



# **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

Annual provision of

# **100 Days Employment**

to needy families in urban areas

**RAJASTHAN SAMWAD** 

for the scheme

₹800 Crore

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

**Department of Information & Public Relations, Rajasthan** 



#### SALUTE THE SOLDIER



L NK JEET SINGH (08 MAR 1966 TO 22 MAY 1996) In the rerembrance of Late L 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

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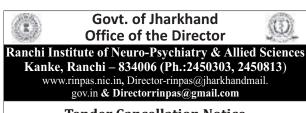
#### 🕽 TAMIL NADU GENERATION AND DISTRIBUTION CORPORATION LIMITED 🊈 TENDER NOTICE :TANGEDCO/SWAP/ SW-04/2022 TANGEDCO invites offers for banking of power to other utility under

other utility under SWA TANGEDCO on a short term basis for the period commencing fro 10.06,2022 to 31.08.2022 (RTC) and will accept the return of power from other utility from 01.10.2022 to 31.08.2022 (RTC) and will accept the return of power from other utility from 01.10.2022 to 31.10.2022 (17-22Hrs), 15.02.2023 to 28.02.2023 (17-22 Hrs) & 01.03.2023 to 10.05.2023 (RTC). The offer should reach the office on or before 28.05.2022 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 winc NPKRR Maaligai, 144, Anna Salai, Chennai-2. Specification is available in TANGEDCO /ebsite Viz., www.tangedco.gov.in Chief Engineer/PPP/TANGEDCO

#### STATE BANK OF INDIA Retail Assets Centralized Processing Center **O**SBI 1st Floor, Patna Main Branch Building, West Gandhi Maidan, Patna - 800001

**PUBLIC NOTICE** 

t 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, Tauji 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



#### **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

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



Sd/-

I/c Director,

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 or website : http://cbi.nic.in Tala No. 1011 04060620

Tele No. : 011-24368638 or 243686	41 Sd/-
FAX No. : 011-24368639	SHO, GTB Enclave, Delhi
DP/832/SHD/2022	Mob.: 7065036031, 9873322997



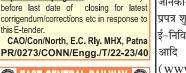
**E-Tender Notice** त्रांक- जि0चि0/2022-23/245 E-TENDER NOTICE NO. - ECR-CAO-C-N

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 Pratapganj 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

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UPID-17 be deposited : Rs. 4.19.600.00. Date and WV 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 बन्द http://www.ireps.gov.in Note: In case of any discrepancies found in ender notice, English version will be final Fenderers are requested to visit the website http://www.ireps.gov.in atleast 15 days



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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. SI.No. 1. Name of the work: MHDA; Yard remodeling of Mahdeiya yard for provision of two additional loop lines, wharf & shunting necks. 2. Appox. 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.ireps.gov.in Note : Tenderers are requested to visit the website http//www.ireps.gov.in atleast 10 days before last date of closing

के0वी0 उपकेन्द्र (GIS) गंगानगर के वार्षिक आधार पर परिचालन एवं अनुरक्षण से सम्बन्धित कार्य। दिनांक 07.06.2022, रू. 16,000.00/- रू. 1770.00/ 2. टी-27/22-23( अल्पकालिक):- विद्यत पारेषण खण्ड मेरठ के अन्तर्गत 132 के0वी0 उपकेन्द्र हापुड बाईपास (वेद व्यासपुरी) के वार्षिक आधार पर परिचालन एवं अनुरक्षण से सम्बन्धित कार्य। दिनांक 07.06.2022, रू. 24,000.00/---, 1770.00/ 3. 23(अल्पकालिक):- विद्युत पारेषण खण्ड बडौत के अन्तर्गत 132 के0वी0 उपकेन्द्र हरसिया के वार्षिक आधार पर परिचालन एवं अनुरक्षण से सम्बन्धित कार्य। दिनांक for latest corrigendum / corrections etc.

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

THE SUNDAY EXPRESS, MAY 22, 2022 कार्यालय मुख्य चिकित्सा अधीक्षक, जिला चिकित्सालय,खीरी। दिनांक- 20.05.202

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पारेषण खण्ड मेरठ के अन्तर्गत 132 के0वी0

नीलामी सुचना सर्वसाधारण को सूचित किया जाता है, कि अधोहस्ताक्षरी के पत्र संख्या जि**0चि०/प्रकाशन**/2022-23/214 दिनांक 11.05.2022 में विज्ञप्ति को संशोधित करते हुये क्रमशः टूटने वाले भवन की नीलामी की लागत रू0 15326661.00 को रू0 10914559.00 पढ़ा जाये, उक्त भवन को तोड़ने की लागत रू0 1869000.00 को रू0 1348990.00 पढ़ा जाये, उससे प्राप्त स्क्रैप की कीमत रू0 17195000.00 को रू0 12263549.00 एवं नीलामी की वास्तविक मूल्य रू0 15326661.00 को रू0 10914559.00 पढ़ा जायें । प्रथम फेज के भवनों के लिए 15 दिन, द्वितीय एवं तृतीय फेज के भवनों के लिए 15 दिन ध्वस्तीकरण एवं मलबा उठाने हेतू दिए जायेंगे ।

रू० 1100000.00 का ड्राफ्ट सिक्योरिटी के रूप में जमा होगा। बाकी की शर्ते पूर्व की भांति यथावत रहेगी। हस्ता

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उ० प्र0 पावर ट्रांसमिशन कारपोरेशन लि० ई-निविदा आमंत्रण सचना अनभवी फर्मो/ ठेकेदार/कार्यदायी संस्थाओं से विद्युत पारेषण मण्डल मेरठ के अन्तर्गत निम्न कार्यों हेतु मोहर ई-निविदायें ई-पोर्टल (www.etender.up.nic.in) पर दो भागों में आमत्रित की जाती है। 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 के सम्बन्ध

(www.etender.up.nic.in) पर लॉग आन करें। निविदा का विवरण निम्न प्रकार हैः ई निविदा संख्या, कार्य का विवरण, निविदा के प्रथम भाग खुलने की दिनांक, धरोहर राशि एवं निविदा का मुल्य (कर सहित) को क्रम में पढ़ा जायें। 1. टी-26/22-23(अल्पकालिक):-टी-28/22-पारेषण

07.06.2022, रू. 24,000.00/-,रु. 1770.00/ टी-29/22-23( अल्पकालिक):- विद्युत दिनांकः 21/05/22

उपकेन्द्र मेडिकल पर वार्षिक आधार पर अनुरक्षण का कार्य दिनांक 07.06.2022, रू 9,000,00/- रू. 590,00/ 5. 립-30/22-23:- विद्यत पारेषण खण्ड मेरठ के अन्तर्गत 132 के0वी0 वेदव्यासपुरी--कंकरखेडा लाईन के विभिन्न लोकेशन के मध्य क्षतिग्रस्त कन्डक्टर को बदलने से सम्बन्धित कार्य आवश्यक सामग्री निविदाकर्ता द्वारा आपूर्ति की जायेगी। दिनांक 22.06.2022, 16,000.00/-, रू. 1770.00/ 6. 킨-31/22-23:-- विद्युत पारेषण खण्ड-द्वितीय मेरठ के अन्तर्गत 132 के0वी0 उपकेन्द्र मवाना पर क्षमतावृद्धि हेतु 01 नग 63 एम.वी.ए. परिवर्तक स्थापित करना, सम्बन्धित विभिन्न बे का निर्माण एवं 33 के0वी0 मेन बस के विस्तार से सम्बन्धित कार्य। दिनांक 22.06.2022, रू 58,000.00/- रू. 7080.00/ 7. 킨-32/22-23:- विद्युत पारेषण खण्ड बडौत के अन्तर्गत 132 के0वी0 बडौत - किरथल लाईन के विभिन्न चिमनी एवं टावर स्टब की मरम्मत से सम्बन्धित कार्य । दिनांक 22.06.2022. रू 2,000.00/- रू. 590.00/ 8. 킨-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, रू. 14,000.00/- रू 1770.00/ अधीक्षण अभियंता, विद्युत पारेषण मण्डल, 130-डी, पारेषण भवन" विक्टोरिया पार्क, मेरठ। "राष्ट्रहित में ऊर्जा बचायें" अधीक्षण अभियंता अधीक्षण अभियन्ता विद्युत मण्डल, पंत्राक नं. 1337

**Directorate of Geology and Mining Government of Uttar Pradesh** Khanij Bhawan 27/8, Raja Ram Mohan Rai Marg, Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh 226001 Email: rampravesh.singh@up.gov.in

Notice No: 450 /ख.अ/125(1)/2021

#### **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)"

Date: 21/05/2022

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 Minera (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 or Composite Licence as under for electronic auction and hereby invites tenders for the ourposes

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 .imited:(https://www.mstcecommerce.com/auctionhome/mlcl /index.jsp).

nterested and eligible bidders can register themselves on the above website. Or 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 ast 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.

