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Government of Rajasthan

## The largest Urban Employment Guarantee Scheme in the country



“Corona affected the livelihood of the common man besides the economy. MGNREGA, launched by the UPA government, provided support to the people living in rural areas to get out of the livelihood crisis. But there is no such scheme in urban areas.

Therefore, the Indira Gandhi Urban Employment Guarantee Scheme is being implemented as per the budget announcement to ensure employment in the urban areas to provide economic support to the families especially the economically weaker, helpless and unemployed, on the lines of MGNREGA.

This scheme will help the families residing in urban areas to make a living.”

Ashok Gehlot, Chief Minister, Rajasthan

### Now in Rajasthan



Rajasthan Government will provide

## 100 Days Employment

to needy families in urban areas

Annual provision of


## ₹ 800 Crore

for the scheme

For more information, contact the local body office  
or toll free number 18001806127/181 or visit  
[www.lsg.urban.rajasthan.gov.in](http://www.lsg.urban.rajasthan.gov.in)

Department of Information & Public Relations, Rajasthan






## SALUTE THE SOLDIER

**I NK JEET SINGH**  
(08 MAR 1966 TO 22 MAY 1996)

In the remembrance of Late I. Nk Jeet Singh who left us for his heavenly abode on 22 May 1996. May Wahe Guru Ji give strength to bear this loss with courage and fortitude. He will continue to be a source of inspiration and strength for us. Let us pray for him in our hearts and remember a life lived so wonderfully in the service of the nation.

**CO & All Ranks**  
**6 SIKH**



### TAMIL NADU GENERATION AND DISTRIBUTION CORPORATION LIMITED

**TENDER NOTICE :TANGEDCO/SWAP/ SW-04/2022**

TANGEDCO invites offers for banking of power to other utility under SWAP arrangement by TANGEDCO on a short term basis for the period commencing from 01.06.2022 to 31.08.2022 (RTT), and will accept the return of power from other utility from 01.10.2022 to 31.10.2022 (17-22hrs), 16.02.2022 to 28.02.2022 (17-22 hrs) & 01.03.2023 to 10.05.2023 (RTT). The offer should reach the office on or before 26.05.2022 at 13:00 Hrs and will be opened at 15:00 Hrs on the same day in the Office of Chief Engineer / Private Power Projects, TANGEDCO, VI Floor, Eastern wing, NPKRR Maaligai,144, Anna Salai, Chennai-2. Specification is available in TANGEDCO Website Viz., [www.tangedco.gov.in](http://www.tangedco.gov.in)

**Chief Engineer/PPP/TANGEDCO**



## STATE BANK OF INDIA

Retail Assets Centralized Processing Center

1st Floor, Patna Main Branch Building, West Gandhi Maidan, Patna - 800001

### PUBLIC NOTICE

It is to inform that the documents of our Borrower Santosh Kumar and Anuradha Kumari whose registered sale deed no. 6625 dated 16.03.2010, Flat No. 402, 4th floor, built up Area: 1125 sq. ft., Mauza: Chagar, Thana: Kankarbagh, Plot No.: 296, Khata No. 38, Tajui No. 167, Thana No. 24, Shri Krishna Apartment, Ashok Nagar, Road No. 14B (East), Kankarbagh, Patna-20. The above document got lost somewhere. It's use in any form will be considered illegal.

Assistant General Manager, State Bank Of India Retail Assets Centralized Processing Centre, Patna



### Govt. of Jharkhand

#### Office of the Director

**Ranchi Institute of Neuro-Psychiatry & Allied Sciences**  
**Kanke, Ranchi – 834006 (Ph.:2450303, 2450813)**  
[www.rinpas.nic.in](http://www.rinpas.nic.in), [Director-rinpas@jharkhandmail.gov.in](mailto:Director-rinpas@jharkhandmail.gov.in) & [Directorrinpas@gmail.com](mailto:Directorrinpas@gmail.com)

### Tender Cancellation Notice

Due to unavoidable circumstances, tender invited vide E-tender notice No. **DIR-01/04/2022-2023/Half-Way-Home** is hereby cancelled.

**Note:- For further details, please visit website <http://jharkhandtenders.gov.in>**

Letter no. 1200, date 12/05/2022  
Advt. P.R. No. 267639

**Sd/-**  
**I/c Director,**  
**RINPAS, Kanke, Ranchi**

**PR 270138 RINPAS(22-23)#D**

## SEARCH FOR MISSING MALE

General Public is hereby informed that one male (depicted in the photo) namely **Vikash Jha S/o Vivekanand Jha R/o H.No.B-56, Gali No.13, Jagat Puri Extn., Delhi Aged-36 Years** has been reported missing since 03.05.2022 at 4:30 AM from his residence vide **DD No.113A Dated 05.05.2022** lodged at Police Station GTB Enclave, Delhi. His physical description is as under:-

**Complexion:** Wheatish, **Height:** 5'9", **Face:** Oval, **Built:** Strong, **ID:** mentally disturbed, **Clothing:** Blue coloured checked pajama, sky blue shirt and Slipper in feet.

Any person having any information/Clue about this missing male, may inform SHO, GTB Enclave, Delhi at E-mail : [cic@cbi.gov.in](mailto:cic@cbi.gov.in) or website : <http://cbi.nic.in>

Tel.No. : 011-24368638 or 24368641 Sd/-  
FAX No. : 011-24368639 SHO, GTB Enclave, Delhi  
DP/832/SHD/2022 Mob.: 7065036031, 9873322997



### UJVN LIMITED

H.O.: "UJJWAL", Maharani Bagh, GMS Road, Dehradun-248006,  
Telephones.: 0135-2763808, Fax: 0135- 2763508,  
CIN No. U40101UR2001SGC025866, Website: [www.ujvn.com](http://www.ujvn.com)

**e-Tender Notice** दि. 20.05.2022

Office of the Executive Engineer (Civil), MB-II, Chinyalisaur (Uttarkashi) invites online bid from interested parties. Brief summary of tender is given below:

**Tender No. : (1) 01/EE(Civil)/MB-II/Chinyalisaur/2022-23 (2) 02/ EE(Civil) /MB-II/ Chinyalisaur /2022-23**

**Name of work : (1)** Hiring of one number M&M Marshal / Max / Tata sumo / Spacioe / Bolero / Tavera Non AC Diesel Vehicle (Model 2020 and onwards) along with driver for site supervision under E.E. (Civil), MB-II, Chinyalisaur for the period of 12 months. (2) Slope protection work at Gamri gad above HRT Chainage 13750 Mtr. of Maneri Bhai-II HEP,Dharasu, Uttarkashi.

**Estimated Cost : (1)** Rs. 3,78,000.00 (excluding GST)  
(2) Rs. 62,81,865.00 (excluding GST)


**Date of availability of bid document on website : 21.05.2022 from 5:00 PM**

**Last date for submission of bid on website : 13.06.2022 upto 05:00 PM**

For fuller & further details, kindly visit "e-procurement portal <http://uktenders.gov.in>"

**Executive Engineer (Civil),MB-II,Chinyalisaur.**

**"Avoid wasteful use of Electricity"**




### CHITTARANJAN LOCOMOTIVE WORKS

E-TENDER NOTICE

PCMM/CLW/DKAE on behalf of the President of India invites electronic bids from established reliable manufacturer for supply of the followings. The following E-Tender's is/are for supply of materials for manufacture of Electric Locomotive. The Prospective/bidder's suppliers are requested to look up the website [www.irops.gov.in](http://www.irops.gov.in) for detailed instructions. These are E-Tenders only electronic offer bids shall be accepted. [A]: Tender Notice No: PCMM/CLW/Dankuni/E-Procurement/22-23/36 Dated: 11.05.2022. SI.No., Tender No., Description of Stores, Qty, Due on, Tender Cost are as follows: [267]: 34222979: Led Based Flasher Light For WAG-9, WAF-7 & WAP-5 Locomotives To CLW Specn No. ELRS/SPEC/LFL/0017 (REV.1, Sept 2004) & Drg No.CLW/ES/SK-3/L-21/C OR Latest; As per Tender Doc.; 01.07.22; 0.00. [268]: 34222542: Contactor For Main Compressor And BUR-1/2 (Contractor Type -3) To CLW Specn. No. CLW/ES/3/0095/D OR Latest; As per Tender Doc.; 25.07.22; 0.00. [269]: 34222741: Auxiliary Contactor For VCB/Pantograph in SB1 & SB2 To CLW Specn. No. CLW/ES/3/0040/B OR Latest; As per Tender Doc.; 29.08.22; 0.00. [270]: 34222624: Servo System-68 as per Specn. IS:10522/ReaHfirmed 2004 (Antiwear), Approved Brands: (1) Protomac H-68 of M/s Balmer Lawrie & Co. Ltd. (2) MAK Hydrol 68 of M/s BPCL (3) ENKLO 68 of M/s ICL (4) Servo System 68 of M/s IOCL (5) KYROS Hydra Super HM 68 of M/s Raj Petro Specialites Pvt.Ltd. (6) DEEMOIL HYD HD 68 of M/s FLOXON INC. TECHNOLOGIES PRIVATE LIMITED-DADR AND NAGAR HAVELI: As per Tender Doc.; 29.07.22; 0.00. [B]: Tender Notice No: PCMM/CLW/Dankuni/E-Procurement/22-23/39 Dated: 13.05.2022. SI.No., Tender No., Description of Stores, Qty, Due on, Tender Cost are as follows: [281]: 34222543: 1. AC Circuit Breakers 41A, 3 Pole (Type-16) with Aux. Contacts 2 No. To CLW Specn. PR1-061 PCMM/CLW/DKAE

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### EAST CENTRAL RAILWAY

**E-Tender Notice**


E-TENDER NOTICE NO. - ECR-CAO-C-N-ETN-07-22-23

E-TENDER IS INVITED ON BEHALF OF THE PRESIDENT OF INDIA FOR THE UNDER MENTIONED WORK.

**Name of work with its's location:** Construction of goods Wharf with concrete flooring at Pratappganj station with approach road and other allied misc. work in connection with GC work between SRGR-FBG GC section. Approx, cost of the work of : Rs. 5,39,24,240.84, Earnest money to be deposited : Rs. 4,19,600.00. Date and time for closing of tender: 10.06.2022 at 14.30 hrs. Website particular, Notice board location where complete details of tender can be seen and addressed of the office from where the tender form be purchased etc.: The above E-Tender, E-Tendering document alongwith full information is available on website i.e. <http://www.irops.gov.in>

**Note:** In case of any discrepancies found in tender notice, English version will be final. Tenderers are requested to visit the website <http://www.irops.gov.in> atleast 15 days before last date of closing for latest corrigendum/corrections etc in response to this E-tender.

**CAO/Con/North, E.C. Rly. MXH, Patna PR/0273/CONN/Engg./IT/22-23/40**



### EAST CENTRAL RAILWAY

**E-TENDER NOTICE**


E-TENDER NOTICE NO. SG-664-01-SIG-2022-23

E-TENDER IS INVITED ON BEHALF OF THE PRESIDENT OF INDIA FOR THE UNDER MENTIONED WORK.

**Sl.No. 1. Name of the work:** MHDA: Yard remodeling of Mahadeiya yard for provision of two additional loop lines, wharf & shunting necks. 2. Approx. Cost of the work: ₹ 1,38,15,890.34 (Approx), 3. Earnest Money : ₹ 2,19,100.00, 4. Date & time for closing of tender: 10.06.2022 at 12.30 Hrs. 5. Any E-Tenders which is sent by Post / Courier / FAX or self, Manual proposals although the letter is on firms letter pad or received in time will not be accepted. The above E-Tenders, E-Tendering document alongwith full information is available on website i.e. <http://www.irops.gov.in>

**Note :** Tenderers are requested to visit the website <http://www.irops.gov.in> atleast 10 days before last date of closing for latest corrigendum / corrections etc. In response to this E-Tender.

**Sr. Divl. Sig. & Telecom Engineer, Dhanbad PR/0270/DHN/S&T/IT/22-23/40**



### Government of Maharashtra

#### Mahatma Phule Krishi Vidyapeeth, Rahuri

**Office : University Engineer, MPKV, Rahuri**

Phone No. 02426-243272/243235 Address: Central Campus, Administrative Building, Mahatma Phule Krishi Vidyapeeth, Rahuri, Tal-Rahuri, Dist- Ahmednagar. Pin-413722

Fax No. 02426-243601 e-mail: [unienagieermkpvr@gmail.com](mailto:unienagieermkpvr@gmail.com)

No. MPKV/WRK/TC/686/2022 Dated : 20/05/2022


### E-Tender Notice

The University Engineer, MPKV, Rahuri invites online e-tenders in item rate (B2 Type Tender) from the qualified Civil Contractors for the following work at Kashti, Tal- Malegaon, Dist- Nashik (Maharashtra)

Sr.No.	Name of Work	Estimated cost (Rs.)
1.	Construction of Administrative buildings, Boys and Girls Hostels, Library buildings, Amenity buildings, Residential Quarters for Agriculture Business Management College and Food Technology College for Agriculture Technology Centre at Kashti, Tal-malegaon, Dist- Nashik.	1,02,08,50,417.00

For Detail Tender Notice Please see website Portal <https://mahatenders.gov.in> Organization- Department of Agricultural, Department- Mahatma Phule Krishi Vidyapeeth, Rahuri. Division- University Engineer

**Sd/-**  
**University Engineer**  
**MPKV, Rahuri.**



### MASTER OF APPLIED EPIDEMIOLOGY (MAE)

[INDIA EPIDEMIC INTELLIGENCE SERVICE (EIS) PROGRAMME]

**National Centre for Disease Control, Delhi**

and

**H.N.B. Medical Education University, Uttarakhand**

In Collaboration with

**US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Atlanta**

### INVITING APPLICATIONS

The India EIS programme is a competency-based two-year field epidemiology training. The programme is modeled after the EIS programme of the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). The EIS Programme leads to a Master's in Applied Epidemiology (MAE) degree from H.N.B. Medical Education University, Uttarakhand.

### Eligibility Criteria

1. MD (Public Health/Preventive and Social Medicine/Community Medicine) **OR** MD (Clinical or Para-Clinical) with 2 years' experience (service) **OR** MBBS with Postgraduate Diploma in Clinical, Para-clinical, or Public Health with 3 years of public health experience from any recognized institution **OR** MBBS from any recognized institution with five years minimum work experience in public health.

2. Age: Not exceeding 45 years as of the last date of application

### State-sponsored candidates

Government sponsored candidates should be regular employee working in central or state government/autonomous bodies/medical colleges/PSUs and nominated by the state/organization.

### Self-sponsored candidates

Self-sponsored candidates do not require nominations. They can apply directly if fulfilling the eligibility criteria.

**For more information and prescribed application form, please visit <http://www.ncdc.gov.in>**

**Last Date for receiving applications- 22nd June 2022.**

**NATIONAL CENTRE FOR DISEASE CONTROL**  
(DIRECTORATE GENERAL OF HEALTH SERVICES)  
MINISTRY OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE, GOVT OF INDIA  
22-Shamath Marg, Delhi- 110054. Tel: 011-23990213

### कार्यालय मुख्य चिकित्सा अधीक्षक, जिला चिकित्सालय,खीरी।

पत्रांक- जिचिओ/2022-23/245 दिनांक- 20.05.2022

**नीलामी सूचना**

सर्वसाधारण को सूचित किया जाता है, कि अयोहस्ताक्षरों के पत्र संख्या जिचिओ/प्रकाशन/2022-23/214 दिनांक 11.05.2022 में विज्ञापित को संशोधित करते हुये क्रमशः टूटने वाले भवन को नीलामी की लागत ₹0 15326661.00 को ₹0 10914559.00 पढ़ा जाये, उक्त भवन को तोड़ने की लागत ₹0 1869000.00 को ₹0 1348990.00 पढ़ा जाये, उससे प्राप्त स्क्रैप की कीमत ₹0 17195000.00 को ₹0 12263549.00 एवं नीलामी की वास्तविक मूल्य ₹0 15326661.00 को ₹0 10914559.00 पढ़ा जायें। प्रथम फेज के भवनों के लिए 15 दिन, द्वितीय एवं तृतीय फेज के भवनों के लिए 15 दिन व्यस्तिकरण एवं मलना उठाने हेतु दिए जायेंगे। ₹0 1100000.00 का ड्राफ्ट सिक्कीरिटी के रूप में जमा होगा। बाकी की शर्तें पूर्व की भांति यथावत रहेगी।

हस्ता/-  
मुख्य चिकित्सा अधीक्षक  
जिला चिकित्सालय, खीरी।

UPID-176407 Date 21/05/2022  
[www.upgov.nic.in](http://www.upgov.nic.in)

उ0 प्र0 पावर ट्रांसमिशन कारपोरेशन लि0 ई-निविदा आमंत्रण सूचना अनुभववी फर्मी/ ठेकेदार/कार्यदायी संस्थाओं से विद्युत पारेषण मण्डल मेरठ के अन्तर्गत निम्न कार्यों हेतु मोहर बन्द ई-निविदायें ई-पोर्टल ([www.etender.up.nic.in](http://www.etender.up.nic.in)) पर दो भागों में आमंत्रित की जाती हैं। कृपया विस्तृत जानकारी, डाउन लोड, धरोहर राशि एवं निविदा प्रपत्र शुल्क जमा करने तथा अन्य संशोधनों एवं ई-निविदा प्रस्तुत करने के दिनांक तक विस्तार आदि के सम्बन्ध में ([www.etender.up.nic.in](http://www.etender.up.nic.in)) पर लॉग अनिवार्य करें। निविदा का विवरण निम्न प्रकार है: ई निविदा संख्या, कार्य का विवरण, निविदा के प्रथम भाग खुलने की दिनांक, धरोहर राशि एवं निविदा का मूल्य (कर सहित) को क्रम में पढ़ा जायें। 1. टी-26/22-23(अल्पकालिक):- विद्युत पारेषण खण्ड मेरठ के अन्तर्गत 132 के0वी0 उपकेन्द्र (GIS) गंगानगर के वार्षिक आधार पर परिचालन एवं अनुरक्षण से सम्बन्धित कार्य। दिनांक 07.06.2022, ₹. 58,000.00/- ₹. 7080.00/ 7. टी-32/22-23:- विद्युत पारेषण खण्ड बडौत के अन्तर्गत 132 के0वी0 बडौत - किरथल लाइन के विभिन्न चिमनी एवं टावर स्टब की मरम्मत से सम्बन्धित कार्य। दिनांक 22.06.2022, ₹. 2,000.00/- ₹. 590.00/ 8. टी-33/22-23:- विद्युत पारेषण खण्ड मेरठ के अन्तर्गत 220 के0वी0 उपकेन्द्र शताब्दीनगर के वार्षिक आधार पर अनुरक्षण से सम्बन्धित कार्य। दिनांक 22.06.2022, ₹. 14,000.00/- ₹. 1770.00/ अधीक्षण अभियंता, विद्युत पारेषण मण्डल, 130-डी, पारेषण भवन" विकटोरिया पार्क, मेरठ। "राष्ट्रहित में ऊर्जा बचायें" एवं अधीक्षण अभियंता अधीक्षण अभियंता विद्युत पारेषण मण्डल, पत्रांक नं. 1337 वि0पाओम0/ETC/मेरठ/MT/Tender दिनांक: 21/05/22

### Directorate of Geology and Mining

#### Government of Uttar Pradesh

**Khanji Bhawan 27/8, Raja Ram Mohan Rai Marg, Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh 226001**  
**Email: [rampurvash.singh@up.gov.in](mailto:rampurvash.singh@up.gov.in)**

**Notice No: 450 /ब.अ./125(1)/2021** **Date: 21/05/2022**

### Notice Inviting Tender

"Invitation of bids for grant of Mining Lease for Phosphorite and for grant of Composite Licence for Phosphorite, Glauconite, Iron Ore, Gold, Iron Ore & Gold and Platinum Group of Elements (PGE)"

In exercise of the powers conferred by Section 10 (B) and Section 11 of the Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Act, 1957 and in accordance with the Mineral (Auction) Rules, 2015 as amended from time to time notified thereunder, the Government of Uttar Pradesh has identified 01 Mineral Block for Mining Leaseand 09 Mineral Blocks for Composite Licence as under for electronic auction and hereby invites tenders for the purposes.

a) 1 (one) mineral block of Phosphorite for the purpose of grant of Mining Lease  
b) 1 (one) mineral block of Phosphorite for the purpose of grant of Composite Licence  
c) 2 (two) mineral blocks of Glauconite for the purpose of grant of Composite Licence  
d) 1 (one) mineral block of Iron Ore for the purpose of grant of Composite Licence  
e) 3 (three) mineral blocks of Gold for the purpose of grant of Composite Licence  
f) 1 (one) mineral block of Iron Ore & Gold for the purpose of grant of Composite Licence  
g) 1 (one) mineral block of Platinum Group of Elements (PGE) for the purpose of grant of Composite Licence

Accordingly, financial bids are invited in digital format only and technical bids are invited both in digital and physical format from eligible bidders.

Eligibility conditions,date and time for participating in the electronic auction are provided in the Tender Document. Detailed Tender Documents along with timelines, notifications, updates and other details for the e-auction process for the mineral blocks are available in electronic form only and can be downloaded from the website of MSTC Limited:<https://www.mstcecommerce.com/auctionhome/mlcl/index.jsp>.

Interested and eligible bidders can register themselves on the above website. On successful registration, eligible bidders will obtain login ID and password necessary for participation in the e-auction process. Model Tender Document and Mineral Block Summary are available free of cost on the website of MSTC Limited.

The date for commencement of sale of Tender Document is May 27, 2022. The last date for purchase of Tender Document after payment of a tender fee on website of e- auction platform provider is July 11, 2022 on or before 17:00 hours (Indian Standard Time) and the last date for submission of the bid is July 18, 2022 on or before 17:00 hours (Indian Standard Time). The Price of Tender Document is provided in the table below.


Sanrai Phosphorite Block I is being auctioned under second attempt of auction as per clause (b) of sub-rule (11) of rule 9 of Mineral (Auction) Rules 2015 and amendments thereunder.

No.	Name of the Block	Mineral	District	Price of Tender Document* (in Rs.)
Mining Lease				
1.	Sonrai Phosphorite Block II - IV	Phosphorite	Lalitpur	Rs. 5,00,000
Composite Licence				
2.	Sonrai Phosphorite Block I	Phosphorite	Lalitpur	Rs. 2,00,000
3.	Kurcha Block	Glauconite	Sonbhadra	Rs. 1,00,000
4.	Barwadihi Block	Glauconite	Sonbhadra	Rs. 1,00,000
5.	Bharhari Block	Iron Ore	Sonbhadra	Rs. 1,00,000
6.	Girar Block	Iron Ore&Gold	Lalitpur	Rs. 1,00,000
7.	Sonapahari Block	Gold	Sonbhadra	Rs. 1,00,000
8.	Dhurva-Biadand Block	Gold	Sonbhadra	Rs. 1,00,000
9.	Hardi East Block	Gold	Sonbhadra	Rs. 1,00,000
10.	Ikauna Block	PGE	Lalitpur	Rs. 1,00,000

\*The price of Tender Document is exclusive of GST. The Bidders who have purchased the Tender Document for Sonrai Phosphorite ML Block II - IV and Sonrai Phosphorite CL Block I in earlier NIT dated 05.01.2022 can avail the Tender Document of that particular mineral block without paying tender fee.(Tender Fee exempted)


**Director**  
**Geology and Mining**  
**Government of Uttar Pradesh**

UPID-176470 Dt. 21.05.2022  
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### पश्चिमांचल विद्युत वितरण निगम लि.

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**Date of release of invitation for Bids through e-procurement 28.05.2022 10.00 hours**

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FROM PAGE ONE

To cool inflation, Centre cuts excise on fuel

Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana has also been announced.

The duty cuts on auto fuels effective Sunday have brought Central taxes on petrol and diesel to pre-pandemic levels. The move, analysts said, could help reduce inflation by up to 20 basis points from June on.

Announcing the duty cuts, Sitharaman tweeted: "This will reduce the price of petrol by Rs 9.5 per litre and of diesel by Rs 7 per litre...I wish to exhort all state governments, especially the states where reduction was-n't done during the last round (November 2021), to also implement a similar cut and give relief to the common man."

Prime Minister Narendra Modi tweeted: "It is always people first for us! Today's decisions, especially the one relating to a significant drop in petrol and diesel prices will positively impact various sectors, provide relief to our citizens and further 'Ease of Living'."

Sitharaman said the government will give a subsidy of Rs 200 per gas cylinder (upto 12 cylinders) to over 9 crore Ujjwala beneficiaries – this will have a revenue implication of around Rs 6,100 crore a year.

She added that customs duty on raw materials and intermediaries for plastic products is being reduced where import dependence is high. "This will result in reduction of cost of final products," she said.

"Similarly, we are calibrating customs duty on raw materials and intermediaries for iron and steel to reduce their prices. Import duty on some raw materials of steel will be reduced. Export duty on some steel products will be levied," she said, adding that these measures are being taken to improve availability of cement and, through better logistics, reduce its cost.

The Reserve Bank of India,

while reducing the repo rate by 40 bps in an out-of-turn monetary policy meet earlier this month, had flagged concerns over high food and fuel prices feeding into inflation.

The Wholesale Price Index-based inflation rate had surged to a record high of 15.1 per cent in April while Consumer Price Index-based retail inflation had also surged to an eight-year high of 7.79 per cent in April.

In April, Prime Minister Narendra Modi had pointed out that Maharashtra, West Bengal, Telangana, Andhra Pradesh, Tamil Nadu, Kerala, and Jharkhand have not reduced VAT, and urged "all states to work as a team in this time of global crisis following the spirit of cooperative federalism".

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

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

Experts said the excise duty cut will help cool the inflation trajectory. "We project the May 2022 CPI inflation at between 6.5-7.0%. The fiscal cost, while material, can be absorbed by higher than budgeted revenues through other taxes," said ICRA Chief Economist Aditi Nayar.

"It will help reduce inflation by around 20 basis points – but in June. In May, its impact will be only for 10 days," said Devendra Kumar Pant, Chief Economist, India Ratings said.

The Centre had hiked the ex-

cise duty on petrol by Rs 13 per litre and on diesel and Rs 16 per litre through two rounds of hikes in March and May 2020 as the lockdown had severely reduced collections from other revenue sources.

