A Trading, Prop.-**Chand Ansari and Sabiya Khatoon W/o Mohammad Azizddin | **Rs. 68,16,387.28/-** as on 21.04.2022 + further interest & cost | **DEED NO.14788 DATED-17.12.2014** All that part and parcel of a land area 01 Khata 12 Dhur 10 Dhurki situated at Mauza Mahrajganj, Thana No.-238, Khatta No.868, Khesra No.337 under Khajanchi Haat, Dist.-Purnea, Bihar. In the name Chand Ansari S/o Late Asaraf Anasari. Bounded By:- North-Md. Imran Alam, South-Sami Ahmad, East-Road, West-Lovkush Kumar. | **₹20,32,500/-** / **₹2,03,250/-** / ₹10,000/- |
| 4. | Gulabbagh Branch, Village Bahuara, Post Biddupur Bahuara, Vaishali, Bihar-844502 **Contact No. 8210998598 A/c No. 6959295000001 IFSC Code: CNRB0006959** | **Borrower/ Mortgagor: M/S GTC Trading Company, Proprietor-**Vimal Kumari and Sujit Kumar S/o Rajendra Prasad Sah. | **Rs. 51,77,642.31/-** as on 21.04.2022 + further interest & cost | **DEED NO. 3198 DATED-25.02.2011** All that part and parcel of land measuring 17 Decimal 8.50 Kari covered under Khata No.-445, Khesra No.-2516, Situated at Mauza-Abdullanagar, Tauzi No.8/5, Thana No.-100/1, Mohalla-Chandan Nagar, Ward No.-46, Dist.-Purnea, in the name of Sujit Kumar S/o Sri Rajendra Prasad Sah. Boundary: North-Pvt. Kachchi Rasta 10 ft, South-Saryug Sah, East-Nahar, West-Khesra No.2514 Falawati Devi. | **₹37,65,500/-** / **₹3,76,550/-** / ₹10,000/- |
| 5. | Bahuara Branch, Village Bahuara, Post Biddupur Bahuara, Vaishali, Bihar-844502 **Contact No. 8210998301 A/c No. 6959295000001 IFSC Code: CNRB0006959** | **Borrower/ Mortgagor: M/S D.K. Enterprises, Prop.** Manish Kishore, S/o Surendra Prasad Singh, Vill-Shyampur Dayal, PO-Madhupur, Hajipur, Vaishali-844503 | **Rs. 7,68,000/-** as on 25.04.2022 + further interest & cost | All the part and parcel of property land & building in the name of Pramila Devi, W/o Surendra Prasad Singh, consisting of Mauza-Shyampurdayal, Khata No.135, Thana No.-373, Khesara No.-205,206, PO & PS-Hajipur, Sub-Registry Office-Hajipur, Dist.-Vaishali, Total Area-1960 Sq. Ft. Sale Deed No.5872 dated 17/12/2013. Boundaries:- North-15 Feet wide rasta, South-Sunil Singh, East-Laldeo Singh, West-Mithilesh Pandit. | **₹20,84,000/-** / **₹2,08,000/-** / ₹10,000/- |
| 6. | Faridpur Branch, Vill-Audhey, Faridpur, PO+PS-Sheikhpura, Bihar-811105 **Contact No. 8210998541 A/c No. 209272434 IFSC Code: CNRB0005469** | **Borrower/ Mortgagor: M/S Jayanti Agro Fertilizers, Prop.:** Rajeev Ranjan, Vill.-Kewal Bigha, Barbigha, Dist.-Sheikhpura (Bihar) 811101. and **Co-Borrower:** Sri Ramnandan Prasad & Smt. Jayanti Sinha, At-Faijjulahpur (Hanumannagar) Barbigha, Dist.-Sheikhpura (Bihar)811101. | **Rs. 24,89,755.41/-** as on 22.04.2022 + interest & other cost till realization | EMT of land and building in the name of 1. Sri Ramnandan Prasad Sinha S/o Late Nageshwar Prasad, Khata No.-292, Khasra No.631, Thana No.34, Hanuman Nagar, Barbigha, Dist.-Sheikhpura. Total Area-0.06, 5/8 Acre. Boundry: As per Sale Deed No.4111, Dated 22/03/2014: North-Usha Devi, South-Jayanti Sinha, East-Jayanti Sinha & Sudarshan Kumar, West-8 feet wide private Rasta. | **₹34,34,000/-** / **₹3,43,000/-** / ₹10,000/- |
| | 2. Mrs. Jayanti Sinha, W/o Sri Ramnandan Sinha, Khata No.-292, Khasra No.631, Thana No.-34, Hanuman Nagar, Barbigha, Dist.-Sheikhpura, Total Area-0.01, 1/4 Acre, Boundry:-As per Sale Deed No.4111, Dated 22/03/2014: North-Usha Devi, South-Road, East-Mina Devi, West-Sunil Kumar @ Ramchandra Prasad | | | | |
| 7. | Arrah Branch. **Contact No. 8210998301 A/c No. 6959295000001 IFSC Code: CNRB0006959** | **Borrower/ Mortgagor: Kamlesh Kumar Pandey,** S/o Late Mundrika Pandey, Mohalla-Ramgarhia, P.S. Arrah Town Bhojpur-802301. | **Rs. 34,50,000/-** as on 25.04.2022 + interest & other cost till realization | All the part and parcel of property in the name of Kamlesh Kumar Pandey S/o Late Mundrika Pandey consisting of Mauza-Kasbe Arrah, Mohalla-Ramgariha, Thana-Arrah Town Thana No.-237, Khata No.-1873, Khasra No.-8254 Arrah, District-Bhojpur-802301, Total Area-1 Katha five dhur. Boundaries:-North-Dhupa Devi, South-Drainage Channel, East-Road, West-Shri Nandlal Mahto. | **₹14,59,000/-** / **₹1,46,000/-** / ₹10,000/- |
| 8. | Sultanganj Branch, In front of Nagar Parishad Main Road, Sultanganj S.O, Bihar, Pin-813213 **Contact No. 8210998630 A/c No. 8362295000001 IFSC Code: CNRB0008362** | **Borrower/ Mortgagor: Vashishtha Kumar** S/O Late Manikant Thakur and Rina Devi W/o Vashishtha Thakur | **Rs. 9,33,210.16/-** as on 21.04.2022 + further interest & cost | **SMT Deed No.8766/2017 Dated 21/09/2017** A) All that part and parcel of land measuring Khata No.-199, Khesra No.-811 (KM) Area 0-02.50 Decimals. Bounded By: North-Niz Executant, South-NH 80 Road, East-Milan Thakur, West-Amardeep Thakur. B) All that part and parcel of land measuring Khata No.-154, Khesra No.-810 (KM) Area | **₹10,00,000/-** / **₹1,00,000/-** / ₹10,000/- |
| | 0-01.00 Decimals. Bounded By: North-Niz Executant; Jai Ram Thakur, South-Kishan Thakur & Niz Executant, East-Kishan Thakur, West-Amardeep Thakur & Niz. Total Area 0-03.50 Decimals. Location-Village-Nawada, Mauza-Nawada, Thana No.-6, Jamabandi No.2532, under Tilakpur Panchaiyat, North from NH 80, PO-Tikalpur, PS-Sultanganj, Sub Registry & District-Bhagalpur in the name of Vashishtha Thakur S/o Late Manikant Thakur | | | | |
| 9. | Jamalpur Branch, 1st Floor, Munger Road, Dariapur, Jamalpur, Bihar, Pin-811214 **Contact No. 8210998600 A/c No. 8362295000001 IFSC Code: CNRB0008362** | **Borrower/ Mortgagor: Sri Sai Shoe Store Prop.: Suman Upadhayay** S/o Late Agendra Upadhayay and Manoj Kumar Sah S/o Brahmdeo Sah | **Rs. 23,98,631.82/-** as on 21.04.2022 + further interest & cost | **Sale Deed No.: 1109/2019 Dated 26.04.2019** All that part and parcel of land measuring 01.26 Decimal covered under Khata No.-46, Khesra No.-5053, Situated at Mauza-Daulatpur, Maruf Mohalla-Chhoti Daulatpur, Thana-Jamalpur, Anchal-Jamalpur, Dist.-Munger, Tauzi No.-6213, Thana No.07, Municipality Survey Seat No.-46, Ward No.- | **₹12,33,000/-** / **₹1,23,300/-** / ₹10,000/- |
| | 01, in the name of Suman Upadhayay S/o Late Agendra Upadhayay. Boundary: North-Mahesh Kumar Tanti, South-Nagarpalika Gali, East-Kachhi Rasta, West-New Purchaser Rohit Kumar. | | | | |
| 10. | Dehri Branch, Kurtha Branch, Near Middle Town School, Pani Tanki Road, Dehri on Sone, Rohtas, Bihar-821305 **Contact No. 8210998538 A/c No. 209272434 IFSC Code: CNRB0006337** | **Borrower/ Mortgagor: M/s Shivam Trading,** Prop.-Vijay Kumar Singh, S/o Ram Janam Singh, Behind Canara Bank Building, Pani Tanki Road, Dehri, Dist.-Rohtas, Bihar-821305. | **Rs. 17,12,932.80/-** as on 22.04.2022 + interest & other cost till realization | i. EMT of land and building in the name of Sri Vijay Kumar Singh, S/o Sri Ram Janam Singh, Khata No.-189, Plot No.-77, Ward No.-15, PS+Mauza-Dehri, Mohalla-New Dillian, under Dehri Dalmianagar Parishad, Dist.-Rohtas-821307. Total Area-½ Katha as per Possession Notice dated 01/12/2021. Boundary: South-Niz Seller, North-Asha Devi, East-Rasta then Dadan Singh, West-Niz Seller. | **₹29,00,000/-** / **₹2,90,000/-** / ₹10,000/- |
| | ii. Smt. Asha Devi W/o Sri Vijay Kumar Singh, Khata No.-189, Plot No.77, Ward No.15, PS+Mauza-Dehri, Mohalla-New Dillian, under Dehri Dalmianagar Parishad, Dist.-Rohtas 821307. Total Area-½ Katha as per Possession Notice dated 01/12/2021. Boundary: North-Vijay Kumar Singh, South-Krishna Kumar, East-Rasta then Dadan Singh, West-Niz Seller. | | | | |
| 11. | SME Branch, Patna **Contact No. 8210998452 A/c No. 8361295000001 IFSC Code: CNRB0008361** | **Borrower/ Mortgagor: M/s Tara Polymer** a partnership firm and the Guarantors 1. Sri Vivek Anand S/o Late Prem Chandra Verma and 2. Sri Shashi Bhushan Kumar, S/o Mathura Prasad Verma. | **Rs. 48,36,372.46/-** as on 30.04.2021 + interest & other cost till realization | All that part and parcel of the property consisting of land and building in the name of Sri Shashi Bhushan Kumar, S/o Late Mathura Prasad @ Mathura Pd. Verma, situated at Mohalla Nakhas pind, Mauza-Dhawalpura, Thana No.21, Tauzi No.39/02, Khata No.587, Plot No.1355, P.S New By-Pass, Sub Registry Office-Patna City, District-Patna. Area-1 Kattha 15 Dhur. Bounded By: North-Jogi Mallah, South-Indu Bhushan, East-Rasta, West-Road and Gate. | **₹27,34,000/-** / **₹2,73,400/-** / ₹10,000/- |
| 12. | Hilsa Branch, Hilsa Patna Main Road, Hilsa, Dist.-Nalanda-801302 **Contact No. 8210998546 A/c No. 209272946 IFSC Code: CNRB0004191** | **Borrower/ Mortgagor: M/s Tulsi Bhog Flour Mill, Prop.:** Sri Prabhat Kumar, S/o Sri Pramod Prasad, Vill-Mai, Hilsa, Hilsa, Dist.-Nalanda, Bihar 801302. **Guarantor:** Sri Pramod Prasad, S/o Sri Darhrath Singh, A/58, Vijay | **Rs. 26,46,926.44/-** as on 22.04.2022 + further interest & other cost till realization | EMT of land and building in the name of Sri Prabhat Kumar S/o Pramod Prasad Khata No.-37, Khasra No.-3083 & 3084, Thana-176, Maie, Ward No.-22, Hilsa, Dist.-Nalanda-801302. Total Area: 9.375 Decimal (As per Sale Deed No.7543 dated 14/10/2016). Boundary: North-Haza, South-Raj Mani Prasad, East-Kailash Mahto, West-Pyne. | **₹60,96,000/-** / **₹6,10,000/-** / ₹10,000/- |
| | Shree Jagat Apartment, Pani Tanki Road, Near Tiwari Bechar, Kankarbagh Patna 20, Sampatchak Patna, Lohia Nagar, Patna Bihar-800020. | | | | |

**Last Date of EMD 26.05.2022 at 4.00 P.M.**
**For Detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the link provided in www.canarabank.com**
**Date : 22.04.2022** **Authorized Officer**
**Place : Patna** **(Canara Bank)**

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### LOOKING ABROAD

THE NATIONAL Commission for Minorities has started taking cognizance of incidents of violence that are taking place in other countries against people from minority communities in India. In an unusual move, the Commission — headed by Iqbal Singh Lalpura — has written two letters to the Ministry of Minority Affairs, its parent ministry, urging it to raise the issue with the Ministry of External Affairs. The first letter is on an "attack on few Sikh persons" in Pakistan, including the former president of Pakistan Sikh Gurdwara Prabandhak Committee, over an alleged land dispute. The second case that the Commission has alerted the ministry about is an alleged attack on Sikh persons in Richmond Hill, New York. The panel wants the MEA to take up the matter with representatives of the two countries.

### ASSET BIFURCATION

DURING THE hearing on a matter pertaining to redistribution of assets between Andhra Pradesh and Telangana following the 2014 bifurcation, Senior Advocate K V Viswanathan told a bench of Justices D Y Chandrachud and Hima Kohli that the Andhra Bhavan in Delhi has still not been bifurcated. Justice Kohli, who served as Telangana Chief Justice before being elevated to the SC, was quick to intervene. "Can I tell you something? It is bifurcated. You can take it from me," she told the counsel, who said it has only been done temporarily, on a floor-wise basis. While some floors of the Bhavan, popular for its Andhra meals, are managed by Telangana, some are run by Andhra Pradesh.

### THE COMMITMENT

AN EDUCATION MINISTRY event on Friday on the ongoing school curriculum revision exercise saw experts joining from across the country, and the globe. Fields Medal recipient Manjul Bhargava was among those who joined remotely from the US. By the time his turn to speak came, it was 2 am local time. The organisers appreciated Bhargava, who teaches at Princeton University, for his commitment. By the time the event ended, it was 3.30 am in Princeton.

# Set up shops in smaller towns, PM urges Patidar businessmen

**KAMAAL SAIYED**
SURAT, APRIL 29

Urging the Patidar business community to "move out of big cities", Prime Minister Narendra Modi suggested that they establish businesses in smaller towns to spread the scope of development in Gujarat.

Listing benefits such as "low investment, low rates of buildings, labour and wider spread of development", Modi urged the businessmen to look beyond the "15-20 big cities of Gujarat".

"We can build an economic empire, moving out of cities like Surat, Ahmedabad, Vadodara or Bhavnagar... I appeal to you that you now decide that whatever we do, we don't want to do in the big cities. Let us pick 25-30 small cities and make them throbbing with activity. Who knew Surat 30 years ago? Hasn't it gone ahead? Just like that I want to develop these small cities," Modi said at the inauguration of the biennial Global Patidar Business Summit (GPBS) virtually Friday. The summit is being held in Surat.

Modi appealed to the businessmen to invest in agriculture and not just in real-estate. "Only buying and selling land… you want to do only that? Lay huge schemes, build these many flats, these many bungalows… That is also a job. Just like you make diamonds shine, make the farmers, too, shine," the PM said.

The prime minister stressed that food processing had a huge potential. "But we are far behind in that field because private investment is not coming into agriculture. Our farmers are small farmers, but we need to plan in a big way using modern methods. Our country has the ability to export edible oil worth Rs 80,000 crore, then should I not have expectations from you? Should we be atmanirbhar (self-reliant) only in diamond", he said.

Stating that agriculture has not progressed much, Modi said, "A builder comes and builds a tall building (on an agricultural land) and makes profit. But that is different. Now, when Narmada waters have reached every corner, I wish that you think of agriculture as a big business and modernise it...".

Modi recalled that as the CM of Gujarat he had built check dams not only for the water level to rise but "also the price of the land". He also urged the businessmen to adopt 5-6 districts and build 75 "Amrut sarovars" or ponds in each district before the upcoming independence day.

PM Modi also referred to the 24-hour power supply scheme—Jyotigram Yojana—he had launched as the CM. It was because of the scheme, he said, that diamond polishers took their "emery wheel" back to their villages in Bhavnagar from the "small rooms where 25 polishers worked", "work in their agricultural fields, and look after parents and polished diamonds in their free time". The diamond industry of Surat is powered by a labour force mainly from the districts of Bhavnagar, Amreli and Rajkot in Saurashtra.

The PM further emphasised that the government is putting all possible efforts through its policies to create an environment where youth from an ordinary family become entrepreneurs. "We should never forget the words of Sardar Patel who said that India does not lack wealth, we have to just use our minds and resources to use this wealth in the best possible way..."

Patidar businessmen from different parts of Gujarat will participate in the three-day GPBS 2022 that commenced in Surat on Friday.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi with a Sikh delegation in New Delhi on Friday. *PTI*

# 'Sikhs are India's strong link with outside world'

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE**
NEW DELHI, APRIL 29

THE SIKH community has become a strong link between India and the outside world, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said even as he termed the Indian diaspora, of which the community is a significant part, as "rashtradoot".

"The New India is touching new dimensions, leaving its mark on the entire world. This period of Covid pandemic is the biggest example of this. At the beginning of this, people were expressing concerns about whether India would be able to deal with the pandemic. But, now people are giving examples of India everywhere," Modi said while hosting a Sikh delegation at his official residence on Friday evening.

Modi, who recently addressed from the Red Fort at an event to commemorate the ninth Sikh Guru Tegh Bahadur, added: "Our Gurus have taught us courage and service. The people of India went to different parts of the world without any resources and achieved success through their labour..."

Pointing out that the Sikh community has always played as a crucial connection between India and the other countries, Modi said he has got "opportunities to strengthen it further" and that he has been doing it. Addressing the delegation that included NRIs, he said: "You all are India's lofty identity and voice outside. You have played a significant role in brightening India's name outside. The increased respect and honour brings more opportunities also." He said that the "entire country feels grateful to Sikhs for their contributions in the freedom struggle and in the post-Independence era".

The PM has initiated a series of efforts to reach out to the Sikh community especially those in Punjab, following widespread anger against the Cnentre over the contentious farm laws, now withdrawn.

President Ram Nath Kovind hosts a dinner for Chief Justice of India N V Ramana, other SC judges and Chief Justices of High Courts at Rashtrapati Bhavan. *Twitter/@rashtrapatibhvn*

# CJI: 126 vacancies filled in under a yr, 50 more appointments soon

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE**
NEW DELHI, APRIL 29

CHIEF JUSTICE of India N V Ramana Friday called upon chief justices of high courts that are "still having number of vacancies, to forward the names for elevation at the earliest" and said 50 vacancies are expected to be filled soon.

"I am happy to note that the response from some of the high courts has been extremely encouraging," he said, noting that 126 vacancies were filled in less than a year and that "we are expecting 50 more appointments".

In his welcome address at the 39th Chief Justices' Conference in New Delhi on Friday, he recalled that one of his first communications after taking over as CJI was about the filling up of vacancies and "to expedite the process of recommending names to high courts, with an emphasis on social diversity".

The CJI said that despite Covid-19 and lockdown, the judiciary did its best to promote access to justice. "When I assumed this office towards the end of April last year, we were in the midst of a most devastating second wave of the Covid pandemic. We were again struck by the third wave towards the end of 2021... Yet, because of the grit and determination displayed by all of you, we could make sure that the functioning of the constitutional courts is not derailed."

"...We have even managed to introduce an innovative FASTER system in the Supreme Court during this period," CJI said

FASTER (Fast and Secured Transmission of Electronic Records) is a digital platform to communicate interim orders, stay orders, bail orders and so on of the SC to the authorities concerned through a secured electronic communication channel.

West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee meets Delhi counterpart Arvind Kejriwal in New Delhi. *Express*

# First major test for Mann govt, Opp raises pitch on inexperienced jibe

**MANRAJ GREWAL SHARMA**
CHANDIGARH, APRIL 29

THE VIOLENT clash between two groups in Patiala, with protesters waving swords and pelting stones, is the first major test for the 43-day-old Bhagwant Singh Mann government.

On Friday evening, Mann held a meeting with top officials to take stock of the situation and underline that he will not let anyone disrupt peace and harmony in the state.

The government appears to have been taken by surprise at the scale of the violence. Neither police nor the administration seemed prepared despite Harish Singla of the Shiv Sena (Bal Thackeray) announcing the "anti-Khalistan" procession a fortnight ago. An application by the Shiromani Akali Dal (Amritsar) to hold a counter procession was denied. Following Friday's incidents, the Shiv Sena (Bal Thackeray) announced it was expelling Singla.

Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Singh Mann at a meeting with top officials. *Twitter/@PunjabGovtIndia*

It's not the first time that the many different outfits in Punjab with Shiv Sena tagged to their name have had a run-in with either Sikh hardline groups or Dalits. In April 2018, a clash with Dalit activists in Phagwara had resulted in the death of a Dalit youth. In 2012, a Sikh youth was killed in a clash over the release of political prisoners, jailed in connection with the Khalistan agitation.

The Congress government had to face a similar crisis soon after it came to power in 2017, when there were targeted killings of RSS leaders. Then CM Captain Amarinder Singh had called it a major conspiracy by Pakistan's ISI to fan communal disturbance. The Opposition had tacitly supported the government at the time in going after the killers and troublemakers. But the AAP, a newcomer to Punjab, cannot take this support for granted. And the blame game has already begun.

There are growing murmurs that the situation can only be handled by someone who understands the interplay of politics and religion in the state, and not by "outsiders", as AAP is often dubbed. Earlier this week, the Opposition parties accused Mann of "surrendering to Delhi" when he signed an MOU for "exchange of best practices" with the Delhi government.

In the run-up to the recent Assembly polls, there had been a concerted attempt to paint the party as partial to separatists abroad.

The clash provides a ready handle to the Opposition, which has been raising the pitch on law and order situation in the state. Congress leader Partap Singh Bajwa, the Leader of Opposition, alleged "complete anarchy" in the state, while Akali Dal president Sukhbir Badal said there was "administrative paralysis".

BJP president Ashwani Sharma said, "There was tension in the city for the last 10 days. It is unfortunate that people like Pannu (Gurpatwant Singh Pannu, who heads the banned outfit Sikhs for Justice) have become so vocal in the last few days...".

AAP MP Sandeep Pathak called it a clash between "two political groups in Patiala".

# Mamata meets Kejriwal, TMC says courtesy call

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE**
NEW DELHI, APRIL 29

AT A time AAP and TMC are vying for the Opposition space in several states, Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal Friday met his West Bengal counterpart Mamata Banerjee.

Banerjee reached the national capital Friday to attend a joint conference of chief ministers and chief justices of High Courts on Saturday which will be inaugurated by Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

The meeting, which lasted for around 30 minutes, took place at TMC national general secretary Abhishek Banerjee's residence in South Avenue where the TMC chief usually stays during her Delhi trips.

TMC sources said it was a "courtesy meeting". The two had last met in July 2021 when Banerjee was visiting Delhi after the TMC's resounding victory over BJP in the West Bengal assembly polls. But there was no meeting between the two leaders when Banerjee visited Delhi in November.

It was widely seen as an outcome of frosty ties between AAP and TMC, particularly over the latter's decision to contest the Goa assembly polls. AAP, which had contested the 2017 Goa polls as well, felt the TMC's foray into the coastal state was a misguided move.

The AAP managed a vote share of 6.8 per cent with two seats, while the TMC, which allied with MGP, failed to register any win with a vote share of 5.2 per cent.

Banerjee plans to leave for Kolkata immediately after Saturday's meeting. In Kolkata, she told reporters she won't be able to have a separate meeting with the Prime Minister due to time constraints.

# Modi should get Nobel Peace Prize for Covid work, says BSE chief

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE**
KOLKATA, APRIL 29

THE NOBEL Peace Prize Committee should consider awarding the Nobel Peace Prize to Prime Minister Narendra Modi and his government for the humanitarian work done amid the Covid-19 pandemic, Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer of the Bombay Stock Exchange (BSE), Ashish Chauhan, said on Friday.

BSE MD & CEO Ashish Chauhan

Chauhan was the chief guest at the 57th annual convocation of IIM Calcutta.

In his convocation address, Chauhan claimed that the free ration distribution by the Centre to over 80 crore people amid the pandemic was greater in terms of the number of people getting the benefits than the UN World Food Programme, which was awarded the 2020 Nobel Peace Prize.

"We are thankful to the government for providing us with all the facilities within the limitations they had.... and also providing rations to 80 crore people over the duration of the Covid-19 and even now. It is an unbelievably mammoth task that has not been recognised by us or by the world..." Chauhan said.

**6 MONTHS AFTER CORPORATISATION OF OFB**

# Six of seven newly formed defence PSUs register profits, says MoD

**SUSHANT KULKARNI**
PUNE, APRIL 29

THE Ministry of Defence said on Friday that six out of seven Defence Public Sector Undertakings (DPSUs) which were formed after corporatisation of the erstwhile Ordnance Factory Board (OFB) have reported provisional profits in the first six months of their operations, as against the losses all the seven entities were incurring when they were part of the old structure.

Under the process of corporatisation, the government had announced the formation of seven new DPSUs, which took over the operations of the 41 factories under the OFB. Except the Nagpur-headquartered Yantra India Ltd, six other DPSUs have made provisional profits over the first six months of their operations between October last year and March this year.

The numbers shared by the MoD show that all the seven entities were showing an average six monthly loss for the period of past three years of their operations under the OFB umbrella. The other six entities are Pune-headquartered Munitions India Limited, Avadi-based Armoured Vehicles Nigam Limited, Kanpur-based Advanced Weapons and Equipment India Limited, Kanpur-based Troop Comforts Limited, India Optel Limited at Dehradun and Gliders India Limited at Kanpur.

"Following their dedication of new companies to the nation, the government has taken various steps to initially handhold and support these new defence companies in starting their business as corporate entities. Outstanding indents with erstwhile OFB were grandfathered and converted into deemed contracts valuing about Rs 70,776 crore. Against the targets for Financial Year 2021-22, Rs 7,765 crore were credited to the new defence companies as 60 per cent mobilisation advance before the commencement of business date. An amount of Rs 2,765 crore has been released to the seven new companies during the current financial year for capital expenditure and equity," the MoD said in a statement.

MoD officials said that with the functional and financial autonomy provided to these new corporate entities a turnaround has been brought in the functioning of the ordnance factories. Within the first six months, these new companies have achieved a turnover of more than Rs 8,400 crore, which is significant considering the value of issue of erstwhile OFB during the previous financial years.

In June 2021, the Centre had announced the decision to dissolve OFB, and constitute seven new DPSUs from October. This process of corporatisation had faced a strong opposition from the workers' federations including the one affiliated to the RSS.

# Last 4 of Boeing 747s that carried PM, President deregistered

**YOGESH NAIK**
MUMBAI, APRIL 29

THE LAST four of Air India's Boeing 747s planes that flew VVIPs including the Prime Minister, President, the Vice-President and other high-ranking officials have been deregistered by the Director General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) this week.

Stationed in Mumbai, the Boeing 747s were introduced in 1971 and were in bad shape. While DGCA Director General Arun Kumar said the aircraft were deregistered as a routine case, Air India spokesperson Samik Bhattacharya said they "have no further comments on this".

Air India has operated Boeing 747s for over 51 years – from April 1971 to April 2022.

"When Air India was to be sold to the Tata Group, the management did not want to refurbish them (Boeing 747s) as it involved huge costs," a former Air India pilot said.

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A man quenches his thirst in Navi Mumbai, Friday. *PTI*

# 'Continuing to engage in positive atmosphere (with China)... sure it will resolve differences'

**GENERAL M M NARAVANE** demits office Saturday after an eventful stint as chief of the Indian Army. During his 28-month tenure as Chief of the Army Staff, some momentous events took place including the military standoff with China along the Line of Actual Control in Ladakh, the Covid-19 pandemic, ceasefire with Pakistan and removal of the Armed Forces (Special Powers) Act from some districts in states of the North-East. **ESHA ROY AND SHUBHAJIT ROY** spoke to General Naravane on these key issues and challenges. These are edited excerpts from the interview:

**The major challenges during your tenure**

The two Cs -- China and Covid. When the pandemic began, we visualised that things would go bad, much before March when the lockdown happened. So, we had initiated precautionary methods under Operation Namaste — that is, folded hands replacing the handshake. Our endeavour was that if we wanted to help our countrymen, we needed our forces to be safe. Otherwise, how would we extend help when called to aid civil authority? We, therefore, took simple, common sense steps for our force preservation. We restricted movement, stopped leave, kept separate barracks for those who came back from leave/postings to enable planned and institutionalised quarantine in planned modules, without intermixing. We were, therefore, well prepared when we were called upon by the nation. We did not have a single case of Covid at any of our forward posts.

**On China's posture in eastern Ladakh, change in the last two years**

The events of 2020 have brought about a paradigm shift in force posturing in eastern Ladakh by both sides. PLA today has a deployment of approximately 60,000 troops opposite eastern Ladakh from the erstwhile deployment of approximately 8,000 troops, and this deployment has been sustained since the last two years. Our own deployment is in equal measure and the Indian Army is well seized of the extant situation in eastern Ladakh and is well poised to counter any belligerent actions of the PLA in the future.

**On lessons learnt from the Galwan incident**

Galwan was amongst one of the many places along the LAC in eastern Ladakh where friction occurred in 2020. All these events brought to fore the primacy of the northern borders, based on which certain measures were undertaken, some of which are still ongoing. They include augmentation and rebalancing of forces. Based on the reviewed threat perception, rebalancing of forces was carried out, in which reorientation of forces to the northern borders has been done, while retaining effective capability along the western front. Development of requisite infrastructure to support operational and logistic requirements on the northern borders is being undertaken.

**On why Galwan happened**

We have been asking ourselves this question as well for the past two years about China's move, but have not been able to fathom why this (Galwan incident) happened. Was it due to internal/external dynamics or pressure regarding the Covid pandemic which led China to take this step? We don't know.

THE EXPRESS INTERVIEW

WITH GENERAL M M NARAVANE, CHIEF OF THE ARMY STAFF

**On the progress of talks at the remaining friction points**

Till date, both sides have engaged in 15 rounds of Corps Commander-level talks, some of which have yielded disengagement from some friction areas. Talks for resolution of balance frictions points are ongoing, both in military and diplomatic domains. However, such processes take time and we must not expect an outcome after each round of talks. What is important is that both sides are continuing to engage in a positive atmosphere and I am sure it will lead to resolving our differences.

**On ceasefire between India and Pakistan**

Ceasefire violations along the border are in no one's interest. Peace and tranquility all around us is our aim. If the neighbourhood is stable, then we automatically as a nation become safer. The instability in Myanmar, for instance, has led to refugees fleeing to India. The civilian population along the LoC has greatly benefited from the ceasefire, and their quality of life has improved.

**On whether there is hope of forward movement**

When your neighbouring country is unstable, it doesn't help. Instability in our neighbourhood doesn't help. Let's hope that our western neighbour sees the light of reason. We are more than keen to have good relations with them, but they have to first rein in their support to terrorism and attempts to draw international attention to J&K.

**Nexus between China and Pakistan, the possibility of a two-front situation**

The Indian Army is well poised and prepared to deal with any emerging contingency not only in eastern Ladakh, but all along the northern borders. While collusivity between China and Pakistan continues to remain a challenge in both physical and political-military domains, the Indian Army maintains preparedness to meet the challenge. The current ceasefire along the Line of Control is an ongoing CBM between India and Pakistan and should in no manner be construed as dissipation of a collaborative threat. Engagement on both the fronts simultaneously would be challenging. However, our armed forces are well poised and disposed to handle both the fronts simultaneously including the internal security challenges.

**On impact of the Russia-Ukraine war on India's defence supplies**

We are dependent on both Ukraine and Russia for a number of our weapons and military equipment. However, we have always maintained a buffer in our stocks and, therefore, will not be impacted in the near term. Just as an analogy, like we all keep two months of salary in our bank accounts as a buffer, in case we lose our jobs due to some reason. So we too have buffer stocks.

