



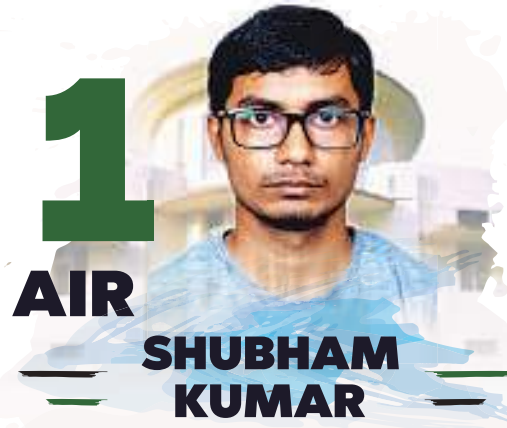
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General public is hereby informed that one person Name: Rajkumar, S/O: Unknown, R/O: Unknown, Age: 50-55 Yrs. (About), Height: 5'5", Sex: Male, Complexion: Shallow, Face: Long, Build: Thin, Wearing: Red, White & Blue Check Dhardhar Shirt, Garm Baniyan and Black Pant, Place of Recovery: Found in illness condition on 31.03.2022 in the area of MCD primary school Majupur and admitted in GTB Hospital, where during treatment he was declared dead by Doctor vide MLC No. BD/0903/3/22.

In this regard DD No. 85-A, Dated: 31.03.2022 has been lodged at Police Station, Jafrabad, Delhi. Any clue come to notice please inform undersign.

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Mann wants Gurbani on all media; focus on govt: SGPC



Mann: Allow 'advanced broadcast technology' at Golden Temple

KANCHAN VASDEV
CHANDIGARH, APRIL 7

PUNJAB CHIEF Minister Bhagwant Mann on Thursday appealed to the Shiromani Gurdwara Parbandhak Committee (SGPC) to allow the AAP government to install "advanced broadcast technology" at the Golden Temple in Amritsar to beam the Gurbani live on various digital platforms globally. The plea, however, drew a frosty response from the Akali-dominated SGPC, which asked him to "focus on running the government" and "not meddle in religious affairs". In a video message, Mann said: "This endeavour would go a long way in offering an opportunity to devotees to listen to the Gurbani besides having a

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In blow to Imran, Pak SC restores House, orders vote

Says dissolving National Assembly illegal; no-trust motion tomorrow

SAJJAD HUSSAIN
ISLAMABAD, APRIL 7

IN A body blow to Imran Khan, Pakistan's Supreme Court on Thursday unanimously struck down a controversial ruling by the Deputy Speaker on the rejection of a no-confidence motion against him and ordered restoration of the National Assembly, saying the Prime Minister's move to dissolve Parliament and call early elections was "unconstitutional".

In a landmark 5-0 verdict, a five-member bench headed by Chief Justice Umar Ata Bandial ruled that Deputy Speaker Qasim Suri's ruling was "contrary to the Constitution and the law and of no legal effect, and the same are hereby set aside."

"The Deputy Speaker gave a ruling on April 3. Leave was granted on the no-confidence motion on March 28. The ruling of the Speaker is declared un-



Opp supporters celebrate outside the Supreme Court in Islamabad, Thursday. AP

constitutional," Chief Justice Bandial said.

The court also declared the advice by Khan to President Arif Alvi to dissolve the National Assembly as "unconstitutional."

The bench, including Justices Ijazul Ahsan, Mohammad Ali Mazhar Miankhal, Munib Akhtar and Jamal Khan Mandokhel, also

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SUCH HASTY MOVE IS ADDING
fuel to fire: China votes for Russia

Message to Moscow



Security personnel identify civilians killed in Bucha on the outskirts of Kyiv on Wednesday. AP

India abstains in UNGA vote that sacks Russia from rights council

YOSHITA SINGH
UNITED NATIONS, APRIL 7

THE UNITED Nations General Assembly Thursday suspended Russia from the UN Human Rights Council over reports of "gross and systematic violations and abuses of human rights" in Ukraine, prompting Moscow to announce it was quitting the body.

India abstained in the vote

that indicted Russian soldiers for killing civilians while retreating from towns near Ukrainian capital Kyiv.

The US-led push got 93 votes in favour, while 24 countries voted no and 58 abstained. A two-thirds majority of voting members in the 193-member UNGA in New York — abstentions do not count — was needed to suspend Russia from the

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Despite Russia's red flag, why India put foot down in its tightrope walk

SHUBHAJIT ROY
NEW DELHI, APRIL 7

THIS WAS India's 12th vote at the United Nations where it abstained — 11th since Russia invaded Ukraine on February 24 — but it was New Delhi's sharpest message to Moscow so far.

For, an abstention — it does-

n't count to calculate the tally — at the United Nations General Assembly on the resolution to suspend Russia from the UN Human Rights Council is, effectively, seen as siding with those who voted "Yes", essentially the West-led by the US.

More so, when according to a note accessed by Reuters,

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China hackers targeted power grids near Ladakh, says report

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
CHENNAI, APRIL 7

CHINESE HACKERS targeted power grids in north India over the last several months including in March this year, a US-based private cybersecurity firm has claimed. It said the seven targeted State Load Despatch Centres (SLDCs) were "in proximity to the disputed India-China border in Ladakh".

Using a family of malware called ShadowPad, these hackers targeted SLDCs in north Indian states, according to a report released by Recorded Future, a Massachusetts-based cyber security firm that describes itself as specialising in the collection, processing, analysis and dissemination of threat intelligence.

The hackers are backed by Chinese state entities, the report said, linking the use of the trojan ShadowPad and hacking groups to the People's Liberation Army and the Chinese Ministry of State

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Withdraw lookout, say sorry to Aakar Patel, court tells CBI chief

ANAND MOHAN J
NEW DELHI, APRIL 7

A DELHI court Thursday directed the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) to withdraw its lookout circular (LOC) against former Amnesty International India chief Aakar Patel. It told the central agency's director to issue



Patel said he was again stopped at Bengaluru airport on Thursday

Hours later, Patel, who was stopped Wednesday from boarding a US flight at Bengaluru international airport, tweeted that he was stopped at immigration again.

"Have been stopped at immigration again. CBI has not taken me off their look out circular," he posted at night. "Immigration at

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a written apology to Patel to "heal his wounds" and "uphold the public trust in the agency".

Tourists throng Valley: 50 flights a day and night

PRANAV MUKUL
NEW DELHI, APRIL 7

FROM MILLENNIALS and young professionals to honeymooners and multigenerational families, the Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir is witnessing record levels of tourism.

The increased number of direct flights to Srinagar, in addition to the UT's tourism department initiatives, are drawing travellers there, travel agencies said, adding that the demand for tourism in J&K in the ongoing summer travel season is four times what was witnessed pre-pandemic. Also, given that most

hotels are running at near full-occupancy, room tariffs have seen a sharp increase of 40-80%.

J&K typically is among the top tourism destinations for domestic travellers in the summer season. "With heatwaves gripping India earlier than usual this year, travellers are preferring hill stations and beach destinations

for summer getaways. We have seen 17-20% month-on-month growth in travel search queries for Srinagar. Advance bookings for the region are also picking up," Rajnish Kumar, co-founder & group chief product & technology officer at online travel portal ixigo, said.

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Eight including journalist stripped at MP police station; probe ordered

IRAM SIDDIQUE
BHOPAL, APRIL 7

THE MADHYA Pradesh police on Thursday ordered an internal inquiry and shunted out a Station House Officer (SHO) and an Inspector after a photograph was posted on social media of eight men, including a freelance journalist who runs a YouTube channel, stripped down to their underwear and standing inside a police station in Sidhi district.

Sidhi SP Mukesh Shrivastava told The Indian Express that the incident was linked to a protest outside Kotwali Police Station by a group of people against the arrest of a theater artist on April 2 for allegedly defaming BJP MLA Kedamath Shukla and his son on Facebook using a false identity.

He said YouTuber and freelance journalist Kanishk Tiwari was among those who were part of the protest and detained under IPC section 151 (assembly to disturb public peace) and released a few hours later. "But why they were stripped and who did that is being investigated," the SP said.

Speaking to reporters, Tiwari said he was detained while covering the protest against the local MLA. He said that he and his cameraperson were detained and stripped inside the station, and that SHO Abhishek Singh clicked the photograph and threatened to parade them naked if they reported the incident.

Tiwari alleged that he was also repeatedly asked "why I write against the MLA".

Later, in a video released on

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TEEN APPREHENDED, SAY POLICE

5-year-old boy dies in accident, 1 injured

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, APRIL 7

A FIVE-YEAR-OLD boy died while his 58-year-old grandfather sustained injuries after their scooter was allegedly hit by a bike in Southwest Delhi, said police, adding that they have apprehended a teenager in connection with the case.

According to police, the incident took place on Wednesday evening when the man, Prem Prakash (58), and his grandchildren, Vidit (5) and Daksh (3), were heading home from a park. Police said they received a PCR call around 6.30 pm from locals and the hospital where the boy was taken.

Vikram Singh, Additional DCP, said, "We were told that the five-year-old died and Prakash sustained injuries in a road accident. Prakash was going on his scooter with his two grandsons when they got into an accident with a bike. A case was registered under sections of rash driving, causing hurt by act endangering life and causing death by negligence."

"We apprehended a 15-year-old boy... He said he was with his friend, and the two were on their way home when their bike hit the scooter. The boy and his friend escaped afterwards," said Singh.

Police denied the family's allegation that it was a case of road rage.

Vidit's father Mohit Kumar said he rushed home on Thursday after he heard the news. "I was working yesterday when my wife called and said Vidit got into an accident. The boys go and play football every day with other kids. They were returning home with my father when their scooter touched the bike and the accused hit them on the head..." he alleged.

An official from Rao Tula Ram hospital, where the autopsy was conducted, said: "The post-mortem was conducted in the afternoon today. The cause of death was found to be a head injury. It was blunt trauma, meaning the injury was not caused by any sharp object."

Forest dept nod to Delhi Metro to remove over 3,000 trees

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, APRIL 7

THE FOREST Department has granted permission to the Delhi Metro Rail Corporation (DMRC) to fell or transplant 2,940 trees in the North Forest Division, and 450 trees in the South Forest Division, for Phase 4 of the Delhi Metro.

Of the 2,940 trees in the North division, 1,963 are to be transplanted, and 977 trees will be felled. The trees are to give way for a Metro line between Janakpuri West and Mukarba Chowk, and Mukarba Chowk to Derawal Nagar. These sections will be part of the DMRC's Phase 4 line from Janakpuri West to RK Ashram, which will cover 29.26 km and have 22 stations.

The trees will be transplanted to a park at Haiderpur and to the portion near the Outer Ring Road. Compensatory plantation of 30,000 saplings, will be done on the Yamuna floodplains — 20,000 saplings between the ITO bridge and NH-24, and another 10,000 saplings between Geeta Colony Bridge and Shantivan Drain.



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Permission was issued by the Deputy Conservator of Forest (North) under the Delhi Preservation of Trees Act, 1994.

The proposed Janakpuri West-RK Ashram line of the Metro was previously granted permission by the MoEFCC to divert 5.2 hectare of deemed forest land, with around 1,230 trees, in the North forest division for construction of an underground station at Krishna Park and an elevated corridor between Keshopur and Mukarba Chowk.

Permissions to divert forest land are granted under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.

For the Khanpur to Sangam Vihar section of the proposed 23.6-km long metro line between Aerocity and Tughlakabad, Deputy Conservator of Forest (South) has granted permission for the removal of 450 trees.

Of these, 299 will be transplanted, and 151 will be felled. A total of 4,500 saplings are to be planted at compensatory plantation sites at Rohini.

HC grants SpiceJet chief interim protection from arrest

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, APRIL 7

THE DELHI High Court Thursday granted interim protection from arrest to SpiceJet Chairman and Managing Director Ajay Singh in the FIRs registered against him by the Delhi Police last year, saying the case was based on a civil and commercial dispute arising out of Share Purchase Agreements with regard to which Singh and the complainant had different interpretations.

"Since the dispute concerns the transfer of shares involving breach of agreed terms and conditions, it may be appropriate to grant interim protection to the petitioner. Accordingly, no coercive action shall be taken against the petitioner till next date of hearing and NBWs, if any, issued in this regard by the competent authority are stayed," said Justice Anoop Kumar Mendiratta in the order.

Directing Singh to join the investigation, the bench also said he would have to keep disputed shares secured till further orders in accordance with the offer made by his counsel before the court.

"It cannot be ignored that the petitioner is a Chairman and Managing Director of SpiceJet Airlines and has deep social roots in society and has no criminal antecedent except for the FIRs in relation to the transactions referred to by the complainant," Justice Mendiratta said.

Following dismissal of his application from trial court on March 30, Singh had approached the High Court, seeking anticipatory bail in FIRs registered by the Hauz Khas police station in July and September 2021 under Section 420 of the IPC. The bail plea will be heard next on May 25. The dispute, as per the complaint, pertains to transfer of shares.

Britannia Industries Limited

Notice inviting for Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) Implementation as defined under PWM Rules 2016

Britannia Industries Limited (BIL) is in the process of inviting tender from the interested waste management agencies, PROs for the implementation of the Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) action plan across India, as defined under Plastic Waste Management Rules, 2016 and CPCB SOPs / Guidelines notified from time to time.

Interested parties are requested to send their State/UTs wise quotations (Y2022-23), where ever they have proper SP/CB/ULB consents.

Please send your quotations in a sealed envelope clearly indicating on the face of the envelope "Expression of interest for EPR implementation" and send the same to the below address within next 10 days from the date of publication.

Britannia Industries Limited
R&D Centre, Plot No. 23, Bidadi Industrial Area,
Bidadi- 562 109 Dist. Ramnagar (Karnataka)

The aforesaid is only an invitation to express interest for participating in Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) implementation and BIL at all times reserves the right to adjourn / postpone/ cancel the whole process and/or to reject any or all the tenders received, at its sole discretion without assigning any reason whatsoever.



Lohiya Nagar Branch, P.C. Colony,
Opp.-Shalimar Sweets, Lohiya Nagar,
Kankarbagh, Patna-800020
e-mail: lohiya@bankofbaroda.com

NOTICE TO BORROWER UNDER SUB-SECTION 2 OF THE SECTION 13 OF THE SARFAESI ACT, 2002

- 1. BLUEPINE ENGICON PRIVATE LIMITED (Borrower), Registered Add:-Flat No.206, S/O-Shambhu Singh Singh Mension, Kalikat Nagar, Danapur, Patna – 801503. Unit Address:- At Ram krishna nagar, Near Patna Convent School, Sardar Patel Marg Bhubaitpur, Patna-800020
- 2. Mr. Sunil Kumar (Director) S/O-Anil Singh, 140 Bodh Bigha Arwal, Pin – 804428.
- 3. Mr. Sujit Ranjan Kumar (Director), S/O-Ram Hari Prasad Singh, Permanent Address:- Saidpur Brahmi Temple Atnauwan, Village:-Saidpur, Anchal:-Barh, Dist:- Patna-803213.
- 4. Nishant Mehta (Director & Mortgage), S/O-Vidhya Bhushan Kumar, Nakhas Mangal Akhara, Murcha Road Patna Rural Begampur patna rural, Patna-800009.
- 5. Safal Sangam (Director & Mortgage), S/O- Suresh Prasad Mehta, Rashtrawadi Chouraha, Safal Mini Mall, Madhav Mills Patna City Patna-800008.

1. We refer to our Sanction for Cash Credit dated 30/09/2020 and Term Loan-I dated 30/09/2020, Term Loan-II dated 30/09/2020 conveying sanction of Working Capital Limit and Term Loan facilities and the terms of sanction. Pursuant to the above sanction you have availed and started utilising the credit facilities after providing security for the same, as hereinafter stated. The present outstanding in various loan/credit facility accounts and the security interest created for such liability are as under:

Nature and type of facility	Limit (Rs.)	Rates of Interest	O/s as on 17.02.2022 (inclusive of interest upto 31.01.2022)	Security agreement with brief description of securities
Cash Credit	Rs. 80,00,000/-	BRLLR+S. P+1.70%	Rs.81,10,014.66 + Int.	1. Hypothecation of Stock and Book Debts.
Term Loan-I	Rs. 1,05,00,000/-	BRLLR+S. P+1.70%	Rs. 99,53,089.08 + Int.	2. Registered Mortgage of land and building situated at Thana No.38 Mauza-Simil Murapur P. S.- Malsalami M. Plot No.-1748 & 1763 Part Sheet No.276 Ward No.30/35/54/70 Dist-Patna And measuring total area of 1.00 katha and 15.00 Dhur standing in the name of Mr.Safal Sangam S/O-Shri Suresh Prasad Mehta, Boundary Description: North: Road, South: Gali Corporation, East: plot of Mr. Swajal Sangam, West: plot of Mr. Shiv Kumar Prasad.
Term Loan-II	Rs. 80,00,000/-	BRLLR+S. P+1.70%	Rs. 75,91,184.51 + Int.	3. Registered Mortgage of land and building at Thana No. 37 Mauza- Nakhas Mangal Akhara P.S.-Malsalami M. Plot No.827,948 & 967 Sheet No.256 Ward No.31/36/55/69 Sub Registry Office- Patna City Sadar Registry office & Dist.- Patna admeasuring total area of 4.00 katha and 17.00 Dhurs standing in the name of Mr. Nishant Mehta S/O-Shri Vidhya Bhushan Kumar. Boundary Description: North: Gali Corporation, South: Corporation Road, East: 10 ft wide Niz Road after that 4 ft. Gali and Ashok Kumar Krishna Paswan and Jayswal, West: plot of Subodh Kumar & Vinod Kumar.
Total	Rs. 265.00 Lakh		Rs. 2,56,54,288.25 (Rupees Two Crore Fifty Six Lakh Fifty Four Thousand Two Hundred Eighty Eight and Paise Twenty Five Only) as on 18.02.2022 plus further interest and charges w.e.f. 19.02.2022	

2. In the agreement dated 20/10/2020, you have acknowledged your liability to the Bank to the tune of Rs.80,00,000/- as on 20/10/2020 Rs.80,00,000/- as on 20/10/2020 & Rs.1,05,00,000/- as on 20/10/2020 respectively. The outstanding Rs.80,82,380/- + Int., Rs.75,61,104.70/- + Int. and Rs.99,13,655.99 + Int. further drawings and interest upto 31.01.2022. Other Charges debited in the account are Rs. Nil.

3. As you are aware, you have committed defaults in payment of interest on above loans/outstanding for the quarter ended December 2021 and you have also defaulted in payment of instalments of term loan/demand loans which have fallen due for payment on 31.01.2022 and thereafter.

4. Consequently upon the defaults committed by you, your loan account has been classified as non-performing asset on 18.02.2022 in accordance with the Reserve Bank of India directives and guidelines. In spite of our repeated requests and demands you have not repaid the overdue loans including interest thereon.

5. Having regard to his inability to meet your liabilities in respect of the credit facilities duly secured by various securities mentioned in para 1 above, and classification of his account as a non-performing asset, we hereby give you notice under sub-section (2) of section 13 of the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002, and call upon you to pay in full and discharge your liabilities to the Bank aggregating total Rs. 2,56,54,288.25 (Rupees Two Crore Fifty Six Lakh Fifty Four Thousand Two Hundred Eighty Eight and Paise Twenty Five Only) as on 18.02.2022 plus further interest and charges w.e.f. 19.02.2022 as stated in para 1 above, within 60 days from the date of this notice.

We further give you notice that failing payment of the above amount with interest till the date of payment, we shall be free to exercise all or any of the right under sub-section (4) of section 13 of the said Act, which please note.

6. Please note that, interest will continue to accrue at the rates specified in para-1 above for each credit facility until payment in full.

7. We invite your attention to sub-section (13) of Section 13 of the said Act in terms of which you are barred from transferring any of the secured assets referred to in para 1 above by way of sale, lease or otherwise (other than in the ordinary course of business), without obtaining our prior written consent. We may add that non-compliance with the above provision contained in section 13(13) of the said Act, is an offence punishable under section 29 of the Act.

8. We further invite your attention to sub section (8) of section 13 of the said Act in terms of which you may redeem the secured assets, if the amount of dues together with all costs, charges and expenses incurred by the Bank is tendered by you, at any time before the date of publication of notice for public auction/involvement quotations/tender/private treaty. Please note that after publication of the notice as above, your right to redeem the secured assets will not be available.

9. Please note that this demand notice is without prejudice to and shall not be construed as waiver of any other rights or remedies which we may have including without limitation the right to make further demands in respect of sums owing to us.

Date : 21.02.2022
Place : Patna

Authorised Officer
Bank of Baroda

सार्वजनिक सूचना

दिनांक : 07 / 04 / 2022

सर्वसाधारण को सूचित किया जाता है कि भारत सरकार द्वारा गठित कोविड संहिता द्वारा लिये गये निर्णय दिनांक 28.12.2016 के अनुसार आईडॉपीओएल (भारत सरकार का संस्थान), वीरभद्र, ऋषिकेश को बन्द करने का निर्णय लिया गया है। ज्ञात हो कि आईडॉपीओएल, वीरभद्र, ऋषिकेश की स्थापना राज्य सरकार के वन विभाग द्वारा प्रदत्त लीज भूमि पर की गई थी जिसकी लीज अवधि दिनांक 27.11.2021 को समाप्त हो चुकी है। क्योंकि इस लीज भूमि को राज्य सरकार के वन विभाग को दिनांक 27/05/2022 तक संस्थान द्वारा वापिस किया जाना है, अतः संस्थान की लीज भूमि पर निर्मित समस्त आवारा / दुकानें / खोखे, लॉट आदि (अन्य कोई भी) का आवंटन तत्काल प्रभाव से रद्द किया जाता है, जिसकी सूचना स्प्रीड-पोस्ट डाक द्वारा सभी आवंटियों को दिनांक 06/04/2022 को प्रेषित की जा चुकी है। यह भी सूचीबद्ध है कि आवंटित आवारा / दुकानें / खोखे, लॉट आदि (अन्य कोई भी) को रिक्त कर पत्र प्राप्त / अखबार में प्रकाशित सूचना के 30 दिनों के अन्दर संस्थान को सौंप दें।

Sl.No.	Type of accommodation	From	To
1.	A Old	89	1616
2.	A New	2001	2800
3.	B	153	1800
4.	C	01	1472
5.	NB	821	1632
4.	NC	1637	1640
7.	D	55	1696
8.	E	43	234
9.	F	01	-
10.	Married Hostel	01	96
11.	Out House	2,3,5 & 6	-
12.	Ladies Club	01	-
13.	Antibiotics Club	01	-
14.	Shops Old Market	13	-
15.	Khokhas Old Market	07	-
16.	Shops New Market	18	-
17.	Khokhas New Market	54	-
18.	Khokhas New Colony	06	-
19.	Khokha TP 14	03 Nos.	-
20.	Garrage	09 Nos.	-
21.	Shops/Khokhas Krishna Nagar Colony	09 Nos.	-
22.	Religious Insnts.	05 Nos.	-
23.	Indane Gas Society	03 Shops & Godown	-
24.	Director, Hilltron Calc.	Tin shed	-
25.	Plots allotted Govt. officials in Krishna Nagar Colony	2 Nos.	-
26.	Seepen Store, Krishna Nagar Colony	05 Nos.	-
27.	Plots allotted to IDPL employees in Krishna Nagar Colony	44 Nos.	-

अतः परिसर में निर्मित समस्त आवारा / दुकानों / खोखों व अन्य का आवंटन दिनांक 09/04/2022 से निरस्त समझा जाये। यदि किसी भी भूतपूर्व कर्मचारी व अन्य का कोई देय संस्थान पर बकाया है अथवा संस्थान को देना है वह दिनांक 27/05/2022 तक लेखा / कामि विभाग से सम्पर्क करें तथा आवंटित आवारा संस्थान में जमा कर इसके अन्तर्गत रोकें गई प्रतिभूति की बकाया राशि वापिस ले सकते हैं। उपरोक्त का यदि किसी भी सम्बन्धित द्वारा पालन नहीं किया जाता है तो उसके लिये वह स्वयं उत्तरदायी होगा तथा संस्थान उचित कार्यवाही (यदि कोई हो) करने हेतु बाध्य होगा। यह भी संज्ञान में लाया जाता है कि उपरोक्त कार्यवाही भारत सरकार के रसायन एवं उर्वरक मंत्रालय (फार्मा विभाग) एवं उत्तराखण्ड सरकार के मध्य हुई सहमति एवं सक्षम प्राधिकारी द्वारा अनुमोदन के अनुपालन के अनुसार की गई है।

सम्पदा अधिकारी
आईडॉपीओएल, वीरभद्र (ऋषिकेश)

Dedicated Freight Corridor Corporation of India Limited (DFCCIL), a Public Sector Undertaking under the Ministry of Railways, invites eligible candidates for Walk-In-Interview of retired DFO belonging to Indian Forest Service (IFS) for need-based re-engagement in Civil department of EDFC/CO as Consultant of DFCCIL as per details given below. Reporting time for Walk-In-Interview is between 10:00 hrs to 11:00 hrs.

S.No.	Post	Date of Interview
1.	Consultant	25.04.2022 (Monday)

For detailed advertisement including addendum/corrigendum, place of interview, eligibility criteria, remuneration, etc., please see official website- www.dfccil.gov.in

उत्तराखण्ड लोक सेवा आयोग
संख्या : 314/05E-4/DR/AE/2021-22 दिनांक : 07 अप्रैल, 2022

उत्तराखण्ड सन्मिलित राज्य अभियंत्रण सेवा परीक्षा-2021

एकमात्र सूचित किया जाता है कि विज्ञापित संख्या 130/05E-4/DR/A.E./2021-22 दिनांक 31 अगस्त 2021, विज्ञापित संख्या-145/05/ईओ-4/डीआर(एईए)/2021-22 दिनांक 21 सितंबर, 2021 एवं विज्ञापित संख्या-229/05/ईओ-4/डीआर(एईए)/2021-22 दिनांक 17 जनवरी, 2021 द्वारा विज्ञापित "उत्तराखण्ड सन्मिलित राज्य अभियंत्रण सेवा परीक्षा-2021" के रिक्तियों को सफल लिखित प्रकृति (वस्तुनिष्ठ प्रकार) परीक्षा का आयोजन दिनांक 23 अप्रैल, 2022 (शनिवार) से 27 अप्रैल, 2022 (बुधवार) तक करना जाना निर्धारित है। प्रश्नपत्र परीक्षा 18 नवरी में आयोजित किये जाने हेतु अग्रगण्य से ऑनलाइन आवेदन में निम्नलिखित प्राप्ति किये जाने से, परन्तु कतिपय नवसे में अग्रगण्य की संख्या बहुत कम होने एवं बांटे परीक्षाओं के दृष्टिगत परीक्षा केंद्रों द्वारा उक्त परीक्षा कराने वाले हेतु असहमति प्रकट करने के कारण उक्त परीक्षा का आयोजन नष्ट आयोजन के निर्वाहनुसार केवल चार नवसे इंडियन, कर्करी, हेराल्ड एवं इटली में निर्धारित है। उक्त के संकेत में विस्तृत विवरण आयोजन की वेबसाइट www.ups.gov.in पर उपलब्ध है। (कनैच सिंघ) रायबि।

NATIONAL BANK FOR AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT
Plot No. C-24, G Block, Bandra-Kurla Complex, Bandra (E), Mumbai - 400 051.

Issue of Duplicate Bond Certificate

Notice is hereby given that the following Bhavisha Nirman Bond Certificates have been reported lost/misplaced/not traceable by the bondholders, and NABARD intends to make payment/ issue duplicate certificates in lieu thereof, in due course.

Any person who has a valid claim on the said bond certificate should lodge such claim with NABARD at its Head Office address given above within 21 days herefrom:

Sr. No.	Investor/Bond holder	Allotment Date	Folio No.	No. of Bonds	Original Certificate No.
1	Sougandhi Lahiri	01-Nov-07	310593532	1	2007110000154
2	Rangoole Bansal (New Name - Rangoole Navdeep Goyal)	01-Nov-08	310469157	5	20081100007296
3	Devyani N Parekh	01-Nov-07	310592552	1	2007110000180

Place : Mumbai
Date : 07/04/2022
Dy. General Manager, NABARD
मौल बड़े >> मो देश बड़े www.nabard.org Taking Rural India >> Forward

New Okhla Industrial Development Authority
Administrative Building, Sector-6, Noida-201301 (U.P.)
Website : www.noidaauthorityonline.com

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नौएडा परिसर में कार्यरत पथ विक्रेताओं का वर्क सर्फिकल द्वारा किये गये सत्यापन एवं स्थान उपलब्धता के आधार पर दिनांक 07.04.2022 अपराह्न 3:00 बजे झा किया गया है। वर्क सर्फिकल से प्राप्त आख्या के आधार पर 243 पथ विक्रेताओं का चयन झा के माध्यम से किया गया है जिसका विवरण वर्क सर्फिकलवार निम्नवत् है :-

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Wheat is harvested in Hemu village of Deqing county, Zhejiang province, in May last year. WANG ZHENG / FOR CHINA DAILY

Agricultural progress puts country on solid footing

Farming sector reforms and modernisation key to economic growth and poverty alleviation, Indian experts say.

Aparajit Chakraborty reports

As China presses ahead with national rejuvenation, economists, academicians and analysts from India who have visited the country believe that rapid agricultural development has been key to laying the foundation for unprecedented economic progress.

They attribute the country's success to well managed land resources, standardised agricultural production, biotechnology, artificial intelligence, environmental protection and the agricultural sector's market transformation.

Praising China's outstanding agricultural development, the Indian experts say the country grew remarkably after rural reform policies were unveiled in 1978.

Since then the Chinese leadership has devised farsighted multipronged strategies to tackle the main challenges posed to agriculture and rural development. It has also drawn up key initiatives to ensure food security. As a result, the country is reaping the dividends from these measures.

Economist R. Ramakumar, a professor at the Tata Institute of Social Sciences in Mumbai, said China's rural reform policies have been linked to unmatched progress in alleviating poverty and have led to significant improvements in education and health for rural folk.

Agricultural growth has also contributed significantly to industrial sector expansion through resource transfers.

Ramakumar, who has visited China many times, said policy



A farmer dries figs in Guangming village, Neijiang, Sichuan province.

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changes in agriculture since 1978 were driven by the Marxist dictum of ensuring harmony between the relations of production and the forces of production, which led to the fundamentally socialist characteristics of Chinese agriculture being preserved.

Even under the household responsibility system, land was still collectively owned, and production was under contract. Collectives continued to manage ploughing, seeding, irrigation and water conservation on farms, while farmers continued to contribute to the collective accumulation fund, which was used for public investment in rural infrastructure, he said.

Spending on agriculture by the Chinese government rose from 235.8 billion yuan (Rs 2.8 trillion) in 2004 to 2.1 trillion yuan in 2019.

As a result, damage to crop-growing areas from natural disasters during this period fell 48.1 per cent, while the contribution of scientific and technological progress to agricultural output rose from 45 per cent to 59.2 per cent, the National Development and Reform Commission and the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Affairs say.

At the same time, farming, livestock and fisheries production rose significantly.

China launched its economic reforms in 1978 by first turning to agriculture, the experts said. The country dismantled its commune system of landholdings and liberated agricultural markets, allowing farmers to get much higher prices for their produce.

Ashok Gulati, an Indian agricultural economist who has visited China many times since the 1980s, said that in the six years from 1978 Chinese farmers' incomes rose nearly 14 per cent a year, more than doubling during this time and triggering reforms in other sectors.

From 1978 to 2002 China's agricultural growth nearly doubled that from 1966 to 1977. This was the main reason poverty affected just 3 per cent of the population in 2001, compared with 33 per cent in 1978, said a report published by Gulati and a Chinese agricultural scholar, Shenggen Fan, in the Indian publication Economic and Political Weekly in 2008.

Saikiran Kannan, a columnist and analyst who visited China in 2014, said another important reason for the country's greater efficiency and diversity in its agricultural practices is that farmers have the incentive to grow different crops based on the type of land used and the season.

China's highly advanced e-commerce sector has also enabled farmers to sell their produce directly to consumers worldwide, while community supported agriculture enables purchases to be made directly from a farmer or a group of farmers, Kannan said.

The UN Food and Agricultural Organization said China has succeeded in producing 25 per cent of the world's grain and feeding 20 per cent of the global population from less than 10 per cent of the world's arable land, which it said is a great achievement.

The country ranks first in the world for production of cereals, cotton, fruit, vegetables, meat, poultry, eggs and fishery products, and in providing help to other developing countries to support local agricultural development, the FAO said.

Sudheendra Kulkarni, who served as an aide to the former Indian prime minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee from 1998 to 2004, said that since pro-market economic reforms were introduced in the late 1970s China has freed 800 million people from poverty.

Kulkarni is also founder of the Forum for a New South Asia, which champions a peaceful and prosperous South Asian subcontinent based on collaboration between China, India and Pakistan.

In February last year China declared it had secured a complete victory in its fight against poverty. The country had achieved the UN goal of poverty eradication 10 years ahead of the 2030 deadline.

In 1980 China's per capita GDP was a little more than \$200, but it now stands at about \$10,000. The World Bank has acknowledged that the country is responsible for more than 70 per cent of the global reduction in poverty over the past 40 years.

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Rooftop solar energy to power green development

By ZHENG XIN

Rooftop solar PV installations in China may surge in the next three years as the country goes through a green energy transition and plans to make renewable energy a key cornerstone in the country's path to a greener economy, a recent research report said.

Rooftop installations in China increased to 27.3 gigawatts in 2021 from 19.4 GW in 2017, and the growth should keep rising for the rooftop solar market, according to an analysis by energy research company Rystad Energy. Before 2017 rooftop solar was almost non-existent, with only 4 GW of installed capacity in 2016.

The increased adoption of rooftop installations in China has also driven the world's total global rooftop solar capacity, which has risen 64 per cent in five years, from 36 GW in 2017 to 59 GW in 2021, representing 30 per cent of total global solar capacity, it said.

The world's total capacity is forecast to reach 94.7 GW by 2025, with growth to steadily continue following the slow adoption from 2010 to 2016.

Rystad Energy said the surge in rooftop capacity is mainly due to government promoting adoption, especially feed-in tariffs that guarantee an above-market price for producers.

China's National Development and Reform Commission said in March that the country should accelerate the development of rooftop solar projects and ensure half of the newly built public institutions are covered by rooftop solar by 2025.

This is the latest government effort in promoting rooftop solar capacity construction, after China carried out a pilot programme to develop rooftop solar photovoltaics across the country last year.

The National Energy Administration called for a selection of counties to be nominated for a trial programme to promote rooftop solar pilot projects in late June, and 25 provincial-level regions nationwide have come up with detailed pilot programmes in response, most in economically developed regions.

Rystad Energy said small-scale solar PV, including residential, commercial and industrial, and off-grid projects, are gaining momentum supported by economics and policies, with China emerging as a key market.

Solar PV is an enormous resource for China's decarbonisation because the country is transitioning away from

fossil energy use, an analyst said. The country's rapid development of rooftop solar capacity is also driven by government incentives.

Newly added annual installed capacity for solar stations has been about 30 GW on average over the past few years, the China New Energy Investment and Financing Alliance said.

Peng Peng, secretary-general of the industry group China New Energy Investment and Financing Alliance, said that figure is expected to reach 80 GW annually if the government's push for distributed solar installations nationwide is implemented on schedule.

Solar installations have boomed globally since 2010, with annual growth of 40 per cent. China is leading that growth and has ranked first since 2015 in both installed capacity and power generation. The country will remain the leader by adding about 619 GW of solar photovoltaic capacity over this decade to 2030, a report by the energy research and consultancy Wood Mackenzie said.

Most of the China's distributed solar photovoltaics are installed in the eastern and southern parts of the country, where the economy is prosperous and demand for power is greater, including in Zhejiang, Shandong, Jiangsu and Anhui provinces.