It had then cut the excise duty on diesel by Rs 10 per litre and that on petrol by Rs 5 per litre in November. Rising international crude prices in the wake of the Russia-Ukraine conflict pushed the price of Brent crude by 44.7 per cent to \$112.55 per barrel from \$77.78 per barrel at the beginning of the year.

Customs duty on imported raw materials used by the steel industry including coking coal, coke, semi-coke and ferromanganese has been reduced to zero in order to reduce the domestic cost of steel production. Also, to increase domestic availability, duty on exports of iron ore has been hiked to 50 per cent, for iron ore pellets to 45 per cent and for some steel intermediaries to 15 per cent. Import duty on naphtha, propylene oxide, and polymers of vinyl chloride has also been reduced.

Court grants bail to DU prof

satire regarding a controversial subject which has backfired, resulting in the present FIR," it said.

The prosecution had sought 14-day judicial custody of Lal to "investigate the matter properly".

The CMM also spoke at length on the tolerance of Indian civilisation and the divergent views people may have on a subject. "It is observed that Indian civilisation is one of the oldest in the world and known to be tolerant and accepting (of) all religions. The presence or absence of intention to create animosity / hatred by words is subjective in nature, as is the perception of the recipient who reads / hears a statement," the court said.

The CMM said India was a country of more than 130 crore people and "any subject can have

130 crore different views and perceptions". "The feeling of hurt felt by an individual cannot represent the entire group or community and any such complaint regarding hurt feelings has to be seen in its context, considering the entire spectrum of facts / circumstances," the court said.

Elaborating on how different people may view the post, the court said: "The undersigned, in personal life, is a proud follower of Hindu religion and would call the post to be distasteful and an unnecessary comment made on a controversial topic. For another person, the same post can appear to be shameful but may not incite the feeling of hatred towards another community. Similarly, different persons may consider the post differently without being enraged and may, in fact, feel sorry for the accused to have made an unwarranted comment without considering the repercussions."

The court agreed that the "accused did an act which was avoidable considering the sensibilities of persons around the accused and public at large", and said that the post, "though reprehensible, does not indicate an attempt to promote hatred between communities".

Addressing the police action, the court said it understands the anxieties of the force as it tasked with maintaining peace and order and it would take action at the slightest hint of unrest. It, however, maintained that the court has to employ higher standards while considering the need to send a person to custody.

Lal's lawyers had moved for bail arguing that his arrest was in violation of Supreme Court guidelines in the Armesh Kumar judgment (that arrest should be an exception in cases involving less than seven years of punishment) and that he did not incite anyone through his social media post.

Additional Public Prosecutor Atul Shrivastava, who appeared on behalf of police, told the court that "prima facie some comments have the potential to disturb public tranquillity". "Accordingly, the FIR was registered... The most important aspect, not expected from such an educated person, was after making such type of remarks, he has not stopped there, he has been defending himself through different videos uploaded on YouTube," Shrivastava argued.

Lal's lawyers countered: "What circumstances happened that you had to make an arrest? He was not a criminal or a habitual offender. He is a professor in a reputed college. You had proper time, you could have served notice, waited for a reply, and if there was (an) unsatisfactory reply, then you could have arrested. This is contempt of the Armesh Kumar judgment and the officers involved in this arrest should face a departmental enquiry."

They also told the court that Lal was "an authority on Ambedkar" and a person of his "stature and intellect" had "not created any enmity" or "called for violence". They argued that rather Lal had accorded respect to the Hindu god Shiva. "Shiva is not a property of a certain section of society. Would he incite his own people? He is a Shiva devotee himself," Lal's lawyer submitted.

The prosecutor rebutted this by stating that if Lal was "an authority on Ambedkar, he should have thought prior to posting that. You should have behaved in a responsible manner".

Lal's lawyers also argued that his "prolonged custody would have an impact on his service", and that if people are arrested for what they write on social media, then "jails will be thronged by intellectuals".

Modi-Biden talks in Tokyo

crisis in Sri Lanka would be part of the discussions at the Quad summit, Kwatra, without getting into specifics, said the leaders would discuss both opportunities and challenges in the Indo-Pacific region.

He identified several areas of cooperation and discussions at the Quad summit – climate action, sustainable infrastructure, critical and emerging technologies, biotechnology, diversification of semiconductor supply chain, security of critical cyber infrastructure, Covid response, and post-Covid management of economy and health infrastructure which will include last-mile delivery, health security, genomic surveillance, clinical trials and pandemic preparedness.

Kwatra said the Quad would also organise a special session, on the sidelines of the World

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Health Assembly later this month, on promoting vaccine confidence and fighting the infodemic.

He said the "upcoming summit in Tokyo would, therefore, provide the leaders with an opportunity to take stock of the progress made thus far on Quad's initiatives and also give guidance for the future. Developments in the Indo-Pacific region and global issues of mutual interest might also come up for discussion."

On the Modi-Biden meeting, he said, "The Prime Minister's meeting with President Biden will mark continuation of this high-level dialogue and provide guidance and vision to take the relationship forward."

"Quad cooperation is anchored in the shared values and commitment to the principles of democracy, international law and rules-based international order... that also has a vision for a free, open and inclusive Indo-Pacific."

The Quad, he said, has been working to "implement a positive and constructive agenda, with a strong focus on enabling peace, prosperity, and stability in the Indo-Pacific region."

On the issue of Ukraine, the Foreign Secretary said India's position has been "amply clear" and has gained "understanding and appreciation" of key partners across the world.

India's position, he said, has been immediate cessation of hostilities, and resolving the crisis through diplomacy and dialogue.

On whether India's ban on wheat export would come up for discussion, Kwatra said food security is "paramount", but wherever possible, India will meet the needs of vulnerable economies.

"The needs of food security in India are paramount for us. Yet at the same time, we have also been very careful and calibrated in ensuring that the needs of the vulnerable economy – economies that are vulnerable to the risks of food security – wherever possible, are met," he said.

Relief for PNB scam accused

today dropped all charges against him for unlawful entry in May 2021. By doing so, they now recognise that there was never any case against him."

"Mr Choksi was forcibly removed from Antigua against his will by agents of the Indian State, viciously assaulted, and taken to Dominica by boat, where he was again unlawfully handed over to authorities for an offence he never committed."

"Mr Choksi's legal team continues to pursue all avenues for justice to redress the human rights violations committed against him. Mr Choksi hopes that those responsible for his kidnapping from Antigua on May 23rd, 2021 will be brought to justice," his spokesperson said.

Vijay Aggarwal, his lawyer in India, said, "Truth always comes out in the end, no matter how hard anyone tries to stop it or hide it. Lies are just temporary delays to the inevitable. It was extremely insensitive for some people to call injuries on my client Mr Mehul Choksi to be fake because of some legal strategy."

In July last year, Choksi flew out of Dominica in an air ambulance and was received in Antigua by officials there. The Dominican High Court had granted bail to Choksi and allowed him to return to Antigua because Dominica did not have the facilities to provide him adequate medical care.

The court had also stayed proceedings of illegal entry against Choksi after his lawyers alleged kidnapping by Indian agents.

His return to Antigua was a setback to Indian agencies which had moved court in Dominica to

repatriate Choksi to India.

After he showed up in Dominica police custody, a private jet carrying Indian officials had landed in Dominica to take him back to India. But after the Choksi case was committed to court over the charge of illegal entry, the jet had to return.

India's quest to get Choksi back now hinges on extradition proceedings in an Antigua court.

'Dream is to win Olympic gold'

her struggles in a conservative society, how people ridiculed her choice to box as a girl, and how she had to fight, both inside and outside the ring, to achieve her dream.

"I belong to an orthodox society where people think that girls should only stay at home, work at home, get married, and take care of home. But my father was an athlete and knows the kind of life an athlete lives. He has always been there for me, supported me," she said.

So did her mother, Parveen Sultana, although she was once taken aback at how brutal the world of boxing was. After her first sparring session with a boy, Nikhat returned home with a bloody face and bruised eye.

"When she saw me, she began to shiver. She started crying and said, 'I didn't put you in boxing so that your face would get ruined'. She then said that no one would marry me. I told her not to worry and said, 'naam hoga toh dulhe ki line lag jayegi' (Once I make a name for myself, there will be a queue of grooms for me). Now she's used to it. Whenever I get hit, she casually tells me to apply some ice and says that it'll be okay. Sometimes, I feel like she's become my coach now," she said.

Nikhat started her boxing journey in earnest in 2009, won the youth world championship in 2011, fell in the quarters of the senior world championship in 2016, and has now won the gold. "My dream, my goal, is to win an Olympic gold medal for my country. I am working hard towards that goal," she said.

She also identified her shoulder injury and its immediate aftermath as the moment that shaped her as a boxer and inspired her to pursue her dream.

"I guess before my shoulder injury, I was not mature enough. After the injury, I learnt a lot. I got to know who my real friends were, because most of them did not even message me or ask me how I was. But I remained positive and worked hard. I made my comeback in 2018 and took some time to recover before I won the gold at the Strandja Memorial in 2019," she said.

A fan of actor Salman Khan, Nikhat said she enjoys watching Hindi movies. Responding to a question, she said that if a biopic is made on her, she would like Alia Bhatt to play the lead role. "I want Alia Bhatt to portray me. *Kyunki usko bhi dimple aata hai and mere ko bhi dimple aata hai* (Because she has got dimples and so do I). So I guess she can portray me," she said.

Aurangzeb history

The excavation began after the ASI came to know of the existence of such a hammam (public bath), forgotten and buried under a plot of land located opposite the Bibi Ka Maqbara for over half a century.

So far, the ASI has discovered a 36x36 metre structure, and cleared out a part of the area. ASI officials said the hammam is located exactly opposite the Bibi Ka Maqbara, and might have been meant for use just before entering the monument.

Officials said that in the Mughal period, such hammams would exist in front of monuments such as tombs or mosques or other places of worship.

ASI officials believe that the

hammam got covered up in soil sometime after the 1960s, when a road was laid between it and the protected monument. Over the years, it was forgotten.

An official, who did not want to be named, said: "It came to the notice of the ASI only recently when a person whose father worked with the ASI and was an attendant at the monument met some officials."

He informed them that when he was a child he would come to the site to deliver tiffin with his father, and would always see the hammam, and that it was now covered by debris. He also showed the exact location to the ASI staff.

"He told us that if you excavate the site and remove the soil, you will find a door and an entry point. Accordingly we got approvals and started excavating. We indeed found a door and, on further excavation, the remaining structure."

The official said that the process began over a year ago, and they were hoping to complete it as soon as possible.

The ASI's Aurangabad Circle Superintendent, Milan Kumar Chauley, said: "We are doing scientific clearance (of the soil) currently. Once it is completed, we will restore the structure and conserve it, and open it to the public."

PM not listening, says Rahul

polarisation in politics and society.

Gandhi claimed European diplomats had told him that the Indian foreign service has become "arrogant," a comment which drew a sharp rebuff from External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar who tweeted: "it's not called arrogance... it's called confidence."

Comparing India's situation with Pakistan's, Gandhi drew a parallel between the border standoff with China and the Russia-Ukraine conflict and argued India is sitting on a powder keg because of massive polarisation and unemployment and could go the Sri Lanka way.

Asked if he saw any similarity between today and the pre-1947 situation in India when, as the moderator said, the soul of India was suppressed under British rule, Gandhi said: "Yes... from the soul of India comes the voice of India... India's voice has been crushed. It has been crushed by an ideology. It has been crushed by the way technology has moved. It is being crushed by the institutional framework of our country... So the deep state, the CBI, ED... the stuff that is hidden is now chewing the Indian state. It is eating the Indian state... much like what happened in Pakistan."

On why the BJP is winning elections and Congress is not despite issues like unemployment and rising prices, he claimed it was because of "polarisation and total dominance of the media."

"We are sitting on a powder keg. We are sitting on an India that is primed... we have massive level of polarisation, we have huge unemployment... we have the backbone of employment broken, we have massive concentration of wealth, we are going to have social problems. They are coming. Without any doubt. There is going to be a mass upsurge," Gandhi said. "The question is can the opposition make that upsurge peaceful, effective in changing the politics. You could also have a situation where you have an uncontrolled upsurge which is what we are seeing in Sri Lanka. India is not in a good place. The BJP has spread kerosene all over the country. You need one spark and we will be in big trouble. That is also the responsibility of the Opposition, the Congress, that brings the people together. Bring the communities, states, religions together... say, listen we need to cool this temperature down because if this temperature does-

n't cool down, things can go wrong."

On the border tension with China, he said: "That is exactly the task of foreign policy. That is exactly what Mr Jaishankar should be doing... I like what Indira Gandhiji once said. Do you lean to the left or do you lean to the right? No, we stand up straight. And I think there is a place for India, an opportunity for India to stand up straight."

Asked if he was suggesting a return to multi-alignment, he said: "No, I am saying pragmatically navigate the waters you are in... Don't just say bhaiya theek hai hum aise kareenge. And to hell with everything, to hell with our history, to hell with our under-standing."

"We have huge capabilities but no one listens to them. When you stifle conversation at the national level, you also stifle conversation in the Prime Minister's Office. You cannot have a country that is not allowed to speak and a PMO that tells the Prime Minister the truth. You cannot have those two things... Our Prime Minister doesn't listen and because our Prime Minister doesn't listen no bureaucrat thinks he needs to listen. I was talking to some bureaucrats from Europe and they were saying that the Indian foreign service (has) completely changed. They don't listen to anything. They are arrogant... now they are just telling us what orders they are getting... there is no conversation. You can't do that," he said.

Soon, Jaishankar hit back. "Yes, the Indian Foreign Service has changed. Yes, they follow the orders of the Government. Yes, they counter the arguments of others. No, it's not called arrogance. It is called confidence. And it is called defending national interest," he said in a Twitter post.

Asked how India could contribute to resolving the Russian invasion of Ukraine, Gandhi drew a parallel between Ukraine and Ladakh.

"Please recognise the parallels... the same idea is at play. There are Chinese forces sitting in Ladakh and there are Chinese forces sitting in Doklam. The Doklam forces are designed for Arunachal Pradesh and the forces in Ladakh are designed for Ladakh. The same principle is there. My problem with the Government is that they don't allow a discussion. Chinese troops are sitting inside India today. They have just built a huge bridge over the Pangong lake. Why are they doing that? They are setting up the infrastructure. They are obviously preparing for something. But the government doesn't want to talk about it. Government wants to stifle the conversation... I am worried that Chinese troops are sitting inside India and I can see exactly what is happening in Ukraine," he said.

"I said this to our Foreign Minister... and he says, you know what you have a point. That is an interesting way to look at it. Please realise there are parallels to what is going on," he added.

On US Secretary of State Antony Blinken's recent comments that Washington was "monitoring" "a rise in human rights abuses" in India, Gandhi said: "I am glad that the US has woken up to the idea... We don't need the United States to tell us that there is polarisation in India... We are, of course, fighting polarisation... But I think what the gentleman reflects is that a destabilized India, a India which spirals out of control is a problem for the globe. It is not just a problem for us. Democracy in India is a global public good. It is a central anchor for the planet. Because we are the only people who have managed democracy at the scale which we have... we are three times the size of Europe. And we have managed it for the last many decades. If that cracks... it is going to cause a problem for the planet. And that is what I think the US is realising."

VISITS SCHOOL, MOHALLA CLINIC

# KCR to take page out of Delhi notebook



Telangana Chief Minister K Chandrashekar Rao was accompanied by Delhi CM Arvind Kejriwal and Deputy CM Manish Sisodia

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE  
NEW DELHI, MAY 21

TELANGANA CHIEF Minister K Chandrashekar Rao visited a Delhi government school and a mohalla clinic on Saturday, accompanied by his Delhi counterpart Arvind Kejriwal, and said his state will send teachers to the capital to emulate its education model.

Rao, who is currently in Delhi for a week-long visit, and his party leaders were welcomed by Kejriwal and his deputy Manish Sisodia at Sarvodaya Vidyalaya Senior Secondary School in Moti Bagh and given a tour.

"It is an honour for us that the Telangana CM and his MPs are visiting. We showed them the entire school. They asked us detailed questions about its functioning. As a CM, his interest in education is admirable," Kejriwal told the media during the visit.

The Telangana CM praised the AAP government's reforms in education: "A lot of work has been done by the Delhi government on the educational front. The results are also visible. The students are not just taught about marks, but an effort is made to make them more enterprising. They are learning to be job providers and not just job seekers. This kind of effort is not taking place in other parts of the country."

"I spoke to many such students today, and it brought me immense joy and satisfaction to hear some of them wanting to follow the footsteps of people like Elon Musk, depicting a complete change in the way these students think. The Delhi government's work in this direction is highly praiseworthy, for it is not taking place anywhere else in the country. I strongly believe that this paradigm shift in the education sector will bear extremely fruitful results in the future," he said.

"If the kind of governance offered by the Kejriwal government in Delhi takes place all over the country, India will progress like never before. The Delhi government's efforts will reap huge

returns for the country," the Telangana CM added.

He suggested that the Centre should not simply formulate a new education policy and impose it on everyone. "They should keep in mind that we are a federal democracy — the Constitution clearly says that India is a Union of States; take everyone along in order to formulate a successful policy. If it goes ahead without any consultation from states, there are bound to be differences and obstacles in future."

He also visited a mohalla clinic in RK Puram and remarked that the Delhi government has been making considerable efforts in the health sector as well. "Some 5-6 years ago when I visited Delhi, one of my friends living here informed me that the mohalla clinics were providing great care to the people of Delhi. Following that visit, we sent our officers to Delhi, who spoke to the authorities here, as well as the common people, who responded with overwhelmingly positive feedback, and said that the Delhi government is looking after their welfare."

Keeping the idea in mind, the Telangana government opened 350 'Basti Dawakhana's all over Hyderabad, he said.

"I have learnt that retired and private doctors are also being given charge at these mohalla clinics to make them more efficient. Doctors here are also happy with the facilities; I spoke to one such doctor today who informed me that they see around 90-110 patients in one shift," he said.

The Telangana CM met Samajwadi Party chief Akhilesh Yadav earlier in the day as well.

Rao was accompanied by MPs Nama Nageswara Rao, Venkatesh Netha, Ranjith Reddy, Santosh Kumar, and MLAs Prashant Reddy and Dr M Anand.

Last month, Tamil Nadu Chief Minister M K Stalin had visited government schools in Delhi and praised the AAP government's efforts in improving education standards.

## 3 workers killed in fire at factory in Faridabad

**Gurgaon:** Three people were killed after a fire broke out at a factory in Faridabad, which manufactures lithium battery cells used in vehicles, Saturday. Police said it was operating from a two-storey building in Anangpur Dairy in Sector 37 and that a short circuit sparked the blaze.

Fire department officials said information about the fire was received around 11 am and five fire tenders were rushed to the spot.

Satyawan, additional divisional fire officer, Faridabad, said, "The factory was operating in a 50 square yard area building, which had a basement plus two floors. It did not have a fire NOC. Fire tenders reached the spot, and the blaze was controlled in an hour. Preliminary probe suggests the fire started near the base-

ment and spread to the first floor. It is suspected that the victims died from suffocation after inhaling toxic fumes from batteries."

Ram Pal Singh, SHO, Sarai Khawaja, said at the time of the incident, four workers were on the first floor and one managed to escape. "We have registered an FIR against the company owner, who is absconding," he said.

The three victims have been identified as Satbir (27), Sunil (22) and Ankit (23), residents of Lal Kuan in Delhi. Police said they had been working at the factory for some time.

A relative of Satbir said he got married last year and his daughter was born recently. "Had there been proper safety measures in place, their lives could have been saved," he alleged. **ENS**

## Triple suicide in Vasant Vihar leaves woman, daughters dead

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE  
NEW DELHI, MAY 21

A 54-YEAR-OLD woman and her two daughters died after inhaling toxic fumes from an *angithi* inside their home in Vasant Vihar, in what police believe is a triple suicide. Police have recovered four purported suicide notes.

Preliminary investigation has revealed the three died as part of a suicide pact, and the family first sealed their window panes with tape. Police have found they bought the *angithi* from an e-commerce website recently, and also purchased charcoal.

DCP (Southwest) Manoj C identified the victims as Manju

Police said they died after inhaling toxic fumes from an *angithi*

and her daughters Anshika (27) and Anku (25). "Manju's husband, who also owned the house, died in April 2021 of Covid and since then the family had been depressed. Manju was bedridden due to an illness. Prima facie, it appears that they died due to suffocation," he said.




Police received a PCR call about the incident at 8.55 pm Saturday after neighbours knocked on the door but no one answered.


"The caller informed us that

the house was locked from the inside and no one was opening the door. SHO (Vasant Vihar) along with his staff rushed to the spot and found the doors and windows closed from all the sides," he said.

Police personnel managed to open the door and found that gas was also leaking from an LPG cylinder. "Our staff found that the nozzle was partially opened and the three victims were lying on the bed. Four suicide notes were recovered from their possession and three small candles, along with an *angithi*, were kept in the room," the DCP said.

A forensic team was asked to collect evidence, including fingerprints, from the spot.





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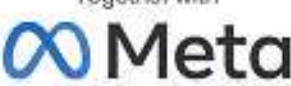








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VACCINATIONS IN  
LAST 24 HOURS  
**20,203**



PATIENTS IN HOSPITAL: **109**  
OXYGEN SUPPORT **39**  
VENTILATOR SUPPORT **3**

DELHI TOTAL  
CASES  
**19,03,189**

HOSPITAL BEDS **2,222**  
ICU BEDS **2,191**

*\*Total active cases in Delhi*

	Total	Vacant
HOSPITAL BEDS	<b>9,581</b>	<b>9,471</b>
ICU BEDS	<b>2,222</b>	<b>2,191</b>

	Cases	Recoveries	Deaths	Tests
May 20	530	678	0	24,458
May 21	479	569	1	23,214
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,138*</b>	<b>18,74,851</b>	<b>26,200</b>	<b>3,83,45,076</b>

	May 20	May 21
Cases	<b>31</b>	<b>38</b>
Deaths	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

	Cases	Deaths
GURGAON	<b>180</b>	<b>172</b>
	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

## BRIEFLY

### One killed, 2 injured after wall collapses in Dwarka

**New Delhi:** A 35-year-old man was killed and two people, including a 10-year-old boy, were injured after a wall collapsed in Dwarka's Sector-23 Saturday, officials said. Fire officials received information at 2.18 pm about the collapse at the DDA flats, they said, adding that three fire-tenders were rushed to the site. Fire officials said work on a nearby plot, where the foundation for a house was being laid, caused the collapse.

### Man held for murder, theft

**New Delhi:** A 35-year-old man was arrested for allegedly killing a woman, and stealing her purse and mobile phone in Outer Delhi. "On May 14, we received information about the incident. On reaching the spot, police found the decomposed body of the woman in a room at her home. Initial investigation revealed that she was tied up and gagged, and was strangled," a police officer said.

### GMDA lays pipelines to water green belts, parks

**Gurgaon:** To maximise use of treated waste water in greenbelts for better survival of plantations and for dust mitigation, the Gurugram Metropolitan Development Authority has laid over 22 km of lateral pipelines along major roads to transport treated wastewater to water green belts and parks in the city. **ENS**

### Man booked under Gangster Act evades arrest

**New Delhi:** A man booked under the Gangster Act managed to evade arrest after the police vehicle, which was trying to intercept him on Saturday, got stuck in a ditch. He also allegedly tried to run over police personnel during the chase. Police said a case has been filed against Jahid (in his 40s) and his son, who was accompanying him, for attempt to murder. **ENS**

## DISRUPTED FOR 6 HOURS

# From OPD to surgeries, power outage at hospital brings ops to standstill

**ANONNA DUTT**  
NEW DELHI, MAY 21

OUT-PATIENT clinics, routine surgeries, and admission of critical patients remained affected at Dr Baba Saheb Ambedkar Hospital in Rohini for the second day after a short-circuit on Friday led to a disruption in the main power line of the premises.

Power supply remained affected for at least six hours on Friday before a temporary supply was established in the emergency department and wards in a phased manner between 9.30 pm and 11 pm, according to nurses, guards, and patients in the hospital.

"I was on duty in the administrative block when I heard a few loud blasts. The power got cut immediately. When I called to check with the guard outside the building, he said there was a



A temporary supply was established at 9.30 pm. Express

short circuit in the main power supply board. There was quite a big fire and two fire tenders had come," said a hospital guard, on condition of anonymity. Another guard added, "This is a temporary supply that has been drawn from the main power line. The emergency department and some wards have power connection, but there cannot be too much load on this line."

They said that patients com-

ing to the OPD clinics on Saturday were turned away at the gate as there was no power, and the computers for registration of these patients were not functioning. "If they cannot be issued an OPD card, how can the OPD run?" one of the guards said.

Although the emergency department was fully functional on Saturday, patients said they faced problems in getting admitted to the ICU. Pankaj Kumar's 72-year-

old mother has been in the general ward for nearly 10 days now. She had breathing difficulty owing to a worsening COPD (Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease).

"Today morning, doctors said she will need to be admitted to the ICU. But they said they cannot take in any new ICU patients till the power supply is restored. They said they could refer me to a nearby hospital. I decided to wait for the supply to be restored because I have faith in this hospital," said Kumar. He, however, added that with the main supply line yet to be restored, he might just have to take his mother elsewhere.

Javed's wife was to have a baby on Friday. When she went into labour, she called him up and asked him to get candles. "There was no electricity, everything was completely dark yesterday. So, the doctors asked us to get candles for the delivery room."

He said his brother's wife,

who also had her child on Friday night, needed blood but he couldn't get it. "Before the delivery, doctors said they might need blood. We went to the blood bank with all the documents, but they said they cannot give blood until the power is restored. We couldn't get an admission slip for her till 11 pm last night, after the power was restored. Today I could not get medicines for my wife. They say they need the power supply for it all," he claimed. A nurse on duty said several patients decided to leave on their own once they came to know of the power cut.

A senior doctor from the hospital said that as a precaution, 14 patients had been transferred out of the hospital on Friday. Of these, three were admitted to the hospital ICU and one was slated for emergency surgery. The hospital's medical director, Dr Navnit Goel, did not respond to calls and messages seeking comment.

## He wanted to finish school, buy a bike: Kin of delivery staffer killed in hit-and-run



Karan with sisters Simran and Ritika

**ABHINAYA HARIGOVIND**  
NEW DELHI, MAY 21

AT THE home of Karan, the 18-year-old staffer with grocery delivery service Zepto who was killed in a recent hit-and-run incident, hangs a large framed photograph of him flanked by his sisters Simran and Ritika.