**On diversification of India's weapons procurement**

Some measures have been initiated at the Service HQ to diversify procurement. Due to the ongoing conflict, Soviet origin equipment has been a cause for concern. The measures initiated include critical assemblies and spares. Major assemblies of AFVs (Armoured Fighting Vehicles), guns and AAD (Army Air Defence) systems have been identified for manufacture in India. Due impetus has been given to indigenous manufacturing to reduce dependence on foreign OEMs (original equipment manufacturers). Alternate sources of supply from Bulgaria, Estonia, Slovakia and Czech Republic have been identified for equipment.

**On removal of AFSPA from the North-East**

AFSPA is an enabling Act which empowers the Army or security forces to operate in insurgency-affected areas and as long as the area remains 'disturbed', the need for the Act remains. The Act affords minimum essential protection to members of armed forces to ensure fulfilment of the constitutional obligation and to discharge our duties. It is no different from the kind of powers that the police also enjoy. It doesn't give immunity or carte blanche powers for us to do whatever we want and has inherent safeguards built in. The review of AFSPA is closely linked to the prevalent security situation in the states where the Act is applicable. As and where the security situation has shown improvement, like in Meghalaya, Mizoram and Tripura, the applicability of the Act has been withdrawn. If the law and order improves, then there is no issue with its removal.

**On whether similar removal can take place in Kashmir as well**

The situation in J&K has improved over the last few years and the same stands vindicated by successful implementation of varied government-run initiatives and large-scale participation by *awaam* (public) in such programmes. However, these signs of near normalcy, though a welcome change for all, have been hurting Pakistan's narrative of gross human rights violations in the Valley and have, in turn, exacerbated the problems for Pak-Separatists-Tanzeems nexus. Pakistan's intransigence to disrupt various initiatives by the government continues, primarily in the form of rhetoric and attempts to draw international attention to J&K. Based on the assessment of the government, there may be certain areas within the UT wherein a reappraisal of AFSPA might take place in case the security/law and order situation is conducive and the area is no longer 'disturbed'. This has also been stated recently by the Honourable Raksha Mantri when (he was) speaking about the possibility of partial withdrawal of AFSPA from J&K.

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# IMD: At 47.4 degrees, UP's Banda hottest; heatwave till May 2

**ANJALI MARAR**
PUNE, APRIL 29

AS SEVERE heatwave continues to sweep major parts of India, Banda in Bundelkhand region of eastern Uttar Pradesh recorded a maximum temperature of 47.4 degrees Celsius, breaking its all-time record to become India's hottest city on Friday. The previous highest maximum temperature ever recorded here was 46.7 degrees Celisus in April 1979.

Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan and Vidarbha in Maharashtra continued to report very high day temperatures with departures from normal as high as 5 degrees. On Friday, Banda's maximum temperature was five degrees above normal. In the past decade, the maximum temperatures in April have ranged between 42 and 46 degrees Celsius, as per the data maintained by the India Meteorological Department.

Prayagraj recorded a maximum temperature of 46.8 degrees Celsius on the day, quashing yet another previous record of 46.6 degrees. Jhansi, at 46.2, experienced its hottest April day since 2010. Chandrapur in Maharashtra recorded 46.4 degrees, tying with its highest maximum temperature seen in April 1973.

On Friday, other hot locations with soaring maximum temperatures (44 degrees Celisus and above) included Ganganagar (46.4), Gurgaon (45.9), Brahmapuri and Delhi Ridge (45.6 each), Wardha (45.5), Khajuraho (45.8), Gwalior and Churu (45.2 each), Hisar and Varanasi (45 each), Jalgaon (44.8), Gaya (44.1) and Kandla (44).

Over the past one week, the maximum impact of the heatwave was largely felt over Maharashtra and Rajasthan.

The maximum temperatures particularly over Maharashtra's Vidarbha and west Rajasthan have remained over 44 degrees Celsius for several days at a stretch, making these states among the hottest areas in the world, said IMD officials. Chandrapur, Brahmapuri, Akola, Jalgaon, Barmer, Jaisalmer and Bikaner have reported record-breaking temperatures for April, so far.

Dust storm is expected to blow over Punjab and Rajasthan on Saturday, while hailstorms could occur over Uttarakhand.

BID TO DEFILE RELIGIOUS PLACES, DISTURB PEACE

# Among 7 in Ayodhya police net: former Bajrang Dal worker, freelance journalist, daily wager

**ASAD REHMAN**
LUCKNOW, APRIL 29

A FORMER Bajrang Dal worker, a man claiming to be a freelance journalist and a Bengaluru-based man who returned to Ayodhya during the Covid lockdown in 2020 are among seven men arrested for allegedly throwing objectionable objects and torn religious texts outside three mosques and a shrine in an attempt to break the peace. Police said 11 people were involved in the Wednesday incident in Ayodhya — four are absconding.

These are the seven men, according to police:

**Mahesh Mishra (37):** Mishra, who the police are calling the "mastermind" of the incident, is a former Bajrang Dal worker. Currently unemployed, Mishra was earlier booked in four cases, including one in 2016 for holding an "arms training programme for youth using toy guns" in Ayodhya.

"He had held a mock drill with local youth acting as terrorists and soldiers. He was booked under IPC section 153-A (promoting enmity between different groups)," a police officer said. According to police, Mishra's father is a retired Income Tax department official. His brothers work as teachers.

After he was thrown out of Bajrang Dal in 2015 for his "extremist views", Mishra, a police officer said, formed his own group called Hindu Yodha Sangathan. "This group is not registered anywhere. Mishra used to say he is the national president of the outfit," the officer said.

According to police, Mishra, who is married, regularly uploaded posts against the minority community on social media. "He uploaded provocative posts," the officer said. "Mishra was the one who incited the other accused... He assembled the other accused through social media. These people were selected by him after they posted comments on his post," the officer said.

**Pratyush Srivastava (23)**: An unemployed youth from Ayodhya, Srivastava was "impressed by Mishra's posts", the officer said. "He comes from a humble background. He used to spend time with Mishra and agreed to undertake this activity after being incited by him," the officer said.

**Nitin Kumar (30):** Kumar returned to Ayodhya from Bengaluru during the Covid lockdown in 2020. He used to work as a helper in the services sector in Bengaluru. "After shifting to Ayodhya, he started working for a private firm and used to make Rs 20,000 per month," the officer said. Kumar is a graduate. He is married and has a child.

**Deepak Kumar Gaur alias Gunjan (33):** Gaur worked as a labourer at a wheat mill in Ayodhya. He spent a lot of time with Mishra in the last 6-7 days to plan the incident, police said. "He was in touch with Mishra for a year or two, and used to regularly engage with him through social media posts. He has no criminal background," police said.

**Brijesh Pandey (35):** Police claim Pandey is not a qualified medical practitioner but is known as "Doctor Sahab" in his neighbourhood. "He used to regularly visit government offices, try to befriend officials. He is a very social person," a police officer said. Pandey has known Mishra for years. "After learning that police had figured out who all were involved, he ran away with Mishra, but was nabbed," the officer said.

**Shatrughan Prajapati (50):** Prajapati is a daily wager who does odd jobs. "He was not among those who threw the objectionable objects, but he knew about the plan and provided the other accused with food and other resources. They didn't take him along on Wednesday night," the officer said.

**Vimal Pandey (28):** Police say Pandey claims to be a freelance journalist. "He tries to stay close to police officers and gets photographs clicked with them. He is very active on social media," the officer said. "He was involved in the Wednesday incident. His role was to relay information to the other accused about the probe. No one suspected him because he claimed to be a journalist," the officer said.

11 people were involved in the Ayodhya incident: police. *Express*

# Lt Gen Raju is next Army Vice Chief

**KRISHN KAUSHIK**
NEW DELHI, APRIL 29

LT GEN BS Raju, Director General of Military Operations, will take over as Vice Chief of the Army over the weekend. He will replace Lt Gen Manoj Pande, who will become Army Chief after the incumbent Gen M M Naravane retires.

Raju's elevation will be a rare instance of an officer taking over as Vice Chief before heading any of the seven commands of the Army, or becoming a Principal Staff Officer. Raju, who has 19 months of service left before retirement, is expected to serve as an Army Commander later.

Sources cited several reasons for the elevation of Raju rather than any of the serving commanders. Many of these commanders had taken over just months earlier, and their tenures would have been disrupted.

While some other commanders have a few months of service left, two commanders are involved in the study for theaterisation that was commissioned by Chief of Defence Staff General Bipin Rawat before his death.

Lt Gen BS Raju replaces Lt Gen Manoj Pande

Lt Gen Raju is an infantry officer from the Jat Regiment, and has held sensitive posts during his 38-year career. He is a pass-out of Sainik School, Bijapur, and the National Defence Academy. He joined the Army in December 1984. He has commanded a battalion in J&K, a brigade in Uri and headed the Srinagar-based Chinar Corps till March 2021. Since then, the Army said Friday, he was "tenanting the appointment of Director General Military Operations during the standoff on the LAC".

Raju is a helicopter pilot and has operational flying experience in Somalia as part of the UN's operation there. This is the first instance in nearly 40 years when the Vice Chief will become an Army Commander.

# 2 get death for minor tribal girl's rape, murder

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE**
JAIPUR, APRIL 29

A COURT in Rajasthan's Bundi district on Friday sentenced two men to death for raping and murdering a minor tribal girl in December last. Sultan, 27, and Chhotulal, 62, were convicted by a special judge of the POCSO Court with instructions for the sentence to be carried out within the 11 working days.

Bundi SP Jai Yadav said the girl's body, with no clothes on, had been found in a forest area on December 23 last year. Twelve hours later, the officer added, three people were arrested.

The third accused is a minor and will be tried separately, Yadav added. The special public prosecutor had told the court the case fell under the ambit of the "rarest of rare" crimes because the trio had graped the girl, murdered her and then raped the body too.

# Have challenged acquittal in drug case: Manipur to SC

**ESHA ROY**
NEW DELHI, APRIL 29

THE MANIPUR government on Friday told the Supreme Court that it has filed an appeal in the High Court against the December 2020 acquittal of Lhukhosei Zou and others by a Manipur court in a drug case.

The government submitted this in response to a petition by a civil society collective in Manipur, challenging the acquittal and alleging that the prosecution refused to file an appeal.

The Supreme Court had issued a notice to the Manipur government on March 25, asking the state why it had not filed an appeal in the matter.

The Manipur government informed the court on Friday that it filed an appeal against the acquittal in the high court on April 26. In its affidavit, the state government has said that the delay in the appeal has occurred as it received the copy of the court order (acquittal) on April 22. The SC asked the government to submit a copy of the appeal filed, said the petitioners.

The case came made headlines in 2020 when Additional Superintendent of Police Th Brinda, accused then Manipur CM N Biren Singh as well as the BJP state vice-president of "putting pressure on the department to withdraw the case". Brinda had led the raid on Zou in 2018, and claimed to have recovered 4,595 kgs of heroin and 2,80,200 World is Yours Amphetamine tablets weighing 28 kgs, from different properties. The accusations came in the form of a sworn affidavit that Brinda filed in the high court.

At the time of his arrest, Zou was the Chairman of the 5th Autonomous District Council (ADC) of Chandel district. He was elected to the ADC in June 2015 on a Congress ticket and became its chairman in September 2015. He defected to BJP in April 2017.

# Bride shot dead at her wedding in Mathura

*New Delhi:* A 22-year-old bride was shot dead on the night of her wedding in Mathura on Thursday, police said on Friday. According to police, the incident took place when the victim, Kajal, a resident of Naujhil area of Mubarakpur village, returned to her room after the garland ceremony.

"We recieved information that a woman was shot dead during a wedding ceremony. The victim was the bride who was shot at from a close range. Prima facie it appears that the accused did not agree to her marriage and shot her out of anger. Anish and his associates are absconding and they will be arrested soon," said an officer from the Naujhil Police Station.

An FIR under IPC section 302 (murder) has been filed against victim's neighbour, Anish. The woman's family alleged that Anish shot Kajal as he was unhappy with her marriage. The police is scanning footage from nearby colonies to ascertain the movement of the accused. **ENS**

# UP govt's loudspeaker noise band: busy crossing to people talking to sound in parks

**MAULSHREE SETH**
LUCKNOW, APRIL 29

THE UTTAR Pradesh administration's notice seeking enforcement of its rules regarding the use of loudspeakers at religious places in the run-up to Eid and other festivals explains the decibel limit in layman's terms. As per this notice, the decibel levels can range between the noise at a busy crossing but without vehicle horns (the maximum), and one that prevails inside a park (the minimum).

While both mosques and temples across Lucknow are taking steps to meet the noise requirement, the apprehension on both sides is that the authorities would not fairly interpret the limits, leaving them open to harassment.

The decibel level for loudspeakers in industrial zones is set at 75dB during the daytime, with the notice explaining that 70dB would be like the noise made at a busy traffic intersection. For commercial areas, the limit is 65 dB during the daytime, with 60dB explained as two-three people holding a conversation. The noise limit for residential areas is 55dB during daytime and for silence zones, like those near schools, hospitals etc, it is 50dB during daytime. As per the notice, 50dB is like the sound that would be inside a library. 40dB, which is to be maintained at night in the silence zone, is like the noise level in parks and gardens, it says.

Till 4 pm on Friday, as many as 37,000 loudspeakers have been removed from across the state, and the sound level of 54,000 loudspeakers has been reduced, a senior government official said.

At Ek Minara Masjid in the Old City area of Lucknow, the mosque committee members have removed two of the masjid's four loudspeakers. They say they took these down voluntarily, thus averting a notice. The nearby Masjid Aisha at Chaudhari Garaiya was served a notice by the local police station three days back.

Many temples in the Old City area, like the Santoshi Mata one, are playing evening *aarti* on the music system now. The Mahant says he has not been visited by any official to check for noise rules.

Among the temples to have received a notice is an old Hanuman mandir at Chanchikuan, near the Chaudhary Garaiya Mosque. "We don't use loudspeakers but on occasions like *Bara Mangal* (Big Tuesday), there are special events, people want *bhajans* to be played loudly. You cannot test God," says chief priest Mahant Baba Anjani Das.

Two loudspeakers were removed at a Lucknow mosque; (right) *aarti* is now played on music system at a temple. *Maulshree Seth*

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# 7 yrs on, man with Pak passport gets release order from apex court

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE**
NEW DELHI, APRIL 29

THE SUPREME Court on Friday ordered release of a Pakistani passport holder, jailed for over seven years, following conviction under the Foreigners' Act. Pakistan is yet to accept his nationality.

"Facts as they stand before the court indicate that Mohd Qamar has served out his sentence...the detenue should be released on furnishing a personal bond of Rs 5,000 with two sureties of Indian citizens in the like amount," the court said. It also asked Qamar to furnish his Meerut address, where his children born out of wedlock in India are said to be residing, to the SHO concerned and report there on the 7th day of every month pending further orders. Qamar in his plea said he was born in India in 1959 and had gone to Pakistan with his mother in 1967-68 to meet relatives. But his mother died there and he remained with the relatives. He came to India on a Pakistani passport in the late eighties and married a woman from UP and had five children from the wedlock.

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# In UP loudspeaker rap, 2017 HC order, 2018 directives

**MAULSHREE SETH**
LUCKNOW, APRIL 29

SENIOR government officials in Uttar Pradesh said this week that thousands of "illegal" and "unauthorised" loudspeakers had been taken down across the state, or their loudness had been capped, under "an existing government order of 2018, and set rules for sound decibel limits and court directions".

Districts had been told to implement these rules and directions firmly, and to report on compliance by April 30, the officials said.

Notices served on alleged violators by local police stations have quoted directions issued by the Lucknow Bench of Allahabad High Court on December 20, 2017, and cited The Noise Pollution Rules, 2000.

The notices also advise recipients on how to estimate decibel levels without using technology -- for example, 50dB is like the "sound inside the library"; "conversation among two to three people" is 60dB; and the sounds of lightning, underground Metro train, and a busy traffic crossing with no vehicle horns are 120dB, 100dB, and 70dB respectively.

## Orders of 2022, 2018

On April 23 this year, the UP government directed all divisional commissioners and police commissioners, district magistrates and superintendents of police to "strictly" ensure that the order passed by the Lucknow Bench of the High Court in *Moti Lal Yadav vs State of Uttar Pradesh* on December 20, 2017 with regard to The Noise Pollution Rules, 2000, are implemented.

The April 23 order said that two earlier orders passed by the government in 2018 were not being followed, and the situation needed to be rectified. Those earlier orders had been passed on January 4, 2018 and March 10, 2018 to ensure implementation of The Noise Pollution (Regulation and Control) Rules, 2000, but it had come to light that many "religious institutions are violating the standard decibel norms and are using loudspeakers in large numbers", last week's order said.

The order said that the 2000 Rules define "Ambient Air Quality Standards in Respect of Noise", i.e., Industrial, Commercial, Residential, and Silence Zones, and asked officials to demarcate these areas and to ensure that the correct norms were followed.

The order asked officials to remove "illegal loudspeakers" after dialogue and coordination with religious leaders, and to ensure that decibel levels are kept within laid down limits. Each police station has been asked to prepare a list of religious institutions using loudspeakers under their jurisdiction, and to report the action taken by April 30.

### THE LOUDEST ALLOWED

Under The Noise Pollution (Regulation and Control) Rules, 2000

**INDUSTRIAL AREAS:** 75 dB (A) leq during daytime; 70 at night

**COMMERCIAL AREAS:** 65 dB during daytime, 55 at night

**RESIDENTIAL AREAS:** 55 dB during daytime, 45 at night

**SILENCE ZONES:** 50 dB during daytime, 40 dB at night

- **Silence Zones** are defined as areas comprising up to 100 m around hospitals, educational institutions, courts, religious places, or any other area which is declared as such by the competent authority.
- **Sound levels** are measured in dB (A) leq, which is the time-weighted average of the level of sound in decibels on scale A, which is relatable to human hearing.

DAYTIME IS DEFINED AS 6 am to 10 pm; NIGHTTIME IS 10 pm to 6 am.

## 2017 High Court order

While several orders have been passed by courts on noise pollution, the government has referred to the 2017 order passed by a two-judge Bench of Justices Vikram Nath and Abdul Moin in the case of Moti Lal Yadav.

The petitioner had prayed in a PIL for "a writ, order or direction" to remove "all the loudspeakers/public address systems from the temples, mosques, church, gurudwaras for preventing noise pollution among human beings", and to "ensure the implementation and enforcement of Rule 'The Noise pollution (Regulation and Control)', 2000," in UP.

The court observed that "repeated filing of public interest litigations by the citizens indicates that the 2000 Rules are being flouted with impunity and the authorities who are put in charge of ensuring that the 2000 Rules are not violated either have no will to enforce the same or as there is no accountability fixed on the authorities".

"Both the things are serious enough for this Court to intervene in the matter," it said.

The court directed the principal secretary, Home, and chairman of the UP Pollution Board to file separate affidavits on the steps taken to ensure enforceability of the 2000 Rules, and whether loudspeakers were installed at places of worship after obtaining the requisite permissions — and if not, what action had been taken to remove them.

Also, the court said, "if the said loudspeakers or public address systems were allowed to come up over the temples, mosques, gurudwaras and other public places without any written permission from the authority, then what action has been taken against such officials who were required to ensure that no such loudspeakers or public address system shall be used except after obtaining written permission from the authority".

The court sought details of "how many loudspeakers and public address systems have been dismantled and removed from temples, mosques, gurudwaras and other buildings which are being used without written permission; what action has been initiated against the processions which are taken out day and night with loud music including marriage processions, and whether a suitable enforcement machinery by means of an identified website has been setup or is in the process of being set up."

# Dog breed doesn't usually predict behaviour: study

THE BREED ancestry of individual dogs is often assumed to be predictive of its temperament and behaviour — friendliness or aggressiveness, playfulness, etc. The assumption is wrong, according to a genetic study involving more than 2,000 dogs, paired with 2,00,000 answers from dog owners on related surveys. The findings suggest that breed alone is a poor predictor of behaviour, and only explains 9% of the behavioural variation in individual dogs.

The study has been published in the journal *Science*.

**Study finds breed alone explains 9% of behavioural variation.** *File*

**HISTORY:** All modern dog breeds emerged about 200 years ago. For over 2,000 years before this, dogs were primarily selected for traits central to roles such as hunting, guarding, or herding. From the 1800s, humans began selecting dogs for their breed-defining physical and aesthetic traits. Today, most modern dog breeds are ascribed characteristic temperaments associated with their ancestral function. This has led to the notion that their breed ancestry predicts temperament and behaviour.

**STUDY:** Kathleen Morrill and colleagues used genome-wide association studies to search for common genetic variations that could predict specific behavioural traits in 2,155 purebred and mixed-breed dogs. They combined this data with 18,385 pet-owner surveys from Darwin's Ark, an open-source database. The tests included data from 78 breeds, the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS), which published *Science* journal and *Science* magazine, said in a statement.

**FINDINGS:** The results identified 11 genetic markers associated with behaviour, none of these specific to breed. Among the behaviours most strongly predicted by genetics was dog biddability — how well dogs respond to human direction. However, this varied significantly among individual dogs. According to the findings, age or dog sex were the best predictors of behaviour. Investigators failed to find behaviours that were exclusive to any one breed.

Less than one-quarter of the differences in personality from dog to dog could be explained by genetics, according to *Science* magazine. But most behaviours did not have a strong genetic component, including playfulness around other dogs — and whether a dog circles before it defecates.

PAPER CLIP
NEW RESEARCH

Within the same pedigree, Labradors could be loving or standoffish. German shepherds, easy to train—or impossibly headstrong. Just 9%, on average, of the personality differences between pups were related to their breed.

"The majority of behaviors that we think of as characteristics of specific modern dog breeds have most likely come about from thousands of years of evolution from wolf to wild canine to domesticated dog, and finally to modern breeds," the AAAS release quoted author Elinor Karlsson as saying.

**PAPER:** 'Ancestry-inclusive dog genomics challenges popular breed stereotypes', Kathleen Morrill *et al*, *Science* (2022). *science.org/doi/10.1126/science.abk0639*

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SIMPLY PUT QUESTION & ANSWER

# Rules for the IAS

IAS officer Shah Faesal, who resigned in 2019, has been reinstated by the central government. What is the process by which an IAS officer can resign, or be put back in service? What rules govern these actions?

**SHYAMLAL YADAV**
NEW DELHI, APRIL 29

INDIAN ADMINISTRATIVE Service (IAS) officer Shah Faesal, who resigned from the service in protest against the "unabated" killings in Kashmir in 2019, has been reinstated.

The return to service of Faesal, the first Kashmiri to top the Civil Services Examination (2010 batch), had been indicated back in August 2020, when he stepped down as president of the Jammu and Kashmir People's Movement (JKPM), the party that he had founded after leaving the IAS, and announced that he was quitting politics altogether.

Faesal's resignation, in January 2019, had not been accepted by the government pending investigation into some of his posts on social media. In 2020, a senior government official had told *The Indian Express* that the fact that his resignation was never accepted meant that "the door is still open" for him to come back to the IAS.

Following the constitutional changes of August 2019 in Jammu and Kashmir, Faesal was stopped from flying to Istanbul, and was detained under Section 107 of the CrPC. He was ultimately released in June 2020. No cases are pending against him at the moment.

**IAS officer Shah Faesal, who resigned in 2019, has now been reinstated.** *File photo*

### What rules apply when an IAS officer chooses to resign?

A resignation is a formal intimation in writing by an officer of his/her intention or a proposal to leave the IAS, either immediately or at a specified date in the future. Guidelines of the Department of Personnel, the cadre controlling department for the IAS, say that a resignation has to be clear and unconditional.

The resignation of an officer of any of the three All-India Services — IAS, the Indian Police Service (IPS) and Indian Forest Service — is governed by Rules 5(1) and 5(1)(A) of the All India Services (Death-cum-Retirement Benefits) Rules, 1958. There are similar rules for resignation of officers belonging to the other central services as well.

Resignation from service is entirely different from accepting the government's Voluntary Retirement Scheme (VRS). Those who take VRS are entitled to pension, whereas those who resign are not. Rule 5 of the DCRB Rules say, "No retirement benefits may be granted to a person who has been dismissed or removed from the Service or who has resigned from the Service."

### To whom must the resignation of an IAS officer be submitted?

An officer serving in a cadre (state) must submit his/her resignation to the chief secretary of the state. An officer who is on central deputation is required to submit his/her resignation to the secretary of the concerned Ministry or Department. The Ministry/Department then forwards the officer's resignation to the concerned state cadre, along with its comments or recommendations.

### What happens after the resignation is submitted?

The state checks to see if any dues are outstanding against the officer, as well as the vigilance status of the officer or whether any cases of corruption etc. are pending against him/her. In case there is such a case, the resignation is normally rejected.

Before forwarding the resignation to the central government, the concerned state is supposed to send information on the issues of dues and vigilance status, along with its recommendation.

The resignation of the officer is considered by the competent authority, *i.e.*, the central government, only after the recommendation of the concerned cadre has been received. The competent authorities are: Minister of State at the Department of Personnel & Training (DoPT) in respect of the IAS, the Minister for Home Affairs in respect of the IPS, and the Minister for Environment, Forest and Climate Change in respect of the Forest Service.

Being the minister in charge of the DoPT, the Prime Minister himself takes decisions currently in respect of the IAS.

### Under what circumstances is a resignation accepted or rejected?

A circular issued by the DoPT on February 15, 1988 regarding resignation says that it is not in the interest of the government to retain an officer who is unwilling to serve. The general rule, therefore, is that the resignation of an officer should be accepted -- except in certain circumstances.

The circular says: "Where a Government servant who is under suspension submits a resignation the competent authority should examine, with reference to the merit of the disciplinary case pending against the Government servant, whether it would be in the public interest to accept the resignation."

In some cases, resignations have been rejected because disciplinary cases were pending. In such cases, concurrence of the Central Vigilance Commission (CVC) is obtained.

The government also checks whether the concerned officer had executed any bond to serve the government for a specified number of years on account of having received specialised training, a fellowship, or scholarship for studies.

The circular also says: "Where the Government servant concerned is engaged on work of importance and it would take time to make alternative arrangements for filling the post, the resignation should not be accepted straightway but only when alternative arrangements for filling the post have been made."

### Is an officer allowed to withdraw a resignation that has already been submitted?

Rule 5(1A)(i) of the amended DCRB Rules says the central government may permit an officer to withdraw his/her resignation "in the public interest". An amendment in the Rules in 2011 states "that the period of absence from duty between the date on which the resignation became effective and the date on which the member is allowed to resume duty as a result of permission to withdraw the resignation is not more than ninety days".

The same amendment in the Rules said, "Request for withdrawal of resignation shall not be accepted by the Central Government where a member of the Service resigns from his/her service or post with a view to be associated with any political parties or any organisation which takes part in politics, or to take part in, or subscribe in aid of, or assist in any other manner, any political movement or political activity or to canvass or otherwise interfere with, or use his/her influence in connection with, or take part in, an election to any legislature or local authority."

### And under what circumstances is the withdrawal of an officer's resignation accepted?

The guidelines say that if an officer who has submitted his/her resignation sends an intimation in writing withdrawing it before its acceptance by the competent authority, the resignation will be deemed to have been automatically withdrawn.

Shah Faesal resigned on January 9, 2019, but his resignation was not processed. His Executive Record Sheet on the DoPT website has no details of his posting. The latest Civil List of IAS officers available on the DoPT website is that of 2021 — and Faesal is listed as a serving officer, but whose posting details say "N.A." (not available).

The Immovable Property Return (IPR), which every officer is required to declare every year and which is posted on the DoPT website, was last declared by Faesal on January 30, 2017. However, since his resignation itself was not accepted, his request for the withdrawal of resignation was accepted. This, despite the fact that he tried his luck in politics for a year and a half.

# How far could a ban on menthol cigarettes help reduce smoking in India?

**ANONNA DUTT**
NEW DELHI, APRIL 29

THE US Food and Drug Administration (FDA) on Thursday proposed rules for banning menthol cigarettes and all flavoured cigars, a move likely to have the deepest impact on Black smokers and young adults.

In its fact sheet, the FDA said nearly 85% of Black smokers use menthol cigarettes as compared to 30% white smokers, and that modelling studies estimate a 15% overall reduction in smoking over age 40 if menthol cigarettes were unavailable.

### How would a similar ban be likely to play out in India?

If India were to ban menthol and other flavoured cigarettes, the impact might be limited, given that chewing tobacco and bidi are the most common forms of tobacco use.

India has 26.7 crore tobacco users aged 15 and above, as per the last available Global Adult Tobacco Survey (GATS 2016-17) — 18% of the population uses smokeless tobacco, 7% smoke, and 4% use both.

Even among smokers, "the impact of such a step would only be on young adults and women who are just starting to smoke. Apart from giving tobacco a pleasant flavour, menthol reduces the harshness, irritation, and somewhat the smell, making it appealing to those who have just started smoking or those who need to hide the smell from family members", said Dr S K Arora, a chest physician, a former head of Delhi's Tobacco Control Cell, and winner of a World Health Organization (WHO) award for his role in controlling tobacco use in India.

"However, once a person continues smoking for two weeks to a month, the flavour is of no consequence. If we ban menthol flavour, they will just continue smoking regular cigarettes," he said.

Monika Arora, Director of the Public Health Promotion Division, Public Health Foundation of India, said, "Menthol cigarettes usually attract adolescents who initiate with a flavoured product, then switch to regular cigarettes. Banning it could prevent new users" from beginning smoking.

### WHY THE US PROPOSAL

**HEALTH:** Menthol reduces the irritation of smoking and increases appeal; it also enhances nicotine's addictive effects, making it more difficult to quit smoking.

**RACE:** Menthol cigarette use is disproportionately higher among Black Americans (85% of smokers within the community) than White Americans (30%).

Banning products has logistical issues as well. "Banning is not the solution. How much can you ban? Things will be smuggled in," said Dr G K Rath, former head of the National Cancer Institute. Gutkha and e-cigarettes, which are banned in India, are still available.

India has no official estimate on the number of people who use menthol or other flavoured cigarettes, but availability of various flavours has increased over the years.

### How many young Indians are tobacco users?

Tobacco use among 15-24-year-olds has been reducing in India, from 18.4% in GATS-1 (2009-10) to 12.4% in GATs-2 (2016-17), a relative reduction of 33%.

On the other hand, there has been an increase in tobacco use among American youth, driven mostly by e-cigarettes. More than 1 in 4 high school students used tobacco product in the previous 30 days in 2018, with e-cigarette use increasing from 11.7% to 20.8% among high school students from 2017 to 2018, according to the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). In India, e-cigarettes are banned.

"If such a step is taken by India, there will likely be a proportion of current users who will stop smoking. But it is likely to reduce initiation to smoking. There are several studies from across the world that show this," said Dr Jagdish Kaur, regional advisor to WHO's Tobacco Free Initiative.

A recent study from Canada shows that after menthol cigarettes were banned, 8% more menthol smokers quit smoking than non-menthol smokers.

Another modelling based study from Singapore, where use of flavoured cigarettes is predominant, showed that in 50 years, smoking prevalence will increase from 12.7% to 15.2% if flavoured cigarettes are not banned, go down by 10.6% if there is a complete ban, and remain the same if there is a partial ban.

### What additional measures need to be taken for tobacco control?

Other than banning tobacco products that draw in young new users, experts stressed a need for oversight on social media platforms, content streaming websites, and web based shopping portals.

"These websites not only advertise a tobacco product, which is against the law, they also make misleading claims such as menthol cigarettes being less harmful than regular cigarettes... These are the avenues that need to be regulated...," Dr Monika Arora said.

**MEMORY**
★★½
**Director:** Martin Campbell
**Cast:** Liam Neeson, Monica Bellucci, Guy Pearce, Taj Atwal

# It's All in the Mind

**SHALINI LANGER**

LIAM NEESON has played so many versions of this cynical, ageing (but never aged) assassin that memory, perhaps, is not what he needs to get it right. And it is not — despite the entire premise for this film being that Alex Lewis (Neeson) is an assassin with a difference, for being an assassin with Alzheimer's.

Once we have that established, rest is all a frame that can be filled anyhow. This time it is with a Mexican human smuggling racket, whose roots run deep and high — deep the film has no compunction plunging, high it has no ambition reaching. So it meanders somewhere in the middle, not knowing what to do with its many different actors of varying charm and screen presence (Pearce in curiously lanky, oily hair; Bellucci in suitably generic glamour), or its story of bad men and vulnerable immigrant girls, who come looping around to Neeson.

With Alzheimer's catching on, we are told Lewis wants out of this assassin business, but obviously can't, and hence finds himself dragged into a contract to kill, back in his home town El Paso in Texas. But for the frisson of the El Paso name and the Mexican proximity, it would be incongruous to place Neeson, or for that matter, Bellucci, playing a real-estate mogul with full Italian lisp, in this Texan outpost. Even if you are willing to forget that, *Memory* just astounds you with its laziness in all the other aspects of filming as well.

There is talk of truth, justice, big money, networks, mafia, etc, but all that Campbell of *Casino Royale* fame is interested in is riding on Neeson's reputation. A crazy amount of time is spent on one bullet wound he sustains, for example, down to Pearce's FBI agent examining the gauze with blood closely.