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

#### List of Mineral Blocks for Auction

No.	Name of the Block	Mineral	District	Price of Tender Document* <i>(in</i> <i>Rs.)</i>
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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.	Barwadih 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 Fender 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)

UPID-176470 Dt. 21.05.2022 www.up.gov.nic.ir

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

दक्षिणांचल विद्युत

### पश्चिमांचल विद्युत वितरण निगम लि.

ई-निविदा सूचनाः पूर्ण जमा योजना एवं O&M मद में अधिशासी अभियन्ता, वि.वि.ख.-प्रथम/द्वितीय, मु०नगर के अन्तर्गत 1. ई-निविदा संख्या 42/2022-23 में नये संयोजन व लाईन शिफ्टिंग करना धरोहर राशि रू0 6250.00, 2. 43/2022-23 में लाईन शिफ्टिंग करना धरोहर राशि रू0 3000.00, 44/2022-23 में नये प्तंयोजन व लाईन शिफ्टिंग करना धरोहर राशि रू० 1200.00, 45/2022-23 में पावर/वितरण परिवर्तकों का सुद्ढिकरण एवं अन्य कार्य करना धरोहर राशि रू० 1100.00 एवं 46/2022-23 में पावर परिवर्तकों का सुदुढिकरण करना धरोहर राशि रू0 2000.00 का कार्य बाह्य एजेन्सी के माध्यम से कराये जाने है। क्र.सं. 1 व 2 पर अंकित ई-निविदाओं का प्रथम एव द्वितीय भाग www.etender.up.nic.in पर दिनांक 18.06.2022 एवं क्र.सं. 3 से 5 पर अंकित ई–निविदाओं का प्रथम एवं द्वितीय भाग दिनांक 20.06.2022 को 12:00 बजे तक भरे जा सकते है। निविदा विशिष्टीकरण एवं अन्य नियम व शर्ते www.etender.up.nic.in /www.pvvnl.org पर देखे। अधोहस्ताक्षरकर्ता बिना कारण बताये ई-निविदा निरस्त करने का पूर्ण अधिकारी होगा एवं स्वयं को अपडेट रखने के लिये उपरोक्त वेबसाईट को नियमित रूप से देखते रहना चाहिए। नोट:- प्रति ई-निविदा का निविदा शल्क रू. 1180.00 हस्ता/-अधीक्षण अभियन्ता विद्यत वितरण मण्डल-प्रथम, मुजफ्फरनगर पत्रांकः2449/वि.वि.मं.प्र.-मु.नगर/कैम्प, दिनांकः 21/05/2022



दि0: 20.05.202 Department- Mahatma Phule Krishi Vidyapeeth, Rahuri. Jivision- University Engineer

...... Government of Maharashtra Mahatma Phule Krishi Vidyapeeth, Rahuri गन्नं बहु कुर्वीत तद व्रतम् Office : University Engineer, MPKV, Rahuri

> Address: Central Campus, Administrative Building, Mahatma Phule Krishi Vidyapeeth Rahuri, Tal-Rahuri, Dist-Ahmednagar. Pin-413722 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.							

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RINPAS, Kanke, Ranchi n response to this E-tender.

Vikash Jha

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nvites online bid from interested parties. Brief summary of tender is give 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 / Spacieo / 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 Bhali-II HEP, Dharasu, Uttarkashi.

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

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ALBANESE TO BE **NEW AUSTRALIAN PM, MORRISON CONCEDES DEFEAT SRI LANKA LIFTS EMERGENCY PAGE 12** 

Modi-Biden talks beyond bilateral, will look at global issues: India

#### SHUBHAJIT ROY NEW DELHI, MAY 21

ANNOUNCING THAT Prime Minister Narendra Modi will be meeting US President Joe Biden on May 24 on the sidelines of the Quad leaders' summit in Tokyo, India Saturday said that the Ouad cooperation is anchored in shared values and commitment to the principles of democracy, international law and rules-

based order. This underlines Delhi's position ahead of the summit where Russia's invasion of Ukraine and China's growing assertiveness in the Indo-Pacific will dominate discussions between Prime Minister Modi, President Biden, Japan's Prime Minister Fumio Kishida and the Australian Prime Minister – polls have closed in Australia where Anthony Albanese and his Labour Party look set to defeat Prime Minister Scott Morrison's ruling coalition. Briefing reporters, Foreign

Secretary Vinay Mohan Kwatra said Modi's conversation with Biden will not just be limited to the bilateral agenda, but also include issues of regional and global importance.

On whether the economic CONTINUED ON PAGE 4 **AANCHAL MAGAZINE**& **KARUNJIT SINGH** NEW DELHI, MAY 21

to an eight-year high, the government Saturday announced a series of measures including reduction in excise duty on petrol by Rs 8 per litre and on diesel by Rs 6 per litre along with reduction in customs duty for raw materials of plastics and steel and

**DEEPTIMAN TIWARY** 

granted relief by Dominica au-

thorities who have dropped the

charge of illegal entry against him.

ducted from Antigua and

Barbuda, allegedly by Indian

agents, and forcibly taken to

Dominica in a yacht – Dominica

is an island nation to the south

of Antigua and Barbuda in the

an Indian citizen and could not,

under existing laws, be repatri-

24 last year for entering the coun-

try illegally, he was freed on bail

in July on medical grounds. He

returned to Antigua and Barbuda.

He claimed he was no longer

Arrested in Dominica on May

Caribbean.

ated to India.

Choksi claimed he was ab-

NEW DELHI, MAY 21

**Relief for PNB scam** 

Dominica drops case

accused Choksi as

WITH RETAIL inflation surging



an increase in export duty on iron ore and steel intermediates. Nirmala Sitharaman said the cut in excise duty on fuel has a rev-

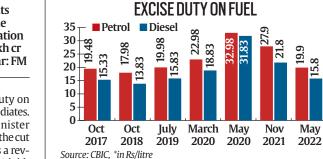


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Rs 1 lakh cr per year: FM

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To cool inflation heat, Govt cuts excise

Sitharaman urges states to follow suit; Kerala cuts taxes; duty on iron ore exports hiked to 50%

crore a year and urged state governments to follow suit. Hours later, Kerala announced a cut in tax on the prices of petrol and diesel by Rs 2.41 and Rs 1.36 per litre respectively. A subsidy of Rs 200 per gas

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### **Rescue Ops**

Indian Air Force personnel evacuate people from the flood-affected Haflong area, in Dima Hasao district of Assam, on Saturday. PTI

#### **EXPRESS NETWORK**

**NSE SCAM: CBI** LAUNCHES SEARCH **OPERATIONS PAGE 8** 

**CENTRE APPROVES KARNATAKA MOVE** TO KEEP EGGS IN MIDDAY MEALS PAGE 7

# cylinder to the beneficiaries of CONTINUED ON PAGE 4 May

## **SOCIAL MEDIA POST ON 'SHIVLING'** Court grants bail to DU prof, says room for '130 crore views'

'One person may find post distasteful, another may feel it doesn't incite'

#### **ANAND MOHAN J** NEW DELHI, MAY 21

OBSERVING THAT Indian civilisation is known to accept all religions and any subject in this country can have "130 crore different views", a Delhi court Saturday granted bail to Delhi University associate professor Ratan Lal, who was arrested over an allegedly objectionable social media post on claims that a Shivling had been found inside

the Gyanvapi Mosque area.