The picture is a prominent, striking feature of the family's home in Dwarka's Goyla Dairy. "Karan took up the job to help my father with my wedding expenses. He started working on April 9. The date of the wedding was not fixed... it was supposed to be in November," said Simran (20), who works as a room attendant at a hotel in the area.

Ritika, a class XII student and the youngest of the three siblings, added: "Karan was excited about the wedding. He wanted to help pay for everything. He would tell us about what he intended to buy."

Karan had other plans too. "He stopped studying after class 9, when he failed, and wanted to finish school. He wanted to be able to earn enough to buy a bike. He was fond of bikes," Ritika said.

His father, Raju, said Karan liked the job since his friends in the area were also working with the same company. "*Hansi mazak mein...* they would share food, eat together and go," said Raju, who works at a golf course.

He said he received a cheque of Rs 10 lakh from the company on Saturday. Representatives from the firm had visited them on the day. "The insurance amount will take a little longer," he added.

His mother, Pinki, added: "I

used to work, but Karan made me stop working, and said that he would earn instead."

The accident took place on May 16, around 11.50 pm, near DnD restaurant in Dwarka Sector 10 — Karan's two-wheeler was hit by an unidentified vehicle from the rear. He succumbed to his injuries on May 18.

Pinki said: "His friends informed me of the accident at night, and we rushed to the hospital immediately."

The family has been wondering if quicker medical attention or care at a private facility may have helped Karan. "He was taken to DDU Hospital, ESI Hospital, and Safdarjung. Would it have helped if he was admitted at a private hospital? We really thought he would be saved. He would have just turned 19 in August. He headed out after dinner. He would usually wrap up and be back home by 2 am," said Ritika.

The siblings have several videos of Karan on their phones. "We would take videos of him... there would be routine arguments when he would refuse to click our photographs. He would never get into fights with anybody," Ritika said.

Zepto in a statement on Twitter on May 19 said they will be helping the family with immediate financial aid of Rs 10 lakh and insurance grant of Rs 8 lakh.

Police have registered a case under IPC sections 279 (rash driving) and 304A (causing death by negligence). The accused is yet to be arrested. "We are looking at CCTV footage to identify the vehicle and arrest the driver," DCP (Dwarka) Shankar Chaudhary had said.

## Chief secy visits Ghazipur landfill

**New Delhi:** Delhi Chief Secretary Naresh Kumar Saturday visited the landfill site and waste-to-energy plant at Ghazipur and directed officials to increase bio-mining and disposal of legacy waste. During his visit, Kumar was apprised about the site monitoring mechanism, steps being

taken to control fire incidents at the landfill, and stepping up bio-mining of legacy waste from 4,000 MT to 9,000 MT daily by June end. He was accompanied by the special officer designate of MCD, Ashwani Kumar, and Commissioner Gyanesh Bharti, according to an official release. **PTI**

## RESPIRE... FOR NOW

Parts of Delhi-NCR recorded rainfall and strong winds on Saturday, while the maximum temperature settled at 42.4 degrees Celsius. Cloudy skies, light rainfall and a maximum temperature of 41 degrees Celsius are on forecast for Sunday. **Amit Mehra**

## Jeweller falls to death at DRI office: 5 yrs on, cops seek to conduct lie detector test on 10

**MAHENDER SINGH MANRAL**  
NEW DELHI, MAY 21

FIVE YEARS after the death of a jeweller, who fell from the sixth floor of the office of the Directorate of Revenue Intelligence (DRI), the officer investigating his death has moved an application in court to conduct a lie-detector test on 10 persons, including three superintendent-rank officers of the directorate, it is learnt.

Sources said this was done as

the investigating officer had questioned all DRI officials but failed to make a breakthrough.

On April 25, 2018, Gaurav Gupta entered the DRI office with a visitor's slip along with his father, following raids conducted by officials at his house in Shalimar Bagh. Later, he fell from the sixth floor of the office, through a narrow opening where maintenance of an AC was underway, police said. Following the court's instructions, the Crime Branch had registered a case of murder against unidentified persons.

"Three to four investigation officers have been changed in the last five years, but they failed to gather any concrete evidence. The current investigation officer moved an application before a Delhi court to conduct the test on 10 people - three superintendent-rank officers, team members of the raiding team and the AC technician. The court has given its approval and all 10 consented, and police are now coordinating with the CBI's Central Forensic Science Laboratory," a police officer said.

The FIR was registered after a judicial inquest by Metropolitan

Magistrate Swati Gupta, who recorded the statements of witnesses and relevant persons.

The DRI had claimed that Gupta's house was raided on two occasions on April 24 and 25 in 2018. They further said that a total of 41 kg foreign-marked gold, 213 kg silver bullion and Rs 48 lakh in cash were seized from him. The estimated amount of the total seizure stood at Rs 13 crore, police said. Police had maintained that the DRI reportedly seized a locker during one of the raids on April 25, and Gupta and his father were called to the DRI to open it.

## SINGLE SCREENED THEATRE IN DARYAGANJ ADAPTED TO THE TIMES

# How Delite, among Delhi's first cinemas in Independent India, came up

**ADRIJA ROYCHOWDHURY**  
NEW DELHI, MAY 21

PIYUSH RAIZADA (61) faintly recollected his father, Brij Mohan Lal Raizada, narrating a fond experience of a cinema in Calcutta, that convinced him of entering a similar business. Raizada was involved in an automobile business at that time and lived in Sitaram Bazar inside the Walled City.

In the days soon after Independence, when Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru made known his desire to have more landmarks in the capital built by Indians, Raizada knew it was the opportunity he had been waiting for. A plot of land, on the periphery of Old Delhi, was purchased in an auction by the Delhi Improvement Trust, for an exorbitant amount of Rs 6 lakh. Here, in Daryaganj, the wall of the Walled city was demolished to make way for the Delite Cinema with about 1,100 seats. Along with Mohini, Liberty, Naaz and Payal, Delite was one of the first cinema theatres to be born in

Delhi after Independence.

Delite opened in 1954 with Raj Kapoor's *Angarey*. Piyush Raizada was yet to be born then, but had heard from his father about the grand opening on the first day of the first show in Delhi.

"Thousands of people were waiting outside the hall," he said. The film was promoted with much fanfare through loudspeaker announcements on cycle-rickshaws.

Soon after, Delite turned into one of the biggest names among the cinema goers of Delhi. Its architecture, marked by its tall columns and majestic pillars, made it stand out amidst the surroundings of Daryaganj.

Like most other cinema halls of the time, Delite too initially hosted both cinema and live performances. "Prithviraj Kapoor's Prithvi Theatre would perform plays here and he and his family

would live on the fourth floor of the building," recollected Piyush Raizada.

In the years soon after being established though, Delite was far from being considered a

favourite among the elite cinema watchers of Delhi. "Delite at that time was considered a downtown cinema," said Ziya Us Salam, literary critic and social commentator who has authored the book, *Delhi: 4 Shows — Talkies of Yesteryear*. He explained that in Delhi at that time, there were eight

big halls, four in New Delhi's Connaught Place — Regal, Plaza, Odeon and Rivoli — and four in Old Delhi — Golcha, Ritz, Moti, Majestic. "Delite did not fit in the A-grade halls of the time. This was partly due to the fact that it was neither fully in Old Delhi nor in New Delhi," said Salam. It was the place for the release of what



What accounted for Delite's thriving longevity was the Raizadas' investment in technology and expansion of the hall. **Rajkumar Mehrotra**

he calls 'masala' movies.

Some of its most popular releases in the first few decades of its functioning included *Waqt* (1965), *Humraaz* (1967), *Vandha* (1975), *Khalnayak* (1993), *Haadsa* (1983) and *Qayamat* (1983). Salam explained that over the years, the theatre had created a niche for itself in playing regional films, with Bengali films being particularly popular. "Suchitra Sen's *Megh Kalo* (1970) for instance, was initially booked for a single week, but given the rush it created, it ran for eight weeks," he said.

The hall found popularity among the high and mighty of Indian politics. It was visited on several occasions by Nehru, Dr Rajendra Prasad, Indira Gandhi, Morarji Desai, among others. "LK Advani must have watched at least 10 films here," said Rajkumar Mehrotra, who has been serving as manager of Delite for the last 42 years.

An important moment in Delite's history was during the 1971 Indo-Pakistan war. At the time, cinema houses in the city had cancelled their evening and

night shows on instruction to switch off their lights. Delite, however, in a streak of patriotism played the latest news from the warfront during its regular shows. "At the height of the war when *Upasana* was released in 1971, news broadcasts were aired in the beginning and end of the film," said Salam.

He noted that the hall had made provisions for two intervals so that three news updates could be given out during each movie. "Unlike the war with China in 1962, people were very emotional about the Bangladesh Liberation War and were interested in getting constant updates even while watching a movie."

In the decades following the Independence, cinema had a different appeal in Delhi in comparison to that in Bombay or Calcutta. "Bombay had style and fanfare, Calcutta was too cerebral or low key, but Delhi celebrated cinema," Salam said. "The best of Hindi film makers would withhold the release of their film if a theatre of their choice was not available in Delhi."

In the years since the 1990s, a

majority of Delite's contemporary single screened theatres such as Golcha, Jubilee, Novelty have either shut down or are on the verge of shutting down. What accounted for Delite's thriving longevity was the Raizadas' investment in technology and expansion of the hall.

In 1994, when *Hum Aapke Hain Kaun* released, it brought back families to the cinema halls. In Delhi, the movie released in just two halls, Delite being one of them, where the film completed a jubilee run. It was during this time that the hall went through a complete change with fresh seating, better air-conditioning and a new cafeteria.

Yet another challenge in the hall's long journey was the opening of multiplexes. Mehrotra said that with the emergence of multiplexes, the single screened theatre realised that it would have to provide the same quality experience to customers in order to retain them. "We started providing facilities on a par with the multiplexes and at much lower prices," he said.

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# GOVT & POLITICS

**Adhir blames hackers for 'big tree falls' tweet, cops tell him to submit devices**

**PTI & ENS**  
KOLKATA, MAY 21

CONGRESS LEADER Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury Saturday filed a police complaint alleging that his Twitter account had been hacked, after a post with the phrase, "when a big tree falls, the ground shakes", along with a photograph of Rajiv Gandhi was uploaded from his handle while paying tribute to the former Prime Minister on his death anniversary.

The phrase was used by Rajiv in reference to anti-Sikh violence following the assassination of his mother and then PM Indira Gandhi.

The post, seen Saturday morning, was removed soon after it came under criticism. "The tweet against my name in the twitter account has nothing to do with my own observation. A malicious campaign is propagated by those forces inimical to me," he posted in two tweets in the afternoon.

An FIR has been lodged at South Avenue Police Station in New Delhi, he said. "Today, an unscrupulous, biased and a content tainted with absolute malafide was posted on my Twitter account when I was busy with the party programme on the dais and did not carry my mobile phone," he stated in the complaint. "...I believe that my Twitter account had been hacked..."

Tagging Chowdhury, Delhi Police tweeted in the evening, "Thank you for bringing the issue to our notice. It's requested that you submit us the devices which you claim to have been hacked for conducting the investigation on the basis of the complaint made by you. Looking forward to your cooperation. Legal action is being taken."

**On Gyanvapi row, PFI says won't allow repeat of Babri**

**SHAJU PHILIP**  
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM, MAY 21

RADICAL ISLAMIC outfit Popular Front of India (PFI) on Saturday said it would not allow a repeat of Babri Masjid in the country.

Referring to the Kashi Vishwanath temple-Gyanvapi mosque controversy, PFI national president O M A Salam said, "People of the country are living in fear. The news coming from Kashi and Mathura is dangerous. A complaint is filed that there is a Shiving in a mosque. Soon, the court orders to seal the mosque... how the Babri Masjid was made a disputed structure... new stories are coming in that same track."

"The PFI would be at the forefront in the fight against any move to encroach near mosques and make them temples. The PFI is ready to make any sacrifice or face any loss for that," said Salam, addressing a gathering in Alappuzha as part of PFI's "Save the Republic" campaign. Earlier in the day, a volunteer march was taken out in Alappuzha as part of the campaign.

## As regional parties bristle at remarks, Rahul clarifies: Cong not a big daddy

**MANOJ CG**  
NEW DELHI, MAY 21

HIS RECENT remarks that the Congress alone can fight BJP, as regional parties neither have an ideology nor a centralised approach, having upset leaders in many other opposition parties, senior Congress leader Rahul Gandhi has nuanced his position. He said his remarks at the party's Chintan Shivir in Udaipur were misconstrued and he does not consider Congress as "the big daddy".

During an interaction in London late Friday, Rahul said the Congress is in no way "superior" to other opposition parties. He said all the parties are fighting the same battle but added that the "ideological battle that is taking place is between the national vision of the RSS and the national vision of the Congress".

**Assam: Asst prof held for emails slamming govt, abusing CM**

**PRESS TRUST OF INDIA**  
HAILAKANDI (ASSAM), MAY 21

AN ASSOCIATE professor of a college in Assam's Hailakandi district was arrested Saturday for allegedly sending emails to officials criticising government policies and using abusive words against the Chief Minister, police said.

Police had registered a case suo motu against the professor, leading to his arrest, he added.

The officer in-charge of Hailakandi Sadar Police Station, Ampee Daolagupu, said the accused had allegedly sent out emails to the official email account of the district Superintendent of Police, condemning government policies and also using abusive words against the Chief Minister and the Education minister.

He also allegedly criticised the National Education Policy 2020 and the ongoing 'Gunotsav', an exercise by the Education Department to evaluate government schools, in the email, Daolagupu said. "Besides the email to the SP, he sent similar ones to other district officials."

**Puri: India to reach \$5-trn economy target before '30**

**LIZ MATHEW**  
BENGALURU, MAY 21

THE MEASURES taken by the government during the pandemic, including steps for energy security, will help achieve its target of a \$5-trillion economy by 2030, said Union Minister Hardeep Singh Puri Saturday.

"Post-pandemic, India has emerged as much stronger in international trade and exchanges. I believe that the target of \$5-trillion economy by 2030 is not only achievable but we will get there before that," Puri said at the India Ideas Conclave here.

The Minister for Petroleum and Natural Gas said with 60 million going to petrol pumps every



Congress chief Sonia Gandhi pays tribute to Rajiv Gandhi on his death anniversary, in New Delhi, Saturday. Prem Nath Pandey

He also said the Congress is not winning elections because of polarisation and dominance of the media by BJP.

The fight in India is not a political fight, he said — it is not a fight between one political organisation and a set of other political parties. He said: "We are now fighting the institutional structure of

the Indian state, which is being captured by an organisation, which means the only way for us... we will get no respite from the institutional framework of our country... the only way for us is to go to the large mass of the India people. And that is not just the Congress... that is for all opposition parties."

He said Congress will have to think about an organisational system, which is much closer to a large mass of the people. "And we also have to think of large-scale mass movements on issues like unemployment, prices, regional issues and we have to coordinate with our friends in the Opposition. So I don't view the Congress as the big daddy. It is a group effort with the Opposition but it is a fight to regain India."

Asked whether he was cementing collaboration with other parties to move forward, Rahul said, "Yes. And the point I made in Udaipur, which was misconstrued, is that this is an ideological battle now and it is a national ideological battle, which means that, of course, we respect... for example DMK as a Tamil political organisation, but Congress is the party that has the ideology at the national level. So Congress will have to think about itself as a structure enabling the Opposition."

"In no way is the Congress superior to other opposition parties. We are all fighting the same battle — they have their space... we have our space. But the ideological battle taking place is between the national vision of RSS and national vision of Congress," he said.

In his concluding remarks at the Udaipur Chintan Shivir last week, Rahul had said Congress alone can fight BJP, as regional parties neither have an ideology nor a centralised approach.

**Hate speech: Anticipatory bail denied to senior Kerala leader**

**PRESS TRUST OF INDIA**  
KOCHI, MAY 21

A sessions court here on Saturday dismissed the anticipatory bail plea filed by senior Kerala politician P C George in connection with a hate speech case, stating that his comments prima facie appear to be of such a nature as to promote disharmony, hatred and ill-will between communities.

Police reached the former MLA's residence to take him into custody, but he was not traceable.

George moved his bail plea soon after Kochi city police had registered a case against him on May 10 for his objectionable remarks during a speech at a temple festival in Emakulam district. On Saturday, the court said it was not possible to take a lenient view on his anticipatory bail and dismissed the petition.

The order said George, who was recently arrested in a similar case, was released on bail subject to the condition that he would not make and propagate controversial statements that might hurt religious sentiments.



Home Minister Amit Shah in Arunachal Pradesh's Tirap district on Saturday. PTI

## Assam-Arunachal border dispute will likely be resolved by 2023, says Shah

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE**  
GUWAHATI, MAY 21

UNION HOME Minister Amit Shah Saturday said he was hopeful that the inter-state boundary dispute between Arunachal Pradesh and Assam would be resolved by 2023.

"Almost 60 per cent of the Assam and Meghalaya boundary dispute has been resolved amicably... It is likely that the dispute between Arunachal Pradesh and Assam would be resolved by next year," Shah said, speaking at the golden jubilee celebrations of Ramakrishna Mission School in Arunachal Pradesh's Tirap district.

The dispute between the two states dates back to colonial times with frequent flare-ups reported along the over 800-km boundary.

Shah is in Arunachal Pradesh on a two-day visit to inaugurate a slew of development projects. On Saturday, Shah unveiled an 18-foot statue of Swami Vivekananda on the school premises and inaugurated a new hostel building and administrative block.

In his address, Shah claimed that 9,000 militants from the region had joined the mainstream during the last eight years of the Narendra Modi-led government at the Centre. "They have laid down arms and now work towards the development of India," he said.

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## On visit to Delhi, Bommai says no talk on Cabinet reshuffle

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE**  
BENGALURU, MAY 21

KARNATAKA CHIEF Minister Basavaraj Bommai, who paid a sudden visit to Delhi — setting off speculation in political circles — Saturday said there was no discussion with the BJP's central leadership on Cabinet reshuffle or expansion.

The consultations during his visit revolved around the polls for Rajya Sabha, Legislative Council and local bodies.

Speaking in Delhi, Bommai said: "The Cabinet expansion did not come up for discussion with the party top brass as the deliberations had to be focused on elections to BBMP and local bodies in the backdrop of Supreme Court order in this regard."

He said: "I met BJP state in-charge Arun Singh as instructed by Home Minister Amit Shah. We discussed the Legislative Council and Rajya Sabha elections. I provided details about the list submitted."

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**Brush with the law**

Om Prakash Chautala, 87, a four-time Haryana chief minister and seven-time MLA, was convicted by a Delhi court Saturday. A look at the cases against him:

**2000:** Teacher recruitment scam emerges in Haryana. More than 3,200 teachers had been illegally recruited

**1993-2006:** Chautala amasses Rs 6.09 crore in assets disproportionate to his known sources of income, as per CBI

**March 26, 2010:** CBI files chargesheet against the INLD leader in the disproportionate assets case

**January 22, 2013:** Supreme Court holds him guilty in teacher recruitment scam

**April 16, 2019:** Enforcement Directorate attaches Chautala's properties worth Rs 3.68 crore in disproportionate assets case



Chautala had been trying to revive INLD. File

**July 2, 2021:** Released from jail in recruitment scam case

**May 21, 2022:** Delhi court finds him guilty in assets case

**May 26, 2022:** Court to pronounce quantum of punishment

## Bangla minister urges India to protect minorities, says applies to all nations

**LIZ MATHEW**  
BENGALURU, MAY 21

URGING INDIA to "protect and guarantee fundamental rights of every citizen", Bangladesh Education Minister Dipu Moni on Saturday said that "unbiased application of the provisions of the Constitution on freedom of religion and freedom to manage religious affairs" will bring peace and sustainability.

Addressing a conclave in Bengaluru, Moni also called for protection of minorities in India. "It is applicable for all our countries," she added.

Moni was addressing a session titled 'India@2047' at the India Ideas Conclave, organised



Bangladesh Education Minister Dipu Moni at the India Ideas Conclave. PTI

by India Foundation, a think-tank working closely with BJP and RSS.

"For India to emerge as one of the respected global powers, it has to realise the dreams of the

founding fathers as enunciated in the Constitution," Moni said. "Protecting and guaranteeing fundamental rights of citizens can set the stage for India to unleash the potential of its citizens, in particular people belonging to Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes, OBCs and women from all sections of the society."

Moni said, "(The) social stratification unique to India will not only deprive the weaker sections but (will) also allow divisive policies and approaches. Stating that protection of interest of minorities of all nature — including minorities with a distinct language and culture — can "help deter tension and avoid sectarian violence", Moni said "this is applicable for all countries".

## Centre approves Karnataka move to keep eggs in school meals in 7 dists

**SOURAV ROY BARMAN**  
NEW DELHI, MAY 21

THE CENTRE has approved the Karnataka government's decision to keep eggs in the mid-day meal menu of seven backward districts even in the next academic year, extending a pilot initiative to address malnutrition that was opposed by many religious seers of the state.

The development comes at a time the Karnataka government is considering a proposal to add more districts where eggs are on the mid-day meal menu. But, for now, it is official that the children of Raichur, Yadgir, Bidar, Kalburgi, Koppal, Bellary, Vijayapura will be the beneficiaries of the extension.

The decision was taken at the

**EXPLAINED**  
**Sticking to eggs**

DESPITE ITS nutritional benefits, eggs are missing from the mid-day meal menu in many states and Union Territories. For now, Karnataka appears to have overcome the pressure mounted by dominant caste and religious groups against the introduction of eggs in the school lunch programme.

meeting of the Project Approval Board (PAB) of the mid-day meal scheme, which was renamed as PM POSHAN in 2021. According

to the minutes of the meeting approved on May 17, the intervention, which will benefit 16.06 lakh children, will cost Rs 44.94 crore.

"After detailed discussions, PAB-PM POSHAN approved to provide supplementary nutrition items i.e. one egg to 16,06,092 lakh children for 46 days in 7 districts viz. Raichur, Yadgir, Bidar, Kalburgi, Koppal, Bellary, Vijayapura at an estimated expenditure of Rs 44.94 crore comprising Rs 26.96 crore as central share and Rs 17.98 crore as State share," according to the minutes.

The move to extend the initiative is significant as last year, when the state started providing eggs as part of mid-day meal to children of these districts, influential forums such as the Lingayat Dharma Mahasabha,

Rashtriya Basava Dal and the Jain Mutt had petitioned the government to drop the plan.

According to a Union government official involved in the deliberations, the Karnataka government's decision to cast aside the objections mainly stems from the fact that many studies have underlined the urgency to provide supplementary nutrition to children of the state.

The state told the Centre that its north-eastern parts are "identified as most socio-economically and educationally backward".

Now, the state government has been advised by the Centre to provide the eggs by the third quarter of 2022-23 to "mitigate the nutritional challenges posed by the COVID pandemic".

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## 'Of course PDP will fight polls... we are not going to leave any space uncontested for BJP'

**BASHAARAT MASOOD**  
SRINAGAR, MAY 21

FORMER Chief Minister and Peoples Democratic Party president Mehbooba Mufti has said her party would definitely contest the elections in Jammu and Kashmir, whenever they are held.

Asked whether the PDP would participate, even if statehood was not restored to J&K, Mufti said, in an interview to *The Sunday Express*: "Of course the PDP is going to fight the elections, because we are not going to leave any space uncontested for the BJP." On whether she herself would contest, Mufti said she had already made it clear that she was "not going to be in power politics for quite some time".

The PDP leader also expressed confidence that she and rival



Mehbooba: 'Won't be in power politics for quite some time'. Shuaib Masoodi

National Conference would work out hitches so that the People's Alliance for Gupkar Declaration

parties could fight the elections jointly, though she admitted that they were yet to have formal talks in this regard. "We have to rise above our party politics, power politics, and look at the larger interests of the state, people. And for that, both of us (the PDP and NC) have to make sacrifices," she said.

Mufti said there was almost no space for parties to carry out normal political activities in Kashmir. Talking of the numerous times she had been put under "house arrest", or permission denied to her for a public meeting, she said: "They are monitoring the political activities of all parties and they have tried their level best to demonise us mainstream parties, to discredit us... In this atmosphere, it is very difficult to do what people want us to do."

The PDP chief said that the delimitation exercise was part of the

same series of decisions that had been made since the scrapping of Article 370 in August 2019 to "disempower the majority community". "All over the world, population is the criteria, and then comes geography and others (for delimitation). But here, they have just thrown it to the winds. You have seats where there are 50,000 votes, and you have seats where there are almost 2 lakh votes... They have laid the foundation for the political disempowerment of the majority community... In Jammu, they have scattered the minority vote, be it Muslims or Sikhs, in such a way that their vote has lost its significance."

Mufti linked this to what was happening in the country, calling it India's "darkest period" since Independence, with J&K "the worst sufferer". **FULL REPORT ON**  
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We cannot depart from the path of an open, liberal and market-based economy. That would be suicidal. Yet, we must take stock and, considering the global and domestic developments, re-set our economic policies. That requires the courage, clarity and speed of 1991

I CAN scarcely believe that 31 years have rolled by since the bugle was first sounded on a change of economic policy: devaluation of the rupee on July 1, 1991. It was a dramatic move, disruptive, and was vehemently denounced. The Opposition was so strident that PV Narasimha Rao wanted to put on hold the next step. Dr Manmohan Singh pretended to carry out the PM's wish to "hold back", Dr C Rangarajan, the Deputy Governor of the RBI was "unavailable", and the bugle was sounded again by announcing a further devaluation in 48 hours! It was a two-step dance that was choreographed in advance and performed with great skill. What followed can be summed up in two words: pure courage. In quick succession, the government announced trade policy reforms, the new industrial policy and a path-breaking budget. The world sat up and took notice of the courage, clarity and speed of the government. The elephant had begun its dance.

AFFIRM OPEN MARKET ECONOMY

In the last 30 years since a Congress-led government ushered in the era of liberalisation, the country has reaped enormous benefits in terms of wealth creation, new businesses, new entrepreneurs, a huge middle class, millions of jobs, exports, and lifting 270 million out of poverty. Yet, without doubt, a significant number live

in extreme poverty. There is hunger, as witnessed by India's rank of 101 (out of 116 countries) in the Global Hunger Index 2021. There is widespread malnutrition affecting women and children, as revealed by the National Family Health Survey-5. There are poor learning outcomes as revealed by the Annual Status of Education Reports. There is massive unemployment. There is, periodically, high inflation. There are rising inequalities of income, wealth and gender. There are stark regional inequalities. Many sections of the people are denied a fair and equal opportunity. We cannot depart from the path of an open, liberal and market-based economy. That would be suicidal. Yet, we must take stock and, considering the global and domestic developments, re-set our economic policies. That requires the courage, clarity and speed of 1991.