What the film is suggesting is a scandal on an astounding scale. A processing centre for illegal Mexican immigrants, built with big money, being misused to meet the base needs of those behind it. Those faces behind bars are not easily forgotten; the many dead bodies Lewis leaves behind are not easy to remember. Now that's the problem with memory, it plays tricks.

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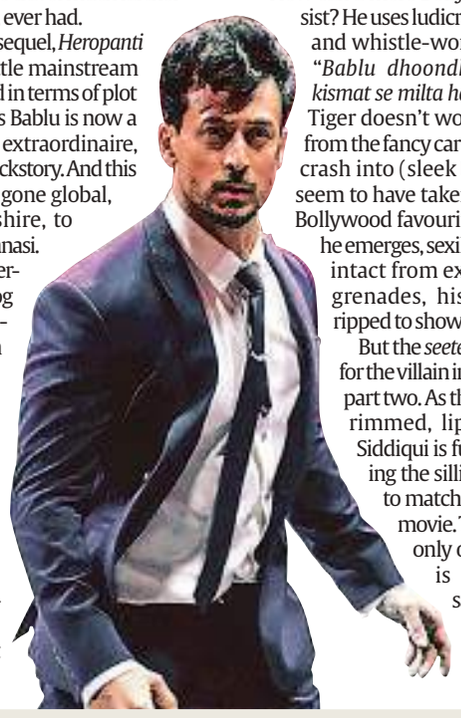
# Lights, Camera, Action, and The End

**HEROPANTI 2**
★
**Director:** Ahmed Khan
**Cast:** Tiger Shroff, Nawazuddin Siddiqui, Tara Sutaria, Amrita Singh, Zakir Hussain

THE FIRST *Heropanti*, which came out in 2014, was Tiger Shroff's debut. The terribly tacky, dated plot notwithstanding, it was clear that a new star had emerged. With his athletic build, ripped abs and trippy moves, Tiger held out a youthful, millennial appeal, and he looked all set to travel much farther than his father, Jackie, ever had.

Eight years on, the sequel, *Heropanti 2*, proves just how little mainstream Bollywood has shifted in terms of plot and treatment. Tiger's Bablu is now a hacker and hackster extraordinaire, with a complicated backstory. And this time around, he has gone global, ranging from Yorkshire, to Egypt, to China, to Varanasi. But not even the super-agile Tiger can leapfrog over a worn, moth-eaten storyline which involves a loving mother (Singh), mandatory romantic interest, Inaya (Sutaria), and the extremely evil Laila (Siddiqui) and his multinational, multi-racial cohorts.



Actually, there really is no plot. It's basically a series of set pieces featuring Bablu prancing, romancing and dancing, when he is not mowing down bunches of baddies. Even going by the low standards of leading ladies in such movies, Inaya touches a new low with the gutter language she is made to spout: how is it even admissible in a film meant to be family-friendly? Everything below the belt is up for grabs, and that's meant to be funny.

How do you hack into every single Indian's bank account on the same day? That is the challenge held out to our hero, as is the desirability of being a *deshbhakt*.

How can a mere Bollywood hero resist? He uses ludicrous passwords, and whistle-worthy lines like: "*Bablu dhoondhne se nahin, kismat se milta hai*". It's not as if Tiger doesn't work hard. Apart from the fancy cars that he gets to crash into (sleek Lamborghinis seem to have taken over that old Bollywood favourite, the Ferrari), he emerges, sexily smudged but intact from exploding hand grenades, his shirt neatly ripped to show us the real rips.

But the *seetees* are reserved for the villain in this '*heropanti*' part two. As the campy, kohl-rimmed, lipsticked Laila, Siddiqui is full-on, embracing the silliness of his role to match the tone of the movie. Too bad he's the only one: even Tiger is now looking same-old.

**SG**

# Midflight Turbulence

**RUNWAY 34**
★★½
**Director:** Ajay Devgn
**Cast:** Ajay Devgn, Rakul Preet Singh, Amitabh Bachchan, Boman Irani, Aakansha Singh, Angira Dhar, Ajey Nagar

**SHUBHRA GUPTA**

A HIGH-FLYING pilot, in charge of a flight from Dubai to Kochi, has to bring all his vaunted expertise to bear in order to power through bad weather and worsening visibility. Is he successful? Is that even a question?

The most effective disaster movies keep both stakes and suspense high, but in *Runway 34*, my heart was never in my mouth. In part because the real-life incident that the film is based on (a 2015 flight from Doha to Kochi had a successful trajectory), and in part because it has an invincible Bollywood hero at the helm.

When a mainstream film is so completely controlled by an A-lister (Ajay Devgn is producer-director-lead star), it is inconceivable that it will harbour any complexity, either in the creation of characters or in the way it is told. So going in, we know the kind of film we will get — put together in broad brushstrokes, easy to consume, and where the hero emerges victorious. For all that, Devgn manages to deliver a somewhat effective pre-interval portion despite its inelegant, underlined bits, helped enormously by computer graphics, and menacing background music. And then it falls prey to the perils of the second half, and crash-lands in a dreary civil-aviation courtroom.

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The flight begins with the usual settling in, people placing their bags in the overhead cabins, the air-hostesses pacifying boorish flyers (there's almost always one who will demand more whiskey as soon as the flight takes off), the cabin crew making announcements, and a few people more outlined than the rest — apart from the bad tempered fellow, there's a Parsi mother-daughter duo, a young Muslim mum with a constantly crying baby, a smart-alecky young man with an ever-recording phone camera (Ajey Nagar aka the very famous i-r-l YouTuber CarryMinati), a bearded aviation journalist who gets to ask the crucial question: if the weather in Kochi is bad, why divert to nearby Trivandrum where the weather may be equally terrible, and why not to Bengaluru, a much safer choice?

That's what Captain Vikrant Khanna (Devgn) is asked by his first officer Tanya Albuquerque (Rakul Preet Singh). That question hangs in the thick air, as the fuel plunges, the wind rises, the torrential rain lashes, and the plane flies into the kind of turbulence which is a nightmare for all: increasingly alarmed passengers and crew and air traffic control officers, who all gawp and cheer for the pilot who puts out the dreaded May day signal, but who manages, right at the very last minute, to pull out a genie from the bottle.

In its zeal to paint Vikrant a hero, despite clear signs of transgression (all-night partying, too many wakeful hours), he is made into a saviour with a photographic memory whose heart is in the right place. And to that end, the plot reduces all the other actors to bit parts: Boman Irani as a crafty airline owner, Aakansha Singh as Vikrant's supportive wife, Angira Dhar as his lawyer, even Amitabh Bachchan as his chief antagonist, as the thundering, intimidating, perfect-Hindi speaking interrogator, whose job is to fix responsibility. Singh is capable of more than just being a scared presence in the cockpit, but she doesn't really get a chance, and the Bachchan-Devgn face-off never quite takes off. In all this — the loose ends hanging, the jury being mute spectators, and the tricky questions brushed under the carpet — the one who keeps it on course is Devgn, with a performance that fits right into his movie.

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## STREAMING WATCH LIST

**GANGUBAI KATHIAWADI**
NETFLIX
**This visually-striking engrossing drama, directed by Sanjay Leela Bhansali, follows the life of a young woman who was tricked by her lover and sold to a brothel. As Ganga becomes Gangubai (Alia Bhatt), she tries to expend her business and works for the welfare of sex workers in Mumbai. The movie also features powerful actors such as Vijay Raaz, and Seema Pahwa.**

**FLEE**
ZEE5
**Danish animated docudrama *Flee*, directed by Jonas Poher Rasmussen, made history by bagging Oscar nominations in three separate feature film categories — documentary, animated feature and international film. *Flee* is based on the true story of Amin Nawabi, a refugee in Denmark, who came from Afghanistan.**

**GASLIT**
LIONSGATE PLAY
***Gaslit*, featuring Julia Roberts and Sean Penn, is a modern-day take on the Watergate scandal. Directed by Matt Ross, this thriller revolves around several untold stories, including Nixon's bumbling, the opportunistic subordinates, deranged zealots, and the whistle-blowers during that era.**

**UNDONE: SEASON 2**
AMAZON PRIME VIDEO
**This adult, animated series explores the elastic nature of reality. After encountering a near fatal car accident, Alma (Rosa Salazar) develops the ability to manipulate and move through time.**

**GRACE AND FRANKIE: SEASON 7**
NETFLIX
**The end of their respective marriages meant the beginning of an unlikely friendship between prim-and-proper Grace (Jane Fonda) and eccentric Frankie (Lily Tomlin), who find themselves sharing a beach house. This popular series follows their many adventures and heartbreaks.**

**A BEAUTIFUL DAY IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD**
NETFLIX
**This 2019 Tom Hanks-starrer is based on the real-life friendship between American television host and producer Fred Rogers and journalist Tom Junod. Directed by Marielle Heller and written by Micah Fitzerman, in this story kindness triumphs cynicism.**

**SOUNDTRACK**
DISNEY+ HOTSTAR
**The Korean drama centres around the lives of two best friends who put everything on the line when they move in together. This series features popular Korean actor Han So-hee (*The World of The Married*, 2020) and K-pop star Park Hyung-sik. Directed by Kim Hee-won and written by Ahn Sae-bom, the romantic series is set in modern-day Korea.**

**ALAKA SAHANI**

## MUSIC THIS WEEK

# You Don't Know What You've Got Till it's Gone

**HOME**, SUSHMA SOMA WITH ADITYA PRAKASH
★★★½

**SUANSHU KHURANA**

IT WAS the death of a pregnant elephant after being fed a pineapple stuffed with firecrackers in Malappuram, Kerala, that left Singapore-based Carnatic vocalist Sushma Soma *(pictured)* devastated. As Soma grieved, she decided to turn her lament into *The Elephant's Funeral*, a song that borrows from the Tamil tradition of mourning where crying is accompanied by 'celebratory' sounding percussion. She bemoans the elephant's passing and her calf through a heartwrenching ballad based on the sorrowful raga, Mukhari.

As Soma enunciates each *gamaka* with much clarity, it instantly links you to these overwhelming emotions. Even though she builds the air of absolute sorrow while mourning in her searing voice through a 17th-century Carnatic composer Neelkanta Sivan piece, she juxtaposes it with the concordant beats of the Parai (one of the oldest percussion instruments) along a nadaswaram, as if implying the human race's disregard for the elephant and its calf's lives. It's heartwrenching as one doesn't hear this sort of attempt in mainstream or even independent music often. This music isn't consolatory. Soma sings the pain of death — not easy to pull off for a musician. Soma does it delicately but without restraint and that's where the power lies.

The song is a part of *Home*, her second album, and an ode to environment and sustainability through music.

She follows up *Elephant's funeral* with *Ivory game*, a song about illegal ivory trade and poaching that's led to innumerable animal deaths in Africa. She uses four words — *Lobh, krodh, moha, mada*, while emitting loud piercing cries, as if from a dying elephant, along heavy percussion arrangements by Praveen Sparsh, deftly creating vivid imagery of the violence and man's destruction of nature. She uses the rare raga Varali for the piece, the raga that creates the mood of abandonment. In the well-known *nirgun bhajan, Maili chadar odh ke kaise dwaar tere main aaun* (How do I stand before you with this soiled body), the hopelessness in Soma's voice is disconcerting to say the least. The devotional piece is about finding oneself at the court of conscience, equating *chadar* with one's body and *main* as the soul. It's been popularly sung as a more uplifting piece in the romantic Pahadi by many. But Soma sings it like a wistful resignation without any percussion in the poignant raag Pilu.

While the songs of sorrow are much more impactful in *Home*, Soma also sings of the happiness that nature brings, in her opening piece. Composed in raag Hamsadhwani, she sings a bunch of syllables over a shifting rhythmic metre. The presence of noted hang player Manu Delago in the song is impressive. His solo lets one hear the cross-pattern of a circle of melody he builds with the warm sounds of the hang drum. *Man I* and *Man II* are both compositions by famed 16th-century saint-composer Muthuswamy Dikhsitar. Back in the day , these were inspired by western band music of the time. In these Soma uses voices from everyday life: wanting an extra shower, a young man wanting to double bag his food, sound of tearing the plastic off a packet among others and pairs them with words – *Lobh, krodha, moha, mada*. Fledgling pieces, the two come with an interesting concept but they need more work to sound natural. Right now they sound like practice sessions.

One of Soma's most prolific pieces in the album is *Ma* — a song for the Earth. She sings three words — *Ma dhara Vasundhara* — in three stages, in three ragas, for seven minutes and makes a unique musical statement She opens gently in *Shankarabharanam*, but somewhere into the second minute, one hears disenchantment and sadness through the despondent Bhairavi and later sharp shocks of fury along pounding drums through raag Varali. The silence after the storm is equally piercing. Her scream for nature's scourge and pain hangs in the air after the song's given an abrupt end.

One doesn't often hear a Carnatic classical vocalist go much beyond their structured world and still stay true to the basic Carnatic sensibilities. Soma lets the external world's damage affect her, revealing that classical music cannot and should not exist in a vacuum, that she is a part of the universe and needs to let her disdain and pain known.

One of the finest albums about environment and wildlife in a year when India won a Grammy for one that's all about positive messaging, Soma means business. We will be listening.

# THE EDITORIAL PAGE

**WORDLY WISE**

DOGS DO SPEAK, BUT ONLY TO THOSE WHO KNOW HOW TO LISTEN.

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BECAUSE THE TRUTH INVOLVES US ALL

## CENTRE-STATE FUEL

### Calibrated and coordinated action is needed by both Centre and states to address the issue of high prices

THE ISSUE OF fuel taxes has emerged as another flashpoint in Centre-state relations. A few days ago, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said several Opposition-ruled states did not heed the Centre's call to lower taxes on petrol and diesel. While several chief ministers contradicted the PM, the situation is particularly challenging for both the Centre and states as revenue from fuel taxes accounts for a sizeable share of general government revenues. As per the Petroleum Planning & Analysis Cell, the sector's contribution to the Union government exchequer stood at Rs 4.55 lakh crore in 2020-21, up from Rs 1.72 lakh crore in 2014-15. In the case of states, it rose from Rs 1.6 lakh crore to Rs 2.17 lakh crore over the same period. For the latter, which are also likely to face a revenue shortfall this year as the collections through the GST compensation cess will possibly cease at the end of June, lowering of sales tax/VAT on POL (petroleum oil lubricants) products will be fiscally challenging.

In November 2021, the Centre had cut the excise duty on petrol and diesel by Rs 5 and Rs 10 respectively. Several states and UTs followed suit. However, in the months thereafter, as global crude oil prices hardened, domestic retail prices were kept on hold for around four months in the run up to five state assembly elections. This marked a departure from the routine practice of linking retail prices to global market prices, but rather subjecting them to the domestic political cycle. Introducing such distortions in the market has affected not just retailers, but also interest in the proposed disinvestment of BPCL.

As a substantial gap opened up between global and domestic prices, the OMCs opted for a phased recalibration rather than a one time adjustment, with prices being hiked over several days. As reported in this newspaper, since the revisions began in March, OMCs have raised prices of petrol and diesel by Rs 12 and Rs 10 per litre respectively. On April 16, the retail price of petrol stood at Rs 105.41 in Delhi (Indian Oil Corporation). This includes an excise duty levy of Rs 27.9 and a VAT of Rs 17.13 which works out to around 43 per cent of the retail selling price. As these taxes are levied at both the central and state level, calibrated action will be required at both levels — even the monetary policy committee has in the past called for cuts at both levels. Also, governments at both the central and state level could perhaps consider building in some counter-cyclicality in the taxes levied — cut taxes when prices are high, maintain stability when prices fall. This would factor in concerns over both revenue and inflation.

## THE BIG PICTURE

### Pan-Indian success of South Indian films reveals emergence of new region, language-agnostic audience

TWO WEEKS AFTER its April 14 release, the Kannada film *KGF: Chapter 2* is inching closer to the Rs 1,000-crore box office mark, a feat achieved by only three other films: *Dangal* (Rs 2,024 crore), *Baahubali: The Conclusion* (Rs 1,810 crore) and *RRR* (over Rs 1,100 crore). The film's Hindi-dubbed version alone has already earned over Rs 300 crore. *KGF: Chapter 2* is the most recent film from South India reporting such a phenomenal pan-Indian run, with SS Rajamouli's *RRR* and *Pushpa: The Rise* (2021), also reportedly smashing box office records, including ones set by the biggest Bollywood hits.

Bollywood, of course, remains a giant of Subcontinental entertainment. But according to the March 2022 EY-FICCI report on consumer trends in entertainment, its preeminent position is facing a stiff challenge from the combined might of the South Indian film industries. In 2021, South Indian cinema generated three times the box office revenues of Hindi films, with a total of Rs 2,400 crore. One contributing factor, no doubt, is the sheer number of films released — compare the Telugu industry's 204 and the Tamil industry's 152 releases to the mere 84 produced by the Hindi film industry in 2021. But the real story these numbers reveal is of an audience that is, increasingly, region — or language-agnostic, eager only for high-quality entertainment. Part of this is because OTT platforms have made it easier to access films from across India. Even for films that are not dubbed, the average Indian viewer is now more willing to cross the "one-inch-tall barrier of subtitles", as the South Korean filmmaker Bong Joon-ho described it. But the most important factor in South Indian cinema's success is its production quality. Today, the most ambitious set pieces, the most thrilling action sequences and the most breathtaking cinematography and sound in Indian cinema are found in Tamil, Telugu, Kannada and Malayalam films. The audience appreciates this.

This is a development to be welcomed. Never before has the average moviegoer had such access to the cinematic variety that India offers. It should not be turned into an opportunity for one-upmanship over language, such as the unseemly spat that broke out between Bollywood actor Ajay Devgn and Kannada star Kiccha Sudeep, after the latter tweeted that the success of *KGF* proves that Hindi is no longer the national language. The ensuing controversy, which also saw politicians weighing in, ended up reducing an important industry trend to bickering over language. No one and nothing is served well by this — not the languages whose honour is being defended so vociferously, and certainly not cinema and its audience.

## THANK DOG!

### Research now proves what every dog lover already knows: Breeds don't matter

A ROTTWEILER IS dangerous, a labrador is the perfect family pet and Indian dogs — and the so-called "mixed breeds" — have an unpredictable temperament. Yet, true dog lovers have always known, from both instinct and experience, that "there is no such thing as a bad dog, only bad owners". Now, research coming out of the US has confirmed their intuition. A study published in the *Journal of Science* found that the correlation between breeds and behavioural characteristics in over 18,000 dogs was minimal. Nature matters, of course, but nurture, it is quite clear, matters more.

Most of the breeds we know today began emerging in the Victorian era. And while much has changed in the last couple of centuries, the distinctly feudal obsession with the status dogs can provide remains intact. The upwardly-mobile family of the 1980s and '90s wanted a Pomeranian, the barking bling of choice today is Beagles. And, perhaps thanks to their virality on YouTube, it is now easy to spot Huskies — a breed meant for snow-clad, high-altitude climes — in the 45-degree heat of the Indian Subcontinent. The most common response from the status-conscious dog lovers, when confronted about why they don't adopt Indian breeds or "stray" dogs is: "Don't know the parents, or breed. What if their temperament is off?"

Scores of people across the world adopted dogs during the pandemic. It was, for many, the one solace of being trapped at home — most canine companions, after all, require constant attention. But the reward for that attention is, to put it simply, unconditional love. As jobs, relationships and friends came and went, dogs stayed firm in their loyalty. It did not matter if they were Cocker Spaniels or Great Danes, Dachshunds or Dobermans. Thank god for dogs, breed no bar.

# To PK or not to PK

### Prashant Kishor-Congress episode raises a question: What happens when a strategist seeks to be a political actor?

SUHAS PALSHIKAR

WE MAY NOT have heard the last word yet on the Prashant Kishor (PK) episode in connection with the Congress party. It was bold on his part to offer to play a role larger than that of a mere consultant. For a party that is on the back foot, spurning the offer of PK's services was a bold move. Kishor exemplifies the new breed of political actors who cross over from the threshold of consultancy and bring a new approach to politics. Let us consider the party on the one hand and the phenomenon of "new politics" that PK symbolises on the other hand.

How does one make sense of the Congress's response? As is its practice, the party took an overtly bureaucratic approach to PK's offer. It also tried to delay the process as much as it could. So much so that one got an impression that the Congress did not want anyone to help it come out of the pathetic situation it is currently in. The baggage of being the oldest party and the self-perception of being the only all-India alternative to BJP weighed heavily on the Congress's response.

PK wanted a key role in implementing his ideas about the survival of the party. This meant that PK wanted to be equal to the three Gandhis. Obviously, that didn't go well with many party leaders. It is not clear how insecure either of the Gandhis felt due to this proposal but they were surely not enthusiastic about it. Besides, a new power centre would have curtailed the powers of two other sets of leaders — the Delhi-based confidants of the Gandhi family and the state-level bosses. Not many belong to the latter category.

This fiasco, then, was born out of a convergence of three factors: A less-than-enthusiastic reception of the PK plan by the apex leadership, the self-interest of those without much of a popular base but who have access to the top and the misgivings of leaders with a limited regional mass base.

There would have been no need to take the PK episode seriously if the Congress had been actively engaged in its reconstruction. But during the past eight years, the Congress has been moving from one crisis to another. Electoral defeats constitute one part of this story. After every defeat, we are told that the party will introspect but there is neither introspection nor course correction. In these eight years, the party has lost the will to win elections; in fact, it has cultivated a habit of losing to such a degree that when it does win, it is unable to handle victory — as was seen in Madhya Pradesh and Rajasthan. Not a single move in eight years can be identified as a serious effort to overcome the dismal state of affairs in the party.

> Another critical issue someone like PK underlines is the nature of party politics. He represents the professionalisation of politics. In itself, this is an attractive path and has been underway for a long time: Most parties take recourse to consultants, they commission voter surveys and monitor popular perceptions about policies and leaders. In fact, leaderships are overburdened with the idea of image building rather than actually connecting with voters. Election strategists like PK have become a common feature of electoral politics, from the local to the national level, because of this transformation.

The offer by PK was valuable because the present moment in Indian politics is about much more than the political fortunes of the Congress. It is about the survival of competitive politics and the centrist space, that allows the slow but sure march of democracy.

There is a gap between the Congress party and the Congress space in Indian society. If the Congress party is not urgently reactivated, this gap will only widen and the Congress space will shrink further. That Congress space is marked by the centrist and non-sectarian tendencies in our public life. The failure of the Congress party to own this space has already meant that it either gets disintegrated or is occupied by disparate state-level forces, many of which may eventually be steamrolled by the now-dominant BJP. Surprisingly, not many in the party seem to recognise this reality. At the top, there is confusion over who will lead the party; at the middle, there is a short-sighted concern about individual and factional survival and at the bottom, the entry-level workers are left without purpose and promise.

That is where outside interventions become pertinent, which PK symbolises. Such interventions are not without their inherent traps. Organisationally, the trap is tricky: Someone like PK will bring new ideas and strategies but how will he ensure the in-flow of new members? Or will he turn around the party's future with the existing cadres alone? In the entire public spectacle that unfolded over the question of leadership and the role of newcomers, the party does not seem to have discussed this critical issue.

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In the role as a consultant, we know the "commodity" called PK but we do not know him as a leader: What are his ideological inclinations? What policies would he prefer for his voters? Does he look upon people as supporters, stakeholders, citizens or just as voters? For that matter, how does a political consultant look upon politicians? Are they merely carriers of the brand or are they human agents negotiating alternative political routes, with dreams of their own?

Finally, can a party be rejuvenated by the intervention of a consultant-turned-professional? Does it not require the motivation and human agency of its active workers? Or, are parties set to turn into electoral machines alone?

These and other similar issues expand the Congress-PK episode beyond the fortunes and tactics of one party. They pose fundamental questions that are obscured by the debates over personalities and temporary turnarounds in the fortunes of parties.

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# SANGAM IN TEL AVIV

### *Indian cinema has been popular in Israel for decades*

KHINVRAJ JANGID

THE KASHMIR FILES was released in Israel with Hebrew subtitles this week. Israel's Consul General in Mumbai, Kobi Shoshani, released the Hebrew poster of the movie, and director Vivek Agnihotri tweeted how significant this was for him, his film and the India-Israel friendship. On April 20, he tweeted somewhat enthusiastically: "I am told that this such a huge demand for a Hindi film is the first time ever in Israel for an Indian film". Here, he is presumptuous and self-congratulatory.

Hindi cinema was very popular in Israel in the 1950s and '60s. Raj Kapoor's movies, in particular, had a great fan following and his film *Sangam* (1964) was a super hit in the country even though the Indian state did not have diplomatic relations with Israel. India under Jawaharlal Nehru was very critical of Israel. However, Israelis have been fond of Hindi cinema, Indian philosophy, yoga and food. Popular cable companies, like HOT, have had an exclusive channel for Indian movies since 2004.

In 2001, Israeli filmmaker Benny Toraty made *Kikar Ha-Halomot* (Desperado Square) to narrate how *Sangam* became a legend in Israel. Toraty's film is about a working-class neighbourhood outside Tel Aviv. It tells the story of the people who missed their great love but continue to hold on to their dreams and fantasies. The neighbourhood is thinking about reopening its cinema hall, and one of the characters, Aaron, suggests that it is only possible to do so if an Indian film like Sangam is screened. People will go crazy and forget their wounds, agonies and annoyances and reunite to watch the film.

The film depicts human folly but it's also about love and sacrifice. The renunciation of the self for greater good (in a tragic sense) appealed to the early Israelis — they came to their homeland, which was in conflict and that demanded plenty of self-sacrifice from them. They were all Jewish, but divided by language, culture and ethnicity. Emotionally tense, melodramatic but aspirational Hindi cinema resonated with them.

Monika Mehta of Binghamton University, New York, has written a paper on the enduring popularity of *Sangam* as well as other Hindi movies in Israel. She argues that the traditional themes of love, friendship and sacrifice appealed to Israelis coming from Africa and the Middle East — the Mizrahi. Because of the Arab-Israeli conflict, Arab cinema and music were scant in Israel and the Arab Jews had to keep away from their heritage, language and culture. Israel was, and still is, a country of immigrants. European Jews were the pioneers who established the state, enjoyed more power and shaped much of the Israeli identity, one which was alien to most non-European, including Indian, Jews. According to Ronie Parciack, professor of Indian Studies at Tel Aviv University, Hindi cinema was loved, because it provided a way to bypass the Israel-Arab Conflict. Arab Israelis could relate with Hindi movies as they were non-Western, attuned to norms of conservative sensibilities, traditional, and at the same time they depicted social realism, class conflict and melodrama.

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India's diplomatic distance with Israeli and vocal solidarity for the Palestinian cause did not sour Israeli affinity for Indian culture in the 1950s or later. In 1975, India voted for a UN Resolution that dubbed Zionism as a form of racism. But that did not affect the popularity of old India's biggest soft power resource.

Israeli leaders often pick a song to greet their counterparts from India. Raj Kapoor's films such as *Shree 420* (1955) and *Aawara* (1951) were hits in Israel before *Sangam*. The most well-known Hindi film song in Israel is Ichak Dana, Bichak Dana from *Shree 420*. It is a riddle that is sung on screen by Nargis (another popular star in Israel) that has lasted generations. Indian leaders, while visiting Israel, are often greeted with this song, and Prime Minister Narendra Modi organised a special live band's rendition of it for Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu when he visited Delhi in 2018.

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## APRIL 30, 1982, FORTY YEARS AGO

### ZAIL SINGH'S CLAIMS

HOME MINISTER GIANI Zail Singh told the Rajya Sabha that the communal clashes in Amritsar had arisen out of a conspiracy aided and abetted by certain foreign powers. Declining to name the power, Singh who was responding to a call in attention motion raised by HS Surjeet of the CPM and several others alleged that the Dal Khalsa elements in Punjab were playing into the hands of foreign powers. He said that there were striking similarities in events leading to the incidents of communal violence in Moradabad, Allahabad and Amritsar. The best solution to the problems posed by the Dal Khalsa extremists was to ostracise them socially he said. He did not subscribe to the view that the challenge posed by the Dal Khala could be effectively countered by the use of force.

### MINISTERS QUIT

FIVE CABINET MINISTERS, one deputy ministers and the chief parliamentary secretary of Haryana who were denied the Congress (I) ticket for the state assembly elections have resigned. The deputy labour minister R Lal Singh who did not resign after having been denied the ticket has been dismissed. The chief minister Bhajan Lal said that the resignations had been accepted by the governor.

### FALKLAND TENSE

WITH A TOTAL British blockade only 24 hours away around the Falklands, US intelligence reports say that the British have already landed a few commandos to prepare the ground for the invasion just as they did in South Georgia.

### INDIANS IN PAK JAILS

THE PAKISTAN GOVERNMENT has agreed to India's suggestion that there should be consular access on a reciprocal basis to ensure a better deal for Indian nationals detained in jails in Pakistan.

## WHAT THE OTHERS SAY

"The government must balance its books, but not at the expense of the vulnerable."

— DAWN

# Big tech, big money

### The Elon Musk-Twitter deal is a beginning. More and more self-made, innovative billionaires will seek to acquire and transform publicly traded companies into private entities

OPENING ARGUMENT

BY MENAKA GURUSWAMY

C R Sasikumar

THIS PAST WEEK, as many of us shopped on Amazon or perhaps booked flight tickets for the summer vacations, Elon Musk evinced his interest in purchasing the social media platform Twitter for $44 billion. At the time of writing of this article, the Musk acquisition has nearly gone through and the Wall Street Journal reports that Musk has sold roughly $4 billion worth of Tesla stock over the past two days to help with financing the acquisition.

Let us discuss the events of the Musk-Twitter engagement as they have unfolded since they offer valuable insights into legally tenable manoeuvres within commercial practice, while also providing insights into the era that we live in — what I call era of new-technology-billions (NTB). By NTB, I mean the fortunes that are generated by technologies that have the potential to change how we live as humans or have already changed how we live. This includes companies that innovate and create social media networks, electric vehicles, accessible space travel and cutting-edge medical innovations. Musk's own fortune comes from new technologies like these.

Let us first examine the precursors to the Musk-Twitter engagement. According to Forbes magazine, Elon Musk with a $273 billion fortune is the richest man on our planet. Initially, what started out as a purchase of a substantial portion of Twitter shares by Musk, led to an offer from Twitter of a board seat. This was followed with a rejection by Musk of the seat at the board due to the conditions attached. Subsequently, Musk declared his intention of buying Twitter.

When Musk offered to purchase the company at $54.20 per share, the board opted for a poison pill. A poison pill in commercial law is a defense strategy used by a target firm to prevent or discourage a potential hostile takeover by an acquiring company. Often it allows shareholders the right to purchase additional shares at a discount, thereby diluting the potential ownership interest of the new or hostile party.

As the Supreme Court explained in *Pramod Jain v Securities and Exchange Board of India* (2016), "a hostile takeover helps to unlock the hidden value of the shares and puts pressure on management to work efficiently. On the other hand, it has the potential of unduly upsetting the normal functioning of a target company. Thus, there is an undoubted need to regulate the process of acquisitions and takeovers in the post-liberalisation era after 1991." The Supreme Court further observes that "poison pills make takeovers unviable for the acquirer by making the cost of acquisition unattractive". In general, poison pills are also called shareholders rights plans. Such a plan is issued by the board of directors of the company that is being bought into.

Musk's offer for the Twitter purchase is a generous one. Twitter shares are trading well below the price offered by the billionaire. So, the board was rightly enthusiastic about the purchase. However, when the board formally heard from Musk that he had secured the requisite financing for the deal, it insisted on two important terms. The two terms are a $1-billion breakup fee to protect Twitter shareholders should Musk walk away from the deal and should the deal go through then cash outs of employee-stock-options. The board has clearly prepared well to secure the company's long-term interests. Finally, on April 25, Twitter's board accepted Musk's offer, and it will become a private company after approval by regulators and shareholders.

As this deal comes to fruition, the ownership of Twitter will not be 50-year-old Musk's highest accomplishment. The South-Africa born Musk is the CEO of three innovative companies that have ensured his NTB — SpaceX, Tesla and Neuralink. Given his age, he clearly has many decades of entrepreneurship and innovation ahead of him. Each of these companies engages with new frontiers of science and technology. What do these companies do? SpaceX was founded by Musk in 2002 to enable colonisation of Mars. SpaceX manufactures the Falcon 9 and Falcon heavy launch vehicles. On April 26, a day after Twitter's board accepted Musk's offer, a SpaceX launch vehicle, consisting of a two-stage Falcon 9 rocket propelled the Dragon spacecraft carrying 4 NASA astronauts and one European astronaut into space.