Chief Metropolitan Magis-

trate Siddhartha Malik granted bail to Lal, noting that his post

was "speculative in nature with

regard to the structure / symbol

which, as of now, is not accessi-

It also said that the remark

ble in public domain".



Ratan Lal at a Delhi court on Saturday. Premnath Pandey

was made on a structure that was claimed by different religious groups as symbolising something different, and the controversy related to a report which was not in public domain. "While considered in the aforesaid context, the post of the accused may be a failed attempt at **CONTINUED ON PAGE 4** 

SUNDAY STORY PAGE 9

THE TEMPLE RUN A videography survey of Gyanvapi mosque complex in Varanasi, reopening of a lawsuit on Shahi Idgah mosque in Mathura. In two of the oldest cities in the country, history has been summoned to shape the future

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CHOKSI HAS been eluding Indian agencies by waving his citizenship of Antigua and Barbuda. He has been living there ever since he fled India in January 2018. Indian agencies are now counting on extradition proceedings in an Antigua

In a statement Saturday, a spokesperson for Choksi said, "Mr Choksi is pleased that the Dominican Government has **CONTINUED ON PAGE 4** 

# India looks to Antigua

court to get him back.



### 'My dream, my goal is to win an Olympic gold for my country'

#### **EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** MUMBAI, MAY 21

WHEN NIKHAT Zareen was a young girl interested in boxing, she remembers people telling her father, Mohammad Jameel. "why have you put her in boxing? It's a men's sport (mardon ka khel hai), who will marry her?". And she also recalls her father telling her, "Beta, you focus on boxing, and when you do well, the same people will come and ask for photographs with you".

That became a reality in Istanbul on May 19, when she won the Women's World Boxing Championships in the flyweight (52 kg) category. Nikhat (25) couldn't sleep a wink that night as congratulatory messages and requests poured in.

In an online interaction at The



Nikhat Zareen, coach Bhaskar Bhatt. PTI file



DETAILED TRANSCRIPT WILL BE PUBLISHED TOMORROW

Indian Express Idea Exchange on Friday, Nikhat, who became only the fifth Indian woman to win the championship, spoke about

**'PM NOT LISTENING'** Indian democracy a public good, if it cracks, problem for all: Rahul

Claims EU envoys said Indian foreign service arrogant, Jaishankar hits back

#### MANOJCG NEW DELHI, MAY 21

DAYS AFTER he admitted at his party's conclave that the Congress had lost its "connect" with the people, senior Congress leader Rahul Gandhi said the country was sitting on a "powder keg," and accused the BJP Government of having "crushed" the nation's voice and its institutional framework. Calling Indian democracy

a "global public good," Gandhi said that if it "cracks," it will cause a "problem for the planet." Participating in the 'Ideas For

India' conference organised by

Bridge India, a non-profit think

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tank in London, Gandhi echoed a refrain from a series of his seminars at foreign campuses over the last two years: from the "capof institutions to the ture"



Sitting on powder keg: Gandhi, in London. PTI

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# Away from rows, a piece of Aurangzeb history brought to light in Maharashtra

#### PAGE 1 ANCHOR

#### VALLABHOZARKAR MUMBAI, MAY 21

FROM THE renewed row over the Gyanvapi Mosque in Varanasi built by him, to the disturbed quiet around his spare tomb near Aurangabad, Aurangzeb finds himself back at the heart of controversies. However, one piece of history involving the Mughal Emperor is slowly coming to life



ASI is excavating a 400-yr-old hammam located opposite the 'Bibi Ka Maqbara' built by Aurangzeb in Aurangabad. ASI

in Maharashtra.

For the past six months now the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) has been excavating a 400-year-old hammam located opposite the 'Bibi Ka Maqbara' built by Aurangzeb in Aurangabad.

Bibi ka Maqbara had been constructed by the sixth Mughal Emperor in 1660, in the memory of his first wife and chief consort Dilras Banu Begum, as a replica of the Taj Mahal, which had been built by his father Shahjehan, for his wife.

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by The Indian Express' Shivani Naik to talk

about the the unexpected performance of

**Game Time: Breaking** 

down India's historic

**Thomas Cup win?** 

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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 wasn'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 Uiiwala beneficiaries – this will have a revenue implication of around Rs 6.100 crore a vear.

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 erative federalism".

0.08% of GDP, as per the RBI's

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

sources

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 coop-

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

State Finances report for 2021-22 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

in June. In May, its impact will be India Ratings said.

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

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 ferronickel 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.

erly".

by around 20 basis points -- but

only for 10 days," said Devendra Kumar Pant, Chief Economist, The Centre had hiked the ex-

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

130 crore different views and

perceptions". "The feeling of hurt

felt by an individual cannot rep-

resent the entire group or com-

munity and any such complaint

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 is 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 Arnesh 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 been passed that have the potential to disturb tranquillity". public "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) unsatisfac-

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#### Health Assembly later this repatriate Choksi to India. month, on promoting vaccine After he showed up in

confidence and fighting the in-Dominica police custody, a private jet carrying Indian officials He said the "upcoming sumhad landed in Dominica to take him back to India. But after the mit in Tokyo would, therefore, 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 eve.

"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

hammam got covered up in soil n't cool down, things can go

sometime after the 1960s, when wrong.' On the border tension with a road was laid between it and China. he said: "That is exactly the protected monument. Over the task of foreign policy. That is exactly what Mr Jaishankar

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."

the years, it was forgotten.

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 and Ladakh. 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.

Indira Gandhiji once said. Do vou 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."

should be doing...I like what

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 karenge. And to hell with everything, to hell with our history, to hell with our understanding.'

"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 conver-

sation. 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 con-

tribute to resolving the Russian invasion of Ukraine, Gandhi drew a parallel between Ukraine

#### the world and known to be tolerant and accepting (of) all religions. The presence or absence / 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

#### **GOVERNMENT OF ASSAM** OFFICE OF THE CHIEF ENGINEER: PWD: BUILDING: ASSAM; CHANDMARI: GUWAHATI-3.

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The Chief Engineer, P.W.D. (Buildings), Assam, Chandmari, Guwahati-3 on behalf of the Governor of Assam invites bids through Engineering, Procurement and Construction (EPC) Mode-I of contract (Single stage two part bidding system) for the works detailed in the table below, from contractors having experience in similar nature of works

Deta	Details of the bid may be seen at e-procurement portal website i.e. www.assamtenders.gov.in							
SI. No	Name of Work	Approx. Bid Value (in Rs.)	Bid Security/EMD	Cost of RFP Document	Completion period	Defect Liability period		
1	Construction of Proposed District Sports Stadium at Sonari, Charaideo, District of Assam under	37,70,85,758.00	Rs.75,41,715.00 (for General category) OR Rs.37,70,858.00 (for Reserved					

The prosecution had sought 14-day judicial custody of Lal to "investigate the matter prop-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 of intention to create animosity

people and "any subject can have

#### provide the leaders with an opportunity to take stock of the progress made thus far on Quad's initiatives and also give

fodemic.

Developments in the Indo-Pacific region and global issues of mutual interest might also come up for discussion."