GLOBAL, DOMESTIC DEVELOPMENTS

Consider the global developments. Rich nations have become richer and the gap, for example, between China and India has widened. China's nominal GDP in 2022 will be USD 16.7 trillion and India's will be USD 3 trillion. Digital technology will invade every aspect of human life. Data will be the new wealth. Automation, robotics, machine learning and artificial intelligence will rule the world and the role of humans will be re-defined. 5G,

Internet 3.0, blockchain, metaverse and unknowns will define the spaces in the new world. Climate change will leave its consequences and the human race will struggle to cope with them. We will run out of fossil fuels and will be forced to augment renewable sources of clean energy to sustain life on this planet.

Consider the domestic developments. The Total Fertility Rate (TFR) has declined to 2.0 which is below the replacement rate. The proportion of the population below the age of 15 has fallen from 28.6 per cent in 2015-16 to 26.5 per cent in 2019-21. This marks the beginning of the end of the demographic dividend. The average farmer produces more and yet his station in life hasn't changed. He/she believes farming is not viable and their children do not want to take up farming. There is rapid urbanization and the urban unemployment rate is climbing. Digitization is expanding; so is the digital divide between the poor and the middle class/rich. Majoritarianism is seeping into public discourse and the politics of polarization and hate will take a toll on the economy. No nation can become an economic power if 20 per cent of the population is excluded from the political and economic structures of the country.

EXCLUSION IS SELF-DEFEATING

The case for a re-set is compelling. The

country will not accept *jobless* growth, much less the *job-loss* growth of the last few years. The cornerstone of growth must be 'jobs', everything else will flow from the creation of jobs. From the lofty promise of creating 2 crore jobs a year to the pathetic argument that 'selling *pakor*s' is a job, the Modi government has let down hard-working families that had invested everything in educating their children and now face a situation of no jobs. The Modi government may be able to get away, temporarily, with the seductive appeal of Hindutva but soon the youth will realize that Hindutva (and a polarized and divided society) will not bring jobs to any one whether he/she is a Hindu, Muslim, Christian, Sikh or belonging to any other faith or an atheist.

This discussion leads us, inevitably, to the altered balance in Centre-State relations. Never before have these relations been so fraught; never before have the finances of states been so fragile. The States' Own Resources have dwindled. There is growing disenchantment with GST, thanks to the way it is being administered. There is a complete breakdown of trust between the Centre and the states. There is even talk of GSTexit, *a la* Brexit. The Centre has encroached on the legislative domain of the states and is using its executive and financial powers to force the states to meekly submit. Not only the Modi government's policies but the path it has chosen will lead to the destruction of federalism.

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Evil under  
the sun

WE DO not need proof that the Gyanvapi Mosque is built on the ruins of a Hindu temple. Nor do we need proof that there is an Idgah built above the prison cell in which Krishna is said to have been born. What we do need proof of, is that we have not suddenly all gone mad. This could be the most difficult task of all if we judge by the hysteria over the 'wrongs of history' that we now hear daily not just from acolytes of the Sangh Parivar, but also from people who belong to that despised English-speaking elite that Narendra Modi once dismissed contemptuously as the 'Khan Market gang'. I admit without the slightest shame that I belong to this elite and that I am astounded by how many people I grew up with who now rant on about how much they hate Muslims.

The ugly truth is that once the genie of hatred is released, it is hard to contain. So, it is no longer about righting the wrongs of history or about reclaiming ancient temples, it is about how much we hate Muslims and about how Islam is a religion that breeds murderous fanatics. In this outpouring of hatred for 'invaders', all of India's Muslims are being called jihadists, whose punishment is the erasure of their culture, language, and status as equal citizens.

It is not just mosques that must be torn down and replaced with temples, the names of cities and streets must also be Hindufied. There has also begun a serious campaign to erase Urdu, or at least prove that it is a foreign language. The message to Muslims who chose India over Pakistan in 1947 is that they made a bad choice. They must now learn to accept that although they chose to remain Indian, they should now learn to live in India as lesser citizens.

This message is being aggressively relayed on social media and in prime-time debates. In these debates about the wounds of history, it is BJP spokesmen who speak ferociously about how the 'invaders' wanted to destroy India's identity. Last week I listened in amazement to a BJP spokeswoman who did not see the irony of quoting Allama Iqbal when she said that the invaders (read Muslims) wanted to destroy India's '*hasti*' adding '*kuch baat hai jo hasti mitti nahin hamari*'. In this verse Iqbal talks of ancient civilizations like Greece and Rome having vanished but India having survived despite the tides of history being hostile for centuries. What has been forgotten in this miasma of hysteria and hatred is that Muslim invaders stayed on, and their culture and history became part of India's culture and history. It was the British who left, but somehow in the 'new India', the British are forgiven.

The Prime Minister finally broke his silence last week. In a puzzling speech, he blamed Opposition parties for using 'small incidents of tension to inject poison' into the atmosphere. If Modi believes that the turmoil and violence of the past months were 'small incidents', then he deludes himself and the country. They were not 'small' and the Opposition was not to blame. There is only one Opposition party that has a national presence and the Congress proved at its 'Chintan Shivir' in Udaipur that it has not even learned to become a proper Opposition party.

What is happening, Prime Minister, is entirely because of you and your party. And it is in your hands and your hands alone to bring peace in our terrifyingly divided land. What we need from you is a list of mosques that the Hindus want converted back into temples and an announcement that this is the end. You must then personally set up a Truth and Reconciliation commission. Let priests, scholars, historians from all faiths sit together and reopen every old wound.

This should have been done when Partition happened, but if we do not start examining the 'wrongs of history' in such a commission today, we have quite simply had it. The Prime Minister may believe that his 'new India' is doing just fine, but this is not true. Not only is India not doing fine, it is in grave danger of veering totally off course and moving not forwards but backwards, into treacherous territory. If we do not change course, there is not the smallest chance of India becoming that mighty, self-reliant country that Modi believes we are on our way to becoming.

We are not even close to being that country, and it is entirely because in these past few years the agenda of the Sangh Parivar has taken precedence over what Modi says is the 'core issue of development'. What we need now is for political and religious leaders to prove that they can be leaders when they are called on to lead. It is hard to remember a time when leadership has been more urgently needed. We need religious and political leaders to immediately begin a process of healing and reconciliation. It is not just the wounds of the ancient past that need healing, but those inflicted in much more recent times. As for those who continue spreading hatred and violence, let them be warned that if they continue down this path, they will be locked up and tried for treason. They are India's real '*tukde-tukde*' gang. They do only evil in a very bad time.

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LEARNT FROM A MASTER

Amit Shah is considered the shrewdest campaign manager around. In the compilation of essays *Modi @20*, Shah acknowledges that he learnt the tricks of the trade from a master, Narendra Modi. Shah traces the story of Modi's success as a poll strategist not to the Gujarat chief ministerial or 2014 campaigns, but way back to 1987, when Modi was given charge of the BJP campaign in the Ahmedabad Municipal Corporation polls. At that time, the Congress was the dominant party in Gujarat and across the country. The BJP, with about a dozen seats, was hardly in the electoral reckoning and the Janata Dal was the Congress's main rival. Modi was then general secretary (Organisation) and Shah in-charge of the BJP Ahmedabad unit. Against all odds, the BJP won a majority of the municipal seats and the Mayor's office that year. In their two long tours through Gujarat, Modi taught Shah many important lessons. One piece of advice which always stayed with Shah was that in every village there would be two major candidates from the preceding sarpanch elections. While the winner would be from the Congress or the JD, Modi made it a point of wooing the loser and persuading him to join the BJP. Gujarat has not turned its back on the BJP since the mid-1990s.

MATTER OF NO DEBATE

At the Congress Chintan Shivir, Acharya Pramod Krishnam, a Priyanka Gandhi Vadra protégé, suggested that if Rahul Gandhi was not interested in being party chief, why not appoint Priyanka. A furious Vadra signalled to Deepender Hooda to make Krishnam shut up. Mallikarjun Kharge also pitched in, telling the self-styled spiritual guru that junior members were not expected to speak out of turn. Later, Vadra gave Krishnam a tongue lashing in front of several delegates. She angrily accused him of describing himself as her political adviser when no one had given him any such authority. Incidentally, at the Udaipur meet, the G-23 members remained largely silent, perhaps aware that they were outfoxed and outnumbered.

PASSPORT MAN?

When she died in August 2019, the media rightly eulogised Sushma Swaraj for revolutionising the passport application process in India. As Minister for External

Affairs, Swaraj vastly increased the number of Passport Seva Kendras across the country. After her death, many testified how hitherto unhelpful passport officers creating unnecessary delays had fallen in line when Swaraj responded to tweets from people asking for assistance. This columnist was, therefore, taken aback to receive an invitation last month to the premiere of a documentary *Passport Man of India*, giving credit for the passport revolution to Dnyaneshwar Mulay, a member of the NHRC. Mishra was formerly in the IFS, but how he has usurped Swaraj's legacy is a mystery.

NO PULL APPOINTMENT

With uncharacteristic speed, the Central government cleared the appointment of Justice Jamshed Pardiwala to the Supreme Court, superseding many others. This led to a buzz in Delhi's cynical law fraternity that he must have benefited from his Gujarat connection. In fact, the outspoken and independent-minded judge has never been a favourite of the establishment. When he was to be appointed judge in the Gujarat HC, the state government, with Narendra Modi as CM, held up the appointment for over a year. Pardiwala's judicial pronouncements have frequently been unfavourable to the ruling party; whether barring the Jagannath Yatra, pulling up the Gujarat government for its handling of the pandemic or ordering a re-trial of former BJP MP Dinu Solanki, who was later sentenced to life imprisonment for murder. Clearly the Centre did not interfere in the Collegium's recommendations. According to seniority, Pardiwala is expected to serve as Chief Justice for two years and three months in 2028. Incidentally, Pardiwala will not be the fourth Parsi SC judge, as reported by some, but the sixth; Dinshah Madon, Sam Bharucha, Sam Variava, Sarosh Kapadia and Rohinton Nariman precede him.

COMPETITIVE HINDUTVA

The fight between Uddhav Thackeray and Devendra Fadnavis has become deeply personal, with both claiming to be real Hindutva champions. At his rally, Thackeray pointed out that when the Babri Masjid was destroyed by *kar sevaks*, the BJP had termed the move as "unfortunate" and disowned responsibility, while Bal Thackeray hailed the demolition. The late Pramod Mahajan had said that the *kar sevaks* who brought down the dome were largely Marathi-speaking, indicating they were Sena workers. He said that while RSS uniforms calls for black caps, the Sainiks have always flaunted saffron colours. He wondered how Fadnavis could question the Sena's decision to ally with the Congress when the BJP had once tied up with Mehbooba Mufti and was even today unable to protect Kashmiri Pandits.

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THERE ARE ambiguities in the sordid conflict between divorced actors Johnny Depp and Amber Heard, but some things are clear.

Depp texted a friend that he wanted to kill Heard and then have sex with "her burnt corpse afterwards to make sure she is dead." There is a video of Depp smashing kitchen cabinets while Heard tries to calm him, saying, at one point, "All I did was say 'sorry'!" In an audio recording, she tells him to go put his "cigarettes out on someone else," and he responded, "Shut up, fat ass."

He admitted to head-butting her, though he said it was an accident. When Heard went to court to get a domestic violence restraining order against Depp, she had a bruise on her cheekbone from where she said he threw a phone at her.

In 2018, *The Sun*, a British newspaper, called Depp a "wife beater," and he sued for libel. Proving libel is much easier in Britain than in the US, because there the burden of proof rests with the defendant. Depp lost his case. A judge, evaluating 14 incidents of Depp's alleged abuse of Heard, found that 12 had occurred and concluded that *The Sun*'s words were "substantially true."

Now Depp is suing Heard in Virginia for \$50 million, saying that she defamed him when she described herself, in a *Washington Post* essay that didn't mention Depp, as "a public figure representing domestic abuse." His case seems absurd, since even if he were innocent, the British verdict was well known, and Heard was referring to what she symbolized, not what she allegedly endured. (She is countering for \$100 mn.)

If Depp somehow prevails, one can expect similar lawsuits against other women who say they've survived abuse. Already, the singer Marilyn Manson has filed a defamation suit against his ex-fiancee Evan Rachel Wood, one of several women who have accused him of sexual violence.

But Depp needn't succeed in court to achieve his ends. In a 2016 email to his former agent, Christian Carino, Depp wrote that Heard was "begging for total global humiliation." Now this televised trial has resulted in an explosion of hatred directed at her. The volatile actress—who at times was violent toward Depp, and who never made good on a promise to donate her entire divorce settlement to charity—is very far from a perfect victim. That made her the perfect object of a #MeToo backlash.

Online, there's a level of industrial-scale bullying directed at Heard that puts all previous social media pile-ons to shame.

Amber Heard and the  
Death of #MeToo



Amber Heard at the Fairfax County Circuit Courthouse on May 18. Her ex-husband Johnny Depp has sued her for \$50 million for a 2018 essay. AP

Countless videos skewer Heard on TikTok; the 'NSync member Lance Bass joined in the trend of mockingly re-enacting her testimony. A makeup brand even took part in the anti-Heard melee, posting a TikTok video meant to contradict her lawyer's description of how she covered up bruises. Meanwhile, every platform appears to be full of adoring pro-Depp memes. "Why Does It Seem Like the Entire Internet Is Team Johnny Depp?" said a *Vice* headline.

This doesn't mean that the case is entirely straightforward. Heard has admitted hitting Depp, and has been recorded belittling him. The couple's counselor testified that they engaged in "mutual abuse," saying of Heard, "It was a point of pride to her, if she felt disrespected, to initiate a fight."

Some domestic violence experts consider mutual abuse a myth, arguing that while both partners can behave terribly, one usually exercises power over the other. But even if you believe that Heard acted inexcusably, the idea that she was the primary aggressor—against a larger man with far more resources who was recorded cursing at her for daring to speak in an "authoritative" way—defies logic.

Indeed, one of the most sensational details from the trial might just as easily fit into a story of her victimization. Depp, you may know by now, accused Heard or one of her friends of defecating in her bed as an act of revenge, and his bodyguard said she'd confessed to a prank gone wrong. Heard testified that one of their dogs, incontinent

since eating Depp's weed as a puppy, defiled the bed. "It was not really a jovial time, and I don't think that's funny, period," she said. "That's disgusting."

When Depp testified, the hashtags #AmberTurd and #MePoo shot across the internet. The image of Heard, a woman whose brand is bombshell blond glamour, is now linked, perhaps permanently, to excrement. If she's not a psychopath, she's the casualty of a sadistic reputational hit job.

It's worth noting that in 2020, Bot Sentinel, a group that tracks online disinformation, was hired by Heard's lawyers to analyze the social media campaign against her. "Everyone thinks that any activity against them is bots or whatever," the group's founder, Chris Bouzy, told me. But in this case, some of it was—Bouzy estimated that there were 340 "inauthentic" Twitter accounts devoted to defaming Heard.

Yet even if trolls and bots helped juice anti-Heard mania, there are obviously plenty of real people participating in it. Some of them are obsessive Depp fans; as Kaitlyn Tiffany wrote in *The Atlantic*, there's a history of online communities fixating "on theories that the male objects of their fandom were being manipulated and tortured by less-famous, female romantic partners."

There seems, however, to be a broader misogynist frenzy at work, one characteristic of the deeply reactionary moment we're living through. "She will hit the wall hard!!!" Depp wrote in the email to Carino. Looks like he knew his audience. NYT

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MARTIN LUTHER King Jr famously said that injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere. I was too young to understand its actual meaning until my days at a law college in Salem. The other thing that opened my eye to the world of righteousness and morality was A G Perarivalan's book *An Appeal from the Death Row*.

It gave me a perspective on human rights, lives of prisoners, and the politics of power. It also made me empathise with the failed attempts of Arpudham Ammal to bring her son Perarivalan, a convict in the Rajiv Gandhi assassination, out of prison.

I wrote to Arivu (Perarivalan), who was in Vellore prison back then. I mentioned that I wanted to help him in some way, and he

What Arivu's fight and faith taught me

asked me to support him as a professional lawyer. We kept communicating for about two years. We read judgments like Bachchan Singh (on the doctrine of rarest of rare in case of death penalty), Machhi Singh (further establishing the same), Kehar Singh (on the pardoning powers of the President), and Vaitheeswaran and Triveniben (on implications of delays in executing the death penalty), and understood the vision of Justice V R Krishna Iyer and Justice Bhagwati, for figuring out the jurisprudence of the death penalty.

As it was a high-profile case, I took it up fully conscious of the tensions that surrounded it. In 2011, we joined hands with lawyers Rajeev Rupesh and Paari Vendhan. We camped at the office of Yug Mohit Chaudhry, a leading criminal lawyer at the Bombay High Court and a champion for the abolition of death penalty in India.

When the mercy petitions of Arivu and the others were denied in 2011, there were huge protests in Tamil Nadu. An activist named Sengodi set herself on fire in protest. It was with utter misery that I met Arivu and two others in Vellore jail that evening. After an outcry from all corners, a resolution was passed in the state Assembly for the death sentence to be commuted. Then, the Madras HC stayed the execution, after which the case went to the Supreme Court.

One interview day, Arivu told me over the phone that he had received a letter from Bhubaneswar. I asked whether it was from former CBI officer V Thiagarajan, and he was surprised at my right guess. Since we had already researched that Thiagarajan, who was the CBI SP, Kerala Branch, at the time of the Rajiv assassination, was an officer from the Orissa cadre, it was easy for me to guess who could have written to Arivu.

Arivu said that Thiagarajan had expressed his willingness to help him. We took a train from Chennai to Bhubaneswar to meet him. In an affidavit dated October 27, 2017, Thiagarajan went on to submit that during the probe, he had "not recorded" Perarivalan's statement saying that "he was totally in the dark as to the purpose for which the batteries were purchased". Thiagarajan said he had not recorded it since "it would have been an exculpatory statement and hence the whole purpose of recording the confessional statement would be lost". (The only charge against Perarivalan was that he bought two batteries that were subsequently used in making the bomb used to kill Rajiv Gandhi.)

Perarivalan's affidavit made a huge difference in the pending litigation in the Supreme Court. Though there have been instances in the past of investigative officers

giving statements for reduction of death sentences, I think it was the first time an IPS officer of his rank came forward to give such an affidavit. This hugely helped the case and was a gift to Perarivalan's fine character.

I also owe a lot to the faith that Arivu had in me. I was a junior lawyer, but he never questioned my ability. He said he wanted a lawyer who believed he was innocent. A huge contribution was also made by Gopal Sankaranarayan, who carries Arivu's brief on his hands and heart. If Yug and Ram Jethmalani were the spines of the commutation case, Gopal Sankaranarayan was the brain. He helped us bring Thiagarajan's affidavit on record before the apex court.

The Supreme Court's judgment is also a slap on the face of officers who wrap up high-profile cases by going after innocents who are not remotely related to the offence.

The writer was Perarivalan's counsel in SC

# ECONOMY

## \$19.6 BILLION UNDER RBI'S LIBERALISED REMITTANCE SCHEME

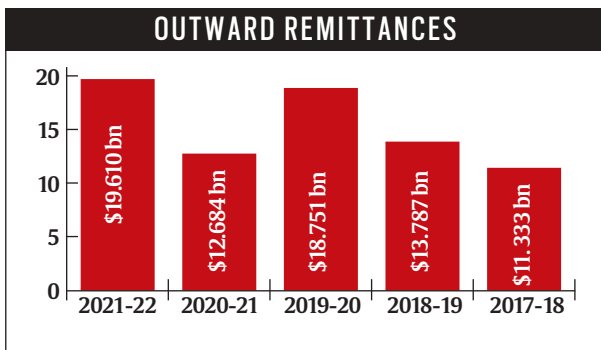
# FY22: As Covid curbs ease, outward remittances up 55% to all-time high

GEORGE MATHEW  
MUMBAI, MAY 21

FOREIGN EXCHANGE, including the US dollar and euro, taken out of the country by resident Indians has shot up by 54.60 per cent during the fiscal ended March 2022 as countries opened up and flight services resumed after the Covid-19 pandemic restricted the movement of resident Indians in the previous year.

Total outward remittances under the Reserve Bank of India's (RBI) Liberalised Remittance Scheme (LRS), shot up to an all-time high of \$19.610 billion in the year ended March 2022 as against \$12.684 billion in March 2021, as per latest RBI data. Remittances in FY22 have overtaken the figure of \$18.75 billion recorded in 2019-20 before the pandemic ravaged the globe.

Under the travel category, the forex outgo more than doubled to \$6.909 billion in 2021-22 as against \$3.239 billion in the previous year. The rise was mainly due to the lifting of travel restrictions after the pandemic subsided in the last a few months, leading to resumption of flight



services to most countries and removal of visa curbs by nations.

Remittances for studies abroad increased to \$5.165 billion from \$3.836 billion the previous year as foreign universities restarted offline classes and students started getting visa for studies. Investments in overseas equity and debt by Indians also shot up to \$746.5 million in FY22 as against \$471.80 million in the previous year. Remittances as gift rose to \$2.336 billion from \$1.586 billion a year ago.

The RBI has been increasing the limit for remittances following the rise in foreign exchange reserves. In February 2015, with foreign exchange reserves

touching record levels, RBI doubled the annual overseas investment ceiling for individuals to \$250,000 under the LRS.

In the wake of the worsening current account deficit and a volatile rupee, the RBI had in August 2013 reduced the ceiling from \$200,000 to \$75,000 per person in a year under the LRS.

Consequently, with improvement in the forex situation, it was raised to \$1,25,000 in June 2014. The LRS allows residents to acquire and hold shares, debt instruments or other assets outside India without prior approval of the RBI. Under the LRS, all resident individuals, including minors, are allowed to freely remit

OUTWARD REMITTANCES IN 2021-22 (US \$ MILLION)	
Outward Remittances under the LRS	19,610.77
Deposit	830.05
Purchase of immovable property	112.90
Investment in equity/debt	746.57
Gift	2,336.29
Donations	16.55
Travel	6,909.04
Maintenance of close relatives	3,302.37
Medical Treatment	37.79
Studies Abroad	5,165.33
Other	153.33

up to \$250,000 per financial year (April-March) for any permissible current or capital account transaction or a combination of both. The scheme was introduced on February 4, 2004, with a limit of \$25,000.

The LRS limit was revised in stages consistent with prevailing macro and micro economic conditions.

Many banks allow international remittance up to \$25,000 online, without having to visit the branch. Investing in the US stock market has seen increasing interest from retail investors

in recent times because of the high returns.

As per the Finance Act, 2020, tax collected at source (TCS) at 5 per cent is applicable on aggregate forex transactions under LRS exceeding Rs 7 lakh in a financial year.

Meanwhile, foreign exchange reserves declined by \$2.69 billion to \$597.72 billion during the week ended April 29. With this fall, forex reserves have fallen \$44.73 billion from \$642.45 billion recorded on September 3, 2021, according to RBI data.

## Paytm to set up insurance JV, invest ₹950 cr over 10 yrs

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU  
NEW DELHI, MAY 21

ONE97 COMMUNICATIONS, the parent company of financial technology major Paytm, on Saturday said it has set up a joint venture general insurance company and has committed to invest Rs 950 crore in it, extending over a period of 10 years.

According to a regulatory filing by the company, the proposal to set up the joint venture firm Paytm General Insurance Limited (PGIL) was approved by the board on May 20.

Initially, One97 Communications (OCL) will hold a 49 per cent stake in PGIL while

the remaining 51 per cent holding will be with VSS Holding Private Limited (VHPL) — a company owned and controlled by OCL's managing director and chief executive officer Vijay Shekhar Sharma.

After the investment, Paytm will hold 74 per cent stake in PGIL, reducing VHPL's stake in the company to 26 per cent.

"PGIL intends to register for and undertake general insurance business. PGIL is yet to commence its general insurance business, which is presently subject to receipt of certificate of registration from IRDAI (Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India)," the filing said. **WTHPTI**

## 'Utility vehicles' share in new car sales may be on the rise'

Share of utility vehicles in overall new car sales may be on an upward trajectory amid their rising popularity and automakers easing on compact hatchbacks due to rising production costs, Fitch Ratings said

**THE RISING SHARE** of higher-margin utility vehicle (UV) sales will help carmakers cushion the production cost impact due to:

- High commodity prices
- Compliance to additional safety standards



**Healthy prospects in UVs will support domestic carmakers' volumes and profitability despite higher costs, as 40% growth in India's UV sales in FY22 counterbalanced a 6% fall in entry-level car volume** Source: Fitch Ratings/PTI

**VOLUME SHARE** within overall car sales of UVs in FY22 rose to 49%, up from 28% a year ago

**COMBINED VOLUME** share of hatchbacks and sedans dropped to 48% from 66%

**SHARE OF ENTRY- AND MID-LEVEL UVs** in overall sales rose to 35% year-on-year in FY22

**20-30%**

rise in entry-level car prices has been seen since 2018 due to high commodity prices and more stringent vehicle safety and emission standards being introduced

**FACTORS THAT HAVE SUPPORTED UV SALES GROWTH OVER PAST FEW YEARS:**

- More space and versatile road capabilities
- Higher numbers of new launches in UVs compared to hatchbacks
- Popularity among upgraders and high-income customers who are less price conscious

## Air India bans smoking at workplace

YOGESH NAIK  
MUMBAI, MAY 21

AFTER REGAINING control of Air India, the Tata group has banned smoking and consumption of intoxicating substances at the workplace.

In a letter, the chief human resources officer (CHRO) of Air India, Suresh Dutt Tripathi, asked the employees not to smoke or consume intoxicating substances.

Issued on May 18, the letter dated stated, "We are a responsible organisation that completely prohibits smoking and consumption of any intoxicating substances at the workplace. The core principles of the Tata Code of Conduct bind all of us to comply with the law of the land and to provide a safe and healthy work environment to our colleagues. We have zero-tolerance for violations of the above. Any violation is viewed seriously and will be dealt with appropriate consequences."

When asked about the letter, an Air India spokesperson said, "We would not like to make any comment on any internal communication like this."