Believing the distributed photovoltaic power will have massive development potential as it plays a key role in achieving the government's carbon neutrality goal, companies nationwide have stepped efforts on distributed solar projects in recent years.

The domestic solar company Risen Energy said that as the cost of solar power generation gradually falls and as solar power consumption capacity rises, distributed solar including rooftop solar will take a greater market share and the company plans to continue expanding its presence in the domestic rooftop solar market.

Another domestic solar module manufacturer, JinkoSolar, launched Tiger Neo series last November that targets the rooftop market, with an efficiency of 22.3 per cent, which tops the current commercialised panel industry.

Qian Jing, vice-president of JinkoSolar, said while the bottleneck of grid accessibility and absorption has slowed down the deployment of utility-scale projects in China, distributed solar will account for half of new capacity over the next five years.



Workers carry out maintenance work on a rooftop photovoltaic power station in Mingguang, Anhui province, in December. SONG WEIXING / FOR CHINA DAILY

BRICS team up on vaccine research

By ZHANG ZHIHAO

The BRICS nations, Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa, will enhance collaboration in vaccine research, manufacturing and certification to tackle the pandemic and make vaccines more accessible and affordable for developing countries, officials said.

The five countries have also launched an initiative to make vaccines a global public good, enhance capacities for preventing infectious diseases and responding to public health emergencies,

and conduct exchanges and co-operation ranging from vaccine development to epidemiological surveillance.

At the online launch ceremony for the BRICS Vaccine R&D Centre and workshop on vaccine collaboration on March 22, Chinese Science and Technology Minister Wang Zhigang said the centre represents pragmatic collaboration between BRICS countries to jointly address common challenges in public health.

The BRICS countries have donated more than 1 billion doses of

COVID-19 vaccines through various international organisations and initiatives, Wang said.

"The BRICS have played a constructive role in facilitating the accessibility and affordability of vaccines, and provided great energy for developing countries' fight against the pandemic."

Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesman Wang Wenbin said a day later that the centre is now a cloud platform consisting of a network of research institutions and vaccine developers from BRICS countries, and construction

of the physical facility will begin in due course.

Public health and vaccine collaboration will be key areas of collaboration for BRICS countries this year, he said.

"We hope the vaccine R&D centre can pool the strengths of the five countries, deepen BRICS science and technology collaboration, improve prevention and control capabilities for infectious diseases, and contribute to the global fight against the pandemic."

Mansukh Mandaviya, India's minister of health and family welfare, said the centre will be instrumental in streamlining and promoting vaccine research among BRICS countries.

"The BRICS Vaccine R&D

Centre is a welcome initiative for co-operating with other countries and sharing experiences for mutual benefits. This will save lives and livelihoods, and propel us towards this year, he said.

"We hope the vaccine R&D centre can pool the strengths of the five countries, deepen BRICS science and technology collaboration, improve prevention and control capabilities for infectious diseases, and contribute to the global fight against the pandemic."

The BRICS Vaccine R&D Centre should also explore the use of new technologies, such as artificial intelligence and big data, to help countries improve their science systems' capacity to prevent and

tackle global health challenges, he said.

Mikhail Murashko, Russia's health minister, said in a video address that the centre showcases BRICS' commitment to providing assistance to the global population, such as making vaccines more effective and available to combat existing and future biological threats.

"BRICS countries unite more than 40 per cent of the world's population, and the potential of our scientific communities is at a high level," he said, adding that there is a need to intensify efforts against other infectious diseases including tuberculosis, AIDS and influenza.

"It is highly important to support this initiative with BRICS mechanisms."

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The central axis stretches 7.8 kilometres through the Chinese capital. PROVIDED TO CHINA DAILY

Axis of the ages

A geometric feature of Beijing embodies the city's spirit with its unique historical and cultural venues. **Du Juan** reports

When deciding on popular spots to visit in Beijing for a taste of the city's history and culture, the Temple of Heaven, the Forbidden City, the Imperial Ancestral Temple and the Qianmen area are among those that often spring to mind.

All these venues are located along the Chinese capital's central axis, for which the municipal government is now seeking UNESCO World Heritage status.

Wang Yuanlong, 31, a market manager who has lived in Beijing for eight years, said: "To be frank, I don't often go to those places along the central axis because they are a bit too far from my workplace and home. But every time my family and friends from outside Beijing come to the city I take them to Tian'anmen Square, the Temple of Heaven and the Forbidden City."

"It feels as if all the significant architecture in Beijing is situated along or near the central axis. No matter how big the city grows, the axis is an invisible root linking tradition and fashion, ancient and modern."

Beijing's central axis, with a history of more than 750 years, stretches 7.8 kilometres from the Bell Tower and Drum Tower in the north to Yongdingmen in the south. It includes buildings from the Yuan Dynasty (1271-1368), the Ming Dynasty (1368-1644) and the Qing Dynasty (1644-1911). Other significant structures are located along the axis and its extensions, including modern landmarks such as the National Stadium, also known as the Bird's Nest, in the north and Beijing Daxing International Airport in the south.

World Heritage status is being sought for the axis, with the draft application text submitted to the UNESCO World Heritage Centre for review ahead of schedule.

The municipal government first proposed this idea in 2009. In 2011 local authorities started work on protecting key cultural relics along the axis. Overall city planning guidance for streets and blocks was issued in 2020, making clear that the axis represents national culture.

In tandem with the application, in recent years the city government has strengthened protection of cultural relics, vacated historic buildings and

No matter how big the city grows, the axis is an invisible root linking tradition and fashion, ancient and modern."

Wang Yuanlong
A BEIJING RESIDENT

improved the environment along the axis.

Lyu Zhou, director of the National Heritage Centre at Tsinghua University, said the central axis changes as the city evolves.

"By looking at the scale, shape and colour of the buildings along the axis, as well as the city gates, streets and building complexes, a clear order can be seen. The idea of ritual in traditional Chinese culture is fully realised by the embellishment of buildings along the axis, as evidenced by the shape of nearby government offices, residences and temples."

"The axis best embodies the Chinese idea of respecting the centre in urban construction. It represents Chinese civilisation, reflecting the most important aspects of the country's culture, such as the relationship between humans and nature, and also humans following order."

The axis influences the entire city because it is the core of urban planning, he said.

"At the same time many historical events have occurred on the central axis, including the founding of modern China."

Shan Jixiang, president of the China Cultural Relics Academy, said the axis represents more than heritage because it is a continuation of traditional Chinese city planning concepts, which still influence urban construction.

"The axis has inherited Chinese urban order and city planning philosophy from thousands of years ago and has witnessed unique Chinese civilisation and cultural traditions, as well as representing Beijing's long history and cultural confidence," Shan said.

Acquiring World Heritage status

would not only make the axis better-known globally by spreading Chinese civilisation and traditional culture to the world, but also help promote protection of Beijing's old city and improve the environment for residents.

The city will complete submission of the official application text this year, according to Liu Hongchang, spokesman for Beijing's cultural heritage bureau.

In the 50 years since the adoption of the World Heritage Convention, 1,154 heritage sites have been strictly evaluated worldwide. The Convention's primary aim is to identify and protect global natural and cultural heritage considered to be of outstanding universal value.

According to the latest requirements, a country can only apply for one site to be listed per year. As China has a wealth of heritage resources, competition is fierce.

There are other challenges. Since Feb 1, the length of application proposals has been limited. In recent years, the proposals have become longer, especially those for large-scale heritage. Since Beijing's central axis is on such a scale, it can be difficult to promote its attributes with limited content.

Lyu, the National Heritage Centre director, said: "Our task is to tell foreigners, who might be completely in the dark, about the axis. So we need to work hard to tell its story clearly and in a very simple way to overcome cultural differences."

The application has given local residents whose daily lives and stories are closely connected to the axis a sense of pride. In a wider sense, the axis not only comprises buildings, architectural styles, history and culture, but also the people who lived around it and those still living close to it.

As preparation for the application, a three-year action plan on conserving the axis was issued in August 2020.

According to the municipal government, projects related to cultural relics conservation and restoration, archaeological excavation, environmental improvement, and relocation of residents are proceeding as planned.

Yao Yuxin contributed to this story.

Fruitful changes

By YANG FEIYUE and LI YINGQING

Zhao Quankang was thrilled when Yanta village was named as a beautiful leisure location by the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Affairs in November.

"It proves I made the right decision to come back," said Zhao, 25, who was born and raised in the village in Southwest China's Yunnan province.

Yanta is one of more than 250 beautiful leisure villages listed last year, all of which are deemed to have rich natural and folk resources, offer diverse possibilities for travellers, a steady leisure and tourism income and well-developed tourism services.

Yanta is home to about 1,100 villagers and boasts numerous pear orchards and an ancient temple. It has maintained most of its historical features.

Zhao had been paying close attention to the status of his home.

"When I was a child Yanta village was very poor, and everyone seemed to just want to grow up and get out as soon as possible. The houses were in a wretched state, and villagers relied on horses and tractors for transportation."

After Zhao graduated from Xi'an Aeronautical Institute in Shaanxi province he left to seek job opportunities in large cities, including Beijing, Shanghai and Shenzhen.

"However, I began to feel nostalgic and had always fancied trying to do something for the development of my hometown," Zhao said.

Yanta was chosen by the local authority as a pilot area for rural revitalisation through innovation in 2019. After Zhao heard the news he decided to return.

Experts from China Agricultural University in Beijing moved in and started offering guidance. It was part of the local authority's efforts to transform Yanta into a rural getaway and improve the lives of villagers.

Experts from the university have studied and dealt with



A villager relaxes at the roadside of Yanta village, listed last year as one of more than 250 beautiful leisure villages in China. PROVIDED TO CHINA DAILY

major problems in rural areas surrounding Kunming, capital of Yunnan province. Every year postgraduate and doctoral candidates conducted field studies there and offered technical support to local governments and rural businesses.

Li Xiaoyun, who headed the team of experts, quickly found Yanta's charm hidden among its old houses.

The rural properties looked worn out, but their original splendour, imbued with history, could hardly be concealed, Li said.

Li then held talks with the local authority and settled on a plan to protect the historical village and develop rural tourism.

They rented a 500-square-metre courtyard house and renovated it for creative culture, e-commerce, catering and homestay purposes.

Another idle house, of about 200 square metres, has been turned into a homestay through a partnership between the rural co-operative and the house owner.

Li encouraged villagers to plant various flowers to give the neighbourhood a face-lift.

The idea was to highlight Yanta's agriculture and pastoral charm, featuring its pear orchards, while building a village history museum and a creative culture street to spice up local life.

"Every time I go to Yanta village, I see something different," Li said. "It's changing all the time."

Distinctive rural tourism events, such as pear blossom and picking festivals, as well as fishing events, have been staged to get tourists involved in farming events.

Moreover, the local authority has also guided more than 50 households in developing livestock

and poultry breeding in areas that were previously unattended. More than 900,000 chickens are produced from those areas.

An e-commerce centre has also been established and helps sell the pears, yams, eggs and honey produced in the village to urban areas. Since it opened last year the centre has notched up sales worth more than 800,000 yuan (Rs 9.6 million).

Zhao said he has been amazed by the positive changes in Yanta since he returned.

"Now there are many wide roads across the village and flowers are in full bloom. It's really beautiful."

He has joined a rural programme in which the local authority has set up a talent cultivation fund and encourages villagers who know both the city and the village to become leaders who can find ways to connect the two.

Zhao has proposed retaining the original look of Yanta and tap into the potential of local culture to build a modern village.

In August Zhao began managing a coffee shop inaugurated by the local co-operative, which has become popular among visitors.

During the National Day holiday in October last year Zhao took the initiative to stage a music festival to which he invited student bands from nearby colleges. It managed to pack in urban visitors.

Yanta will continue to work with institutes of higher learning and strive to evolve into a facility for college students to conduct practical studies, said Zhao Gang, director of the village committee.

"It will offer intellectual support for rural revitalisation while helping to raise the quality of life for the villagers," he said.

Acupuncture is a point of friendship

Acupuncture has become a bridge of friendship between India and China, with more Indians accepting the form of traditional Chinese medicine over the past few decades, experts say.

Acupuncture, a technique to cure various ailments, was introduced in India in 1959 by B.K. Basu in Kolkata, said Mrigendranath Gantait, president of the Acupuncture Association of India.

Over the past 60 years it has spread to rural, semi-urban and urban areas in India, particularly in West Bengal, Maharashtra and Punjab.

While the governments of West Bengal and Maharashtra have officially recognised acupuncture as a way of treatment, the central government recognised it as a "system of healthcare" in 2019.

Acupuncture is a complementary medical practice that entails stimulating certain points in the body, usually with needles penetrating the skin, to alleviate pain or help treat various health conditions.

Efforts are also on to popularise it more in India, experts say.

Acupuncture therapy in India is related to the story of the Indian medical mission that was dispatched to China to provide medical assistance during the Chinese people's War of Resistance



A set of acupuncture needles on display. PROVIDED TO CHINA DAILY

established the Dr Dwarkanath Kotnis Memorial Committee and the Acupuncture Association of India, donated his house and savings to the government of West Bengal for the purpose of acupuncture development.

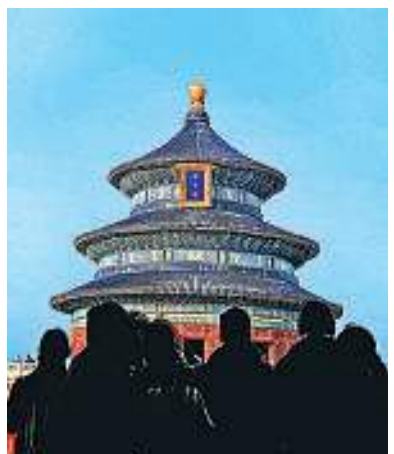
Under the leadership of the committee, free health service clinics have been set up where acupuncture is the main treatment modality, because the cost of acupuncture treatment is low and is effective for many ailments. The committee has also produced many acupuncturists who run these clinics without taking any remuneration, Gantait said.

"Acupuncture has played a unique role to promote people's friendship between India and China. When Basu returned to India after learning acupuncture anaesthesia the Indian media described it as acupuncture diplomacy, and it was highly praised in the country."

Inderjeet Singh Dhirga, who is a leading acupuncture practitioner in Punjab, runs a small hospital in Ludhiana, treating people with tiny needles.

Acupuncture can bring relief in many diseases, including body pain, gynaecological problems, paralytic dysfunction and arthritis, he said.

XINHUA



From left: Visitors to the Temple of Heaven in Beijing enjoy a clear sky in November. DU LIANYI / CHINA DAILY
Visitors at an exhibition on the central axis at the Capital Museum in Beijing in January. LIU HUAIYU / FOR CHINA DAILY



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VACCINATIONS IN LAST 24 HOURS
11,688

PATIENTS IN HOSPITAL: **39**

OXYGEN SUPPORT **6**

VENTILATOR SUPPORT **1**



DELHI: TOTAL CASES
18,65,796

	Total	Vacant
HOSPITAL BEDS	9,745	9,706
ICU BEDS	2,202	2,190

	Cases	Recoveries	Deaths	Tests
April 6	126	120	1	11,241
April 7	176	118	0	10,453
Total	551*	18,38,090	26,155	3,74,57,313

*Total active cases in Delhi

	NOIDA	
	Apr 6	Apr 7
Cases	N/A	10
Deaths	N/A	0

	GURGAON	
	Apr 6	Apr 7
Cases	45	87
Deaths	0	0

For coming session, Ambedkar University to adopt common entrance test for UG admissions

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THE AMBEDKAR University Delhi (AUD) will hold its undergraduate admissions for the 2022-23 academic session through the Common University Entrance Test (CUET) for all subjects, Vice-Chancellor Anu Singh Lather said Thursday.

AUD is a state university under the Delhi government which reserves 85% seats for students from the NCT of Delhi. Unlike central universities, it is not mandatory for state universities to adopt CUET. "We will be one of the first state universities to conduct CUET for UG admissions. During Covid, we had no option but to hold entrances and we realised that it brought in students with merit. We found that CUET suits our requirements, and when the whole country is evolving through the National Education Policy, why should we not be part of the change?" Lather said at a press conference Thursday.

She said CUET will also be applicable for all supernumerary seats, except for foreign students, and that adopting it will not affect

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

COURSE	CLASS XII MARKS	CUET
BBA	50%	Score based on Section 3
History	50%	Score based on Section 3
Hindi	50%	Hindi (CUET score) + Best of 3 subjects from section 2
Economics	50%	Best of three subjects from section 2
English	50%, with at least 65% in English	English (CUET score) + best of 3 subjects from section 2
Maths	50%, with at least 65% in Maths	Maths (CUET score) + Best of any 3 other subjects either from Section 2 or Section 1A
BVoc courses	Pass marks	Score based on Section 3
Others*	50%	Any one language from Section 1A + Best of 3 subjects from Section 2

*Global Studies, Law & Politics, Sustainable Urbanism, Social Science & Humanities, Psychology Sociology

reservation in any way. Asked if there had been deliberations with the Delhi government, Lather said, "We have autonomy on such administrative decisions. We don't need to go to the Delhi government on internal matters."

Dean Planning, Kartik Dave, said the university was taking the decision to hold admissions under CUET in order to give a level playing field to students of Delhi government schools.

AUD officials said applicants

would need to register first on the National Testing Agency website which is conducting the exam. Once the scores are in, they would be required to register on the AUD website as well, where an application fee would be charged. A merit list would then be prepared and admissions held accordingly.

"The application fee last year was around Rs 390 for UG and Rs 510 for PG. This will increase by around 10% this year," said Dean Students' Services Suresh Babu.

Lather said this was being done as the university did not raise its fee during the pandemic.

Like DU, AUD also said there would be three sections of CUET 2022 in which the first section is divided into two parts. It consists of 13 languages in the first part and 20 languages in the second part.

The second section would contain 27 domain-specific topics, and the third section would be based on general knowledge. As for eligibility criteria, the V-

C said most courses would require 50% marks in the board exams, apart from the CUET score which will be calculated based on the best performance of students in the papers they appear for. There is an exception for BVoc courses, for which only pass marks are the criteria in terms of school marks.

"Merit will be based on the highest score that a candidate gets by considering all the combinations of subjects in which s/he appears in the CUET. In other words, best combination to benefit the candidate will be done. There will be no disadvantage on changing streams," said Dave.

For admissions in BA (Hons) English and Maths, applicants also need to have scored a minimum of 65% in these subjects in their class 12 exams, apart from other eligibility criteria. For admissions to BA (Hons) in Hindi, English and Maths, applicants will necessarily need to give CUET in the given subjects.

Registrar Nitin Malik said to help students, the university will set up a help desk, have a chatbox on the website, and students will also be provided with FAQs. AUD will also hold 'Open House' sessions to address students' queries.

ABOVE 1% FOR FOUR DAYS IN A ROW Fewer tests behind slight increase in city's positivity rate

ANONNA DUTT
NEW DELHI, APRIL 7

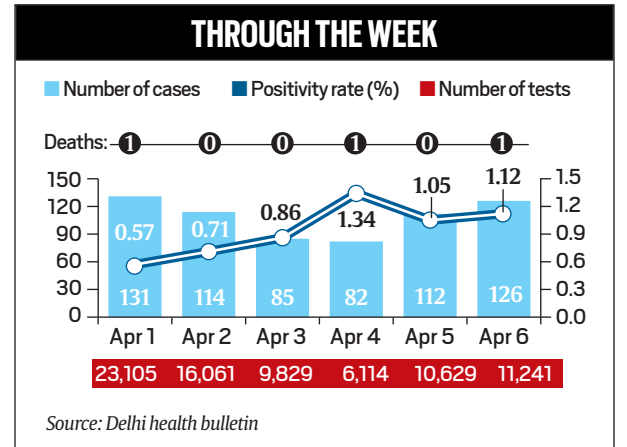
DELHI'S COVID positivity rate has been inching up and remained above 1% for four days in a row. This is attributed to fewer tests being conducted and mostly symptomatic persons getting tested, said government officials. Delhi recorded a positivity rate of 1.68% on Thursday, with just over 10,000 tests.

Positivity rate is the proportion of samples that return positive, which is indicative of the spread of the infection.

Fewer people turning up to get tested, with hospitals contributing the largest chunk of the total tests conducted, has led to the positivity rate inching up over the week. It has remained above 1% over the last four days, up from 0.57% recorded on the first day of the month.

Officials said that lifting of restrictions such as the need for a negative RT-PCR test for domestic travel has also led to a drop in the number of tests conducted and consequently the increasing positivity rate. Moreover, when more symptomatic patients get tested, a higher number is likely to be positive, resulting in a higher positivity rate.

The number of tests has remained very low over the last three days, averaging 9,328 tests a day. In comparison, 23,431 tests were conducted on average daily during the last seven days of March, shows data from the Delhi government's health bulletin. The government had planned to maintain a level of around 60,000 tests a day even between the waves.



Source: Delhi health bulletin

"It's not that we have shut any of the collection points or that the capacity is not available. But with the cases being low, people are not coming to the centres to get tested. As for samples we collect from the community and transit points like railway stations and ISBTs, people refuse to get tested since the fear of the infection has gone down," said a senior official from the Delhi government. With fewer tests, capacity at government labs also remains vacant, the official said.

This is happening despite the insufficient capacity of government labs, with samples usually sent to private labs for processing, especially during a surge.

"Of course, most tests are happening in hospitals where people come in with respiratory symptoms, especially those who have to undergo a surgery or procedure. This is the reason that a major chunk of the tests currently being reported is at hospitals," the official said. The health department will meet

next week to discuss the reasons for the drop in tests and how it can be boosted.

City doctors, however, say they have started seeing one or two Covid cases this week, up from none before that. But these patients do not need hospitalisations, they said.

Dr Suranjit Chatterjee, senior consultant of internal medicine at Indraprastha Apollo hospital, said, "There has been a slight increase in numbers; this week I have seen six Covid patients, with three being from the same family. For the 15 days before that, I saw no cases. All patients just had a sore throat, cough, fever, etc and had they not been tested, it could pass off as a regular cold. People are reluctant to get tested now, but we need to keep an eye on tests to spot if there is a surge."

Dr Rommel Tickoo, director of internal medicine at Max Saket, said, "I have seen four or five patients this week, but we shouldn't read too much into it. The numbers are still very low."

BRIEFLY

Kin of workers who died in STP get Rs 10 lakh

New Delhi: Deputy Chief Minister Manish Sisodia Thursday handed over cheques of Rs 10 lakh each to the kin of two workers who died after they fell into a six-foot-deep pit while working at a sewage treatment plant in East Delhi last week. Sisodia visited the homes of the victims, handed over the cheques and assured them of a job in the Delhi Jal Board, an official statement said. PTI

Autos plying with expired certificates, HC raps govt

New Delhi: The Delhi High Court Thursday rapped the Delhi government for allowing thousands of e-rickshaws and auto rickshaws which lack the requisite fitness certificates to ply on the city roads, and directed it to take "remedial steps" forthwith. The division bench of Acting Chief Justice Vipin Sanghi and Justice Navin Chawla took note of the government response which stated that 80,583 e-rickshaws, whose fitness certificate expired in December 2021, are continuing to ply on the roads. The court was also told that 9,451 autos have expired fitness certificates.

3 booked for 'molestation'

New Delhi: A day after a woman was allegedly molested and her family members thrashed inside their home, police have apprehended three men in connection with the case. ENS



RUN UP TO YOGA DAY

A 'Yoga Utsav' was held at the Red Fort Thursday to mark the 75-day countdown to the International Day of Yoga. Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla and Union Minister Sarbananda Sonowal were among the participants. Abhinav Saha

Riots: Court junks bail plea of Jamia alumni head

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NEW DELHI, APRIL 7

A DELHI court has dismissed the bail plea of Shifa-Ur-Rehman, president of the Alumni Association of Jamia Millia Islamia University (AAJMI), in a UAPA case filed in connection with the Northeast Delhi riots.

Dismissing the plea, Additional Sessions Judge Amitabh Rawat noted that on perusal of the chargesheet and accompanying documents, for the limited purpose of bail, he was of the opinion that the allegations against the accused are prima facie true.

The court relied on multiple protected witnesses' statements, including one statement which claimed that Rehman gave money to one person saying that it was a contribution for the riots. "Fake bills of the expenses in the name of AAJMI were seized at the instance of accused Shifa-Ur-Rehman. This shows that the accused had tried to cover up his mistakes," the court said.

It said that a broad reading of all statements brings out the role of Rehman in the context of conspiracy and riots. "At this stage of bail, the statements of all witnesses have to be taken at face value and their veracity will be tested at the time of cross-examination," the court said.

The court said that the accused had connectivity with other accused persons like former JNU student Umar Khalid (member of DPSC, MSJ & UAH), and other activists like Meeran Haider (JCC), Safaora Zargar (JCC) and Asif Iqbal Tanha. "Accused persons have connectivity with each other and cumulative role of all the accused persons is also necessary to be seen to comprehend the entire structure and the conspiracy as stated in the chargesheet," the court said.

Rehman's lawyer argued that he had never advocated violence. Special public prosecutor Amit Prasad opposed the bail, stating that there is sufficient material on record to establish that the accusation against the accused is prima facie true.

Following 'threats', man shot at during riots gets arms licence

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THE DELHI Police Licensing Unit has issued an arms licence to a man who was allegedly shot at during the Northeast Delhi riots two years ago.

Police said the man, Rohit Shukla, who is also a witness in another case, was receiving threats from "unknown parties" and applied for a licence. After due verification from local police and specialised units, police provided the man with one.

Shukla was shot at allegedly by Shahrukh Pathan in Jafraabad. Pathan was arrested after the riots as he had also pointed a pistol at a head constable. He is in jail, and his bail was recently denied by the court.

Speaking to *The Indian Express*, Shukla claimed that he received threats from unknown persons in December last year.

Honey Singh 'manhandled' inside club

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DELHI POLICE have lodged an FIR on a complaint by singer Hirdesh Singh, who goes by the stage name 'Yo Yo Honey Singh', alleging that he was manhandled at a South Delhi club.

The incident took place at a club in South Extension-II, police said. As per the FIR, filed on a complaint from Singh and his lawyer Ishaan Mukherjee, Singh was performing on the intervening night of March 26-27 when a group of men allegedly forcibly got up on stage. The FIR read, "Four-five unknown men started misbehaving and disrupted the show... a person in a checked shirt caught my (Singh's) hand and started to pull me to the front... the person kept challenging and threatening me. I also observed he was armed..." The complainant added that all artists, including Singh, left.

DCP (South) Benita Mary Jaiker said, "We received a complaint from Singh... We've registered a case and identified all five accused... We'll make arrests." A case has been registered under sections of voluntarily causing hurt, wrongful restraint, criminal intimidation and others.

Singh's lawyer refused to comment on the incident.

Meat shop directive: Mayors get notice from Delhi minorities panel

ABHINAV RAJPUT
NEW DELHI, APRIL 7

THE DELHI Minorities Commission Thursday issued show cause notices to the mayors and commissioners of the three municipal corporations seeking an explanation on the "order" to shut meat shops during Navratri.

On Monday, South MCD mayor Mukesh Suryan had sent a letter to the civic body commissioner with instructions that all meat shops should be shut. East MCD mayor Shyam Sundar Agarwal had also made similar appeal.

Seeking a report within 24 hours, DMC chairman Zakir Khan has asked the mayors and commissioners to appear before it on Friday. In the notice, the commission has said that "... such proclamation can also incite and encourage hoggish behaviour on the ground. Senior authorities and the courts should step in and put a stop to such behaviour."

Suryan said the commission is not authorised to call or seek report from a mayor: "They can ask the executive wing but not a mayor."

When asked if the directions issued by him would be imple-

mented by officials, Suryan said that the executive wing is currently examining the legality of the provisions. "I stand by what I had said in the letter and, if needed, we will bring a resolution in the house to make it a law."

Director Press and Information, South MCD, said that the department has received the mayor's letter and it is being examined.

Agarwal said he had not issued any order but made an appeal to shops to shut during Navratri.

The notice issued by the commission further said "news reports have also observed that the mayor is acting like a law unto himself" and "what he is calling for violates the basic free (sic) guaranteed in the constitution". "Observing this, we hereby serve you upon you to explain forthwith on which laid down rule and regulations it has been decided by you to shut down the meat shop during Navratri," it said.

"The commission, therefore, requires that you shall file your status report on the aforesaid complaint on urgent basis with all necessary enclosure supporting your contentions and submit a detailed report and appear in person before the chairperson of Delhi Minorities Commission by April 8," the notice reads.

Govt includes e-cycle under its EV policy

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, APRIL 7

IN A significant step, the Delhi government has decided to include and incentivise e-cycles under its Electric Vehicle (EV) policy. This will include passenger and cargo e-cycles with a speed of less than 25 km/hour.

"A purchase incentive of 25% of MRP up to Rs 5,500 will be provided to the first 10,000 buyers. An additional incentive of Rs 2,000 to the first 1,000 individual e-cycle owners will be provided with an eye on creating the much-needed demand for e-cycles. Similarly, the government will



Transport Minister Kailash Gahlot and DDC-V Jasmine Shah

provide a purchase incentive of 33% of MRP up to Rs 15,000 per vehicle to the first 5,000 e-cargo cycles buyers to support food delivery and e-commerce drivers," the government said in a statement.

Buyers of e-cycles and cargo e-cycles will also be eligible for a "Scrapping Incentive" of up to Rs 3,000 per vehicle, for "scrapping and deregistering old ICE two-wheelers registered in Delhi".

Delhi Transport Minister Kailash Gahlot and Delhi Dialogue and Development Commission (DDC) vice-chairperson Jasmine Shah held a press conference Thursday to announce the decision.

Gahlot said, "Under the leadership of CM Arvind Kejriwal, Delhi is making its mark as 'EV Capital of India'. Nearly 46,000 EVs have been sold till date under the EV policy. The city also achieved the highest EV sale con-

tribution of 12.6% of March 2022 vehicle sales."

"The halfway mark of Delhi's vision of 25% EV by 2024 has been achieved. The good news is, in the last three months, two-wheelers sales are consistently contributing to more than 50% of the total EV sales. It shows the trend moving towards more adoption by both individuals and fleet owners," said Gahlot. An e-cycle can travel up to 45 km on a single charge, he said. Shah said the cabinet's decision to link the e-cycle segment with EV policy was a "big decision". He said, "... With this decision of the Delhi government... Delhi will become the first state to promote e-cycle."

NCLT initiates insolvency proceedings against ATS Group firm Ananda Divine

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
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THE NATIONAL Company Law Tribunal (NCLT) has initiated insolvency proceedings against Ananda Divine Developers.

A two-member Delhi-based Principal bench of the NCLT had on March 25 admitted a plea filed by ICICI Prudential Venture, claiming dues of Rs 25 crore. The tribunal appointed Harish Taneja as Interim Resolution Professional to take over the management while suspending the board of Ananda

Divine Developers, which is one of the companies of ATS Group.

ATS Infrastructure in a statement said it has resolved the dispute with ICICI Prudential Venture. "We've received a copy of the order and are in the middle of studying the same... We have mutually closed this dispute with ICICI Prudential Venture and will be filing a settlement soon," ATS Group CMD Getambar Anand said, adding, "The amount under consideration is a very small sum and the related project is completed... This will have no bearing on our other projects."

In its order, the NCLT observed that the realty firm is liable to pay ICICI Prudential Venture, the financial creditor, a total outstanding sum of Rs 25.46 crore as of November 20, 2020, which includes default IRR (Internal Rate of Return). "Consequently, by not paying the outstanding amount, which has become due and payable, the corporate debtor has committed an event of default under provision of the Investment Agreement and default under the provisions of the Code," said the bench comprising President R Sudhakar and AK Srivastava.

On July 24, 2014, Ananda Divine Developers along with its promoter ATS Infrastructure and Anand, also a promoter and personal guarantor, had executed an investment agreement, pursuant to which ICICI Prudential Venture invested Rs 75 crore by subscribing 75 lakh debentures having a face value of Rs 100. The debenture and obligations were secured with a mortgage over a 14-acre land of ATS Triumph Land at Sector 104 in Gurgaon.

The firm defaulted on payments after 2017 and the financial creditor finally moved NCLT.



PUCCA HOUSE GIVES POOR DIGNITY PM AWAS YOJANA MAKES LIFE EASY



Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (Rural)

- Construction of **2.52 crore** houses completed
- Central assistance of **Rs 1.95 lakh crore** released so far
- Gas connection to every beneficiary under PM Ujjwala Yojana

Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (Urban)

- Construction of **58 lakh** houses completed
- Central assistance of **Rs 1.18 lakh crore** released so far

Features of PMAY:

- Ownership of house in the name of female member or joint ownership
- Facility of toilet, kitchen, electricity and water in every house

“ The mission to provide houses to the poor is not just a government scheme but it is our commitment to build confidence among the poor and the villages. It is the first step towards upliftment of the poor from poverty. When the poor get a house, it brings stability in their life. Keeping this in mind our Government is giving top priority to PM Awas Yojana. ” - Narendra Modi

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DIVIDEND - BEL

A Ramalingam, CMD, BEL, along with MVR Sekhar (Dir. R&D) & M Kumar, ED (Mktg), presenting the 2nd Interim Dividend cheque for Rs 186.89 Cr to Defence Minister, Rajnath Singh, at New Delhi recently.



AWARD - RFCL

AK Jain, CEO, RFCL, a JV Company of NFL, EIL and FCIL has been conferred "CEO with HR Orientation" award by World HRD Congress for his significant contribution in the field of Human Resource (HR).



COURTESY MEETING - NHPC

AK Singh, CMD, NHPC had a courtesy meeting with PS Tamang, CM of Sikkim recently at Gangtok. Meeting were held regarding ongoing projects of NHPC in Sikkim including 500MW Teesta-VI & 120 MW Rangit-IV Hydro Projects.



MoU - RITES

RITES has entered into a MoU with IIT-Delhi, to explore avenues of mutual collaboration on road design and road safety consultancy projects. Under this agreement, RITES and IIT-Delhi intend to bring in best practices.



AGREEMENT - NTPC

NTPC has taken up an initiative of blending of green hydrogen in PNG network of GGL at NTPC Kawas. A formal agreement between two companies has been signed in the presence of M Bhargava, CEO, NTPC REL & ED RE, NTPC.



INTERACTION - IREDA

IREDA has achieved the highest-ever loan sanctions around Rs 23921.06 Cr & loan disbursements of Rs 16070.82 Cr. On this occasion, PK Das, CMD, IREDA, addressed all the employees through his motivational interaction.



AWARD - NBCC

PK Gupta, CMD, NBCC has been conferred with "CEO of The Year" award at the 11th edition of World Leadership Congress recently. Gupta was bestowed for his immense contributions towards nation's infrastructure building.



INDIAN BASIN - ONGC

ONGC is on its way to commercialize another Basin – the Vindhyan Basin. This would be the 9th producing Basin of India; the 8th by ONGC. This comes close on the heels of the 8th Indian Basin – the Bengal Basin.



AWARD - INDIANOIL

IOCL R&D bagged the third prize in the "Best Institution for campus usage" category of the National Water Awards instituted by the Ministry of Jal Shakti, GOI. Dr D Saxena, ED (LT) & Dr U Srivastva, CGM (SE&IA) received the award.



MoU - EIL

Engineers India and Numaligarh Refinery signed a MoU for development and commercialization of technologies. Under the MoU, EIL and NRL will jointly develop and license indigenous technologies.



RAISING DAY - CRPF

120 Bn CRPF celebrated 31st raising day with zest and zeal. A Kumar, DIG of Police, Range Guwahati, CRPF was the Chief guest. DIGP reiterated the glorious tradition of the CRPF and its core values of 'Service and Loyalty'.



COURTESY MEETING - IREDA

PK Das, CMD, IREDA had a courtesy meeting with Dr M Nirani, Large and Medium Scale Industries M/o Karnataka. They discussed a variety of topics related to boosting Renewable Energy sector in Karnataka.