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 part-

ners 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

guidance for the future. On the Modi-Biden meeting,

	NIDA		category)			
2	Construction of Proposed District Sports Stadium Complex at Deoribil, Dhemaji District of Assam under NIDA	40,22,73,719.00	Rs.80,45,474.00 (for General category) OR Rs.40,22,737.00 (for Reserved category)			
3	Construction of Proposed District Sports Stadium Complex at Amingaon, Guwahati under NIDA		Rs.70,29,462.00 (for General category) OR Rs.35,14,731.00 (for Reserved category)			
4	Construction of Proposed District Sports Stadium Complex at Sariahtali, Nalbari, District of Assam under NIDA	43,57,22,807.00	Rs.87,14,456.00 (for General category) OR Rs.43,57,228.00 (for Reserved category)			
5	Construction of District Sports Complex at Saboti, North Lakhimpur, (Phase- II)Lakhimpur District of Assam under NIDA	40,94,25,220.00	Rs.81,88,504.00 (for General category) OR Rs.40,94,252.00 (for Reserved category)	Rs. 20,000.00	24 (twenty four) months	01 (one) year
6	Construction of Proposed District Sports Stadium Complex at Rupohipathar, Sibsagar District of Assam under NIDA	44,34,74,822.00	Rs.88,69,496.00 (for General category) OR Rs.44,34,748.00 (for Reserved category)			
7	Proposed Construction of District Stadium at Kajalgaon, Dist. Chirang, BTR, Assam under NIDA	37,05,48,917.00	Rs.74,10,978.00 (for General category) OR Rs.37,05,489.00 (for Reserved category)			
8	Construction of proposed District Sports Stadium complex at Titkagaria Sports Play Ground, Patacharkuchi LAC, Bajali District of Assam under NIDA	36,42,40,581.00	Rs.72,84,812.00 (for General category) OR Rs.36,42,406.00 (for Reserved category)			
9	Construction of proposed District Sports Stadium complex at Biswanath Chariali under Biswanath LAC, Biswanath District of Assam under NIDA	39,08,16,076.00	Rs.78,16,322.00 (for General category) OR Rs.39,08,160.76 for Reserved category)			

Note :- 1. NIT value may be changed during uploading of tender in the website, which may be seen in Detailed NIT of the bid document.

- 2. The bidders must be enrolled in www.assamtenders.gov.in
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#### Chief Engineer, P.W.D. (Building),

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tory reply, then you could have arrested. This is contempt of the Arnesh 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 Ouad 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 Ouad would

also organise a special session, on the sidelines of the World 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 re-

moved 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 strat-

egy.' 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 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 in-

spired 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 36×36 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

New Delhi

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-

"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 Dawakhanas' 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

# Triple suicide in Vasant Vihar leaves woman, daughters dead

#### EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE Police said they died after inhaling toxic fumes from an angithi A 54-YEAR-OLD woman and

haling toxic fumes from an *an*-*githi* inside their home in and her daughters Anshika (27) and Anku (25). "Manju's hus-Vasant Vihar, in what police beband, who also owned the lieve is a triple suicide. Police house, died in April 2021 of Covid and since then the family Preliminary investigation has 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

tape. Police have found they bought the angithi from an eabout the incident at 8.55 pm commerce website recently, and Saturday after neighbours also purchased charcoal. knocked on the door but no one DCP (Southwest) Manoj C answered.

NEW DELHI, MAY 21

her two daughters died after in-

identified the victims as Manju "The caller informed us that

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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 fin gerprints, from the spot.



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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 twostorey 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 basement 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

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#### **BRIEFLY** —

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

New Delhi: A 35-year-old man was killed and two people, including a 10year-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 firetenders 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 Develop ment 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

# **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.

Water supply to be hit again in parts of capital

#### **EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** NEW DELHI, MAY 21

WATER SUPPLY in Delhi is set to take a further hit with production being affected at the water treatment plants (WTPs) at Haiderpur and Bawana.

The Delhi Jal Board said in a note issued on Saturday: "Due to depletion of pond level at Wazirabad, and maximum possible diversion from CLC (Carrier Lined Channel) towards Wazirabad, and flow fluctuation in DSB (Delhi Sub-Branch) & CLC, also excessive floating materials in CLC/DSB at intake Haiderpur, the clear water production has been affected from water treatment plants at Haiderpur phase-I, phase-II, and Bawana." The CLC and DSB bring water from Haryana to Delhi. The WTP at Haiderpur produces 200 MGD (million gallons per day), while

Bawana produces 20 MGD. The areas where supply He wanted to finish school, buy a bike: Kin of delivery staffer killed in hit-and-run



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

formed me of the accident at

night, and we rushed to the hos-

dering 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

videos of Karan on their phones.

there would be routine argu-

ments when he would refuse to click our photographs. He would never get into fights with any-

Zepto in a statement on

Police have registered a case

'We would take videos of him...

The siblings have several

by 2 am," said Ritika.

oody," Ritika said.

Pinki said: "His friends in-

The family has been won-

his injuries on May 18.

pital immediately."

Karan with sisters Simran and Ritika

#### used to work. but Karan made **ABHINAYA HARIGOVIND** me stop working, and said that NEW DELHI, MAY 21 he would earn instead."

AT THE home of Karan, the 18year-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 atten-

dant 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 in-

tended 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 Twitter on May 19 said they the area were also working with will be helping the family with the same company. "Hansi immediate financial aid of Rs mazak mein ... they would share 10 lakh and insurance grant of food, eat together and go," said Rs 8 lakh. Raju, who works at a golf course. He said he received a cheque of Rs 10 lakh from the company

under IPC sections 279 (rash driving) and 304A (causing death h negligence cused 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.



### **RESPITE... 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

#### 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

#### MAHENDER SINGH MANRAL

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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

On April 25, 2018, Gauray 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

to make a breakthrough.

unidentified persons.

the investigating officer had ques-"Three to four investigation tioned all DRI officials but failed 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 superintendentrank 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.

likely to be affected till the situation improves are North Delhi, Northwest Delhi, West Delhi, and parts of South Delhi. The fall in the water level at the Wazirabad pond had already impacted production at the 90 MGD WTP at Chandrawal and the 120 MGD WTP at Wazirabad. The level at the Wazirabad pond on Saturday was 668.3 ft, the lowest so far this season, against the required level of 674.5 ft, according to the DJB. On May 17, the DJB wrote for

the fourth time to the Harvana Irrigation Department requesting an additional 150 cusecs of water to be released into the river.

on Saturday Representati from the firm had visited them on the day. "The insurance amount will take a little longer," he added.

His mother, Pinki, added: "I

#### 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 biomining 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 biomining 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

In 1994, when Hum Aapke

back families to the cinema

halls. In Delhi, the movie re-

leased 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, bet-

ter air-conditioning and a new

hall's long journey was the open-

ing of multiplexes. Mehrotra said

that with the emergence of mul-

tiplexes, the single screened the-

atre realised that it would have

to provide the same quality ex-

perience to customers in order

to retain them. "We started pro-

viding facilities on a par with the

Yet another challenge in the

## 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 Iawaharlal 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

loudspeaker an-

nouncements on

Delite turned into

Soon after,

cvcle-rickshaws.

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

the building," recollected Piyush Raizada. In the years soon after being established though, Delite was far from being considered a

favourite among

has authored the

book. Delhi: 4

Shows – Talkies of

Yesteryear. He ex-

plained that in

Delhi at that time,

there were eight

would live on the fourth floor of

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. 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



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



big halls, four in New Delhi's Connaught Place – Regal, Plaza, Odeon and Rivoli – and four in

Like most other cinema halls

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

Old Delhi – Golcha, Ritz, Moti,



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), Vandna (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. "L K 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 majority of Delite's contemposwitch off their lights. Delite, rary single screened theatres such as Golcha, Jubilee, Novelty however, in a streak of patriotism played the latest news from have either shut down or are on the warfront during its regular the verge of shutting down. shows. "At the height of the war What accounted for Delite's when Upasana was released in thriving longevity was the 1971, news broadcasts were Raizadas' investment in technolaired in the beginning and end ogy and expansion of the hall. of the film," said Salam. Hain Kaun released, it brought

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.'

multiplexes and at much lower In the years since the 1990s, a

New Delhi



prices," he said.

cafeteria.