According to NASA, the crew will conduct a science expedition in microgravity aboard the space station. Since 2020, SpaceX has launched five flights with NASA astronauts. On April 18, a SpaceX Falcon rocket was used to successfully launch a US spy satellite force from the company's Vandenberg Space Force Base in California.

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The Musk company that has the potential to transform transportation for humans is Tesla, the electric vehicle maker. *The New York Times* reports that in 2012 Tesla delivered 2,650 cars. By the end of 2021, Tesla had 70 per cent of the market share on electric light-duty vehicles in the US and had delivered 936,000 vehicles worldwide. Neuralink aims to develop implantable brain-machine interfaces.

Whether or not the Twitter-Musk deal goes through, what is clear is that we live in the era of NTB. More and more acquisitions will be attempted by self-made, innovative billionaires who will seek to acquire and transform publicly traded companies into private entities. Challenges will emerge from these acquisitions. For instance, in the Musk-Twitter acquisition challenges of ensuring free speech, the regulation of fake news, and Musk's stated aims of ensuring open access to the algorithms relied on. Whether the law in all its facets — constitutional, commercial and tech-law — keeps up with the challenges posed by the acquisition ambitions fuelled by NTB remains to be seen.

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# The one nation, one language fallacy

### India has never done justice to its linguistic diversity. Languages, instead, have become instruments of exercising hegemony

MRINAL KAUL

*Mera azm itna buland hai ki parae sholon ka dar nahin,*
*mujhe khauf atish-e-gul se hai ye kahin chaman ko jala na de.*

(My conviction is so strong that I do not fear the blaze of others, but indeed I dread the flame of a flower (of my own garden) lest it should not set ablaze the garden (itself)).

IN THE PAST few days, I have often found myself reciting, in my head, the above lines by the poet Shakeel Badayuni. If there's a Bharat Mata (Mother India), she is likely to agree with the sentiment expressed in these lines. Her adamant and unruly children have been innocently robbing her of her multi-faceted glory by imposing a certain uninformed and ridiculous linguistic monism. A mammoth is being reduced to a mink.

We never really think beyond the political maps of South Asian countries. We never really imagine or explore the linguistic or cultural maps of South Asia and misinterpret the political as cultural. It is really hard to kill a language. But cultural maps in South Asia are fading to a monocolour and the linguistic maps are shrinking too. Just imagine a multilingual landscape as variegated as South Asia becoming monolingual one fine morning. Think of a time when everyone will speak and understand only one language — Hindi, English or Urdu.

I grew up speaking Kashmiri. I think in Kashmiri because that is how I grew up. I have Kashmiri friends and relatives who speak better Kashmiri than I do and others speak terrible Kashmiri. I do not know when I picked up Urdu while growing up in the Kashmir Valley. When I came outside the Valley as a child for the first time, I realised I was speaking to people around me in Urdu though they called it Hindi. However, when I came across people from the Hindi belt, I initially kept wondering why they spoke like characters we saw on television in Ramanand Sagar's *Ramayan* or B R Chopra's *Mahabharat*. I used to laugh at some of my friends and ask why they couldn't talk in a normal language, not realising that this was probably normal for them. And they, in turn, kept taunting me that my language sounded like Farsi (Persian) and thus very foreign to theirs. It was all linguistic fun and we enjoyed it.

In a few years, I was to be trained as a Sanskritist, and began dealing with the idea of languages professionally. I was gradually unfolding the power dynamics and identity issues related to languages. I do recall a couple of times I felt severely discriminated against, along with a few other friends, while walking at Connaught Place in New Delhi at the hands of a few street vendors because we were talking in Kashmiri. I also gradually became aware of how the Kashmiri language had suffered in its land of birth by the dominance of Urdu (the state language) in the way that so many other South Asian languages are dominated by Hindi. The problem is not Hindi or Urdu or their marvellous literary traditions or the native speakers of these languages. The problem lies with the romantic notion of "one nation, one language" — the power that is being exercised through the imposition of a language of a large geographic zone of South Asia onto the length and the breadth of this multi-lingual landmass.

The line between love and hate is usually very subtle, but it could be rather simple as well. I love languages out of my absolute free will and according to my taste, but I would begin detesting them if they are imposed on me. I love my Urdu, but I do not like the Urdu that has been made to kill my mother tongue. One of the main reasons for the partition between Western Pakistan and Eastern Pakistan — later Bangladesh — was that the former was imposing Urdu on the latter. The former was predominantly a Punjabi-speaking area and the latter was a Bengali-speaking territory. Urdu as a concocted Islamic category was made to mediate between the two distinct cultural zones and unify them under a single imaginary Islamic linguistic umbrella. It had to be a miserable failure. In other words, the idea of a national language sounds wonderful, but only on a Wikipedia page. Language is not a representational symbol like a flag; it is a dynamic reality. Even if a multilingual nation like India becomes monolingual, over a course of time it will gradually create many distinct dialects. This is linguistic reality. Funnily India could end up with hundreds of Hindis, but all unique in themselves.

India should have a robust language policy that emphasises on the quality of language learning rather than running language departments, both classical and modern, in almost all its public universities. A large number of these departments do not make any contribution to scholarship anyhow. Issues related to learning languages are always hijacked by facile questions: How many languages or which language should be taught. There is never a sound focus on how to study language structurally and systematically. There can be no bigger irony than this for a multilingual landscape like South Asia.

I must confess that I would still not mind the jokes we used to crack about languages as children, but I have problems with linguistic hegemony — my mother tongue has succumbed to it.

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### JUDGE WISELY

THIS REFERS TO the editorial, 'With due respect' (IE, April 29). It is unfortunate that the Delhi High Court has taken offence to Umar Khalid's speech by cherry-picking words and phrases that supposedly were an incitement to violence. That the central government routinely slaps charges of sedition and prosecutes people under the UAPA to curb dissent, which it sees as lese majeste, is well-known. However, it is disquieting to see the judiciary reprimand Khalid, and by extension ordinary citizens, for exercising the fundamental right of freedom of expression. By speaking on behalf of the prime minister, it does an injustice to the judiciary's independence.

**Ila Railkar,** *Mumbai*

THIS REFERS TO the editorial, 'With due respect' (IE, April 29). The diversity of views of judges on similar matters coming to the courts is somewhat worrying. Granted that there could be some difference in interpretation of some sections of the law but a situation where two radically different views are expressed by different judges in cases of a similar nature, as in CAA NRC, is extraordinary. More so, because one of the interpretations questions the right to criticise the actions of the executive. The judiciary is the last resort of citizens against threatening regimes, and it must stand as a beacon of hope for them.

**Hemant Contractor,** *Pune*

### FAIZ LIVES

THIS REFERS TO the article, 'Faiz is in the room'(IE, April 28). Though revolutionary poet Faiz Ahmad Faiz is not in this world, he will continue to inspire those who are fighting against injustice and discrimination in any form and anywhere in the world. His exclusion or deletion from the school textbooks by fanatical forces in any garb, therefore, cannot efface him from the minds of his adherents. Diabolical ruling regimes often try to hide their allergy to dissent, diversity and protest by pretending to be closer the church though they are far from god.

**Tarsem Singh,** *Mahilpur*

### BILATERAL OPENING

THIS REFERS TO the article, 'Facing a common threat' (IE, April 27). India and Australia have much to gain by exploring each other's complementary markets. While New Delhi can sidestep Chinese imports of critical minerals like lithium by buying the same from Australia, Canberra can benefit from Indian human capital in the cybersecurity domain. Common threats like state-sponsored cyberattacks need to be tackled by both countries. Bilateral agreements for cooperation to address resource crunch and skilling ought to take priority in this arena.

**Anjali Bhavana,** *Thiruvananthapuram*

### UMRAN'S CHALLENGE

THIS REFERS TO the editorial, 'Umran Malik' (IE, April 29). India is now producing fast bowlers like Pakistan did some years back. The new speed sensation Umran Malik has announced his arrival with a bang in the ongoing IPL. There are voices wanting to induct him into the national team. Undoubtedly, he will be a welcome addition to India's bowling unit. However, having said that, raw pace alone cannot make one last the rigours of Test cricket. Umran needs carefully nurture and his skills and add to his repertoire.

**Vipul Pande,** *Nainital*

# Blueprint for semicon diplomacy

### India could become alternative destination for semiconductor manufacturing

SAGAR SHARMA & URMI TAT

SEMICONDUCTOR CHIPS ARE the lifeblood of the modern information age. They enable electronic products to compute and control actions that simplify our lives. The manufacturing cycle of a semiconductor chip from sand to a finished product, sees it change hands approximately 70 times across international borders. It is not difficult to imagine that the chip in the device closest to you was made by a Japanese engineer working on Dutch machinery in an American foundry in Taiwan to produce wafers which were shipped to Malaysia for packaging before being sent to India as a finished product. There cannot be a better example of peacetime global cooperation than the resolve involved in making the meticulous chip. These semiconductor chips are the drivers for ICT development and one of the key reasons for the current flattening of the world.

The semiconductor is the cornerstone of all electronic products. However, the semiconductor manufacturing capacities are concentrated in a few geographies. Nearly all leading edge (sub 10nm) semiconductor manufacturing capacity is limited to Taiwan and South Korea, with nearly 92 per cent located in the former. Further, 75 per cent of the semiconductor manufacturing capacity is concentrated in East Asia and China. The concentration of capacities poses many challenges, leading several countries to be vulnerable to a few.

The current decade presents a unique opportunity to India. Companies are looking to diversify their supply chain and for alternatives to their bases in China. The chip shortages due to Covid-19 have hit automakers with a revenue loss of $110 bn in 2021. The Russia-Ukraine conflict and its implications for raw material supplies for the semiconductor value chain has also poised chipmakers to invest in strengthening the semicon supply chain. India must seize this opportunity and become an attractive alternative destination for semiconductor manufacturing. The way ahead is conceptualising a semicon diplomacy action plan.

Placing semicon diplomacy at the heart of India's foreign policy is essential both strategically and economically. Semiconductors are used in critical infrastructures such as communication, power transmission etc., that have implications for national security. The establishment of the value chain for semiconductors would ensure a multiplier effect on the entire economy. Further, since electronics items form one of the most imported items after oil and petroleum products, domestic production would be saving forex and reducing the balance of payments, especially vis a vis China.

One of the ways of leveraging semicon diplomacy is increasing multilateral and bilateral cooperation. This should be done across the value chain of semiconductors -- design, manufacturing, and packaging. A key institution with immense potential in this regard is the Quad. Australia, being rich in raw materials required for semiconductors, can be an important supplier to fill in India's deficits. The US and Japan can be leveraged for capacity building and their advanced semiconductor technology in logic and memory segments.

Semicon diplomacy is pivotal to India's Act East Policy, which aims to build resilient ties in the Asia Pacific region. Considering that the semiconductor manufacturing and testing bases are heavily concentrated in East Asia, the Act East policy provides an opportunity to connect and strengthen ties with key players in the region. At the same time, keeping an eye on the larger vision, frequent technological exchanges between a regional bloc like ASEAN via tracks in forums like the East Asia Summit and the ASEAN regional forum will be beneficial.

India's neighbourhood has always held a special place in its diplomatic outreach. Attaining self-sufficiency in semiconductor manufacturing can mean collective growth of the South Asian region.

Considering that the global semiconductor market is projected to be $1.2 tn by 2030, India needs to be well-positioned to capture it. The recently announced Semicon India programme which provides $10 bn fiscal support and other non-fiscal measures shows strong political will and is a step in the right direction. India needs to harness its strengths, such as the strong presence of global EMS players, diaspora, world-class design ecosystem, demographic dividend, and use it as a pedestal for global partnerships and outreach.

The PM's clarion call for Aatmanirbhar Bharat resonates well with India's drive for self-sufficiency in semiconductors. India's concept of self-reliance is not an individualistic endeavour but one that encourages growth and prosperity of all, in the spirit of Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam, meaning the entire world is one family. Similarly, as the prime minister himself stated, we don't have an option but to be self-reliant in semiconductors.

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MEANWHILE

## MUNICH TO STAGE 1ST OKTOBERFEST IN 2 YRS

The annual Oktoberfest is on again for this fall, the city of Munich said Friday, following a two-year pause due to the Covid-19 pandemic. The beer festival will be held without restrictions from September 17 to October 3 — Germany's national day. Oktoberfest, first held in 1810, has been cancelled dozens of times in its over 200-year history due to wars and pandemics.

# Russia launches missile attack on Kyiv during UN chief's visit

### Zelenskyy says Moscow trying to humiliate UN; Radio Liberty journalist killed in attack

**DAVID KEYTON & INNA VARENYTSIA**
KYIV, APRIL 29

UKRAINE'S LEADER accused Russia of trying to humiliate the United Nations by raining missiles on Kyiv during a visit by Secretary-General António Guterres, an attack that shattered the capital's tentative return to normality as the focus of the war moved east.

President Volodymyr Zelenskyy said Ukraine's forces were holding off Russia's attempted advance in the south and east, as efforts continued to secure safe passage for residents trapped in Mariupol, which has been largely reduced to rubble in a 2-month-long siege. An official in the president's office did not rule out an evacuation as soon as Friday.

Russia pounded targets all over Ukraine on Thursday, including the attack on Kyiv that struck a residential high-rise and another building. US-funded broadcaster Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty said one of its journalists died in the strike.

In an apparent reference to the same strike, Russia's Defense Ministry said Friday that it had destroyed "production buildings" at the Artem defence factory in Kyiv.

An explosion in Kyiv on Thursday evening. *AP*

The attack on Kyiv came barely an hour after Zelenskyy held a news conference with Guterres, who toured some of the destruction in and around Kyiv and condemned attacks on civilians during his visit.

"This says a lot about Russia's true attitude toward global institutions, about attempts of the Russian leadership to humiliate the UN and everything the organization represents," Zelenskyy said late Thursday in his nightly video address to the nation. "Therefore, it requires a correspondingly powerful response."

Kyiv Mayor Vitali Klitschko derided the attack as equivalent to Russian President Vladimir Putin showing Guterres "his middle finger".

The strikes were the boldest Russian bombardment of the capital since Moscow's forces retreated weeks ago following their failure to take the city in what they hoped would be a lightning offensive. Instead, stiff Ukrainian resistance, bolstered by Western arms, stalled Putin's advance and forced his troops to pull back to regroup.

Some have now started to push into the country's eastern industrial heartland of the Donbas, which Moscow now says is its focus. Getting a full picture of the unfolding battle in the east has been difficult because airstrikes and artillery barrages have made it extremely dangerous for reporters to move around. Both Ukraine and the Moscow-backed rebels fighting in the east also have introduced tight restrictions on reporting from the combat zone.

But so far, Russia's troops and the separatist forces appear to have made only minor gains, and Britain's Defense Ministry said Friday that those have been achieved at significant cost to Russia's forces.

Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty said the body of Vira Hyrych, a journalist who had worked for the broadcaster since 2018 and who lived in one of the buildings hit, was found in the rubble on Friday.

Separately, a former US Marine was killed while fighting alongside Ukrainian forces, his relatives said in what would be the first known death of an American citizen taking part in the war. The US has not confirmed the report. **AP**

## EU nears ban on Russian oil

**THE NEW YORK TIMES**
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THE EUROPEAN Union is readying a phased embargo of Russian oil, overcoming deep divisions among members who depend on Russia for energy supplies, at the end of a week that has seen the United States and its allies deepen their commitment to supporting Ukraine's ability not only to defend itself but to drive Russia from its territory.

The embargo has been weeks in the making, and intensive talks were to continue over the weekend before the European Commission, the bloc's executive, puts a finalised proposal on paper for EU ambassadors to approve next week, along with other new sanctions targeting Russia's biggest bank, Sberbank, and high-profile Russians.

Word of the embargo comes amid a flurry of activity to provide Ukraine with more weapons and support, and shore up the defences of NATO countries.

Sri Lankan Prime Minister Mahinda Rajapaksa (*left*) with the country's President, Gotabaya Rajapaksa. *AP file*

## Sirisena: Sri Lanka's President agreed to remove brother as PM

### PM Mahinda's spokesperson says no such move communicated by Gotabaya

**AP & PTI**
COLOMBO, APRIL 29

SRI LANKA'S President has agreed to replace his older brother as prime minister in a proposed interim government to solve a political impasse caused by the country's worst economic crisis in decades, a prominent lawmaker said Friday.

President Gotabaya Rajapaksa agreed that a national council will be appointed to name a new prime minister and Cabinet comprised of all parties in Parliament, lawmaker Maithripala Sirisena said after meeting with the president. Sirisena was president before Gotabaya.

However, Rohan Weliwita, a spokesperson for Prime Minister Mahinda Rajapaksa, said the president has not communicated any intent to remove the prime minister and a decision will be announced if such a step is taken.

Gotabaya on Friday did extended an invitation to form an all-party government. The Opposition, however, has said that for such a government to be formed, Mahinda must resign or be removed as PM.

Sri Lanka is near bankruptcy and has announced it is suspending payments on its foreign loans until it negotiates a rescue plan with the International Monetary Fund. It has to repay $7 billion in foreign debt this year, and $25 billion by 2026. Its foreign reserves stand at less than $1 billion.

The foreign exchange shortage has severely limited imports, forcing people to wait in long lines to buy essentials such as food, fuel, cooking gas and medicine.

Gotabaya and his family have dominated politics in Sri Lanka for most of the last 20 years. Protesters who have crowded the streets since March hold them responsible for the crisis and are demanding that they quit politics.

On Thursday, businesses were closed, teachers absent and public transportation interrupted as Sri Lankans joined a general strike to pressure the president to step down.

Gotabaya earlier reshuffled his Cabinet and offered a unity government in an attempt to quell the protests, but was not successful.

## TOP OF THE WORLD

Pakistan PM Shehbaz Sharif in Medina. *AP*

SAUDI ARABIA

### New Pak PM on 1st Saudi trip

PAKISTAN'S NEWLY elected prime minister was visiting Saudi Arabia Friday on his first foreign trip since taking office, an attempt to boost economic relations with the wealthy, oil-rich kingdom as Pakistan struggles with huge debt, soaring inflation and a worsening energy crisis. Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif landed on Thursday in the holy city of Medina, just weeks after political turmoil that rattled Pakistan's fragile democracy and led to the ouster of former Premier Imran Khan. Sharif professed enthusiasm before his departure, even speaking in Arabic in a video that praised the "brotherly kingdom" — a country where he spent years in exile and cultivated close ties with top officials. **AP**

USA

### IS 'Beatle' gets life sentence

A US judge on Friday imposed a lifetime prison sentence on a member of an Islamic State militant group nicknamed "The Beatles" that beheaded American hostages, at a hearing where one victim's mother told the defendant, "I will not hate you." US District Judge TS Ellis in Alexandria, Virginia, held the sentencing hearing for UK-born Alexanda Kotey, 38, who pleaded guilty to murdering journalists James Foley and Steven Sotloff and aid workers Kayla Mueller and Peter Kassig. Hostages held by Kotey and his fellow militants nicknamed them "The Beatles" for their British accents. **REUTERS**

SWEDEN

### PM rejects referendum on possible NATO membership

SWEDEN'S GOVERNMENT does not plan to hold a referendum if its parliament decides to proceed with an application for NATO membership, Prime Minister Magdalena Andersson said on Friday. Russia's invasion of Ukraine has forced both Sweden and Finland to review long-held beliefs that military neutrality is the best means of ensuring security, with both countries expected to make a decision in the coming few weeks. But Andersson said a referendum was not the right way to make this decision. **REUTERS**

## Blast at Kabul mosque kills at least 10 people

**KATHY GANNON**
KABUL, APRIL 29

A POWERFUL explosion ripped through a mosque in the Afghan capital of Kabul on Friday, killing at least 10 people and wounding more than 20, a Taliban spokesman said.

Hundreds of worshippers had gathered for prayers on the last Friday of the Muslim holy month of Ramzan and the Khalifa Aga Gul Jan Mosque was packed, said local residents, fearing the casualty toll could rise further.

The Taliban-appointed interior ministry spokesman, Mohammad Nafi Takor, could not provide more details and Taliban security men cordoned off the area. The source of the explosion was not immediately known and no one has claimed responsibility for the blast.

The explosion was so loud that the neighbourhood of the mosque shook from the blast, residents said.

Ambulances raced to the site, driving up to the end of a narrow street in an eastern neighbourhood of Kabul to reach the mosque, which belongs to Afghanistan's majority Sunni Muslims.

The explosion was the latest in a series of such blasts amid relentless attacks across the country. Similar attacks on mosques have recently targeted the country's minority Shia Muslims and were claimed by the Islamic State group's regional affiliate, known as Islamic State in Khorasan Province or IS-K. **AP**

## UK Opposition slams Boris for his visit to JCB factory in India

**ADITI KHANNA**
LONDON, APRIL 29

OPPOSITION PARTIES in the UK have questioned in Parliament Prime Minister Boris Johnson's decision to visit a British-owned bulldozer factory in Gujarat during his visit to India last week.

A number of Labour Party MPs, including Indian-origin Nadia Whittome, questioned Johnson's visit to the JCB factory in Halol despite the use of some of the company's equipment in the controversial demolition of properties in north-west Delhi in the wake of recent communal clashes in Jahangirpuri.

The factory visit had created a stir across social media, pointing to the use of JCB equipment in the Municipal Corporation of Delhi's "anti-encroachment" drive in Delhi, an issue referred to the courts.

Boris Johnson during the inauguration of a JCB factory in Gujarat. *AP file*

During an "Urgent Question" tabled in the House of Commons on Tuesday by the Scottish National Party (SNP) member of Parliament, Ian Blackford, the Opposition raised cries of "where is he?" after a junior minister was left to answer questions on the topic of "Prime Minister's Visit to India".

Vicky Ford, the Under-Secretary of State in the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office (FCDO), was deputed on behalf of the government and said the visit would "supercharge" the UK-India trading relationship and that the issue of human rights is regarded as equally important.

"We do not pursue trade at the exclusion of human rights," said Ford.

"We regard both as an important part of a deep, mature and wide-ranging relationship with our partners. The partnership with India is very important for both our countries," she said. "If we have concerns, we raise them directly with the Government of India," Ford said. **PTI**

## British Virgin Islands Premier held on drug trafficking charges in US

**VIMAL PATEL**
APRIL 29

THE PREMIER of the British Virgin Islands was arrested on Thursday in the Miami area on drug trafficking and money laundering charges, the authorities said.

According to a criminal complaint filed in the US Southern District of Florida, Andrew Fahie, who is the elected head of government of the small territory of about 30,000, requested an upfront payment of $500,000 to let cocaine slip through the territory en route to Miami and New York. He was charged with conspiracy to import at least five kilograms of a cocaine mixture and conspiracy to launder money.

The territory's director of ports, Oleanvine Pickering Maynard, and her son Kadeem Stephan Maynard, also face those charges, according to the complaint.

A man who presented himself as working for the Sinaloa Cartel, but who was a confidential source for the federal authorities, met with Maynard on March 20, according to the complaint.

Andrew Fahie

The man told Maynard he needed help ferrying thousands of kilograms of cocaine from Colombia through Tortola, which is in the British Virgin Islands, according to the document. Maynard agreed to assist, and said Fahie would also be open to such an arrangement, according to the complaint.

On April 7, the confidential source met with Fahie, who requested the upfront payment to get the process started and said that Maynard could provide the licences needed for the cocaine to slip through the ports, according to the complaint. The source then gave Fahie $20,000 and said, "This is a good faith gift, to seal that we have an agreement," according to the document. **NYT**

## Beijing sees more Covid closures, anger grows in Shanghai

**MARTIN QUIN POLLARD & DAVID STANWAY**
BEIJING, SHANGHAI, APRIL 29

CHINA'S CAPITAL Beijing closed more businesses and residential compounds on Friday, with authorities ramping up contact tracing to contain a Covid-19 outbreak, while resentment at the month-long lockdown in Shanghai grew.

In the finance hub, fenced-in people have been protesting against the lockdown and difficulties in obtaining provisions by banging on pots and pans in the evenings, according to a Reuters witness and residents.

A video shared on social media, whose authenticity could not be immediately verified, showed a woman warning people via a loud-hailer not to do so, saying such gestures were being encouraged by "outsiders".

A man gets a bag of supplies while standing behind barriers sealing off a Beijing residential area under lockdown. *Reuters*

The Shanghai government did not immediately respond to a request for comment.

In Beijing, authorities were in a race against time to detect Covid cases and isolate those who have been around them.

A sign placed outside a residential complex read "Entry only. No exit".

Polish resident Joanna Szklarska, 51, was sent to a quarantine hotel as a close contact, but she refused to share the room, which had only one bed, with her neighbour.

She was sent back home, where authorities installed a front door alarm. Then she was called back to the hotel, where she now has her own room.

"Nothing makes sense here," the English-language consultant said by phone. **REUTERS**

EXPLAINED

### Politically sensitive time for Xi

SIGNS OF frustration among residents in areas under lockdown come at a politically sensitive time for President Xi. China's ruling Communist party is preparing for a major congress later this year, during which Xi is expected to be re-elected by delegates for a third term as president. While public anger over lockdowns is unlikely to change this, it could affect the extent of his power within the party.

A QUARTER OF TESLA'S REVENUE IN 2021 CAME FROM THE COUNTRY WHICH HAS BANNED TWITTER

## Musk's ties to China could create headaches for Twitter

**STEVEN LEE MYERS & PAUL MOZUR**
SAN FRANCISCO, APRIL 29

WHEN ELON Musk opened a Tesla factory in Shanghai in 2019, the Chinese government welcomed him with billions of dollars' worth of cheap land, loans, tax breaks and subsidies. "I really think China is the future," Musk cheered.

Tesla's road since then has been lucrative, with a quarter of the company's revenue in 2021 coming from China, but not without problems. The firm faced a consumer and regulatory revolt in China last year over manufacturing flaws.

With his deal to take over Twitter, Musk's ties to China are about to get even more fraught.

Like all foreign investors in China, he operates Tesla at the pleasure of the Chinese authorities, who have shown a willingness to influence or punish companies that cross political red lines. Even Apple, the world's most valuable company, has given in to Chinese demands, including censoring its App Store.

Musk's extensive investments in China could be at risk if Twitter upsets the Communist Party state, which has banned the platform at home but used it extensively to push Beijing's foreign policy around the globe — often with false or misleading information.

Elon Musk at the opening event for Tesla's China-made Model Y programme, in Shanghai in January 2020. *Reuters*

At the same time, China now has a sympathetic investor who is taking control of one of the world's most influential megaphones. Musk said nothing publicly, for example, when authorities in Shanghai shut down Tesla's plant as part of the citywide effort to control the latest Covid-19 outbreak, even after lambasting officials in Alameda County, California, for a similar step when the pandemic began in 2020.

"It's concerning to think about what could be a conflict of interests in these situations, looking at disinformation that could come out of China," said Jessica Maddox, an assistant professor of digital media technology at the University of Alabama.

Even Jeff Bezos, the founder of Amazon and one of Musk's biggest rivals in tech, space and now media, weighed in — on Twitter — to question China's potential sway over the platform. "Did the Chinese government just gain a bit of leverage over the town square?" Bezos wrote.

Musk has not detailed his plans for changing Twitter except to promise to free it up as a platform for free speech, while banning bots and artificial accounts that populate its user base. Even that simple pledge on bots could irk China's propagandists, who have openly bought fake accounts and used them to undercut claims of human rights abuses in Xinjiang. It is not clear whether he intends to restore accounts or remove labels that identify some of Beijing's most prominent users as state officials.

Musk did not respond to an email requesting comment. **NYT**

## 'Musk told banks he will rein in Twitter pay, make money from tweets'

**KRYSTAL HU & ANIRBAN SEN**
APRIL 29

ELON MUSK told banks that agreed to help fund his $44 billion acquisition of Twitter that he could crack down on executive and board pay at the social media company in a push to slash costs, and would develop new ways to monetize tweets, three people familiar with the matter said.

Musk made the pitch to the lenders as he tried to secure debt for the buyout days after submitting his offer to Twitter on April 14, the sources said. His submission of bank commitments on April 21 were key to Twitter's board accepting his "best and final" offer.

Musk had to convince the banks that Twitter produced enough cash flow to service the debt he sought. In the end, he clinched $13 billion in loans secured against Twitter and a $12.5 billion margin loan tied to his Tesla stock. He agreed to pay for the remainder of the consideration with his own cash.

Musk's pitch to the banks constituted his vision rather than firm commitments, the sources said, and the exact cost cuts he will pursue once he owns Twitter remain unclear. The plan he outlined to banks was thin on detail, the sources added. **REUTERS**

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## AUTO WATCH
### SMALL CARS

# Weak sales in 'bread & butter' segment: Rising prices squeeze out entry-level buyers

**PRANAV MUKUL**
NEW DELHI, APRIL 29

THE SHRINKING market of entry-level hatchbacks, India's top selling car segment, in addition to a decline in two-wheeler sales over the last 3-4 years, points to severe distress in the segment of the economy that typically buys low-cost personal transport vehicles.

"The worrying part about the market this year has been the fact that we are now seeing that over the last three years that the market for lower end commuters who use two-wheelers or hatchbacks has been shrinking significantly. In 2018-19, about 15.5 lakh units of hatchbacks were sold. This year 11.5 lakh units were sold. This is over 25% decline in size of the market for hatchbacks, and this is a major part of the market in India," Maruti Suzuki Chairman RC Bhargava said during the company's earnings press conference Friday.

"This means that people who were buying lower-end cars are not being able to buy cars. In the two-wheeler segment also, in 2019-20, 2020-21 and 2021-22, in all three years, there has been a double digit decline for two-wheelers," Bhargava added.

He pointed to "regulatory changes, taxes by state governments, increase in prices of commodities" as the reasons for increase in prices of the affordable vehicle segment. During financial year 2021-22, Maruti Suzuki, India's largest carmaker, hiked prices of its vehicles four times.

"...the prices of lower end of the market have increased...by such a figure, that lot of customers have dropped out of the market and they cannot afford personal transport. This is what the events of last three years have shown, and there seems no likelihood of the market reversing substantially in the near future," Bhargava said. But Maruti is not the only automobile company to witness a slump in entry-level segment. Several global automakers have changed their focus on sport-utility vehicles from hatchbacks and entry-level cars. Japanese carmaker Nissan has discontinued its Datsun brand of small cars in India. German Volkswagen has announced end of production for its Polo hatchback in India. "Small cars used to be our bread and butter," Bhargava said. "There's no butter in small cars anymore. We will have to change our strategy. People with limited income are getting squeezed out of the car market due to higher cost," he said. In the two-wheeler segment, which is an indicator of rural consumption, the slowdown is evident as well. As per data provided by Society of Indian Automobile Manufacturers, two-wheeler dispatches fell to a 10-year low of 1.35 lakh units in FY22.

Releasing auto sales numbers earlier this month, SIAM president Kenichi Ayukawa said: "Despite some recovery from a low base, sales of all four segments are below even 2018-19 level. While some segments like commercial vehicles and SUVs are seeing improvement in demand, mass segments like two-wheelers and smaller cars are facing serious affordability issues".

### Maruti Suzuki profit soars 51%

*New Delhi:* Maruti Suzuki Friday reported a 51.14 per cent jump in consolidated net profit to Rs 1,875.8 crore in Q4. **PTI**

Tata Sons Chairman Natarajan Chandrasekaran and Tata Motors passenger vehicles and Tata passenger electric mobility MD Shailesh Chandra at unveiling of Tata Avinya concept car. *PTI*

## PRICE STABILITY KEY FOR STRONG GROWTH, SAYS REPORT

# Economy to take till 2035 to overcome Covid losses: RBI

**ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU**
MUMBAI, APRIL 29

INDIA IS likely to take another 13 years to overcome the losses incurred due to the Covid pandemic that hit the country in March 2020, says a Reserve Bank of India report.

Taking the actual growth rate of (-) 6.6 per cent for 2020-21, 8.9 per cent for 2021-22 and assuming growth rate of 7.2 per cent for 2022-23, and 7.5 per cent beyond that, India is expected to overcome COVID-19 losses in 2034-35, according to the RBI's Report on currency and Finance in 2021-22.

The central bank said the output losses for individual years have been worked out to Rs 19.1 lakh crore, Rs 17.1 lakh crore and Rs 16.4 lakh crore for 2020- 21, 2021-22 and 2022-23, respectively, it said.

"The pandemic is not yet over," the RBI said. "In India, the restriction levels are being dynamically calibrated at local levels in response to the evolving situation," the RBI said. With the ongoing Russia-Ukraine conflict, the downward risks to global and domestic growth are getting accentuated through surge in commodity prices and global supply chain disruptions, it said.

The supply constraints and longer delivery times pushed up shipping costs, commodity prices, thereby intensifying inflationary pressures and threatening the nascent economic recovery across the world. India too felt the pressure from the global supply chain disruptions with the supplier's delivery time falling to its lowest point of 29.5 in April 2020, the report said. It added price stability is a necessary precondition for strong and sustainable growth.