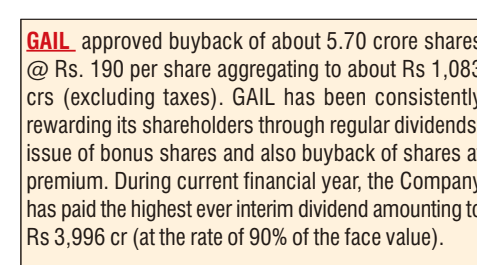
JV - INDIANOIL

In a bid to enable India's decarbonization push, Indian Oil, L&T and ReNew Power. The tripartite venture is a synergistic alliance that brings together the strong credentials of L&T in designing, executing, and delivering EPC projects.



VISIT - DELHI METRO

The Delhi Metro Adventure Club (MAC) recently organized a visit to the National War Memorial. Vikas Kumar, MD/DMRC (Patron, MAC) and Anuj Dayal, Principal ED/DMRC (Secretary, MAC) facilitated Subedar Major (Hony Capt) Yogendra Yadav, PVC with a Metro train model in the presence of over 200 employees and families of DMRC who were part of this trip. This trip was a part of the ongoing 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav' celebrations.



GAIL approved buyback of about 5.70 crore shares @ Rs. 190 per share aggregating to about Rs 1,083 crs (excluding taxes). GAIL has been consistently rewarding its shareholders through regular dividends, issue of bonus shares and also buyback of shares at premium. During current financial year, the Company has paid the highest ever interim dividend amounting to Rs 3,996 cr (at the rate of 90% of the face value).

BHEL has achieved a major landmark with its equipment enabling record power transmission of 6,000 MW, over the recently commissioned ±800 kV, 6,000 MW Ultra High Voltage Direct Current (UHVDC) link between the Western Region Grid (Raigarh, Chhattisgarh) and the Southern Region Grid (Pugalur, Tamil Nadu). The project will supplement power availability in the Southern Grid.

NTPC, delivered a phenomenal performance with highest ever annual group generation of 360 BU, a growth of 14.6% compared to previous year. During this period, NTPC also recorded the highest ever single day generation of 1215.68 MU (Group) & 1013.45 MU (NTPC). On a standalone basis, NTPC Capacity increased by 4.1% to 54575 MW.

PUNJABI ACCADMY EK SHAM SATINDER SARTAJ DE Naam was organised by Punjabi acadmy recently at Dilli haat. Mla General Singh, Rajesh Rishi, Harsha Singh Valli & secy Rajender Kumar were present.



CSR - WEAVER STORY

WeaverStory is promoting handlooms and handicrafts with artisans across India, under their program Craft-Tales. Naseem Bano, a weaver from Chanderi, was presented with the Kala Nishth award.



WELCOME - NALANDA UNIVERSITY

Nalanda University Welcomed ICCR President at its campus and ICCR President commended NU Vice Chancellor's efforts to develop Nalanda University as a "unique university"



AWARD - SGIL

Sembcorp's renewable energy arm SGIL has won two social impact awards and an international safety award in recognition of its efforts towards sustainable operations.



APPOINTMENT

SECI Sanjay Sharma has joined as Director (Solar), in Solar Energy Corporation of India Ltd recently. Before joining he was Executive Director (Solar) in SECI. He is B.Tech. (Hons), MBA, Certified Energy Auditor & Certified project manager. He is having more than 33 years of experience in power sector. He worked in Power Grid Corporation of India Ltd for approx 25 years before joining SECI in Sept 2015.



10 IN PARLIAMENT

BUDGET SESSION

FROM THE GALLERY

5 QUESTIONS



RSP MP N K PREMACHANDRAN SPEAKS TO LIZ MATHEW ABOUT THE BUDGET SESSION OF PARLIAMENT

What's your assessment of the Budget Session?

It has been a fruitful session and there have been some good debates, especially the one on the Ukraine crisis... But, unfortunately, we could not discuss the most important issue — price rise — because government did not want a debate on it.

There is a tendency to measure the success of the session by the hours the House functioned. What is your view on this?

It is one of the factors to measure productivity. At the same time, the issues discussed, quality of the debates, and attendance of members are also factors... When a House sits for long hours and allows a lot of members to participate in discussions, it is good and the Speaker has to be lauded for it. But the government is not willing to discuss contentious issues.

What is your view on Parliament going increasingly paperless?

It is very difficult... When serious issues such as policy matters and reports of standing committees are discussed, it is very difficult to go through them without having the papers before you.

Are you saying we are not yet prepared to go paperless?

Yes. We are not totally equipped. For example, we don't have good web connectivity inside the chamber. When we participate, we don't get access to the material. I think for Parliament to function effectively, hard copies are a must. The ministers still depend on files and papers to answer questions...

At the global level, there is a lot of effort being made to reduce carbon footprint and go green. In India, shouldn't the Parliament set an example?

I appreciate the fact that the parliamentarians across the world are trying to work without paper. But for MPs, there are hard copies still available when it comes to important Bills and policies. When ministers use paper for their answers and even in debates, you can't insist the MPs shouldn't.

SO LONG, TILL MONSOON SESSION



Congress chief Sonia Gandhi with Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh and Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla at an all-party meeting after Parliament was adjourned sine die Thursday. Birla tweeted that he called for collective efforts to raise the level of discussion in the House. ANI



Congress MP Shashi Tharoor and BJP MP Hema Malini at Parliament House Complex. Anil Sharma



TMC MPs Sushmita Dev and Aparupa Poddar, with Poddar's daughter, at Parliament House complex. Anil Sharma

Budget Session concludes amid din in RS

Opposition protests price rise, Venkaiah adjourns House without customary closing remarks

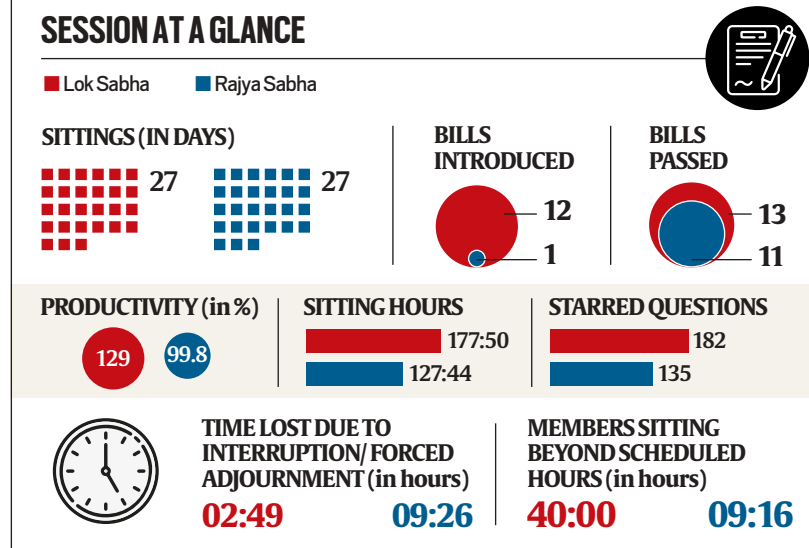
HARIKISHAN SHARMA & MANOJ CG
NEW DELHI, APRIL 7

BUDGET SESSION of Parliament concluded on Thursday, a day ahead of schedule, with Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha being adjourned sine die in a contrasting manner.

While Speaker Om Birla adjourned Lok Sabha after making his closing remarks at 11:09 am, Chairman M Venkaiah Naidu adjourned Rajya Sabha amid slogan shouting by Shiv Sena, Congress and other opposition MPs. Naidu could not even read out his customary closing remarks, summing up the business conducted in the House during the session.

"So, you don't want to hear the concluding remarks also! I can adjourn without that also. I have no problem. This is totally against the democratic spirit, norms of the House, dignity and decorum of the House. I feel very sad," said Naidu amid protests over issues including rising fuel prices by the opposition MPs.

"On the last day of the House, if some people decide to disrupt the House... They know this is the last day; so, create a situation where the Chairman takes some action. I don't want to do it. I will not favour you with action today because this is a message that will go to the country. You have the privilege of not having



the remarks of the Chairman," he said.

Later, while Congress accused the government of avoiding a discussion in House on price rise among other issues, Parliamentary Affairs Minister Pralhad Joshi said the session was curtailed "due to demand of leaders of various political parties".

The Budget Session — 8th session of the 17th Lok Sabha — began on January 31 and was scheduled to end on April 8.

"During this session, a total of 13 Bills (12 in Lok Sabha and 1 in Rajya Sabha) were introduced. 13 Bills were passed by Lok Sabha and 11 Bills were passed by Rajya Sabha. Total

number of Bills passed by both Houses of Parliament is 11," the Parliamentary Affairs Ministry said in a statement.

Among the Bills passed by both Houses are The Delhi Municipal Corporation (Amendment) Bill, 2022 and The Criminal Procedure (Identification) Bill, 2022.

Addressing a press conference after adjourning Lok Sabha, Speaker Birla said, "As far as productivity is concerned, the overall productivity of the House stood at 129 per cent during the 8th session of the 17th Lok Sabha."

Rajya Sabha clocked a productivity of 99.80 per cent, the third best productive session since the Monsoon Session of 2017. The House spent 37.50 per cent of the functional time on debates and 23 per cent on Government Bills.

During this session, 27 sittings of Lok Sabha were held — the second highest of the 17th Lok Sabha until now. The highest number of sittings of this Lok Sabha — 37 — was during its first session in 2019.

Soon after the House was adjourned sine die, Birla met the leaders of parties and urged them to make "collective efforts" in raising the "level" of discussions to enhance the dignity of the House. Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Congress president Sonia Gandhi and National Conference leader Farooq Abdullah were among those present in the meeting.

Cong says govt adjourned House as it's unwilling to discuss price rise

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NEW DELHI, APRIL 7

OPPOSITION CONGRESS on Thursday alleged that the government adjourned Parliament ahead of schedule to escape a discussion on issues affecting the people, including the high rate of unemployment and continuous rise in prices of petrol and diesel, as well as cooking gas and fertiliser.

The party accused the government of running away from Parliament.

"The prices of every commodity have risen, which has impacted people, especially the poor," Leader of Opposition in Rajya Sabha, Mallikarjun Kharge, said at a press conference. "We wanted to discuss this issue. We cooperated with the government on passage of Bills, but the government did not allow a discussion on the real issues..."

He said the government's lack of interest in solving the issues became clear when Parliament was adjourned sine die on Thursday. "The government had given business till Friday. We were ready. But the government adjourned (the House) in the morning itself," Kharge said. "We feel the government was not interested in solving problems faced by the people," he added.

Congress leader in Lok Sabha, Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury, who also addressed the media, said the government had agreed for a discussion on price-rise. "We were waiting for the discussion, but suddenly it was decided on Wednesday evening that the House will adjourn sine die on Thursday," he said. "It is strange that the government agrees for a discussion in the BAC (Business Advisory Committee) and when the time comes it breaches its own commitment and runs away."

Congress chief whip in Rajya Sabha, Jairam Ramesh, said the BAC of Rajya Sabha had allocated time for two Bills: Weapons of Mass Destruction Bill and the Indian Antarctic Bill.

"The Opposition was prepared for a full discussion on both Bills... They could have brought it today; they could have brought it tomorrow," Ramesh said. "I think the real reason why Rajya Sabha got adjourned... we have lost two days... The real reason is that the combined Opposition wanted an exclusive discussion on price-rise and the agreement between the farmers' organisations and the government, which the government was not willing."

People from different states should speak in Hindi, not English: Shah

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PEOPLE OF different states should communicate with each other in Hindi, and not English, Home Minister Amit Shah suggested on Thursday.

"Prime Minister Narendra Modi has decided that the medium of running the government is the Official Language, and this will definitely increase the importance of Hindi. Now the time has come to make the Official Language an important part of the unity of the country. When citizens of States who speak other languages communicate with each other, it should be in the language of India," Shah was quoted by the Ministry of Home Affairs as having said at the 37th meeting of the



Amit Shah has pushed for greater use of Hindi by officials

Parliamentary Official Language Committee.

Shah, however, clarified that Hindi should be accepted as an alternative to English, and not local languages. He also suggested that Hindi should be made more flexible by accepting words from other local languages.

Shah is chairperson of the Official Language Committee, and BJP's B Mahtab its vice chairperson.

The Home Minister stressed the need to give elementary knowledge of Hindi to students up to Class IX and pay more attention

to Hindi teaching examinations.

According to MHA, Shah informed members that 70 per cent of the agenda of the Cabinet is now prepared in Hindi. He said 22,000 Hindi teachers have been recruited in the eight states of the Northeast, and nine tribal communities of the region have converted scripts of their dialects to Devanagari. All these states have also agreed to make Hindi compulsory in schools up to Class X, he said, according to MHA.

The ministry said the committee unanimously approved sending the 11th volume of the committee's report to the President.

Shah has consistently pushed for greater use of Hindi by officials and the youth, and has said that India's culture and value systems had remained protected primarily because of the language.

LS Speaker: 'One nation, one legislative platform' by 2023

HARIKISHAN SHARMA
NEW DELHI, APRIL 7

THE PROCEEDINGS of all legislatures — both Houses of Parliament and state assemblies and legislative councils — will be available on one platform by 2023, Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla said on Thursday.

Addressing a press conference after the conclusion of the Budget session, Birla said: "We are working on bringing proceedings of all state legislatures on one platform. I think we will be able to do it by 2023."

He said the platform would provide lot of information to public. "Besides, our endeavour is to provide all the documents through metadata so that people can access the proceedings of the House," Birla said, adding that this would also be available by 2023.

Kerala: Defiant Thomas headed for CPM meet, Cong in a cleft stick

SHAJU PHILIP
KANNUR, APRIL 7

BESET BY several problems, the Congress in Kerala has a new one: what to do with former Union minister K V Thomas.

On Thursday, defying a directive from the party high command, Thomas announced that he would attend a seminar on Centre-state relations, to be held on Saturday as part of the ongoing CPM Congress here. Thomas left it to the party to decide what it wants to do with him. But, while the Congress had earlier threatened action should Thomas accept the CPM invite, it is now dragging its feet, wary of the fallout. Party state president KSudhakaran said they would wait till the seminar was over.

With Thomas seen as the high command's man, the state unit has apparently conveyed to the central leadership that it should decide how to punish this "insult" as well as "act of indiscipline". However, for the Delhi leadership,

which counts the Left parties as comrade in the cause of a national platform, action against Thomas over participation in a CPM event might be counterproductive.

On Thursday, announcing that he would go to the CPM seminar, Thomas attested to his good relations with "madam" (Sonia Gandhi), but also made clear his lukewarm ties with Rahul Gandhi. "Rahul hasn't talked to a senior leader like me since December 2018," he said.

For the Congress, action against Thomas could go wrong many different ways. On Wednesday, CPM general secretary Sitaram Yechury said at the party Kannur meet that the Congress, among other parties, should "set its house in order" and hinted that it should drop its soft Hindutva approach. With the Kerala CPM likely to be more aggressive than its central leadership, the Congress fears action against Thomas would be projected by the Left as a move taken at the behest of the BJP.

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ASSAM RAJYA SABHA POLLS FALLOUT

Cross-voting claims: Cong leader sends legal notice to AIUDF MLA

TORA AGARWALA
NEW DELHI, APRIL 7

ONE WEEK after Rajya Sabha polls in Assam, the mudslinging between opposition parties in the state continued with Leader of Opposition Debabrata Saikia of the Congress serving a legal notice to AIUDF legislator Karim Uddin Barbhuiya on Thursday for allegedly making "defamatory" accusations against a section of Congress MLAs.

Elections to two of Assam's Rajya Sabha seats were held on March 31, with the BJP and its ally UPPL winning both. The BJP-led alliance's victory, which came despite not having the numbers to win the second seat, indicated that some opposition MLAs broke ranks to vote for the alliance. Since then, the Congress and the AIUDF — who fielded a joint candidate — have been engaged in a war of words.

The notice sent to Barbhuiya says he had alleged that "7-8 MLAs of the Congress had voted for the BJP" in a press meet last week. According to the notice, Barbhuiya had also claimed that if the houses of some MLAs were searched, "packets and packets of cash" would be recovered.

"My client states that the aforesaid statements issued by you in the press meet are entirely false, fallacious, frivolous, scandalous, derogatory and defamatory. The statements made in the press meet were made intentionally and maliciously to mislead the public and denigrate the image of the Indian National Congress," Sarfraz Nawaz, Saikia's counsel, said in the notice, demanding that Barbhuiya tender an "unconditional public apology", and withdraw his statements. He has been given seven days to respond, failing which criminal and civil actions would be pursued against him.

CAG report: Ordnance factories report 584 mishaps from 2014-19

SUSHANT KULKARNI
PUNE, APRIL 7

A REPORT tabled by the Comptroller and Auditor General (CAG) of India on Ordnance Factories and Defence Public Sector Undertakings (DPSUs) has said that in the assessment period of 2014-15 and 2018-19, as many as 584 accidents of 11 ordnance items were reported due to quality issues and malfunctioning of ammunition.

The audit report number 25 of 2021 on the CAG for the year ending March 2019 on Union Government (Defence Services) on Ordnance Factories and Defence Public Sector Undertakings was presented in Parliament on Wednesday.

The report contains analysis of the performance of Ordnance Factory Board (OFB) for 2018-19, audit of performance of Materials and Components (M&C) Group of Ordnance Factories, audit of functioning of

Ordnance Equipment Group (OEG) along with audit of issues relating to DPSUs.

In October 2021, the Ministry of Defence (MoD) formed seven new DPSUs, which have taken over the operations of the 41 factories under the erstwhile Ordnance Factory Board (OFB).

In paragraph on quality conformance of the M&C items, the CAG reports says: "584 accidents involving 10 ammunition items and one tank item during 2014-15 to 2018-19 were reported from the users' end. The nature of the defects observed in the accidents indicated mainly the quality problems of various components, malfunctioning of ammunition and weapon damages. Substantial time taken in defect investigation of accidents delayed remedial measures to overcome the quality deficiencies." In the context of ordnance factories, users mainly refer to the armed forces.

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POINT TO PONDER

TRINAMOOL CONGRESS'S Rajya Sabha MP Derek O'Brien has raised in House an unusual problem many are facing. On Wednesday, O'Brien said Goa residents with Portuguese names, such as D'Rosario and D'Cruz, were unable to receive provident fund because of their names. Apparently, the computer programme installed for EPFO does not accept apostrophes in names. The MP said his own Anglo-Indian community, with names of European descent such as his, were also facing a similar problem. O'Brien said that asking people to change names for convenience of a computer programme is unacceptable.

CLEARING THE AIR

CONVERSATIONS BETWEEN leaders inside the House sometimes become a talking point, the latest being a chat between Congress leader Shashi Tharoor and NCP's Supriya Sule. On Thursday, Tharoor took to Twitter to clarify what had transpired. "For all those who've been enjoying themselves at @supriyaSule's & my expense over our brief exchange in Lok Sabha, she was asking me a policy question because she was about to speak next. She was speaking softly so as not to disturb Farooq Sahib, so I leaned over to hear her," he wrote. But then, he had tagged a wrong Twitter handle. The handle he tagged was of one Nicholas Brown, who has his Twitter name as @SUPRIYASULE.

WARM GESTURE

ON THE last day of the Budget Session, BSP MP Reoti Raman Singh got a surprise in Parliament House. As he was walking out of Rajya Sabha chamber, PM Narendra Modi stopped to greet him. He enquired about his health. The PM spent a good 4 or 5 minutes with him on way to his room.

Somaiya booked for 'cheating' in INS Vikrant fund collection

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MUMBAI, APRIL 7

THE MUMBAI police registered an FIR on Thursday against BJP leader and ex-MP Kirit Somaiya, his son Neil Somaiya, and others on charges of alleged cheating and criminal breach of trust linked to the collection of funds upto Rs 57 crore for restoring the decommissioned aircraft carrier INS Vikrant. The police are likely to summon Somaiya and others to record their statements. Sources said no arrest is likely in the case immediately as the investigation is at an initial stage. Somaiya denied any wrongdoing and said he is ready



Have done no wrong: Kirit Somaiya

to face an inquiry. "I have not done anything wrong," he said. The FIR was registered a day after Shiv Sena MP Sanjay Raut alleged that Somaiya had invested the funds in his son's construction company instead of depositing it with the Maharashtra Governor as promised. INS Vikrant was India's first aircraft carrier, which played a key role in the 1971 war with Pakistan

that led to the birth of Bangladesh. It was decommissioned in 1997 and preserved as a museum till 2012 before being sold and scrapped in November 2014. Senior Inspector Rehana Shaikh of the Trombay police station confirmed that an FIR has been registered against Kirit Somaiya, Neil Somaiya and others in connection with a complaint lodged by an ex-service-man identified as Baban Bhosle. According to the complaint, Somaiya, his son and others had collected money in 2013-14 in the name of restoring Vikrant through donation boxes placed at railway stations in Mumbai. Bhosle said he put Rs 2,000

in one of the boxes — and that Rs 57 crore had been collected from the public. The complaint stated that while collecting donations, Somaiya had said the money would be donated to the Governor. Bhosle learnt about the ship being scrapped, and saw a news report about an RTI query to the Governor's secretary about the donation deposited in 2013-14 by Somaiya. The RTI reply stated that no such money was received by the Governor's office, the complaint said. Somaiya said: "There is no scam in this. Raut has been levelling allegations, but has not given proof to substantiate them."

A-I suspends Delhi-Moscow flights over insurance fears

PRANAV MUKUL
NEW DELHI, APRIL 7

AIR INDIA has suspended its Delhi-Moscow service after international insurance underwriters conveyed to the airline that its insurance would not be valid for flights landing in Russia amid the ongoing Russia-Ukraine conflict, sources said.

"Air India has reached out to the Government of India seeking its intervention in the matter so that flights to Moscow can be resumed as soon as possible," said a source. In a statement, a spokesperson of the Tata Group-owned airline said: "Air India has cancelled one return flight on the Delhi-Moscow-Delhi sector of 7th April, 2022." However, flight tracking portal FlightRadar24 showed that the airline, which operates a flight on the Delhi-Moscow route every Sunday and Thursday, cancelled the April 3 flight too.

Airlines buy insurance cover to protect themselves against windfall losses in case of an untoward incident or accident involving their aircraft. Each insurance cover is tailor-made for a particular airline, and is generally provided by a consortium of re-insurers and underwriters.

Air India renews the insurance for its flights and aircraft at the beginning of each financial year. It buys cover from Indian reinsurers like New India Assurance, National Insurance Company, Oriental Insurance Company and

EXPLAINED

No direct link now
GIVEN THAT Russian airline Aeroflot has cancelled all its international flights except to Belarus, Air India's Delhi-Moscow service was the only direct air connection between the two countries. That Air India can still overfly Russia for its US flights is a relief for the airline.

United India Insurance Company, and the insurance is underwritten by international companies, including some UK-based firms.

Following sanctions by the West after its military action in Ukraine, Russia's air services operated by European and American carriers were suspended. Russia's airlines were also barred from using foreign airspace. Air India was among the few airlines, in addition to some Chinese and West Asian carriers, that were still flying to Russia. While airlines from the US and Canada stopped using Russian airspace, Air India continued to overfly Russia for its flights between India and the US, taking the shorter North Pole route.

"The insurance companies have only flagged a concern over aircraft landing in Russia, not with overflight through Russian airspace," said a source.

India-US 2+2 talks on April 11

New Delhi: India on Thursday said its 2+2 dialogue with the US next week will provide an opportunity to exchange views on important regional and global developments and how both sides can work together to address common interests and concerns. Defence Minister Rajnath Singh and External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar will hold the talks with US Defence Secretary Lloyd Austin and Secretary of State Anthony Blinken on April 11 in Washington. The unfolding situation in Ukraine is expected to be discussed. MEA spokesperson Arindam Bagchi said, "The dialogue would enable both sides to undertake a comprehensive review of cross-cutting issues in the India-US bilateral agenda related to foreign policy, defence and security." **ENS**

ED questions Omar in J&K Bank case, NC says targeting Opp

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NEW DELHI, SRINAGAR, APRIL 7

THE ENFORCEMENT Directorate (ED) on Thursday questioned National Conference (NC) leader and former J&K chief minister Omar Abdullah at his headquarters in the national capital in connection with a money laundering probe linked to the operations of J&K Bank.

Sources told *The Indian Express* that Omar was questioned in connection with the appointment of some of the bank's directors.

The NC described the ED move as "political" and "a fishing expedition", and accused the



Quizzed on appointment of some bank directors

Centre of "misusing" investigative agencies to "target parties that pose a challenge to the BJP". It said Omar will cooperate with the central agency since "there is no wrongdoing on his part and he is not an accused in any matter under investigation".

"In spite of it being the holy month of Ramzan, and Delhi not being his primary place of residence, Mr Abdullah did not seek a postponement or a change of venue and appeared as per the

notice," the party said.

The agency had earlier summoned PDP chief Mehbooba Mufti in connection with the case.

J&K Bank has been under probe since 2019 for alleged irregularities linked to its operations, including disbursement of loans and nepotism in appointments, with several FIRs being filed against its office-bearers by the Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB).

The Centre removed the bank's chairman Parvez Ahmed in June 2019, two months before it announced the abrogation of Article 370 and bifurcation of the state into two Union Territories.

The ED's case of money laundering, registered in 2019, is based on these FIRs.

SP MLA's petrol pump razed year after order, days after Yogi remarks

ASAD REHMAN
LUCKNOW, APRIL 7

A PETROL pump owned by Samajwadi Party MLA Shazil Islam Ansari was demolished by the Bareilly Development Authority (BDA) on Thursday, allegedly as it was constructed without getting approval for the map of the structure.

The demolition, on the basis of an order passed a year ago, was carried out three days after Ansari and some others were booked for allegedly making objectionable comments against CM Yogi Adityanath at a function in Bareilly district Sunday. BDA Secretary Yogendra Kumar told *The Indian Express*: "Construction on the petrol pump started in July 2019. He was served a notice to stop the construction then. But he didn't stop. After several hearings, in March 2021, the demolition order was passed. In compliance with



Officials demolish a petrol pump in Bareilly, Thursday. *Express*

that demolition order, the structure was brought down today."

An MLA from Bhojipura seat in Bareilly district, and a former minister, Islam could not be reached despite multiple calls and text messages. Kumar said the Bharat Petroleum petrol pump, located on the Bareilly-Delhi national highway, had been

built without getting its structural map approved by the BDA. "After the notice was served, there were multiple hearings, at least five, and he (Ansari) appeared for them too. He requested that he would get the structure compounded (put up a fence) but he didn't, and it was demolished," the BDA official said.

J&K: 2 civilians injured as Army men open fire

BASHAARAT MASOOD
SRINAGAR, APRIL 7

TWO CIVILIANS were injured when Army personnel allegedly opened fire during an altercation in north Kashmir's Handwara Thursday. The Army, however, termed it "accidental" firing.

The altercation took place when local residents objected to the Army trying to take pictures of people who had gathered to offer prayers at Jama Masjid. "We were preparing for the prayers when the Army personnel entered the compound of the mosque. They were forcing some students to take pictures..." alleged an eyewitness. "The students refused to do so. Those assembled there objected to it, leading to an argument and the Army men opened fire."

Two persons, both shopkeepers, were injured in the firing. Police sources identified them as Mujeeb-ur-Reham Sofi and Abdul Ahad Mir. They have been moved to Srinagar for treatment.

The Army termed it an "accidental discharge of the weapon".

"In view of the Iftaar party planned by the Army..., the troops at about 1.30 pm took few photos of Jamia Masjid Handwara to showcase happiness and offering of prayers..." Defence spokesman Emron Musavi said. "Thereafter, they requested a local resident to get few photos from inside. It is when the local person was going to take photos, some rogue elements protested and instigated others to get into an altercation. While attempting to pacify them, two or three individuals got into a scuffle with the troops wherein there was accidental discharge of weapon."

BIRBHUM VIOLENCE

CBI makes first arrests: 4 from Mumbai

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THE CENTRAL Bureau of Investigation (CBI) on Thursday arrested four persons from Mumbai in connection with the Birbhum violence that claimed at least nine lives last month, said an official with the central agency here. According to the CBI, all the four, who hail from Rampurhat in Birbhum district of West Bengal, were present on the spot on the night of violence.

"Four persons have been arrested in Mumbai. They will be brought here (Rampurhat) on transit remand," said a CBI official about the first arrests made by them in the case.

"The accused were present on the spot on the night of the violence and fled Bogtui village after the incident. They were traced using technical and human intelligence under a well-planned operation. We traced their hideout

by tracking their mobile phone location to Mumbai and arrested them," said the official.

The accused — Bappa Sheikh, alias, Sal Mohamad, Sabu Sheikh, alias, Sadriil Sheikh, Taj Mohammad, alias, Chand, and Serajul Sheikh, alias, Poltu — were produced before the jurisdictional court (in Mumbai) that granted their transit remand till April 10, said the official. The CBI will produce the accused at a Rampurhat court and seek their custody for questioning.

Bappa and Shabu were among 21 accused the CBI had booked on March 25 after the Calcutta High Court directed the central agency to take over the investigation of the case.

Earlier in the day, the CBI submitted a progress report on their probe in the March 21 violence case in a sealed cover before the division bench comprising Chief Justice Prakash Shrivastava and Justice Rajarshi Bharadwaj.

The High Court, however, re-

versed its order on whether the CBI should also probe the murder case of deputy gram pradhan Bhadu Sheikh that allegedly sparked off a chain of events, including the March 21 violence.

The High Court had on March 25 ordered the West Bengal SIT, which was probing the case, to hand over the investigation to the CBI. The court further ordered the SIT to hand over all papers related to the case to the CBI and all the 22 suspects, including TMC block president Anarul Hossain, arrested by them.

The SIT had booked a total of 21 people, who were also booked by the CBI after the case was transferred to them. The murder of Bhadu Sheikh in Rampurhat in the evening on March 21 had sparked off a chain of events. At least eight houses were attacked and set on fire, leading to the death of nine people, including women and children. Out of the nine, seven charred bodies were found in the house of one Sona Sheikh.

GORAKHNATH TEMPLE ATTACK

In video, accused speaks of harassment

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A PURPORTED video of the Gorakhnath temple attack accused, Ahmed Murtaza Abbasi, has surfaced on social media in which the 29-year-old Bombay IIT-graduate is heard saying that he took the step because he felt that Muslims were being harassed. He mentioned CAA-NRC and Karnataka.

The video, in which Abbasi is shown sitting with a bandaged hand, appears to have been shot

by police during his questioning. Abbasi, a resident of Gorakhpur, is in the custody of Anti-Terrorism Squad of UP Police and is being kept at the ATS headquarters in Lucknow.

The audio in the purported clip is not clear. Abbasi is heard saying that after purchasing a khurpi (a sharp-edged tool), he took a tempo to reach Gorakhnath temple gate where police were deployed. He is also heard saying that he came to Gorakhpur from Nepal.

In another video, Abbasi is heard saying that after police-

men came to his house, he fled to Nepal.

Speaking to mediapersons, Additional Director General (Law & Order) Prashant Kumar said that he had said earlier that there was a big conspiracy behind the incident. "Police are looking into all the aspects of the case. All the allegations made by the accused will be verified during the probe," he said.

On the mental condition of Abbasi, Kumar said, "If the accused claims so, we will get a psychological assessment done by experts as per norms."

Lemon prices shoot up as heat spell continues across country

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EXTREME HEAT is not only damaging wheat, but also the humble lemon. Due to high temperatures, the market-ready crop stands singed in many lemon-growing zones, pushing the prices up.

The present trend is expected to continue for the next two months. At present, a single lemon in Pune's wholesale market is priced at Rs 5, and by the time it hits the retail market, it is priced between Rs 10-12 per

piece. Other than the domestic markets, lemons from Maharashtra are sent to Madhya Pradesh, Delhi, and Rajasthan but this year the produce is scanty to be sent elsewhere. Andhra Pradesh is the largest grower, followed by Maharashtra, Gujarat, Tamil Nadu and Odisha. Vilas Bhujbal, a commission agent at Pune's wholesale market at Gultekdi, said arrival of lemon has dropped by 60 per cent.

Accordinging issued by IMD on Thursday, there will be no respite from severe heat for at least the next five days.

Forest fires' frequency, intensity up in 2 decades: study

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NEW DELHI, APRIL 7

THE FREQUENCY and intensity of forest fires, as well as the number of months in which such fires occur, have increased in the past two decades, according to a study released on Thursday by the Council on Energy, Environment and Water (CEEW).

The study, 'Managing Forest Fires in a Changing Climate', found that there has been a ten-fold increase in forest fires in the past two decades, and that more than 62 per cent of Indian states are

prone to high-intensity forest fires. In the last month alone, significant forest fires have been reported in Uttarakhand, Madhya Pradesh and Rajasthan. The recent fire at Rajasthan's Sariska Tiger Reserve was also considered to have been unseasonal, with high temperatures exacerbating the spread of the fire.

The CEEW study also found that Andhra Pradesh, Assam, Chhattisgarh, Odisha and Maharashtra are most prone to high-intensity forest fire events caused by rapid change in climate.

"The recent incident at Sariska forest reserve was the fourth for-



The study found that 62 per cent of states are prone to high-intensity forest fires.

est fire in that week. Earlier, forest fires would take place during the summer months, that is between May and June. Now, during spring,

between March and May, because of climatic changes, we have started seeing many more forest fires. This means the duration that forest fires could take place was two to three months earlier, but it is now nearly six months," said lead author of the report, Abinash Mohanty, who is programme lead at CEEW. A Forest Survey of India report in 2019 found that 36 per cent of forest cover in India falls in zones that are prone to forest fires.

According to the CEEW study, more than 75 per cent of Indian districts are extreme climate event hotspots, and more than 30 per cent of districts are extreme

forest fire hotspots. The study also found that Andhra Pradesh, Odisha, Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Uttarakhand, Telangana, and northeastern states are most prone to forest fires. Mizoram has had the highest number of forest fire incidences in the last two decades, with more than 95 per cent of its districts being forest fire hotspots, according to the study.

"...Despite the northeastern region being a rain-fed area, it is witnessing more such incidences during increased dry spells across March-May and due to muddled rainfall pattern," the study said.

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Jindal Global Law School ranked 70th globally: QS subject ranking

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JINDAL GLOBAL Law School (JGLS) improved its performance by six places in the 'Law' category of the QS subject rankings released on Wednesday. Globally, it ranked 70th, making it the best law school in the country for the third year in a row.

QS ranked a total of 340 law schools after evaluating 1,118 institutions in the world in 2022. They were judged on four parameters — academic reputation, employer reputation, citations and h-index. The latter is a way of measuring both the productivity and impact of the published work of a scientist or scholar. JGLS was ranked in the 101-150 bracket in 2020, and improved its performance to the 76th position in 2021, and 70th this year.



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Russia's invasion of Ukraine puts India at the sweet centre of a diplomatic triangle in the Indo-Pacific



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COVID & POVERTY

New study suggests that poverty remained low during pandemic. In absence of reliable data, it raises some questions

ESTIMATING POVERTY AND inequality in India has been a controversial and contentious process. Opinions diverge not only on the data which forms the basis of the estimation, the methodologies to be followed, but also on the trends over the past few decades. In recent times, the withdrawal of the 2017-18 consumption expenditure survey, and the uncertainty in measuring the economic fallout of the pandemic, have served to further polarise the debate. In the absence of reliable and timely data in the public domain, various economists have put forth their assessments of poverty and inequality in India during these years. One such recent exercise suggests that contrary to popular belief, extreme poverty in India was as low as 0.8 per cent in 2019, and that the "doubling of entitlements" during the pandemic "helped maintain extreme poverty at the low 0.8 per cent" in 2020. Considering its implications, this conclusion is likely to generate heated debate.