# THE SUNDAY EXPRESS, MAY 22, 2022 GOVT & POLITICS

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

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NEW DELHI, MAY 21

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Assam: Asst prof

held for emails

slamming govt,

**PRESSTRUST OF INDIA** 

HAILAKANDI (ASSAM), MAY 21

AN ASSOCIATE professor of a col-

lege in Assam's Hailakandi dis-

trict was arrested Saturday for al-

legedly sending emails to officials

criticising government policies

and using abusive words against

Police had registered a case

The officer in-charge of

suo motu against the professor,

leading to his arrest, he added.

Hailakandi Sadar Police Station.

Ampee Daolagupu, said the ac-

cused 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

National Education Policy 2020

and the ongoing 'Gunotsav', an ex-

ercise by the Education

Department to evaluate govern-

ment schools, in the email,

Daolagupu said. "Besides the

email to the SP, he sent similar

He also allegedly criticised the

and the Education minister.

the Chief Minister, police said.

abusing CM

sion of the Congress".

media by BJP.

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A DELHI court on Saturday held

former Haryana chief minister

and Indian National Lok Dal

(INLD) supremo Om Prakash

Chautala guilty in a disproportion-

ate assets case registered against

him in 2005. The quantum of

punishment will be pronounced

by the Rouse Avenue court in

Delhi. Chautala was present dur-

ing Saturday's court proceedings.

counsel Harsh Kumar Sharma,

said, "In this case, he can be

awarded a punishment between

five years and 20 years. We will

plead in court to get the least

punishment. We will cite

grounds that he has already

served a 10-year sentence in the

JBT teachers recruitment case

and is also 90 per cent physically

Chautala's grandson, Digvijay

Chautala, said, "We have always

respected courts of law. I am sure

he will get relief in the higher

JJP youth leader and

disabled .... "

court.'

The verdict was pronounced

After the verdict, Chautala's

on Thursday, the court said.

CHANDIGARH, MAY 21

#### 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.

Congress as "the big daddy". The phrase was used by Raiiv in reference to anti-Sikh violence London late Friday, Rahul said the following the assassination of his Congress is in no way "superior' mother and then PM Indira to other opposition parties. He said all the parties are fighting the Gandhi same battle but added that the

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 ones to other district officials." 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 Shivling 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 new 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.

#### 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 During an interaction in

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 ical fight, he said - it is not a fight between one political organisawinning elections because of polarisation and dominance of the tion and a set of other political parties. He said: "We are now fight-The fight in India is not a polit-

case, sentencing on Thursday

Brush with the law

2000: Teacher recruitment

scam emerges in Haryana.

More than 3,200 teachers

had been illegally

1993-2006: Chautala

his known sources of

March 26, 2010: CBI

the INLD leader in the

files chargesheet against

income, as per CBI

disproportionate

January 22, 2013:

Supreme Court holds

him guilty in teacher

**Enforcement Directorate** 

properties worth Rs 3.68

crore in disproportionate

recruitment scam

attaches Chautala's

April 16, 2019:

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#### 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."

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

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

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

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

soon after Kochi city police had registered a case against him on May 10 for his objectionable remarks during a speechat a temple festival in Ernakulam district.

On Saturday, the court said it

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 Assam-Arunachal

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

Home Minister Amit Shah in Arunachal Pradesh's Tirap

#### **EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** GUWAHATI, MAY 21

district on Saturday. PTI

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 India." he said. He said Manipur was bandh-Assam and Meghalaya boundary dispute has been resolved amifree and blockade-free in the past five years and the Modi govcably... It is likely that the dispute between Arunachal ernment, in its commitment to Pradesh and Assam would be rebringing peace to the region, had solved by next year," Shah said, solved the issues plaguing the speaking at the golden jubilee Bodoland region as well as Bru celebrations of Ramakrishna refugee issue in Tripura. Mission School in Arunachal Pradesh's Tirap district.

The dispute between the two

times with frequent flare-ups re-

boundary.

"No Prime Minister has visited the Northeast as frequently as Modi. He has visited more states dates back to colonial than 50 times in the last eight years," he said. Shah said: "Firstly, we will

gurated a new hostel building and

that 9,000 militants from the re-

gion 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 to-

wards the development of

In his address, Shah claimed

administrative block.

ported along the over 800-km preserve and promote the cul-Shah is in Arunachal Pradesh ture and languages. Secondly, we on a two-day visit to inaugurate a want to make the Northeast disslew of development projects. On pute-free and insurgency-free. Saturday, Shah unveiled an 18-Thirdly, we want to make the eight states the most developed foot statue of Swami Vivekananda on the school premises and inauin the country," he added.

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

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** 



to revive INLD. File

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

punishment

minorities, says applies to all nations

He said Congress will have to

the Opposition but it is a fight to regain India.'

#### Asked whether he was cementing collaboration with other ing the institutional structure of parties to move forward, Rahul Chautala found guilty in assets



ill-will between communities.

George moved his bail plea

was not possible to take a lenient view on his anticipatory bail and dismissed the petition.

might hurt religious sentiments.

Chautala had been trying

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

May 26, 2022: Court to pronounce quantum of

Puri: India to reach \$5-tn 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. 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



day and with a daily consumption of 5 million barrels, it's the steps taken by the government that would ensure energy security.

Addressing the conclave organised by India Foundation, a think tank backed by BJP and the RSS, Puri said India had increased the bio fuel blending from 1.4 per cent in 2014 to 10 per cent and the target is 20 per cent by 2030. "But we will achieve the blending target by 2025," he said. The

minister said India had increased oil exploration area as well

#### **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.

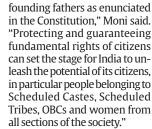
Moni was addressing a session titled 'India@2047' at the India Ideas Conclave, organised



**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



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".

Bangla minister urges India to protect

KARNATAKA CHIEF Minister Basavaraj Bommai, who paid a sudden visit to Delhi - setting off nations for Legislative Council speculation in political circles – Saturday said there was no discuspolls is May 24 and for Rajya sion with the BJP's central leader-Sabha elections is May 31.

ship on Cabinet rejig 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 incharge 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."

The last day for filing nomi-

matter of the BJP. Earlier this month Bommai had said that the Cabinet reshuffle would be done shortly.

# 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



**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 ini-

tiative 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"

FULL REPORT ON www.indianexpress.com

#### **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

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 at-

mosphere, it is very difficult to do what people want us to do." The PDP chief said that the delimitation exercise was part of the

New Delhi

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 www.indianexpress.com



'Of course PDP will fight polls... we are not

going to leave any space uncontested for BJP'

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

National Conference would work

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"Decisions have to be made ur-

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Karnataka on June 10.



# **EXPRESS NETWORK**

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According to the inspector, the

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soon after. In the written note to

the police. Raiesh Jain accused

Khushwaha of beating his

brother to death. Asked about the

assault, BJP's Patidar said:

"Anybody who has done any-

thing wrong as per the law should be punished accordingly.

Jain's younger brother, Rajesh,



**Rescue operation underway** on the Jammu-Srinagar National Highway, Saturday.

#### **TUNNEL COLLAPSE**

Shuaib Masoodi

#### 9 more bodies recovered as rescue op ends; toll climbs to 10

#### **EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** JAMMU, MAY 21

NINE BODIES were pulled out from the rubble of a landslide that hit one end of an under-construction tunnel on the Jammu-Srinagar National Highway two days ago, taking the toll in the incident to 10 on Saturday.

With the bodies of all the missing workers recovered, the two-day rescue operation ended late on Saturday evening. The rescue operation was resumed Saturday morning after being suspended on Friday night following a fresh landslide at the tunnel site.

The police have registered an open FIR under Sections 287, 336, 337 and 304-A at the Ramban police station.

The deceased have been identified as Jadav Roy (23), Gautam Roy (22), Sudhir Roy (31), Dipak Roy (33), Parimal Roy (38), all from West Bengal; Shiva Chowhn (26) from Assam; Nawaraj Chowdhury (26) and Khushi Ram (25), both from Nepal; Muzaffar (38) and Israt

(30), both locals Over a dozen labourers were buried alive after an under-construction adit tunnel to T3 tunnel in Ramban district collapsed on Thursday night. They had only punctured 3 metre of the hillside on Makerkote side of the tunnel when the mishap took place, sources said, adding that three labourers were rescued within first two hours of the accident and rushed to a hospital.