*Full report on www.indianexpress.com*

### 'Wean away PSU banks from dependence on govt recap'

*Mumbai*: The RBI said PSU banks should not be dependent on the government for recapitalisation. In the medium term, it is necessary to wean away PSBs from their dependence on government recapitalisation, this will be an important pre-condition to achieve greater privatisation of the sector, said the RBI's Report on currency and Finance. **ENS**

# Vaishnaw: Need to update IT Act; no privacy concern in CERT-In guidelines

**SOUMYARENDRA BARIK**
BENGALURU, APRIL 29

THE GOVERNMENT is working on a fresh set of amendments to the Information Technology Act, 2000 — the country's core legal framework that regulates entities on the internet such social media platforms and e-commerce companies — and would come up with a consultation process "soon", Union Minister for Electronics and IT Ashwini Vaishnaw told *The Indian Express*.

Promulgated in 2000, the IT Act was developed to promote the IT industry, regulate e-commerce entities and prevent cybercrime. While over the years, certain sections of the Act have been updated, with the most recent one being changes to the social intermediary rules, the Act itself was last amended in 2008 to accommodate new developments in the IT space at the time.

However, the internet ecosystem has seen rapid changes since then and the current IT Act offers no regulatory framework for new age developments like artificial intelligence, machine learning, blockchain, video streaming, and online gaming, among others.

Vaishnaw said, "We definitely need an updated version of the IT Act. Yes, we are working on a new version. It cannot be that same IT Act of 2000, a lot of things have changed. The world has changed. We are working on it and will come up with a consultation process soon."

He also explained why the Indian Computer Emergency Response Team (CERT-In) recently came up with cybersecurity guidelines which, among other things, mandate that all cybersecurity incidents such as targetted 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 concerned companies within six hours of either being made aware of the incident or becoming aware itself.

"Cybersecurity is something which is continuously evolving. So we have issued very comprehensive guidelines from CERT-In. Ultimately, if there is a threat to you, the police and you would both have to work together," Vaishnaw said. "The basic concept (of the guidelines) is that the people who are actually running the infrastructure, should take all possible steps to make sure that things are in place and if there is any breach, immediately inform us so that we can take action."

The norms also require virtual private network providers to preserve a wide range of data on their customers for five years, which has raised privacy concerns. However, Vaishnaw said there was "nothing to worry about". "There is no privacy concern. Suppose, somebody takes a mask and shoots, wouldn't you ask them to remove that mask? It is like that," Vaishnaw said.

*(The correspondent is in Bengaluru at the invite of the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology)*

**ASHWINI VAISHNAW**
*Minister for Electronics & IT* *File*

# Actis to sell RE platform to Shell for $1.5 bn

*New Delhi:* London-based Actis on Friday said it will sell Sprng Energy to Shell Overseas Investments B.V (Shell) for $1.55 billion.

Sprng Energy is a renewable energy platform set up in India in 2017 by Actis. In a statement, Actis said it will "sell renewables platform Sprng Energy to Shell. Actis has agreed to sell... Sprng Energy platforms (Sprng) to Shell Overseas Investments B.V (Shell) for $1.55 billion." The transaction is expected to close later in 2022. **PTI**

# FCA fall pulls forex reserves down $3.271 bn to $600.4 bn

*Foreign exchange (forex) reserves fell by $3.271 billion to $600.423 billion in the week ended April 22, as per RBI data*

**Foreign currency assets** (FCA) fell $2.835 billion to $533.933 billion

**Gold reserves** fell $377 million to $42.768 billion

**Special drawing rights** with IMF fell $33 million to $18.662 billion

**India's reserve position** with the IMF fell $26 million to $5.060 billion

**$311 mn** Decline in forex reserves in previous week ended April 15, to end at $603.694 billion

*Source: RBI/PTI*

# ONDC pilot launched

*New Delhi:* India on Friday launched the pilot phase of open network for digital commerce (ONDC), a UPI-type protocol, in five cities, Delhi NCR, Bengaluru, Bhopal, Shillong and Coimbatore, to democratise the e-commerce sector, help small retailers and reduce dominance of online giants.

"After UPI, another game changing idea to democratise commerce - ONDC soft launch today to select consumers, sellers and logistics providers. Get ready for a world of choice, convenience and transparency," Commerce Minister Piyush Goyal tweeted.

Additional Secretary in the Department For Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade Anil Agrawal, said the ONDC is a set of standards for voluntary adoption by sellers or logistics providers or payment gateways. As many as 80 firms are currently working with the ONDC and they are at different stages of integration. **PTI**

# India, EU to hold talks on FTA in June, set 2023-2024 target

**KARUNJIT SINGH**
NEW DELHI, APRIL 29

INDIA AND the European Union are set to hold an initial round of negotiations on a Free Trade Agreement in June with the aim of concluding an FTA by late 2023 or early 2024, EU Ambassador to India and Bhutan, Ugo Astuto, said on Friday.

India had initiated negotiations for an FTA with the 27-country economic bloc in 2007, but the talks stalled in 2013 as both sides failed to reach an agreement on key issues including intellectual property rights, duties on automobiles and spirits, and the movement of professionals. The two sides decided to resume negotiations in May last year.

Addressing a press conference, Astuto said that Indian and European officials had "set the parameters and a clear roadmap" for negotiations. He noted that both sides expected a deal to be struck before the Lok Sabha elections in India and the EU parliamentary elections, which are both set to be held in 2024.

Earlier this week, President of the European Commission, Ursula Von Der Leyen, visited India and held meetings with Prime Minister Narendra Modi, President Ram Nath Kovind and External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar. The two sides agreed to establish a trade and technology council which will allow India and the EU to address challenges in trade, trusted technology and security, deepening cooperation in these fields. The US is the only other country which has a similar agreement with the EU.

India has been increasingly looking at international trade as a key engine of economic growth. Earlier this year, it concluded a Comprehensive Economic Cooperation Agreement with the UAE and an interim trade deal with Australia. India is also in talks with Canada and the UK for FTAs. During his visit to India last week, British Prime Minister Boris Johnson said the two countries wanted to conclude negotiations for a trade agreement by October. India is currently pursuing an "early harvest" or interim trade agreement with Canada. Asked if India and the EU were considering an interim deal prior to the conclusion of a full FTA, Astuto said the two sides were only looking at a comprehensive trade deal.

*Full report on www.indianexpress.com*

### EXPLAINED

**3rd largest trading partner**

INDIA AND the EU are aiming to conclude an FTA by late 2023 or early 2024. This would be the most significant FTA for India as EU is its third largest trading partner after the US and China.

# Make India chip hub: PM to industry

**SOUMYARENDRA BARIK**
BENGALURU, APRIL 29

UNDERLINING THAT the country is investing heavily in skilling and training youth for the needs of the 21st century, Prime Minister Narendra Modi called upon the semiconductor industry to make India a key partner in global chip supply chains. He was addressing the inaugural session of Semicon India-2022 conference on Friday.

"A new world order is forming and we must seize this opportunity. We have worked hard over the last few years to create an environment that encourages growth. India has the appetite for tech and risk-taking. We have put the odds in your favour as far as possible through a supportive policy environment. We have shown that India means business! Now, it's over to you," Modi said. "I look forward to practical suggestions from all of you about how we can move towards an India that is a hub for Semiconductors for the world in the coming years".

IT Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw said the Centre expects to give nods in 6-8 months to chip makers who applied to its PLI scheme.

*(The correspondent is in Bengaluru at the invite of the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology)*

PM Narendra Modi at Semicon India-2022. *PTI*

# Core sector growth slows

*New Delhi:* Output growth of eight infrastructure sectors slowed down to 4.3 per cent in March on fall in production of coal and crude oil, though for FY22, the core sectors saw 10.4 per cent expansion, official data showed Friday. The sectors are coal, crude oil, natural gas, refinery products, fertiliser, steel, cement and electricity. **PTI**

## BRIEFLY

### DIPAM, LIC IPO

*New Delhi:* DIPAM Secretary Tuhin Kanta Pandey said Finance Ministry and Sebi will talk minimum public shareholding norm easing for LIC.

### Wipro Q4 net

*New Delhi:* Wipro's consolidated profit in Q4FY22 rose 4% to ₹3,092.5 crore. **PTI**

### Swiggy drone

*New Delhi:* Swiggy will conduct trials for drone delivery in Delhi-NCR and Bengaluru for its grocery platform Instamart. Drones will be used to replenish stocks between seller-run dark stores and from a store to a common customer point. **ENS**

# Ahead of LIC IPO, Irdai allows insurers to invest more in BFSI

**GEORGE MATHEW**
MUMBAI, APRIL 29

PAVING THE way for more investment in the financial sector and insurance companies, insurance regulator Irdai has hiked the exposure limit of insurance companies in such companies to 30 per cent.

The hike in the exposure limit comes ahead of the mega IPO of Life Insurance Corporation (LIC). "The Authority in exercise of its powers conferred under the Irdai (Investment) Regulations, 2016, permits all insurers to have exposure to financial and insurance activities (as per section K of NIC classification) up to 30 per cent of investment assets. Accordingly, the limit of 25 per cent of investment assets mentioned in Irdai (Investment) Regulations, 2016 stands revised to a limit of 30 per cent of Investment Assets," Irdai said in a circular. The Irdai move is expected to allow insurance companies to invest more funds in the LIC IPO, insurance officials said.

Weightage of financial and insurance companies in broader Indian market indices has consistently gone up over the last few years. "Life insurance industry had been seeking an increase in the current 25 per cent sectoral limit on exposure to the BFSI sector. The increase in this limit to 30 per cent will provide the much-needed leeway for the insurance companies to increase their exposure to the sector and bring it closer to the broader market levels," said Sampath Reddy, chief investment officer, Bajaj Allianz Life.

"Additionally, they would also be in position to hold a much wider basket of diverse stocks within the sector and participate in the promising Indian growth story through the same," Reddy said. LIC on Wednesday priced its initial public offering (IPO) in the range of Rs 902-949 per share. LIC IPO will open on May 4 and will close on May 9.

Insurance companies led by LIC, New India Assurance and others are major players in the capital market. LIC is the largest investor in stock markets. LIC booked profit worth Rs 42,862 crore from the sale of investments, mainly from equities, in the first nine months of the fiscal year 2022.

In 2013, Irdai allowed insurance companies to hold up to 15 per cent stake in any company, up from 10 per cent.

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E-Procurement Short Term Tenders are invited for purchase of Substation Structure for Mounting of 11/0.4 KV Transformer on Double Pole (166.746KG) under TN-1807 (UBN JVV2223GLOB00049), 1.4 m long M.S. Channel Bracket with Clamp TN-1808 (UBN JVV2223GLOB00051) and 33/11 KV Sub-station Structure set (Rural) under TN-1809 (UBN JVV2223GLOB00050). Details regarding Quantity, Tender cost, Earnest Money, Schedule date of tender opening for aforesaid tenders are available on our website at www.jdvvnl.com and also at http://sppp.rajasthan.gov.in
Superintending Engineer (MM&C)
For Electricity Complaints Toll free No. 1800 180 6045

**PUNE MAHANAGAR PARIVAHAN MAHAMANDAL LIMITED**
Expression of Interest (EOI) for Implementing Wireless Fidelity (WiFi) Facility and Digital Advertising in PMPML Buses on PPP Basis
PMPML invites Expression of Interest (EOI) from prospective applicants for the above-mentioned project through E-tendering on www.mahatenders.gov.in The EOI document will be available on the e-tender portal from **30 April 2022** onwards. Last date of submission of EOI is **08 May 2022** up to 1500 Hrs. Please refer to the uploaded EOI document for further details.
Adv.No.: Tel/01
Date : 28/04/2022
Sd/-
Joint Managing Director
PMPML

**OFFICE OF THE CHIEF ENGINEER (WW)-II**
**DELHI JAL BOARD: GOVT. OF N.C.T. DELHI**
**FLAT NO.-E1, TYPE-IV, STAFF QTRS.**
**JHANDEWALAN, DELHI-110005**
**E-mail:- eecplantww.djb01@gmail.com/acewwp2@gmail.com**
PRESS NIT No.04/(2022-23)

| S. No. | Name of Work | Estimated Cost | Earnest Money (Fresh) | Tender processing Fee (Fresh) | Publication date of tender in e-procurement Solution | Last date & time for receipt of tender from e-procurement solution |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | Refurbishment and renovation of bifurcation chamber and damaged/fragile condition of Raw Water Channel of 3rd 40 MGD Plant at Wazirbad WW. (Tender ID: 2022_ DJB_221277_1) | 3065051/- | 61500/- | 500/- | 28.04.2022 | 10.05.2022 |

The more detail required above can be seen on website www.delhi.govtprocurement.com
ISSUED BY P.R.O. (WATER)
Advt. No. J.S.V. 71 (2022-23)
Sd/-
(ER. ABSAR AHMED)
EX. ENGINEER(C) PLANT,
WW C/o CE(WW)-II
"STOP CORONA; WEAR MASK, FOLLOW PHYSICAL DISTANCING, MAINTAIN HAND HYGIENE"

**OFFICE OF THE CHIEF ENGINEER(WW) THROUGH EE (E&M) HP-I**
**DELHI JAL BOARD: GOVT. OF NCT OF DELHI**
**HAIDER PUR WATER WORKS, DELHI - 110085**
**Tel No. 011-27552446-47, Email ID: eeemhp1.djb@nic.in**
Press N.I.T. NO.1 (2022-23)

| S. No. | Name of work | Approximate value based on Schedule of rates/ item rates/ lump Sum (Rs in lacs) | Earnest Money in Rs. | Tender Fee | Date of release of tender in e-procurement solution | Last date/time of receipt of tender through e-procurement solution. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | Renting out of existing DJB Sites for installations of Mobile Network Towers 98 Nos at Various WTP/STP/BPS/SPS and tube wells space of DJB. Tender ID: 2022_DJB_221224_1 | Item Rate | Rs. 454 Lacs/- | 1500/- | 28.04.2022 | 19.05.2022 |

Further details in this regard can be seen at https://delhi.govtprocurement.com.
ISSUED BY P.R.O. (WATER)
Advt. No. J.S.V. 70 (2022-23)
Sd/-
(SUNIL KUMAR)
EE (E&M) HP-I
STOP CORONA; WEAR MASK, MAINTAIN SOCIAL DISTANCING AND MAINTAIN HAND HYGIENE

**भारतीय कंटेनर निगम लिमिटेड**
**Container Corporation of India Ltd.**
(भारत सरकार का उपक्रम) (A Govt. of India Undertaking)
NOTICE INVITING OPEN E-TENDER
CONCOR invites open e-tender in Two Packet System of tendering for the following work:-

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| Tender No. | CON/EP/A-III/Eoff-14845/Bal. work (terminated Contract)/ CIVIL & Track work/ Kadakola/2022-23 |
| Name of Work | Balance work of terminated work of Earthwork (Cutting/Filling), Construction of CC Block Pavement, Approach Road, Culvert, P-Way Track Work, Boundary Wall, Pre-Engineered Warehouses, Admin. Bldg., Canteen, and other Allied works i/c development of MMLP at KADAKOLA (Mysuru) |
| Estimated Cost | Rs. 5108.44 Lakhs (including GST) |
| Completion Period | 18 months |
| Earnest Money Deposit | Rs. 27,04,200/- |
| Cost of Tender Document | NIL (Non-refundable) |
| Tender Processing Fee | Rs. 4,720/- (inclusive all taxes & duties through e-payment) (Non-refundable) |
| Date of sale of Tender (online) | 30.04.2022 (from15:00hrs.) to 14.05.2022 (up to 17:00 hrs.) |
| Date & Time of submission of Tender | 16.05.2022 up to 17:00 hrs. |
| Date & Time of Opening of Tender. | 18.05.2022 at 15:00 hrs. |

For financial eligibility criteria, experience with respect to similar nature of work, etc, please refer to detailed tender notice available on website www.concorindia.co.in. but the complete tender document can be downloaded from website www.tenderwizard.com/CCIL only. Further, Corrigendum / Addendum to this Tender, if any, will be published on website www.concorindia.co.in. www.tenderwizard.com/CCIL and Central Procurement Portal (CPP) only. Newspaper press advertisement shall not be issued for the same.
Group General Manager (Engg.) /Area-III

# Classifieds

## PERSONAL

**We** father Ravichandran Krishna Rao and mother Hemlata Bharat Rao, residing in 42-601, Heritage city, M G Road, Gurgaon, Haryana 122002, have changed our minor son's name from Atharv Ravichandran To Atharv Rao as per the affidavit dated 25/04/22 0050196044-1

**We** father Ravichandran Krishna Rao and mother Hemlata Bharat Rao, residing in 42-601, Heritage city, M G Road, Gurgaon, Haryana 122002, have changed our minor son's name from Arnav Ravichandran To Arnav Rao as per the affidavit dated 25/04/22 0050195998-1

**It** Is For General Information That I,Bhavya Sharma,D/o Arun Kumar Sharma,Gita Sharma,Residing At,B-78,Surya-Nagar,Chander Nagar,Ghaziabad,UP-201011,Declare That Name Of My Mother Has Been Wrongly-Written As Geeta Sharma In My Passport No.L9542862. Tha Actual-Name Of My Mother Is Gita Sharma.which May Be Amended Accordingly.

0040611892-9

**It** Is For General Information That I,Arvind Kumar,S/o-Sohan Lal,Residing At,H.No.IX/987, Prem-Gali,Gandhi-Nagar Delhi-110031,Declare That Name Of Mine Has Been Wrongly-Written As Arvind Kumar Arora In My Minor Son Krishiv Arora Aged-14Years School Record.The Actual-Name Of Mine Is Arvind Kumar.Which May Be Amended Accordingly.

0040611892-10

**I,hitherto** known as Kavya Bansal,D/o-Shri Neeraj Bansal Residing at A-43/1,Mandi Marg,Kewal Park Ext.,Delhi-110033,have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Tisha Bansal.It is certified that,I have complied with other legal requirements in this connection. 0040611906-5

**I,hitherto** known as Harish,son of Shri.Gurnam Singh,residing at Garhshankar-Hoshiarpur-Road, Badesron, Hoshiarpur, Punjab-144528,have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Harish Singh.

0040611896-8

**I,Sukhman** Babrah D/o S Arvinder Singh R/o E-151/B,Ashok Vihar Phase-I,Delhi -52,have changed my name to Sukhman Kaur Babrah all,purposes. 0040611896-2

**I,Sonobbar** Khan S/o Munavvar R/o 243, Ekta Vihar,R K Puram Sector-6, Delhi-110022,changed my name to Sunavvar.

0040611892-2

**I,RAMVATI** spouse of RAM KUMAR resident at HOUSE NO.458, GALI NO.6, BHIM NAGAR, GHAZIABAD, UTTAR PRADESH-201009 have changed my name from RAMVATI to RAMVATI DEVI vide Affidavit dated 29.04.2022 before Baljit Singh (Notary) BCP Delhi 0040611866-1

**I,PURNAMASI** S/O Chhote Lal,R/O F-193B,Gali.no-2, Near-Ramjas Ground, Baljeet Nagar,Patel Nagar,Delhi-110008,Have Changed my Name to PURNAMASI KUMAR.

0040611892-7

**I,TARSEM** DHEER/TARSEM LAL DHEER S/O LAL CHAND R/O U-16, MANGOLPURI, DELHI-110083. HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO TARSEM LAL DHIR.

0040611903-5

**I,Neetika** Jain,D/o Anil Kumar Agarwal R/o.Flat.no-310,Tower-5,Augusta-Home, Wish Town,Jaypee Greens, Sector-128, Noida, UP-201304,have changed my name to Neetika Agarwal,for all,future purposes. 0040611896-4

**I,Naveen** Kumar S/o Surender Kumar R/o B-961, J.J.Colony, Madipur, West Delhi-110063,have changed my name to Yugul Kumar. 0040611906-2

**I,NAVINDER** KAUR,D/O SANMUKH SINGH BHATIA,R/O WZ-6/1,GROUND-FLOOR,SHARDAPURI, RAMESH-NAGAR, NEW-DELHI-110015,HAVE CHANGED MY NAME, FROM KM NAVINDER KAUR BHATIA TO NAVINDER KAUR.

0040611896-3

**I,Modyil** Koshy Koshy Varghese S/o,Modyil Koshy Koshy R/o-A-36, First-Floor, Flat-No.102, Om-Vihar, Uttam-Nagar, N.Delhi-110059,have changed my-name to Koshy Varghese Modyil Koshy.

0040611906-4

**I,Minakshi** Devi W/o No 15484126H, SWR, Yashpal Singh R/o 111/1,Hardev Panna,Kair, Village,Delhi-43,have changed my name to Minakshi vide afhidavit.Dt.29/4/2022.

0040611892-5

**I,MOHD** HAMMAD S/O.MOHAMMAD ARIF R/O. KOTHI.NO.B-106,RADHEY SHYAM PARK EXTN.DELHI-110051 DELHI(INDIA)HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO MOHD HAMMAD SHAIKH,FOR ALL FUTURE PURPOSES.

0040611892-3

**I,Lubna/** Lubna Gulrez/ Lubna Saifi,W/o-Gulrez Akhter Saifi,R/o-D-6, 4th-Floor, Front-side,Jamia Nagar,Thokar No.3,Abdul-Fazal-Enclave-1, Delhi,have changed,my name to Lubna Gulrej Saifi,for all purposes.

0040611903-2

**I,KRATI** BANSAL,W/O-SHRI.PRATIK KURLE,residing at,HOUSE.NO-227/1, KURLE-HOUSE,HARUN-MALAD,WEST MUMBAI-400064,have changed the name of my minor-daughter SATAKSHI/ARADHYA,aged-3-years and she shall hereafter be known as GARGI.

0040611892-8

**I,KIRANDEEP** KAUR KOHLI W/O-SH.JASJIT SINGH KOHLI R/O-A-351,DEFENCE COLONY,NEW DELHI-110024,in my Passport.No.K7347255,my name KIRANDEEP KOHLI wrongly-written instead of correct name KIRANDEEP KAUR KOHLI,both names are same person. 0040611903-9

**I,Gulrez** Akhtar/ Gulrez Akhter,S/o-Alimullah R/o-D-6, 4th-Floor, Front-side,Jamia Nagar,Thokar No.3,Abdul Fazal-Enclave-1, Delhi,have changed my name to Gulrez Akhter Saifi,for all purposes.

0040611903-1

**I,Durga** Prassad Aggarwal/Durga Prasad Agarwal,S/O Kewal Ram Agarwal R/O C-9/69, Sector-8,Rohini Delhi-110085,have changed my name to Durga Prasad Aggarwal. 0040611892-4

**I,Amar** Deep Singh,S/o Surjan Singh,R/o 36/6 (F.F.)Ashok-Nagar, Delhi,have changed name of my minor daughter Sifti Grover to Sifti Kaur Grover.

0040611896-1

**I,** Yuvna Damani,W/o-Suddanshu Panwar,R/o-M-16, Second-Floor, Green Park Extension, Delhi-110016,have changed my name to Yuvna Panwar,for all purposes.

0040611903-3

**I,** Swadesh Kumar Srivastava, S/o Bhanu Prakash, Resident of C-1, Sector-56, NOIDA, Uttar Pradesh-201301, have changed my name to Swadesh Kumar.

0070783107-1

**I,** Pramjit Singh, S/o Avtar Singh, R/o-WZ-154E, St.No-5, Virender Nagar, N.Delhi-110058, have changed my name to Paramjit Singh. 0070783124-1

**I,** Sujata Mattu Raina W/O-Suresh Raina R/O-G-34,Regent House,DLF Phase-4,Gurgaon Haryana-122002,Have Changed My Name To Sujata Raina For All,Future Purpose.

0040611903-7

**I,** Shuab Mohammad S/o Abdul Rehman R/o-H.No.B-374 DDA-Flats, Gazipur Dairy-Farm Vasundhra Enclave,East Delhi-110096, have changed my name to Mohammad Shuaib

0040611856-2

**I,** Renu Babbar W/o Naresh Kumar R/o-H.No-1113, First floor Dr. Mukherjee Nagar Delhi-110009, have changed my name to Neeraj Verma

0040611856-1

**I,** Raghubir Singh, S/o Mohan Singh, R/o-A-16, Guru Nanak Vihar, Nilothi Extn., Delhi-110041, have changed my name to Ragubir Singh. 0070783126-1

**I,** RAM KUMAR, S/o JASRAJ LOHIA, R/o House No-113, Mangu Mohalla, Village Ghitorni, Mehrauli, South Delhi-110030 have changed my name to RAM KUMAR LOHIA for all purposes. 0070783070-1

**I,** Preet Kanwal Singh Sawhney S/o Mandhir Singh R/o House No-68, First Floor,BF-Block, Janakpuri,New Delhi-110058 have changed my name to Preet Kanwal Singh.

0040611868-1

**I,** Paramjit Kaur W/o Manjeet Singh R/o-WZ-G-5/F, St.No.6, Virender Nagar, N.Delhi-110058 have changed my name to Paramjeet Kaur. 0070783119-1

**I,** Malti Puri W/O-Rajeev Kumar R/O-A/2855,Ground Floor Gate.No-24,Green Field Colony,Faridabad Haryana-121001,Have Changed My,Name To Malti Malhotra For All,Future Purposes.

0040611903-6

**I,** Kavita, D/o Veerpal Singh and W/o Jasvinder Singh, R/o Alamgirpur Badhla, Parikshatgarh, Meerut, Uttar Pradesh-250406, have changed my name to Mandeep Kaur.

0070783096-1

**I,** Jasmeet Kaur Lamba, R/o TB 1101, Paramount Golf Foreste, Greater Noida, have changed my name from Jasmeet Kaur to Jasmeet Kaur Lamba.

0070783076-1

**I,** Jasmeet Kaur Lamba, R/o TB 1101, Paramount Golf Foreste, Greater Noida, have changed my minor child's name from Simrat Kaur to Simrat Kaur Saluja. 0070783078-1

**I,** JAIDEEP S/o SHANKER LAL R/o 2205,TOWER E3 CLEO COUNTRY, SEC-121,GAUTAM BUDDHA NAGAR,NOIDA, UTTAR PRADESH have changed my name as JAIDEEP MAHESHWARI permanently.

0040611876-1

**I,** Harinder Jeet Singh Gambhir S/o Iqbal Singh R/o A-126 Prashant Vihar Sector-14 Rohini Delhi have changed my name as Harinder Jeet Singh permanently. 0040611876-2

**I,** Eshwari Adila D/o Manowar Ali R/o, 647/11,Bye lane-no-11-A, Gaddha Colony Zakir Nagar Near Transformer,Okhla ,New Delhi-110025 have changed my old name from Adila Begum to ESHWARI ADILA for all future purposes. 0040611840-1

**I,** Anju Bala Arora W/o Vinod Arora R/o-P.No.4, Second-Floor, Road-No.53-B, Punjabi-Bagh West,New Delhi-110026,have changed my name to Anju Arora. 0040611903-4

I,Umawati Choudhury,spouse of,Bharat Chaudhary,R/O Vill:Bartawalia,PO-Itwan,Siwan,Bihar,have changed my Name,from Umawati Choudhury to Umawati Chaudhary, vide-Affidavit dated.18-April-2022,at Siwan(Bihar). 0040611896-9

**I,** Aniu Devi, spouse of No JC-282628W Rank Sub (Gnr) Name Anil Kumar residing at Vill-Jalalpur (Karira), PO-Shikarpur, Teh-Shikarpur, Distt-Bulandshahr, State-Uttar Pradesh, PIN-202395 have changed my Name from Anju Devi to Anju vide Affidavit dated 18.04.2022 before Saket Courts, Delhi. 0040611830-7

**I,** Devi Dutt Pant, Son/of Shri Lokmani Pant, Resident- Trilok Nagar, Bamori Malli, Haldwani, Nainital, Bhotia Parow, Uttrakhand-263141. I hereby inform that Devi Pant mentioned in Passport No. H8256523 (of Maneesh Pant) and Devi Dutt Pant are the same person. In future also will be known as Devi Dutt Pant.

0070783131-1

**I,** Anil Katar S/o Late Bansi Lal R/o B-237, 2nd floor, Hari Nagar, New Delhi-110064 declare that Anil Katar and Anil Kumar Katar both names belongs to one and same person. I am hence identified as Anil Katar.

0040611875-1

**I,** ANIL KUMAR, S/o ISAM SINGH TYAGI, R/o B-115, Sector-14, Noida, Gautam Buddha Nagar, Uttar Pradesh-201301, have changed my name to ANIL KUMAR TYAGI for all purposes.

0070783065-1

**I,** AMIT KUMAR BAKSHI, S/O.VINOD BAKSHI, ADD-RZ-318/B RAJ-NAGAR PART-2 PALAM COLONY,SOUTH WEST-DELHI 110077, Changed my name to AMIT BAKSHI., Permanently. 0040611892-6

**I** hitherto known as Trisha Agarwal D/o Ram Naresh Agarwal R/o H.No.81-82, First Floor,Pocket-17, Sector-24,Rohini,Delhi-85 have changed my name & shall hereafter be known as Shailja Aggarwal. 0040611868-2

**I** Tanya Rathore D/o Sh. Naresh Chand Rathore R/o E-243, Bappu Gali, Netaji Ki Chakki, Jagjit Nagar, Ghonda, Garhi, Mendu North East, Delhi-110053 have changed my name to Taniya Rathore for all purposes.

0040611830-8

**I** Ravinder Kumar Chhaparia S/o Ghanshyam Das Agarwal R/o 12, Abhay Guha Road, Liluah, Bally Municipality, Liluah, Haora, West Bengal-711204, have changed my name to Ravinder Kumar Agarwal. 0070783103-1

**I** Manish Kumar alias Manish Kumar Khandelwal alias Manish Methi S/o Sh. Ram Gopal Khandelwal R/o 13, Sainik Vihar, Pitampura, Delhi-110034 have changed my name to Manish Khandelwal for all purposes.

0040611830-9

**I** Bimla Devi W/o-Jai Bhagwan R/o-E-21/2, Sector-3, Rohini, Delhi-85 have changed my name to Bimala Devi (D.O.B-4.2.1956) for all purposes. 0040611839-1

I,hitherto known as Bahadar,son of Shri.Satpal,residing at,Post-Office Garhshankar,Tehsil-Garhshankar, Bhamian, Hoshiarpur,Punjab-144527,have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Bahadar Janagal. 0040611896-7

I,NIRJAL SHARMA,spouse of SATYA VEER SINGH,resident of Flat-D-7,NBCC Tower-17,Type-III,Kidwai Nagar(East),New Delhi-110023,have changed my,name from NIRJAL SHARMA to NIRJALA SHARMA,vide affidavit dtd.28/04/2022.

0040611903-8

I,MAHESH KUMAR DHANIYA, S/O.OM PRAKASH, ADD-9332,TOKRI WALAN AZAD MARKET NORTH-DELHI-110006, Changed My name to MAHESH KUMAR, permanantly.

0040611906-3

I,MAHESH CHAND/MAHESH CHAND SHAH,S/O.MATHURA PRASAD SHAH, ADD-F-14/22, KRISHNA-NAGAR EAST DELHI-110051,Changed my name to MAHESH SHAH,permanently.

0040611892-1

I,Bharat Chaudhry,S/O Late.Manogi Chaudhary,R/O Vill:Bartawalia, PO-Itwan, Siwan,Bihar,have changed my Name,from Bharat Chaudhry to Bharat Chaudhary,vide-Affidavit dated.18-April-2022,at Siwan(Bihar). 0040611896-10

I, VIJIT PAL SINGH SIKAND, S/O.PRIT PAL SINGH SIKAND, ADD-A-17A, SECOND-FLOOR,NEW FRIENDS COLONY,SOUTH EAST DELHI-110065,Changed My name to VIJIT SIKAND, permanantly.

0040611906-1

**I,** Abhey Jassal S/o Jagdish Jassal R/o A-5, Plot No.150, Shakti Khand-2, Indirapuram, Ghaziabad have change my name to Abhay Jassal for all purposes. 0040611848-1

## LOST & FOUND

**I** Animesh Gupta s/o Rajendra Gupta have lost my Original Pass Certificate of Class 10th ICSE board examination (2012). My Roll no. is T/3258/015 . If Found Please Contact: 8707041029 0050196105-1

**I,** Punita Devi W/o Subodh Ray R/o 261-B, Shramik Kunj-I, Sector-93, Noida Distt.-G.B. Nagar, Uttar Pradesh, have lost my Registry paper of above property while travelling finder may please contact # 9210998707. 0040611843-1

## PUBLIC NOTICE

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

Notice is hereby given to the General Public on behalf of IDFC First Bank Ltd. that Mr. Ashwani Kumar is the owner of Property bearing No.281, area measuring 80 sq. yds, Situated in the layout plan of Indra Vihar, Delhi-110009; "the said property" by virtue of Relinquishment Deed dated 07.01.2021, Registration No. 279, executed by Mrs. Jamna Devi & Mrs. Jyoti Chander, All persons are hereby informed that Mr. Ashwani Kumar want to sell the said Third floor of the above property to Mrs. Ashmeet Kaur & Mr. Mahinder Singh who is taking Loan for purchase the said floor from IDFC First Bank Ltd., if any body has any objection/s upon the ownership of above owner in respect of the said floor /Property, its Sale/ Mortgage/ Litigation, & any kind of objection kindly inform the under-signed in writing on the below mentioned address within 10 days of the present.