The IMF working paper draws on the 2011-12 consumption expenditure survey, but makes adjustments using data from the national accounts and also "incorporates" in-kind transfers (food subsidy data) to arrive at its estimates. This approach raises several concerns. For one, while the growing divergence between the consumption expenditure estimates arrived at from the national accounts and the household surveys has been well documented, the two estimates are not exactly comparable owing to differences in methodologies and definitions. Further, an exercise that involves adjusting the survey estimates using the national accounts data will perhaps assume that the household expenditure distribution remains the same over time. This is unlikely to be the case. Also the underestimation in consumption expenditure estimates available from the household surveys is unlikely to be distribution neutral. In fact, according to a recently released World Bank policy research working paper which draws on the Consumer Pyramid Household Survey, the "extent of poverty reduction during 2015-2019 is estimated to be notably lower than earlier projections based on growth in private final consumption expenditure reported in national account statistics." These results also contradict an earlier study, based on the consumption expenditure survey that was withdrawn, which had shown that poverty had increased between 2011 and 2017. And while the provision of free foodgrain did undoubtedly bring relief to the financially vulnerable, questions will be raised about the study treating it as a "cash transfer".

In large part, such debates over the state of the Indian economy can be traced to the absence of timely and accurate public data. In fact, even though India has a rich statistical tradition, paucity of data has often been the bane of policy making. Its absence makes the job of the government harder, more so during times of acute uncertainty. Given that data should form the bedrock of responsive policymaking, the government must work towards addressing the glaring data gaps.

PALER RED

CPM party congress confronts a daunting challenge — arresting the slide outside Kerala. The rest is rhetoric

THE 23RD PARTY congress of the CPM, the largest parliamentary communist force in the country, is taking place in Kannur at a critical juncture for the party. Its footprint has shrunk largely to Kerala, where it won an unprecedented second consecutive term in office in 2021 — more than half of the party members hail from that state. Elsewhere, the party's presence in the Lok Sabha is now reduced to just three MPs, down from 43 in 2004. Its membership has fallen steeply in West Bengal and Tripura, where it held office until 2011 and 2018 respectively. Its traditional support base — peasants and the organised working class — has diminished and lost the ability to influence political discourse. This is a far cry from 2004, when the party wielded immense clout over the UPA government: The BJP, the main national opposition then, has since won office at the Centre and runs governments in over a dozen states, and the AAP is seen as the new rising force.

Against this backdrop, CPM General Secretary Sitaram Yechury's call for "all left, secular and democratic forces to come together in order to isolate and defeat the BJP" may sound ambitious. Historically, the CPM has had a major influence in shaping Opposition politics in the country since the late 1980s. Though the party did not join the National Front, United Front and UPA governments, leaders such as Harkishen Singh Surjeet and Jyoti Basu influenced their politics and policies. On Wednesday, Yechury outlined the party line, saying that, "in order to defeat the BJP, the broadest possible front of all secular forces must be forged against Hindutva communalism", and hinting that the principal contradiction for the CPM in national politics is the rise of Hindutva. However, this may not square with the view of the powerful Kerala unit, which perceives the Congress to be its main adversary. Relations between the CPM and the Congress in Kerala have deteriorated. However, considering the present state of national politics, the tactical line the party congress may arrive at on allies and alliances may be only of academic interest.

The bigger task for the CPM congress is to explore ideas to arrest its slide outside Kerala. The Nava Kerala governance model projected by Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan is important in this context. Its showpiece project, a semi-high speed railway, has been criticised by many within the Left as a vanity project. The central leadership is yet to back it unconditionally. An important question will also be whether or not the congress will endorse a third term for Yechury as general secretary.

WHAT NOT TO SAY

Amazon's plan to ban words on internal chat app shows that insecure authoritarians aren't to be found only in governments

THERE'S AN EASY way to figure out what authoritarian regimes fear. Usually, the dictator/party's followers will demonise or ban that which threatens them the most: Anti-state activities in China, jokes against the ruling clan in North Korea and the practices of certain communities and political groups in more diverse societies. But the insecurity of the powerful isn't limited to governments alone.

Amazon's revenues exceed the GDP of most countries. Its founder takes flights of fancy all the way to outer space with his celebrity friends. And now, in the fashion of all great dictatorships, it's going after inconvenient words. The company is set to launch an internal chat app for its employees on which words such as "union", "fire", "compensation", "plantation", "slave labour", "diversity", "robots", "grievance" and "injustice" will be banned. A common thread runs through these examples: These are words that appear to belie the purpose of management-approved communication on the proposed app, which is to keep workers happy, and use the platform to praise colleagues.

Amazon delivers. But not always for its workers. There have been several reports about its staff being denied bathroom breaks and being paid abysmally low wages. It has fought tooth and nail to prevent its workers from unionising — Amazon's New York employees became the first to successfully form a union recently. The words it seeks to ban are those associated with poor working conditions, descriptions of and metaphors for employees' grievances. According to Amazon, the company "want(s) to lean towards being restrictive on the content that can be posted to prevent a negative associate experience". Perhaps the way to avoid "negative associate experiences" is not to engender them. But that's much more difficult than silencing the messenger.

BRICS IS DEVELOPING in a direction that was never envisaged. The group was brought together by geopolitical rather than economic considerations and this can be seen in the strategic interests shared by Russia and China. It took them two decades to draw closer. Later, India joined Russia and China, thus changing RC into RIC, the entry of Brazil changed RIC into BRIC, and with South Africa as its member, the group became BRICS.

BRICS is actively involved in the efforts to change the world economic system by increasing the number of non-Western states in international financial institutes despite frantic opposition by the traditional distributors of world money. The BRICS countries decided to create the \$100 billion BRICS Development Bank and a reserve currency pool worth over another \$100 billion to offer an alternative to countries in the non-Western world when it comes to choosing the sources of funding for development or coping with serious economic crises.

The consequences of the Ukraine crisis for BRICS and the world cannot be overestimated. It demonstrates that the West has not abandoned the idea of a unipolar world and will continue building it up by drawing into its foreign policy orbit issues it calls "international" or even "common to mankind." Many non-Western states look at this as a new wave of colonialism, which having abandoned the old slogans ("superior culture") for new ones ("democracy"), uses the old methods and pursues the same aims. This will increase the desire of non-Western countries to enhance their coordination and perhaps the current conflict is already showing signs in this respect.

The BRICS states are different in many respects and their disagreements with the West are rooted in different historical and political circumstances. Brazil, which represents Latin America and has strong left socialist tendencies, disagrees with the West on social issues. Latin America is especially sensitive to diktats

from the North and recurrences of the Monroe Doctrine. The situation in South Africa is the same: The local communists belong to the ruling coalition while the West is accused of abetting the old order. In Russia and India, people are not so much repelled by the political as by the moral values of the West. The Western political system causes much milder negative feelings even though there are differences in that field too. This means that the determination to oppose diktats plays an important role in the opposition to the West.

Given this context, the current crisis in Ukraine will consolidate BRICS as the group will make further efforts to become a real alternative to the West to create a real multipolar world.

The important question now is: Is there a rise of the RIC now within the BRICS? If one disaggregates BRICS into its geopolitical components within northern Eurasia, there are some interesting dynamics in play, revolving around the foreign ministerial triangular Russia-India-China (RIC) relationship. Dialectically, the fallout from Russia's alienation from the G-8 group of nations (reduced to G-7), raises the prospect that — tactically at least — Russia, India, and China might be playing their own triangular integrationist card within BRICS at Moscow's initiative. Neither India nor China (nor Brazil and South Africa) may be on board with isolating Moscow.

In fact, both the Asian giants — India and China — may stand to reap the "best of both worlds" as the Ukraine imbroglio plays out. Russia has every incentive to accommodate both India and China in the energy sector. This could mean greater industrial and energy cross investments between Russia and India as well as between Russia and China. This will create a north Eurasian integrationist core within BRICS, whichever way Moscow's relations with the US and Europe.

with the US and Europe play out. Additionally, the proposed arrangement for rupee-ruble cross currency pairing could well be a harbinger of more concerted efforts to settle payments in non-dollar currencies with more countries looking at India's sovereign Financial Messaging Systems (SFMS), while also remaining connected with a central system like SWIFT. This should also anchor India's quest to build a dedicated payment mechanism for energy-related payments and settlements as a long-haul measure. This could change the contours of the global payments landscape and benefit the rupee immensely. People of the old school may still be basking in the dollar's hegemony but there is no harm in pushing for rupee internationalisation.

Thus, Russia's invasion of Ukraine appears to have unwittingly put India at the sweet centre of a diplomatic triangle in the Indo-Pacific. As the war progresses, New Delhi has been receiving a stream of high-profile visitors from around the world. This has included delegations from the US, Australia and Japan, India's partners in the Quad. The foreign minister of Greece has also been to India and the Israeli prime minister is scheduled to visit soon. But in a surprising turn of events, even traditional rival China is making overtures to India at this time, with Foreign Minister Wang Yi's visit. Another suitor is Russia, India's trusted arms supplier for decades, which is now also becoming a supplier of discounted crude oil to India as Moscow recoils from sanctions enforced by western consumers of its natural gas.

New Delhi is basking in its well-deserved spotlight with well-crafted diplomacy. India could be looking at a new dawn. After all, RIC controls 22 per cent of the global GDP and 16 per cent of global exports of goods and services.

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FRAGILITY OF THE STRONG

Ukraine's defiance of Russia shows powerful regimes are weakened by blunders

THOUGH THE STORY of Russia's brutal attack on Ukraine is yet to complete its course, some lessons may remain valid howsoever the story ends. A principal lesson is that strong and seemingly unchallengeable regimes can suddenly run into fragile moments. A related lesson is that a blunder can severely weaken any country, even one which, in military ranking, has remained second in the world for decades.

Underestimating Ukrainian patriotism, President Putin also failed to consider three consequential factors. First, there was Ukraine's fighting spirit. "He expected Ukrainians to bring roses to his tanks. But they brought Molotov cocktails." This viral description is likely to endure. Second, European solidarity materialised as if from nowhere. Third, the frayed sheet of cloth tying Europe with America that was repaired with unexpected speed.

Putin also overestimated the capacities of Russia's attacking divisions. He seems to have assumed what he wished to believe. It seems, too, that in Russia, where ultra-nationalism has fused with a personality cult, no one was willing to question the numero uno's master plans.

Less widely known is the closeness between President Putin and 75-year-old Patriarch Kirill, head of Russia's Orthodox Church. Apparently, these two men have shared the goal of resurrecting the glorious past, as imagined, of a unified Russian world, a past that included, in addition to today's Russian Federation, not just Ukraine but other parts of what has been pictured as the Great Russian Civilisation or Empire of history.

Such a resurrection has been a wish that other Russians too have harboured, which perhaps explains the domestic support that Putin still seems to enjoy despite the Russian

casualties in Ukraine, and the crippling burden of the war and subsequent sanctions.

In recent years, many a country has seen religious nationalism thrive. Buddhist nationalism has found fervent support in Myanmar and Sri Lanka. Islamic nationalism, of more than one type, has been the road to power in Afghanistan, Iran, Turkey, and elsewhere. Hindu nationalism is ascendant in India. A Russian nationalism linked to its Orthodox Church is no contrary phenomenon.

Nor was it a surprise when a few Indians who called themselves soldiers of a Hindu Sena demonstrated in Delhi in support of Putin's move. Corresponding to the Great Russia remembered by Russia's religious nationalists, the dream of a great Hindu entity larger than today's India is nursed by a few contemporary Indians, even if most Hindu nationalists would be content with strengthening their ideology's hold within India and among Indians worldwide.

Ukraine was viewed with derision by Russia's religious nationalists, including Putin. When Donald Trump was the American president, he, too, was inclined to mock Ukraine. As the invasion began, Trump at first called Putin "smart" and a "genius", although more recently, having observed America's mood, he has called the invasion a crime against humanity. Despite the scorn that Ukraine had received, its "chaotic" democracy seems to have performed with remarkable courage, while Putin's ambitious and supposedly efficient nationalism seems to have brought hardship and tragedy to Russians. A Jewish president and Caucasus-origin Muslims who shout "Allah hu Akbar" as they fling weapons at Russian tanks are only some of Ukraine's varied forces standing up to Russian uniformity!

As for India's Hindu nationalism, its dura-

bility is hard to predict. Election results are only part of the picture, and even there it is not clear how much of the BJP's recent successes should be ascribed to Hindu nationalism and how much to populist welfarism, placation of caste groups, or other factors. Hindu nationalism's undoubted influence over large sections of the media and its impact on judges are matters of deep concern to many, as was shown when senior editors publicly called on constitutional authorities to protect citizens from hate speech.

We cannot rely on it, but like Putin, the leaders of Hindu nationalism too may commit blunders. As for the idea that greatness is won by humiliating non-Hindus, the great majority of India's Hindus surely detest that notion. In any case, portraying Muslims and Christians as disloyal and potentially traitorous elements is bound to backfire.

Today Hindus are being asked to revise the view that Muslims and Christians are fellow citizens entitled to dignity and equal rights. Tomorrow they will be told that their rejection of untouchability too was an error, that putting down Muslims and Christians is not enough. This is not unlikely, for the rejection of supremacy within Hindu society has been a slow and reluctant process, and one not usually accompanied by genuine conviction or repentance.

Finally, the need for global acceptance, goodwill, and trade is a serious hurdle for any exclusive or religious nationalism. Ukraine has shown that even Russia with its vast nuclear arsenal is finding it hard to face the worldwide sentiment in favour of the individual's freedom and the autonomy of the less powerful.

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APRIL 8, 1982, FORTY YEARS AGO

STATE POLLS

ELECTIONS WILL BE held on May 19 for the assemblies of Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, West Bengal and Kerala and the Lok Sabha seat of Garhwal in Uttar Pradesh. The Chief Election Commissioner announced the election programme said that it would be possible to constitute the assemblies by May 24. Elections could also be held in the assemblies of Andhra Pradesh and Karnataka if they were dissolved by April 15, he said. The EC said that the commission was not holding elections in Assam. About the Garhwal repoll, the EC said he had no doubt that the state government will cooperate.

ANTULAY WARNED

PRIME MINISTER INDIRA Gandhi has asked former Maharashtra Chief Minister A R Antulay to stop his campaigns against his successor Babasaheb Bhosle. She made her position clear at a 15-minute meeting with Antulay in Delhi. A similar message was conveyed to Antulay by Finance Minister Pranab Mukherjee.

DISASTER IN MEXICO

ALL 10,000 INHABITANTS of Francisco Leon, a town in the Southern Mexican state of Chiapas are feared dead in the recent eruption

of the Chichonal volcano. The town situated barely 5 km from the crater of the volcano was enveloped in a cloud of poisonous gases. The Mexican army is struggling to rescue more than 1,50,000 people threatened by the eruption.

MOVIE HALL PERMITS

THE LICENSING WING of the Delhi police suspended the licenses of six major cinema halls in the capital: Regal, Plaza, Alankar, Chand, Sapna, and Delite. The action was taken following allegations that the number of seats in the lower sections was reduced depriving the public of cheap entertainment.

Hinduism and Governance

If properly leveraged, the convergence promises both, a much-needed, broad-based dharmic-ethical revival and an end to the reactionary forces in our culture and polity



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FOR SOME TIME now, and certainly since 2014, India has been experiencing a fundamental churn in its vision of itself. While much attention has been devoted to the Hindutva movement, a far broader cultural-civilisational revival — coinciding with the opening of the Indian economy, post-1990 — has mostly remained under the radar.

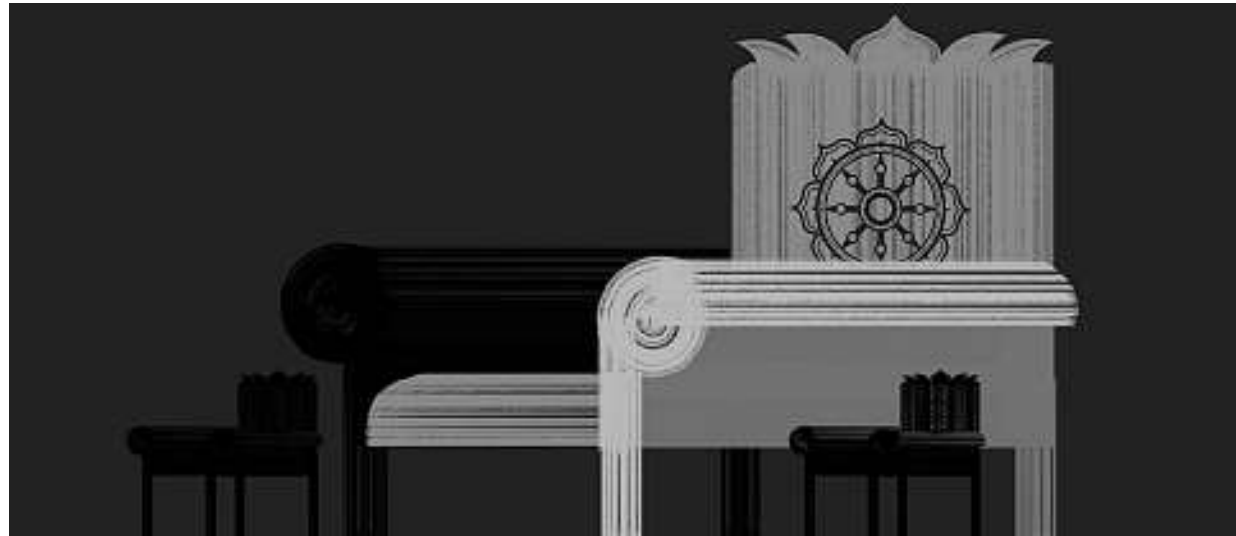
Two recent surveys on the extent (World Values Survey, 2021) and nature (Pew Research Center, 2021) of religiosity contain three significant findings: One, India is an outlier among nations — the most significant exception to the global trend, since 2007, of declining religiosity; two, within India, the continued salience of a broad-based dharmic identity (for at least 84 per cent of its citizens — Hindus, Sikhs, Buddhists, and Jains); three, Indians across every religious group (including Muslims and Christians), caste, education level, age, and region, were near-unanimous in what they believed were the top national problems. These were, in order of decreasing importance, unemployment, corruption, crime, violence against women, and communal violence.

We believe the coincidence of these two observed phenomena — an unusually strong revival of religiosity in a rapidly modernising India and the across-the-board agreement over specific governance concerns — 75 years into our Independence, is a robust finding. They mirror, as we suggest below, the governance concerns that had provoked the earlier, 18th century dharmic-civilisational revival during the Bengal Renaissance which, in turn, informed the struggle for independence. If properly leveraged, this convergence promises both, a much-needed, broad-based dharmic-ethical revival and an end to the reactionary forces in our culture and polity currently fueled under the banner of Hindutva. Moreover, the implications of this broader civilisational revival for the country's governance could, potentially, be momentous.

Heartened by these possibilities we (along with Bhakti Patil of Trayas Foundation) have recently contributed an essay on Hinduism to a volume on *Truth and Governance: Religious and Secular Views*, compiled by Ethikon Institute and published by the Brookings Institution. In it, we explored what a dharmic approach to governance might imply and to what extent, since Independence, India had or had not followed such a course. Our argument is summarised below, with a view to generating discussion on a matter of profound national importance.

We believe the civilisational essence of the Hindu tradition is captured in its understanding of Truth and the related notion of dharma, that guide human action at three levels: Metaphysical, individual and societal. The quality of governance must, accordingly, be judged by its ability to sustain conditions conducive to the observance of dharma at all levels. Inevitably, on this criterion, governance quality in India has fluctuated in India with the ebb and flow of Hindu civilisation.

We identify five main sociocultural forces and political developments (Five Rs) that have shaped the observance of dharma in modern Indian society and within its institutions. One, a First Revival was the Bengal Renaissance of the late 18th century that later inspired the Independence Movement from the mid-19th



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to early 20th century. Two, as Nirad Chaudhari famously lamented, a Rejection of the dharmic way of life that almost immediately followed Indian independence, with the embrace of Nehruvian "secularism", socialism, and Soviet-style industrialisation. Three, a Reaction in the shape of the Hindutva movement that evolved over two distinct phases — pre- and post-Independence, culminating in the 2014 and 2019 general election results. Four, a Second Revival that, too, has occurred in two phases — an early political phase that saw the emergence of the Swatantra Party opposed to secularism-socialism and the Licence Raj, and a second phase that began with the partial liberalisation of the Indian economy in the 1990s. Finally, and most importantly, a fifth R: The Resilience we attribute to the underlying, highly decentralised nature and workings of the dharmic tradition that has shaped morality and ethics in India.

The principal sources of the modern Hindu outlook on truth and governance are found in the First Revival, sparked by the writings of Raja Rammohun Roy, and carried forward by leaders such as Tagore, Vivekananda, Sri Aurobindo, Gandhi, Radhakrishnan and Rajagopalachari. They shared three common beliefs. First, Hindu society had suffered through a long period of cultural-moral debasement (casteism and untouchability; restrictions on women and widows; superstitions and fatalism). Second, the ability of Hindu society to govern itself would require broad-based social and moral regeneration. Third, a revival of the Vedic dharmic philosophical and ethical roots of Hindu society was essential to such reform.

Central to the Hindu view of Truth is that it is more than mere factually correct or valid statements. Truth encompasses all of knowledge, and the search for it, in fact, the goal of life. More importantly, and perhaps unique to the Hindu worldview, the Vedas deny that knowledge of Brahman — an all-encompassing, expansive reality — is exclusive to any authority, person, or method. Indeed, they affirm the opposite: All ways of knowing are equally valid, in that they all are capable of capturing a valid but limited aspect of the Truth. Hence, the need to respect different perspectives and views and to sustain a democratic and decentralised polity.

For Hindus, therefore, the imperative of democracy stems from the fundamental philosophical moorings that must govern society. But it also provides the context for an individual's own pursuit of Truth, which additionally needs to be guided by ahimsa (absence of violence) and karma (self-actualisation through action). In so doing, the individual is required to follow her or his svadharma (own dharma), which in turn reflects her or his svabhava (own nature). And it is through the individual pursuit of svadharma that the ultimate objective of lokasangraha, or universal welfare, is realised.

The complex and many-sided Hindu view of Truth means that the legitimacy of government cannot be founded on truth claims. It rests, instead, on a government's ability to enable and empower individuals, and their different constituencies, among the governed to follow their own dharma. Since doing so assumes a minimum level of material well-being, the Mahabharata and the Arthashastra stress that securing the welfare of subjects is a ruler's first responsibility.

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Crucially, the Hindu perspective does not admit of any monopoly on Truth or dharma — least of all, any claim to such a monopoly by the government. It was this perspective — the polycentric nature of Truth and dharma — that informed the First Revival but was ignored during the Rejection. Although the robustness of Indian democracy was never jeopardised — except for the aberration of the Emergency — Nehru's "secular-socialist" state drew intellectual inspiration, not from Hindu dharma, but from Western thought (especially English Fabians). Unsurprisingly, what followed was central planning, top-heavy industrialisation, suppression of the private sector, criminalisation of politics, and the exclusion of dharmic literature from the basic education curriculum for state schools.

It was only a matter of time that the above rejection of a dharmic view of life would provoke a reaction — in the form of Hindutva, as a political-cultural reaction to post-Independence secularism. It manifested itself with a change of government in 2014 and was reaffirmed in 2019. Predictably, however, the reaction has tended to be superficial (focused on beef-eating and cow slaughter) and extreme (lynchings). At the same time, the abysmal state of our party politics has severely weakened our ability to overcome these reactionary forces. Our hope, though, rests on the continuing resilience of the underlying tradition.

If upheld, it promises a return to a governance that is rooted in Hindu civilisational values but yet preserves the best aspects that have come from the West, such as separation of state and religion. Such a balance would strive to restore, within a modern 21st century polity, economy, and society, an order that promotes the attainment of dharma for all of India's citizens.

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WHAT THE OTHERS SAY

"China said its Covid strategy was superior. It's failing in Shanghai."
— WASHINGTON POST

Guilty until proved innocent

Criminal Procedure (Identification) Bill when combined with new technologies violates constitutional right against self-incrimination



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THE CRIMINAL PROCEDURE (Identification) Bill, 2022 passed by the Rajya Sabha on Wednesday, just two days after it was passed by the Lok Sabha, has been formulated to "authorise...taking measurements of convicts and other persons for the purposes of identification and investigation in criminal matters". This piece of legislation violates the right against self-incrimination and turns the presumption of innocence in an investigation on its head. It will fundamentally alter the scope of criminal investigation by giving unchecked powers to investigating agencies as well as the central government.

The Constitution, under Article 20(3), protects an accused from being compelled to give witness against himself. However, this fundamental right has been diluted over the years. In 2005, the Code of Criminal Procedure (CrPC) was amended to allow a magistrate to order any person to give their handwriting samples for the purpose of an investigation or proceeding. In 2019, the Supreme Court, in *Ritesh Sinha v. State of UP*, held that such handwriting samples could include voice samples. This would not violate the right against self-incrimination, the Court ruled. It relied upon its judgment in the *Kathi Kulu Oghad* case (1962) that held that giving palm impressions or fingerprints could not be called self-incriminatory because impressions were unchangeable, except in rare cases". Instead, it held that the Constitution bars the compulsory extraction of a statement — oral or written — from the accused, "which makes the case against the accused person at least probable, considered by itself".

The logic that was used in 1962 to interpret what would violate the right against self-incrimination is unlikely to apply to technologies in use today. While the databasing of convicted persons is not new, the new piece of legislation allows for taking information, including finger-impressions, palm-print impressions, footprint impressions, photographs, iris and retina scan, physical, biological samples and their analysis, behavioural attributes including signatures, handwriting or any other examination referred to in Sections 53, 53A of the CrPC. It also mandates the National Crime Records Bureau to store, preserve and destroy the record of measurements at the national level as well as process and share them with any law enforcement agency. The Bill is vaguely worded and the nature of the processing, sharing, and dissemination of data it entails will most certainly involve the use of new and emerging technologies. Fears that it will allow new forms of coercion of accused persons are not unfounded and neither are apprehensions that it might create novel and disturbing forms of surveillance and the sti-

fling of dissent. Technologies that process vast amounts of data are rapidly changing and developing. Their application to policing and the criminal justice system has new implications for the right against self-incrimination. A single fingerprint can be compared with thousands of others in minutes. Information that would be collected through the examination procedures allowed under the proposed law would have much to say about one's personal beliefs or behaviour. The compulsory submission of such information could have chilling effects after being subjected to new technologies — in other words, the past of an accused person might be enough to incriminate him.

The Bill proposes to collect "measurements" of convicted persons, those who are arrested (or detained under preventive detention laws) or those who have executed bonds promising good behaviour. Only those arrested for petty offences that are punishable with less than seven years may not be obliged to allow the recording of measurements. This rings a warning bell about coercive data collection, especially when seen in the light of the practices used to police oppressed communities.

For instance, under the Criminal Tribes Act, 1871, many nomadic and semi-nomadic communities were labelled hereditary criminals with the colonial intent of controlling their movement. Despite the Act being repealed in 1952, these identified tribal ("Vimukta") communities continue to be treated as criminals by birth through the "Habitual Offenders" provisions in state-level police regulations that allow local police stations to keep records of such persons residing in their area. The police maintain history sheets that allow them to record demographic details of the "offender" and information about their family, associates, and habits as "evidence" of them being "habitual criminals". This has allowed unchecked abuse of power by the police to harass Vimukta children, men and women, extract bribes from them, and as a consequence, deny them access to education, formal employment, and healthcare services. It condemns a section of the country's population to several cycles of arrest, bail, and acquittal. The new piece of legislation could make the practice of history-sheets, undertaken when a person is merely alleged of a crime, and not convicted, even more coercive — the "measurements" are to be stored at the national level for 75 years, with no clear procedure outlined for destroying the information.

Digitisation could push the state and local-level criminalisation of oppressed caste communities to the national level. Projects to digitise fingerprints and iris scans are already underway in several states — Maharashtra is the first state to launch its biometric database of undertrials and convicts. The right against self-incrimination is at the heart of protection against police excess and torture. Record-keeping as mandated by the Bill violates this right.

Parliament must make laws that protect against such blatant attacks on fundamental rights and freedoms, rather than enable them.

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A festival of inclusion

Special Olympics aims to change public perception of intellectual disability



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OF THE MANY phone calls in my life over the years, few have stayed with me as much as the one I received about two years ago. It was from a worried mother of a child with an intellectual disability (ID), whose primary concern wasn't just for her own son, despite knowing that he would struggle due to the lockdown and his compromised immunity. Her most pressing worry was about another parent whose child was still on the waiting list for a diagnostic test to identify ID. This is the solidarity of the community, a community comprising over 25 million persons with intellectual disabilities and their families, a community that had to face a frightening question as the world tumbled into uncertainty in 2020: What would this mean for those like them who were already severely underserved by the existing systems?

Unfortunately, most of these concerns turned to reality as the pandemic gripped the world. However, two years on, we at the Special Olympics are determined to turn the tide once and for all. Special Olympics is a worldwide movement started in 1968, to create a better and more equal world by fostering acceptance and inclusion of persons with intellectual disabilities, through the transformative power of sports. This is done by providing year-long sports training and the opportunity to partici-

pate in competitions such as the Special Olympics World Games for Persons with ID. Sports can draw attention to what the athletes can do, and not what they can't, helping them develop physical and cognitive fitness, take pride in their abilities, and share empowering experiences together. Our fight for a fairer, more inclusive world, starts with ensuring access to the most basic of human needs — healthcare.

Global research shows that people with intellectual disabilities often receive standard healthcare compared to others, despite being at much higher risk of developing secondary health conditions that impact their quality of life and even mortality. One of the best examples to illustrate this dire situation is looking at the prevalence of untreated health conditions. Examination reveals that 35 per cent of Special Olympics athletes have obvious, untreated tooth decay. This alarming fact underlines the unpleasant truth that persons with ID either do not have access to healthcare or the care they receive is not appropriate, which can be largely attributed to the discriminatory attitudes towards disability. And this situation has further deteriorated in the last two years. As the world struggles to find its feet and heal from the blows of the Covid-19 pandemic, the fight is much harder for this integral, but often overseen, part of our society.

The government has multiple schemes to support the healthcare of persons with disabilities, such as the Rashtriya Bal Swasthya Karyakram (RBSK) which aims at early identification and intervention to cover the four Ds (defects, deficiencies, diseases and developmental delays, including disability), cochlear implant under the ADIP scheme etc. However, a need to spread awareness and remove all the barriers for persons with intellectual disabilities is very much required. This is not only the responsibility of the government, but of each one of us. Every individual has the power to effect change.

With our nation celebrating Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav, to commemorate 75 years of Indian independence, we believe that India's march towards progress and empowerment is incomplete without including each and every section of the population, especially the most disenfranchised. Hence, Special Olympics Bharat has launched the "National Health Fest for Divyangjan — We Care", a national health programme to screen 75,000 persons with intellectual disabilities across 120 cities of India on World Health Day 2022 (April 7). The initiative aimed at setting records for conducting the largest health and fitness programme across the country and screening a record number of people with ID across the country

in a single day. Seventy-five thousand medical and sports professionals will be trained to provide high-quality healthcare and training to athletes with ID. Moreover, 750 Special Olympics Bharat Centres will be activated to develop fitness and sports through a community-based approach. All this is part of a "Return to Play" movement, that aims to bring Special athletes back to the sports field after two years, by gradually examining their physical and medical readiness.

However, the real importance of this initiative goes far beyond creating records. The legacy that truly matters lies in changing public perception of intellectual disability. It lies in the collective action of a united country that finally stands alongside those who have often been excluded, and in the lasting, generational impact on improving the quality of life of individuals, families, and communities.

Persons with intellectual disabilities are not looking for, or are in need of, pity or sympathy. All they ask for is recognition of their abilities, respect for their unique way of life, and a fair chance to not just survive, but also thrive in a world that they can call their own.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

FOOD POLITICS

THIS REFERS TO the editorial, 'Roll it back' (IE, April 7). In an unwarranted and undemocratic move, the mayor of the South Delhi Municipal Corporation asked for the shut down of meat shops during the nine days of Navratras. Although this decision has been announced on the pretext of respecting the sentiments of the people who fast during Navratra, the fact remains that it's a politically motivated move that smacks of Hindutva. It's shocking that this order banning has happened in India's capital, a cosmopolitan hub. The mayor's order also says that most of the people in the city do not even eat onion or garlic but one fails to understand that what's the basis of this data. The law prohibiting cow slaughter was a first, but now the flames are inching toward other non-vegetarian products. This must be a warning signal for a protein-deficient country where half the kids are suffering from anaemia and malnutrition.

Sanjay Chopra, Mohali

LOPSIDED PICTURE

THIS REFERS TO the article, 'With equality as its credo' (IE, April 7). The writer is a cabinet minister and so it is natural that she praised the government's efforts. She presented a one-sided view.

Vijai Pant, Hempur

She writes that the government has provided nine crore "free" LPG connections. But another fact is that LPG prices are touching Rs 1,000 and many Ujjwala beneficiaries cannot afford this clean fuel. The author writes that the government is providing loans up to Rs 10 lakh under MUDRA. But the reality is that over 90 per cent of beneficiaries of Mudra (PMMY) were given loans of less than Rs 50,000.

Suchak D Patel, Ahmedabad

POOR START

THIS REFERS TO the editorial, 'Not Chandigarh' (IE, April 7). After showing some initial promise on the back of important announcements pertaining to job generation and curbing corruption, the Aam Aadmi Party government in Punjab is now playing politics instead of streamlining administration. Wanting Chandigarh to be a part of the state is a needless raking up of the past, which does no much good to the people who have just given the party such a sweeping mandate. CM Bhagwant Mann must stick to the priorities. He is wrong in thinking that playing to the gallery will give him a secure hold on the state. It is not words but action that Punjab requires.

Vijai Pant, Hempur

Pink Floyd is releasing its first new music in almost three decades to raise money for the people of Ukraine, the band announced Thursday. "Hey Hey Rise Up" features Pink Floyd members David Gilmour and Nick Mason, with vocals from Ukrainian singer Andriy Khlynyuk of the band BoomBox.

TOP OF THE WORLD



Jamal Khashoggi

TURKEY

Court to move trial of Khashoggi suspects to Saudi Arabia

Istanbul: A Turkish court decided Thursday to transfer the trial of 26 Saudis accused in the gruesome killing of Jamal Khashoggi to Saudi Arabia, raising fears that those responsible for the death of the Washington Post columnist won't be brought to justice for a crime that drew international outrage. The decision, which comes as Ankara is trying to repair relations with Saudi Arabia, was denounced as "scandalous" by a human rights group. It marked an abrupt reversal for Turkey, which had vowed to shed light on the killing and began prosecuting the defendants in absentia in 2020. Khashoggi was killed Oct. 2, 2018, at the Saudi Consulate in Istanbul. **AP**

UK

Opp questions tax status of Sunak's wife

London: The wife of British finance minister Rishi Sunak is treated as non-domiciled for UK tax purposes but pays taxes in Britain on all her UK income, her spokeswoman said. Akshata Murthy is the daughter of Narayana Murthy and owns 0.93% of the company. The tax status means she would not pay taxes in Britain on dividends from the Indian business. Tulip Siddiq, a lawmaker and Treasury spokeswoman in the opposition Labour Party, said Sunak should say whether he had benefited from his wife's tax status. **REUTERS**

UNITED STATES

Pelosi tests positive, met Biden at event

Washington: House Speaker Nancy Pelosi has tested Covid-positive, a day after appearing unmasked at a White House event with President Joe Biden. Pelosi is currently asymptomatic, her spokesman Drew Hammill said Thursday. He said she had tested negative earlier in the week. Meanwhile, China warned on Thursday it would take strong measures if Pelosi visited Taiwan, which said such a visit would severely impact Chinese-US relations. **AGENCIES**

YEMEN

President steps aside amid efforts to end war

Sanaa: Yemen's exiled President stepped aside and transferred his powers to a presidential council on Thursday, as international and regional efforts to end the country's long-running civil war gained momentum with a two-month truce. Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates, major players in the conflict appear to have played a role in President Abed Rabbo Mansour Hadi's decision, quickly welcoming it with a pledge of \$3 billion in aid. The head of the new council has close ties to Riyadh. **AP**

KYIV SAYS COMMITTED TO TALKS BUT NOT WILLING TO GIVE UP SOVEREIGNTY

Peace hope dim because Ukraine draft deal unacceptable: Russia

REUTERS & NYT
APRIL 7

Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov said on Thursday that Ukraine had presented Moscow with a draft peace deal containing "unacceptable" elements at variance with a previous agreement, comments that Kyiv dismissed as "pure propaganda".