Sources said that after the takeover, the Tatas have been bringing many changes to Air India, in a bid to make it a professional airline.

On January 27, the Tata group took over Air India.

Soon after, the conglomerate appointed Tata Steel veteran Tripathi as the airline's CHRO in April.

### OIL WATCH

## OIL BENCHMARKS SEE WEEKLY RISE

New York: US WTI notched its fourth straight week of gains, which it last did in mid-February. Brent gained about 1% this week after falling about 1% last week. Brent ended Friday at \$112.55 a barrel and US crude at \$113.23. **REUTERS**

## FOREIGN INVESTORS SELL ₹35,137 CR OF EQUITIES DURING MAY2-20

# FPIs net sellers in equities on Re fall, US rate hike prospects

ENSE ECONOMIC BUREAU  
NEW DELHI, MAY 21

THE OUTFLOW of foreign funds from domestic equity markets continued steadily, with FPIs having pulled out more than Rs 35,000 crore so far this month, according to depositories data.

The outflow by foreign portfolio investors (FPIs) comes amid concerns over chances of more aggressive policy rate hike by the US Federal Reserve and appreciation of the dollar.

FPI withdrawals also hit the rupee, which fell to a record low of 77.72 against the American currency during the week. As a result, net outflow by FPIs from equities so far in 2022 has reached Rs 1.63 lakh crore.

During the seven-month period till April, foreign investors remained net sellers, withdrawing a massive net amount of more than Rs 1.65 lakh crore from equities.

In the first week of April, following a six-month selling spree, FPIs turned net investors due to correction in the markets and invested Rs 7,707 crore in equities.

However, the reprieve was short-lived, as they turned net sellers again during the holiday-shortened April 11-13 week, and the sell-off persisted in the succeeding weeks as well.

**EXPLAINED** **More fund outflows likely**

THE SUSTAINED fall in the value of the rupee against the US dollar has been a major catalyst of overseas investors pulling out of Indian equity markets in the last few weeks. If this trend continues, along with the expected interest rate hike by the US Federal Reserve, outflows by foreign portfolio investors are expected to only aggravate.

ceeding weeks as well.

Data from depositories showed that FPI flows continue to remain negative in May till date, as foreign investors have sold equities worth Rs 35,137 crore during May 2-20.

Going ahead, FPIs flow in India is to remain volatile in the near term, given the headwinds in terms of elevated crude prices, inflation, tight monetary policy, among others, said Shrikant Chouhan, head—equity research (retail), Kotak Securities.

"Since the mother market, US,

is weak and dollar is strengthening, FPIs are likely to continue selling in the near term," V K Vijayakumar, chief investment strategist, Geojit Financial Services, said.

"The major factor behind the relentless FPI selling is the appreciation of the dollar which has taken the dollar index above 103. Also, India is the major emerging market where FPIs are sitting on big profits and the market is very liquid to absorb FPI selling," Vijayakumar said.

Himanshu Srivastava, associate director—manager research, Morningstar India, said that foreign investors continue to have concerns over the prospects of more aggressive rate hike by US Fed going ahead.

The US central bank has hiked rates twice this year to battle surging inflation caused by the disruption in supply chain due to the war between Russia and Ukraine.

"Because of the war, the geopolitical tension has also enhanced, which has prompted investors to turn risk-averse and stay away from emerging markets like India which are perceived to be relatively riskier. And in the current risk-averse environment, foreign investors would have found profit booking a better option," Srivastava said. **WTHPTI**

## FM: Govt giving additional fertiliser subsidy of ₹1.1 L cr

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA  
NEW DELHI, MAY 21

AMID A sharp increase in global prices of fertilisers, Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman on Saturday said the government will provide an additional fertiliser subsidy of Rs 1.10 lakh crore to further cushion farmers from the price rise.

With this, the government's total fertiliser subsidy is likely to touch a record Rs 2.15 lakh crore in the ongoing financial year 2022-23.

"Despite rising fertiliser prices globally, we have protected our farmers from such price hikes. In addition to the fertiliser subsidy of Rs 1.05 lakh crore in the budget, an additional amount of Rs 1.10 lakh crore is being provided to further cushion our farmers," Sitharaman tweeted.

The fertiliser subsidy bill was estimated at Rs 1.05 lakh crore in the 2022-23 Budget. For the fiscal 2021-22, the subsidy stood at Rs 1,62,132 crore.

Chemicals and Fertilizers Minister Mansukh Mandaviya had recently said the total fertiliser subsidy bill could be between Rs 2-2.5 lakh crore in the current fiscal due to a sharp rise in global prices.

India imports urea, potassic and phosphatic fertilisers, while global fertiliser prices have risen due to the Russia-Ukraine war.



NIRMALA SITHARAMAN

Finance Minister

PTI file

## Import duty on some steel raw materials axed

**New Delhi:** The government has waived customs duty on the import of some raw materials, including coking coal and ferronickel, used by the steel industry, a move which will lower the cost for the domestic industry and reduce the prices.

Moreover, to increase domestic availability, the duty on exports of iron ore has been hiked up to 50 per cent, and a few steel intermediaries to 15 per cent, according to a notification.

The changes in the duties will be effective from Sunday. **PTI**

## 'APEC meet: US, others walk out over Ukraine war'

REUTERS

BANGKOK, MAY 21

REPRESENTATIVES OF the United States and several other nations walked out of an Asia-Pacific trade ministers meeting in Bangkok on Saturday to protest Russia's invasion of Ukraine, officials said.

The walkout was "an expression of disapproval at Russia's illegal war of aggression in Ukraine and its economic impact in the APEC region," one diplomat said.

Representatives from Canada, New Zealand, Japan and Australia joined the Americans, led by Trade Representative Katherine Tai, in walking out of the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) meeting, two Thai officials and two international diplomats told Reuters.

### BRIEFLY

#### IndiGrid Q4 net

**New Delhi:** Infrastructure investment trust IndiGrid has posted over 45 per cent rise in its consolidated net profit at Rs 99.80 crore in the March quarter, mainly on the back of higher revenues. The consolidated net profit of India Grid Trust (IndiGrid) was Rs 68.69 crore in the quarter ended March 31, 2021, a filing showed.

#### JSPL CFO

**New Delhi:** Steel maker JSPL on Saturday announced the appointment of Ramkumar Ramaswamy as its chief financial officer (CFO) with immediate effect. Prior to joining the company, he was with Vedanta Limited as CFO - Group Commercial & Marketing, Jindal Steel and Power Limited (JSPL) said in a BSE filing. Part of O P Jindal Group, JSPL is an industrial house present across steel, power and mining sectors with investments worth over Rs 90,000 crore across the globe. **PTI**

#### Boeing Starliner

**Cape Canaveral:** Boeing's new Starliner crew capsule docked for the first time with the International Space Station (ISS) on Friday, completing a major objective in a high stakes over-test flight into orbit without astronauts aboard. The rendezvous of the gumdrop-shaped CST-100 Starliner with the orbital research outpost, currently home to a seven-member crew, occurred nearly 26 hours after the capsule was launched from Cape Canaveral US Space Force Base. **REUTERS**

## Power generation up over two-fold in May

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA  
NEW DELHI, MAY 21

POWER GENERATION by domestic coal-based plants that blended imported dry fuel has more than doubled to 143 million units (MU) per day in May compared to 66 MU in the same month a year ago, according to official data.

Several measures taken by the Ministry of Power in recent past have ensured increased power generation in domestic coal-based (DCB) plants as well as (imported coal-based) ICB plants.

The data showed that power generation per day during May 2022 increased as compared to May 2021.

Power generation per day from coal blending in DCB plants more than doubled from 66 MU to 143 MU while generation from imported coal-based plants rose from 145 MU to 160 MU.

Total power generation per day through imported coal during May 2022 increased to 303 MU as compared to 211 MU in May 2021. Power generated per day from domestic coal has risen from 2,465 MU to 3,244 MU.

The Power Ministry has taken various steps recently to

operationalise the non-operational power plants specially ICB plants.

Efforts are also being made to supplement the domestic coal supply. Regular meetings and discussions are being held with states, power generation companies (gencos) and independent power producers (IPPs) to track the progress of coal stocks, transportation and import of coal.

The inter-ministerial discussions and deliberations with stakeholders are being constantly undertaken to remove bottlenecks in the functioning of the power plants and to take care of other operational issues.



A thermal power plant in Patiala, Punjab. File

## Davos set to host WEF Annual Meeting again

BARUN JHA

DAVOS, MAY 21

AFTER A gap of nearly two-and-a-half years, Swiss ski resort town Davos is set to host the World Economic Forum Annual Meeting yet again with a host of global leaders including from India expected to deliberate over the Ukraine crisis, climate change and a host of other issues affecting the world.

The high-profile annual powwow of the rich and powerful from across the world will begin with a welcome reception on Sunday evening and will continue till Thursday, May 26. Those scheduled to speak include Ukraine President Volodymyr Zelensky, European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen and German Chancellor Olaf Scholz, among a host of other world leaders. **PTI**

## BHEL returns to black; posts Q4 net profit of ₹912 crore

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA  
NEW DELHI, MAY 21

STATE-OWNED ENGINEERING company BHEL on Saturday returned to black posting Rs 912.47 crore consolidated net profit in the March quarter, backed by higher income.

In the year-ago quarter, the public sector unit had reported a consolidated net loss of Rs 1,036.32 crore, according to a regulatory filing. Total income during January-March, rose to Rs 8,181.72 crore, from Rs 7,245.16 crore in the year-ago period.

BHEL's expenses trimmed to Rs 7,091.29 crore in comparison to Rs 8,644.28 crore in January-March period of financial year 2020-21.

According to the filing, the board of the company has also

## Power Grid Q4 consolidated net rises 18%

**New Delhi:** State-owned Power Grid Corporation of India (PGCIL) Ltd on Saturday posted about 18 per cent rise in its consolidated net profit at Rs 4,156.44 crore for the March 2022 quarter, backed by higher income.

Consolidated net profit stood at Rs 3,526.23 crore in the year-ago quarter, PGCIL said in a BSE filing. **PTI**

approved a final dividend of Rs 0.40 per share on the paid up share capital of the company for the financial year 2021-22.

# 12 THE WORLD

## TOP OF THE WORLD



The Boeing Starliner preparing to dock at the International Space Station. AP

### USA

## Boeing docks crew capsule to space station in test do-over

*Cape Canaveral:* With only a test dummy aboard, Boeing's astronaut capsule pulled up and parked at the International Space Station for the first time on Friday, a huge achievement for the company after years of false starts. With Starliner's arrival, NASA finally realises its longtime effort to have crew capsules from competing US companies flying to the space station. SpaceX already has a running start. "Today marks a great milestone," NASA astronaut Bob Hines radioed from the orbiting complex. "Starliner is looking beautiful on the front of the station," he added. **AP**

### UK

## WHO calls urgent meet on monkeypox

*London:* The World Health Organization was holding an emergency meeting on Friday to discuss the recent outbreak of monkeypox, a viral infection more common to west and central Africa, after over 100 cases were confirmed or suspected in Europe. A New York City resident has tested positive for the virus that causes monkeypox, state health officials announced late Friday. Israel on Saturday also reported its first confirmed case of monkeypox, which officials expected would be contained. **AGENCIES**

### NORTH KOREA

## Over 2L fever cases reported for fifth day

*Seoul:* North Korea on Saturday reported over 200,000 new patients suffering from fever for a fifth consecutive day, as it fought its first confirmed Covid outbreak. At least 219,030 people newly showed fever symptoms as of Friday evening, taking the total number of such cases to 2,460,640, the official KCNA news agency reported, citing data from the state emergency epidemic prevention headquarters. The death toll rose by one to 66. KCNA did not say how many people had tested positive for the virus. **REUTERS**

## Lanka lifts emergency as law and order situation improves



The country is now almost without gasoline, while an acute shortage of food looms. Reuters

**PTI & REUTERS**  
COLOMBO, MAY 21

THE STATE of emergency in Sri Lanka has been lifted with effect from Saturday after the government decided not to present the Emergency Regulations in Parliament for approval with the improvement of the law and order situation in the island nation, nearly two weeks after it was imposed following unprecedented anti-government protests.

Prime Minister Ranil Wickremesinghe, meanwhile, warned of a food shortage as the island nation battles a devastating economic crisis. "While there may not be time to obtain fertiliser for this Yala (May-August) season, steps are being taken to ensure adequate stocks for the Maha (September-March) season," the prime minister said in a message on Twitter late on Thursday. "I sincerely urge everyone to accept the gravity of the... situation."

Embattled Sri Lankan

President Gotabaya Rajapaksa had declared a state of emergency with effect from May 6 midnight, the second time in just over a month amidst growing country-wide anti-government protests over the economic crisis.

The Presidential Secretariat stated that the state of emergency has been lifted with effect from Friday midnight, Hiru News reported. The President had declared a state of emergency on May 6 with a special gazette notification. It is up to Parliament to enact and enforce the state of emergency, which must be submitted to the House by the president within 14 days of enactment, the report.

However, the government decided not to present the Emergency Regulations in Parliament, following which the emergency ceased to function with effect from May 20 midnight, local news website newswire.lk reported. The move was taken with the improvement of the law and order situation in the island nation.

## India, Japan to provide supplies of food, medicines

*Colombo:* India and Japan will provide food relief supplies worth millions of dollars to Sri Lanka which is grappling with its worst economic crisis, leading to nationwide protests over the government's mismanagement. The Indian High Commission said on Friday that an Indian ship laden with urgent relief supplies like rice, medicines and milk powder for the people of crisis-hit Sri Lanka is scheduled to reach Colombo on Sunday.

Japan has also announced to provide \$1.5 million through a World Food Programme programme for essential food rations and school meal programme. "We are pleased to announce that Japan will grant \$1.5 million emergency assistance through WFP to provide three months' essential food supplies," Charge d'Affaires ad interim of Japan to Sri Lanka Katsuki Kotaro said. **PTI**

## US official's visit to Tibetan refugee camp irks Nepal

**YUBARAJ GHIMIRE**  
KATHMANDU, MAY 21

A VISIT by Zeya Urza, the US under secretary for civilian security, democracy, and human rights, to Tibetan refugee camp allegedly without keeping the host government in picture, has irked the government that seems more worried about the backlash from China.

Urza, who also handles the Tibetan Refugee affairs, visited Tibetan Refugee camp in Jawalakhel and interacted with therefugees, who complained about not being given the government 'identity card' by the government depriving them of

basic rights. There are about 20,000 Tibetan Refugees in Nepal, with their activities strictly monitored by China.

Sewa Lamsal, a senior joint secretary and spokesperson in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs told the media on Friday that the government had no information about Urza's plan to visit the refugee camp. Urza arrived on Friday from India, and during her stay there, she also met Dalai Lama, the Tibetan leader and Nobel laureate.

A senior official of the government said the visit an act that "we did not expect." Urza is likely to return on Sunday, and will be meeting PM Sher Bahadur Deuba, before her return.

## US, S Korea open to expanded military drills to deter North

**ASSOCIATED PRESS**  
SEOUL, MAY 21

US PRESIDENT Joe Biden and South Korean President Yoon Suk Yeol said after meeting on Saturday that they will consider expanded joint military exercises to deter the nuclear threat from North Korea. Biden said cooperation between the US and South Korea shows "our readiness to take on all threats together."

North Korea, which has defended its nuclear weapons and missile development as a neces-

sary deterrence against what it describes as US threats, could well respond angrily to Saturday's announcement.

Biden and Yoon affirmed in remarks at a joint news conference that their shared goal is the complete denuclearization of North Korea. The U.S. and South Korea said in a joint statement that they were committed to a "rules-based international order" following Russia's invasion of Ukraine. The statement likely sets the stage for how the US and its allies will address any challenges with North Korea.

### INTENSIFIES PUSH FOR DONBAS

## Russia halts gas flow to Finland

**REUTERS**  
KYIV/OSLO, MAY 21

RUSSIA STOPPED providing gas to Finland in an escalation of a row over energy payments with the West on Saturday, and intensified an offensive in the Donbas region of eastern Ukraine.

After ending weeks of resistance by the last Ukrainian fighters in the strategic southeastern city of Mariupol, Russia is waging what appears to be a major offensive in Luhansk, one of two provinces in Donbas.

Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy told local television that while the fighting would be bloody, and victory difficult, the end would come only through diplomacy. "For them, all these victories - the occupation of Crimea or Donbas - is very temporary. And all this will return - since this is our territory," he said on Saturday.

Luhansk regional governor Serhiy Gaidai said in a social media post early on Saturday that Russia was trying to destroy the city of Sievierodonetsk, with fighting taking place on the outskirts of the city. "Shelling continues from morning to the evening and also throughout the night," Gaidai said in a video post on the Telegram messaging app.

Russia's state gas company, Gazprom said it had halted gas exports to Finland after it refused to agree to Russian demands to

### MORRISON CONCEDES DEFEAT

## Albanese leads Labour to victory in Australia polls

**ASSOCIATED PRESS**  
CANBERRA, MAY 21

AUSTRALIA'S CENTRE-left opposition party toppled the conservative government after almost a decade in power, and PM-elect Anthony Albanese in his Saturday election victory speech promised sharper reductions in greenhouse gas emissions while he faces an early foreign policy test.

Prime Minister Scott Morrison said he quickly conceded defeat despite millions of votes yet to be counted because an Australian leader must attend a Tokyo summit on Tuesday. Albanese, who has described himself as the only candidate with a "non-Anglo Celtic name" to run for PM in the 121 years that the office has existed, referred to his own humble upbringing in the Sydney suburb of Camperdown.

"It says a lot about our great country that a son of a single mom who was a disability pensioner, who grew up in public housing down the road in Camperdown can stand before you tonight as Australia's prime minister," Albanese said.

Albanese will be sworn in as PM after his party clinched its first electoral win since 2007. Labour has promised more financial assistance and a robust social safety net as Australia grapples with the highest inflation since 2001. It also wants to tackle climate change with a 43% reduction in greenhouse gas emissions by 2030 and net zero emissions by 2050.



Labour leader Anthony Albanese, in Sydney. 'I think people have had enough of division, what they want is to come together...', he said. AP

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**PM NARENDRA MODI**

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**SCOTT MORRISON**

## Albanese: A pragmatist who promises unity

**REUTERS**  
SYDNEY, MAY 21

ANTHONY ALBANESE, who is set to be Australia's next prime minister, is a pragmatic leader from a working-class background who has pledged to end divisions in the country. "I want to unite the country," the Labour Party leader said after conservative PM Scott Morrison conceded defeat following an election on Saturday.

Labour's election campaign spotlighted Albanese's working-class credentials and his image

as a pragmatic unifier.

Albanese, 59, entered Parliament in 1996 — just as Labour entered the first of two decade-long patches in opposition. The party's time back in power, from 2007 to 2013, was marred by leadership squabbles in which he criticised both sides.

Those years forged his reputation as a collaborator willing to work outside ideological lines, as Leader of the House where he managed government business in the Parliament. After losses in the 2010 election, Labour was saddled with the country's first

minority government in 70 years, requiring it to win support from conservatives or independents to pass laws.

At 12, Albanese helped organise a rent strike that kept his mother's public housing property from being sold off to developers. Those who know Albanese say he is motivated by the mix of pragmatism and concern for social justice he gained during his childhood struggles. "It gave me a determination to help people like I was, growing up, to have a better life," Albanese told National Press Club in January.

## Ex-Pak minister Shireen Mazari 'beaten', taken in police custody

**SAJJAD HUSSAIN**  
ISLAMABAD, MAY 21

PAKISTAN'S EX-HUMAN rights minister Shireen Mazari, who has been criticising the powerful Army after Imran Khan was ousted as prime minister last month, was "beaten" and taken away by the police, her daughter said on Saturday.

Mazari's arrest by anti-corruption officials triggered a political storm but it was quickly doused with the intervention of Pakistan's Punjab province CM Hamza Shehbaz who ordered her release from police custody.

Hamza also ordered an inquiry against those police officials involved in 59-year-old Mazari's arrest. The chief minister said he had not ordered the Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf leader's arrest, indirectly suggesting "other power establishment figures" behind her detention.

Mazari has been criticising the Army after Khan was removed from office through a no-confidence motion last month. Earlier in the day, her daughter Imaan Zainab Mazari-Hazir tweeted about the arrest. At the time, charges against Mazari were yet to be announced. "Male officers have beaten and taken my mother away. All I have been told is that Anti Corruption Wing Lahore has taken her," she wrote. **PTI**

## EXPLAINED End of the battle for Mariupol

THE END of the battle for Mariupol would help Putin offset some stinging setbacks, including the failure of Russian troops to take over Kyiv, the sinking of the Russian Navy's flagship in the Black Sea and the continued resistance that has stalled an offensive in eastern Ukraine. The impact on the broader war remained unclear. Many Russian troops already had been redeployed from Mariupol to elsewhere in the conflict, which began when Russia invaded on Feb. 24.

## Biden signs \$40bn funding bill

*Seoul:* President Biden on Saturday signed legislation to support Ukraine with an additional \$40 billion in US assistance as the Russian invasion approaches its fourth month.

The legislation, which was passed by Congress with bipartisan support, deepens the US commitment to Ukraine at a time of uncertainty about the war's future. Ukraine has successfully defended Kyiv, and Russia has refocused its offensive on the country's east, but

American officials warn of the potential for a prolonged conflict.

The funding is intended to support Ukraine through September, and it dwarfs an earlier emergency measure that provided \$13.6 billion.

The new legislation will provide \$20 billion in military assistance, ensuring a steady stream of advanced weapons that have been used to blunt Russia's advances. There's also \$8 billion in general economic support, \$5 billion to address food shortages. **AP**

### EGYPT'S 'BOY FROM HEAVEN' IS A STORY OF MEN AND MORALS

## 'Triangle Of Sadness', a black satire that urges audience not to reach out for botox



**EXPRESS IN CANNES**

**SHUBHRA GUPTA**  
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CAN YOU remove that triangle of sadness from your face? A model co-ordinator flings this question at an aspirant as soon as the movie begins, setting its tone. There are no soft edges in Ruben Ostlund's brilliant, black satire

"Triangle Of Sadness", and its sharp lines go deep.

That "triangle" is your basic frown, which turns your face into an inverted triangle, drawing ridged lines down the side of your nose, and mouth. It makes you look old and disagreeable, but if you belong to a certain set, you know that you can Botox that triangle out of existence, at least for a while. Once the effect of the injection disappears, it is back.

Ostlund wastes no time in sending up literally everything — capitalists, socialists, communists, and everyone who is convinced that everything has a price. He also throws in the multi-million dollar beauty in-

dustry, and the global obsession with upping your social media profile. If you don't have cash, the numbers of your followers become your currency.

The very sleek Yaya (Charlbi Dean), and her boyfriend Carl (Harris Dickinson) who's just come off a modelling audition, squabble over the dinner cheque. You want me to pay because I make more than you do, she says. It's not about the money, he says. It's about being equals.

This is one of the big concerns in Ostlund's cinema. The last time he trained his lens acutely on differences and hypocrisies in "The Square" (2017), he won the top prize at Cannes.



Fares Fares, from left, 'Boy From Heaven' director Tarik Saleh, and Tawfeek Barhom in Cannes on Saturday. AP

"Triangle Of Sadness" takes it to the next level, and bids fair to win big too. This good-looking couple with a sheen only youth

can give off, is transplanted from a hotel room they have got gratis (she is an influencer, creating constant Instagrammable mo-

ments) to a suite on a luxury yacht, which again they aren't paying for. But they are surrounded by some of the wealthiest people on the planet.

Everyone at those ultra rich tables — a Russian who sells fertiliser, a middle-aged couple who manufactures arms (the things that keep democracy going, as he puts it with a fat smirk), a guy who is so rich that he is rolling in Rolex — has everything money can buy, but no money can save you from a shipwreck. The ship's Marxist terrorist (Woody Harrelson, terrific) is convinced that the world's woes can be drowned in booze — after a pirate attack, he is seen no more.

What happens to humans when they are stranded and social order is upended? All rules go out of the window. Ostlund's film is a cautionary tale in a world slowly going under, and it tells us to wake up, and not reach out for the Botox.

### A story from Egypt

"Boy From Heaven", by Swedish-Egyptian director, Tarik Saleh, is story of men and morals, religion and faith, belief and betrayal. In a small town in Egypt, a fisherman's son is selected for higher Islamic studies. But when Adam (Tawfeek Barhom) reaches the Al-Azhar University

in Cairo, he finds himself getting involved in intrigue and low-level espionage. Saleh's film comes off as a serviceable spy thriller in which impressionable students are targeted by spymasters, blind imams stand steady in their beliefs, and power is bartered between religious heads and state-sponsored agents. The film is also about masculinity, and the pressures that are brought to bear upon young men to perform, and prove themselves constantly. "So many men stuffed together in one place, of course it will turn toxic", said Saleh at a press conference. "The idea is to find a balance between all the opposing elements".

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## ROCKY MOUNTAIN WAY

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On a trek through Uttarakhand, a former diplomat muses on the unprecedented scale of developmental activity on the vulnerable landscape and its sobering impact on the Himalayas



SHYAM SARAN

I HAVE been trekking the Uttarakhand and Himachal Himalayas for several years now. These are unique and breathtakingly beautiful landscapes. No matter how many times I have returned to explore these majestic snow mountains, interspersed with rich verdant valleys and quaint villages tucked away in impossibly remote nooks and corners, each journey has been a memorable and deeply uplifting experience. Watching the sun rise at Nanda Devi or tracing the wisps of cloud gathering around the Trishuli peak, makes one's spirits soar. And then a sense of humility, awed by the majesty of these towering peaks cloaked in eternal snows.

A friend and I travelled to the Uttarakhand Himalayas in mid-April. Our journey took us from Dehradun to Rudraprayag, then on to

Jhaltola near Berinag and then finally to Binsar. On the way back, we spent a day at Corbett National Park.

This was an area I was visiting after nearly 20 years. The change was striking. We were surprised by how good the roads had become thanks to the Char Dham project. The improved connectivity has led to a virtual mushrooming of guest houses, hotels and lodges. Even remote places now boast of 24-hour electricity. Almora is now a sprawling town spreading from one hillside to the next. Kausani, too, is now a major town, crowded with guest houses and restaurants serving an impressive array of international cuisine, momos and noodles being the most popular. We stayed at simple but comfortable homestays and did day hikes through dense forests. At this time of the year, the forests were ablaze with bright red rhododendron blossoms and many of the trails led to small and unpretentious mountain villages or ancient shrines and temples.