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**MANISH SAHU** LUCKNOW, MAY 21

> A LOCAL court in Bijnor on Saturday awarded the death penalty to two persons, a day after they were found guilty of killing an officer of the National Investigating Agency (NIA), who was posted in Delhi, and his wife in 2016.

NIA Deputy Superintendent Tanzeel Ahmed, who had handled several cases related to terror outfit Indian Mujahideen and its chief Yasin Bhatkal, was returning from

a family wedding at his native village Sahaspur along with wife and two children in a car when they were attacked in Bijnor on the night of April 2, 2016. While the 49-year-old NIA officer died on the spot, his wife

Farzana died of injuries 10 days On Friday, Additional District

and Session Judge Vijay Kumar **NSE MANIPULATION CASE** 

NIA officer, wife in 2016 convicted Muneer Ahmed and Raiyan, both aged 25, of murder. The court acquitted three other accused - Mohammad Zaini,

Tanzeem and Rizwan. On Saturday, the judge awarded the death sentence to Muneer and Raiyan, according to Anand Janghala, government counsel. Biinor. Muneer and Raiyan, who are lodged in Sonbhadra jail, were present in court during the sentencing. Raiyan's lawyer Anil Chowdhary said they would file an appeal against the sentence.

The court examined 19 prosecution witnesses in the case.

According to police, Muneer, who had 33 criminal cases against him, including eight related to murder, is from the same Bijnor village as the NIA officer. His accomplice Raiyan, who had three cases against him, is also from Sahaspur.

Government counsel Anand

said the police found during their investigation that there was a financial dispute involving Rs 82 lakh between Muneer and Tanzeel, who was deputed to the NIA from the BSF.

Muneer had given Rs 82 lakh, which the police said was loot money, to Tanzeel to buy a flat in Delhi and a gun. The two fell out after some time when Muneer began suspecting Tanzeel of passing on information about him and his gang to the police, and asked him to return the money.

On the night of April 2, 2016, as Tanzeel was driving back to Bijnor along with his family, two menon a motorcycle opened fire on the car near the Sahaspur police outpost. While Tanzeel suffered 22 bullet injuries, his wife was shot four times. Their teenaged son and daughter, who were on the rear seat, escaped unhurt. Five people were later arrested in connection with the murder.

# 2 get death for murder of BJP worker held in MP town after mentally challenged man found dead

Video shows him assaulting 65-year-old, asking if his name was Mohammed

#### **IRAM SIDDIQUE** BHOPAL, MAY 21

TWO DAYS after a 65-year-old mentally unstable man, Bhawarlal Jain, was found dead in Madhya Pradesh's Neemuch district, police Saturday arrested a local BIP worker who was seen in a video assaulting Jain while asking him if his name was Mohammed. The one-minute video, which surfaced after Jain's death,

purportedly shows Dinesh Khushwaha, husband of former BJP councillor Bina Khushwaha, assaulting Jain. Khushwaha can be seen saying: "What is your name? Mohammed?" Besides, he is seen repeatedly asking for Iain's Aadhaar card.

KLDangi, Inspector in-charge of Manasa police station, said a team of 40 policemen traced Khushwaha, who had gone into hiding. He was caught about 12 km from the district headquarters. 'Based on his suspicious be-

haviour, an offence under Section 302 for murder of along with other other relevant sections

### SSC RECRUITMENT SCAM CBI files new FIR against 5; questions Adhikary again

THE CBI on Saturday filed a fresh of class IX and X teachers. The move came after

FIR against five persons after preliminary investigation and interrogation, sources said. The FIR named Santi Prasad Sinha, Kalyanmay Ganguly, Samarjit Acharya, Soumitra Sarkar and Ashok Kumar Saha. The FIR also said the then Education Minister [TMC leader Partha Chatteriee] formed a committee that has no legal entity, sources said.

On Thursday, the CBI registered an FIR against West Bengal Minister of State for School **Education Department Paresh** Chandra Adhikary and his daughter Ankita Adhikary over allegations of irregularity in securing her a teaching job while



Dinesh Khushwaha, husband of former BJP councillor Bina Khushwaha, in police custody, Saturday. Express

have been registered against Dinesh Khushwaha," said a statement issued by Neemuch Police before his arrest. Police have also booked him under IPC Section 304(2) (culpable homicide not amounting to murder).

Pawan Patidar, BIP's Neemuch chief, said: "Kushwaha does not hold any position in the party and is simply a worker."

Jain, a resident of Sarsai vil-

Adhikary failed to appear before

the CBI in Kolkata by 3 pm on

Thursday as directed by a single-

judge bench of the Calcutta HC.

The minister, who reached the CBI

office in the evening, was ques-

tioned for over five hours. The case

was filed against unidentified officials of the West Bengal Central

School Service Commission (WBCSS) and others, apart from

It is alleged that the merit list

for appointment of assistant

teachers for political science

against an advertisement pub-

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commodate Adhikary's daughter.

Adhikary and his daughter.

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lage in Ratlam district, went

missing from Rajasthan's

Chittorgarh on May 16. He was

found dead on May 19 in

Inspector Dangi said: "Jain's

family had gone for a religious

programme at Chittorgarh fort in

Rajasthan and he went missing

from there on May 16. The family

registered a missing persons case

there. He is mentally unstable and

Neemuch's Manasa tehsil.

The Cathedral Vidya School management suffered Rs 15-20 crore loss every year during the Covid-19 pandemic

### Funds dipping, Lonavala residential school offering IB curriculum closed down

#### **PALLAVI SMART** MUMBAI, MAY 21

THE CATHEDRAL Vidya School (CVSL) in Lonavala, a residential IB (International Baccalaureate) World School, which also offers Cambridge IGCSE curriculum, has shut down. The teaching and nonteaching staff and parents were informed on Saturday via an email from the management that it is no longer financially viable to con-

tinue operations. This comes at a time when the students were set to resume classes from Monday. While most IB and Cambridge IGCSE schools in Maharashtra begin academic

the inability of CVSL to become a financially viable entity, the management of CVSL had to take the decision to wind down the operations. This decision will be effective as of current date and the academic year of 2021-22 will be the last academic year."

As parents now have to start looking for alternatives, the school management is confident that other IB and Cambridge IGCSE schools will admit the students. However, most IB and Cambridge IGCSE schools in Mumbai and around have completed their admission process for the 2022-23 academic year in January.

"The school principal will also lk to principals and managements of other schools to see that the children are accommodated. said Vineet, adding that almost all exams from the previous academic year are over and results have been declared for lower grades. He said, "Only one exam of Class X Cambridge board is pending and the school will ensure that children appear for it." Reva Nayyar, from the board of governance of CVSL, said, "The school started suffering losses about three years ago. Not many admissions were conducted. Also, parents stopped sending their children during the pandemic. We faced difficulties in getting new admissions even after appointing agents and advertising.'

# **CBI launches search operation**

#### **DEEPTIMAN TIWARY** NEW DELHI, MAY 21

THE CBI Saturday conducted searches at multiple locations in connection with its probe into the alleged bourse manipulation case against former National Stock Exchange (NSE) CEO Chitra Ramkrishna. Sources said the searches are being conducted across Delhi, Gurgaon, Noida, Mumbai, Kolkata Gandhinagar.

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tified yogi, "who may be largely dwelling in the Himalayan Ranges". Investigating agencies have not yet established the yogi's real identity, although an Ernst and Young audit report indicated that he may allegedly be Subramanian himself.

tively. The agency registered the charges of brokers being given preferential access to NSE's trading system in the form of a co-location facility, through which they bought "rack space" for their servers. According to the agency, these traders obtained faster access to NSE's data feed.