The Kremlin has said talks with Ukraine are not progressing as rapidly as it would like, and has accused the West of trying to derail negotiations by raising war crimes allegations against Russian troops in Ukraine, which Moscow denies.

Lavrov said on Thursday that Ukraine had presented a draft agreement on Wednesday that deviated from proposals both sides' negotiators had agreed on.

Ukraine's new draft, according to Lavrov, said the status of Crimea, which Moscow annexed from Ukraine in 2014, should be raised at a meeting between the two countries' presidents.

It also said Ukraine could hold military drills with foreign countries without receiving Russia's permission, something Moscow disagrees with.

"Such inability to agree once again highlights Kyiv's true intentions, its position of drawing out and even undermining the talks by moving away from the understandings reached," Lavrov said.

President Aleksandr G. Lukashenko of Belarus also complicated the situation by demanding that his country be included in the negotiations.

Kyiv says it is committed to the talks but is not willing to give up its sovereignty and territorial integrity. Presidential adviser Mykhaylo Podolyak, one of Ukraine's negotiators, said Lavrov's comments should be seen as a tactic to undermine Ukraine or divert attention from war crime accusations against Russian troops.

"To make any changes to our position to weaken it would be pointless," he said. "Lavrov is not directly related to the negotiation process, and so his statements are pure propaganda."

A family walks amid destroyed Russian tanks in Bucha, on the outskirts of Kyiv, on Wednesday. **AP**

MORE WEAPONS WILL HELP SAVE MORE LIVES: DMYTRO KULEBA

Ukraine appeals for weapons

ADAM SCHRECK
KYIV, APRIL 7

UKRAINE TOLD residents of its industrial heartland to leave while they still can and urged Western nations to send "weapons, weapons, weapons" Thursday after Russian forces withdrew from the shattered outskirts of Kyiv to regroup for an offensive in the country's east.

Russia's focus is now on the Donbas, a mostly Russian-speaking region in eastern Ukraine.

In Brussels, Ukrainian Foreign Minister Dmytro Kuleba urged NATO to provide more weapons for his war-torn country to help prevent further atrocities like those reported on Kyiv's north-eastern outskirts. "My agenda is very simple... it's weapons, weapons and weapons," Kuleba said as he

arrived at NATO headquarters for talks with the military organisation's foreign ministers.

"The more weapons we get and the sooner they arrive in Ukraine, the more human lives will be saved," he said.

Some NATO nations worry they may be Russia's next target, but the alliance is striving to avoid actions that might pull any of its 30 members directly into the war. Still, NATO Secretary-General Jens Stoltenberg urged member nations to send Ukraine more weapons, and not just defensive arms.

"Ukraine is fighting a defensive war, so this distinction between offensive and defensive weapons doesn't actually have any real meaning," he said.

Western countries have provided Ukraine with portable anti-tank and anti-aircraft weapons,

but they have been reluctant to supply aircraft, tanks or any equipment that Ukrainian troops would have to be trained to use.

Britain's defense ministry said Thursday that Russia was targeting the "line of control" between Ukrainian-held and rebel-controlled areas in the Donbas with artillery and airstrikes and hitting infrastructure targets around Ukraine to wear down the Ukrainian defense.

Mariupol Mayor Vadym Boichenko said more than 5,000 civilians have been killed during weeks of Russian bombardment and street fighting, including 210 children. The attacks have cut off food, water, fuel and medicine. British defense officials said 160,000 people remained trapped in the city, which had a prewar population of 430,000. **AP**

US to suspend normal trade relations with Moscow

Washington: The US Senate voted unanimously on Thursday to strip Moscow of its preferential trade status and to ban the import of Russian energy into the US, moving to further penalise Russia's economy.

The legislation would allow the US to impose higher tariffs on Russian goods and cut off a significant revenue stream for President Vladimir V. Putin, though experts have said the oil and gas ban would be symbolic.

The House is expected to pass the measures later on Thursday, sending them to President Biden's desk. The bills came after weeks of partisan deadlock paralysed legislative action on Ukraine. The House passed similar legislation last month. **NYT**

FIRST BLACK WOMAN TO BECOME SUPREME COURT JUDGE

US Senate confirms Ketanji Jackson to top court

REUTERS
WASHINGTON, APRIL 7

KETANJI BROWN Jackson was confirmed by the Senate on Thursday as the first Black woman to serve on the Supreme Court in a milestone for the US and a victory for President Joe Biden, who made good on a

President Biden and Judge Jackson in White House. **NYT**

campaign promise as he seeks to infuse the federal judiciary with a broader range of backgrounds.

The vote to confirm the 51-year-old federal appellate judge to a lifetime job on the nation's top judicial body was 53-47, with three Republicans - Susan Collins, Lisa Murkowski and Mitt Romney - joining Biden's fellow Democrats. A simple majority was

needed, as Jackson overcame Republican opposition in a SC confirmation process that remains fiercely partisan. Jackson will take the 83-year-old Breyer's place with an increasingly assertive 6-3 conservative majority. Breyer is due to serve until the court's current term ends - usually in late June - and Jackson would be formally sworn in after that.

US House panel clears Bill to end per country cap on Green Card

LALIT K JHA
WASHINGTON, APRIL 7

A KEY US Congressional committee has passed a legislation to eliminate the per-country cap on issuing of Green Card on employment-based immigrant visas and to increase the per-country cap for family-based im-

migrant visas from seven per cent to 15 per cent, a move which will benefit Indian IT professionals languishing over decades of waiting for the Permanent Resident Card.

A Green Card, known officially as a Permanent Resident Card, is a document issued to immigrants as evidence that the bearer has been granted the

privilege of residing permanently in the US.

The legislative move, when it is finally signed into law, would greatly benefit the immigrants from India and China.

After hours of debate, the powerful House Judiciary Committee late Wednesday night passed the HR3648 or the Equal Access to green cards for

Legal Employment (EAGLE) Act on the party lines of 22-14 votes.

The bill now goes to the House for debate and voting. It also needs to be passed by the US Senate before it can be sent to the White House for the President to sign into law.

Indian IT professional are the worst sufferers of the current immigration system. **PTI**

71.9% OF ALL INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS IN THE US CALL ASIA HOME, SAYS USCIS REPORT

Number of Indian students in US rose by 12%, from China dropped by 8%

LALIT K JHA
WASHINGTON, APRIL 7

THE NUMBER of Indian students in the United States increased by over 12 per cent in 2021, while those from China, which accounts for the largest number, dropped by over eight per cent, according to an official report.

In its annual report released on Wednesday, the US Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) said the Covid-19 pandemic continued to impact international student enrolment in the US in 2021.

The total number of SEVIS records for active F-1 and M-1

students was 1,236,748 in the calendar year 2021, a decrease of 1.2 per cent from the calendar year 2020.

SEVIS stands for Students and Exchange Visitor Information System. F-1 and M-1 are the two non-immigrant student visas. J-1 is also a non-immigrant student visa but is mostly given to scholars exchange programmes.

In 2021, 8,038 SEVP-certified schools were eligible to enrol international students, registering a decrease by 280 schools from 8,369 eligible schools in 2020.

"The number of students from China and India made Asia the most popular continent of



Covid-19 pandemic continued to impact international student enrolment in the US. Photo for representation

origin. However, China sent fewer students in 2021 in com-

parison to 2020 (-33,569) while India sent more students

(+25,391)," the report said.

As many as 37 per cent of Indian students are women.

Overall, China continues to top the list of countries sending 348,992 students to the US. India follows China with 232,851 students. China and India are followed by South Korea (58,787), Canada (37,453), Brazil (33,552), Vietnam (29,597), Saudi Arabia (28,600), Taiwan (25,406), Japan (20,144) and Mexico (19,680).

According to the report, only Asia and Australia/Pacific Islands saw an overall decline in the number of students coming to the United States last year as all other continents saw an increase. International F-1 and M-

1 students came from every continent in the world other than Antarctica and from more than 224 countries and territories.

Students from China and India made Asia the most popular continent of origin, accounting for 71.9 per cent of the international student population. China sent fewer international students while India sent more, the report said.

In 2021, California hosted 208,257 international students, the largest percentage of international students (16.8 per cent) of any US state. There were 240,479 active exchange visitors in the United States in 2021 compared to 256,944 active ex-

change visitors in 2020, it said.

Most F-1 and M-1 students come to the US to take part in the higher education system. In 2021, roughly 92 per cent of all F-1 and M-1 students were enrolled in a SEVP-certified associate, bachelor's, master's or doctoral programmes.

Specifically, international students in the US pursued 1,142,352 degrees in higher education, which is an increase from the calendar year 2020 (1,121,981). It is important to note that one student might partake in more than one level of education in a given calendar year, so they may be counted in multiple educational levels. **PTI**

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9	13, Bahadurgarh	Nursery School (Corner Site) Adjoining Plot No. 360GP and 319	2016.00	1	9	16 & 17, Hisar	Clinic Site No. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 (Near Plot No. 62P)	207.00	6	32	9, Karnal	Nursing Home-2	3237.49	1					
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14	9A, Gurugram-I	Nursery School Nursery school site Adjoining plot no. 170 & 171	1012.00	1	14	14-P, Hisar	Nursing Home Site No.6, (Near Community Centre)	437.38	1										
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23	55, Faridabad	Primary School Site (Near Plot no. 1223)	3960.00	1	23	8, Karnal	Clinic Site-4 (Near Plot No-99-99A)	190.46	1										
24	56A, Faridabad	Primary School Site (Near Plot no. 230)	3279.08	1															
25	62, Faridabad	Nursery School Site (Near Plot No. 2764)	1000.00	1															
26	65, Faridabad	Nursery School Site (Near Plot No. 2718P)	803.28	1															
27	2P, Palwal	Nursery School Site (Near Plot No. 1990)	704.00	1															

Institutional Sites in Panchkula & Gurugram Zones

Sr. No.	Sector/ Urban Estate	Category	Area in Sq.Mtr	No. of Plots
1	32, Gurugram-II	Institutional Plot No. 73	4050.00	1
2	44, Gurugram-II	Institutional Plot No. 161-P	4000.00	1
3	44, Gurugram-II	Institutional Plot No. 163	4000.00	1
4	44, Gurugram-II	Institutional Plot No. 164	4000.00	1
5	32, Panchkula	Site No. 4	5003.50	1
6	3, Panchkula	IP17	3000.00	1

Loan Facility From Leading Banks
*Terms And Conditions Applicable

Registration will close one day before the scheduled date of e-Auction, at 5 pm.
e-Auction Portal
<https://hsvphry.org.in>
e-Auction will start at 10:00 AM

Helpline Number: 8360516607 (9 AM to 5 PM), 1800-180-3030 (8AM TO 8 PM)

***For any queries email us at eauctionquery.hsvp@gmail.com**

EMD is calculated on base price, the first round of bidding will start from base price. Reserve Price are fixed by HSVPhry above base price and same will not be disclosed.

Chief Administrator
Haryana Shehri Vikas Pradhikaran
C-3, HSVPhry Complex, Sector 6, Panchkula 134 109, Haryana
hsvphry.org.in | 1800-180-3030 | HSVPhry

The detailed information of the sites and terms & conditions of e-auction will be available on <https://hsvphry.org.in>.

NORTHERN RAILWAY

TENDER NOTICE

Invitation of Tender through E-Tendering (E-Procurement System)

1 Name of work with its location	Re-gridding of Bridge No. 228A (2x12.2m) UP & DN on GZB-ALIN Sec in the section of AXEN/Spl/Bridge/TKJ
2 Approx. Cost of work	Rs. 91,98,451.39
3 Amount of Earnest Money	Rs. 1,84,000.00
4 Completion period of the work	(08) Eight Months
5 Date & time for submission of tender & opening of tender	Upto 15.00 hrs. on 29.04.2022. Opening of tender after 15.00 hrs. on same day
6 Website particulars where complete details of Tender can be seen & downloaded	Above tender available on IREPS site i.e. www.ireps.gov.in

No.: 32-W-BR-228A-REG/IRDR-DLI Dated: 06.04.2022 765/2022
Serving Customers with a Smile

SURAT MUNICIPAL CORPORATION

Muglisara main road, Surat-395003

Tender Notice (On line) No. Addl. City Engineer/BRTS/01/2022-23

Supply, installation, Integration, Commissioning and Maintenance of RF Switches and RFID tags for BRTS and City buses in Surat City.

SMC invites proposals from duly qualified interested parties for Supply, installation, Integration, Commissioning and Maintenance of RF Switches and RFID tags for BRTS and City buses in Surat City. Interested parties may download RFP from website www.smc.nprocure.com. Pre-bid queries to be submitted on or before dt. 14/04/2022 at 11.00 AM. Last date of online submission of technical and price bids shall be 07/05/2022 by 6:00 PM. Offline submissions of Technical Bid, RFP Fee and EMD shall be made between dt. 07/05/2022 and 16/05/2022. Technical Bids shall be opened on dt 17/05/2022 at 11:00 AM at the address specified in the RFP.

No. PR.O/8/2022-23
Date: 06/04/2022
Addl. City Engineer, SMC

SEARCH FOR MISSING FEMALE

General Public is hereby informed that one female (depicted in the photo) namely Yogita Sunar W/o Rajkumar R/o WZ-697, Naraina Village, New Delhi Aged-35 Years has been reported missing since 15.02.2022 at 3:00 PM from her residence vide DD No.15A Dated 16.02.2022 registered at Police Station Naraina, New Delhi. Her physical description is as under:-

Complexion: Fair, **Height:** 4'11", **Face:** Round, **Built:** Medium, **ID Mark:** Written R.Y on left hand, **Clothing:** Black coloured suit and Ladies slipper in feet.

Any person having any information/Clue about this missing female, may inform SHO, Naraina, New Delhi at E-mail: cic@cbi.gov.in or website: <http://cbi.nic.in>

Sd/-
Tel. No.: 011-24368638 or 24368641 SHO, Naraina, New Delhi.
FAX No.: 011-24368639 Tel.: 011-25891181, 25892010
DP/800/WD/2022 Mob.: 8750871122

PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF ACCUSED PERSON

See Section 82 Cr. P. C.

Whereas complaint has been made before me that accused person namely Charanjeet @ Motu R/o Ward No.8, Gali No.6, Bank Bazar Wali Gali, Rama Mandi, Bhatinda, Punjab, has committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence under case FIR No. 28569/2018, U/S 379/411/34 IPC has been registered at P.S. Sadar Bazar, Delhi and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest there upon issued that the said, Charanjeet @ Motu cannot be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said, Charanjeet @ Motu, has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant).

Proclamation is hereby made that the said accused, said, Charanjeet @ Motu FIR No. 28569/2018, U/S 379/411/34 IPC, required to appear before this court to answer the said complaint on or before 17.05.2022.

By Order,
Ms. Shivli Talwar Ld. M.M.,
Tis Hazari Court, Delhi

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF ENGINEER (DISTRIBUTION)

KASHMIR POWER DISTRIBUTION CORPORATION LIMITED

EXHIBITION GROUNDS, SRINAGAR

E-mail: ce.mre.kash@gmail.com Tel No: 0194-2452001 Fax No: 0194-2453863

Extension Notice No. 1

Due to poor response, the last date for submission of e-bids against this office e-NIT No. CE(D)/KPDCL/04 of 2021-22 dated 22/02/2022 issued for "Annual Maintenance Contract of Critical Equipment (Hardware) and Procurement of Software Licenses and Support for Applications Installed in DC Established at Srinagar and DRC Established at Jammu" and hosted on www.jktenders.gov.in vide tender ID 2022_PDD_163231_1, is hereby extended as per the following schedule:

Extended Last date and time for Submission of online bid	12/04/2022: 02:00 PM
Extended Date and time for opening of the Technical bid	14/04/2022: 02:00 PM

The Terms of Reference (ToR) for submitting the e-bid along with details regarding Scope, Eligibility and Application procedure shall remain the same.

Sd/-
Chief Engineer (D)
KPDCL
Nodal Officer, RAPDRP

No. CE(D)/KPDCL/677-82/TS Dated:- 06.04.2022 DPK-NB-106

OFFICE OF THE ADDITIONAL PROJECT DIRECTOR

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT,

PIU NIRAMAN BHAWAN, Plot No. 27-28, Arera Hills, BHOPAL

PHONE No. 0755-2559571 E-mail: apdpiubhopal@gmail.com

NIT No. 47/2021/Tender/G/APD/ BHOPLA DATE 30/03/2022

Online bids for the following works are invited from registered contractors and firms of repute fulfilling registration criteria:

S. No.	Tender Portal No.	Name of work	District	Probable Amount Contract (Rs. in lakh)	Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) (in Rs.)	Cost of Bid Document (in Rs.)	Period of completion (in months i/c Rainy Season)
1.	2022_PWPIU_178793_3	CONSTRUCTION OF 10 ADDITIONAL CLASS ROOM FOR HIGHER SECONDARY SCHOOL BUILDING AT BELKUNDI BLOCK ATHER DIST BETUL MP. THIRD CALL	BETUL	245.29	245290	15000	10 months i/c Rainy season
2.	2022_PWPIU_195043_1	CONSTRUCTION OF NEW BARRACK 2 (01 BOUDEL STORY) AT CENTRAL JAIL BLOCK 'A' NARMADAPURAM	NARMADAPURAM	82.49	82490	10000	08 months i/c Rainy season
3.	2022_PWPIU_194677_1	CONSTRUCTION OF 06 TRADE ITI CAMPUS ITI COLLEGE 60 SEATED BOYS HOSTEL 60 SEATED GIRLS HOSTAL F TYPE 1 NOS H TYPE TWIN CONFIGURATION 2 NOS I TYPE MULTY STOREY TWIN CONFIGURATION 4 NOS WITH SIDE DEVELOPMENT AT GARIGANU DIST RAISEN MP	Raisen	1070.69	1000000	30000	15 Month i/c Rainy season
4.	2022_PWPIU_195156_1	CONSTRUCTION OF 50 BEDDED INTEGRATED AYURVEDIC HOSPITAL AT VILLAGE BORI, TEHSIL REHTI, DIST. SEHORE M.P.	SEHORE	652.96	652960	20000	12 Month i/c Rainy season
5.	2022_PWPIU_194744_1	Architectural design & DPR consultancy for architectural design & DPR consultancy services for construction of various buildings works in MPWD PIU Sehore (Second Call)	SEHORE	5000.00	100000	12500	12 Month i/c Rainy season
6.	2022_PWPIU_195159_1	Zonal Tender for small construction work, balance work and P.G. repairing work under District Sehore (M.P.)	SEHORE	110.00	112830	12500	12 Month i/c Rainy season

All details relating to the Bid Document (s) can be viewed and downloaded free of cost from the website: <http://mptenders.gov.in>
2 Bid Document (s) can be purchased after making online payment of portal fees through Credit/Debit/Cash Card/Internet Banking.
3 The Bid Document (s) can be purchased only online from 10:30 (time) 30.03.2022 (date) to 17:30 (time) 15.04.2022 (date). Other key dates may be seen in Bid Data Sheet.
4 Amendment (s) to NIT, if any, shall be published on website only, and not in newspaper.

Sd/-
ADDITIONAL PROJECT DIRECTOR
P.W.D. BHOPAL

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G-11234/22

SBI

Contact Centre Operations Deptt. (Corporate Centre),
World Trade Centre-1, 10th Floor, Cuffee Parade, Mumbai-400005

NOTICE INVITING TENDER

RFP No. SBI:CCOD-08-01/2022-23 DATED: 08.04.2022

Bids are invited by State Bank of India from the eligible bidders for setting up and operating outboard contact centre services. Bidders, who are interested to submit bids, visit Procurement News at <https://www.sbi.co.in> and e-Procurement agency portal <https://sbi.abprocure.com>.
Commencement of download of RFP: 08.04.2022 at 10:00 hrs
Last date and time for submission of bids: 29.04.2022 upto 16:00 hrs
Contact Centre Operations Department

RUIDP Rajasthan Urban Infrastructure Development Project

(A unit of RUIDCO)
AVS Building, Jawahar Circle, JLN Marg, Jaipur - 302017
Tel No.: 0141-2721966, Fax No.: 0141-2721919
Email: mail.ruidp@rajasthan.gov.in, website: www.ruidp.rajasthan.gov.in

Invitation for Bids No. RSTDSP/OCB/NTL/19

Rajasthan Secondary Towns Development Sector Project (RSTDSP)-Additional Financing Contract Package Number & Name: RSTDSP/JOD/01: "Construction of Works of Sewer Network, and construction of Sewage Treatment Plant, Sewage Pumping Station and all allied Works including operation services of the STP and SPS for 10 years at Jodhpur" Rajasthan Urban Infrastructure Development Project (RUIDP) invites online bids on e-procurement website for the contract package named above. Online bidding is invited under Open Competitive Bidding (OCB) - National procedure of ADB which is open to all bidders from eligible source countries of ADB.

1. Bid document will be available at e-procurement website www.eproc.rajasthan.gov.in starting from 01st April, 2022. Deadline for bid submission is 15:00 hours on 06th May, 2022.
2. Pre-bid Meeting will be held at 15:00 hours on 8th April, 2022. All the prospective bidders are advised to participate in the Pre-bid meeting.
3. Any addendum, clarification to the bidder's queries and corrigendum etc. will be published on the e-procurement website and will not be published in Newspapers.
4. Bidders may contact Additional Project Director, RUIDP (0141-2548404), Jaipur for any information on bidding process.

NIB Code : UID2223A0001, UBN : UID2223WSOB00001
Raj.Samwad/IC/257/2022-23 Project Director

APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION

General public is hereby informed that one male was found unconscious LNJ Hospital Delhi. He was admitted to LNJ Hospital for where doctor declared him died during treatment on 02.04.2022. MLC No. 114422031/2022 In this regard a DD No. 04A Dated 02.04.2022 has been lodged at P.S. Jama Masjid, Delhi. Dead body has been preserved 72 hours at MAMC Mortuary, Delhi. The description of the dead body is given as under:

Name: Raju Khan/Kale Baba, **S/o:** Munna, **R/o:** Meena Bazar, Near Jama Masjid, **Age:** about 45 years, **Height:** 5'9", **Face:** Long, **Complexion:** Shallow, **Built:** Medium, **ID Mark:** Rajkumar Name Tattoo on Left arm, **Old Injury:** Mark on Left Leg, **Wearing:** White Shirt and Yellow & Blue Line White Baniyan Cream Colour Paint.

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

S.H.O
P.S. Jama Masjid, Delhi
Ph.: 011-23261625, 23269777

DP/1361/CD/2022

APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION

General public is hereby informed that an unidentified dead body of a male namely Unknown, S/o: Unknown, R/o: Unknown was found on 04.04.2022 at Ele. Pole No. 10/2 P.F. No. 1 Shakur Basti Railway Station, Delhi. In this regard DD No. 41A Dated 04.04.2022 has been lodged at Police Station, Sarai Rohilla Railway Station, Delhi. Identification of unidentified dead body of male is as under:

Name: Unknown, **Age:** 30-35 Years, **Height:** 5'5", **Complexion:** Shallow, **Wearing:** White Baniyan, Brown lower and Hawai Footwear.

If anyone have any information or clue about this male deceased may kindly be inform undersigned.

SHO
Police Station Sarai Rohilla Railway Station, Delhi
Ph.: 011-28711697, 8750871308

DP/100/RLY/2022

New Okhla Industrial Development Authority

Administrative Building, Sector-6, Noida-201301 (U.P.)
Website: www.noidaauthorityonline.com

E-TENDER NOTICE

E-Tender are invited from eligible contractors/firm for the following jobs against which bids can be uploaded and same shall be opened/downloaded as per schedule mentioned. The details and conditions of all tenders are available on Noida Authority's official website: www.noidaauthorityonline.com & <http://etenderup.nic.in>. Please ensure to see these websites for any changes/amendments/corrigendum etc.

S.No.	Job No.	Name of Work	Amount
1.	17/SPE/PE/ (PH-01) /2021-22	Supply of Cleaning Material for One Year to Public Health Dept. Store, Sec-39, Noida	75,34,210.30

The Above tender can be uploaded by dated 18/04/2022 upto 5:00 PM. Pre-qualification shall be opened/downloaded on dt 19/04/2022 at 11:00 am.

(S.C. Mishra).
Sr. Project Engineer
(Public Health)
Noida.

CLEAN, GREEN, SAFE & SECURE NOIDA

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PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT,

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G-11234/22

"Har Kaam Desh Ke Naam"

E-Tender Notice

CANTONMENT BOARD, JALANDHAR CANTT

Online tenders are hereby invited on behalf of Cantonment Board, Jalandhar from the interested organization viz. SHGs (Self Help Groups) NGOs (Non Government Organizations) / Registered Co-operative Societies etc. having experience of subject work through the Government e-procurement portal <http://eprocure.gov.in> by the Cantonment Board, Jalandhar for the work of "Solid Waste Management" i.e. "Segregation of garbage and Composting at trenching ground as per Municipal Solid Waste Management Rules, 2016 (as amended upto date) in Cantonment Board, Jalandhar Cantt. Full notice of tender is also available on official website of Cantonment Board, Jalandhar Cantt i.e. www.cbjalandhar.org.in and e-procurement portal <http://eprocure.gov.in>. Any additional information can be obtained from this office on any working day during Office hours. (सहायक प्रमुख अधीनस्थ अधिकारी, कान्ठम बोर्ड, जलंधर)

Ph: 0181-2260250
cbjalandhar2011@gmail.com

The Brihanmumbai Electric Supply & Transport Undertaking

(OF THE BRIHANMUMBAI MAHANAGARPALIKA)

TENDER NOTICE

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

(1) Rate Contract for arranging Temporary Electric Supply for affected services.

RE-INVITED E-TENDERS

(2) 73013, (3) 73096, (4) 73094.

Note : For more details, log on to website <https://mahatenders.gov.in>.

PRO/AAM(M)/09/2022 GENERAL MANAGER

Directorate of Mines Department of Mines & Geology

Government of Jharkhand

Nepal House (Yojna Bhavan), Doranda, Ranchi - 834002,

Email: director-mines@jharkhandmail.gov.in Phone no: 0651-2490235

Notice Inviting Tender "Invitation of Bid for grant of Mining Lease"

In exercise of the power conferred by Section 15 of the Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Act, 1957 and in accordance with the Jharkhand Minor Mineral Concession Rules, 2014 (Subsequent Amendments) and the Jharkhand Minor Mineral (Auction) Rules, 2017 (Subsequent Amendments) notified thereunder, Government of Jharkhand has identified a Stone Block for the purpose of grant of Mining Lease in [Dhanbad] District, Jharkhand, through electronic auction and hereby invites bids in digital format only, from eligible bidders.

Terms and conditions, deadlines etc. for participating in the electronic auction are provided in the Tender Document. The Model Tender Document for the Mineral Block and Mineral Block Summary are available free of cost in electronic form and can be downloaded from website of MSTC (<https://www.mstc.com>) or actionhome/mmb/jharkhand/index.jsp for the purpose of information only. Timelines, notification, updates and other details of the e-auction process are available on the website of MSTC and the website of Department of Mines & Geology, Govt. of Jharkhand <http://www.jharkhand.gov.in/mines-geology>.

The details of the mineral block are summarized below

Block	Concession Area Ha.	Resource (Cubic Meter)	Last Date of sale of Tender Document on MSTC website	Last Date of submission of technical bid & IPO on MSTC website	Date of Opening of Tender
Marro Stone Block-D	6.00 Acre (2.42 Hectare)	157802	28.04.2022	28.04.2022	29.04.2022

Those interested and eligible for bidding can participate in the bidding only after online purchase of the Tender Document on payment of the tender fee of INR 25000.00 (Indian Rupees Twenty Five Thousand only) plus GST as applicable (non-refundable) on the website of e-auction platform provided. On purchase of the Tender Document, eligible bidders can register themselves on the above-mentioned website. On successful registration, eligible bidder will obtain Login ID and password necessary for participation in the e-auction process.

Sd/- Director Mines
PR 267894 (Mines and Geology)/22-23*D Department of Mines & Geology Govt. of Jharkhand

OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, MECHANICAL DIVISION

J&K LAKE CONSERVATION & MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY

Dockyard Complex Ishber Nishat Northern Foreshore Road Srinagar - 191121
Head Office: Vice Chairman, J&K LCMA, MiskeenBagh, Srinagar
Ph. No: 0194-2451073 • E-Mail ID: xenmechtda@gmail.com, vicechairmanjkcm@gmail.com

GISTOF E-TENDER NOTICE

NIT No: MD/LCMA/TS/2022-23/02/e-tendering Dated: 06.04.2022

For and on behalf of the Lt.Governor, J&K State, e-tenders in two (02) cover system, are invited on item wise basis from Original Equipment Manufacturers or their authorized dealers or reputed Hiring agencies for the following:

S. No.	Description	Estimated Cost (In lakh of Rs.)	Earnest Money (In lakh of Rs.)	Cost of T/Doc. (In Rs.)	Time of Completion	Position Funds
1.	Hiring of Weed Harvesters cum Trash Floating Weed Skimmers including Operation and maintenance for Dal-Nigeen Lake Part B	271.00	5.42	6000.00	2 years	(Under FY 2022-23 & 2023-24)

- Administrative Approval accorded vide no: LCMA / 07 of 2021 - 22 dt: 21.01.2022 by Vice Chairman, J&K LCMA, Srinagar & circulated vide letter No.-LCMA/467/369 - 73, Dated:-21.01.2022
- For clarification, if any, Executive Engineer, Mechanical Division, LCMA be contacted from 07 - 04 - 2022 to 11-04-2022 on the Mobile No.: +919149719125, +919419004991
- Technical Vetting Accorded vide No.-CE/UEED/TS/12689-90 dt-03.02.2022 by Chief Engineer, J&K UEED.

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

S. No.	Date of issue of Tender Notice	06.04.2022
1.	Date of issue of Tender Notice	06.04.2022
2.	Period of downloading of the bidding document	From 07.04.2022 (11:00 HRS) to 26.04.2022 (14:00 HRS)
3.	Period of clarifications	For clarification, if any, Executive Engineer, Mechanical Division, LCMA be contacted from 07 - 04 - 2022 to 11-04-2022 on the Mobile No.: +919149719125, +919419004991
4.	Date, Time, and place of pre-bid meeting	12.04.2022 at 11:00Hrs in the office of Vice Chairman J&K LCMA, MiskeenBagh, Srinagar. The intending bidders can participate through online mode as well. However the link shall be shared to those intending bidders who shall make a request through official mail 24 hrs before the start of pre-bid meeting
5.	Bid Submission Start Date	From 19.04.2022 (10:00 HRS)
6.	Bid Submission End Date	26.04.2022 (16:00 HRS)
7.	Cost of Bidding Document	Rs. 6000/-
8.	Tender document fee to be deposited in	i. In the shape of e-challan as per the details given below: FA & CAO, J&K LCMA Sgr Account No: CG0229010200000001 Name: FA&CAO, J&K LCMA, Srinagar Name of the Bank: Jammu & Kashmir Bank Branch Name: Bran IFSC Code: JAKAONISHAT Branch ID : 0229. The Authority reserves the right to cross check genuineness of the receipt of tender document fee
9.	Earnest Money Deposit	Rs. 5.42 lacs in the shape of CDR/FDR/BG pledged to FA & CAO, J&K Lake Conservation & Management Authority, Srinagar from J&K Bank/State Bank /any Nationalized/Scheduled Bank having a branch in Srinagar. The Earn est Money Deposit shall be released after one year of successful launching, commissioning & successful operation of the machines.
10.	Date and time for opening of the Technical bids online	28.04.2022 at 1400 HRS in the office of Vice Chairman LCMA, Miskeenbagh, Srinagar
11.	Date & Time of opening of the Financial Bids (online)	To be notified after technical bid evaluation is completed

Sd/-
Executive Engineer,
Mechanical Division, LCMA
Srinagar

No: MD/LCMA/TS-NIT/02/ 82 - 97
Dt: 06.04.2022 DPK-NB-98

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THE PUNJAB STATE COOPERATIVE MILK PRODUCERS FEDERATION LTD.

SCO 153-155, SECTOR 34-A, CHANDIGARH-160022. EPABX No. 0172-5041812-13 www.verka.coop

Section-A

e Tenders are hereby invited for the purchase and supply of following items -

Name of the Work	Contract Period/ Quantity	Consignee/ Place of Tender Opening	Tender Cost (Rs.)	E.M.D. (Rs.)	Date & Time for downloading of e-tender	Last Date & Time for Submission of e-tender	Date & Time for opening of e-tender
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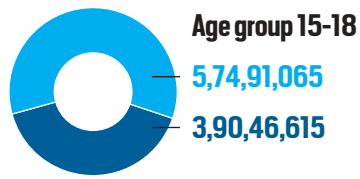
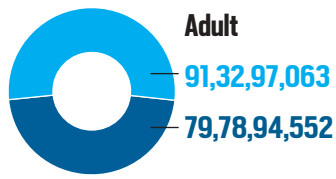
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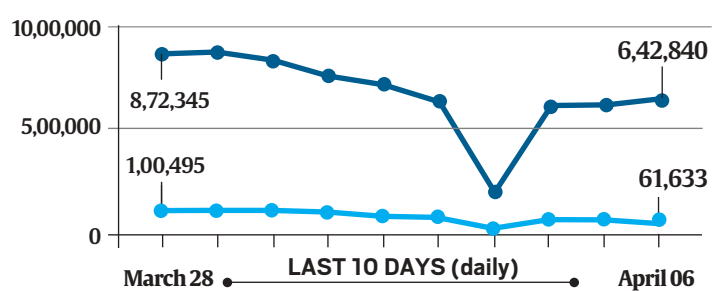


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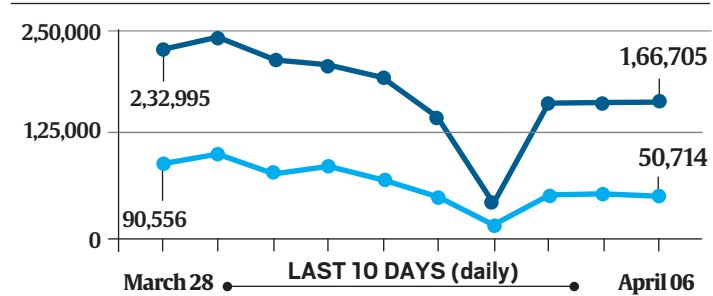
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GLOBAL

WHAT IS UN HUMAN RIGHTS COUNCIL, WHOSE MEMBERSHIP RUSSIA HAS LOST

THE UNITED Nations General Assembly (UNGA) on Thursday suspended Russia from the UN Human Rights Council (UNHRC) as part of the global response to the alleged war crimes in Bucha, Ukraine, where bodies of more than 300 civilians have been found after the withdrawal of Russian forces.

THE COUNCIL: It is an inter-governmental body tasked with strengthening the promotion and protection of human rights. It makes recommendations on human rights violations, and can discuss all thematic human rights issues and situations. The Council, which replaced the former UN Commission on Human Rights, was created by the UNGA on March 15, 2006.