Our first day's journey took us from Rishikesh to Rudraprayag, where we stayed at a quaint lodge on the banks of the Alaknanda river, one of the two main tributaries of the Ganga, the other being the Bhagirathi. The highway has mostly been upgraded into four lanes but there are stretches where it is being broadened into six lanes. The



PRECARIOUS AT THE TOP

(Top) The Himalayas looming over Binsar; a herd of deer in Jim Corbett National Park, Uttarakhand

speed and comfort of our travel must be set off against the immense scarring of this still shifting and sensitive mountain terrain. Entire hillsides were being gouged out with huge earth-moving machines. As in other parts of the Himalayan zone, these highways cutting through some of the most fragile ecology on Earth, will experience frequent landslides and avalanches, interrupting traffic and requiring expensive repairs. I have already witnessed this on the existing highway to Gangotri. There are stretches where entire hillsides have slid into the river during heavy rains, causing flooding and heavy erosion of river banks.

Something even more ominous came into view as we headed towards Rudraprayag and beyond. There is a massive railway project under construction all the way from Rishikesh to Karnaprayag, along the banks of the Alaknanda.

It involves laying a 125 km-long single-track railway line, which will traverse through 17 tunnels and cross 35 bridges. It will cost Rs 16,200 crore. The official site claims that this is a project of "strategic importance" and that "it will improve connectivity to the Char Dham shrines of Yamunotri, Gangotri, Badrinath and Kedarnath in the

Garhwal region of the Himalayas."

In Rudraprayag, we could hear the sound of machines working through the night. During the day, further on our journey, we saw the massive tunneling machines at work, threading through the mountains. The Char Dham is already connected by highways. Do we really need a railway line as well? The damage being inflicted on some of the most vulnerable landscapes in our country is of a scale that is unprecedented. We have had several disasters thanks to deliberate and indiscriminate destruction of a pristine environment in the name of development. We are now using religion and defence as justification for this relentless spoliation of our environment. The massive increase in human traffic that is likely to follow will turn these pristine stretches into congested settlements with haphazard construction, devoid of proper infrastructure and without arrangements for waste management. The river Alaknanda, already being exploited for hydro power both on its main channel and on its several tributaries, will likely be delivered a death-blow by these ill-conceived projects.

It was a relief to spend a couple of nights at the Jhaltola Estate, not far from Berinag on the

road to Almora. This is located in the middle of a 1,000-acre pristine forest, difficult to access but, perhaps, untouched for that very reason. The forest covers two villages and the surrounding area given as grant to Nain Singh Rawat, one of the well-known "Pandits" who carried out extensive surveys of Tibet in the 19th century as employees of the Survey of India, posing as ordinary pilgrims. Nain Singh walked on foot through the length and breadth of Tibet and was the first to report on the altitude of Tibet's capital Lhasa. The lodge inside this dense forest is on land leased from Nain Singh's family and is currently run by a conservation-conscious couple. But we were disappointed that the snow mountains were not visible as they were covered in a perpetual haze because of forest fires in the hills all along the Himalayan foothills. These are attributed to unusually high temperatures and deliberate burning of vegetation to create more farmland or grazing for animals. It was the same story higher up in Binsar, from where one usually gets a panoramic view of the Panchachuli, Trishuli and the Nanda Devi. At some places, one could even see smoke rising in the far mountains. A brief vision of the Trishuli early one morning at Binsar was the only compensation for our long journey.

In spite of such disappointments, our walks through the forests at Jhaltola and Binsar were a delight. Being able to come back to comfortable lodgings after a long and tiring hike, have hot showers on demand and be served freshly cooked and wholesome food, these made the journey worthwhile. But I confess that never before have I felt as anxious and apprehensive of the future as on this trip. The snows on the Himalayas may not be eternal after all.

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## The Way We Were

How do those who don't enjoy their own company take a vacation from themselves?

Aakash Joshi

IN LATE 2020, when the tragedy of the first wave — the overnight lockdown and watching those who make our cities run, flee to rural India — had begun to ebb, I was sent on a well-deserved guilt trip. The plan was to stay at the home-away-from-home in Kumaon for about three months. Work for the first month, take a two-week break, and then back to the grind.

Phase I of the plan was glorious, enough almost to want to join Instagram. Every day, on Zoom meetings, the Himalayas would be visible, the recently-adopted dog would jump up on the desk to make himself seen. The pressures of work continued, but the clean air, mountains and stiff drink next to an open fire in the evenings meant, for once, that "work-life balance" wasn't just about life at work. Friends were jealous, and all the loneliness

that comes with being away from the city was more than made up for by the dog. The only thing to do, in phase II, was to actually spend time with oneself, try and process the impact of all that had been lost — friends and family to mortality; money, ideas, relationships.

These comically self-important ideas of "reconnecting", "getting centred" and "me time" have been around for some time now. But during the pandemic, they were supercharged — "wellness" experts mushroomed, meditation apps got into the action like never before and the off-shoots of California spiritualism, which markets enlightenment as a way to become an amoral tech billionaire, colonised social-media posts. "Learn to spend time with yourself" became the mantra of the holiday. Thanks to the sheer mental fatigue that had taken hold a year into the pandemic, otherwise cynical, analytical souls didn't have the energy to cut through the bullshit.



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DOG DAYS

A dog could well be a panacea for urban living

What, then, was the substance of this "me time"? Working from home in the hills is spectacular, and certainly better than doing so from a flat in the city. But a rural Himalayan winter means that in the evenings, one is housebound — there are no streetlights and there are many leopards. When it's not a break from work, the daily walk or hike is nice, but after a point, like in the city, they become an excuse to listen to a podcast. The time meant to be spent reading

and meditating became hours of mindless binge-watching. That old desire, to just have a break from work and socialising, of constantly having to "prepare a face to meet the faces that you meet" ought to have been satisfied. Instead, the opposite happened.

For the better part of two years, many — if not most — people lost themselves. It was a curious time, when the mundane anxieties of the old everyday — commuting, gossiping, feuding — were replaced by more existential ones. Who are you outside of your job and your friends? Is there a being beyond your social self? A true holiday — for those fortunate enough to even conceive of one — should have been a break from those tribulations. A way to see how much, if at all, the trauma has changed us. As it turns out, there isn't all that much left.

Unlike the enlightenment experienced there by sages long past, all I found in the Himalayas was desire and craving. For parties, for the city, for company and purpose. It was certainly an Instagram-worthy vacation. Unfortunately, it was just as shallow and ephemeral. For someone who loves the hills and has longed to spend more than a few stolen nights of long weekends there, this was a disturbing revelation. Did it mean that some of us are less-than, unable to really enjoy our own company? Unlike so many contemporaries who had moved away from the city for a simpler life, it seemed that there are some who are simply too wedded to the rat race, even though we are coming in last. As Phase II came to its disappointing end, and I returned to Zoom and work, the aforementioned guilt trip began. It takes a special kind of brat, the argument went, to have a break in the hills, to not see how amazing that experience can be. Head hung in shame, suitably chastised.

It is only now, 18 months after the "holiday" and a year since the second wave took so many from us, that things have become clear. As office begins again, the post-work hangout with colleagues, the long-planned vacation with friends, the lazy Sunday lunches with family finally have meaning again. There is a reason why the ancients prescribed leaving society, detaching from relationships, before seeking enlightenment in the wilderness.

Now, almost every spare moment is spent planning an actual holiday — which will be too short, too hectic and leave you more exhausted than rejuvenated. No, the pandemic hasn't changed how we take a vacation. The distractions that the everyday provide are, in fact, the substance of life. COVID-19 has made it clear that life as we knew it wasn't all that bad. And every workplace could do with a dog jumping up on the table during meetings.

# DOWN IN JUNGLELAND



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## Juiciest of Them All

Succulents hold their own, armed with spikes and hooks, and can last up to two years without water

TAKE A bite out of a plump plum or peach and you'll immediately know the meaning of succulent, as the lovely sweet juice spurts everywhere and trickles down your chin. Take a bite out of any of the numerous plants that are actually called "succulents" and you'll probably be sick, get diarrhoea or suffer from temporary paralysis. Succulent plants consist of a vast array of plants that thrive in arid, semi-desert areas and have devised cunning ways of conserving that rarest of commodities in the desert — water.

While they thrive in these tough arid conditions, they are not the ideal place to begin life because seedlings are often covered by drifting sands and cannot germinate. Australia, for instance, which is mainly all desert, has very few native succulents. They can be found all over the world (except in Antarctica) and have become popular houseplants because they require little TLC to survive and can live indoors with very little water.

There has been the usual quibbling about what exactly succulents are; while all cacti are succulents, all succulents are not cacti. Some botanists include plants which store their water in tubers, culms and roots, while "growing back" during hard times, while others do not.

Water loss through evapotranspiration is a major issue for these plants: normal plants may lose over 97 per cent of the water. Their roots suck up through the stomata (mouth-like pores) in their leaves, through which their vital gas exchange (carbon dioxide "inhaled" oxygen "exhaled") takes place. (This massive evaporation is what causes daily thundershowers in tropical rainforests every evening.) So, the leaves and stems of succulent plants have relatively few stomata to minimise water loss.

But their masterstroke lies in what is called "crassulacean acid metabolism" more conveniently called CAM, which the plants may have to varying degrees. Succinctly put: the plants keep their mouths (stomata) shut during the day, when water loss would be maximum and only



RANJIT LAL

### THORNY DELIGHT

While all cacti are succulents, all succulents are not cacti

open up at night to inhale the carbon dioxide they require and the oxygen they need to exhale. This carbon dioxide is converted into malic acid and stored in vacuoles (cells which help maintain water balance) during the night and transported to the chloroplasts (cells actually conducting photosynthesis), where it is reconverted into gas so that the process of photosynthesis can take place. Pure genius *jugaad* involving mind-boggling chemistry. This water management and preservation system should give us something to ponder about: they pull CAM like a magician pulling a rabbit from a hat or batter playing a reverse sweep.

With such tricks up its sleeve some succulents can last up to two years without water. Some grow as epiphytes (on other plants) others may grow in dry lake beds where mineral deposits make it impossible for other plants to grow. Among the toughest of this lot are probably the cacti, which are native to the New World (with a couple of species found elsewhere). The tallest of which are the saguaro, which looks like a tree and can grow to over 12m tall in its native Arizona.

Despite their general unpalatable nature there are many succulents which are useful to us: one of the best-known is Aloe vera which is actually made into a beverage and used in ointments and lotions for skin ailments, especially in tropical countries (there are 500 species of the genus), even if it is claimed that there is no scientific proof of its efficacy.

My personal favourite succulent has got to be Jalisco, Mexico's blue agave out of which tequila is painstakingly distilled. There are other Agave species growing in India too, which have been used for making liquor — we have huge arid areas where these succulents grow wild.

Other local succulents which are edible include the prickly pear (a cactus), and purslane. Some have truly delightful names such as Mother of Thousand/Devil's Backbone, which to my delight I have discovered growing in my garden! (I have just ordered a mixed bag of seedlings too.) Shamefully, most of us have little time these days to expend TLC on anything except selfies and social media, to say nothing of plants that look like they need to be put on diuretics (even if many are remarkably beautiful and colourful). But the succulents hold their own, as potted plants, in botanical gardens, or growing wild and wanton in wastelands and deserts, usually armed to the teeth with spikes and hooks and poisonous fluids, daring all comers!



# The Living End

Death is a recurring theme in the India showcase at the 75th Cannes Film Festival

Tanushree Ghosh

DEATH LOOMED large from the beginning. The official opening of the Cannes Film Festival was delayed by World War II. When it raised its curtain, it gave Chetan Anand's *Neecha Nagar* (1946) the Palme d'Or (then called the Grand Prix du Festival International du Film) for the Best Film, the only Indian film with that feat till date. The Zohra Segal and Kamini Kaushal-starrer film dwelled upon dialogues between two Indias (rich/high and poor/low), excesses of power, ecological hostility, disease and death. Some of these themes are touched upon in India's only official selection (in the non-competitive Special Screening segment) at the festival this year, Shaunak Sen's 2022 Sundance Grand Jury Prize-winning documentary *All That Breathes*, where two brothers give their all to save the "more than human" (black kites) that fall dead/wounded from toxic Delhi skies. And, one can't help notice a recurring theme of death in some of India's showcase at Cannes.

"Death is the only thing that makes living real," says Pratham Khurana, 23, whose Whistling Woods' diploma film *Nauha* is among 16 student films competing in La Cinef section (formerly Cinéfondation). Previously, FTII graduates Payal Kapadia (*Afternoon Clouds*, 2017; her documentary *A Night of Knowing Nothing* won the Oeil d'Or last year) and Ashmita Guha Neogi (*CatDog*, which won the 2020 top prize in the category) represented India.

A chamber film, *Nauha* (Urdu for mourning/lamentation) is the story of caretaker Kishan (Azhar Khan) and his inconspicuous relationship with Babuji (Uday Chandra). The bedridden septuagenarian's lack of a name is of import. The generic address "*babuji*" establishes age and class. His US-based family is irrelevant, and so their faces/heads are cut out of the frame in the funeral scenes, when they come home.



### DEATH, BE PROUD

Stills from *Godavari* (top); *Nauha*

The realness of death, however, never dampens the unusual, childlike exchanges, over three days, between a cranky but mischievous oldie and his vexed, yet tender, caregiver.

The story is inspired from Khurana's own experience with his friend's father, who he took care of when the latter was on a manual ventilator, which appears in the film. "Mothers are different, they treat you like their own child, but you never develop a close relationship with your friend's father. It's always very practical. But in those moments, an emotional connection had developed between us," says Khurana, who lost his aunt and mother at a young age. Questions that remained buried deep within, he's trying to address through his films.

Set in Noida's winter, though shot in Mumbai's Mira Road during the pandemic, the essence of weather's symbolism was what the Mumbai-based Delhi boy wanted to evoke in *Nauha* — winter and night signal death — an epiphany he had while watching Shoojit Sircar's *October* (2018).

As the lens stays on Kishan's face, in a poignant bonfire-at-night scene, we see his reactions to the two domestic workers dwelling upon Kishan's future. The class divide, like

death, gets treated with grace and gravitas. Was it a pandemic afterthought? "The film eventually comes across that way," says Khurana, "but it came up during our rehearsals pre-pandemic, questions of what the migrant workers are feeling, what's the feeling of being separated from their houses and, when push comes to shove, how everybody wants to return home," he says.

Marathi director Nikhil Mahajan's compelling meditation on the acceptance of death, marks a chalk-and-cheese shift from his previous thrillers to family drama. *Godavari* — part of the Indian government's six-film delegation at the marketplace, including R Madhavan's *Rocky: The Nambi Effect* and Achal Mishra's *Dhuin* — is a tribute to the late Marathi director Nishikant Kamath, who died in 2020.

Though not a biopic, certain aspects of Kamath's life, like his anger and questions about his lack of faith in things, crept in when his close friend and the protagonist Jitendra Joshi was playing Nishikant Deshmukh: an irritable, explosive, unhappy man, who lacks faith in everything — his marriage, family, house, religion, the river, but his quest to find faith begins when life's about to give up on him.

The '90s Mumbai blasts and communal tension form the backdrop of the work-in-progress project *Starfruits*, to be directed by Gourab Kumar Mullick and produced by Umesh Kulkarni. It's selected, among 10 films, to pitch for funds, at La Fabrique, an Institut Français programme associated with Cannes. Set in a Konkani coastal village, a transit for smuggling in RDX, foregrounded by the story of a gangster's right-handed man, loved by another man. "Homosexuality is only an undertone, it is primarily inspired by Bhupen Khakhar's painting

*Yayati* (1987), that dwells upon corporeality," says Mullick. There's heartbreak, and a death.

Bengali filmmaker Aneek Chaudhuri in his Pawan Chopra-starrer Hindi film, *The Tale of a Santa and His Moth*, a tale of a poor father and his terminally-ill daughter — that is pitching at Marche du Film, where India is the country of honour — cogitates on death and how a war's aftermath affect the developing nations, that "even the minutest of beings fulfill the needs of their loved ones before thinking of their own survival/sustenance," says Chaudhuri.

Resurrected from the dead are two restored classics. Govindan Aravindan's "location film" *Thamp* (*The Circus Tent*, 1978), to have a Restoration World Premiere, and Satyajit Ray's *Pratidwandi* (*The Adversary*, 1970). If a travelling circus on the banks of Bharathappuzha in stills life and awe in a sleepy village, and takes a disillusioned youth away from his time-worn village, Ray's unemployed youth of the '70s, Siddhartha (Dhritiman Chatterjee) is indignant, about capitalism, Vietnam war, leaving his dead-inside-cacophonous-outside big city, and explodes in the end. The film starts and ends with a peculiar bird call and death.

Death, however, isn't a saleable subject. "Pitching to producers was difficult. *Sairat*, for instance, is the highest-grossing Marathi film, but if somebody says he'll take a guy and a girl from a village, and kill them at the end, nobody's going to invest in him. *Godavari* is about a man who discovers the idea of death. Who's going to put their money?" says Mahajan, who adds, he'd be happier the day his film is selected/competes at Cannes. "The current government is pushing cinema, at the world's greatest film festival, it's great, but is it the best thing? I don't think so."

# With great love comes great responsibility

We must acknowledge the sacrifices others have made and their acts of kindness that make our journey possible

## SLICE OF LIFE



Suvir Saran

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KARUN DEEP Sagar is my soon-to-be 22-year-old nephew. Born in Dallas, Texas, he has blessed us with joy, happiness, tutelage, angst, comfort, distraction, love, and responsibility. His journey, thus far, has shown us how quickly time passes and also how slowly and tediously. He was named after his paternal grandfather Karuna Sagar and his middle name is a nod to his maternal grand-aunt Deepa and her younger brother, Deepak, my father. With that name he was given blessings that bestowed greatness upon him and made him a torch with a deep ocean-like reservoir of cool, calm compassion that brought light and healing with him wherever he went.

His first act of turning dark into light was

his birth that gave the family a distraction in coping with the passing of his *dada*, his paternal grandpa. In India, the birth of a child is always the card that trumps the darkness left behind by death. Karun was that trump card, and, true to his name, compassion and caring came with him into our family. Even today, as I write this column and remember Uncle Srivastav, I can go back to Karun's early days where there was a remarkable resemblance between the grandfather who had left us and the infant who was clinging to us with palpable life and hungry hope. In this sad exchange, his birth, while not transactional, had given us the book ends, life on one end and death on the other.

Inexperienced and young, like all parents are, my sister Seema and her husband Ajit were still learning to cohabit when they had to take on the challenge of parenting. Seven seas away in India, my father was at the peak of his career in the Indian Revenue Service and posted in Mumbai as Director General of Investigation. Undoubtedly, his was the most powerful and fear-inspiring job in the bureaucracy for India's financial capital. The only hearty smiles, heartfelt laughter, and shared bliss the family had in this period were during Karun's long stays at the Mumbai home. Papa would find in him the joy of much-needed change of mindscape, and those few minutes and hours would be the only time where he wasn't worried about the pressures and prayers from powerful politicians and establishment that ate him up on the inside.

Though Karun was a role model of old-world civility and grace in his early years, by middle school he had managed to transform into a defiant and hugely independent youngster who would forgo his natural inclinations, defy logic on purpose, and chase that which didn't come easy and would certainly irk his parents. He threatened to shatter any and all



SUVIR SARAN

### MAKING ROOM

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fantasies, hopes, and aspirations that they had held on to as their anchors while working hard at this job of parenting, the only job without a description or manual.

What certainly caused angst all around was seen by me — an uncle without responsibilities but equal access to this child — as a game of chess between parents and child, society and social norms vs the individual and his longing. I saw in my nephew a living and breathing avatar of Krishna. Bringing comfort to our family, but also giving us hard-earned lessons on how we ought not be swayed by the easy and accessible. His choosing those paths least suitable or viable showed us how the mundane and doable, the popular and lucrative, and the noise and flash of material satisfaction can never really bring lasting comfort. They are nothing but distraction. One could live a lie and make a success doing so, making charitable contributions that mark the world for the better, but when it isn't what your inner core wants, appreciates or is passionate about, sooner or later, you are left wanting. An absence in the heart that finds no comfort in riches, no peace with loved ones, and no hope in success.

Karun arrived at Sarah Lawrence College prepared to create in a collaborative and col-

lective fashion. Four years later, as he exits, humility, humanity, and helping are his natural concerns and what he cares about. Intellectual curiosity has developed his mind with a value for learning, even if it demands rigour. He sees injustice for what it is and calls it out and debates its very existence with astounding maturity. Fearless in doing what it takes for him to prevail, it is now that Karun must pivot from the role he masterfully crafted and executed in his youth. As a graduate of the most expensive private education in America, where the largest chunk of Nobel laureates studied before him, and where he successfully kept his academic scholarship coming due to good grades, he must now matriculate at the university of life and put to work the motto of his alma mater, "Wisdom with Understanding".

We must all learn first and foremost to feel and express gratitude by acknowledging the sacrifices made by others, the support provided for our comfort, and the acts that made our journey possible. We mustn't cancel others but forgive and cancel our own hate, or we will be owned by hate itself. Punishment and retribution are for juveniles. Darkness that envelops us with clouds of violence, feelings of loss and shackles of ignorance must not find oxygen in our world. It takes courage to be the change we want to see in the world, and so, I envisage Karun welcoming others, making room for them in his life, and despite differences, making those others feel that they too, belong.

In the commencement of the first independent chapter of his adult life, I imagine Karun making it his responsibility to put joy, happiness, comfort, and love to work in ways that keep him moving forward. I see him pivoting with a flip that has him giving those that provided for him comforting seats of spectatorship from which they see their strong and tough, smart and bold, kind and nurturing son take charge of his life. A journey of pride and circumspection that puts angst and distraction in the back seat and chooses to make love prevail.



## Classifieds

### PERSONAL

I Chinky Bhola D/O Sh. Rajinder Bhola R/o A-67, TDI Mall, Rajouri Garden, Vishal Enclave, New Delhi, Tagore Garden, West Delhi, Delhi-110027 have changed my name to Ruhani Bhola for all purposes.

I,RAKESH S/o-Sh.DHIRENDRA PRAKASH GUPTA R/o-SF-1,B-141, RAMPURI,SURYA NAGAR, GHAZIABAD,UTTAR PRADESH-201011, have changed my name to RAKESH KUMAR GUPTA,for all,future purpose.

I,Raj Kumar, S/o Madan Lal,R/o-13/378 Geeta-Colony,Delhi-31, state that Raj Kumar and Raj Kumar Arora is the same person and I will be known hereafter as Raj Kumar,for all purposes. 0040614799-2

Al,Neeraj Aggarwal S/o Satya Narayan R/o A-5B/344, SFS-MIG Paschim Vihar,Delhi-63, have changed my name to Neeraj Jindal.

Naresh Babu S/O Ram Ratan residing at B-90, have changed my name to Naresh infuture for all purpose vide affidavit dated 20/05/2022 Delhi 0050197399-1

Al,Vishal Bhageria,S/o-Vijay Kumar Bhageria,R/o-B-175,Saraswati Vihar,Pitam Pura,Delhi-110034,have changed my minor son's name from Chaitanya to CHAITANYA BHAGERIA. 0040614806-1

I,Vania Tariq,W/o Mohammad Shahdar R/O 2839/40 4th Floor Kucha Chellian DaryaGanj Delhi-110002, have changed my name to Vania Sulatan.

I,Taranjeet Singh Sapra,S/o Sh.Mohinder Singh Sapra,R/o D-209,Ramprastha Colony,Chander-Nagar Ghaziabad,Uttar Pradesh-201105,have changed my Minor Son name,from Govindpreet Singh to Govindpreet Singh Sapra,for all,future purposes. 0040614799-1

I,Shri Bhagwan S/o Panna Lal Mittal,R/o WZ-645B,Sri Nagar,Rani Bagh,Delhi Changed Name to Shri Bhagwan Mittal. 0040614784-1

I,Suresh S/o-Om Prakash Kakkar,R/o C-192,Flour-42,Sushant Lok phase 1, Gurugram,Haryana-122001,have changed my name to Suresh Kakkar.

I,Shivani Sharma,W/O Sunil Kumar,R/O WZ-144,Mukherjee Park Tilak-Nagar,New Delhi-110018,Have Changed My Name To Shakuntla Rani,For All,Future Purposes.

I,Savita,W/o-Raj Kumar,R/o-13/378,Geeta Colony,Delhi-31,state that Savita and Savita Arora is the same lady/person and I will be known hereafter as Savita,for all,future, purposes. 0040614799-3

I,Satnam Singh,S/o Joginder Singh,R/o,H.No-60,Second-Floor,Block-A,Sector-8,Dwarka,New-Delhi-110075,have changed my name Satnam Singh Narula,for all purpose.

I,Sangeeta Paruthi W/o Jitender Paruthi R/O-71/40, First-Floor, Prem-Nagar, Janakpuri, New Delhi-110058 have changed my name to Sangita Paruthi.

I,SHASHI SUCHDEO,W/O-NARAYAN SACHDEVA R/O-43,TOP FLOOR,SHYAM ENCLAVE,ANAND VIHAR, DELHI-110092,HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO SHASHI SACHDEVA,FOR ALL PURPOSE

I,Rajiv Bahadur Mathur alias Rajeev B. Mathur,S/o,Harbans Bahadur R/O-120-B, UNA-Enclave, Mayur-Vihar Phase-1, Delhi-110091, have changed my name to Rajiv Bahadur for-all-purpose.

I,Prabhat Kumar Sharma,S/o Rameshwar Sharma,R/o-136, Main-Market, Farukhnagar,Near-Bank of Baroda, Asalatpur, Ghaziabad,U,P-201003 have changed my name to Prabhat Kumar.

I,PARVINDER PAL SINGH,ADD-D-18,SURJIMAL VIHAR,DELHI-110092.Changed my Minor daughter name HARSHIMAR KAUR to HARSIMAR KAUR.

I,PARULA SARASWAT spouse of AVINASH PRASAD,resident of Flat-F-7,NBCC Tower-23,Type-III,Kidwai Nagar(East),New Delhi-110023,have changed my name from PARULA SARASWAT to PARUL SARASWAT and my date-of-birth from 19.09.1969 to 19.09.1970,vide affidavit dated-17.05.2022 at New Delhi.