**Kumar & Associates** (Advocates & Consultants) 200, 2nd Flr., 23 Shivaji Marg, Moti Nagar,N. Delhi-15 # 011-41112527-28 kumarassociates.advocate@gmail.com

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

"PUBLIC AT LARGE IS NOTIFIED that I, Kiran Thukral W/o Shri Anil Kumar Thukral R/o 13/212, First Floor, Geeta Colony, Delhi-110031, hereby debar and disown my husband, namely, Shri Anil Kumar Thukral S/o Shri Manohar Lal Thukral (whose present whereabouts are not known), aged about 56 years, from my life, all my movable and immovable assets/properties, present or acquired in future and have severed all my relations with him and he has no right, title or interest in any of my properties and any person dealing with him in any manner shall do so at his/her/thier own risk and I shall not be liable and responsibe for the same in any manner. He also shall have no relation or concern with my children, namely, Anjali Thukral and Badal Thukral.

Sd/- **ANUJ KAPOOR**, ADVOCATE 257, CIVIL WING, TIS HAZARI COURTS, DELHI-110054"

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

General Public is informed that my client Smt. Ruchi Sharma alongwith her daughters Palak Sharma and Vidhi Sharma are the Co-owner of house No. C-4C/301, Janak Puri, New Delhi and property No. RZ-100, Bindapur Extension, Uttam Nagar, New Delhi. My client has inherited the above properties after death of her husband Sh. Chanchal Sharma S/o Sh. Vidya Sagar, who died on 24.03.2022.

General Public is informed not to deal with the aforesaid properties with any one else. In case anyone deals with the aforesaid properties than the should be responsible for all risk and consequences.

Sd/- **B.P. DUTTA** (ADVOCATE) **Ch. No.** 50, Western Wing, Tis Hazari Courts, Delhi-54

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

BE IT KNOWN TO ALL THAT MY CLIENT MRS. MITHLESH DEVI W/O SH. VINAY KUMAR R/O D-58, SECTOR 1, AVANTIKA, ROHINI, NORTH-WEST DISTRICT, DELHI-110085 HAVE SEVERED AND CEASED ALL HER RELATIONS WITH HER HUSBAND VINAY KUMAR S/O SH. UPENDER KUMAR THAKUR AND ALSO DISOWNED/ DEBARRED HIM FROM ALL HER MOVABLE AND IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES. MY CLIENTS SHALL NOT BE RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY OF HIS ACTS, DEEDS OR ACTIVITIES, AND IF ANYONE ENTERS INTO ANY KIND OF DEALINGS WITH HIS/ HER, THEY SHALL DO SO AT THEIR OWN RISK COST AND CONSEQUENCES.

Sd/- **KARTIK SETHI (ADVOCATE) E. NO. D/2133 OF 2017 ADD. 29/151, WEST PATEL NAGAR, NEW DELHI-08 PH. 8130091521**

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

Notice is hereby given that, Ms Loveleen Sahai and Mr. Chetan Sahai, being the sole surviving legal heirs of Late Sh. Devender Sahai, as per the Surviving Member Certificate No. 90660000119419 Dated 27.10.2021, Duly issued by O/o the SDM, Hauz Khas, South District, New Delhi, have consented to sell to our client, Residential Flat No. D1/82, Gold Craft Appts, Plot 4, Sector-11 Dwarka, New Delhi-78, held in the name of Late Sh. Devender Sahai is free from all encumbrances or claims. Any person claiming entitlement to any right, title, interest, claim or demand of any nature whatsoever in respect of the said flat, is hereby required to make the same be known in writing along with the necessary documentary proof thereof to the undersigned at 9810062685, within fifteen days from the date of publication hereof, failing which the negotiations shall be completed without any reference to such claims, and the claims if any, shall be deemed to have been given up or waived off.

**Adv. Sachin Chawla** Chamber No. 420, Dwarka Court, New Delhi

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

My Client Mr. Paramjeet Bhardwaj S/o Mr. Krishan Kumar Bhardwaj R/o SRS-45 PeeraGarhi, Near Ramleela Ground, New Delhi, Delhi-110087, have disowned/debarred his Father (Krishana Kumar Bhardwaj), Mother (Vijayanti Devi), brother (Lalmani Bhardwaj & Durgesh Bhardwaj) & Sister-in-law (Anju Bhardwaj) from all his moveable and immovable properties and ceased all relations with them. If anybody dealing with them, shall do so at his/her/their own risk, cost and responsibilty. My client will not responsible and no relation in any manner whatsoever.

Sd/- **KAMAL SINGH (Advocate) Chamber No. 512, Fifth Floor, Dist. Court, Rohini, Delhi-110085**

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

My client Anil Kumar S/o Munshi Ram R/o A-246, Second Floor, Chhattarpur Extension, Chhattarpur, Near Nanda Hospital, South Delhi, Delhi-110074, has disowned his son Rahul Arora from his all movable and Immovable properties and severed all relation with his due to his disobedience/ misconduct. My client shall not be responsible for his any acts.

Sd/- **SHALINI KAKAR (Advocate) Ch. No. 386, Saket Court New Delhi-17**

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

General public is hereby informed that:1. Sh. Alexander John s/o Late John S. Mackfarlane R/o CB-165, Ring road Naraina, New Delhi-110028. 2. Smt. Saleen Rawat s/o Late R.K. Rawat R/o CB-165, Ring road Naraina, New Delhi-110028. 3. Iqbal Anjum S/o Late Roseleen John R/o CB-165, Ring road Naraina, New Delhi-110028. 4. Gaurav Newton John S/o Late Anthony John R/o CB-165, Ring road Naraina, New Delhi-110028 are the joint owners of property bearing No. CB-165, Ring Road, Naraina New Delhi-110028 have requested Delhi Cantonment Board for recording their name in the House Tax Register in respect of property bearing No. No. CB 165,Ring Road, Naraina, New Delhi-110028 being the joint owners of the said property. The said property is in their joint possession. If any person has objection to the recording of their names in respect of the said property, they may file his/her objection within 30 days of the publication of this notice to the Chief Executive officer of Delhi Cantonment Board failing which the matter for recording of the name in the House Tax Register qua the said property shall be considered by the competent authority in accordance with law. For and on behalf of 1.) Sh. Alexander John S/o Late John S Mackfarlane 2.) Smt. Saleen Rawat W/o Late R.K. Rawat 3.) Sh. Gaurav Newton John S/o Late Anthony John 4.) Iqbal Anjum S/o Late Roseleen John Joint owners of property bearing No. CB-165, Ring Road, Naraina, New Delhi - 110028.

**Shekhar Nanavaty (Advocate) D/494/2012**

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

Public at large is hereby informed Freehold Property Bearing No. 53, Entire First Floor (Upper First Floor) without terrace /roof right, Block-M, Rajouri Garden, New Delhi-110027, presently owned & possessed by Smt. Garima Mehra (70% Share) and Smt. Gunjan Kaur (30% Share) duly registered vide Regd. No. 3574, dated 02.04.2018 and as per present owner(s) version the said property is/ are free from all sorts of encumbrances. Few documents are informed as lost, the same are reported vide LR No. 356362/2022,dated 29.04.2022 with P.S. Crime Branch.

It is hereby notified that any person, beneficiary of Will, duly registered vide Regd. No. 49648, dated 23.12.1994 Attorney and/ or executor of POA, or entity, firm/ company, Bank, HUF/ member of HUF, financial institution having any claim, any charge, interest or lien or claim on the basis of document informed as lost and/or objection to thereof, he/ she/ they may lodge/ notify the same to the undersigned with documentary proof/ court judgement within 15 days from the day of publication of this public notice, failing which any further/ future claim/ objection(s) shall be rejected and my client / prospective buyer(s) as a bona-fide purchaser conclude the title/ Sale Deed proposed to be executed in favor of my client or in the name of his/ her/ their nominees shall be deemed to be clear and marketable without any defect, encumbrances, flaw and impediment.

**Nirmal Kumar (Advocate)** Ch.No. 561, Saket Courts, N. Delhi (M) 8587898197 Email : nir2verma@gmail.com

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

This is for the information of General Public that my client Mrs. Sudha Verma W/o Lt. Sh. Pramod Kumar Verma R/o G-12, Adhyapak Nagar, Nangloi, Delhi-110041 has disowned and disinherited her son Sh. Atul Verma, his wife Mrs. Ankita Verma and their daughter namely Minor Aaradhya Verma all R/o H-94, Adhyapak Nagar, Nangloi, Delhi-110041 from all moveable and immoveable properties owned by my client Mrs. Sudha Verma. My client has also severed her relationship with them for all intent and purposes and as such my client shall not be responsible for the acts, omissions and conduct of the aforesaid persons, in any manner.

Sd/- **Mohit Monga D/1551/2013 (Advocate) Ch. No. 781 Western Wing Tis Hazari Courts, Delhi**

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

My clients Sh. Gopi Chand (Aadhar No.322857623305) S/o Late Sh. Sham Lal and Smt. Laxmi W/o Sh. Gopi Chand both R/o 5/33, Under Hill Road, Near Dhobi Ghat, Parwana Lane, Civil Lines, Delhi-110054 have disowned and debarred their younger son namely Ravi Chand Kanojia @ Bobby (Aadhar No.763304429199), his wife Neeru and their daughter Bhanu and son Hardik @ Vansh from their all moveable and immoveable properties due to their disrespectful behaviour and out of control of my clients. My clients have also severed all their relations with them. If anybody deals with them, he/she shall do so at his/her own risks, costs and consequences. My clients shall not be liable or responsible for the same.

Sd/- **Mahendra Pratap Singh (Advocate) (M) 9555848487**

**LOST AND FOUND**

To be known to all that Mrs Gurbachan kaur, R/O 10-3-2, East Marred, Pally Rd, Secundrabad-26, has lost original demand cum Allocation letter, Allotment letter, possesion letter, NOC for water and electricity, acceptance letter of conversion etc, Police Lost Report no: 310110/2022. Finder may submit/ contact DDA office, Vikas Sadan, New Delhi

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

Under instruction from and on behalf of my client, General public is informed that **Divyansh Wadhwani** S/o Sh. Inder Wadhwani R/o House No.B-1/381, 2nd Floor, Sector-17, Rohini, Delhi-110089 has severe & ceased all his relations in every respect with her sister **Divya Wadhwani** D/o Inder Wadhwani due to her misbehavior and dishonesty. Anybody dealing with her will do so at his/her/their own risk. My client will not be responsible for her any kind of liabilities, dealings acts, criminal proceedings, obligations, financial transactions, claims etc. **Narender Singh** (Advocate) Ch.No.808, 8th Floor, Lawyer's Building, Rohini Court, Delhi-85

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**To be known to all that I, Anil Prakash Aggarwal Son of Shri Om Prakash resident of IA/61-C, Ashok Vihar, Phase-1, Delhi-110052, has applied for duplicate paper of the aforesaid flat such as original Conveyance Deed has been lost. An FIR (LR No. 355425/2022) to this effect has been lodged in the police station on dated 29/04/2022. Any person claiming any right, intrest, having any objection or found in possession of original documents may write/contact with the above named person at above address or Dy. Director (LAB) Resdl. or Director (Resdl). DDA 3rd Floor. Vikas Sadan. New Delhi, within 15 days from the date of publication of this notice.**

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

We, (1) BALDEV OBEROI, (2) MOHAN OBEROI and (3) ASHOK OBEROI all sons of Late Shri Balwant Singh Oberoi all residents of N-105, Greater Kailash Part-I, New Delhi-110048 declare that the Original Sale Deed dated 22.06.1971, duly registered as Document No. 4248, in Additional Book No. I, Volume No. 2670, on pages 156 to 160, on 26.06.1971, in the office of Sub-Registrar, New Delhi executed by Smt. Lalita Mehra in respect of Property No. N-105, Greater Kailash Part-I, New Delhi-110048, measuring 300 sq. yards in favour of Shri Balwant Singh son of Shri Tara Singh which was submitted in the District Court, North Zone, Rohini, New Delhi-110085 in the year 1988 in Case No.726/91, dated 30.05.1991 and the case was decided on 23.08.1997 by the then Additional Rent Controller Shri J.R. Aryan. Despite of regular follow-up as well as reminders we could not get back our aforesaid sale deed lying with the Court and the same is not traceable and the same treated as lost in this regard a FIR is lodged with PS Crime Branch, Delhi, vide LR No. LR No.350983/2022, dated 27/04/2022.

**Founder May Contact Mobile No. 9810170080**

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

Public at large is hereby informed Entire Third Floor with terrace right Over & Above the Third Floor, Property Bearing No. 19, Measuring 200 Sq. Yds i.e. 167.22 Sq. Mtrs. situated in National Park, Lajpat Nagar-IV, New Delhi-110024, presently owned & possessed by Sh. Naitik Chawla by virtue of (1) General Power of Attorney with Agreement to Sell, duly registered vide Regd. No. 194, dated 06.02.2018 (2) Will duly registered vide Regd. No. 152, dated 06.02.2018 (3) Agreement to Sell duly registered vide Regd. No. 652 dated 06.02.2018 with leasehold rights of the land, and as per present owner(s) version the said property is/ are free from all sorts of encumbrances.

It is hereby notified that any person, Attorney & /or executor of POA, or entity, firm/ company, Bank, HUF/ member of HUF, financial institution having any claim, any charge, interest or lien or claim on the basis of document informed as lost and/or objection to thereof, he/ she/ they may lodge/ notify the same to the undersigned with documentary proof/ court judgement within 15 days from the day of publication of this public notice, failing which any further/ future claim/ objection(s) shall be rejected and my client/prospective buyer(s) as a bona-fide purchaser conclude the title/ GPA with ATS (Regd.), ATS (Regd.),Will, Receipt / Sale Deed proposed to be executed in favor of my client or in the name of his/ her/ their nominees shall be deemed to be clear & marketable without any defect, encumbrances, flaw and impediment.

**Nirmal Kumar (Advocate)** Ch.No. 561, Saket Courts, N. Delhi (M) 8587898197 Email : nir2verma@gmail.com

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

IT IS HEREBY INFORMED THAT MY CLIENT, SH. NARESH RATTAN S/O SHRI KEWAL KRISHAN RATTAN R/O D-40, DELHI CITIZEN CGHS, SECTOR-13, ROHINI, DELHI, IS THE OWNER OF SOCIETY BUILT-UP FLAT BEARING NO.2103, SITUATED IN DELHI TRANSPORTERS CGHS LTD., JOY APPTS, PLOT NO.2, SECTOR-2, DWARKA, NEW DELHI, AND HE HAS LOST/MISPLACED ORIGINAL ALLOTMENT LETTER AND ORIGINAL POSSESSION LETTER AND ORIGINAL SHARE CERTIFICATE ISSUED BY THE SAID SOCIETY IN THE NAME OF ORIGINAL ALLOTTEE IN RESPECT OF ABOVE SAID FLAT & HE HAS LODGED A FIR/NCR VIDE LR NO. 338636/2022 DATED 23.04.2022, WITH POLICE STATION, CRIME BRANCH, DELHI, IF ANY BODY FIND THE SAID DOCUMENTS, INFORM HIM AT THE ABOVE SAID ADDRESS OR PH. NO.: -9315408799.

IF ANY OTHER CLAIMENT HAS ANY RIGHT IN THE AFORESAID PROPERTY, HE/SHE SHOULD FILE AN FIR & GIVE INTIMATION TO DY/ASST. DIRECTOR, GH, DDA VIKAS SADAN, INA, NEW DELHI WITH IN 15 DAYS FROM THE DATE OF ISSUE OF THIS NOTICE

Sd/- **SURENDER KUMAR (Advocate) Enrl. No. D/152/1988**

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**Nirmal Kumar (Advocate)** Ch.No. 561, Saket Courts, N. Delhi (M) 8587898197 Email : nir2verma@gmail.com

**LOST & FOUND**

I, Deepak Sureka s/o Sh. Om Prakash Sureka R/o 50, TU Block, Pitampura, Delhi - 110034, Have Lost Three Sets Of Documents (G.P.A., Agreement to Sell, Affidavit, Will & Receipt) Dated 06.01.1988, 16.01.1991 & 01.05.1992 Of My Property No. 654/4 (Old) & New No. IX/6489 (Part) Nehru Gali, Gandhi Nagar, Delhi 110031. FIR Lodged Vide LR No. 349251/ 2022, dated - 27.04.2022.

Contact No. 9810008525

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

It is to inform to the public at large that Mr. Vinod and Mr. Pawan Kumar acquired Property No. 267, area 600 sq. yds., Khewat/293/361, Khasra No. 758, waka mauja siwana Nathupur, Sub-Tehsil Wazirabad, Distt., Gurugram, Haryana vide Transfer Deed dt. 07.01.2020 executed by Mr. Mahedner and Now Mr. Vinod and Mr. Pawan Kumar is the undisputed owner of above said property. OR Any person / firm / institution / company having any claim or right in respect of the said Property by way of inheritance, share, sale, agreement, lease, license, gift, possession, legal heirs, partners or encumbrance howsoever or otherwise is hereby required to intimate in writing to the undersigned within 07 days from the date of publication of this notice of his/her/their share or claim, if any, with all supporting documents at below mentioned address. After expiration of notice period, the claims, if any, of such person shall be treated null and void and also treated as waived and not binding on our client.

**Ajay Kumar Giri (Advocate)** H.No. 26/161, Basement, Vikram Vihar, Lajpat Nagar 4, New Delhi 110024

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**To be known to all that my client SHAILENDRA SAXENA S/O LATE SHRI J.S SAXENA, R/O E-14/A, BLOCK-E, DDA FLAT MUNIRKA DELHI owner of E-14/A, BLOCK-E, DDA FLAT MUNIRKA DELHI, has applied for conversion of the aforesaid flat in DDA. The original all documents i.e. Allotment-cum demand Letter, Possession Letter, Site Possession Slip and NOC for electricity and water connection of the above flat have been lost. An FIR to this effect has been lodged in Police Station MUNIRKA, Delhi, vide File No. F/37(177)75/MIG.**

**Any person(s) claiming any right, interest, having any objection or found in possession of original documents, may contact at my address/phone No. 9899943360 within 15 days from the date of publication of this notice. The person claiming any right, interest, objections with respect to this property can personally inform or write to Dy. Director (LAB) H or Director (H)-1, D Block, 3rd Floor, Vikas Sadan, INA, New Delhi. MUKESH KUMAR JHA (Advocate) CH.No.9 DDA Vikas Sadan,INA,N.D-23,**

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

Public at large is hereby informed that on instruction of my client(s) i.e. State bank of India I hereby informed that a property situated at Shop on Ground Floor and Residential on First Floor bearing no- XII/2856-New, 3911-Old, Main Bazar Subji Mandi, Delhi (Area about 67.00 Sq. Yds., & presently owned by Sh. Anil Kumar Chitkara S/o Sh. Ram Ji Das Chitkara by virtue of Will duly regd. vide regd. no. 2606, dt-28.05.2018, SR-1, New Delhi / Delhi.

It is hereby notified that any person or entity, firm/ company, Bank, HUF/ Member of HUF, financial institution having any claim, any charge, interest or lien or claim on the basis of documents &/or objection to thereof, he/ she/ they may lodge /notify the same to the under-signed with documentary proof/ court judgement within 15 days from the day of publication of this public notice, failing which any further /future claim/ objection(s) shall be rejected & my client/ prospective buyer(s) or in the name of his/her/their nominees shall be deemed to be clear & marketable without any defect, encumbrances, flaw & impediment.

**Mithilesh Kumar (Advocate)** Ch. No. 717, District Courts Rohini, Delhi- 85 # 9810593109

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

My client Vishok Pal Singh S/o Late Mahender Pal Singh R/o A-7/5, Rohini, Sector-17, Delhi-110089, do hereby severe all his relations and debar his son Pramod Kumar from all his moveable- immoveable properties due to his misconduct. My client will not be responsible for his any acts & deeds whatsoever in future.

Sd/- **JITENDER SINGH CHAUHAN (Advocate) Ch.No.1504, Lawyers Chamber, Rohini Court, Delhi**

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

This is for general public that my client RENU D/O SH. SATPAL MALHOTRA R/O H.NO, B-1, PLOT NUMBER-PVT 3, KHASRA NUMBER-825, BURARI, DELHI-110084 (A.NO: 3745 8440 1474). has disowned and severed all relations with her elder son PURIT FIALOK residing at H.NO, B-1, PLOT NUMBER - PVT 3, KHASRA NUMBER-825, BURARI, DELHI-110084 (A.NO: 7603 8790 2505), and has dis-inherited him from all her properties due to his misconduct, misbehaviour. Any person dealing with him in any manner shall do so at his own risk and responsibility.

Sd/- **R.N. Agarwal (Advocate) E.No. D/642-B/1993 25, RU-Block Shopping Compex, Pitampura, Delhi**

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

My client Meera W/o Anil Kumar R/o 29/929, DDA Flats, Madangir Dr. Ambedkar Nagar, South Delhi, Delhi-110062, has disowned her son Rahul Arora from her all movable and Immovable properties and severed all relation with him due to his disobedience/ misconduct. My client shall not be responsible for his any acts.

Sd/- **SHALINI KAKAR (Advocate) Ch. No. 386, Saket Court New Delhi-17**

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

My clients Sh.Ramesh Sachdeva S/o Sh.Kharati Lal Sachdeva and Smt. Usha Sachdeva W/o Sh. Ramesh Sachdeva both R/o CGD-045, 4th Floor, Phase I, 15,Shivaji Marg, Moti Nagar, Karmapura, Delhi, have severed their relation and connections from their married daughter Ms.Reena Mugrai and her husband Sh.Vikas Mugrai and their chidren namely Arya & Shaurya Mugrai R/o CA-38D, Shalimar Bagh, Delhi and has also debarred them from all their moveable and immoveable properties. Anybody dealing with them shall be doing so at their own responsibility.

Sd/- **Deepak Sharma (Advocate) Chamber No. 1011, Lawyers Chamber Block Rohini Court, Rohini, Delhi**

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## COURT NOTICE

**In the Court of Sh. Shirish Aggarwal: Administrative Civil Judge-cum-ARC(Central) Delhi- 110054.**

SC. No. 70/2022

N.D.O.H. 16.07.2022

Mr. Rajiv Sood Vs. The State & Ors.

Sh. Rajiv Sood S/o Late Sh. Satya Prakash Sood, R/o 26, Shri Ram Road, Civil Lines, Delhi-54

... Petitioner

**FOR SUCCESSION CERTIFICATE UNDER INDIAN SUCCESSION ACT.1925**

To,
All Concerned

Whereas in the above noted petition the applicant/petitioner has applied for Succession Certificate to the Hon'ble Court Under Section 372 of the Indian Succession Act, 1925 in respect of the debt and securities amount of Rs. xxx. As per record to be standing in the name of **Late Sh. Satya Parkash Sood and Late Smt. Tara Rani Sood** deceased.

Whereas the 16.07.2022 at 10' o clock in the forenoon has been fixed for hearing or the application notice is hereby given to this concerned.

Given under my hand and seal of the court on this 23.04.2022.

SEAL

Sd/- **(Shirish Aggarwal) ACJ/ARC(Central) Delhi**

**WEST CENTRAL RAILWAY**

**E-Tender Notice Kota Division**

**Civil Engineering (Bridge Line)**

Dy. Chief Engineer (Bridge Line), West Central Railway, Kota for and on behalf of President of Union of India invites following open E-Tender for Bridge-Line/ Kota **Sl. No.: 01, Tender No:** Br Line-Kota-6-2022, **Description of Work:** Kota-MTJ Section: Provision of 2-lane road over bridge (ROB) in lieu of LC No. 161 (TVU=87367) at Km: 1047/02-04 between RNT-MXL stations in the section of ADEN-SWM & LC No. 172 (TVU= 86289) at Km: 1075/02-04 at Narayanpura station yard in the section of ADEN-GCC. **Cost of work:₹** 59,05,03,605.34, **Date of closing of tender:** 23.05.2022, Complete details are available in the E-Tender notice uploaded on the railway website **www.ireps.gov.in** and also placed on the notice board of the Dy.CE/ Br. Line/Kota, DRM Office, West Central Railway Kota's office. Offers are acceptable through E-procurement only, all line/Manual offer will not be accepted in any condition. **Dy. CE (Br-Line) WCR, KOTA**

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Last date of submission of all the above tenders is **31.05.2022** by **11:30 Hrs.** For downloading tender documents and other details, kindly visit our website **www.brbnmpl.co.in**. Further extension or amendment/s, if any will be uploaded on our website only.

*General Manager*

**ICAR-Vivekananda Parvatiya Krishi Anusandhan Sansthan**
**Almora - 263601 (Uttarakhand)**

F.No. 23-44/2011-Admn.I/616 Dated: 28.04.2022

**Walk in Interview (Online & Offline Mode)**

It is proposed to fill up the position of **Senior Research Fellow, Junior Research Fellow, Project Associate-I and Research Assistant** under the different projects at this Institute on contractual basis for time bound. The interview will be held by both the online & offline mode. Other detail terms & conditions is available at our Institute's website **www.vpkas.icar.gov.in**

**(R.S. Negi)**
**Senior Administrative Officer**

**कार्यालय अधीक्षण अभियन्ता, निर्माण मण्डल,**
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**दूरभाष : 01376–233911, E-mail: setehripeyjal@gmail.com**

पत्रांक 721 / 508 / 63 **ई–निविदा सूचना** दिनांक 28.04.2022

1.**कार्य का नाम** :– निर्माण शाखा, उत्तराखण्ड पेयजल निगम, उत्तरकाशी के विकास क्षेत्र नौगॉव में जल जीवन मिशन कार्यक्रम के अन्तर्गत **कण्डारी ग्रा0स0 पम्पिंग पेयजल योजना** के समस्त सिविल एवं विद्युत / यांत्रिक व तत्सम्बन्धी निर्माण कार्य।

2.**कार्यदायी संस्था** :– निर्माण शाखा, उत्तराखण्ड पेयजल निगम, उत्तरकाशी।

3.अनुमानित लागत / कार्य पूर्ण करने की अवधि :–रू0 2280.47 लाख / 18 माह

4.ऑनलाईन निविदा प्राप्ति की अन्तिम तिथि :– दिनांक 19.05.2022 समय 17.00 बजे अपरान्ह

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**क्रमांक/मुख्य भण्डार/2022/2532 राजनांदगाव दिनांक-26/04/22**

**।। निविदा आमंत्रण सूचना।।**

भारत रत्न स्व. श्री. अटल बिहारी वाजपेयी स्मृति शासकीय चिकित्सा महाविद्यालय संबद्ध चिकित्सालय राजनांदगाव (छ.ग.) के समस्त विभाग में लगने वाले स्माल इंस्ट्रूमेंट सामग्री के लिये खुली निविदा आमंत्रित की जानी है, इस हेतु अधिकृत कम्पनी एवं अधिकृत एजेंसियों से मुहरबंद निविदाये पंजीकृत डाक/स्पीड पोस्ट के माध्यम से उल्लेखित तिथि अनुसार आमंत्रित किया जाता है, जिसके नियम एवं शर्तो की प्रति कार्यालयीन दिवस पर प्रातः 10.00 बजे से शाम 05.00 बजे तक भारत रत्न स्व. श्री अटल बिहारी वाजपेयी स्मृति शासकीय चिकित्सा महाविद्यालय संबद्ध चिकित्सालय राजनांदगाव (छ.ग.) के मुख्य भण्डार से निविदा फार्म के साथ प्राप्त किया जा सकता है।

01. निविदा प्रपत्र मुल्य :- 1000/- रु. (वापसी अयोग्य)
02. निविदा प्रपत्र विक्रय की अंतिम तिथि :- 19.05.2022 सायं 05 बजे तक
03. निविदा प्रपत्र जमा करने की अंतिम तिथि :- 01.06.2022 दोपहर 03 बजे तक
04. निविदा खोले जाने की तिथि :- 01.06.2022 सायं 04 बजे।

भारत रत्न स्व. श्री अटल बिहारी वाजपेयी स्मृति शासकीय चिकित्सा महाविद्यालय संबद्ध चिकित्सालय राजनांदगाव के कक्ष क्रमांक 26 में।

हस्ता/-
संयुक्त संचालक एवं अधीक्षक
भारत रत्न स्व. श्री अटल बिहारी वाजपेयी स्मृति
शासकीय चिकित्सा महाविद्यालय संबद्ध चिकित्सालय
राजनांदगाव (छ.ग.)

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**Govt. of Jharkhand**
**Energy Department**
**Jharkhand Renewable Energy Development Agency (JREDA)**
3rd Floor, S.L.D.C. Building, Kusai Colony, Doranda, Ranchi-834002.
Ph.: 0651-2491161, Fax: 0651-2491165,
E-mail: info@jreda.com; Website: www.jreda.com

**e-Procurement Notice**
**Tender reference no.: 03/JREDA/SOLARPARK/SUR/22-23**
**Dated: 28.04.2022**

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| 1 | Name of the work | Engagement of Agency for Conducting Topography Survey, Geo-Technical Investigation and Hydrological Study for upcoming 80 MW Solar Park at four different locations namely at Deoghar, Simdega , Palamu and Garhwa in Jharkhand. |
| 2 | Estimated Cost | **Rs. 32,00,000 /-** |
| 3 | Period of work completion | **03 (Three) Months** |
| 4 | Date of publication of NIT on website: http://jharkhandtenders.gov.in | **02.05.2022 (Monday)** |
| 5 | Date & time of Pre-bid meeting | **09.05.2022 (Monday)** at 2.00 P.M. |
| 6 | Last date & time for receipt of online bids | **24.05.2022 (Tuesday)** upto 05:00 PM |
| 7 | Submission of original copies of Bid fee & EMD (Offline) | **24.05.2022 and 25.05.2022** up to 5.00 P.M. |
| 8 | Technical Bid Opening Date | **26.05.2022 (Thursday)** at 3.00 P.M. |
| 9 | Name & address of office inviting tender | Project Director, Jharkhand Renewable Energy Development Agency(JREDA) 3rd Floor, SLDC Building, Kusai, Doranda,Ranchi- 834002 (Jharkhand) |
| 10 | Contact no. of procurement officer | 0651-2491167/68/61 |
| 11 | Helpline no. of e-procurement | 0651-2491167/68/61 |

Any corrigendum/addendum can be seen on website: http://jharkhandtenders.gov.in & ww.jreda.com. Further details can be seen on website: http://jharkhandtenders.gov.in & www.jreda.com

Sd/-
**Director, JREDA, Ranchi**

**PR.NO.269183 Energy(22-23):D**

## SEARCH FOR MISSING WOMAN

MEENA DEVI

General public is hereby informed that this woman namely Meena Devi W/o Suresh Kumar R/o H.No. 189, Machli Wali Gali, Chhatarpur, Mehrauli, New Delhi **Age :** 33 years, **Height :** 5', **Complexion :** Wheatish, **Build :** Strong, **Face :** Round, wearing purples colour salwar-kurti and sandle in feet, has been missing alongwith her two daughters namely **1. Sapna : Age:** 10 Years and **2. Chandni : Age :** 2 Years, since 27.03.2022. In this regard DD No. 62-A & 64A dated 27.03.2022 has been lodged at P.S. Mehrauli, New Delhi.

Any person having information or clue about this missing woman and her daughters may kindly inform to the following:-

**E-mail: cic@cbi.gov.in**
**Website: http://cbi.nic.in**
**Fax: 24368639,**
**Tel.: 24368638/24368641**

**SHO : P.S. Mehrauli, New Delhi,**
**Tel. No. 011-26645050, 26643200**

DP/112/SD/22

## APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION

General public is hereby informed that an unidentified deadbody of male **Age :** About 50 years, **Height :** 5'7", **Complexion :** Fair, wearing black colour pant and white colour vest, was found dead on 25.04.2022 under footover bridge, near Bharat Petrol Pump, Bhogal, New Delhi. In this regard DD No. 53-A dated 25.04.2022 has been lodged at P.S. Sunlight Colony, New Delhi.

Any person having any information or clue about this unknown person may kindly inform to the following:-

**SHO : P.S. Sunlight Colony, New Delhi**
**Ph. : 011-26347481, 09097773438**

DP/92/SE/22

## SEARCH FOR MISSING/KIDNAPPED

SANJANA

General public is hereby informed that one girl Namely **Sanjana D/o Jagdish** R/o E-587, Mangol Puri, Delhi has been missing/kidnapped from the area of PS: Mangolpuri, Delhi since 19.02.2021. In this regard, a case **DD.No.03A dt. 20.02.2021 has been registered at P.S. Mangolpuri, Delhi.** The description of the missing / kidnapped girl is as under.