MEMBERSHIP: The Council is made up of 47 UN Member States elected by the UNGA. African and Asia-Pacific States have 13 seats each; Latin American and Caribbean States, 8; Western European and other States, 7; and Eastern European States, 6. Member States serve for three years. The Council has a five-person Bureau, consisting of a president and four vice-presidents representing

one of the five regional groups, who serve for a year each. The current president is Federico Villegas of Argentina.

ELIGIBILITY: The UNGA takes into account the candidate States' contribution to the promotion and protection of human rights, as well as their voluntary pledges and commitments. "With membership on the Council comes a responsibility to uphold high human rights standards. This is a criteria insisted on by States themselves when they adopted resolution 60/251 in March 2006 to create the Human Rights Council," says the Council. It is this commitment that Russia is alleged to have wilfully violated in Ukraine. Russia's three-year term as member of the Council began on January 1, 2021.

MEETINGS: The Council holds at least three Regular Sessions every year, in March, June, and September, for a total of at least 10 weeks. It met in its latest (49th) regular session from February 28 to April 1, 2022. If a third of the Member states requests, the Council can decide at any time to hold a special session to address human rights violations and emergencies.

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SANDEEP SINGH

HAVING EMBARKED on a rate hike cycle in its previous meeting held in March, the Federal Open Market Committee (FOMC) is set to reduce the size of its balance sheet in the forthcoming meeting in May.

According to the minutes of the March 15-16 FOMC meeting released on Wednesday, the United States Federal Reserve may start the process of reducing its massive bond holdings at the fastest pace of \$95 billion a month beginning May-June 2022, in a bid to further tighten credit across the economy to keep inflation under check.

The Fed had announced a 25 basis point increase in the benchmark interest rates after its meeting last month, and indicated six more hikes this year to rein in inflation.

Following the release of the minutes of the FOMC meeting on Wednesday, the benchmark Sensex at BSE fell 575 points or 0.97 per cent on Thursday, as FPIs pulled out a net of Rs 5,009 crore from Indian equities.

Bond holdings

With elevated inflation and tight labour market conditions, participants at the FOMC meeting agreed on reducing the size of its balance sheet beginning the next policy meeting in May. They called for a faster pace of decline in securities holdings than in 2017-19, when it hit a peak of \$50 billion a month.

The participants agreed that "monthly caps of about \$60 billion for Treasury securities and about \$35 billion for agency MBS (mortgage-backed securities) would likely be appropriate". According to the minutes, "participants also generally agreed that the caps

could be phased in over a period of three months or modestly longer if market conditions warrant."

This means they can go for a reduction in the balance sheet by up to \$95 billion a month.

At the March meeting, the participants had agreed "they had made substantial progress on the plan and that the Committee was well placed to begin the process of reducing the size of the balance sheet as early as after the conclusion of its upcoming meeting in May".

Fed balance sheet

The Federal Reserve balance sheet that stood at \$4.1 trillion on February 24, 2020, rose to \$7.3 trillion by the end of December that year, and currently stands at \$8.9 trillion — it has more than doubled over the last two years.

The increase in the Fed's assets was the result of large-scale purchase of assets from March 2020, when the world economy was hit by the Covid-19 pandemic. As the Fed moved to support the economy, it provided liquidity by purchasing assets and extending

loans to banks. The credit helped the economy and supported the financial markets.

Balance sheet reduction

The reduction in the balance sheet means that while the Fed will not buy securities from the banking system, it will also not reinvest in the securities that mature. It could also go for a sale of securities on its balance sheet later.

According to the minutes of the meeting, participants agreed that after undertaking the balance sheet runoff (not reinvesting in maturing securities), the Fed can consider sales of mortgage-backed securities. "Committee decision to implement a program of agency MBS sales would be announced well in advance."

Experts say this would lead to a reduction in the availability of liquidity. "There will be less liquidity in the system and less investible funds available for investments with FPIs. So the flows to the emerging markets could reduce going forward," Madan Sabnavis, chief economist, Bank of Baroda, said.

Impact on equity markets

If the infusion of liquidity over the last two years pushed the stock markets to new highs, the withdrawal of liquidity too will have repercussions, albeit limited as it will be calibrated. Thursday's fall in the Sensex followed news that the Fed would start reducing its balance sheet at the pace of up to \$95 billion per month. The Nikkei fell 1.7%, Hang Seng 1.2% and Shanghai Composite 1.4%.

Experts say that while the reduction in liquidity will reduce the availability of funds to be invested in emerging markets, an increase in interest rates by the Fed will lead to outflows from domestic equity markets.

FPI flows

In line with Fed announcements over the last few months — first on the increase in interest rate and then on the reduction in the size of the balance sheet — FPIs have been pulling out of Indian markets. Between January and March, FPIs pulled a net of Rs 110,018 crore from Indian equities. Initial con-

cerns on account of inflation and rate hikes in the US were aggravated by the war in Ukraine.

Net outflows in January were Rs 33,303 crore, which increased to Rs 35,592 crore and Rs 41,123 crore in February and March respectively. The March figure was the highest in a month since the outflow of Rs 61,973 crore seen in March 2020, when India announced the Covid-19 lockdown.

However, fund outflows have slowed over the last 20 days, and experts say that the FPIs that had to pull out on account of the Fed's anticipated move have done so already — and that there is less likelihood of string outflows going forward. Over four trading sessions in April, FPIs have invested a net of Rs 12,202 crore in Indian equities.

In the meantime, domestic institutional investors, led by string inflows from retail investors, have enhanced their flows into the markets. While FPIs pulled out a net of Rs 76,715 crore in February and March, DIIs invested a net of Rs 81,761 crore in the same period, more than making up for the FPI pullouts.

Meanwhile, import prices of edible oils have eased from their last month peaks, although higher than one year back. That should provide some relief, both for households and industrial consumers (including soap and cosmetic makers) in India.

Landed prices of CPO (cost plus freight, Mumbai) are currently ruling around \$1,750 per tonne, as against \$2,000 and \$1,175 at this time last month and a year ago, respectively. The corresponding import prices (current versus month-ago and year-ago) stood at \$1,690 (\$1,960 and \$1,115) for RBD palmolein and \$1,800 (\$1,925 and \$1,290) for crude degummed soyabean oil.

SIMPLY PUT

Indonesia's palm oil crisis

The world's largest producer and exporter of palm oil is facing domestic shortages, leading to price controls and export curbs. What explains this situation, and what are the implications for India?

HARISH DAMODARAN

NEW DELHI, APRIL 7

IT'S RARE for any country that is the largest producer and exporter of a product to experience domestic shortages of the same product — so much so as to force its government to introduce price controls and curbs on shipments.

But that is precisely the story of Indonesia vis-à-vis palm oil. The US Department of Agriculture (USDA) has estimated the archipelago's palm oil production for 2021-22 (October-September) at 45.5 million tonnes (mt). That's almost 60% of the total global output and way ahead of the next biggest producer, Malaysia (18.7 mt). It is also the world's No. 1 exporter of the commodity, at 29 mt, followed by Malaysia (16.22 mt).

Yet, the country has seen domestic prices of branded cooking oil spiral, from around 14,000 Indonesian rupiah (IDR) to 22,000 IDR per litre between March 2021 and March 2022. On February 1, the Indonesian government imposed a ceiling on retail prices. These were fixed at 14,000 IDR for "premium" 1-, 2- or 5-litre packs and at 13,500 IDR for "simple" minimally-labelled below-1-litre containers. The price caps, however, led to the product disappearing from supermarket shelves, amid reports of hoarding and consumers standing in long queues for hours to get a pack or two (14,000 IDR is less than \$1 or Rs 74).

Besides domestic price controls, the government also made it compulsory for exporters to sell 20% of their planned shipments in the domestic market. These were again at predetermined prices of 9,300 IDR per kg for crude palm oil (CPO) and 10,300 IDR per kg for RBD (refined, bleached, deodorised) palmolein. The domestic market obligation was further raised to 30% with effect from March 10.

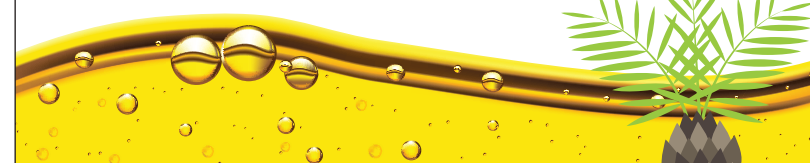
Plausible factors

How does one explain this conundrum —

INDIA'S IMPORTS OF PALM OIL (IN LAKH TONNES)

Fiscal (Apr-Mar)	Crude palm oil		Refined palm oil		Total palm oil	
	Indonesia	Malaysia	Indonesia	Malaysia	Crude	Refined
2015-16	37.09	33.76	21.48	4.24	71.12	25.72
2016-17	33.37	19.61	23.15	6.27	53.56	29.43
2017-18	45.85	17.21	23.57	4.16	67.50	27.73
2018-19	41.57	17.13	16.78	7.17	64.15	25.21
2019-20	42.72	14.89	3.71	17.9	61.76	25.02
2020-21	40.95	27.99	1.13	0.05	73.92	1.32
2021-22*	21.27	28.43	6.93	2.15	59.78	11.19

*Apr-Jan. Source: Department of Commerce



consumers unable to access or paying through the nose for a commodity in which their country is the preeminent producer and exporter?

There are two possible reasons. The first has to do with supply disruptions — manmade and natural — in other cooking oils, especially sunflower and soyabean.

Ukraine and Russia together account for nearly 80% of the global trade in sunflower oil, quite comparable to the 90% share of Indonesia and Malaysia in palm. Russia's invasion of Ukraine on February 24, which is ongoing, has resulted in port closures and exporters avoiding Black Sea shipping routes. Sanctions against Russia have further curtailed trade in sunflower oil, the world's third most exported vegetable oil (12.17 mt, according to USDA estimates for 2021-22) after palm (49.63 mt) and soyabean (12.39 mt).

Soyabean oil, too, is facing supply issues due to dry weather in South America. The USDA has projected the combined soyabean

output of Brazil, Argentina and Paraguay for 2021-22 to fall by 9.4%, translating into the continent's lowest harvest in six years. Supply tightness in sunflower and soyabean — from war and drought, respectively — has, in turn, transmitted to palm oil.

The second factor is linked to petroleum, more specifically the use of palm oil as a bio-fuel. The Indonesian government has, since 2020, made 30% blending of diesel with palm oil mandatory as part of a plan to slash fossil fuel imports. The country's domestic consumption of palm oil is forecast at 17.1 mt, of which 7.5 mt is for bio-diesel and the balance 9.6 mt towards household and other use.

"Palm oil getting increasingly diverted for bio-diesel is leaving less quantity available, both for the domestic cooking oil and export market," said B V Mehta, executive director of the Mumbai-based Solvent Extractors' Association of India. Such diversion has become all the more attractive with Brent crude

THIS WORD MEANS: NATIONAL MEDICAL REGISTER

Draft guidelines for registration of doctors

ANONNA DUTT

NEW DELHI, APRIL 7

ON WEDNESDAY, the National Medical Commission (NMC) released a set of three draft regulations on the registration of doctors on the National Medical Register, especially once a planned licentiate exam starts. The draft regulations are available on the NMC website, and comments can be sent to emrb.regn@nmc.org.in until May 5.

All existing procedures will continue until the licentiate exam, called NEXt, begins.

What are the draft guidelines?

The three draft regulations are License to Practice Medicine, 2022; Registration of Additional Qualifications, 2022; and Temporary Registration of Foreign Medical Practitioner to Practice Medicine in India. At present, all doctors have to register with their respective state medical councils, without which they cannot practice medicine. The new guidelines deal with the process of registration with the national register.

As per the guidelines, Indian medical graduates have to complete their MBBS degree from a recognised college, complete a mandatory 12-month internship, and pass the yet-to-be-implemented NEXt (National Exit Test) for getting their registration.

What about foreign graduates?

Foreign medical graduates (anyone who has earned his or her degree from an institution outside) have to complete their MBBS-equivalent degree from a medical institute "recognised and listed by the NMC" in other countries, be eligible for registration in that country, complete a 12-month internship in India, and pass the same NEXt exam as graduates from India. So far, graduates from foreign institutes had to clear a screening test before registration, while Indian graduates were eligible for registration directly after clearing their MBBS finals.

At present, the NMC does not have a list of recognised foreign medical institutes. It does, however, have a set of minimum requirements — such as a 54-month course, or the medium of teaching being English — for their degrees to be recognised in India.

Also, foreign medical graduates as of now are supposed to complete a year-long internship in the country of their study and do another year-long internship in India. The new guidelines do not specify this.

The draft also makes provisions for short-duration registrations for doctors from other countries to study in India, or do fellowships, research etc. They also have a provision for registering foreign medical experts for practicing medicine (such as live surgeries) at a workshop or seminar in India. The

temporary registration can be for a maximum of 12 months.

How will NEXt work?

NEXt in India is similar to the United States Medical Licensing Examination (USMLE) in that country. The exam will act as a country-wide standardised test for passing MBBS, for granting of a licence, as well as a qualification test for post-graduation courses. This will replace the current NEET-PG that students have to sit for after completing their MBBS course, and after one-year internship. Students will now have to appear for NEXt at both these stages.

The exam will be held in two parts — one written and one practical, where the students will be judged on their clinical acumen.

NEXt is likely to begin 2024 onwards, according to officials.

What is the national medical register it seeks to create?

The current national medical register is created by collating data from all states. The draft regulation seeks to create a dynamic and regularly updated register.

The NMC will issue a unique ID to all students who pass NEET and get admission to recognised medical colleges, which will update their student data and put up all degrees and certificates. The same ID will be updated

when the student does postgraduation, a super-specialty course, or any other recognised training programme.

The draft guidelines also put the onus on the doctors to keep updating their registration with details of additional qualifications, and change in various details. At present, registration is updated only when doctors re-register themselves every five years.

How will a dynamic register help?

Currently, different states follow different norms for deleting names. Delhi, for example, does not delete the names of graduates who move to other states before the completion of the five-year duration; they simply give a no-objection certificate for registration in the other state. This essentially results in duplication of data.

The five-year lag in updating the register also means that many doctors who have retired or died continue to be on the register for years. For this reason, whenever the government takes stock of the number of doctors in the country, they assume only 80% of those registered are active.

With a consolidated national register and unique ID, there will be no duplication of data. The data is also likely to be updated more frequently, resulting in a comprehensive database, which can then be shared with state governments or other health programmes.

EXPLAINED YOUR MONEY

Fed plan to prune balance sheet: impact on equity markets and FPI flows

Classifieds

PERSONAL

I, JAISICA, D/O JITENDER RANA, H.NO.76, BABBAR CHOWK TO PALAM APARTMENT BIJWASAN VILLAGE, SOUTH-WEST DELHI-110061, changed my name to JAISICA RANA, permanently. 0040609247-3

I, Vrinda Rani Sharma, W/o Om Prakash Sharma, R/o-H.No. 19/13, Second-Floor, West Patel Nagar, Delhi, have changed my name to Vrinda Sharma, for all purposes. 0040609245-7

I, Uttkrishit Gupta, S/o Ajay Kumar Gupta R/o-3, BD State Lucknow-Road Timarpur Civil-Lines, Delhi-110054, have changed my name to Uttkrishit Gupta. 0040609241-4

I, Shobher Singh S/o, Ramjeet SinghR/O, G-1/127B, Gali.No-1, G-1-Block Panchara Pusta Sonia-Vihar Sahaypur Delhi-110094, have changed my name to Somvir Singh. 0040609241-8

I, Saurabh Singh S/o-Charn Singh, R/o-House No.506, Rajokri, New Delhi-110038 have changed my name from Saurabh Singh to Sourabh Singh vide affidavit dated 12.03.2022 before Kapashera distt magistrate, Delhi 0040609197-1

I, Vikas s/o Ranjit Singh R/O A7/44 Sector 15 Rohini Delhi has changed my name from Vikas to Vikas Kumar 0050195010-1

I, Rajni w/o Vikas Kumar R/O A7/44 Sector 15 Rohini Delhi has changed my name from Rajni to Rajni Bala 0050195009-1

I, Saravan S/o Ramavart R/O House.No.7,(Nai), 456(Old), Pragati Vihar, Kheda Colony, Ghaziabad, UP, have changed my name to Saravan Vimal For All, Future Purposes 0040609259-1

I, SUNITA RANI, W/O-SH RAJU THAPA, R/O 3-3-4, MULTI STORY, SECTOR QUARTER, SECTOR-13, R K PURAM, NEW DELHI-110066, HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO SHOUBHA FOR ALL PURPOSES. 0040609259-2

I, Preetam Kaur Kochhar, W/o Manmohan Singh Kochhar R/O-68 Rajouri-Kandahar New-Delhi-110027, have changed my name to Pritam Kaur Kochhar. 0040609241-10

I, Parvinder Kaur W/O Inderjeet Singh R/O A-300, Block-A, J.J.Colony, Choukhandi, Tilak Nagar, New-Delhi-110018, Have Changed my Name to Ravinder Kaur. 0040609245-8

Priyanka Spouse Of Kuldeep Kumar Army No- 15210788M Rank- Havildar Unit - 2148RT REGT Resident Of Village- Keeratpur, Post- Bamoti, Teh- Khair, Dist- Aligarh UP PIN- 202138 In My Husband Army Record My Name Wrongly Entered As Priyanka Kumari But My Correct Name Is Priyanka Vide Affidvit Date- 7/4/2022 0070780159-1

My Maiden Name is Shalini Gupta d/o Late Sh. Padam Chand Gupta r/o B-405, Unesco Apt. Extn Patparganj, New Delhi 110092. That I got married to Sanjay Aggarwal on 30th April 1993 at New Delhi. After marriage my name is Shalini Aggarwal and the same is reflected in all my legal documents. 0040609186-2

My Maiden Name is Alka Gupta d/o Late Sh. Padam Chand Gupta r/o Near Rawal Pindi Jewler 2299 Ghanta Ghar Subzi Mandi New Delhi 110007. That I got married to Neeraj Goel on 7th December 1993 at New Delhi. After marriage my name is Alka Goel and the same is reflected in all my legal documents. 0040609186-1

I, Parminder Kaur, D/o Ranbir Singh Anand, W/o Sh. Ajit Singh Jolly, R/O-L-21, Lajpat Nagar-II, South-Delhi, Delhi-110024, have changed my name to Parminder Kaur Jolly after marriage with Sh. Ajit Singh Jolly, for all purposes. 0040609247-6

I, No-9102967K, Hav- Sep-Azad Ahmad Beig S/O- Mohd Majnoon Beig, R/O- Wavora Lolab, Tehsil- Lalpora, District- Kupwara. In my service records the name and D o B of my son and D o B of my daughter has been wrongly mentioned Son as Mohd Rashad D o B-08-02-2009 instead of Faizan Azad D o B-01-05-2012 and daughter namely Saniya Azad D o B-20-06-2007 instead of 09-04-2008. It needs correction. Objections be filed to Unit 675 DSC-PL within seven days. 0020437110-1

I, Janardan prasad sharma alias janardha prasad sharma, s/o late. Bishamber dutt Barthwal alias Bishamber dutt Sharma alias B.D. Barthwal alias vishamber dutt Barthwal, R/O, KD-108, MIG-Flats, KD-block pitampura, North-West-Delhi Delhi. 110034, have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as JANARDAN PRASAD BARTHWAL. 0040609247-4

I, Sarla Wadhwa, D/O Sh kishan Chand, R/O 13/8 Old Rajinder Nagar New Delhi- 110060 have changed my name to Sarla wadhwa. 0070780111-1

I, Rakesh Sharma S/O Baij Nath Sharma R/O J-122, West Patel Nagar, New Delhi-110008 have changed my name to Rakesh Kumar Sharma. 70780124-1

I, Parbhjot Singh, S/o Harjit Singh, R/O, B-21 F.F. Gali, No.11, Anandpur Dham Colony Karala Kanjhawala, Delhi-110081, have changed my name to Parbhjot Singh. 0040609241-5

I, ANITA P RAGHMODE W/O Army No 14683927L NK DEGUWE BANDU V/O R/O VILL - GADEWADI POST -WAYGAON TET -AHMEDPUR DIST - LATUR PIN - 413514 MAHARASHTRA, have changed my Name From ANITA P RAGHMODE TO ANITA BANDU P RAGHMODE for all Future Purpose vide affidavit dt. 28/03/2022 before Notary Public Delhi. 0040608106-6

I, PRADIP BISWAS, S/O GUNAKAR BISWAS, R/O A-141/403, Shalimar-Garden Extension-2, Sahibabad, Ghaziabad (UP) have changed my name to PRADIP KUMAR BISWAS. 0040609241-2

I, Nitika Punhani W/o-Sh. Abhishek Punhani R/o-H.No. 1609, Sundryam Tower, Gaur Scarcationy, Greater Noida West, GB-Nagar, U.P.-201318, have changed my name from Nitika Mahani to Nitika Punhani, after marriage for all purposes. 0040609247-7

I, Narander Singh S/O Daryao Singh R/O Flat No.405, C&D-Block DDA, SFS-Flats Shalimar, Bagh Delhi-110088, changed my name to Narander Singh Sharawat. 0040609245-9

I, Mohit Gupta S/O, Brij Mohan Gupta R/O-604, Technology Apartments, Tech.No.24, I.P.-Extension, Patparganj, Delhi-110092, have changed my minor daughter's name Medha Gupta to Mahika Gupta. Aged-12-years. 0040609247-1

I, Mohammad Tabish Hasan, S/O Manzoor Hasan, R/O A-34A, 3rd-Floor Shaheen-Bagh, Abul-Fazal Enclave, New Delhi-110025, inform that my father name wrongly-written Manzoor Sahani in my passport but my father correct-name is Manzoor Hasan. 0040609247-5

I, Manoj Devi, spouse of, Ashok Kumar Jangid, resident of, H.No-B-8, Shyam Vihar -1, New Delhi-43, have changed my name from Manoj to Manoj Devi vide affidavit dated- 7.Apr.22, before-notary Delhi. 0040609249-4

I, Hemlata Kumari Alias Hemlata Mudgal, D/o Shiv Kumar Sharma, W/O Pramod Kumar, R/O Quarter. No-692, Type-3, Block-4, New Tihar-Complex Central Jail, Desu-Colony, Janakpuri, Delhi-110058, have changed my name to Hemlata Mudgal. 0040609259-3

I, Deepak Gupta R/O.1833, Gali-No. 2, Giriraj Colony, Hathras-204101, U.P. declares that I have changed the name of my minor daughter Avarnya Gupta to Mysha Gupta for all Purposes. 0040609204-1

I, Army No.16020324P, Rank L/Hav, name Sandeep, VPO, Akheri Madanpur-Tehsil Matanhail-Distt. Jhajjar (Haryana), declare that in my Service Record my wife name is wrongly-Recorded as Sangeeta where as her correct name Sangita vide-Affidavit, No.J0282022C31.Date-28.03.2022. 0040609245-1

I, Virender Kumar S/O Mani Ram R/O-H.No-159, 3rd Floor, Jagriti Enclave, Anand Vihar, Delhi-110092, have changed my minor Son's name from ARYMAN KUMAR aged 10 years to ARYAMAN KUMAR forever. 0070780123-1

I, Jasmeen Panesar D/O, Harish Inderpal Singh R/O T-601, Plumieria Garden Estate, Omicron-3, Greater Noida, Kasana, Gautambudh nagar-201310 do hereby solemnly affirm and declare that Jasmeen Chawla Panesar, Jasmeen Panesar, and Jasmeen are indicating and referring myself as a same and one identical person, not to different person whatsoever and shall hereafter be known as Jasmeen Chawla Panesar 0040609187-1

I, Deepak Sharma S/O Rishi Raj Sharma R/O C-25, Sec-53, Noida, UP, have changed my name to Deepak Kumar Sharma for all future purposes. 0070780160-1

I, Swati Jain W/O. Siddharth Sharma, R/O, C-161, C-Block, Vikaspuri, Delhi have changed my name to Swati Jain Sharma. 0040609194-1

I, Suriya Kalon, aka Nilza Angmo Kalon w/o Tsering Stobden Kalon R/O G-31 2nd FLR, Tulip Garden, Sector 57, Gurugram, would like to change my name to Suriya Kalon for all practical purposes 0040609238-1

I, Somesh S/O Krishan Murari Lal Pathak R/O Flat.No-2204, Tower-B2, Cleo Colony, Sec-121, Noida, Gautambudh Nagar, U.P. have changed my name to Somesh Pathak for all future purposes. 0070780153-1

I, KIRAN JAITLEY S/O HAR VANSH R/O B-339, Brij Vihar, Chander Nagar, Ghaziabad, UP, have changed my name to KIRAN KANT JAITLEY. 0040609241-1

I, K.R Prem Kumar, S/o-Raghva Kaimal, R/O Quarter.No.2, Germ an Embassy, Niti-Nagar, Chanakyapuri, New-Delhi-110021, have changed my name to Prem Kumar Kaimal. 0040609245-10

I, Rishi Kumar Aggarwal S/O Ram Kumar R/O G-1/62 First Floor Sector-15 Rohini Delhi have changed my name as Rishi Kumar Gupta permanently. 0040609201-1

I, MD.Munna S/O-Anwar, R/O-D-590, Third Floor, J.J.Colony, Paschim Vihar, New Delhi-6 have changed my Name to MD.Islam, for all Future Purposes. 0040609241-9

I, MATLOOB AHMAD S/O ABDUL HAMID R/O H.NO.10/78-A, BLOCK-B, DDA-FLATS, INDERLOK, DELHI-110035, HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO MOHD MATLOOB. 0040609245-3

I, Laud Tawar W/O, Ramchander No.253699G SGT, R/O/WZ-1339, Nagal Raya, ND-46, have changed my name to Lado Devi all purposes vide affidavit dt.6.4.2022. 0040609241-11

I, Kuldip Singh, S/O Late Iqbal Singh, R/O-H.No. 110 Gali No.3, Durga Puri Extn., Shahdara Delhi-110093, have changed my name to Kulddeep Singh, for all purposes 0040609241-3

I, Km.Pooja Pathak, W/O Vijay Kumar Sharma, R/O-321 G/F, Gangotri Apartment Sector-12, Dwarka, Delhi-110078, have changed my name to Pooja Sharma. 0040609241-6

I, Kamlesh W/O Balwinder Singh R/O, 3/0-67a Baba Colony Burari Delhi have changed my name to Kamlesh Kaur. 0040609245-5

I, Sneha De D/o Gp. Capt. Achchyt Kumar R/O J-207, 1st Floor, Jal Vayu Vihar, Sector-25, Noida-201301, Uttar Pradesh, have changed my name from Sneha De Gupta to Sneha De for all future purposes. 0040609273-1

I, Bipin Kumar Sangwan S/O Sajjan Singh Sangwan R/O A-1/18, Sector-18, Rohini, Delhi-110089 have changed my name to Bipin Sangwan. 40609247-2

I, Ravikant S/O Suresh Kumar R/O H.No-2/949, Gali No-3, Shankar Garden Line Park, Bahadurgarh, Jhajjar, Haryana-124507, have changed my name to Ravikant Sharma 0070780170-1

I, Ramesh Kumar S/O Chandru Mal, R/O B-503, Supertech Livingston, Crossing Republic, UP-201016 have changed my name to Ramesh Kumar Pahuja. 0070780179-1

I, Renu Janghu D/o Jawahar Singh born on 16-03-1990 residing at 142, Pitampura Village, Delhi-34 have changed my name to Renu Beniwal vide affidavit dated 04-04-2022 at Delhi 0050194919-1

I, Chanpreet Kaur Sabharwal W/O Jaipal Singh R/O WZ-1B/9 New Sahibpura Tilak-Nagar Delhi have changed my name to Chanpreet Kaur. 40609245-6

I, Bobby S/O Om Prakash R/O 2448-49, IInd Floor Punjabi-Basti Subji Mandi, Delhi, have changed my name to Bobby Verma. 0040609241-7

I, Shaifali W/O Lalit Parsad Chugh, R/O Tower-4, Flat No-803, Amrapali Grand Sec-Zeta-1, Sakipur, Greater Noida, UP, have changed my name to Shaifali Chugh for All Purposes. 0070780132-1

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COURT NOTICE

PROCLAMATION REQUIRING ATTENDANCE OF DEFENDANT. (ORDER 5, RULE 20 OF THE CODE OF CIVIL PROCEDURE) IN THE COURT OF MS. GEETANJALI AGARWAL-05 (SOUTH-EAST) ROOM NO. 603, SIXTH FLOOR, SAKET COURTS, NEW DELHI

CASE No. 587/1201 HEMANT SONI AND ORS. Vs. TATA CAPITAL HOUSING FINANCE LTD. AND ORS.

To: M/S UNNATI FORTUNE HOLDINGS LTD., THROUGH ITS MANAGING DIRECTOR, MR. ANIL MITHAS, T-07, IL-02, COMMON WEALTH GAMES VILLAGE, NEW DELHI-110099

Whereas you are intentionally evading service of summons it is hereby notified that if you shall not defend the Case on 21.04.2022 at 10 a.m. the day fixed for the final disposal, it will be heard and determined ex-parte.

Given under my hand and the seal of the Court, this 25.03.2022. Addl. District Judge (South-East)

SIMMONS FOR SETTLEMENT OF DEBT (OVR 1-5) The Court of Sh. Hem Raj ADJ-08, Room No. 15, Tis Hazari Courts, Delhi

ICICI Bank Ltd. Plaintiff Vs. Mukesh Kumar ...Defendant. To: Mr. Mukesh Kumar S/O. Sh. Navaj Ramesh Chandra R/o 309, Gali No-3, Prem Gali, Gandhi Nagar, Delhi-110031 have severed all his relationship from my client Sh. Navaj Kumar and his wife Smt. Deepa. I, Debbar and other family member of them from all movable and immovable assets and properties of my client due to their bad, anti-social & unwholized behavior towards my client and other family member. My client shall not be held liable for any kind of acts and deeds of or/for/against them as they are controlled by them. Any person dealing with them in any respect whatsoever shall do so at his/her/their own risk, and consequences.

Whereas Plaintiff has instituted a suit against you for recovery you are hereby notified that, in default of your appearance on the day mentioned of the present summons and to appear in this court in person, or by a pleader duly instructed, and able to answer all material questions relating to suit, or which shall be accompanied by a copy of the said suit, on the 27.04.2022 at 10 O'Clock to answer the claim and further you are hereby directed to produce on the said day all documents in your possession or power upon which you base your defence or claim for set-off or counter-claim, and where you rely on any other document whether in your possession or power or not, as evidence in support of your defence or claim for set-off or counter-claim you shall annex such documents in a list to be annexed to the written statement.

It is for information of general public that my client SHRI PRAKASH S/O SH. Kishan Singh R/O House No.D-75, Gali No.11, D-Block, West Vinod Nagar, Delhi-110092, have disowned his son namely Sumit (unmarried) and he shall have no right or concern with him or his movable and immovable properties. In future my client shall not be held liable and responsible for the acts & deeds of said Sumit. Tarun Babbar (Advocate) 84, Manu Apps., Mayur Vihar-1, Delhi-110091

It is hereby informed to the Public at large that my client, Raj Singh S/O Shri Heera Lal R/O H.No. 238 -1, Sawayan Sidha Punjabi Bagh New Delhi also at Q-42/1 Prem Nagar Second Kirari Sulaiman Nagar New Delhi-86, has disowned and debar His Son Dishaant Singh from his all movable and immovable properties/assets and breaks all kind of relation with him; does not read and criminal conduct. My client and any of his family member shall not be responsible for his any kind of act/criminal conduct.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

My clients, ASHOK KUMAR S/o Late Shri Om PRAKASH and his wife Mrs. Nirmala Devi, 7496, Sidhant Nagar, Malviya Dhandha, Pahar Gali, Delhi-110055, declare that they have disowned their son, NISHANT KUMAR AND his daughter in law "SHALINI" AND his all movable/immovable properties, Bank Accounts and any kind of Assets or liabilities and any clients will not be responsible for anything done wrong by them in future, my client and his wife and his son Nishant Kumar and his daughter in law Shalini and his son Ravinder Kumar and his daughter Deepa will not keep any kind of relation with his said-wives. This public notice is of your kind information.

Enr. No. D26142013 CHAMBER NO.4111, GROUND FLOOR, TIS HAZARI COURTS, DELHI-110054

Be it known to all that my client Uday Singh Alias Pappu and Lateeh both R/O A-39, Shyam Colony, Buth Vihar, Phase-2, Delhi-110086, have severed all the relations with his/her daughter namely-Sangeeta (D.O.B: 06.03.1999) and disowned her from all their movable and immovable properties. For all references, my client is not related, interested, concerned or responsible in any manner for the acts, deeds, contraventions and liabilities of above said Sangeeta, as she has gone beyond their control and is living and acting as per her own wishes. Anyone dealing with above said Sangeeta shall be doing so at his/her own personal risk and liability.

Be it known to all that my client, Smt. Vina Viro Kumar and his late son, Smt. Deepa, I, Debbar and other family member of them from all movable and immovable assets and properties of my client due to their bad, anti-social & unwholized behavior towards my client and other family member. My client shall not be held liable for any kind of acts and deeds of or/for/against them as they are controlled by them. Any person dealing with them in any respect whatsoever shall do so at his/her/their own risk, and consequences.

Be it known to all that my client, Sh. Rajesh Dhingra S/o Sh. Harbans Lal Dhingra R/O SD-199, SFS Flats, 3rd Floor, Pitampura, New Delhi-34 has lost Original Allotment cum Demand Letter, Payment Challan, Possession Letter, Side Possession Letter, NOC & DDA Correspondence in the name of Rajesh Dhingra & Achala Dhingra of Property No. SD-199, SFS Flats, 3rd Floor, Pitampura, New Delhi-34. Finder will Report No. is 1021377/2021. Police may Submit/ Contact DDA Office Vikas Sadan, New Delhi

It is publicly informed that my client, DEVKI NANDAN S/O MAN PAL and SHAKUNTALA W/O DEVKI NANDAN, RAJENDRA S/O NARANJAN COLONY, TILAK NAGAR, DELHI-110015, have disowned and severed all their relations with their son SUBODH and debarred them from their movable and immovable properties/assets due to his misbehavior. If any person, EVER, DISOWN, indicate, deal, or deal with him in civil and criminal matter, shall be doing at his/her/their own risk, cost and responsibility, for that my client shall not be responsible in any manner whatsoever.

General Public is hereby informed that my clients, SH. GIRIRAJ AND HIS WIFE R/O A-54, GOPAL VIHAR, VIJAY VIHAR, PHASE-2, DELHI HAVE SEVERED ALL RELATIONS & DEBAR THEIR SON CHANDESH SHEKHAR FROM ALL MOVABLE-IMMOVABLE PROPERTY(S) DUE TO HIS MISCONDUCT & MISBEHAVIOUR MY CLIENTS WILL NOT BE RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY OF HIS ACTS IN FUTURE WHATSOEVER.

General Public is hereby informed that my clients, SH. NIRAJIT DASS KALRA, DINESH KALRA and Mukesh Kalra all sons of Late Sidhu Ram, R/O H.No-497B, Ashok, Nagar, New Delhi-18, have severed all types of relationship with their nephew Sh. Ravish Kalra S/o Sh. Net Ram Kalra R/O 766, Ramesh Nagar, New Delhi and disowned him from their movable as well as immovable properties and severed all their relations with him due to his derogatory, quarrelsome, disrespectful and cruel behaviour. Any person dealing with him shall be doing so at his/her own risk, cost and consequences. My clients shall not be responsible for any of his acts, deeds, or misdeeds from the date of publication of this notice. My clients are responsible for any present or future claim if any due to him. HARISH CHANDER (Advocate) Ch. No.124-125, Civil Side Tis Hazari Courts, Delhi-54

General Public is hereby informed that my clients, SH. NIRAJIT DASS KALRA, DINESH KALRA and Mukesh Kalra all sons of Late



GOLD

₹51,568



RUPEE

₹75.96



OIL

\$103.94



SILVER

₹66,139

Note: Gold, silver rates at Delhi spot market, gold per 10g, silver per 1 kg; Crude oil (Indian basket) as of April 6

SENSEX: 59,034.95 ▼ 575.46 (0.97%) NIFTY: 17,639.55 ▼ 168.10 (0.94%) NIKKEI: 26,888.57 ▼ 461.73 HANG SENG: 21,808.98 ▼ 271.54 FTSE: 7,582.17 ▼ 5.53 DAX: 14,221.23 ▲ 69.54

International market data till 1900 IST

SECTOR WATCH
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& JOHNSON T A
NEW DELHI/BENGALURU,
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SOFTBANK-BACKED EDTECH startup Unacademy is learnt to have laid off around 600 employees and educators as part of a large downsizing exercise, after having shut down its K-12 business. The startup has around 6,000 employees, with the downsizing round impacting close to 10 per cent of its workforce.