I,Neeraj Jindal,S/o Satya Narayan,R/o A-5B/344,SFS-MIG,Paschim Vihar,Delhi-63,have changed my minor Son's name,from Yatharth Jindal to Yakshit Jindal (DOB-13/09/2013).

I,NARAYAN SUCHDEO S/O-DHARAM DAS SACHDEVA R/O-43,TOP FLOOR,SHYAM ENCLAVE,ANAND VIHAR, DELHI-110092,HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO NARAYAN SACHDEVA FOR ALL PURPOSE.

I,NARAYAN SUCHDEO S/O-DHARAM DAS SACHDEVA R/O-43,TOP FLOOR,SHYAM ENCLAVE,ANAND VIHAR, DELHI-110092,HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO NARAYAN SACHDEVA FOR ALL PURPOSE.

I,Mohd Tariq Parvez,S/o-Mohd Arif,R/o 2245,Gali-Resham Wali Kuch-Chelian DaryaGanj Delhi-110002,have changed my minor son's name,from Amaan Tariq to Amaan Khan. 0040614793-3

I,Mohd Arbaz Khan S/O,Mohd Ilyas R/O-C-16/A,Mangeram-Pk Phase-1, Budh-Vihar,Delhi-110086,have changed my name to MOHD ARBAZ. 0040614779-1

I,Mohammad shahddar,S/o Sultan Salahuddin,R/o-2839/40 4th-Floor Kucha-Chellian DaryaGanj,Delhi-110002,have changed my name to Mohammad Shahdar.

I,Maysa D/O-Nitin Kapoor,R/O-F-901, Caitriona Residential-Apartment Complex,Ambience Island,NH-8, Gurgaon,Haryana-122001,Have Changed My Name To Maysa Kapoor,For All,Future Purposes.

I,Maanvi Sharma D/O Shri Shiv Kumar Sharma R/O FLAT.NO.C-812, KATYAYANI APARTMENT,SECTOR-6,DWARKA,NEW DELHI-110075,have changed my name to Manvi Sharma for all,future purposes. 0040614779-3

I,M SUMITRA,Spouse of,no-15135843n rank have Name ARUN,resident of,446 THIRD-FLOOR,BLOCK-A,LIG-DDA, ASHIRWAD-APARTMENT,MAYUR-VIHAR PHASE-3,NEAR-GHAROLI DAIRY-FARM, NORTH-EAST DELHI,DELHI-110096,have change my name,from M SUMITRA to A SUMITRA,vide-Affidavit No-B8886954 dated-10-May-2022,before DISTRICT-COURT JODHPUR(Place of Affidavit).

I,LOVE KUMAR S/O MAHESH KUMAR R/O 374-A,BLOCK-A,BEGUM VIHAR,BEGUMPUR,DELHI-110086,HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO LUV KUMAR.

I,Krishnamurtysastry Annapuram,W/O, Balakrishnan Viswanathan,R/o.132-a, Dda Sfs-Flats,Dg2-Block,Vikasपुरi,New-Delhi-110018,have changed my name to Krishnamurti Annapuram, for all purposes. 0040614779-10

I,Krishnagopal,Mother Of,Ajith K G,R/O G-24,CAMERO-COMPLEX SUBROTO-PARK NEW DELHI-110010,have changed my name,from Krishnagopal to K P Krishnakumari VIDE- AFFIDAVIT,DATED- 21/05/2022,BEFORE NCT-DELHI.

Al,Jyoti Shikhar Singh D/o-Benarsi Dass R/o-B-3, 704, Cherry Colony, Techzone-IV, GH-05B Greater Noida-West-201307 have changed my name to Jyoti Singh for,all purposes.

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I,Juweria Shariq,W/O-Sayyed Haider Ali R/o-P-2 First-Floor Front-Side, Khaska No-307,Street,No-8,20-to-re Road,Bata House,Jamia-Nagar,New Delhi-110025,have changed my name to Juwerya Shariq,for all purposes.

I,Jitender Kumar S/o Ved Prakash R/O-71/40, First-Floor, Prem-Nagar, Janakpuri, New Delhi-110058 have changed my name to Jitender Paruthi.

I,Jaspal Singh S/O-Amar Singh,R/O-NA-201,Gali.No-07,Vishnu Garden,Delhi 110018,Have Changed My Name To Jaspal Singh Kalsi,For All Purposes.

I,Intezar Ali,S/o Nawab Ali,R/o J-4/3,B 2nd-Floor,Khirki Extention,Malviya Nagar,New Delhi-17,have changed my minor daughter's name,from Sana aged-12-years to Sana Chaudhary,for all purposes.

I,Harsha Rani,W/o-Vinod Kumar & D/o-Pujara Ram R/o-C-161,Nehru Vihar,Civil Lines,North Delhi,Delhi-110054,have changed my from Harsha Rani to Harsha for future purposes.

I,Harneet Kaur W/o-Tejbir Singh Datta R/O-313,Skylark Apartment,Plot No-35,Sector-6,Dwarka,New Delhi-75,Have Changed My Name to Harneet Datta,for all Purposes.

I,HUNNY,S/O Deva Nand,R/O R-2/A, Block-R,Mohan Garden,Uttam Nagar,New Delhi-110059,Change My Name to HUNNY DEVA NAND.

I,HEMANT HANDA S/O-SATISH KUMAR HANDA R/O- HOUSE NO.135,POCKET B/7,SECTOR-4,ROHINI,DELHI-110085,have changed my name to HEMANT KUMAR HANDA.

I,Dashrath Kumar,S/o Sh.Raghuvhar Gupta R/O-D-568, Gali.No.9-D-Block Bhajan Pura,Delhi-110053,have changed my name to Dashrath Raghuvhar Gupta,for all,future purposes.

I,Chanchal D/O-Dinesh Kashi Perihad Agarwal(Father)& Shakuntla Agarwal,(Mother)R/O-C-27,3rd-Floor, East Of Kailash,Delhi-65,changed my name to Chanchal Agarwal.

I,Bal Kishan Giri,S/o Babu Ram,R/o Y1/35/2,Ph-1,Budh Vihar,Delhi-110086,have changed my name to Bal Krishan for all purposes.

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I,Bansil Lal,S/o Ram Anand,R/o-4785, Ahata Kidara Pahari-DhiraJ,Delhi-110006,That in the school-record of my minor-daughter namely Neha Verma aged about 17-years mine and my wife name has been wrongly-written as Bansil Verma and Rinki Verma instead of Bansil Lal and Rinki,which may be amended accordingly.

I,Babil,W/o Kapoor Chand Sharma, Resident,206A, Pole.No-28,Main-Road Village-Nilothi-Nangoli,Delhi-110041,have changed my name to Nirmala Devi,for all purpose,both Babil & Nirmala Devi are same & one person only. 0040614804-3

I,BHAWNA,W/O YASHBIR HOODA,H.NO.81,SECTOR-7/A, FARIDABAD,HARYANA-121006,Changed my name to BHAWNA HOODA.

I,Arun Kumar Soni,wife of,Ashok Kumar Soni,r/o,E-190,New Rajinder Nagar,New-Delhi-110060,declare that both Arun Kumar Soni and Arun Soni are-same and only one-person that is myself.

I,Anoop Singh alias Anoop Singh Khatri,S/o Shiv Lal Employed as Head Constable in the Delhi Police,R/o Plot No.-73,Kh.No.12/19, B-Block,Qutub Vihar,Phase-I,Delhi-110071,have changed my name

I,Yogesh Prasad Chaturvedi, S/o Jagdish Prasad Chaturvedi, R/o H I A 203, Ram Ganga Bihari, Phase I, Moradabad, Uttar Pradesh-244001, have changed my name to Yogendra Prasad Chaturvedi.

I, Uttam Kumar Sinha S/o Amarendra Sinha, R/o House number-49, Aryabhata Path, Panjabari, Guwahati, Assam-781037 have changed my name to Uttam Sinha for all future purposes.

I,Samarth Ahuja, S/o Praveen Ahuja, R/o Flat No.1805, 18th Floor, Oak Tower, Paramount Golf Foreste, I.C.D Daddi, I.a. Surajpur, Gautam Buddha Nagar, Uttar Pradesh-201306, have changed my name to Manushya Kumar.

I, Saiyyam Jot Singh Gulati S/o Harmeet Singh Gulati r/o B-901, Tower Height Apartment,Pitam Pura, Delhi-110034 have changed my name to SAIYAMJOT GULATI permanently.

I, SARTHAK S/o YASHBIR SINGH HOODA,H.NO.81,SECTOR 7/A, FARIDABAD,HARYANA-121006.Changed my name to SARTHAK HOODA.

I,Punita Babber, W/o Vikas Khanna,R/o Th4/103, Parasnath Shritikoti, Sector-93A, UP, have changed my name to Punita Khanna for all future purposes.

I,Parveen Gupta S/o Harbans Lal Gupta r/o/4/152, Subhash Nagar, New Delhi-110027 and PRAVEEN GUPTA both names are of the same and one person.

I,Mukesh, S/o Sh. Sukhbir Singh, R/O-25, Saini Market, Ajronda, Sector 15 A, Faridabad, Haryana-121007, have changed my name to Mukesh Saini, S/o Sukhbir Singh Saini for all future purposes.

I,Komal Singh, W/o Anurag Shukla, R/o # 1164, Second Floor, Sector 16, Faridabad-121002, have changed my name to Komal Shukla.

I,Madan S/o-Ram Niwas R/o-H.No-60,Village-Dalamwala Jind Haryana 126102,have changed my name to Madan Sharma.

I,Havindar Kaur, W/o Girish Sathe, R/o 9/602, B9/3, Shakhtikunj Apartment, Sector-62, Noida, Gautambudhnagar, have changed my name Havindar Kaur to Harvindar Kaur for all future purpose.

I,Havildar Harish Chandra Singh R/O V&P Lili, Thana Kapkote, District Bageshwar (Uttarakhand) Declared that the correct name of my daughter is ANKITA GARIYA, which was wrongly recorded as ANKITA in my service records. My daughter will be known as ANKITA GARIYA for all purposes in future.

I,Gausiya Khatun W/o Mohsin Umar R/o A2A/232, Janak Puri, New Delhi-110058 have changed my name to Gausiya Umar.

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I,Ashok Kumar, S/o Ram Naresh Singh, R/O-M-22, Sec-12, Noida, Gautam Buddha Nagar, U.P, have changed my name to Ashok Kumar Singh for all future purposes.

I,Rupali Mittal W/o-Gaurav Mittal R/o-H.No.869, Sector-37, Faridabad, Haryana-121003 have changed my name to Rubi Mittal for all purposes.

I,Gopal Dutt S/o Sh. Narayan Dutt R/o House No.-1233, Gali No.34, Sadatpur Extension, Karawal Nagar, Delhi-110094 have changed the name of my minor daughter from Khushi alias Bhumika to Bhumika for all purposes.

I,Bal Kishan Giri,S/o Babu Ram,R/o Y1/35/2,Ph-1,Budh Vihar,Delhi-110086,have changed my name to Bal Krishan for all purposes.

I,Rajesh Kumar Aggarwal S/o-N.R.Aggarwal R/O-D-16, Tulsi Apartment, Sector-14, Rohini, Delhi-110085 have changed my name to Rajesh Aggarwal for all purposes. 0040614724-1

### LOST & FOUND

It is notified for the information of the general public that the Original Share Certificate No. 260 in favour of Mrs. Asha Gupta W/o Shri Sushil Kumar Gupta issued by the Society regarding Flat No. A-204, Lovely Homes CGHS Ltd., Plot No.5, Sector-5, Dwarka, Delhi has been lost. Any transaction on the basis of the lost certificate will be treated as invalid and liable for legal action. Finder please contact Karan Gupta, Mobile: 8527414242

It is announced for the information of general public that my original Graduation (B.Sc) degree issued by JNU in the name of Anupam Dey S/o Shekhar Dey has been lost/ misplaced. Any person finding it may contact 9599311601.

Any person having any right title on interest in the aforesaid property/floor or having any objection for the sale of the said property/floor, may contact the undersigned with relevant documents within 7 (seven) days from the date of publication of this notice, failing which my client will proceed to complete the sale transaction with the owner of the aforesaid property/floor by execution of registered sale deed, and no subsequent objection from claim whatsoever shall be entertained.

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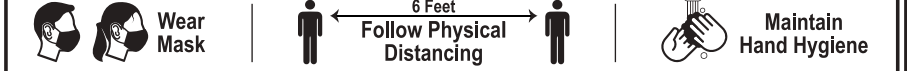
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3. The valid bids received shall be opened online in the office of the Executive Engineer PHE Division Baramulla. Bids must be accompanied by bid security and cost of Tender Document as specified in column 4 & 5 of the table.
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6. Other details can be seen in the bidding documents from the website [www.jktenders.gov.in](http://www.jktenders.gov.in).
7. Queries by email if any should be made at [kmphebl@gmail.com](mailto:kmphebl@gmail.com).

No. PHE/Bla/CC/1541-51  
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DIPK-2371-22

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# "e" PROCUREMENT NOTICE

## WORKS DEPARTMENT

E-mail : [ceworldbankprojects@gmail.com](mailto:ceworldbankprojects@gmail.com)

**Bid Identification No. CE-W.B.P. (O) - 08 / 2022 - 23**

1. The Chief Engineer (World Bank Project), Odisha on behalf of Governor of Odisha invites percentage rate bid in double cover system in ONLINE MODE from eligible contractors for construction of Road & Bridge work as detailed below :
2. Nature of work : Road work
3. No. of work : 01 no.
4. Tender cost : Rs.10,000.00 (on-line)
5. Class of Contractor : A/ Special Class Contractor
6. Available of bid : From 10.00 AM of 24.05.2022 to 5.00 PM of 08.06.2022
7. Date of opening of Bid : Dt. 09.06.2022 at 11.30 AM
8. The Bidders have to participate in ONLINE bidding only. Further details can be seen from the website : <https://tenderodisha.gov.in>. Any addendum / corrigendum / cancellation of tender can also be seen in the said website.

**Chief Engineer**  
**World Bank Project, Odisha**  
OIPR- 34003/11/0013/2223

**DIRECTORATE OF EMPLOYMENT  
& TRAINING CHHATTISGARH**  
First floor, Block-4, Indravati Bhawan, Nava Raipur Atal  
Nagar Pin 492002 Telephone 0771-2510115  
Email-detrgec@rediffmail.com www.cgiti.cgstate.gov.in

Ref. No. 305/SPIU/DET/2022 1669 Atal Nagar, Nava Raipur Dated-19 May 2022

**Invitation of Expression of interest (EoI)**

State Project Implementation Unit (SPIU) invited proposals from a firm of Chartered Accountants having eligibility as per this EoI document. The Scope of work, term and conditions, etc. are detailed in the EoI Information Document. Which can be downloaded from our website i.e. <https://cgiti.cgstate.gov.in/>

The Complete proposal may be submitted in a sealed envelope at the address mentioned below latest by 3.00 PM on 10 June 2022 along with documents Annexure II to IV:

State Project Director (SPIU)  
Directorate of Employment & Training  
Block-IV, First floor, Indravati Bhawan,  
Nava Raipur, Atal nagar (C.G.)

Modification/amendements corrigenda, if any, shall also be made available on the afore mentioned websites. The issuer reserves all rights to reject any or all proposal(s) without assigning reason therefor.

sd/-

(Awanish Kumar Sharan)  
Director



## GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA

### OFFICE OF THE CHIEF CONSTRUCTION

### ENGINEER JEYPORE (R&B) CIRCLE, JEYPORE

#### INVITATIONS FOR BIDS (IFB)


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**Bid Identification No. C.C.E.J.C (R&B)- 18/2021-22**

<p><b>No. 5568</b></p> <p>1. Nature of the work:</p> <p>2. Total No. of Works:</p> <p>3. Estimated cost:</p> <p>4. Period of completion:</p> <p>5. Cost of Bid Document:</p> <p>6. Bid Security (EMD):</p> <p>7. Class of Contractor:</p> <p>8. Date &amp; time of availability of bid document in the portal:</p> <p>9. Last date / Time for receipt of bids in the Portal:</p> <p>10. Opening date of Bid:</p> <p>11. Name and address of the Officer Inviting Bid:</p>	<p><b>Date, 18.12.2021</b></p> <p><b>BUILDING WORK</b></p> <p>02 (Two) Nos.</p> <p>Rs. 100.34 Lakhs to 476.31 Lakhs.</p> <p>07 (Seven) Months to 08 (Eight) Months.</p> <p>Rs. 10,000/- Each</p> <p>Bid Security Declaration (Schedule-K)</p> <p>"B", "A" &amp; "Special" Class according to work</p> <p>From 10.00 hours of 29.12.2021 to 17.00 hours of 10.01.2022</p> <p>17.00 hours of 10.01.2022</p> <p>10.00 hours of 11.01.2022</p> <p>Chief Construction Engineer Jaypore (R&amp;B) Circle, Jaypore</p>
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**Chief Construction Engineer**  
**Jaypore (R&B) Circle, Jaypore**  
 GPR-34106/11/0006/2223



## GOVT. OF ODISHA

# OFFICE OF THE CHIEF CONSTRUCTION ENGINEER

## RURAL WORKS CIRCLE: KEONJHAR

### eProcurement Notice for Road Works under DMF

### Identification No. Road Online NCB No. 338

### No. 995 / Date: 19.05.2022

1. **Name of the work** :- Road works under DMF in the District of Keonjhar.

2. **No. of work** :- 02 (Two) Nos.

3. **Estimated Cost** :- As per Annexure in NIT.

4. **Class of Contractor (Eligible)** :- As per Annexure in NIT.


5. **Period of Completion** :- As per Annexure in NIT.

6. **Other details** :-

Procurement Officer	Bid Identification No.	Availability of tender Online for bidding		Last Date & Time of seeking Tender Clarification.	Date & Time of Opening of Tender in O.D.C.C.E., R.W. Circle, Keonjhar	
		From	To		Technical Bid	Financial Bid
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Chief Engineer, Rural Works Circle, Keonjhar	Road Online NCB No. 338	Dt. 27/05/2022 at 11:00 A.M.	Dt. 17/06/2022 up to 5:00 P.M.	Dt. 16/06/2022 up to 5:00 P.M.	Dt. 18/06/2022 at 11:00 A.M.	Will be intimated later

● Further details can be seen from the website: [www.tendersorissa.gov.in](http://www.tendersorissa.gov.in)

Sd/- N.V. H. Rao  
**Chief Construction Engineer,**  
**R.W. Circle, Keonjhar**  
 OIPR-25177/11/0005/2223



GOVERNMENT OF JAMMU & KASHMIR

# SKIMS MEDICAL COLLEGE-HOSPITAL

BEMINA, SRINAGAR, J&K - 190017

DEPARTMENT OF MATERIALS MANAGEMENT

0194-2493226, email: mmo@skimsmc.edu.in

## NOTICE

**Sub: Procurement of spare items for QIAsymphony SP system, installed in COVID-19 Lab. SKIMS Medical College-Hospital, Bemina, Srinagar on Proprietary basis.**

SKIMS Medical College-Hospital, Bemina, Srinagar, J&K intends to procure spare items for **QIAsymphony SP system**, installed in COVID-19 Lab. SKIMS Medical College-Hospital, Bemina, Srinagar, from M/s QIAGEN, being their proprietary item, as claimed by the company.

In this connection, objections (if any) from companies manufacturing/ marketing such items compatible with the above equipment and capable of delivering the same result as intended from the above item, regarding the proprietary nature of the above item, should be communicated within **10 days** on the above mentioned email id, after which the claim of the company who has claimed for the proprietorship of the item shall be accepted.

**Sd/-**

**Materials Management Officer**  
**(SKIMS MCH Bemina)**

No: SKIMS/MCH/MMD/S-426/20-11/1447-52

Dated: 20/05/2022     DIPK-NB-1052/22



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**Advt. No. 120 TENDER INVITING NOTICE Dt. 22.05.2022**

The Chief General Manager, Security Paper Mill, Narmadapuram (M.P.) invites sealed tenders for supply of following material/work. Interested Manufacturers/Tender For detailed tender specifications/terms and conditions may please visit/downloads on our website <http://spmnarmadapuram.spmcil.com> or <http://eprocure.gov.in> <http://gem.gov.in>

Tender No.	Description/Work of Item	Qty.	Last date and time of receipt of Tenders
GeM/2022/B/1240591	Manpower outsourcing services for various electrical work at PM5 and maintenance of 132KV substation at SPM, Narmadapuram <sup>(*)</sup>		30.05.2022 Up to 06:00 P.M.
GeM/2022/B/1258086	CAMC of Fire Detection and Alarm System through GeM <sup>(*)</sup>	As per tender enquiry	03.06.2022 Up to 06:30 P.M
6000017406	Poly Vinyl Alcohol (5CP/99%)		07.06.2022 Up to 11:00 A.M
GeM/2022/B/1246882	Supply of VFD driven air compressor system with accessories, Erection and commissioning of Air compressor <sup>(*)</sup>		09.06.2022 Up to 06:00 P.M
GeM/2022/B/1258905	Supply of PBWC <sup>(*)</sup>		17.06.2022 Up to 03:00 P.M
6000017409	Chemical Wood pulp in sheet form		21.06.2022 Up to 11:00 A.M

(\*) Please visit GeM portal <http://gem.gov.in> for details & submission of bid. Any updates, Corrigendum, etc. against the above tenders shall be published on said website only. Those shall not be published in any other newspaper or media.

**M (Material)**  
**For Chief General Manager**



▲ Guardiola is an avid art lover and loves playing golf. Reuters

# GREAT MINDS, GREAT RIVALS



Klopp loves the Rocky movies, and throws in the odd analogy. Reuters

Jurgen Klopp and Pep Guardiola aim for the Premier League crown on the final day of the season, but their legacy in football will be about more than just titles and numbers

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AT THE final whistle of the first duel between Pep Guardiola and Jurgen Klopp in the English Premier League, a scrappy game Liverpool nailed 1-0 at Anfield in December 2016, the DJ played out the Starship track *Nothing Gonna Stop Us Now*. Nothing, though, seemed to suggest the mesmerising brand of football both managers would produce to enchant the world over the next five years. The match was a turgid affair with just three shots on goal. City finished third that season, Liverpool just behind them. The path of greatness for Guardiola and Klopp then seemed distant.

But since then, they have recast English football in their mould, making England the centre of the footballing galaxy. In a short time, they have ensured that they will be remembered for the glorious football they have been orchestrating in the last four years, and producing a fierce but beautiful rivalry comparable to the El Clasico peak, or the Arsene Wenger-Alex Ferguson era. Almost without fail, the pair have fought over the high ground of expressive winning football.

In the last four years, City have kissed the league title twice; Liverpool once, but have in that span won the slice of glory that City so desperately covet, the Champions League. On the suspenseful final day of the league, both are in contention for the title. City, leading Liverpool by a lone point, cannot afford to freeze, against Aston Villa, a side managed by Liverpool immortal Steven Gerrard. Liverpool host Wolverhampton Wanderers, fuelled by dreams of a champagne night, before they wrestle with Real Madrid for Champions League glory a week later.

Wherever those trophies end up, these two clubs are playing football on a differ-

ent realm, an unattainable space, for their competitors, both home and abroad. What makes their ascent to greatness unique is how differently they have approached the peak, showing that the antidote to attacking football is not defensive football, but attacking football itself.

Both Klopp and Guardiola are at once similar and dissimilar, similar in the unshakeable belief that football should be entertaining, dissimilar in how they choose their vehicle for entertainment. Guardiola is the master of order, every player functions like a piece of machine, the movements and patterns elegantly choreographed. He sees football as a ballet, where roles are nuclear-specific, movements precise and fast yet languorous.

A typical Guardiola move involves elaborate build-up in the midfield and emphasis on positional play. Though he has long moved away from *tiki taka*, the fundamental philosophy still revolves around possession. The most creative of his players have always been midfielders, often a twin axis, from Xavi and Andres Iniesta to Bernardo Silva to Kevin de Bruyne.

Even City's full-backs, like Joao Cancelo, often abandon the flanks, cut in and travel through the centre, thus narrowing the lines and wading through the traffic with their technical mastery and nimble-footedness rather than pace and power.

An unsung aspect of Guardiola is his experimental streak—though the changes are subtler than radical—his predilection to work around with his players, deploying them in different positions.

For example, Phil Foden has donned roles from a false nine to winger, de Bruyne has featured in most roles in the forward line as well as midfield. There have been instances when some of the tactics have misfired, but often Guardiola makes them work.

## The tactical team sheet

Jurgen Klopp and Pep Guardiola employ false nines, but their functions are different. Both are wedded to the 4-3-3 formations, yet operate differently.

**FALSE NINES:** Guardiola, who shaped the greatest false nine in history, Lionel Messi, had been using a more conventional 9 in his early City years, chiefly because of Sergio Aguero. But after the Argentine poacher got injured last year, and departed to Barcelona, Guardiola has reverted to his favourite position with alacrity, the ploy transforming from Plan B to A. He has used a raft of forwards in this position.

Klopp too does not possess an out and out striker. But his false nine is more false nine and a half, whose chief task is to create space and pull defenders out of their position so that the more expansive wingers, Mo Salah and Sadio Mane could prosper. Brazilian forward Roberto Firmino has made the role his own. Recently, though, after Liverpool acquired Diogo Jota, Klopp has resorted to a more conventional False Nine.

**SAME FORMATION BUT DIFFERENT:** City typically operate through central channels, and when they are in possession, their full-backs push so high up that the formation virtually becomes a 2-3-5. Whereas Liverpool's forward-line are conscious of not over-crowding upfront, their City counterparts shuttle in and out from their designated spots, sometimes operating so narrowly that it creates an impression that they are over-crowded. Such a formation isolates the

centre-backs, and with their midfield pair roving between the lines, there would be gaps in the midfield. But the gaps are filled by City's resourceful fullbacks, who counter-presses vigorously when they lose the ball. So essentially, City's defensive midfielders join the attack when they have possession, but Liverpool's drop back to bolster the defence. From his midfield, Guardiola wants neat interplay whereas Klopp wants energy.

**DIFFERENT ROLES FOR FULL BACKS:** Liverpool's full-backs, Andy Robertson and Trent-Alexander Arnold are often called playmakers from the wings. They hatch chances, conceptualise goals, belt goals and are dead-ball virtuosos. They have the license to go full-throttle, and often linger on after feeding the ball to the forwards. City's fullbacks are inverted full-backs (a tactic he learned from German football) who instead of overlapping, merges with the midfield. So while Robertson and Arnold are more like wingers, Joao Cancelo and Kyle Walker could pass off as attacking midfielders, with a slick passing range.