The CBI has booked Sanjay Gupta, owner and promoter of Delhi-based OPG Securities Pvt Ltd, and others. Between 2010 and 2014, CBI believes, Gupta allegedly "abused" the NSE server architecture in a criminal conspiracy with Exchange officials. The FIR states: .. unknown officials of NSE gave OPG Securities Pvt Ltd access to servers which were technologically latest and least crowded at that particular period. This helped OPG Securities Pvt Ltd. in being mostly the first one to log in on the exchange server of the NSE."

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with some stock brokers who manipulated the co-location facility provided by the NSE in connivance with its officials," a CBI officer said. The agency had last month

filed a chargesheet against Ramkrishna and former NSE COO Anand Subramanian in

The CBI had arrested

Subramanian and Ramkrishna in February and March, respec-



case in 2018 but action against the two followed a report of the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI), which indicted Ramkrishna for illegal appoint-

ment of Subramanian and for allegedly sharing confidential in-

formation related to the bourse with a "Himalayan Yogi".

On February 11, Ramkrishna was fined Rs 3 crore by SEBI for allegedly violating rules in the appointment of Subramanian. According to SEBI, several key de-

cisions taken by Ramkrishna during her tenure as NSE's MD and CEO from 2013 to 2016, including Subramanian's appointment, were guided by an uniden-



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The announcement titled Winding Down of Cathedral Vidya School Lonavala' issued by Vineet Nayyar, executive vicechairman, said: "The last two years of pandemic have brought with them extremely challenging times. Various residential schools across India have faced unreasonable amounts of operation strain resulting in great financial difficulties. CVSL being no exception, conducted multiple rounds of deliberations, planning and leadership discussions for ensuring continuity and viability. However, due to

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The Batadrava police station in Nagaon after being set on fire, Saturday. PTI

#### Assam: mob torches police station after 'custodial death'

Nagaon (Assam): A police station in Assam's Nagaon district was set on fire by a mob on Saturday following an alleged case of custodial death of a local resident, a top police official said. Three of those involved in the arson were arrested and operations are on to nab the others, the official said.

The mob set ablaze Batadrava police station and several two-wheelers in the afternoon following the death of a fish trader who was allegedly detained by police late Friday evening when he was going to take a bus for Sivsagar. It was not clear why he was detained. Family members of the fish trader claimed that police had demanded Rs 10,000 and a duck for his release. When his wife returned with the bribe. she learnt that her husband had been taken to a hospital where she found him dead. **PTI** 

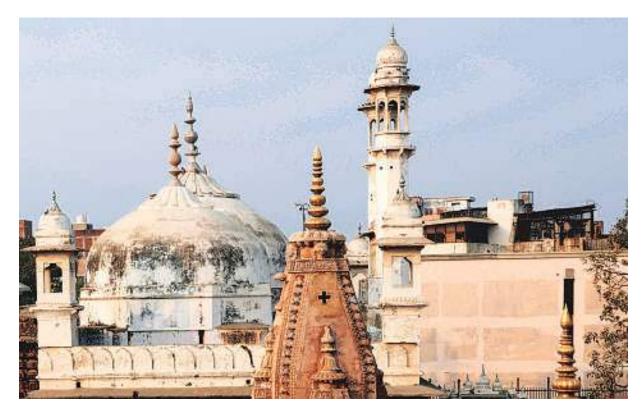


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# **9** SUNDAY STORY

# The temple run

Amid a court-ordered videography survey of the Gyanvapi Mosque complex in Varanasi, a district judge in Mathura on May 19 allowed the reopening of a lawsuit on the ownership of the land on which Shahi Idgah Masjid stands. LALMANI VERMA travels to Varanasi and APURVA VISHWANATH to Mathura, two of the oldest cities in the country where history has been summoned to shape the future



The refurbished Kashi Vishwanath Temple and the Gyanvapi Mosque in Varanasi. Renuka Puri



The Katra Keshav Dev Temple and the Shahi Idgah in Mathura. Apurva Vishwanath

# 'It's our *waqt*... Ayodhya will happen in Kashi too'

**LALMANI VERMA** VARANAS

N FRIDAY morning, as Special Advocate Commissioner for the Gyanvapi mosque complex survey, Vishal Singh, visits Assi Ghat, surrounded by armed security guards and his associate lawyers, he causes a minor stir. Looking at the small crowd of onlookers tailing the officer, a befuddled Rudra Kumar, who runs a tea stall on the steps of the ghat, says, "Lagta hai yagan bhi survey hoga. Survey ho gaya to yahan bhi kuch niklega (Looks like there will be a survev here too. If that happens, they will find something here too.)'

In Va a city one, where Kashi, Benaras and Varanasi have ebbed and flowed into each other for centuries, the 'survey' is what holds out both promise and fear - the promise, to some, that 'historical wrongs' can finally be corrected and the glory of the city restored to match the grandeur of the newly refurbished Kashi Vishwanath temple complex. And the fear that, with that, some more of the old, unvarnished Varanasi could be lost forever – a city whose cramped lanes held countless small temples and mosques and remarkably still had space left for its people. Hearing a petition by five Hindu women seeking access to pray at "a shrine behind the western wall of the mosque complex". a court in Varanasi had on April 8 ordered an inspection of the site along with a videographic survey of the action. On May 17, the Supreme Court asked the Varanasi district magistrate to secure the area where a shivling was claimed to have been found during the videographic survey of the mosque area without impeding or restricting the rights of Muslims to access and offer namaz at the mosque. Two separate reports on the videography survey of the Gyanvapi mosque, which were submitted to the Varanasi court on May 19, stated that debris of old temples were found at the corner of the northern and western walls outside the barricading, and Hindu motifs such as bells, *kalash*, flowers and *trishul* were visible on pillars in the tehkhana (basement).



# 'In Mathura, Radha ki chunari bhi Salma silti hai'

**APURVA VISHWANATH** MATHURA

**OMENTS AFTER District** and Sessions Judge Rajiv Bharti said "plea accepted", chants of 'Jai Sri Krishna' rang through the corridors of the court in Mathura. Soon, the temple town on the fringes of the National Capital was swarming with lawyers and news crews, all preparing to cover the big headline: the judge had allowed an appeal by the Shri Krishna Janmabhoomi Trust and other parties seeking ownership of the land on which the Shahi Idgah Mosque was built in the 17th century.



A day later, across Varanasi, the survey and its 'findings' continue to be spoken of with excitement - or carefully sidestepped.

Rudra, the tea seller on the steps of the Assi Ghat, has realised that there won't be any more surveys - the officer was here only for a TV interview.

"We already knew that the mosque area was part of the Kashi Vishwanath temple. The survey report has only confirmed that." he says. On the objections raised by the Muslim side, he says, "Kehne dijiye unko (let them say what they want to)."

Kanhaiyya Kumar, 31, who has just bought a cup of tea from Rudra, joins in the conversation. "Appe itihaas ko janana zaroori hai (It is important to be aware of our history). When the Mughals ruled, they plundered us and destroyed our temples. Now it's our *waat* (time) and Modi*ii* is in power. so we can hope to get back what we lost," says Kumar, who owns a dosa stall outside Assi Ghat

Once the court upholds the claims of the Hindu petitioners, the temple will extend

Hazi Mohammad Naseer says the community has decided not to talk about PM, CM while speaking on survey, "otherwise bulldozers will start working". Lalmani Verma

into the mosque, he says, extending a warning, "Jo Ayodhya me hua, wahi Kashi me hoga (whatever happened in Ayodhya will happen in Kashi).

At the same ghat, Ved Prakash Pandey, 86, has just finished his yoga session as part of Subah-e-Banaras, a cultural programme that the state government began in 2014 and is now a tourist draw. The survey and the "truth it has brought out", he says, was much needed - "sanskaron ke liye (for the sake of tradition)".

The talk rarely veers away from the survev, and when it does. Pandev is largely forgiving of the government. "Inflation is a global problem, not just India's. Petrol is costly, but then you see queues of vehicles at petrol pumps these days... If lemons are expensive, that is good for the poor farmer," he says.