It is learnt that among the people laid off were employees part of the sales and content marketing team in the test preparation business apart from close to 300 educators, who were working with the firm on a contractual basis. The firm's move also comes amid a general slowdown of funding in the startup ecosystem. Unacademy, which is India's second biggest edtech firm, was last valued at \$3.44 billion as of August 2021.

The majority of the layoffs were carried out at the end of March. "Less than 600 employees/contractual workers and educators have been laid off," an official statement said. Unacademy added: "... based on the outcome of several assessments, a small subset of employee, contractor, and educator roles were re-evaluated due to role redundancy and performance, as is common for

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any organisation of our size and scale. The vast majority of roles impacted has been a result of that process, and the efficiency we aim to drive in the broader business". "We have discussed and parted ways with the identified people, in accordance with their respective contracts. Further, the company has in good faith ensured they receive certain additional benefits and a generous severance," a spokesperson said.

While Unacademy maintains that the retrenchment exercise was done after "several assessments", some impacted employees that *The Indian Express* spoke to said that they did not receive prior notice by the company and claimed to be unaware of any feedback process prior to the decision of laying them off.

"I got a job there only two months ago and I wonder how many assessments a company can make in that little time to ascertain whether or not an employee is performing well or not," said a person impacted by the decision. Even though a majority of the employees it let go off were from its test preparation team, Unacademy said that it was "bullish" about that part of its business.

Full report on
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GATISHAKTI, PLI TO OFFSET GLOBAL HEADWINDS, SAYS REPORT

Growth, inflation risks from
rising energy prices: FinMinENSECONOMIC BUREAU
NEW DELHI, APRIL 7

ELEVATED PRICES of energy and other commodities and supply side disruptions due to Russia-Ukraine conflict pose a challenge to the growth trajectory and upside risks to inflation, the Finance Ministry said in its monthly economic review report for March, released on Thursday. The movement in oil prices is expected to dominate inflationary trends in the coming months, it said, adding the government has been taking steps to diversify import sources which includes buying cheaper crude oil from Russia and diversifying energy sources beyond traditional hydrocarbons.

GatiShakti and Production-Linked Incentive Schemes will offset global headwinds and drive investment, resulting in high post-recovery growth for the Indian economy, it said. "PLI schemes in the 14 sectors will increase the competitiveness of the manufacturing sectors leveraging their untapped potential to

EXPLAINED
Ukraine war weighs

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impact on the economy may turn out to be tolerable".

The dated Brent crude oil price, which forms the bulk of Indian crude oil basket, has hovered around \$105-106 a barrel since April 1, after having risen above \$135 in the first-second week of March, from around \$95 just before the crisis, it said. "Affordability is desired as even the present level of international crude price, should it persist for a long time, may come in the way of India achieving a real economic growth rate north of 8 per cent in FY23," it said.

Improvement in labour market indicators such as labour force participation, reduction in unemployment rate and highest net addition in EPF subscribers since April 2019 shows revival in employment outlook, the report said. net EPF subscribers reaching 15.3 lakh in January, 37.4 per cent higher than in the corresponding period of the previous year.

PMI services has also stayed in the expansionary zone continuously for eight months on the back of e-toll collection, e-Way Bill, railway freight and air cargo, among

others, complementing the robust manufacturing sector, it said.

GST collections breached Rs 14 lakh crore in March 2022, heralding the onset of post-recovery growth, it said. Private consumption may be beginning to perk up, the report noted.

Observing that the capital investment by the central government for the period of April 2021 to February 2022 has surpassed the levels in the corresponding periods of pandemic and pre-pandemic years, it said, adding there are recent signs that rising public capex may be crowding in private investments as well.

The report said that the pandemic still casts a shadow over global economic prospects in 2022, taking note of the ongoing struggle to contain the infections in Shanghai in China. It, however, said that since Delhi and Maharashtra have now made masks optional, it reflects their belief that the pandemic is under control. The hope is that any new variant such as Omicron XE would not pose a serious threat to the economic recovery, it said.

'Logistics sector growth
pegged at 7-9% this fiscal'

Logistics sector is pegged to grow 7-9% in FY23, but the industry players' margins are likely to be "sensitive to risks", an Ica Ratings report said

Growth in FY22 estimated to have stood at 14-17% over pre-Covid levels, with momentum likely to continue this fiscal too

multi-modal services had more flexibility

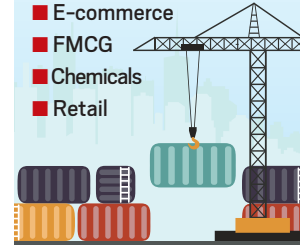
Continued rise in oil and commodity prices amid the Russia-Ukraine conflict to be driving factor

Multi-modal offerings are likely to gain increased acceptance and traction going forward, given that players offering

Source: Ica Ratings/PTI

REVENUE GROWTH over medium-term would continue to be driven by demand from varied segments like:

- Pharmaceuticals
- Industrial goods
- E-commerce
- FMCG
- Chemicals
- Retail

Digital banking
unit norms:
24x7 ops, in
tier 1-6 centres

The Reserve Bank said each DBU must offer certain minimum digital banking products and services. File

Mumbai: The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) on Thursday released the guidelines on establishment of digital banking units (DBUs) after Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman, in her Budget speech for fiscal 2022-23, had announced setting up of 75 DBUs in 75 districts to commemorate 75 years of independence of the country.

DBU is a specialised fixed point business unit or hub housing certain minimum digital infrastructure for delivering digital banking products and services as well as servicing existing financial products and services digitally in self-service mode at any time, all year round, the RBI said. Commercial banks (other than RRBs, payment banks and LABs) with past digital banking experience are permitted to open DBUs in tier 1 to tier 6 centres, unless otherwise specifically restricted, without having the need to take permission from the RBI in each case, it added. ENS

Full report on
www.indianexpress.comKoo's Voluntary
self-verification:
Aadhaar key

New Delhi: Koo has launched voluntary self-verification of users, where they can use Aadhaar details to authenticate accounts on the platform, a requirement under India's intermediary liability rules. The move comes amid debates around verifying identities on social media.

"The feature is available only to Indian nationals who have an Indian phone number linked to their Aadhaar Number/Govt ID," it said, adding validation of Aadhaar details would be carried out by "government-authorized third parties." SOUMYARENDRA BARIK

'CBDC launch in calibrated, nuanced manner'

ENSECONOMIC BUREAU
MUMBAI, APRIL 7

RESERVE BANK of India (RBI) Deputy Governor T Rabi Sankar on Thursday said the Central Bank Digital Currency (CBDC) will significantly bring down time taken for cross-border transactions and make transactions real time.

He said as far as India is concerned, the RBI is looking at CBDC as just the digital form of paper currency and no distinction whatsoever. Noting that CBDC would have cost and distributional efficiency, Sankar added the other motivation for introduction is settlement efficiency. The RBI plans to come out with a CBDC using blockchain technology in FY23.

"Given the large number of uncertainties in terms of which

Reserve Bank Deputy Governor T Rabi Sankar said
the CBDC will lower time taken for cross-border
transactions and make transactions real time

model works, which design works well in terms of its impact on the banking system, on data privacy, on monetary policy, I think almost all central banks, and we are no exception, will probably go in for a very careful and calibrated nuanced manner," he said at an event organised by ICRIER.

The essential learning does not come from global experience but basically comes from your own experience," Sankar added.

CBDCs could affect the transactional demand for deposits in the banking system, Sankar said.

The other implication would be on monetary policy, he said, adding that surveys by BIS and others seem to indicate that most central banks feel it will have an impact on monetary policy and transmission. Full report on
www.indianexpress.comFeb 7 holiday: Investors faced difficulty,
but settlements conducted as per scheduleENSECONOMIC BUREAU
MUMBAI, APRIL 7

STOCK EXCHANGES said there was some inconvenience in conducting trade and settlement on February 7 when the Maharashtra government declared a holiday in the state to mourn the demise of Lata Mangeshkar and banks were shut while stock markets remained open. However, market intermediaries were able to finish the settlement as per schedule and there was no crisis, according to sources close to the exchange.

Stock markets normally have 10 holidays a year, whereas banks are closed for 22-23 days for various holidays. "On such occasions,

The Maharashtra
government had
declared a holiday to
mourn the demise of
Lata Mangeshkar

when banks are shut and markets remain open, everything is planned in advance and all the systems are put in place much earlier," said a source.

"However, on February 7, the RBI announced the bank holiday on February 6 late at night. There was no time to make changes in the system and corporate actions needed time to make changes. Depositories, clearing corpora-

tions and exchanges also need time to make the changes in the system. There were hardly four or five hours available in the night to make changes. It was not enough," said sources close to the bourses.

Besides, the holiday was only in Maharashtra and other states were functioning normally. "We have investors from various parts of the country, not just Maharashtra alone. It was not possible to shut the exchanges at such a short notice," said an official source.

Some foreign banks had written to the NSE Clearing Ltd highlighting the problems faced by some investors, mainly mutual funds and foreign investors, due to the bank holiday on February 7. When contacted, Sebi and RBI

did not reply to mails from *The Indian Express*. Market sources said some investors did face inconvenience in arranging funds at a short notice in the wake of the bank holiday. "But trade settlements were conducted as per schedule. There was no crisis. The inconvenience happened because of the short notice for the holiday."

Sebi had introduced T+1 trading instead of T+2 system earlier. Vijay Singhania, chairman of brokerage platform TradeSmart, said, "It is high time we have a system in place as far as sudden holidays are concerned. We just missed a systemic failure when stock exchanges were allowed to function but the banking system was shut down."

Full report on
www.indianexpress.com

BRIEFLY

Power reforms

New Delhi: The Finance Ministry allowed 10 states to borrow ₹28,204 crore for FY22 for power reforms.

ZEEL stake sale

New Delhi: Invesco sold 7.74% stake in Zee Entertainment Enterprises (ZEEL) for ₹2,092 crore.

Cocaine seizure

New Delhi: Customs at Delhi Airport seized 5.8 kg cocaine, most at an Indian airport, Finance Ministry said.

BharatPe salary

New Delhi: BharatPe CEO Suhail Sameer apologised for remarks on LinkedIn that former chief Ashneer Grover stole money from the firm and little is left to pay the staff salaries. PTI

Flipkart IPO

New Delhi: Flipkart has internally raised its IPO valuation target to \$60-70 billion, and plans a US listing in 2023, sources said. The listing delay, sources said, is to boost valuations by focussing on online health services and travel bookings. REUTERS

IEA releases extra oil to calm
prices: India backs decision

New Delhi: India has welcomed the decision by the International Energy Agency (IEA) to release 120 million barrels of crude oil from its strategic reserves, in addition to the release of 180 million barrels of crude oil from the strategic reserves of the US.

The move is aimed at calming crude oil prices that hit a 14-year-high of \$139 per barrel in March. "Government of India welcomes the announcement by the IEA for a collective oil stock release of 120 million barrels," the Petroleum Ministry said.

India had in November announced that it would release 5 million barrels from the strategic reserve as part of a coordinated ef-



Strategic reserves of the US. Reuters file

fort with other crude oil importing countries to stabilise the price of crude oil. The move cooled the price of Brent to about \$100.2 per barrel (as of 1:49 pm ET). ENS

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PRESS NOTE

Government of Uttarakhand "e" Procurement Notice
Bid Identification no- 1124/Nivida (Garhwal)/Dehradun/21 Dated: 07-04-2022

S. No.	Name of Works	Estimated Cost	Period of Completion
1	CONSTRUCTION OF PROPOSED P.G. HOSTEL AT DOON HOSPITAL CAMPUS DEHRADUN.	1226.03 Lacs (Including G.S.T)	18 Months
2	Address of Officer Inviting the Bid :- Office of Chief General Manager, Construction Wing, Uttarakhand Peypal Nigam, 403/1 Indra Nagar, Dehradun.		
3	Date and Time of Availability of Bid documents in the portal :- 08-04-2022 - 17.00 Hrs.		
4	Pre Bid Meeting :- 12-04-2022 - 12.00 Hrs.		
5	Last Date/Time for receipt of bids in the portal :- 25-04-2022 - 17.00 Hrs.		

Details of subsequent addendum/corrigendum/ cancellation etc. may be obtained from the website.
Further details can be seen from the e-procurement portal "https://www.uktenders.gov.in"
General Manager (Garhwal)

Panda: Irdai looking
at review of norms to
widen market, may
allow micro insurersGEORGE MATHEW
MUMBAI, APRIL 7

THE INSURANCE regulator is planning to create a framework to enable new entities to enter the insurance market in India with special outreach to global investors for enhancing foreign direct investment (FDI) into the country.

The Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (Irdai) is reviewing the Rs 100 crore capital, which is the minimum requirement for any new player to begin an insurance venture. "We are thinking of allowing micro insurance player with Rs 10 crore or Rs 15 crore capital which can work in focus areas like a district," Irdai Chairman Debasis Panda said in his first interaction with media here on Thursday.

Irdai is planning to review a gamut of guidelines and bring down the number of guidelines from around 100 to 10 or 15 guidelines. "Regulations will be principle-based, rather than rule-based. The idea was that the industry has matured enough during its journey spanning more than two decades since its opening up and they know the rule of the game better now," Panda said.

The Irdai Chairman made it clear that the regulator will be having light regulation and tech-based supervision. Panda, who took over as the Chairman of Irdai last month, after retiring as Secretary, Department of Financial Services (DFS), said the regulations should spur positive development in the industry. In a bid to bring about a cordial relationship between the IRDA and the industry, Panda, who met insurers on April 6 and 7, has assured insurers that there will be regular in-person meetings between CEOs and top IRDA officials in every two months in different

DEBASIS PANDA
Chairman, Irdai File

parts of the country. The regulator is keen to facilitate the entry of captive insurers, standalone micro-insurers, niche players and regional entities into the insurance space.

It has also proposed to disperse with renewal of registration for insurance intermediaries. It's also exploring the possibility of launching Bima Mitra on the lines of Bank Mitra to enlarge the scope of distribution with an aim to bringing insurance to every doorstep, he said. He added norms will be reviewed so that insurers can offer allied and value-based services in health insurance like membership in gymnasium.

Irdai has also proposed moving insurance supervision towards outcome based and technology driven that is aligned with international standards. There is also a proposal to rationalise investment norms applicable to insurers, Panda said. Emphasising that there should be new products for millennials, Panda hinted at coming up with new channels of distribution in future. When it comes to overall insurance penetration which includes both life and non-life insurance in India, the insurance penetration was 2.71 per cent in 2001 and has steadily increased to 4.2 per cent in 2020.

'Neu' kid on the block:
Tata super app live now

Mumbai: Heating up competition in the e-commerce segment currently dominated by players like Amazon, Flipkart and Reliance Retail, Tata Digital, a Tata Sons subsidiary, on Thursday unveiled its much-anticipated "super app Tata Neu", which it claims "seamlessly blends product commerce, service commerce and financial services into a consumer-first, future-ready and integrated experience".

According to Pratik Pal, CEO, Tata Digital, the journey of Tata Neu has begun with a cumulative consumer base of 120 million users, 2,500 offline stores, along with an 80 million app footprint



Tata Neu app. Screenshot

across the group's digital assets.

N Chandrasekaran, Chairman, Tata Sons said, "The Tata group is focussed on transforming businesses for the digital world..." ENS

FOOD CORPORATION OF INDIA
Regional Office: 4, Nehru Place, Tonk Road, Jaipur-15

E-Tender Notice

Two e-tender notices are invited separately, under two-bid system for appointment of Handling/Handling & Transport Contractor for various centers and for appointment of regular Road Transport Contractor from various dispatching centers to receiving centers of Rajasthan Region for the period of two years.

Under e-tender notice ROJ/CONTRACT/HTC/02/2022 for Handling/Handling & Transport Contracts, the bids shall be accepted ONLINE from 07.04.2022, 04:00 PM to 28.04.2022, 04:00 PM and e-tender notice ROJ/CONTRACT/RTC/03/2022 for Road Transportation Contracts, the bids shall be accepted ONLINE from 08.04.2022, 04:00 PM to 29.04.2022, 04:00 PM. All the Terms & Conditions and other relevant details are available on Government E-Marketplace (GeM) Portal website https://gem.gov.in and Corporations website www.fcgi.gov.in

GENERAL MANAGER (REGION)

RAIL WHEEL FACTORY
Yelahanka, BANGALORE - 560 064
Website: www.rwf.indianrailways.gov.in e-mail: smm.rwblr@gmail.com

Tender Notice No. RWF/S/001/2022-23 Dated 06/04/2022

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

Sl. No.	Tender No.	Item Description	Quantity
1	P2225255	Supply, Installation and Commissioning of Swarf Shredder as per RWF Technical Specification. Tender Closing Date and Time: 19/04/2022, 14.00 Hrs.	3 Numbers
2	P2225105A	Siemens Electrical Spares (19 Items)	Each 1 Numbers

Tender details can be viewed on our website www.irps.gov.in or www.rwf.indianrailways.gov.in. Principal Chief Materials Manager

NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY, SILCHAR
(An Institution of National Importance)
Assam - 788 010
Phone : (03842) 244879, Web Site: http://www.nits.ac.in
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NOTICE INVITING E-TENDER

E-tender invited from experienced and financially sound contractor/agency for the following work.

Sl. No.	Name of Work	Estimated cost (In Rs.)	Earnest Money (In Rs.)	Time of completion	Last date of submission
NIT No. NIT-E/Est/2022-23/01	1. Preparation of conceptual plan, drawings & design, estimation, DPR/Bid Documents/tendering/ Finalization of bid documents and Execution of the construction of 150 capacities Girls Hostel No. 4 (A) at NIT Silchar.	25,96,49,211/-	51,93,000/-	24 Months	22.04.2022

The detailed tender notice may be seen at Institute website http://www.nits.ac.in, www.tenderwizard.com/NITS & Institute notice board. Sd/- Registrar

पश्चिमांचल विद्युत वितरण निगम लि०
 ई-निविदा सूचना, O&M मद में अधिशासी अभियन्ता, वि.वि.ख. - प्रथम/द्वितीय, मुंनार के अन्तर्गत 1. ई-निविदा संख्या 09/2022-23 में 33 केवी वीओसीबी0 एवं कंट्रोल पैनेल/11 केवी वीओसीबी0 की मरम्मत का कार्य, 2. 10/2022-23 में 33 केवी वीओसीबी0 एवं कंट्रोल पैनेल की मरम्मत का कार्य, 3. 11/2022-23 में 33 केवी वीओसीबी0 एवं कंट्रोल पैनेल की मरम्मत का कार्य, 4. 12/2022-23 में 11 केवी वीओसीबी0 की मरम्मत का कार्य एवं 5. 13/2022-23 में 11 केवी वीओसीबी0 की मरम्मत का कार्य बाह्य एजेन्सी के माध्यम से कराये जाने हैं। क्र.सं.-1 से 4 तक उक्त ई-निविदाओं का प्रथम एवं द्वितीय भाग www.etender.up.nic.in पर दिनांक 21.04.2022 एच क्र.सं. 5 पर अंतिम दिनांक 05.05.2022 को 12:00 बजे तक भरा जा सकता है। निविदा विशिष्टीकरण एवं अन्य नियम व शर्तें www.etender.up.nic.in/www.pvvn.org पर देखें। अधोस्तक्षरकर्ता बिना कारण बताये ई-निविदा निरस्त करने का पूर्ण अधिकारी होगा एवं स्वयं को अपडेट रखने के लिये उपरोक्त वेबसाइट को नियमित रूप से देखते रहना चाहिए। नोट:- क्र.सं. 1,2,4,5 की धरोहर राशि रु० 2000/- व क्र.सं. 3 की धरोहर राशि रु० 1000.00 एवं प्रति ई-निविदा का निविदा शुल्क रु. 1180.00, हस्ता-अधीक्षण अभियन्ता विद्युत वितरण मण्डल-प्रथम, मुजफ्फरनगर, पत्रांक: 1610/वि.वि.मं.प्र.-मु.नगर/कैम्प दिनांक: 07.04.2022

National Highways Authority of India
 (Ministry of Road Transport and Highways)

PUBLIC NOTICE
 Announcement of Award No. 04/2022/NHAI dated 21.02.2022 for Village Neelwal for acquisition of land for Development of 4 lane NH-344N (Package V) in West Dist. in the State of Delhi for land owners/persons interested therein.
 Kind attention of all landowners/interested persons is invited to the Notification dated 02.09.2021 under Section 3A of the NH Act, 1956 for acquisition of land for the building/construction of NH-344N and the Notification dated 01.12.2021 issued under Section 3D of the NH Act, 1956 and published in the following newspapers.

Sr. No.	Notification	Names of Newspapers in which published	Date of Newspapers in which published
1.	Section 3A	Times of India & Dainik Jagran	09.09.2021
2.	Section 3D	The Pioneer & Amar Ujala	08.12.2021

It is informed that the undersigned has announced the Awards in respect of the said land under Section 3G of the NH Act, 1956 vide Award No. 04/2022/NHAI dated 21.02.2022. The land acquiring agency NHAI, Ministry of Road Transport and Highways, Government of India has placed the requisite amount of compensation at the disposal of the undersigned. Notices have also been issued to the concerned landowners/interested persons as required under section 3E of the NH Act, 1956.

Accordingly, all the concerned land owners/interested persons are hereby informed/notified through this additional **Public Notice** that the claimants entitled to receive the compensation amount may collect their amount of compensation from the office of the undersigned on any working day between **11 AM to 4 PM** within a period of 60 days from date of Publication of this Notice and surrender or deliver the possession of the subject land to the undersigned, failing which the possession of subject land will be taken with police assistance on expiry of the period of 60 days from date of Publication of this Notice.

Sd/-
Competent Authority for Land Acquisition, ADM/CALA (West)

BUILDING A NATION, NOT JUST ROADS

National Highways Authority of India
 (Ministry of Road Transport and Highways)

PUBLIC NOTICE
 Announcement of Award No. 05/2022/NHAI dated 21.02.2022 & 06/2022/NHAI dated 21.02.2022 for Village Mundka & Bakkarwala respectively for acquisition of land for Development of 6 lane NH-344M (Package 2) in West Dist. in the State of Delhi for land owners/persons interested therein.
 Kind attention of all land owners/interested persons is invited to the Notification dated 28.07.2021 under Section 3A of the NH Act, 1956 for acquisition of land for the building/construction of NH-344M and the Notification dated 07.12.2021 issued under Section 3D of the NH Act, 1956 and published in the following newspapers.

Sr. No.	Notification	Names of Newspapers in which published	Date of Newspapers in which published
1.	Section 3A	Times of India & Navbharat Times	31.07.2021
2.	Section 3D	The Indian Express & Dainik Bhaskar	10.12.2021

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DAKSHINACHAL VIDYUT VITRAN NIGAM LIMITED (UNDERTAKING OF U.P. GOVERNMENT)
 (CIN: U1200UP2002SGC027460)
 e-Tender Notice (NT)

Tender No.	Short Description	Estimated Cost in Rs. (Lac)	Earnest Money in Rs.	Tender Fee in Rs.	Tender Opening Date & Time
01/2022-23	For Providing Diesel Run Vehicle (Car/Deep) with Driver for office SE, EE & AE under EWC, Agra	Rs. 43.83	Rs. 22,000.00	Rs. 3,000.00 (GST Extra)	18.05.2022 16:00 Hrs.
03/2022-23	For Replacement of 48 Hours (10/16 to 100 KVA) Transformer at various workshop under EWD, Agra	Rs. 288.00	Rs. 1,45,000.00	Rs. 5,000.00 (GST Extra)	10.05.2022 16:00 Hrs.
04/2022-23	For Replacement of 48 Hours (10/16 to 100 KVA) Transformer at various workshop under EWD, Aligarh	Rs. 220.80	Rs. 1,15,000.00	Rs. 5,000.00 (GST Extra)	10.05.2022 16:00 Hrs.
05/2022-23	For Replacement of 48 Hours (10/16 to 100 KVA) Transformer at various workshop under EWD, Kanpur	Rs. 249.60	Rs. 1,25,000.00	Rs. 5,000.00 (GST Extra)	10.05.2022 16:00 Hrs.
06/2022-23	For Replacement of 48 Hours (10/16 to 100 KVA) Transformer at various workshop under EWD, Jhansi	Rs. 163.20	Rs. 85,000.00	Rs. 5,000.00 (GST Extra)	10.05.2022 16:00 Hrs.
07/2022-23	For Replacement of 48 Hours (10/16 to 100 KVA) Transformer at various workshop under EWD, Banda	Rs. 153.60	Rs. 80,000.00	Rs. 5,000.00 (GST Extra)	10.05.2022 16:00 Hrs.
08/2022-23	Reclamation of Burnt and Old Transformer Oil as per IS 1866 2000 at various Workshop by Mobile Reclamation Plant under EWD, Agra/Aligarh.	Rs. 144.00	Rs. 1,45,000.00	Rs. 5,000.00 (GST Extra)	12.05.2022 16:00 Hrs.
09/2022-23	Reclamation of Burnt and Old Transformer Oil as per IS 1866 2000 at various Workshop by Mobile Reclamation Plant under EWD, Kanpur/Jhansi/Banda	Rs. 144.00	Rs. 1,45,000.00	Rs. 5,000.00 (GST Extra)	12.05.2022 16:00 Hrs.
10/2022-23	For Repairing of 10/16 KVA Single Phase Alu. Wound to 1000 KVA Three Phase Cu. Wound Damaged Distribution Transformer at workshop Saraul (Aligarh) under EWD, Aligarh	Rs. 70.00	Rs. 70,000.00	Rs. 3,000.00 (GST Extra)	12.05.2022 16:00 Hrs.
11/2022-23	For Repairing of 10/16 KVA Single Phase Alu. Wound to 1000 KVA Three Phase Cu. Wound Damaged Distribution Transformer at workshop Hathras under EWD, Aligarh	Rs. 80.00	Rs. 80,000.00	Rs. 3,000.00 (GST Extra)	12.05.2022 16:00 Hrs.
12/2022-23	For Repairing of 10/16 KVA Single Phase Alu. Wound to 400 KVA Three Phase Cu. Wound Damaged Distribution Transformer at workshop Etab under EWD, Aligarh	Rs. 60.00	Rs. 60,000.00	Rs. 3,000.00 (GST Extra)	12.05.2022 16:00 Hrs.
13/2022-23	For Repairing of 10/16 KVA Single Phase Alu. Wound to 400 KVA Three Phase Cu. Wound Damaged Distribution Transformer at workshop Jalapur (Aligarh) under EWD, Aligarh	Rs. 40.00	Rs. 40,000.00	Rs. 3,000.00 (GST Extra)	12.05.2022 16:00 Hrs.

Other Terms & Conditions have been given in detailed tender for which please visit at procurement portal of UP Government <https://etender.up.nic.in> or contact us at given address as follows:
 Urja Bhawan, 220 KV Sub-Station, Bye Pass Shikandra, Agra- 282007 (UP) Ph. No. 9068944455
Superintending Engineer (Workshop) D.V.V.N.L. AGRA

DELHI JAL BOARD: GOVT. OF N.C.T. DELHI OFFICE OF THE ADDITIONAL CHIEF ENGINEER (P)-9
 THROUGH DY. S. E. (PROJ.) W-VI
 CHANDRAWAL: W-W-II, CIVIL LINES, DELHI-110054
 PH: 011-23814133, Cell: eepw6.djb@nic.in

Short N.I.T. No. 01 (2022-23)
 Tender ID: 2022_DJB_220218_1

S. No.	Name of Work	Estimated Cost (Rs.)	Earnest Money (Rs.)	Tender Fee (Rs.)	Date of release of tender in e-procurement solution	Last date / time of receipt of tender through e-procurement solution
1.	Boring and Installation of tubewells (Civil and E&M work) around Bhalawa Lake and other Suitable locations.	40,81,54,623/-	50,81,600/-	1500/-	06.04.2022 6:00 PM onward	19.04.2022 upto 3:00 PM

The complete details can be seen on website <https://govtprocurement.delhi.gov.in>. The tender has been uploaded on website.

ISSUED BY P.R.O. (WATER)
 Advt. No. J.S.V. 16(2022-23)

Sd/- (S. P. Singh)
 Dy. S.E. (Project)W-VI
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"STOP CORONA: Wear Mask, Follow Physical Distancing, Maintain Hand Hygiene"

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF ENGINEER (WW)
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SHORT PRESS NIT No.-01(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	Construction of Sump and laying of conveyance system of 13 Nos tubewells at Haiderpur Water Works.	8813978/-	176500/-	1000/-	07.04.2022	16.04.2022

The more detail required above can be seen on website www.delhi.govtprocurement.com

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 Advt. No. J.S.V. 20(2022-23)

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 EX. ENGINEER (C) PLANT, WW
 C/o CE(WW)

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OFFICE OF EXECUTIVE ENGINEER CONSTRUCTION DIVISION-2, P.W.D AGRA
Notice inviting E-Tender

Letter No. : 437 / 10A /2022-23 Date : 26-03-2022
 1. The Executive Engineer Construction Division-2, U.P.P.W.D. on behalf of Governor of Uttar Pradesh invites the percentage rate bids online from the eligible and approved registered Contractors. As the work Comprises of specialized Road work, hence contractors bidding for this work must be registered in Road work with UP PWD. Bidders are advised to note the minimum qualification criteria specified in Clause 4 of the Instructions to Bidders to qualify for the award of the contract.

Sl. No.	District	Name of Work	Estimated cost (Rs. in Lac)	Bid Security (Rs. in Lac)	Cost of Document (in Rs.)	Time of Completion	Address of Executive Engineer executing the work	Address of Superintending Engineer	Address of Chief Engineer	Category of Contractor
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Renewal with General Repair										
1	Agra	Renewal work of Jagana Balder Barauli Kalash NH-2 Mang.	12.20	1.22	Tender Cost + S.T.C. + Rs. 812.00	02-Month	Executive Engineer, Construction Division-2, P.W.D., Agra	Superintending Engineer, Agra Circle, P.W.D., Agra	Chief Engineer, Agra Zone, P.W.D., Agra	Class A,B,C,D
2	Agra	Renewal work of Road construction in Anand Puram Colony.	7.60	0.76	Tender Cost + S.T.C. + Rs. 812.00	01-Month	Executive Engineer, Construction Division-2, P.W.D., Agra	Superintending Engineer, Agra Circle, P.W.D., Agra	Chief Engineer, Agra Zone, P.W.D., Agra	Class A,B,C,D
3	Agra	Renewal work of Lalgha Skandarpur Road	14.30	1.43	Tender Cost + S.T.C. + Rs. 812.00	02-Month	Executive Engineer, Construction Division-2, P.W.D., Agra	Superintending Engineer, Agra Circle, P.W.D., Agra	Chief Engineer, Agra Zone, P.W.D., Agra	Class A,B,C,D
4	Agra	Renewal work of Kakua to Kabupur.	10.90	1.09	Tender Cost + S.T.C. + Rs. 812.00	02-Month	Executive Engineer, Construction Division-2, P.W.D., Agra	Superintending Engineer, Agra Circle, P.W.D., Agra	Chief Engineer, Agra Zone, P.W.D., Agra	Class A,B,C,D
5	Agra	Renewal work of Jagner Based to Deoti.	13.00	1.30	Tender Cost + S.T.C. + Rs. 812.00	02-Month	Executive Engineer, Construction Division-2, P.W.D., Agra	Superintending Engineer, Agra Circle, P.W.D., Agra	Chief Engineer, Agra Zone, P.W.D., Agra	Class A,B,C,D
6	Agra	Renewal work of CATK Road to Nagla Lekraj via Dhanasul.	4.20	0.42	Tender Cost + S.T.C. + Rs. 728.00	01-Month	Executive Engineer, Construction Division-2, P.W.D., Agra	Superintending Engineer, Agra Circle, P.W.D., Agra	Chief Engineer, Agra Zone, P.W.D., Agra	Class A,B,C,D,E
7	Agra	Renewal work of Agra Doori Iradat Nagar to Pachgai Kheda.	5.00	0.50	Tender Cost + S.T.C. + Rs. 728.00	01-Month	Executive Engineer, Construction Division-2, P.W.D., Agra	Superintending Engineer, Agra Circle, P.W.D., Agra	Chief Engineer, Agra Zone, P.W.D., Agra	Class A,B,C,D,E
8	Agra	Renewal work of Block Barauli Ake ke Tenzor Nagar Road Gram Gola to Kothi Pallavi via Ghatmanga Approach Road.	28.40	2.84	Tender Cost + S.T.C. + Rs. 896.00	02-Month	Executive Engineer, Construction Division-2, P.W.D., Agra	Superintending Engineer, Agra Circle, P.W.D., Agra	Chief Engineer, Agra Zone, P.W.D., Agra	Class A,B,C,D,E
9	Agra	Renewal work of CATK Road to Kulkaran (Kulkaran)	11.70	1.17	Tender Cost + S.T.C. + Rs. 812.00	02-Month	Executive Engineer, Construction Division-2, P.W.D., Agra	Superintending Engineer, Agra Circle, P.W.D., Agra	Chief Engineer, Agra Zone, P.W.D., Agra	Class A,B,C,D
10	Agra	Renewal work of CATK Road to Nagla Bhurma.	10.70	1.07	Tender Cost + S.T.C. + Rs. 812.00	02-Month	Executive Engineer, Construction Division-2, P.W.D., Agra	Superintending Engineer, Agra Circle, P.W.D., Agra	Chief Engineer, Agra Zone, P.W.D., Agra	Class A,B,C,D
11	Agra	Renewal work of Garhi Radua Junior High School to Bisara Kala	4.20	0.42	Tender Cost + S.T.C. + Rs. 728.00	01-Month	Executive Engineer, Construction Division-2, P.W.D., Agra	Superintending Engineer, Agra Circle, P.W.D., Agra	Chief Engineer, Agra Zone, P.W.D., Agra	Class A,B,C,D,E
12	Agra	Renewal work of CATK Road to Mustapur Road.	7.80	0.78	Tender Cost + S.T.C. + Rs. 812.00	01-Month	Executive Engineer, Construction Division-2, P.W.D., Agra	Superintending Engineer, Agra Circle, P.W.D., Agra	Chief Engineer, Agra Zone, P.W.D., Agra	Class A,B,C,D
13	Agra	Renewal work of CATK Road to Mewla.	6.00	0.60	Tender Cost + S.T.C. + Rs. 812.00	01-Month	Executive Engineer, Construction Division-2, P.W.D., Agra	Superintending Engineer, Agra Circle, P.W.D., Agra	Chief Engineer, Agra Zone, P.W.D., Agra	Class A,B,C,D
14	Agra	Renewal work of Doori to Garhi Radua road.	19.40	1.94	Tender Cost + S.T.C. + Rs. 896.00	02-Month	Executive Engineer, Construction Division-2, P.W.D., Agra	Superintending Engineer, Agra Circle, P.W.D., Agra	Chief Engineer, Agra Zone, P.W.D., Agra	Class A,B,C,D
15	Agra	Renewal work of Dholpur Bharapur Road to Pipraha.	12.80	1.28	Tender Cost + S.T.C. + Rs. 812.00	02-Month	Executive Engineer, Construction Division-2, P.W.D., Agra	Superintending Engineer, Agra Circle, P.W.D., Agra	Chief Engineer, Agra Zone, P.W.D., Agra	Class A,B,C,D
16	Agra	Renewal work of Chandora to Nagla Bhajana.	4.00	0.40	Tender Cost + S.T.C. + Rs. 728.00	01-Month	Executive Engineer, Construction Division-2, P.W.D., Agra	Superintending Engineer, Agra Circle, P.W.D., Agra	Chief Engineer, Agra Zone, P.W.D., Agra	Class A,B,C,D,E
17	Agra	Renewal work of Jagner Rupwas Marg Nagla Khaman.	1.60	0.16	Tender Cost + S.T.C. + Rs. 728.00	01-Month	Executive Engineer, Construction Division-2, P.W.D., Agra	Superintending Engineer, Agra Circle, P.W.D., Agra	Chief Engineer, Agra Zone, P.W.D., Agra	Class A,B,C,D,E
18	Agra	Renewal work of Kheragah Sayan Road. Km-32 to Nagla Koi via Basi Kheragah Road.	8.90	0.89	Tender Cost + S.T.C. + Rs. 812.00	01-Month	Executive Engineer, Construction Division-2, P.W.D., Agra	Superintending Engineer, Agra Circle, P.W.D., Agra	Chief Engineer, Agra Zone, P.W.D., Agra	Class A,B,C,D
19	Agra	Renewal work of Balu ka Nagla from Tehra Mahav Road.	5.20	0.52	Tender Cost + S.T.C. + Rs. 812.00	01-Month	Executive Engineer, Construction Division-2, P.W.D., Agra	Superintending Engineer, Agra Circle, P.W.D., Agra	Chief Engineer, Agra Zone, P.W.D., Agra	Class A,B,C,D
20	Agra	Renewal work of Tehra Mahav Marg to Nagla Kalash Link Road.	7.20	0.72	Tender Cost + S.T.C. + Rs. 812.00	01-Month	Executive Engineer, Construction Division-2, P.W.D., Agra	Superintending Engineer, Agra Circle, P.W.D., Agra	Chief Engineer, Agra Zone, P.W.D., Agra	Class A,B,C,D
21	Agra	Renewal work of Mangalpara to Betra Link Road.	8.90	0.89	Tender Cost + S.T.C. + Rs. 812.00	01-Month	Executive Engineer, Construction Division-2, P.W.D., Agra	Superintending Engineer, Agra Circle, P.W.D., Agra	Chief Engineer, Agra Zone, P.W.D., Agra	Class A,B,C,D
22	Agra	Renewal work of Nagla Teja (Transformer) to Kulkaran Link Road.	1.70	0.17	Tender Cost + S.T.C. + Rs. 728.00	01-Month	Executive Engineer, Construction Division-2, P.W.D., Agra	Superintending Engineer, Agra Circle, P.W.D., Agra	Chief Engineer, Agra Zone, P.W.D., Agra	Class A,B,C,D,E
23	Agra	Renewal work of Jheel ka Pura Dankasha Road to Nandke ka Pura Link Road to Mohanlal ka Pura	2.50	0.25	Tender Cost + S.T.C. + Rs. 728.00	01-Month	Executive Engineer, Construction Division-2, P.W.D., Agra	Superintending Engineer, Agra Circle, P.W.D., Agra	Chief Engineer, Agra Zone, P.W.D., Agra	Class A,B,C,D,E
24	Agra	Renewal work of Jheel ka Pura to Nandke ka Pura Road.	7.10	0.71	Tender Cost + S.T.C. + Rs. 812.00	01-Month	Executive Engineer, Construction Division-2, P.W.D., Agra	Superintending Engineer, Agra Circle, P.W.D., Agra	Chief Engineer, Agra Zone, P.W.D., Agra	Class A,B,C,D