The concept is clear—more bodies in the midfield, to not only help in possession but also provide another defensive layer and enable the central midfielders to advance upfront to find pockets of space.

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### Speed and creativity

Contrastingly, Klopp is the conductor of organised chaos. A typical Klopp move takes place at maddening pace, with an overload on flanks, and players inter-changing positions. His most creative players are his wingmen, Mohammed Salah and Trent Alexander-Arnold on the right and Sadio Mane or Luis Diaz and Andy Robertson on the left.

The midfield is made of bruising hard-tacklers and ball-winners. More pick-up trucks than City's Rolls Royces. Unlike Guardiola, Klopp is averse to tinkering, unless there is an absolute necessity.

Thus, as devoted as both teams are towards attacking football, they are antithetical too. Just like the personalities of the coaches. Though Guardiola has swapped his blazer and waistcoat for a long-sleeved black t-shirt and jeans, he continues to be a fashion icon, the stubble and bald look quite a rage. Klopp often turns up in a tracksuit and sneakers, his black LFC cap often turned back like a baseballer. Klopp wanted to be a doctor while Guardiola wanted to be a footballer since he could remember.

The latter is an avid art lover and loves his golf. Klopp loves the Rocky movies, and doesn't hesitate to throw in the odd analogy (one of his pet lines: "Liverpool are still Rocky Balboa, not Ivan Drago). Guardiola is an introvert; Klopp an extrovert.

Their footballing journeys, too, ran differently. Barcelona plucked Guardiola when he was barely a teenager; he imbibed all the ideals of Barcelona godfather Johan Cruyff and plied them at elite level for 15 years as a deep-lying playmaker with finesse. Klopp began as a sloppy striker and ended up as a right-back. A haul of 52 goals in 325 games for Mainz (mostly in the second division) tells the story of his positional swap. At one point, Klopp was so worried about his footballing future that he tried sports reporting for a local television

channel.

Guardiola chiselled his footballing intelligence under some of the deepest thinkers of the game (Cruyff, Louis van Gaal, Bobby Robson). Wolfgang Frank, whose best moment was plotting Mainz's promotion) was Klopp's inspiration. Frank, though, was a revolutionary as he debunked the German footballing practices of his times. He dispelled the sweeper and sharpened his men to press when they lost possession. Later, Klopp was to refine the pressing game.

### Orchestrating an experience

United they are on the definitive purpose of the game. "As Jürgen has said many times before, titles are just like numbers, it's the emotion that people feel during the 90 minutes that they're watching us that's the real reason we're in the job," Guardiola said during a managers' meeting.

A quadruple for Liverpool matters; as does the league title for City. But in the end, it's for the football they produce that they would be remembered.

No better evidence of the tactic's acceptance than Guardiola embracing it, though not as relentlessly as Klopp. Though passing and possession are the soul of Guardiola's sides, pressing too has become a vital part of his team.

Simultaneously, Klopp has encouraged his teams to keep the ball longer than ever before. Relentless pressing could tire his own team. The end result is two teams playing irresistible football, under two of the deepest thinkers of the game.

One metes out death by passes; the other pronounces death by pressing. And the DJs at Etihad and Anfield can belt out the song: "Nothing Gonna Stop Us Now."

(Manchester City take on Aston Villa and Liverpool face Wolves at 8:30 PM Live on Star Sports)

## BRIDGE

Dealer: South Vulnerable: None

NORTH		SOUTH WEST		NORTH	EAST
♠ J43				INT	Pass
♥ 8743					
♦ KJ		Pass	3NT	Pass	Pass
♣ AKJ3		Pass			
SOUTH					
♠ AK8					
♥ Q6					
♦ A1032					
♣ Q875					

South plays in 3NT with the lead of the nine of spades. What do you do with this lead?

The West Hand: S-97H-AJ95 D-8764C-1062  
The East Hand: S-Q10652H-K102D-Q95C-94

For the moment, you do nothing. Instead, learn what it means. You can do this by looking at the opponents' convention card if you are playing in a tournament, or you can ask East what the nine means. Most players play that the nine is top of nothing and that is probably what you will hear them tell you.

That is what these opponents are doing too. Now that you know West is leading top of nothing, how do you play the hand?

Since you have eight top tricks you might go after diamonds for one more but you might miss the suit you could lose four heart tricks when they get in. The better play by far is to take advantage of the opening lead. West's lead is supposed to be the top of nothing and you have no reason not to believe that it is not. Where is the ten of spades?

East has it. He has the queen too. And most important of all, you have the eight. This fortunate lead (for you) has given you your ninth trick. The way to get it is to play the jack of spades. East has to cover else you get a ninth trick right now. Win the first trick and go to dummy with a club. Lead a spade and finesse the eight. When it wins you will have nine tricks and West will be left to rue his choice of leads.

Dealer: South Vulnerable: None

NORTH		SOUTH	
♠ QJ10874		♠ 92	
♥ 42		♥ AK83	
♦ K97		♦ AJ	
♣ Q3		♣ K10762	

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
	1NT		
Pass	4H	Dbl.	4S
Pass	Pass	Pass	

West led the nine of hearts and South won with the ace. Let's assume that West does not have a singleton heart. How should South get ten tricks out of this?

## JUMBLED WORDS

Given below are four jumbled words. Solve the jumbles to make proper words and move them to the respective squares below. Select the letters in the shaded squares and jumble them to get the answer for the given quip.

The \_\_\_ of the dead is placed in the \_\_\_ of the living. - Marcus Tullius Cicero (4...6)

ANEER	HISYMM
■ ■ ■ ■ ■	■ ■ ■ ■ ■
AVILO	EILWFY
■ ■ ■ ■ ■	■ ■ ■ ■ ■

SOLUTION: RANE, VOILA, VOILA, SHIMMY, WIFELY  
Answer: The life of the dead is placed in the memory of the living - Marcus Tullius Cicero

## SUNDAY CROSSWORD 2374

### QUICK CLUES ACROSS

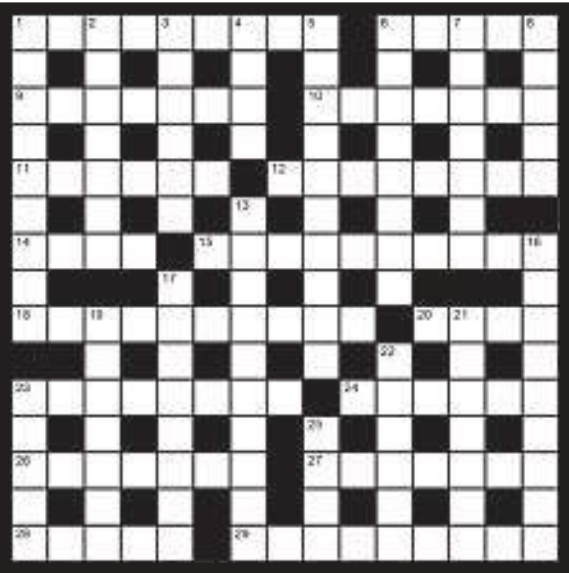
- Made a victim (9)
- Small light boat (5)
- Complete array (7)
- Attain or reach (7)
- Prayer (6)
- Blunders or flowers? (8)
- Roman robe (4)
- Kolkata's state (4,6)
- Limited or confined (10)
- Action word (4)
- Has within it (8)
- Man of the cloth (6)
- Broad oceanic expanse (4,3)
- Display of daring (7)
- Gin fizz (5)
- Bears with, stands (9)

### DOWN

- Backer (9)
- Outlawing (7)
- Put to work (6)
- Blocks, dolls, kites, et al. (4)
- Bit of mail never delivered? (4,6)
- Sailing vessel (8)
- Titanic's nemesis (7)
- Senses or touches (5)
- Offspring, progeny or scion (10)
- Strenuous, tough or arduous (9)
- Southern US state (8)
- Ray of sunlight (7)
- To draw or pull out (7)
- Mend (6)
- Church singers (5)
- Ancient Greek coin (4)

### CRYPTIC CLUES ACROSS

- Extremely antique methods ruined farm (9)
- A course regularly pursued (or a small part) (5)
- Possibly acid when fools swallow our stew (7)
- Painter of some power over the water in France (7)
- Extremely clever somewhat in part (4,2)
- Sail club capsize that could make one sick! (8)
- One may win it by a head (4)
- Suit oneself? (3,7)
- Like the German left without a mark? (7,3)
- It's not cold hostility to many (4)
- Complete gathering of men for a board meeting (5,3)
- About Indian bread in the Promised Land (6)



- Get out of control - like pins, perhaps (4,3)
- Vehicle allowed violent entertainment medium (5,2)
- Galve the prescribed amount from Waldo's edible herbs (5)
- Left nurse terribly indignant (9)
- Hard to have brain surgery in Chinese port (6)
- Looked over, with a view to stealing recording about sea sickness (5)
- One's going round the church (4)

### Solutions to 2373

**QUICK CLUES Across:** 1 Branch, 4 Barbic, 10 Uttered, 11 Manipur, 12 Diva, 13 Terra Firma, 15 Rotter, 16 Enacted, 20 Usher in, 21 Cabled, 24 Authorises, 26 True, 28 Swahili, 29 Cervise, 30 Averaging, 31 Bright, Down: 1 Boulders, 2 Activates, 3 Card, 5 Admiring, 6 Beneficial, 7 Ripar, 8 Corral, 9 Idles, 14 Developing, 17 Enlarging, 18 Division, 19 Adherent, 22 Nausea, 23 Hence, 25 Tease, 27 Beer. **CRYPTIC CLUES Across:** 1 Agenda, 4 Dumb-bell, 10 Reeling, 11 Session, 12 Pogo, 13 Snails pace, 15 Entire, 16 Wedlock, 20 October, 21 Refute, 24 Accusative, 26 Spot, 28 Terrier, 29 Numeral, 30 Checkers, 31 Linden, Down: 1 Airspeed, 2 Energetic, 3 Drip, 5 Unsold, 6 Best seller, 7 Erica, 8 Linked, 9 Agony, 14 Broomstick, 17 Cluttered, 18 Lecture, 19 Ventolin, 22 Tactic, 23 Event, 25 Curve, 27 Impl.

## SUDOKU 4842

### Difficulty Level 3s

#### 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 4841



18 SPANISH CHAMPIONS IN LAST 30 FINALS

1992: Courier bt Korda	1997: Kuerten bt Bruguera	2002: Costa bt Ferrero	2007: Nadal bt Federer	2012: Nadal bt Djokovic	2017: Nadal bt Wawrinka
1993: Bruguera bt Courier	1998: Moya bt Corretja	2003: Ferrero bt Verkerk	2008: Nadal bt Federer	2013: Nadal bt Ferrer	2018: Nadal bt Thiem
1994: Bruguera bt Berasategui	1999: Agassi bt Medvedev	2004: Gaudio bt Coria	2009: Federer bt Soderling	2014: Nadal bt Djokovic	2019: Nadal bt Thiem
1995: Muster bt Chang	2000: Kuerten bt Norman	2005: Nadal bt Puerta	2010: Nadal bt Soderling	2015: Wawrinka bt Djokovic	2020: Nadal bt Djokovic
1996: Kafelnikov bt Stich	2001: Kuerten bt Corretja	2006: Nadal bt Federer	2011: Nadal bt Federer	2016: Djokovic bt Murray	2021: Djokovic bt Tsitsipas

Suffering in Spain, succeeding in Paris

Like Bruguera and Nadal before him, 19-year-old Alcaraz too is a product of highly-successful system that produces untiring clay-courtiers with high pain threshold and French Open titles

SANDEEP DWIVEDI

EVERY YEAR in the fashion capital of the world, on tastefully decorated courts, elegantly-dressed fans get enchanted by dishevelled gritty men in dirt-stained clothes. Invariably, for close to three decades, the Parisians in their immaculate Channels and Diors have ended up applauding the French Open triumph of some tired Spaniard bathed in red clay.

In the last 29 editions, 18 winners have been from Spain. Rafael Nadal's 13, Sergi Bruguera's two and one each by Carlos Moya, Albert Costa and Juan Carlos Ferrero made their country's red and yellow the perennial black of the most stylised of Slams.

This time around, as the French Open commences on Sunday, the first Slam in two years that doesn't have Covid restrictions or a cloud over anti-vaxxer Novak Djokovic's participation, Spain's presence in the men's singles draw is an unusually high 10. Attracting an unprecedented buzz, not seen on the tennis circuit since Nadal was 19, is a boy from a Spanish village known for its beaches and palms living the last year of his dreamy teens.

The hype around him is justified, but then like all hypes, it is a shade exaggerated.

Carlos Alcaraz, in the last couple of months, has beaten Nadal, Djokovic, Alexander Zverev and Stefanos Tsitsipas - currently the best in business. Still some pundits are holding back the platitudes. His wins have been in best-of-three sets, and that's a rider that can't be ignored. In tennis, the fourth and fifth sets happen to be the auspicious time when 'greatness' visits the court, it's the moment of truth when the likes of 'promise' and 'potential' across

the net start to look insufficient and not yet 'well done'. Reference: Any recent Djokovic Grand Slam triumph.

Paris will decide if Alcaraz needs more time in the furnace to steel up. Unlike the Slams on grass and hard courts, clay demands a lot from the player and eventually ends up taking out much more. History shows that a fancy booming serve or a chip-and-charge game shaped around a killer volley might take you far, or even till the final day, at Wimbledon, or even US or Australian Opens.

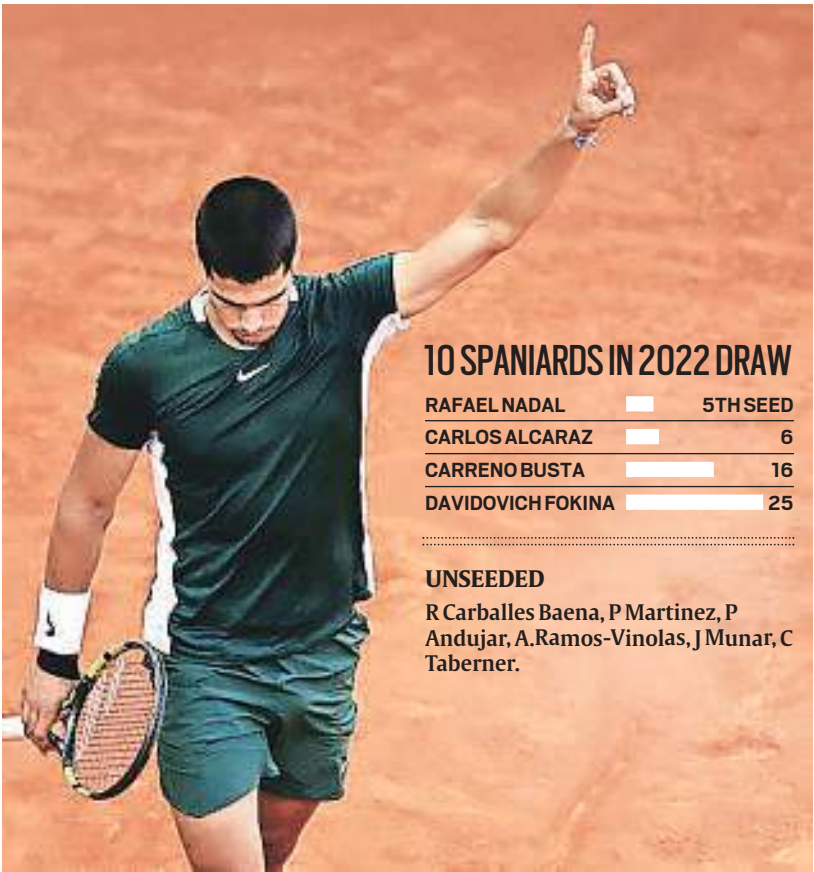
Not so at the French Open, the slowest of Slams. At Roland Garros, it's a harder grind, where the grunts from the baseline are louder and guttural, the laundry bill higher. Around here, the forehand with wreck-ball-like demolition capability early in the rally doesn't guarantee a point. On the finely powdered top layer of red clay - the surface that grips the ball and sucks out its pace - the tactics and set-ups need to be the sharpest tools in a player's kit.

Rivals need to be out-thought, wrong-footed and thrown out of position before the ball is imparted the maximum possible RPMs and optimum speed so that it travels faster and dips deep in the rival's court.

Rich tradition

Alcaraz is known to do all that and much more but had he not been from Spain, the world wouldn't have gotten this excited. His countrymates' imposing footprints on the Roland Garros clay - this millennium there have been just four instances of non-Spanish French Open finals - adds to his aura, believing in his 'vamos' pitch and trust in the brand he represents.

Spain has taken a while to build this



At the Madrid Open, Carlos Alcaraz became the first player to beat Nadal and Djokovic in the same clay court tournament. Reuters

legacy. Nadal isn't merely a product of Uncle Tony's obsessive individual pursuit or ambitious enterprise. He is the outcome of a scientific system that works on a centralised strategy with former players and renowned coaches, eager to share their wisdom, on watch at every turn of the prolific assembly line.

The early 1990s is a good start to understand Spain's clay march. In 1993, Bruguera, breaking his nation's two-decade long lull, won the French title. The arrival of a cham-

pin role model was a stroke of good fortune the sport needed after it received massive funding in the lead-up to the 1992 Barcelona Olympics. Suddenly, at the newly-laid clay courts spread around the country, young kids wanted to slide around like Bruguera and whip across the net those monstrous inside-out forehands.

Beginners taking baby steps on clay courts is a healthy sign for tennis. Old-school coaches stress how slower surfaces are the best teachers. They inculcate good

habits. Clay courts are fertile fields to grow patience and develop tactical acumen. They are also easy on the legs. Since the balls don't skid or rush off the surface, young players have time to get into right positions, get their grip right, develop a swing and discover a sweeter part of the racquet.

But merely laying out clay courts didn't give Spain, a country with a population on par with Delhi NCR, unimaginable Grand Slam success. The country had visionaries charting the dirt-track in the wilderness and believers passionately following them.

In the eye-opening book *The Secret of Spanish Tennis* by Chris Lewit, a technical piece of work primarily for professional players and coaches, the author mentions a training template - a programme with endlessly-repetitive drills to improve footwork, racquet speed, defence, attack. This was put in place by Bruguera Senior in the 1980s, and diligently followed by a son and in wake of his success, getting mass following. The success of the Sanchez siblings, Emilo and Arantxa, would be a catalyst.

No substitute for hard work

Those proverbial 10,000 hours of drill work helped Bruguera add extra RPMs to the ball, making him an unstoppable force on clay. His success popularised his methods. Across Spain, youngsters would spend long hours imitating the down-to-up arc that Bruguera's racquet made. The results were dramatic. The pursuit to send a tennis ball in a tizzy by giving it a whiplash - enabling the racquet strings to give a quick heavy brush to the ball - would become a

national obsession. It would trickle down the system.

As Lewit says, the coaches ensured that the Bruguera way would soon become the Spanish way. "Coaches have taken his (Bruguera) drills, adapted and modified them, and proliferated them at nearly every school - all across the country."

This explains the genesis of Nadal's dreaded weapon, his Jedi lightsaber-like topspin forehand. When Nadal hit his prime, about a decade later, the evolved racquet technology made his strokes so heavy that the world couldn't handle the weight. But in Spain, they swear by the system, not any individuals. "The heavy ball in Spain is not just an accident or due to a player's DNA, it is actively and systematically developed," writes Lewit.

The missionary zeal with which good word was spread is also a cultural thread. Around the world, the Spanish tennis ecosystem is seen as a close-knit community that believes in collective wisdom. Coaches and former players are known to have big hearts. "There is a 'rising tide lifts all boats' mentality, rather than a 'scorched earth' competitive approach," says the book about a system that abhors the military strategy of winning at all costs and destroying anything that is useful to the enemy.

It's a tradition that will be for all to see at this French Open. Nadal will have in his corner French Open champion Moya. And Alcaraz, in his box, will have another Roland Garros winner Juan Carlos Ferrero. They all know the drill to succeed on the unforgiving clay court where there are no short-cuts.

Suffering is a big part of the tennis system. About the long classic Spanish drills - with repetitions of non-stop 20-60 balls - the tome said: "There is nothing like hitting your 30th ball - legs burning, lungs on fire - only to realise that you still have 30 more shots left to go." Mountain climbs, sprints upstairs, hill running prepare players for a five-setter at Roland Garros.

Players are said to embrace suffering, something Lewit argues is part of Spanish culture. Emilio Sanchez points to the years of "suffering under a totalitarian regime" (under Franco).

The book also says that the "theme of suffering is also a core part of the dominant Catholic religion in Spain". As a player quoted in the book says, "they are not willing to suffer, they love to suffer."

The most earthy of all Slams waits to see if Alcaraz has it in him to suffer and succeed.

BRIEFLY

Praggnanandhaa stuns Carlsen again

New Delhi: Indian Grandmaster Praggnanandhaa Rameshbabu notched up his second win of the season over Magnus Carlsen in the fifth round of the Chessable Masters online rapid chess tournament, exactly three months after stunning the world champion for the first time. The 16-year-old from Chennai capitalised on a late blunder from Carlsen on Friday to pocket three crucial points to keep himself in the hunt for a knockout berth. PTI

Sindhu falters in Thailand Open semis

Bangkok: A profligate P V Sindhu stumbled in the semifinals of the Thailand Open, going down in straight games to Olympic champion and world number four Chen Yu Fei of China here on Saturday. Sindhu, a two-time Olympic medalist, lost 17-21 16-21 to third seeded Chen in 43 minutes to end an impressive run in the Super 500 tournament. PTI

Compound archery team bags WC gold

Gwangju: The Indian men's compound archery team on Saturday came from behind to prevail over France by two points in an intense finish to win the gold medal in successive World Cup stages. Mohan Bhardwaj also shared the lime-light as he stunned reigning world champion Nico Wiener en route to winning a dream World Cup individual silver medal as compound archers outshone their recurve teammates. PTI

Anand seals Rapid event in Warsaw

Warsaw: Former world champion Viswanathan Anand won the rapid event of Superbet Rapid and Blitz Poland chess tournament on Saturday with a round to spare. Anand scored six wins and two draws to seal the Rapid title in style. The Indian GM won his seventh round game against David Gavrilescu of Romania in 25 moves. PTI

Mumbai knockout DC to give RCB playoff berth

SYNOPSIS: Pant errs in DC's demise after a Bumrah special upsets the apple cart

SHAMIK CHAKRABARTY  
KOLKATA, MAY 21

RISHABH PANT would like to forget this game. First, he dropped a sitter of a skier off Kuldeep Yadav's bowling to give Dewald Brevis a reprieve on 25. Shardul Thakur spared his captain's blushes by removing the batsman a couple of overs later. Then, he had Tim David caught behind for a golden duck.

The on-field umpire didn't hear the nick and Pant decided against taking the review. Ultra-showed a spike and to rub salt into the wound, David went on to score an 11-ball 34 to slam the playoffs door shut on Delhi Capitals. Ricky Ponting sat motionless in the dug-out. Pant had a noticeable lump in his throat.

Chasing 160 for victory, Mumbai Indians won by five wickets with five balls to spare. About 17 kilometres away, in their hotel at Bandra, Royal Challengers Bangalore players and staff must have heaved a collective sigh of relief. The IPL knockouts will have Virat Kohli's stardust.

**Bumrah special**

The final playoff place was DC's to lose. Prithvi Shaw was back from illness and on paper, they boasted serious hitting might down to Rowman Powell at No.6. MI had checked out of the season and were expected to give a perfunctory presence. Jasprit Bumrah, though, decided to play for pride.

At times in his first spell, he was nigh-on unplayable. It was unadulterated Test match bowling with the white ball, fascinating to watch but very difficult for the batsmen to counter.

David Warner fell to Daniel Sams. Mitchell Marsh came to the crease, carrying his good form. But Bumrah's delivery was special, just nibbling away off good length and taking the outside edge to Rohit Sharma at first slip. The MI skipper took a fine diving catch, while Marsh was gone first ball.

Shaw got a searing bouncer. It climbed diagonally off a length, took the glove and ballooned behind the stumps. Ishan Kishan took an excellent diving catch to put DC on

IPL TABLE						
TEAM	M	W	L	PT	NRR	
GT	14	10	4	20	0.316	
RR	14	9	5	18	0.298	
LSG	14	9	5	18	0.251	
RCB	14	8	6	16	-0.253	
DC	14	7	7	14	0.204	
KKR	14	6	8	12	0.146	
PK	13	6	7	12	-0.043	
SRH	13	6	7	12	-0.230	
CSK	14	4	10	8	-0.203	
MI	14	4	10	8	-0.506	
Qualifier 1: GT vs RR, May 24						
Eliminator: LSG vs RCB, May 25						
Qualifier 2: May 27						
Final at Motera, Ahmedabad: May 29						

a slippery slope. Sarfaraz Khan perished to Mayank Markande and at 50/4 in the ninth over, DC were under pressure.


Pant was there but he didn't have the licence to hit. Powell joined him and targeted the spinners. There had to be aggression from one end, although building a partnership at that stage was the priority.

The Jamaican took a couple of sixes off Hrithik Shokeen and another one off Markande. MI's cricket during that period became very sloppy, through misfields galore, but DC's run-rate still hovered around seven-and-a-half per over. After 15 overs, they were 106/4 and a below par total looked to be on the cards.


Pant tried to up the ante, hitting a couple of fours and a six against Ramandeep Singh, but lost his wicket in the same over, chasing a wide delivery. DC stared at uncertainty. RCB hoped.

Powell was the last power-hitter standing and he had to overcome the Bumrah challenge. A rare half-tracker was pulled for a six. The response from the fast bowler was a yorker that took out the off stump. DC were still delicately placed and 159/7 was a below par total. Bumrah's brilliance had upset the apple cart.


**Brief scores: Delhi Capitals 159 for 7 (Powell 43, Bumrah 3-25) lost by five wickets to Mumbai Indians 160 for 5 (Kishan 48, David 34, Thakur 2-32)**



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Greater Noida has recently piqued the interest of large corporations interested in establishing operations in the area. Patanjali Ayurved announced in November 2016 that it would invest Rs 20 billion in a greenfield project here. A number of mobile phone manufacturers have expressed interest too. The Taiwan Electrical and Electronics Manufacturers' Association will invest US\$200 million in a 210-acre greenfield electronic manufacturing cluster in Greater Noida.

The Jewar Airport, once operational, will be a

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