**Age:** 18 Years 9 month, **Height:** 4' 5', **Complexion:** Shallow, **Face:** Round, **Wearing:** Green colour Top and red colour jeans and slippers. Sincere efforts have been made by the local police to trace out her but no clue has come to light so far. If anyone has any information about the kidnapped/ missing girl then please inform P.S. Mangolpuri, Delhi at following Tel No./ e-mail: cic@cbi.gov.in and Website: http://cbi.nic.in, providing clue about the person.

**Ph: 011-24368638, 24368641**
**Fax No. 011- 24368639**

**Sd/- S.H.O**
**Mangolpuri, Delhi**
**Tel No. 011-27921168**

DP/1653/OD/2022

## SEARCH FOR MISSING

Jai Veer Singh

General public is here by informed that this person (depicted in the photo) namely: **Jai Veer Singh** S/o **Sh. Late Dhanpat Singh** R/o **RZ 394/394A Shiv Puri, West Sagarpur, New Delhi** has been missing/kidnapped from above said address since **dated 23.04.2022 at 6:00 PM.** In this regard DD No. **83A** dated **24.04.2022** has been registered at **PS. Sagarpur, Delhi.** Sincere efforts have been made by local police to trace out the person but no clue has come to light so far.

His physical description is as under:-

**Sex:** Male, **Age:** 65 years, **Height:** 5'6" ft., **Complexion:** Fair, **Face :** Long, **Built :** Thin, **Wearing:** Shirt Sky Blue Pant and Shoes in feet.

Any person is having information or clue about this missing/ kidnapped person may kindly inform to the following:-

**Website:http://cbi.nic.in**
**E-mail: cic@cbi.gov.in**
**Tel. No.: 011-24368638/24368641**
**Fax No.: 011-24368639**

**SHO**
**P.S. Sagarpur, Delhi**
**Ph. No. 011-28522655**
**Mob. No- 7065036228**
**DP/1161/SW/2022**

## PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF ACCUSED PERSON

**See Section 82 Cr.P.C.**

Whereas complaint has been made before me that accused person namely **Sumit Kumar, S/o Sh. Rajesh Singh, R/o:** H.No. B-38, Gupta Colony, Shahbad Dairy, Delhi has committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence in case **FIR No. 774/17 U/s 354A/509 IPC** registered at P.S. Shahbad Dairy, Delhi and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest there upon issued that the said **Sumit Kumar** cannot be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said **Sumit Kumar** has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant). Proclamation is hereby made that the said **Sumit Kumar** accused of **FIR No. 774/17 U/s 354A/509 IPC,** P.S. Shahbad Dairy, Delhi is required to appear before this Court to answer the said complaint on or before **20.08.2022.**

**By Order**
**Ms. Upasana Satija**
**Ld. Metropolitan Magistrate-02, Mahila Court, Room No. 104, 1st Floor, North District, Rohini Court, Delhi**

DP/1773/ON/2022

## SEARCH FOR MISSING/KIDNAPPED

Seeta Yadav

Krish

General Public is hereby informed that one female **Namely:** Seeta Yadav, **W/o: Kishan, R/o**: E-206, Yadav Nagar, Samaypur, Delhi has been missing/kidnapped **(with her 10 months son: Krish)** since **22.03.2022** at 2:07 pm. from her house from the area of P.S. Samaipur Badli, Delhi. In this regard a case vide **DD No. 41A dated 23.03.2022** has been lodged at P.S. Samaipur Badli, Delhi. The description of the missing/kidnapped female are as under: **Age:** 25 years, **Sex:** Female, **Face:** Round, **Height:** 5', **Complexion:** Fair, **Built:** Medium, **Wearing:** Red colour saree and sandal in her feet. Sincere efforts have been made by local police to trace out the female and her son but no clue has come to light so far. Any person having any information or clue about this female and her son kindly inform to the following.

**Website: http//cbi.nic.in**
**E-mail Id - cic@cbi.gov.in**
**Ph.: 011-24368638, 24368641**
**Fax No. 011-24368639**
**DP/1787/ON/2022**

**SHO**
**P.S. Samai Pur Badli, Delhi**
**Ph.: 011- 27854799, 7065036326**

## राजस्थान कर्मचारी चयन बोर्ड

राज्य कृषि प्रबंध संस्थान परिसर, दुर्गापुरा, जयपुर-302018, फोन-0141-2552796

क्रमांकः प. 2(50)/RSSB/Accounts/All Frisking/2021-22/3694 Date: 27/04/2022

**संशोधित ई-निविदा सूचना**

इस कार्यालय के पत्रांक 2(50)/RSSB/Accounts/All Frisking/2021-22/ दिनांक 13.04.2022 को जारी निविदा संख्या 01/2022-23 में अपरिहार्य कारणों से निविदा प्राप्त करने एवं खोलने की तिथि में निम्नानुसार संशोधन किया जाता है:

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| निविदा प्रस्तुत करने की अंन्तिम तिथि एवं समय | 04.05.2022 को दोपहर 1.00 बजे तक |
| टेन्डर फीस, अमानत राशि, RISL फीस के डी.डी. एंव BID SUBMISSION REPORT की हार्ड कॉपी प्रस्तुत करने का समय | तकनीकी निविदा खोलने से पूर्व |
| तकनीकी निविदा खोलने की अन्तिम तिथि एवं समय | 04.05.2022 को दोहपर 3.00 बजे |

उक्त बिड आमंत्रण सूचना के शेष बिन्दु/सूचना यथावत रहेंगी।

हस्ता/-
सचिव
राजस्थान कर्मचारी चयन बोर्ड, जयपुर

DIPR/C/6120/2022

## GOVERNMENT OF MEGHALAYA
## MEGHALAYA STATE SKILLS DEVELOPMENT SOCIETY

**No. MSSDS/342/2020/233** **Dated: Shillong, the 29th April, 2022**

**EXTENSION NOTICE**

The last date for submission of proposals to the notice inviting expression of interest (EOIs) from agencies ("Bidders") for the provision of the creative and media services to Meghalya State Skills Development Society (MSSDS). issued vide No. MSSDS/342/2020/210, dated 29th March, 2022, extended to 29th April, 2022 is further extended to 12th May, 2022 by 3:00 PM. The opening of proposals will be on the same day at 4:00 PM.

Sd/-
**Executive Director**
**Meghalya State Skills Development Society**

MIPR No. 183
Dt. 29/4/2022

## भौतिक अनुसंधान प्रयोगशाला, अहमदाबाद

(अंतरिक्ष विभाग, भारत सरकार)

## Physical Research Laboratory, Ahmedabad

**(Department of Space, Government of India)**

**Admission to JRF Programme 2022**

**Online Applications are invited for admission to Junior Research Fellowship Programme 2022**

**Important Dates**

- Starting of filling up of online application form : **25.04.2022**
- Last date for filling up of online application form : **20.05.2022**
- Interview Dates : **6-7-8 June 2022**
- The upper age limit is **28 years** as on **01.07.2022**

For more details and online application form please visit **https://www.prl.res.in/prl-eng/phd.**

**DEAN. PRL**

## APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION

General public is hereby informed that an unidentified person, **Namely** : Unknown, **S/o**: Unknown, **R/o:** Unknown, **Age**: about 35 years, **Height** : 5'4", **Complexion** : Wheatish, **Face** : Round, **Built** : Thin, **Wearing :** Blue colour T-shirt and Blue colour lower and bare footed has been found dead at patri, near Airport Metro, New Delhi Railway Station, Kamla Market, Delhi on 25.04.2022. In this regard a case vide DD No. 28A Dated 25.04.2022 has been lodged at P.S. Kamla Market, Delhi. The dead body has been preserved in MAMC Mortuary, Delhi.

Any person having any information or clue about this dead found person may kindly inform to the following:-

**SHO :**
**P.S. Kamla Market, Delhi**
**Central Distt., Delhi**
**Tel. No. 011-23230623, 23233743**

DP/1414/CD/2022

## SEARCH FOR MISSING GIRL

**Khushi**

General public is hereby informed that this girl namely Khushi D/o Deepak R/o H. No. 246 Near Radha Krishan Mandir, Vilage Pooth Khurd, Delhi **Age :** 19 years, **Height :** 4'7'', **Face :** Round, **Build :** Thin, **Complexion :** Fair, wearing Mahrum colour Top, black colour pajami and blue colour hawai chappal in feet, has been missing since 23.03.2022 at 1:30 pm from the area of PS Bawana, Delhi. In this regard DD No. 107A dated 23.03.2022 has been lodged at P.S. Bawana, Delhi.

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

**E-mail: cic@cbi.gov.in**
**Website: http://cbi.nic.in**
**Fax: 24368639,**
**Tel.: 24368638/24368641**

**SHO : P.S. Bawana, Delhi**
**Ph. : 011-27752534, 27751949**

DP/1789/ON/22

## PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF ACCUSED PERSON

**See Section 82 Cr.P.C.**

Whereas complaint has been made before me that accused person **Vivek Aggarwal** S/o Umesh Aggarwal R/o C-90, Out of Khasra No. 359/6, Mahendru Enclave, G.T. Karnal Road, Delhi has committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence Case CC No. 3051/2019 u/s 138 NI Act. PS. Lahori Gate, Delhi and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest thereupon issued that the said **Vivek Aggarwal** cannot be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said **Vivek Aggarwal** has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant). Proceeding u/s 82 Cr.P.C. have been initiated in the case. Proclamation is hereby made that the said **Vivek Aggarwal** accused of Case CC No. 3051/2019 u/s 138 NI Act. PS. Lahori Gate, Delhi is required to appear before this Court to answer the said complaint on or before **02.06.2022.**

**By Order: Bhujali**
**Metropolitan Magistrate**
**Room No. 201, 2nd Floor, Court Building Annexe-II, Tis Hazari Court, Delhi**

DP/2232/N/22

## APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION

General public is hereby informed that an unidentified male **Age :** About 40-45 years, **Height :** 5'6", **Build :** Medium, **Complexion :** Wheatish, **Face:** Long, wearing blue colour underwear, white colour gamcha and black colour rubber challa in left hand, was found unconscious on 25.04.2022 at pole no. 1539/19 between Mithaipul, railway line, near Sadar Bazar, Delhi. He was admitted in Aruna Asaf Ali Hospital, Delhi vide MLC No. 21266/22, where doctor declare him brought dead. In this regard a DD No. 46-A dated 25.04.2022 u/s 174 Cr.P.C. has been lodged at P.S. Old Delhi Railway Station, Delhi. The dead body has been preserved for identification in the mortuary of Subzi Mandi, Delhi.

Any person having any information or clue about the deceased may kindly inform to the undersigned on the following address or telephone nos.

**SHO - P.S. Old Delhi Railway Station, Delhi**
**Tel. No. : 011-23961522, 23980685**

DP/124/RLY/22

## कार्यालय नगर पालिक निगम सतना ( म.प्र. )

**NIT क्र/02/(E.T.) /जलप्रदाय/ न.पा.नि.2022-23** **निविदा आमंत्रण सूचना** सतना, दिनांक :- 27/04/2022

नगर पालिक निगम, सतना द्वारा केन्द्रीयकृत व्यवस्था, के अंतर्गत म.प्र. लोक निर्माण विभाग में पंजीकृत निविकारों से नगरीय प्रशासन एवं विकास विभाग भोपाल के ISSR दिनांक 10.05.2012 के आधार पर निम्नलिखित कार्य हेतु एस.ओ.आर. प्रतिशत दर पर ऑनलाइन निविदायें आमंत्रित की जाती हैं। उल्लेखित कार्य की निविदा का विस्तृत विवरण बेवसाई https://www.mptenders.gov.in पर देखा जा सकता है

| क्र. | निविदा क्र. व दि. | टे. क्र. | कार्य का नाम | अनुमानित लागत | अमानत राशि | निविदा प्रपत्र का मूल्य | कार्य की समयावधि ( वर्षाकाल छोड़कर ) |
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| 01 | 02/01 27.04.2022 | 2022_UAD _199649_1 | अशोक बिहार एवं सतोषी माता में उच्च स्तरीय टंकी की भरने एवं सप्लाई करने हेतु फीडर एवं डिस्ट्रीब्यूशन पाईप लाईन का कार्य। ( रिस्क एण्डकास्ट ) DMF Fund | 97,09,000/- | 97,100/- | 10,000/- | 04 माह |
| 01 | 02/02 27.04.2022 | 2022_UAD _199651_1 | नजीराबाद एवं मारूती नगर में उच्च स्तरीय टंकी की भरने एवं सप्लाई करने हेतु फीडर एवं डिस्ट्रीब्यूशन पाईप लाईन का कार्य। ( रिस्क एण्डकास्ट ) | 2,48,71,105/- | 2,48,800/- | 15,000/- | 05 माह |

शर्ते

1. निविदा प्रपत्र वेबसाईट https://www.mptenders.gov.in पर दिनांक 28.04.2022 समय 15.30 से दिनांक 28.05.2022 समय 17.30 बजे तक ऑनलाईन भुगतान करने पर प्राप्त हो सकेगा।
2. निविदा में संशोधन की सूचना बेबसाईट पर ही प्रकाशित की जावेगी, समाचार पत्र पर संशोधन की सूचना प्रकाशित नहीं की जावेगी।
3. ठेकेदार का जीवित पंजीयन, जीएसटी का जीवित पंजीयन, पेन कार्ड दिया जाना अनिवार्य होगा।

Sd/-
कार्यपालन यंत्री
नगर पालिक निगम, सतना ( म.प्र. )

## Government of Himachal Pradesh
## Jal Shakti Vibhag

**NOTICE INVITING TENDER**

The Engineer-in-Chief, Jal Shakti Vibhag, Himachal Pradesh on behalf of the Governor of Himachal Pradesh invites two covers (Technical & Financial bid) **online** tender from manufacturers of reputed firms for supply of ISI marked Galvanized Mild Steel Tubes conforming to IS:1239 (Part-1) 2004 with latest amendments in random lengths of 4 to 7 mtrs. screwed or plain ended on both ends as per IS:554/1999 in the sizes of 15mm dia & 150mm dia (22585 MT) amounting to **Rs. 248.44** Crore approximately of nominal bore and classes (Light, Medium & Heavy), sockets conforming to IS:1239(Part-2) 2011 with latest amendments so as to be uploaded online on or before **18.05.2022 up to 5:00 PM on the site** https://hptenders.gov.in. **The technical bid shall be opened online on the next day i.e. 19.05.2022 at 11:30 AM** in the office of Executive Engineer, Jal Shakti Division No.1 Kasumpati Shimla-9 by the committee constituted by the department in the presence of the intending tenderers or their authorized representatives, if they wish to do so. If the opening date happens to be a holiday then the tenders shall be received up to and opened on the next working day at same time. The descriptions given herein are in brief. The complete details and the tender documents containing B.O.Q. with specifications and other terms and conditions can be downloaded from the above mentioned website.

The Cost of Tender Form Rs. 2500/- and Earnest Money **Rs. 50.00** Lacs (Rupees Fifty Lakh only) be deposited either through online mode (e-payment) or physical mode. In case of physical mode in the shape of National Saving Certificates, demand draft or fixed deposit duly pledged in favour of Executive Engineer, Jal Shakti Division, Kasumpati, and Shimla-9. Earnest Money shall be refundable to un-successful tenderers only after finalization of the tender and shall be retained in case of successful tenderers which shall be treated as security deposit to be refunded after the successful completion of supply.

In case of physical mode the scanned copy of all these documents and proof of cost of tender form and earnest money payment be uploaded alongwith the original documents be submitted in the o/o Executive Engineer, Jal Shakti Division, Kasumpti, Shimla-9 **up to 11:30 AM on 19.05.2022** i.e. prior to the opening of technical bid.

In the two cover tender, first cover shall contain scanned copy for proof of cost of tender form, earnest money and all other specified documents as per terms and conditions of the tender to check the technical eligibility. The second packet shall contain only the financial bid.

**The financial bid of only those bidders shall be opened whose first packet is found in order as per the terms and conditions document as verified from the scanned copies of original documents uploaded by the firms.**

The offer of the tender shall be kept open for 120 days. The Engineer-in-Chief, Jal Shakti Vibhag, Shimla-171005, reserves the right to reject any or all the tenders without assigning any reasons.

**The authorization letter regarding Digital Signature Certificate (DSC) of the person authorized by the firm to upload the bid be uploaded along with the other documents online.**

**Only firms fulfilling the terms and conditions specified in the document for terms and conditions need apply.**

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## UTTARAKHAND POWER CORPORATION LIMITED

उत्तराखण्ड पावर कारपोरेशन लि०

**(A Govt. of Uttarakhand Undertaking)**
**Corporate Identity No. U40109UR2001SGC025867, V.C.V. Gabar Singh Urja Bhawan, Kanwali Road, Dehradun-248001,**
**Tel. : 0135-2762444, Fax No. : 0135-2763839, E-mail ID :- cgmupcl@yahoo.com, Website : www.upcl.org**

Uttarakhand Power Corporation Limited invites e-tenders **(www.mstcecommerce.com)** for purchase of short term power for the months May-2022 to Mar-2023 (RTC/Non RTC) as per Ministry of Power, Government of India guidelines dated 30-03-2016 and its amendment frorn time to time against Tender Specification N o. **02/CE (COMM)/ UPCL-02/2022-2023.**

| Month | Timings From | Timings To | Quantum of Power (MW) | Minimum Bid Quantity (MW) | Delivery Point |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| May - 22 | 00;00 | 24:00 | 400 | 50 | Uttarakhand State Periphery |
| | 00:00 | 05:00 | 200 | 50 | |
| | 22;00 | 24:00 | 200 | 50 | |
| Jun - 22 | 00:00 | 24:00 | 150 | 50 | |
| | 00:00 | 05:00 | 100 | 50 | |
| | 22:00 | 24:00 | 100 | 50 | |
| Jul - 22 | 00:00 | 24:00 | 100 | 50 | |
| Aug - 22 | 00:00 | 24:00 | 150 | 50 | |
| Sep - 22 | 00:00 | 24:00 | 100 | 50 | |
| Oct - 22 | 00:00 | 24:00 | 250 | 50 | |
| Nov - 22 | 00:00 | 24:00 | 300 | 50 | |
| Dec - 22 | 00:00 | 24:00 | 600 | 50 | |
| Jan - 23 | 00:00 | 24:00 | 600 | 50 | |
| Feb - 23 | 00;00 | 24:00 | 400 | 50 | |
| Mar - 23 | 00:00 | 24:00 | 400 | 50 | |

The timelines for short term procurement / bid process and activities thereafter are as under :-

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| Last Date of request for purchase of tender document | 06.05.2022 upto 10;00 hrs. |
| Last Date and time of submission of e-tender document | 06.05.2022 upto 12;00 hrs. |
| Date and time of opening of tender document (Part-1) | 06.05.2022 upto 13:00 hrs. |
| Date and time of opening of Initial Price Offer (IPO) & e-Reverse Auction (e-RA) | 09.05.2022 at 10:00 hrs. |
| Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) in the shape of Bank Guarantee should be in favour of Executive Engineer (CM), UPCL, VCV Gabar Singh Urja Bhawan, Kanwali Road, Dehradun and to be submitted in the office of SE (Commercial), UPCL, VCV Gabar Singh Urja Bhawan, Kanwali Road, Dehradun | Rs. 30,000 / MW / month of offered capacity |
| Cost of tender Specification (Demand Draft in favour of) Executive Engineer (CM), UPCL, VCV Gabar Singh Bhawan, Kanwali Road, Dehradun and to be submitted in the office of SE (Commercial), UPCL, VCV Gabar Singh Urja Bhawan, Kanwali Road, Dehradun | Rs. 29,500/- (Rs. Twenty Nine Thousand Five Hundred Only) including taxes. |

The qualifying requirements for a bidder to bid for this tender are as follows :

1. The bidder must quote not less than 50 MW quantum of power from single source of generation.
2. The quantum of power offered by the bidder shall be firm power for the duration mentioned above.
3. The bidder must submit the details of Bidder Company as per Annexure "A' of tender specification for consideration of their bid. Bidder shall ensure submission of (General/Technical/Financial Information for last three years supported by unabridged Annual Financial Statements, assets and liabilities statements and other financial statements duly certified.)
4. If Bidder is a Trader, it should submit a copy of valid Category license or equivalent Trading License issued by CERC/Appropriate Commission.
5. If Bidder is a Trader, it should submit a copy of at least one number executed power purchase agreement or an equivalent arrangement for supply of power/ Letter of intent.
6. The consultancy/Joint Venture firm deputed by UPCL as a consultant shall not be eligible for participating in aforesaid tender
7. The bidder has to submit a self declaration in Rs. 100/ - non judicial stamp paper declaring that the bidder has cleared all his dues/liabilities and has no outstanding net financial liability / net dues towards UPCL on the last date of submission of bid.
8. UPCL being a distribution licensee is having Long Term Access. Accordingly, no Short Term Open Access charges shall be payable for inter-state transmission system as per the Regulation dated 04.05.2022 up to the limit of LTA, however, if any additional open access will required to be taken by the bidder, with prior written consent of UPCL, over and above the LTA then the same will be duly reimbursed by UPCL.
9. Application for Open Access shall be made by bidder/ trader on behalf of UPCL. Timely application shall be made to ensure supply of contracted capacity on RTC/ Non RTC basis at delivery point and all applicable charges shall be to the account of bidder except the Open Access Charges (if applicable). Any subsequent applications for change in approved open access quantum shall be processed only after prior written consent of UPCL. Any consequences towards delay in application shall be to the account of bidder.

UPCL reserve the right to unilaterally reject the bid at any stage or the processing of the tender if any declaration submitted by the bidder is found false/incorrect/misrepresented.

The documents will be issued to the bidders only through e-tender i.e. **(www.mstcecommerce.com)**. E-tenders will be received and opened on the dates as mentioned above. In case the above date is holiday, the tenders will be received & opened on the next working day at same time. The undersigned reserves the right to refuse to issue the tender documents to any applicant and also to reject any or all tenders without assigning any reason thereof and no claim on this account shall be acceptable. **The tenders received after the date & time mentioned above shall not be considered**. Bid will be submitted on **(www.mstcecommerce.com)** only and hard copy of technical bid will also be submitted to the office of SE (Commercial), UPCL. All other details and terms & conditions are available in tender document. For any assistance on E-tendering, please contact or telephone number 011-23217850.

**No.: 142/1/EE(CM)/UPCL/A-2 Dated : 29.04.2022**

**Superintending Engineer (Commercial)**
**UPCL, Dehradun**

**SAVE ELECTRICITY IN THE INTEREST OF THE NATION. Use L.E.D. Bulb to Save Electricity**
**(Toll Free No. 1912) "Pay Electricity Bill online 24x7 from www.upcl.org"**
**(For information on Electricity Theft, Informer may report to Toll Free No. 1800 180 4185/Fax No. 0135-2760911)**

## EAST CENTRAL RAILWAY

**E-TENDER NOTICE**

e-tender is invited on behalf of the President of India for the under mentioned work:-

1. E-Tender No. : ECR-CAO-C-S-ETEN-05-22-23 in Two Packet System, Name of work : Earth work in cutting, filling, blanketing, extension/construction of Minor Bridges, Retaining wall, approach road, and other associated work in connnection with Hazaribag - Banadag (N.T.P.C) doubling work. Approx cost of the work in (Rs.) : 44,39,11,450.29, Earnest Money (Rs.) : 23,69,600.00, Period of work completion : 12 (Twelve) Months, Date and time for closing of tender 18.05.2022 15.30 hrs.

Any e-tenders which is sent by Post/ Courier/Fax or by hand will not be accepted. All such manual submission of tender even if it is on firm's letter pad or received in time will not be accepted. The above e-tender document alongwith full information is available on website **http://www.ireps.gov.in. Note:** In case of any descripencies found in tender notice, English version will be final. Tenderers are requested to visit the website **http://www.ireps.gov.in** atleast 15 days before last date of closing, for latest corrigendum/corrections etc. in connection with this e-tender.

**CAO/Con/South**
**EC Rly. MHX, Patna**

**PR/00159/CONS/ENGG/T/22-23/36**

## EAST CENTRAL RAILWAY

**E-Tender Notice**

**e-tender is invited on Behalf of the President of India for the under mentioned work: (1) e-tender No.:** ECR-CAO-C-S-06-22-23, **Name of work:** Construction of 2 Nos. RUB/LHS in lieu of existing level crossing No. 16/C/2E at km. 264/9-11 &17/C/T at km 265/17-19 in between PKA-MPO section of Dhanbad division on ECR, **Approx cost of the work in (Rs.)**: 13,33,37,251.68, **Cost of tender form in (Rs.)**: 0.00, **Earnest money in (Rs.)**: 8,16,700.00, **Perod of work completion:** 12(Twelve)Months, **Date and time for closing of tender:** 19.05.2022 **at 15:30 hrs.** Any e-tenders which is sent by Post/Courier/Fax or by hand will not be accepted. All such manual submission of tender even if it is on firm's letter pad or received in time will not be accepted. The above e-tender document alongwith full information is available on webite **http://www.ireps.gov.in** Note: in case of any decrpencies found in tender notice, English version will be final. Tenders are requested to visit the website **http://www.ireps.gov.in** atleast 15 days before last date of closing, for latest corrigendum/corrections etc in connection with this e-tender **Any change/ addendam/ corrigendum will be published on IREPS website only**

**CAO/Con/South/**
**EC Rly. MHX, Patna.**

PR/00162/CONS/ENGG/T/22-23/40

## EAST CENTRAL RAILWAY

**E-TENDER NOTICE**

E-tender is invited on behalf of the President of India for the under mentioned work:-

SN : 1, e-Tender No. : ECR-CAO-C-S-ETEN-12-22-23, Name of work : Providing architectural and technical consultancy for feasibility study, master planning, urban designing, engineering & Preparation of Detailed Project Report (DPR) for integrated re development of Dhanbad (DHN) Railway Station, Approx cost of the work in (Rs.) : 5901745.00, Cost of tender form in (Rs.) : 0.00, Earnest money in (Rs.) : 118000.00, Period of work completion : 240 (Two Hundred Forty) Days

SN : 2, e-Tender No. : ECR-CAO-C-S-ETEN-13-22-23, Name of work : Providing architectural and technical consultancy for feasibility study, master planning, urban designing, engineering & Preparation of Detailed Project Report (DPR) for integrated re development of Buxar (BXR) Railway Station, Approx cost of the work in (Rs.) : 1658415.00, Cost of tender form in (Rs.) : 0.00, Earnest money in (Rs.) : 33200.00, Period of work completion : 240 (Two Hundred Forty) Days

Date and time for closing of tender : 20.05.2022 at 15.00 hrs.

Any e-tenders which is sent by Post/ Courier/Fax or by hand will not be accepted. All such manual submission of tender even if it is on firm's letter pad or received in time will not be accepted. The above e-tender document alongwith full information is available on website **http://www.ireps.gov.in. Note:** In case of any decrpencies found in tender notice, English version will be final. Tenderers are requested to visit the website **http://www.ireps.gov.in** atleast 15 days before last date of closing, for latest corrigendum/corrections etc in connection with this e-tender. Any change/addendam/ corrigendum will be published on IREPS website only

**CAO/Con/South**
**EC Rly. MHX, Patna**

**PR/00161/CONS/ENGG/T/22-23/52**

## EAST CENTRAL RAILWAY

**TENDER NOTICE**

E-Tenders are invited for execution of the following works by Divisional Railway Manager (Engg.), E. C. Railway, Dhanbad:-

Sl.No. : 1, E-Tender No. : 08-DHN-2022-23, Name of the work with its location & completion period : Supply of drinking water through private water tanker at Gomoh Railway Colony under SSE/W/1/GMO in the jurisdiction of ADEN/1/GMO, 06 (Six) Months, Approx. cost of work (In Rs.) : 9,90,269.60

Sl.No. : 2, E-Tender No. : 09-DHN-2022-23, Name of the work with its location & completion period : (Balance Work): Complete track renewal with 60 Kg. rail & PSC sleeper in Pradhankhanta-Bhojudih section Total-0.87 Km. under AEN(2)/DHN, 05 (Five) Months, Approx. cost of work (In Rs.) : 15,05,372.58

Sl.No. : 3, E-Tender No. : 10-DHN-2022-23, Name of the work with its location & completion period : Supply of drinking water through private water tanker at SGRL, SKTN, Anpara, KRSL, KRLR, OBRA, Chopan, BXLL and DXN in Railway Colony and Service Building for 01 year under ADEN/CPU & ADEN/RNQ, 12 (Twelve) Months, Approx. cost of work (In Rs.) : 24,36,400.12

Sl.No. : 4, E-Tender No. : 11-DHN-2022-23, Name of the work with its location & completion period : GMO: Providing drainage system of North GMO yard to avoid water logging at GMO yard during rainy season in the jurisdiction of ADEN/1/GMO, 03 (Three) Months, Approx. cost of work (In Rs.) : 63,21,259.81

Sl.No. : 5, E-Tender No. : 12-DHN-2022-23, Name of the work with its location & completion period : GC: Strengthening of Minor Bridges No.3 (DHN-BLI) & replacement of bridge No. 80 (BLME-NMG) in GC Section of DHN Division, 12 (Twelve) Months, Approx. cost of work (In Rs.) : 2,12,81,496.00

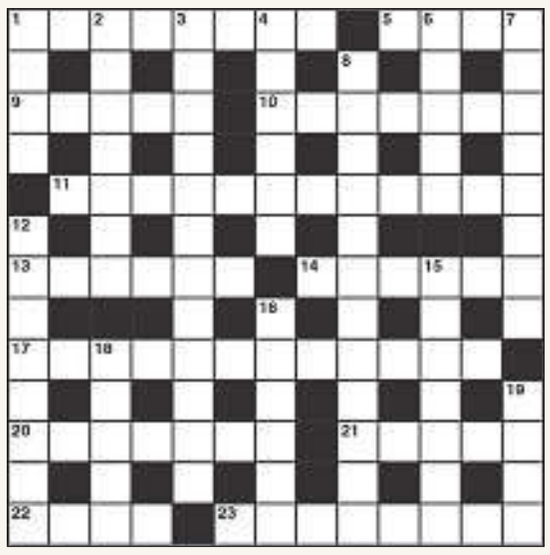
Sl.No. : 6, E-Tender No. : 13-DHN-2022-23, Name of the work with its location & completion period : Improvement & renovation of Sub-Divisional Railway Hospital of Patratu, 12 (Twelve) Months, Approx. cost of work (In Rs.) : 78,75,096.99

Earnest Money (In Rs.) : Earnest Money is applicable as shown in **http://www.ireps.gov.in.** portal, Date & Time for closing and opening of e-tender : Date of closing of e-tender at 17-00 hours on 19.05.2022. Date of opening of e-tender from 12:00 hrs. on 20.05.2022. Website particulars : **http://www.ireps.gov.in** No manual tender will be accepted against e-tendering.

**Divisional Railway Manager (Engineering)**
**East Central Railway/Dhanbad**

**PR/00158/DHN/ENGG/T/22-23/68**

## CROSSWORD 4728



**ACROSS**
1 One rum is enough for a Frenchman (8)
5 Open a container (4)
9 Doctor has to die in agony, having no water left (5)
10 Comes from the revised version (7)
11 All alone, like Nelson (6-6)
13 An impressive month? (6)
14 Family tension (6)
17 Removed all the crooks? (12)
20 Decide to separate (7)
21 Benefit a few and suffer for it (5)
22 It has its ups and downs as a plaything (2-2)
23 Irresolution is a failing (8)

**DOWN**
1 Produced under pressure? (4)
2 Driving a point home? (7)
3 It's being idle that's hard to stomach (12)
4 Nude is out of pants perhaps (6)
6 Between Jan 1 and Dec 1 I've been dancing (5)
7 Not a visitor I'd outwardly object to (8)
8 Ruin the riverside as punters try to do (5,3,4)
12 Casual observer turned out to be a Serb spy (6-2)
15 Mean to declare a woman's secret (7)
16 Smile when you say that (6)
18 Get us included in a try-out when out of practice (5)
19 Some will suffer with misfortunes (4)

**Solutions Crossword 4727: Across:** 1 Adulthood, 8 Amuse, 9 Elevens, 10 Swathe, 11 Victor, 12 Eminence, 15 Contests, 18 Treble, 20 Loaded, 21 Enlarge, 22 Sweet, 23 Scientist. **Down:** 2 Delhi, 3 Levity, 4 Huntress, 5 Darwin, 6 Cutting, 7 Deference, 11 Voiceless, 13 Instance, 14 Enrages, 16 Erects, 17 Repast, 19 Lagos.