3. Time allowed for completion is including Rainy Season.
 4. Bid document with detailed terms and conditions will be available online on website <http://etender.up.nic.in> and Prahari (<http://wms.upppwd.gov.in>/Prahari) From 11-04-2022 to 18-04-2022. Bids must be submitted online only at e-tendering portal of <http://etender.up.nic.in> and Prahari App with all documents as per GO No 14/2020/879(1)/ 23-7/2020/176(IK0)06 Dt 25-08-2020 on or before 12:30 Hours Dt. 18-04-2022. Technical Bid received online will be opened on 18-04-2022 at 03:30 Hours.
 5. The prospective bidders who do not possess Digital Signature Certificate (DSC) must get the same issued from approved agencies before submission of bids.
 6. Contractor should Quote their rates without G.S.T. which shall be paid extra as per applicable at the time of payment.
 7. Labour Cess @ 1.00% will be Deducted from contractors bill at the time of payment.
 8. Original MM - 11 forms proff of royalty shall have to be produced at time of every running bill in accordance to Principal Secretary, Directorate of geology & mining Uttar Pradesh letter no. 2146/86-2019-52(IK0)/2019 dt 30-09-2019 G.O. No.-115(1)/86-2020 dated 15-01-2020 and other relevant government order circulars for all the materials procured from the quarries.
 9. The bidders are required to submit Original receipt of Internet Banking of E-tender portal Account as per G.O. No. 742/72-2-2018-42 I.T./2017 T.C., I.T. & Electronics Section-2 Dated- 03-12-2018 follows as :
 (1) Online Tender Cost towards the cost of bid document (As per Column 6) by Internet Banking of E-tender portal Account (Non Refundable).
 (2) Online Bid security (As per Column 5) in favour of designation of Column- 8 by Internet Banking of E-tender portal Account.
 (3) Original affidavit regarding correctness of information furnished with bid document as per provisions of Clause 4.4 B(ii) of ITB as per G.O. No.-3070/78-2-2018-42.I.T./2017(22)I.T. and Electronics Section-2 Dated- 03-01-2018.

(J.P. Singh)
 Executive Engineer
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UPID No. 174603 Dt. 06.04.2022
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SHORT PRESS NIT No. 50 EE(E&M)W&SS-II(2021-2022)

S. 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	Last Date/Time of receipt of tender through e-procurement solution
1.	Improvement of B-1 BPS by replacement of existing pump set of 150 HP by 240 HP Pump Set and its all allied accessories work at B-1 BPS Wastant Kunj under Mehrauli Constituency AC - 45.	₹ 63,000/-	₹ 500/-	₹ 1000/-	07.04.2022 2022_DJB_220285_1	20-04-2022 12:00 PM

For further details in this regard can be seen at <http://delhiprocurement.gov.in>

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 Advt. No. J.S.V. 15 (2022-23)

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

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SHORT PRESS NIT No. 01/WB/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	Last Date/Time of receipt of tender through e-procurement solution
01	Removal of Blue Green Algae from Hauz Khas lake in Delhi	₹ 57,77,280/-				

Mumbai City stare at gulf in class

Open their AFC Champions League campaign against Saudi Arabian club Al Shabab on Friday

SHASHANK NAIR
NEW DELHI, APRIL 7

AS MUMBAI CITY FC embark on their first-ever AFC Champions League campaign, coach Des Buckingham offered a sobering reality check. The Englishman said that the monetary value of Al Shabab's players were 5-6 times more than that of the Mumbai City team and that that should put it into context how difficult this group will be. And yet, the team has come with one goal in mind. Win one game.

Keeping a goal of winning one game may sound slightly defeatist but when considering the gulf in quality of Indian teams going up against some of Asia's best, in the biggest Asian club football tournament no less – the goal sounds well-thought out.

"Teams that we will come up against are the best in Asia, so it will be exciting to face this challenge. We have many players who haven't competed at this level before. We know we have to be smart but at the same time we need to find a structure that allows us our style of play," Buckingham said in a pre-match press conference.

Last season FC Goa became the first Indian club to be a part of the Asian Champions League. In their maiden venture, they managed three draws in six games and goalkeeper Dheeraj Singh made 26 saves and made it to the team of the season. But Goa, a team that easily managed to keep 65% possession of the ball in most games in the Indian Super League, was not able to hold onto the ball for more than 35% throughout the Asian Champions League.

Mumbai's first game against Al Shabab, might in fact, be their easiest in this group. Argentine midfielder Ever Banega is the main lynchpin of the Saudi Arabian club which is making its first appearance in the Champions League since 2015. Mumbai will then have to face the legendary Air Force Club Iraq. Air Force have won the AFC Cup three times but were dead last in their group in their previous Champions League outing. And then there is Al Jazira, the top club of UAE. Al Jazira boasts of one of Asia's most prolific strikers. Ali Mabkhout has bagged 79 goals in 103 international appearances and has proven to be a marksman that has dominated for a decade at the highest levels in Asia.

If there are any advantages that the Islanders are going to enjoy, it is the near perfect preparations they've had in the lead up to the Champions League. When the club's group was announced, coach Des Buckingham had told the Indian Express that the important thing was for the club to 'adjust to the playing



Mumbai City FC players during a practice session.

conditions of the venue'. They did just that, enjoying a two-week training camp in Al Forsan, Abu Dhabi before leaving for Riyadh, the decentralised venue for Group B's matches.

In this two-week camp, Mumbai played two friendlies against UAE champions Al-Ain and second division club Al Hilal United. Surprisingly, Mumbai beat Al-Ain 2-1 (The UAE Pro League club was missing four of its international players who were on national team duty) and then beat Al Hilal as well to cap off a perfect training camp.

"It gave our players the opportunity to experience the level of competition here. It also gave them the opportunity to test themselves. It gave us the chance to work on our shape and structure." He then added, "We know we have to be smart, but at the same time we need to find a structure that allows us our style of play."

In the ISL, Mumbai were expected to be a contending side, after their dominant league winning campaign. But the change of coach from Sergio Lobera to Buckingham, coupled with the loss of a few key foreign players meant that Mumbai this season have simply not been a force to reckon with.

It is easy to look at their owners – the City Football Group – and feel like they should have a chance of doing well in the group. But Asian Football Confederation rules limit foreign players (for now, as this rule is soon set to be scrapped) and the gulf in quality between some of the best Indian players and players from UAE, Iran and Saudi Arabia is simply too big a bridge to breach. But the target of winning at least one game out of their group, especially this group with its rich heritage of Asian teams, should put Mumbai in good stead.

LIVE: MUMBAI CITY FC VS AL SHABAB, 10:45 PM, STAR SPORTS NETWORK

The golden age of Benzema

Real Madrid striker reiterates class with hat-trick against Chelsea in 1st leg of Champions League QF

RORY SMITH
LONDON, APRIL 7

LUKA MODRIC has, by this stage, seen pretty much all there is to see. He has won four Champions League titles. He has played in a World Cup final. He has spent a decade at Real Madrid, embedded among some of the finest players of his generation. He is one of the finest players of his generation. He is, most likely, neither easily impressed nor easily surprised.

A little more than 20 minutes into the first leg of Real Madrid's Champions League quarter-final against Chelsea on Wednesday, Modric saw something that did both. He was standing on the edge of Chelsea's penalty area, admiring the flight of the cross he had just delivered. He would have been pleased with it: a deft, clipped number, swirling away from Edouard Mendy's goal, and toward his teammate Karim Benzema.

An eye as keen as Modric's, though, would have recognized that the trajectory of the ball and the position of the player were not quite in sync. Benzema was a little too far forward, or the cross was a little too far back. It was out by only an inch or so, but few players treasure precision more than Modric; these things matter.

Still, all was not lost. Benzema had options. The most obvious one was to try to steer the ball low to Mendy's right. Or, perhaps, he could try to replicate the header that had opened the scoring a couple of minutes earlier, one of such force that it had flashed past Mendy before he had a chance to recognize it. In a pinch, Benzema might even have time to bring the ball down, and play from there.

What Modric could not have anticipated was what followed. Benzema, leaning ever so slightly backward, nodded the ball gently, almost softly, back across Mendy's goal. It hung in the air for what seemed like an age, drifting toward the far post. There was a moment of silence as Mendy, Modric and everyone else inside Stamford Bridge waited to see where it would land.

It nestled, at last, inside the post. As Benzema turned away, his smile broad and his palms open, to race toward Real Madrid's fans, Modric still seemed to be frozen. He waited a beat, maybe two, before jumping, just a little, into the air, his arms aloft, a grin of disbelief on his face. Just occasionally, it turns out, Karim Benzema can even surprise Luka Modric.

In that, at least, he is not alone. The arc of Benzema's career is, in truth, a little misunderstood. It is not quite right to present him as a late bloomer, a flickering talent who waited until the final few years of his career to deliver on his longstanding promise, to



Benzema has become a complete centre forward, and yet even that undersells him.

UEFA AGREES NEW FINANCIAL SUSTAINABILITY RULES FOR CLUBS

TOP EUROPEAN clubs will be limited to spending no more than 70% of their revenue on their squads under new "sustainability regulations" passed by UEFA's executive committee on Thursday. The new approach will replace the previous Financial Fair Play system and introduces a "squad cost rule" that will limit spending on wages, transfers and agent fees.

70% figure will be reached after a three year transition period, gradually falling from 90%.

"UEFA'S FIRST financial regulations, introduced in 2010, served its primary purpose," UEFA president Aleksander Ceferin said at the Executive Committee meeting in Nyon.

"THEY HELPED pull European football finances back from the brink and revolutionised how European football clubs are run.

"HOWEVER, THE evolution of the football industry, alongside the inevitable financial effects of the pandemic, has shown the need for wholesale reform and new financial sustainability regulations."

UEFA ADDED that acceptable losses will double from 30 million euros (\$32.74 million) over three years to 60 million euros over the same period.

THE NEW regulations will come into force in June 2022.

Reuters

learn how to make the most of his gifts.

Benzema has always been obviously, lavishly, absurdly talented; he was, after all, only 19 years old when Jean-Pierre Papin – no mean striker himself, in his day – declared that Benzema possessed the dynamism of (the Brazilian) Ronaldo, the imagination of Ronaldinho, the elegance of Thierry Henry and the ruthlessness of David Trézéguet.

By the time he was 21, Benzema had come close to signing for Barcelona, and completed a move to Real Madrid. He would spend the first decade of his career in Spain scoring – on average – a goal every couple of games, the traditional watermark for elite strikers, and creating many more. Zinedine Zidane, his coach for a considerable portion

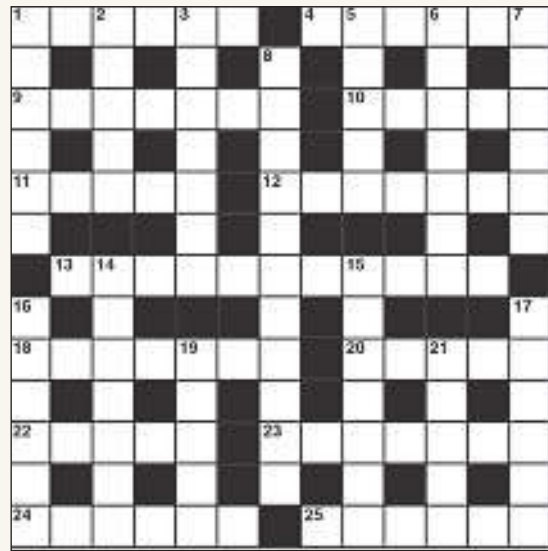
of that time, variously described him as "the best" and a "total footballer."

That he was not the star of the show, of course, takes no great explanation: He was playing only a few yards from one of the greatest strikers of all time, a forward who made scoring one in every two look quaint and old-fashioned and actually, when you thought about it, something of a letdown.

Benzema was perfectly happy about that. He willingly sacrificed his own strengths, his own ambitions, to help his teammate maximize his. In doing so, he ensured that no player, arguably, more than him suffered quite so much from the redefinition of the possible that marked the era of Cristiano Ronaldo and Lionel Messi.

NYT

CROSSWORD 4709



- ACROSS**
1 Goes for spin and breaks left wrist (6)
4 Master tricky current (6)
9 It isn't much to ask for (7)
10 Prize for a hospital room (5)
11 Veto on discredited US leader (5)
12 Lear production set out for part in Hamlet (7)
13 It's cold fare for a revolutionary leader (5,6)
18 So a ring can give a foreign woman married status (7)
20 Excellent if not fast way to surpass others (5)
22 Be of service when a few grow sick (5)
23 Girl I sign on as an astronomer (7)
24 Is responsible for a put-up job (6)
25 A novice receives directions in Ireland (6)
- DOWN**
1 Putting a watch on (6)
2 Finger the back of a book (5)
3 Freedom required by drivers (7)
5 Detect a mere whiff (5)
6 He demands payment absolutely right with gold (7)
7 Mussorgsky has a name for being diffident (6)
8 Infant being looked after for no great cost (5,6)
14 He doesn't appreciate where the coal goes (7)
15 He's about to call up a poet (7)
16 Get out a piece of fire-fighting equipment (6)
17 Capone is at bay in a corner (6)
19 Cry of pain permitted in a young bird (5)
21 Instrument used in Purcell opera (5)

Solutions Crossword 4708: Across: 1 Maffios, 5 Maccao, 8 Press for money, 9 Ether, 10 Arduous, 11 Glider, 12 Apathy, 15 Offence, 17 Roots, 19 Breaking point, 20 Ended, 21 Sweater. Down: 1 Maple, 2 Fresh-air fiend, 3 Observe, 4 Isobar, 5 Mimed, 6 Contortionist, 7 Odyssey, 11 Goodbye, 13 Pork pie, 14 Tennis, 16 Naked, 18 Satyr.

OVER THE HEDGE by Michael Fry & T Lewis



CALVIN & HOBBS by Bill Watterson

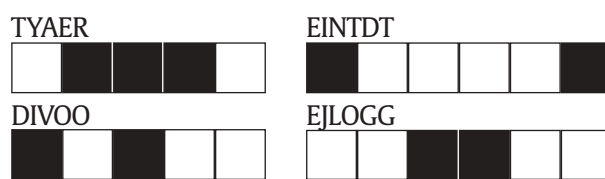


MARVIN by Tom Armstrong



JUMBLED WORDS

Given below are four jumbled words. Solve the jumbles to make proper words and move them to the respective squares below. Select the letters in the shaded squares and jumble them to get the answer for the given clue.
It takes a ___ man to be a ___ listener. - Calvin Coolidge (5, 4)



SOLUTION: TEARY, OVOID, INTRED, JOCKLE
Answer: It takes a **teary** man to be a **good** listener. - Calvin Coolidge

SUDOKU 4798

Difficulty Level 2s
Instructions
To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every digit from 1 to 9 must appear in each of the nine vertical columns, in each of the nine horizontal rows and in each of the nine boxes.



Difficulty Level 1s = Very easy, 2s = Easy, 3s = Medium, 4s = Hard, 5s = Very Hard, 6s = Genius

SOLUTION SUDOKU 4797



DAY TODAY

BY PETER VIDAL

ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr 20)
Take special note of interesting news that comes to light in an indirect way, or as a result of your past creative efforts. My advice to you now is to act in accord with your passionate Arien qualities, free from all those social and family pressures that so often hold you back.

TAURUS (Apr 21 - May 21)
You now seem to be in a position to drive a hard bargain and break any deadlocks that have marred family and domestic partnerships. Clear up such issues this week rather than next. As a matter of interest, relationships with children and younger family members benefit most.

GEMINI (May 22 - June 21)
You now know what troubles partners and close friends, but must also understand just how much you can do to help them. This is a moment when you must put yourself out for others. In point of fact, one delicate planetary alignment says that this is a fine day for self-sacrifice.

CANCER (June 22 - July 23)
The planetary aspects which now confront your sign combine influences which are profound and long-term with those which are extraordinary and electrifying in a day-to-day sense. You are about to turn the corner in one major personal involvement.

LEO (July 24 - Aug 23)
Perhaps you should now consider casting your net much wider than in the past and look at those tasks which allow you to move on with a minimum of fuss. Flexibility is required at work: if you go with the flow and bend with the wind, you will win the day.

VIRGO (Aug 24 - Sep 23)
You may be more interested in making new friends than in pursuing close and intimate partnerships. The reason is that you may have more pleasure if you leave yourself open to unusual invitations. That may mean that you have to put aside some of your normal caution.

LIBRA (Sep 24 - Oct 23)
All the important discussions, arguments and events which have implied the existence of some sort of order in your professional and home affairs may now be revealed as little more than harmless window-dressing. The real fun is about to begin.

SCORPIO (Oct 24 - Nov 22)
The fact that you have two planetary rulers, Mars and Pluto, means that your psychological and emotional cycles are more complex than the norm. This is why you are soon to be pulled between two options, one direct and straightforward, the other, tangled and devious.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov 23 - Dec 22)
If you have your wits about you this week you ought to be able to finalise a series of personal arrangements and engagements. You have another two weeks to make sure that everything is clearly understood by both sides. You may have to bang their heads together at certain points.

CAPRICORN (Dec 23 - Jan 20)
Why do partners appear to have such an easy time of it, while you are beset by problems of increasing complexity? Actually the answer is probably that your life is more dynamic and interesting than theirs, and you are therefore faced with a greater range of options.

AQUARIUS (Jan 21 - Feb 19)
For longer than you care to admit you have been avoiding deep emotional contact in a particular relationship. This may be the real, underlying reason why a partner is about to issue you with a challenge and ask you to come clean. Perhaps, you were right to protect your feelings.

PISCES (Feb 20 - Mar 20)
You certainly do not seem to be at a particular disadvantage, so I cannot see any reason in your solar chart why you should not press ahead with family arrangements or home improvements. And neither can I see any reason why you shouldn't make a rather profitable investment.

BRIEFLY

Sindhu, Srikanth storm into quarters

Suncheon: PV Sindhu and Kidambi Srikanth progressed to the quarterfinals but Lakshya Sen was ousted after losing his second round match at the Korea Open. World number seven Sindhu got the better of world number 26 Japan's Aya Ogori 21-15 21-10 in a lop-sided contest to take her head-to-head count against the Japanese to an overwhelming 12-0. World championship silver medallist Srikanth saw off Israel's Misha Zilberman 21-18 21-6 to set up a clash with local hope and former world no 1 Son Wan ho. Commonwealth Games silver medallists and world no seven pairing of Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty defeated Singapore's Hee Yong Kai Terry and Loh Kean Hean 21-15 21-19 in 36 minutes to also advance to the quarterfinals.

Shooters Vijay, Jitu back in India squad

New Delhi: Olympic silver medallist Vijay Kumar and World Championship silver winner Jitu Rai returned to the national squad for the shooting World Cup after being away for a prolonged period. Vijay, who claimed a historic silver in 25m rapid fire pistol event at the 2012 London Olympics, made a comeback to competitive shooting after five years when he participated in the national championships last November at the Dr Karni Singh Shooting Range here. The tournament in Baku will be held from May 27 to June 7.

Swimmer Nataraj tops 'B' final in France

New Delhi: Ace Indian swimmer Srihari Nataraj clocked 55.28s to win the men's 100m backstroke 'B' final at the French Elite Open Swimming Championship in Limoges, France. Competing in his first international meet of the year, the 21-year-old first clocked 55.88 in the preliminary round of his pet event. He finished in the top 10 of the 46 swimmer field but couldn't make the cut for the 'A' final. Nataraj then shaved 0.60s off his heats time to win the B final. The Bengaluru swimmer has a personal best of 53.77s in the event which he achieved last year in June.

ATKMB to allow 50 percent spectators

Kolkata: Spectators will be allowed to fill up half of the Salt Lake Stadium, approximately 33,000 people, during ATK Mohun Bagan's AFC Cup preliminary round two clash against Sri Lanka's Blue Star SC here on Tuesday. Tickets are being sold online in the denominations of Rs 300 and Rs 500, said an official of the local organising committee.

TN, Punjab, Railways enter last eight

Chennai: Host team Tamil Nadu defeated a strong Indian Railways 85-74 in a Group F match in the second round stage of the 71st Senior National Basketball Championship here on Thursday. Aravind Kumar with 29 points led the way for the home time while Arvind A (19) and captain Muin Bek (18) also performed strongly.

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Super Giants make Capital gains

Restrict Delhi to modest score, before De Kock guides successful chase



Quinton de Kock's knock at the top of the order set the tone for Lucknow's run chase against Delhi. Sportzpics for IPL

SYNOPSIS: Ravi Bishnoi and K Gowtham's combined 3 for 45 in eight overs restricted DC to 149, which was never going to be enough with Quinton de Kock shining for LSG

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DELHI CAPITALS had nothing in the tank against Lucknow Super Giants' spinners after Prithvi Shaw's initial blitz, and Quinton de Kock's 80 set LSG on course for a six-wicket victory.

Shaw surges

Even when batsmen are said to have thrown the kitchen sink at the ball, it includes only their main equipment and not their bodies. But Shaw was in such a mood on Thursday evening that he actually lunged, swishing his blade furiously, at a K Gowtham delivery in the second over of the DC innings. Fortunately for him, the thick-edged ball flew past slip for four. That was about the only forcing stroke from Shaw that didn't come off on the night.

Two balls later, he charged down the pitch and swung Jason Holder one bounce into the deep midwicket rope. Not satisfied, he heaved the next from the Caribbean all-rounder all the way over the same region for six.

Shaw in this mood is often, or probably almost always, a ball away from descending into self-destruct mode, but on Thursday, he held it together for 34 deliveries to make 61. Eleven of those runs came in boundaries, one every third ball he faced.

KL Rahul put in place a short third man, a backward point, a cover-point, and a sweeper. Shaw dismissed Avesh Khan for three consecutive fours through that fortified area. But Avesh kept offering width. Perhaps it was the plan; assuming it was, it certainly didn't work.

Andrew Tye knocked the wind out of Shaw's sails briefly with a blow on the box. Shaw went sprawling face down on the grass, got some attention from the physio and punched the very next one over backward point for four more. There was no width this time, but Shaw had created his own space by not shuffling across and instead arching back a bit to practically square-loft the ball.

The bowler who'd come close to dismissing him early, Gowtham, took out Shaw eventually in the eighth over.

But DC crawl

In the 45 deliveries for which DC's fresh opening pair of David Warner and Shaw was in the middle, Warner faced a total of 11 balls, in which he scraped four runs. This complete absence of rhythm was to mark the rest of the DC innings. In the over after Shaw fell, Warner reached out to what would have otherwise been a wide googly from Ravi Bishnoi and stabbed it to backward point.

Bishnoi could afford to be more aggressive against Rovman Powell, who had no idea what the leg-spinner was up to. A tossed-up googly arrived outside off, Powell tried a futile slog-sweep and was bowled for 3 off 10.

A strange fourth-wicket partnership followed between skipper Rishabh Pant and DC debutant Sarfaraz Khan, even as LSG tightened it up with their spinners following Shaw's exit. Apart from heaving two straight sixes, one of them a mishit, off Tye, Pant didn't seem to be able to get the ball off the square for the most part. He was on eight off 19 - including a maiden from Gowtham - before he hit his first boundary. He tried the helicopter, he tried all sorts of heaves, he tried backing away and cutting balls headed for off stump. Nothing worked. Pant trudged until the very end and managed 39 off 36.

Sarfaraz began with much more promise, reverse-sweeping Bishnoi against the incoming angle for four off his third ball. He typically nudged it around on the big square

outfield for twos. But the big shots were missing from the arsenal. At 36 off 28, he did slightly better than Pant, but that is not saying much. DC's 149 was the third-lowest total ever in the IPL for the loss of three or fewer wickets by a side batting first.

Nortje hurls himself out

A target of 150 amid dew was going to need a miracle or a meltdown to defend, but DC did put in a few quiet overs at the start. On came their retained speedster Anrich Nortje for his first match in five months since the T20 World Cup, and Quinton de Kock burst to life against his compatriot. A slap past extra cover followed by two lovely straight drives and topped up by a pick-up six produced a 19-run over, and LSG were on their way.

By the time Nortje came back in the 14th, de Kock had gone past fifty and the ball was wet. Nortje ripped two beamers in two overs, one each at de Kock and Deepak Hooda. The first one was fended for six over short third man, the second one took Nortje out of the attack. Kuldeep Yadav came on to finish Nortje's over, and after copping a couple of fours, succeeded in luring de Kock to step out and slice a heave to short third man on 80 off 52.

Different game after QDK

Like with DC in the wake of Shaw, LSG lost steam after de Kock's departure. Even with a mere 28 needed off 24 balls, the re-minted pairing of Krunal Pandya and Hooda struggled against the changes of pace and full lengths of Shardul Thakur and Mustafizur Rahman for a couple of overs.

But with 17 required off 10, Krunal lofted Rahman over long-on for the release boundary, and Ayush Badoni sealed LSG's third win in four games with two balls left.

BRIEF SCORES: Delhi Capitals 149/3 in 20 overs (Prithvi Shaw 61, Rishabh Pant 39 not out, Sarfaraz Khan 36 not out; Ravi Bishnoi 2/22) lost to Lucknow Super Giants 155/4 in 19.4 overs (Quinton de Kock 80; Kuldeep Yadav 2/31) by six wickets

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Hot heads, calm minds and everything in between at the game

Scream of agony!



As soon as he got out, edging an attempted cut off a well-outside off delivery from the off spinner K Gowtham, Prithvi Shaw turned and walked away quickly. A few steps down, it must have sunk in him that he has thrown away a great start against quite ordinary bowling for he suddenly put his head down and screamed. After giving away two successive boundaries, Gowtham shifted his line to round the stumps and bowled the cross-seam slider well outside off. Shaw just couldn't help himself from having a go. Until then, he was

on a whirlwind big bash, slamming anything bowled at him. Pulls, cuts, lofted hits though there was this one incident where he resembled Jackie Chan in Drunken Master. Gowtham again with a slider outside off and Shaw almost wobbled away, reaching out with just his hands, like Chan would try to grapple an opponent for support in the movie, and only edged it. But so quick it all happened that Jason Holder at first slip seemed dazed and yanked and ducked his head away from the ball, lest it break his teeth.

Just not your day, Nortje

Couple of weeks ago, Delhi Capitals released a video of Anrich Nortje. He is seen flipping through his phone with the screen showing queries from fans asking updates about his injury. In the end, he looks up at the camera, repeats a question from a fan, 'Nortje kahan hai?', and answers it with 'Nortje yaha(n) hai!'. Social media promotion is one thing, bowling to Quinton de Kock is another thing altogether after not playing competitive cricket for five months after a persistent hip issue. His comeback game didn't get off to a great start as De Kock crashed him for a hat-trick of fours and a six off the fifth ball. Rusty perhaps, nerves may be, but it was all quite gentle really. Three full balls on the off stump line were driven away without much fuss. And the unsurprising short ball was disposed over leg-side boundary. Nortje, with a 70s Telugu-film star moustache, winced as he trudged away at end of the over.



When Pant was kept quiet

What's the odds of keeping Rishabh Pant quiet for an entire over? Krishnappa Gowtham earned the boasting rights by bowling out a maiden over to Pant. He started with two quick armers from round the stumps and Pant missed the first and barely managed to chop the next one away from stumps. Gowtham slowed the pace on the third and Pant tapped it away. Another slower full delivery followed, and Pant mistimed and edged it away. Gowtham completed the full circle with two quick armers and Pant just about managed to keep the last one from the stumps; in fact he had to knock it away after the edge threatened to take the ball towards the stumps. The slider is always a good ball to bowl to Pant, who for some reason most often than not tries the cut shot despite its length and line, and gets into a tangle many a time.



Disarming smile & armed guile

Ravi Bishnoi is 21, looks 16. He wears shoes that are baby pink, a shade more suited for the chu chu whistling footwear that toddlers love. When praised he hangs his tongue out in embarrassment. If his captain gives him a stare, he looks like a child caught with his hand stuck in a sugar jar. And it is this persona that gives the sly leggie a layer of deception. Though he might look like one, Bishnoi isn't a little boy straying on field during Daddy's corporate cricket game. Against him today was Rovman Powell, the big burly Jamaican known for his brutal strokes that intimidate most bowlers. Bishnoi isn't one of them. He threw up a wrong 'un that spun like a super-sonic top with wings. The extra revolutions made the ball hang in air that much longer and fall we bit shorter. Powell's mighty heave merely disturbed the air around the crease. The ball hit the stumps and the boy with chu chu whistling footwear jumped in joy.



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JUNIOR WOMEN'S HOCKEY WORLD CUP

After romping through group stage, India take on South Korea in quarterfinals

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SALIMA TETE has been around for so long, it's easy to forget how young she actually is. The 21-year-old was instrumental in India winning the silver medal at the 2018 Youth Olympics. The following year, she played an influential role in India's qualification for the Tokyo Olympics and at the Games in the Japanese capital, her speed became an outlet for India to launch breaks, which became the team's trademark of sorts. The same can also be said of Lalremsiami and Sharmila Devi.

Now, the trio, with Salima as the captain, is set out for another mission - the Junior World Cup. So far, the campaign has gone as per plan; in fact, it can be said they have punched above their weight, having defeated Germany, whose senior programme is considered far superior to India's, in the group stage to finish on top.

The real test, however, begins now. On Friday, India will face a tricky South Korea in the quarterfinals. If they get past that hurdle, they'll most likely have to overcome the mighty Netherlands in the last four to reach

the final. No Indian women's team has ever reached that far in a Junior World Cup.

But there's a strong belief within the current group, on the back of an Olympic campaign where the team overachieved and also because of the experience within the squad. It shows in the way they play. The body language of the players, the confidence with which they move the ball around and the coordination show how they've been trained for this tournament.

It also helps that the bulk of this squad has been together for almost four years. Out of the nine players who finished on the podium in the five-a-side format at the Youth Olympics, eight are in Potchefstroom. Almost half a dozen of them were fast-tracked to the senior team and three - Salima, Lalremsiami and Sharmila - are now the mainstays of the national team.

The trio has passed on the lessons they've learnt with the senior side to the under-21 players, be it the culture within the playing group or the ways to handle pressure. "When we went to Tokyo, we didn't know how to deal with the pressure you get at such big events," Salima said. "We learnt how to deal with it, and now playing more often in the seniors, we learnt so much more. Off the



Indian players train ahead of the quarterfinal vs South Korea. Hockey India/Twitter

field, on the field, the practice matches, we've gained a lot of confidence."

Culture seeps through

It's striking how similar the senior and

junior teams are, starting with the way the goalkeepers lift the side with their antics to the doggedness of the defence and midfield, their will to fight for every ball and the speed of the attackers.

These traits will come in handy on Friday when India take on South Korea. On form, India will start favourites, having won all three matches in the group stage in emphatic fashion, scoring 11 goals and conceding just twice. South Korea, on the other hand, huffed and puffed their way into the last 8, winning just one (against a lowly Uruguay) and losing two, including against Austria, but managing to sneak into the knockout rounds based on a superior goal difference.

But India know they can ill afford to take South Korea lightly. They are a team that will try to slow down the pace and break India's rhythm. In the most recent clash between the senior teams of the two countries, at the Asia Cup in January, South Korea had edged out India 3-2 in the semifinals. India, favourites to win that match, scripted their own downfall by being profligate in front of goal, making too many uncharacteristic errors and conceding soft goals.

On Friday, India's under-21 side will be keen to avoid the same mistakes; the one lesson that 'seniors' in the junior team will hope to pass on to the rest.

India vs South Korea, 12.30 pm, live on watch.hockey & Fancode

Stern test awaits Indian women

Bhubaneswar: Olympic champions the Netherlands have arrived with their second-string side but the Indian women's hockey team still faces a stern test when it clashes with the world number one rival in the double-leg FIH Pro League tie, starting here on Friday. None of the players, that competed for the Netherlands during their successful Olympic campaign, features in the visiting side but the Indians can't breathe easy, going by the standard of the sport in the Dutch land. The last time, the two teams clashed during the Tokyo Olympics, the Netherlands had hammered India 5-1. However, the Indian women so far have done well in their debut season. They are placed fourth in the standings with 12 points from six games. Netherlands, on the other hand, are sitting atop the table with 17 points from six matches. **PTI**