## OVER THE HEDGE by Michael Fry & T Lewis

## CALVIN & HOBBES by Bill Watterson

## MARVIN by Tom Armstrong

## DAY TODAY

BY PETER VIDAL

**ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr 20)**
It now seems that you will want to procrastinate and deliberate for a little longer before taking the plunge. Even if you do make a sudden decision this may be revised after additional factors enter the equation. As circumstances change so your mood will alter, and that creates difficulty in making final plans.

**TAURUS (Apr 21 - May 21)**
Even though you are entering a phase when work and routine chores will be consuming yet more of your time, there is no indication that this is going to be unpleasant. On the contrary, much of your future contentment will derive from good, solid, honest, hard work.

**GEMINI (May 22 - June 21)**
You shouldn't expect anyone to mean what they say. The reason is not any intention to mislead, rather a genuine confusion as to the real significance or nature of anything that happens, however trivial. Even minor developments can have major consequences, as acorns give birth to mighty oaks.

**CANCER (June 22 - July 23)**
It is from times of great astrological turbulence that all human advance results. Therefore, as far as you are concerned, current emotional strains may be thoroughly enjoyable if you are genuinely prepared to let go of the past. But if you hang on too hard, you may lose out.

**LEO (July 24 - Aug 23)**
Every action has its cost, and you must pay for commitments which may be irrelevant to the current state of your life. You may settle all debts and call in any money owing to you. The sooner the decks are cleared, the more easily you'll be able to tackle emotional questions.

**VIRGO (Aug 24 - Sep 23)**
Quite extraordinary and totally unexpected developments on the work front around now can, and will, make you feel that you did right to stand up for your own ideas and risk a break with established procedure. Come to think of it, a change could be as good as a very comfortable rest.

**LIBRA (Sep 24 - Oct 23)**
These are hectic days for matters of an intimately personal nature and for those involving partnership and matrimonial affairs. For the best results, combine your romantic desires with a sense of what is truly possible and realistic, otherwise you'll be off in a fantasy-never-never land.

**SCORPIO (Oct 24 - Nov 23)**
So much depends on the approach you take and the tactics you employ when dealing with matters which are frankly too sensitive to discuss in public. Please understand that other people may not want you to reveal too much just now, so respect a confidence.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov 24 - Dec 22)**
Life is an expensive business and it is no use trying to cut corners. Every penny you try to save now will cost you a pound when the time for the great reckoning arrives. It's best to be realistic, especially as, believe it or not, other people are relying on you.

**CAPRICORN (Dec 23 - Jan 20)**
Life has been so exciting for most of you that I very much doubt whether you have had cause to complain about a lack of attention or enjoyment. Some of you, on the other hand, have yet to hit the jackpot. When you do, it will be all the better for having waited.

**AQUARIUS (Jan 21 - Feb 19)**
It now looks as if you cannot afford to make any more false moves. The general confusion in the air is too widespread for you to add to it by being uncertain about your own direction and motives. Try to work out what you want and do stop dithering.

**PISCES (Feb 20 - Mar 20)**
In many respects you fare better than most at the moment because you're so well fitted to deal with periods of general emotional upheaval. You, and only you, understand what is truly shaping people's affections. That's partly what makes you such a very special person.

## 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.

**_____ is not having a program - it's how one behaves in a crisis. - Frank Auerbach (4,5)**

SVAEE

IPRYLT

ABSRS

ANRSLY

SOLUTION: EAVES, BRASS, TRIPLY, SNARLY
Answer: **Real style** is not having a program - it's how one behaves in a crisis.
- Frank Auerbach

## SUDOKU 4820

**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

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## SOLUTION SUDOKU 4819

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| 7 | 8 | 9 | 5 | 3 | 6 | 1 | 2 | 4 |
| 1 | 6 | 2 | 7 | 4 | 8 | 3 | 9 | 5 |
| 5 | 3 | 8 | 6 | 2 | 4 | 7 | 1 | 9 |
| 9 | 4 | 7 | 8 | 5 | 1 | 6 | 3 | 2 |
| 6 | 2 | 1 | 9 | 7 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 8 |

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**OFFICE OF THE ENGINEER-IN-CHIEF (CIVIL), ODISHA**
**NIRMAN SOUDHA, UNIT-V, BHUBANESWAR**

File No. B-IV-H (H&D) 21/22 Ltr No. 16612 Dt. 26th Apr 2022

**1st Corrigendum to Bid Identification No. CE(B) - 02/2022-23**

Name of the work: Engagement of Programme Management consultant for various Health infrastructure projects in Odisha.
1. "Last dt. of Submission of hardcopy" may be read as "Last dt. of online submission"
2. The Critical Dates have been modified as follows.

| Description of Activity | Schedule Date | Extended Date |
|---|---|---|
| Availability of Bid Document in the website | From dt. 26.04.2022 | From dt. 04.05.2022 |
| Deadline for Submission of Pre-Proposal / Pre-Bid Queries | Dt. 07.05.2022 up to 11.00 AM | Dt. 13.05.2022 |
| Issue of pre-proposal clarifications | Nil | Dt. 18.05.2022 |
| Last dt. of Submission of hardcopy | Dt. 17.05.2022 up to 5.30 PM | Nil |
| Last dt. of online submission | Nil | Dt. 26.05.2022 up to 5.30 PM |
| Date of Opening of Bid | Dt. 18.05.2022 up to 11:30 AM. | Dt. 27.05.2022 at 11:30 AM |

3. All other terms and conditions remain unchanged.

Sd/- Chief Engineer (Buildings), Odisha
OIPR-34117/11/0010/2223

**DELHI JAL BOARD: GOVT. OF N.C.T. OF DELHI**
**OFFICE OF THE ADDL. CHIEF ENGINEER (P)-8,**
**THROUGH EXECUTIVE ENGINEER WATER BODIES-II**
3RD FLOOR, VARUNALAYA PH-I, NEW DELHI- 110005
Email: eewb2djb@gmail.com
NIT NO. 03/EE(WB)-II/(2022-23)

| Sl. No. | Name of Work | Estimated Contract Value (ECV)/Amount put to tender | Earnest Money (EMD) | Tender Fee | Date of Release of tender in E-Procurement Solution & Tender ID No. | Last Date / Time of receipt of tender E-Procurement Solution |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | Providing laying & jointing 700 mm dia treated effluent rising main from 900 mm dia. twin rising main Bawana PPCL to Harewali Minor along Western Yamuna Canal. | Rs. 11,24,18,513/- | Rs. 21,25,000/- | Rs. 1,500/- | 29.04.2022 2022_DJB_221352_1 | 20.05.2022 at 3.05 PM |

**Further details in this regard can be seen at https://govtprocurement.delhi.gov.in**
ISSUED BY P.R.O (WATER) Sd/- **Rakesh Kumar**
Advt. No. J.S.V. 72(2022-23) **EE(WB)-II**
**"STOP CORONA, WEAR FACE MASK, FOLLOW PHYSICAL DISTANCING, MAINTAIN HAND HYGIENE"**

**World Skill Center**
Mancheswar Industrial Estate, Bhubaneswar-751007
Website: www.skillodisha.gov.in
E-mail: tenders@worldskillcenter.org

**REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL FOR ARCHITECTURE**

Sealed quotation are invited from renowned architects for construction of hostel and other facilities in Bhubaneswar, for WSC. Details regarding eligibility criteria, terms & conditions and the formats for submission of tender can be downloaded from the website www.skillodisha.gov.in. Interested bidders shall submit the bids complete in all respects in the office of the Chief Executive Officer, First Floor, World Skill Center, Mancheswar, Bhubaneswar-751007.

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| Last date & Time for Submission of RFP | 3.00 PM of 20th May, 2022 |
| Date & Time of Opening of Bids | 4.00 PM of 20th May, 2022 |
| Contact Number | 0674-2580079 |

Sd/-
Chief Executive Officer
OIPR- 14083/11/0008/2223

**AGRICULTURE DEPARTMENT HIMACHAL PRADESH**
**NOTICE INVITING E-TENDER**
**O/o Deputy Director of Agriculture, Palampur, Distt. Kangra, H.P.**
**Telephone No. 01894230528 e-mail: ddakangra@ymail.com**

On line bids on item rate basis are invited by the Deputy Director of Agriculture, Palampur, Distt. Kangra, H.P. on behalf of Governor of Himachal Pradesh, in electronic tendering system in two covers for the under mentioned work from the contractors/firms of appropriate class enlisted with HPPWD, HP Jal Shakti Vibhag, HP Housing Board, HPTDC etc

**Name of Work:- Construction of Farmer Advisory cum Training Centre at Nagrota Bagwan Tehsil Nagrota Bagwan, Distt. Kangra, H.P.**
**Amount put to the tender: - Rs. 3455706/-**
**EMD: - Rs. 86400/-**
**Time of Completion: - One year.**
**Cost of Form:- Rs. 3500/-(Non Refundable)**

1. Tender document and other instruction can be downloaded or viewed online from the portal https://hptenders.gov.in by the firms /individual registered on the website, which is free of cost.
2. As the bids are to be submitted online are required to be encrypted and digitally signed, the bidders are advised to obtain Digital Signature Certificate (DSC) from suitable vendors or from any authorized agency at the earliest.
3. **Key dates:-**

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0636/HP **HIM SUCHNA AVAM JAN**

**Ministry of Health and Family Welfare**
**Department of Health Research**
**Government of India**
**Call for applications/nominations for the post of Director General, Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR)- cum-Secretary, Department of Health Research**

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Application can also be sent at the email id:- geetan@nic.in
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**U.P. State Industrial Development Authority**
UPSIDC Complex, A-1/4, Lakhanpur, Kanpur-208024

**Notice for Public Objection / Suggestion on Amendment / Revised Part Layout Plan of Industrial Area Babrala, District - Sambhal.**

**1 (a)** The Amendment / Eevised Part Layout Plan of Industrial Area Babrala, including creation of **a new Plot No. A-1/4M (Measuring-137096.0 Sq.m.) and revision in Plot no.- A-1/1, A-1/2, A-1/3, A-1/5, A-1/6, park and facility** of Uttar Pradesh State Industrial Development Authority (UPSIDA) situated in District Sambhal has been prepared.

**(b)** A copy thereof will be available for inspection at the Regional Manager of the Uttar Pradesh State Industrial Development Authority, Bareilly between 10:00 am to 5:00 pm on all working days till the date mentioned in Para 3 hereafter as well as **Website: www.onlineupsidc.com**

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**3.** Objections and suggestions are shall be sent in writing to the office of Regional Manager UPSIDA at Bareilly within 15 days from the date of publication of this notice mentioning subject as **"Regarding Public Objection / Suggestion on Amendment / Revised Part Layout Plan for Babrala, District - Sambhal.** Any person making the Objections or Suggestions should also give his / her full name & address, Email id and contact number.

**(Regional Manager)**
**U.P. State Industrial Development Authority**

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MI vs LSG, 3.30pm,
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## BRIEFLY

### Pujara scores third century for Sussex

*Hove:* Senior India batter Cheteshwar Pujara continued his stellar show in the English County Championship, scoring his third century in as many games for Sussex here on Friday. Pujara, who was batting on 107 off 167 balls, hit 13 fours to help his side take a substantial lead against Durham, who were all out on 223 in their first innings. The out-of-favour India batter, who is in sparkling form, is making most of his county stint. He now has scored three hundreds including a double century in his five innings. Making his debut for Sussex, Pujara had scored 6 and an unbeaten 201 to help his side draw the match against Derbyshire. In the Sussex's 34-run loss to Worcestershire, he scored 109 in the first innings, followed by 12 in the second essay. **PTI**

### Three-way lead at Asiad golf trials

*Bengaluru:* Rashid Khan hit sizzling form at the right time to card a 6-under 66 and join Viraj Madappa (69) and Karandeep Kochhar (67) in the lead at the Asian Games golf trials here. The golfers have now played four rounds with one more to go. The trio of Khan, Madappa and Kochhar is at 14-under. Yuvraj Sandhu got back into the reckoning with a 66 on the fourth day. In the women's section, Avani Prashanth (74-64-69-70) trails Jahanvi Bakshi (69-69-69-69) by one shot in the four-round aggregate. the opening set. **PTI**

### Bengal beat Manipur, to meet Kerala in final

*Mallapuram:* Football powerhouse Bengal outplayed a lacklustre Manipur 3-0 to storm into the Santosh Trophy final for the 46th time, here on Friday. Before the Manipuri outfit could blink, the record 32-time champions slammed in two goals via Sujit Singh (2'), Mohammed Fardin Ali Molla (7') to give them a 2-0 lead at the break. Dilip Orawn (74') completed the tally for Bengal with a peach of a strike to set up a summit clash against hosts Kerala here on May 2. The last time Bengal advanced into the final was in the 2017-19 season when they lost to Kerala on penalties at their home venue of Salt Lake Stadium. On Thursday, Kerala beat Karnataka 7-3 and storm into the final. **PTI**

### Six-team T20 league in South Africa

*Johannesburg:* Cricket South Africa on Friday announced a new six-team franchise based T20 league, to be played in January next year. The league is set to comprise six privately owned franchises playing each other in a double round before the top three sides move to the play-off stages. Thirty-three matches will be played over three to four weeks. Four international players to feature in the playing XIs of each team. **PTI**

# Sindhu scripts drama, semis spot

Beats Chinese Bingjiao in thriller to reach last four of Badminton Asian Championship; is assured of medal

**SHIVANI NAIK**
APRIL 29

IT WILL always escape the dour medal-counters of Indian sport - those who get hung up on suffixes to attach to PV Sindhu — just how precious her value is, to sport's biggest metric: capturing eyeballs on a day-to-day basis. Capturing and holding them steady in the now, in the present.

Sindhu was born for television.

Her game, the contests that reach the critical mass of excitement before exploding into fireworks and how an opponent gets snared into a duel entirely of her making, is the stuff of sporting spectacle that Olympic sports crave, in between Games years.

Badminton, with its widely whimsical broadcast schedules, where fans across the world are scrambling for livestreams of early rounds, lucks out when top players hit the tube. In her 10th year since her first major medal - the bronze at the 2013 World Championships, what's remained unchanged is Sindhu's ability to add a zing of natural theatrics to every contest, making her amongst the most prominent of pivots, the most happening gig at any tournament.

The inflection-point in the quarterfinals of the Badminton Asian Championship in Manila – which Sindhu edged 21-9, 13-21, 21-19 - came at 16-14 in the decider against Chinese left-hander He Bingjiao. There is a whiff of controversy about whether it was actually 16-15, as the Chinese who was trailing, claimed. But the lead-up to that point was no less dramatic.

First the primer: the shuttles in Manila are literally shooting from one side of the court owing to the drift, which makes controlling them very difficult.

Sindhu was on the more manageable side in the opener and took it 21-9. Bingjiao broke away at 10-10 in the second from the better side, and raced to take the next 21-13. Even-stevens, aka Sindhu territory, the decider.

Sindhu will face top seeded Japanese Akane Yamaguchi in the semifinals. *PTI*

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### Dramatic decider

Carrying a clear plan of keeping a chunky cushioning lead while on the good side, Sindhu reached 11-5 in the third at the change of ends. She was 11-2 at one point. Against the Chinese whom she thumped in the Tokyo Olympics for a bronze after missing out on a gold medal-final, Sindhu looked set to win Match-22. Then came the catch.

The chair umpire had been kept busy by the duo with challenges as the shuttle straggled along the tramlines like a tipsy trundler at 3-2 early in the game.

In courtcraft, Sindhu's round-the-head reverse-angled dippers were fetching her points, even as the smash tested Bingjiao's body defence. The Chinese smashed one capriciously into the net and her lifts sailed out as Sindhu reached 16-9, well on course for the semis.

To be sure, this was a mediocre quality shot-making match, with errors hogging the bragging rights to points.

Realising she needed to curb Sindhu's flow, Bingjiao went for the forecourt low dips at the net to make Sindhu bend on the left and open up the right half of the court. Improvisations on this took the Chinese to 16-13. Sindhu's early lead was being chipped into, and it has happened often that opponents run away with momentum from here. Sindhu parked the bus.

Then something bizarre happened. It was at the end of a 13-shot rally that Bingjiao's floating return landed on the sideline, bringing her to two points within Sindhu's score. The challenge was more of a water-sipper break than anything with conviction because the shuttle dropped within inches of her. The review went in the Chinese player's favour.

At the start of that rally, the score on the adjacent court with another women's singles quarterfinal was 4-1.

On Sindhu's court, calling for the review and then the resolution of the Hawkeye and then summoning of players saw a variety of scorelines flashing on the board. 16-14, 16-15, 16-13, 17-14, the confusion went on for long enough as the announced score and the screen scores were revised with two outside officials walking onto the court to resolve the muddle.

While the chair umpire was reeling off the score some moments later, both players took turns to declare their versions of the score to her.

The Chinese claimed it was 16-15 and seemed to be under the impression that a short point was played out after the review. Sindhu insisted it was 16-14 - something the umpire finally went with.

By this time, the other quarterfinal had moved to 14-4 from 4-1, and Bingjiao did indeed take the next point with a cross net interception that Sindhu dumped into the net.

Suddenly, it was a 1-point game after Bingjiao's flurry of six straight points, after a not-so-straight panning out of events. What followed was errors galore from both players who were a tad shaken by l'affaire scoreboard. Still Sindhu showed all kinds of stubbornness at the net to take it to 20-17 and three match points.

Three times in the match, Bingjiao was left crawling on all fours trying to reach the shuttle, as Sindhu's drops stumped her.

A 24-shot rally followed, and the shuttle demanded to hog attention brushing the very top of the tape, threatening to tumble over, but falling to the same side cheekily to bring the Chinese to 20-18. Another Sindhu error brought it to 20-19 before the Chinese found a flinging lift limp off the net and an emotional hyper-charged Sindhu fell to the floor in relief. There's still a semifinal to fight against Akane Yamaguchi on Saturday. But one wouldn't be blamed for thinking Friday was the blockbuster final.

# Woods to practise before deciding on PGA Championship

**ASSOCIATED PRESS**
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TIGER WOODS flew to Oklahoma for a practice round at Southern Hills, the first step in deciding whether he can play in the PGA Championship. The 18-hole practice round while walking came three weeks before the start of the PGA Championship being held May 19-22 at Southern Hills in Tulsa.

Golf Channel reported that Southern Hills head pro Cary Cozby caddied for Woods on Thursday. After the practice round, the PGA of America posted a photo on Twitter of Woods and Cozby looking at the yardage book. Tulsa TV station KOTV showed an overhead shot of Woods putting. He was wearing a black compression sleeve on his right leg. Ken MacLeod, publisher of "Golf Oklahoma" magazine was at Southern Hills and one photo he posted show 10 members of the Oklahoma PGA Junior League who were being honored gathered on the 18th green as Woods teed off on No. 10.

Woods made a remarkable return to golf at the Masters following his Feb. 23, 2021, car crash outside Los Angeles that shattered bones in his right leg and ankle.

In his first time competing and walking a course, he made the cut for the 22nd straight time, though he tired on the weekend and his limp was more noticeable in rounds when he shot 78-78. He finished in 47th place out of the 52 players who made the cut.

Southern Hills last hosted a major in 2007, when Woods won the PGA Championship for the second straight year and fourth time overall. That week featured his lowest score in a major, a 63 in the second round with a birdie putt that spun in and out of the cup on the final hole.

Woods left Augusta National unsure of when he would play next, although he confirmed he would be at the British Open at St. Andrews this summer.

He has entered the PGA Championship and the U.S. Open at Brookline in June, though that was a formality as an exempt player. Woods' movement was picked up by internet sites tracking his private plane from South Florida to Tulsa, Oklahoma, along with a photo on Twitter showing the plane on the tarmac. It didn't generate the same buzz as when he went to Augusta National a week before the Masters, uncertain then if he would play the first major of the year.

Southern Hills is not as strenuous a walk as Augusta National, except for the steep decline walking off the first and 10th tees and the inevitable uphill climb back toward the clubhouse, with only slight elevation along the way. While tired after the Masters, Woods could only see himself getting better.

"I don't quite have the endurance that I would like to have had, but as of a few weeks ago, didn't even know if I was going to play in this event," he said after final round at Augusta National. "To go from that to here, we're excited about the prospects of the future, about training, about getting into that gym and doing some other stuff to get my leg stronger, which we haven't been able to do because it needed more time to heal."

# Bowlers deliver as Lucknow edge out Punjab

**SYNOPSIS:** Krunal stars, as bowlers offset Lucknow Super Giants middle-overs muddle

**SHAMIK CHAKRABARTY**
APRIL 30

At 92/5, it fell on ginger-haired Bradford boy Jonny Bairstow to take his team, Punjab Kings, over the line. Lucknow Super Giants had scored 153/8, but the pitch was a bit tacky and their bowlers, especially Krunal Pandya and Dushmantha Chameera, stood up to be counted. Both teams dished out pretty average batting performances, refusing to grab the game by the lapels. Bairstow was Punjab's last hope but he flattered to deceive, as his team limped to 133/8 to lose by 20 runs. As their captain Mayank Agarwal said, "too many soft dismissals" derailed their chase.

Mohsin Khan, 23, starred with the ball for LSG, taking three wickets. *Sportzpics for IPL*

### Krunal stars

Liam Livingstone's wicket was the turning point of the game. Lucknow had employed the spin-choke, through Ravi Bishnoi and Krunal, but Livingstone took the attack to the former and broke the shackles with an 18-run over. Then, he became a prisoner of his overconfidence. Shuffling across to a Mohsin Khan delivery and attempting a cheeky flick cost him his wicket.

As Punjab faltered in their chase, Krunal was the real star for Lucknow. His miserly bowling built pressure, apart from accounting for Bhanuka Rajapaksa and Jitesh Sharma. The impressive Mohsin was Lucknow's most successful bowler with 3/24. But the medium pacer benefited from the pressure created by Krunal's 2/11 in his four overs. Chameera (2/17), too, was excellent. Together, they offset their side's middle-overs muddle.

"I thought we didn't quite have the total we wanted to, but the guys bowled really well and somehow our bowlers got it done for us tonight. We have to thank them," wicketkeeper-opener Quinton de Kock nailed it at the post-match presentation.

### Middle-overs muddle

In the end, De Kock's 37-ball 46 proved to be immensely vital. In fact, he was the top scorer in this game. This hasn't been a very productive IPL for de Kock, bar a couple of fifties. It takes time for any player to settle down in a new franchise. On Friday, he looked determined to take his knock deep, until a Sandeep Sharma delivery kissed the outside edge and the left-hander walked despite the on-field umpire negating the caught-behind appeal. Such sportsmanship is at a premium in modern-day cricket and de Kock set a fine example.

The IPL has entered mid-season and the pitches are getting tired and sluggish, especially in this extreme heat. It's no longer a 200-plus game and partnership batting is gaining importance. Lucknow's batting is a bit top-heavy, a tad over-reliant on their two openers. De Kock, a couple of reprieves notwithstanding, was building a partnership with Deepak Hooda, playing smart cricket and picking the right deliveries to hit. The two added 85 runs for the second wicket, but once de Kock was out, his team was caught in a middle-overs muddle.

Hooda was run out at the non-striker's end by a superb throw from Bairstow. Krunal holed out to long-on, trying to hoick Rabada, when common sense batting was the need of the hour. Ayush Badoni played an even poorer shot in the same over and fell prey to an excellent catch from Livingstone. Going ahead, the youngster will learn that a whip-flick is a low-percentage shot against a bowler of Rabada's quality, and more so for a batsman of Badoni's height. Suddenly, from 98/1 in the 13th over, Lucknow slipped to 109/5 at the end of 15th. It quickly became 111/6 following Marcus Stoinis' dismissal – caught and bowled Rahul Chahar.

Lucknow were playing an extra bowler in this game, Avesh Khan coming in for Manish Pandey. At the toss, KL Rahul rued Jason Holder's lack of batting time and hoped that at No. 7, the all-rounder would have some opportunity to make an impact. Of course, the Lucknow skipper didn't foresee a collapse that would have Holder as the last recognised batsman standing when the death overs arrived. The latter hit a towering six off Chahar but was taken at deep cover next ball. Chameera swung for fun and hit two consecutive sixes against Rabada. But he played one big shot too many and became the fast bowler's fourth victim; 4/38. Still, those lower-order runs turned out to be hugely important for Lucknow.

**BRIEF SCORES: Lucknow Super Kings:** 153 for 8 in 20 overs (Quinton de Kock 46, Deepak Hooda 34; Kagiso Rabada 4/38) beat **Punjab Kings** 133 for 8 in 20 overs (Jonny Bairstow 32, Mayank Agarwal 25; Mohsin Khan 3/24, Krunal Pandya 2/11, Dushmantha Chameera 2/17)

### IPL TABLE

| TEAM | M | W | L | PT | NRR |
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| GT | 8 | 7 | 1 | 14 | 0.371 |
| RR | 8 | 6 | 2 | 12 | 0.561 |
| LSG | 9 | 6 | 3 | 12 | 0.408 |
| SRH | 8 | 5 | 3 | 10 | 0.600 |
| RCB | 9 | 5 | 4 | 10 | -0.572 |
| DC | 8 | 4 | 4 | 8 | 0.695 |
| PK | 9 | 4 | 5 | 8 | -0.470 |
| KKR | 9 | 3 | 6 | 6 | -0.006 |
| CSK | 8 | 2 | 6 | 4 | -0.538 |
| MI | 8 | 0 | 8 | 0 | -1.000 |

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### Bishnoi smiles and Bishnoi winces

Ravi Bishnoi, whose run-up gives the air of a boy running away, clutching a stolen mango from the grove, winced when he realised he had over-stepped and had to bowl a free hit ball to the big-hitter Liam Livingstone. It was perfect way for Livingstone, who was yet to get off the mark, to have a free swing without any second thoughts.

Instead, Bishnoi served a 109.1 pacy skidder that burst through to crash into the stumps even before Livingstone could get his bat down. But Livingstone would have his payback next over, when he skimmed down the track to blast the ball for successive sixes over long-off and long-on. Bishnoi's wince returned. Until that over, Bishnoi, who had an average outings in the last three games, was looking good. In his first over, he bowled a full one that straightened on the middle stump to beat Shikhar Dhawan's slog sweep. He fell in love with the art of legspin after watching Shane Warne and has said that he would like to produce a big leg break akin to Warne's ball of century that got Mike Gatting. For that though, he might well have to change his action; as things stand he is mainly a googly bowler who gets the ball to straighten on occasions.

### Sharma does what he does best

The name of the franchise may change and teammates yet Sandeep Sharma seems to be a permanent feature of the Punjab franchise. His role also seldom changes – bowling most of his overs upfront when his predominantly inswing offerings are often difficult to negotiate. But when the ball loses its shine, his lack of express pace makes him vulnerable against the long handle.

Friday was also going to script. Sharma bowled the second, fourth and seventh overs as KL Rahul, Quinton de Kock and Deepak Hooda found him tough to line up, the ball beating the edge on several occasions. The three overs went for just eight runs, but Sharma has often seen initial good work spoilt in the later overs. When he was brought back in the 13th over, something similar was expected with Hooda and De Kock set at the crease. With the first three balls going for nine runs – more than what Sharma had conceded in his first three overs – there would have been a sense of déjà vu. But then De Kock feathered an edge to Jitesh Sharma behind the stumps and walked. Final figures of 1/18 are nothing to be scoffed at, especially when the wicket precipitated a collapse that reduced Lucknow Super Giants to 111/6 from 98/1.

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# Becker gets jail time for bankruptcy offences

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TENNIS GREAT Boris Becker was sentenced to 2 1/2 years in prison on Friday for illicitly transferring large amounts of money and hiding assets after he was declared bankrupt.

The three-time Wimbledon champion was convicted earlier this month on four charges under the Insolvency Act and had faced a maximum sentence of seven years in prison. Judge Deborah Taylor announced the sentence after hearing arguments from both the prosecutor and Becker's attorney.

The 54-year-old German was found to have transferred hundreds of thousands of pounds (dollars) after his June 2017 bankruptcy from his business account to other accounts, including those of his ex-wife Barbara and estranged wife Sharlely "Lilly" Becker. Becker was also convicted of failing to declare a property in Germany and hiding an 825,000 euro (USD 871,000) bank loan and shares in a tech firm. The jury at Southwark Crown Court in London acquitted him on 20 other counts, including charges that he failed to hand over his many awards, including two Wimbledon trophies and an Olympic gold medal.

Becker, wearing a striped tie in Wimbledon's purple and green colors, walked into the courthouse hand in hand with girlfriend Lilian de Carvalho Monteiro.

Boris Becker and his partner Lilian at Southwark Crown Court in London. *AP*

The six-time Grand Slam champion has denied all the charges, saying he had cooperated with trustees tasked with securing his assets — even offering up his wedding ring — and had acted on expert advice.

At Friday's sentencing hearing, prosecutor Rebecca Chalkley said Becker had acted "deliberately and dishonestly" and that he was "still seeking to blame others."

Defense attorney Jonathan Laidlaw argued for leniency, saying his client hadn't spent money on a "lavish lifestyle" but rather on child support, rent and legal and business expenses. Becker, he told the court, has experienced "public humiliation" and has no future earnings potential.

Becker's bankruptcy stemmed from a 4.6 million euro (USD 5 million) loan from a private bank in 2013, as well as about USD 1.6 million borrowed from a British businessman the year after, according to testimony at the trial.

During the trial Becker, said his USD 50 million career earnings had been swallowed up by payments for an "expensive divorce" and debts when he lost large chunks of his income after retirement.

Becker rose to stardom in 1985 at the age of 17 when he became the first unseeded player to win the Wimbledon singles title and later rose to the No. 1 ranking.

# Azarenka finds no sense in Wimbledon ban

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BELARUS' VICTORIA Azarenka said the Wimbledon ban on players from Russia and her country makes no sense and the former world number one called on the tennis governing bodies to take action against the decision.

The All England Lawn Tennis Club (AELTC), which hosts the grass court Grand Slam, took the decision in the wake of Russia's invasion of Ukraine and the stand was swiftly condemned by the men's and women's tours. read more

"If you are asking me if I agree with Wimbledon or I see their reasoning after being on a personal call with them, I don't see their reasoning," Azarenka told reporters in Madrid on Thursday.

# Ronaldo salvages 1-1 draw for Man United

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CRISTIANO RONALDO'S fifth goal in three games salvaged a point for Manchester United in a 1-1 draw against Chelsea that further damaged his team's chances of a top-four finish in the Premier League.

Ronaldo ran onto a ball over the Chelsea defense from Nemanja Matic and delivered a clinical finish in the 62nd minute, two minutes after Marcos Alonso gave the visitors the lead.

Reece James later curled a shot against the post for Chelsea, which dominated the first half but found United goalkeeper David de Gea in fine form. With only three games left to play in the league, United stayed in sixth place — five points behind fourth-place Arsenal and having played two matches more than its rival for Champions League qualification. Tottenham is between the two teams, in the fifth spot, with three more points than United and two games in hand. Chelsea consolidated third place and is six points above Arsenal. Ronaldo came into the game having scored a hat trick against Norwich and another goal against Arsenal in his previous two games. On 17 goals, Ronaldo is tied with Son Heung-min in second place in the Premier League scoring chart behind Mohamed Salah. "Not only the goal Cristiano scored but his whole performance, his attitude at age of 37, this is not normal to do that," interim United manager Ralf Rangnick said. "If he plays like he did today he can still be a big help to this team." The buildup was dominated by reports that Rangnick was considering taking over as Austria's national team coach as well as more protests against the Glazer family's ownership. Some protesters entered Old Trafford in the 17th minute, having missed a minute for each of the Glazers' 17 years in charge.

"Glazers out" read a banner above the tunnel before kickoff at Old Trafford, where a mixture of De Gea's saves and poor-decision making meant Chelsea failed to turn their 11 shots into a deserved halftime lead. Thomas Tuchel's team finally broke the deadlock when Alonso volleyed home following Kai Havertz's flick-on but Chelsea was unable to build on that. United defender Victor Lindelof saw a stoppage-time header denied and the highlight of the closing stages was the introduction of 17-year-old talent Alejandro Garnacho for his United debut.

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| 1. | Release of RFP on Govt. Procurement portal and Deptt. Website | 11.04.2022 | 03.00PM |
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| 3. | Date & time for opening of Pre-Qualification Bid Cover | 12.05.2022 | 12 Noon |
| 4. | Date & time for opening of Technical Bids | 17.05.2022 | 12 Noon |
| 5. | Date of opening of Commercial Bids | 23.05.2022 | 12 Noon |

Note:-

1. If any due date happens to be a holiday then the next working day will be the due date at the same time.
2. Please note that the Pre-Bid. Meeting was conducted on 21.04.2022 and the replies to Pre-Bid queries have been uploaded on Deptt. Website.

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