The city's famed "Ganga-Jamuna tehzeeb" seems a little jaded in the new Varanasi, yet those who talk of it, like Hazi Mohammad Naseer, who runs a cosmetics shop in Dalmandi, a market area less than a kilometre from the Kashi Vishwanath Temple-Gyanvapi Mosque complex, point to the fact that the city has had no communal clash in recent history, or that the late Bismillah Khan played his shehnai at Hindu weddings, or that some Muslim homes even have Hindu temples

inside them. On more recent events, Naseer prefers a strategic silence. "We have decided not to say anything about the Prime Minister and Chief Minister while speaking on this issue. Otherwise bulldozers will start working. We have been asked by the imams of our mosques to pray for the safety of Gyanvapi Mosque during the Friday prayers," he says.

The city had barely recovered from the rancour of the elections, he says, when the survey controversy has stoked fresh fears. The BJP had made a clean sweep of Varanasi in the elections earlier this year, winning seven of the eight seats with its ally Apna Dal(S) winning one.

Seated next to Naseer. Mumtaz Ahmed. who works in a garment shop, is more forthcoming. "I have prayed at the Gyanvapi Mosque several times in the past. There is

no shivling in the wuzu khana. All this is being done to divide the 80 per cent and 20 per cent for political reasons," he says, adding that only outsiders stand to benefit from the dispute, not the people of Varanasi.

On Friday, as the loudspeakers – much muted after the enforcement of a recent order to lower decibel levels – announce the

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end of the azaan. devotees file out of the Gyanvapi Mosque. Any talk of the survey is strictly avoided.

"Our stand is being presented in the courts by lawyers of the mosque committee. Now the matter is also in the Supreme Court. We should wait for justice from the court. It is better for us to argue inside the court, not on the roads." savs a namazi who doesn't want to be identified. Inside the Kashi

Gyanvapi Mosque, has been drawing

crowds since last week when talk of a

shivling being discovered during the survey first came up. "Is that where they found the shivling?" more than one devotee asks the priests, security personnel and local visitors, pointing in the direction of the masjid wall.

Ganeshi, a priest seated near the Nandi, answers most of these queries and engages in some speculation of his own about the mosque and the court case.

Guru Prasad Jaiswal, a devotee from Gorakhpur, hangs around the Nandi for a while before heading to the shrine. "God alone knows what is happening these days. The controversy will now shift to Kashi because you can no longer milk Ayodhya for votes.'

from the 13.77-acre complex, which it shares with the Katra Keshav Dev Temple. The Shahi Idgah was built on the orders of Emperor Aurangzeb adjacent to the Krishna Janmasthal – believed to be the place where Lord Krishna was born – reportedly after demolishing a temple.

As breathless anchors and commentators rushed to unpack the news on television screens and social media. in the chaotic. winding lanes of Mathura, the order brought a sense of unease and dread.

Just outside the court complex, advocate Hassan Ahmed Khan admonishes a litigant who asks if the Idgah will be demolished. "The expansion of the temple complex, in-

cluding the Gita Bhawan, all happened in my lifetime. Even as a teenager, I visited the temple with my friends. Why should we now pay for Aurangzeb's sins?' says the 63-year-old. As proof of the ca-

maraderie between the two communities, Khan also points to Brij Bihari Saraswat, an advocate he shares his office with. sahab's "Hassan daughter's wedding last week had more than Hindus Muslims... I always took my Muslim friends for darshan at the temple... Things changed a little bit after 1991 when everyone had to undergo security checks, but

this is a temple town for everyone, not just the Hindus," says Saraswat.

While sections on both sides of the debate blame "outsiders" and media for sensationalising the news, many also speak in hushed tones about walking in the ominous footsteps of Ayodhya, another temple town that remained caught in legal wrangles until November 2019, when the apex court gave ownership of the disputed 2.77-acre land to the Ram Janmabhoomi trust.

In Mathura, the silhouette of the Krishna Ianmabhoomi temple's red sandstone shikara, towering ever so slightly over the white Shahi Idgah domes with green trims, can be seen from almost anywhere. Although the Idgah and a part of the temple



Lawyers pose for media photographs after the order by the District and Sessions judge in Mathura. PTI

complex are divided only by a wall in the bustling town centre, entry to both places is separated by at least a kilometre – the masjid and the mandir side clearly demarcated with signs.

The entry to the Idgah is through a narrow lane on Deeg Gate, beyond a small railway crossing. The entrance is barricaded and is guarded by a few policemen. Almost behind the Idgah, a wide road leads to the Katra Keshav Dev Temple complex, with shops on either side going up to Potra Kund, a stepwell where Krishna's parents Devki and Vasudev are believed to have washed the clothes of their newborn children.

Another lane to the right of the stepwell leads to the site of the Janmasthan as it exists now - the claim is that the actual birthplace is under the dome of the Shahi Idgah.

At the temple complex, 39-year-old Naeem takes off his shoes as he prepares to unload a consignment of poshak and mukut (clothing and crown) for the deity. His family has been supplying them for years to the temples at Vrindavan and other vendors.

"These are all made by Muslim women. My father would measure the deities, and at some new places, I have done it too. But now the idols are also of standard sizes, so we use stock measurements to make the outfits," he says.

The poshaks are embroidered and stitched by Muslim women, and the outfit of the smallest size is sold for Rs 3. On a Friday, at her one-room house near Holi Gate, Parveen is racing against time to finish a 1,000 poshaks by the end of the day. She's careful, she says, to use a bar of soap to push the thread through the needle, "and not saliva like most craftsmen do".

"Even for printing the embroidery design, we use Keo Karpin hair oil which has a nice fragrance. It blends with the fragrance of the flowers that are offered to the deity. We don't use kerosene," she says.

Parveen's uncle, Munna Khan, 61, an advocate, effortlessly breaks into a kirtan in praise of Lord Krishna in between his sentences. In his younger days, he says, he had played the role of Angad (the mythical vanara prince who helps Lord Ram find his wife Sita in Ramayan) in Ramlila for over a

New Delhi

decade. "When I was born, my mother saw my big ears and decided I would fit right in for the part," he laughs.

> Close to the Idgah, Bharat Seth, a local businessman, is wary of how Mathura is being perceived in Delhi and other parts of the country. "Humare yahan Radha ki chunari bhi Salma Begum silti hai." he says

But beneath the co-dependency of communities that have lived together for generations, a sense of fear is palpable. Locals say they have withstood communal tensions for long but agree that the bonhomie might be hard to hold on to. Last year, despite heightened security on December 6, the day Babri Masjid was demolished, provocative slogans were raised in the town.

In the scorching summer heat, Sajida is sitting outside her son Tariq's metal jewellery shop, muttering her request again. Some relatives are coming over and she wants him to arrange for meat through 'someone traveling from Aligarh or Hathras". "Mein dekhta hoon...abhi nahin (Let me see... Not now)," says Tariq reluctantly, before leaving for Friday prayers.

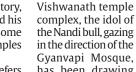
"It was easier to tell acquaintances to buy meat for us earlier. Things are very different now, nobody wants to take a risk," says Tarig.

Unlike his Muslim friends in the neighbourhood, Seth does not talk in hushed tones about the UP government's meat and liquor ban within a 10-km radius of the temple, announced last year by Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath. "Six eggs are enough for a Muslim shopkeeper to get picked up by police. It costs Rs 30,000-35,000 to have them released," says Seth.

The young in Mathura have their hopes pinned on the courts to deliver the healing touch - or not. "I don't usually concern myself with politics, but you cannot deny that what happened 400 years ago was wrong. It should not have happened. It will now be decided in court," says Aastha, an undergraduate student.

"If there is a genuine case, then courts should decide it quickly, else politics will ruin everything," says Hrishikesh, 20.

Meanwhile, new construction jostles for space with the temple's tower and the Idgah's dome in Mathura's hazy skyline.



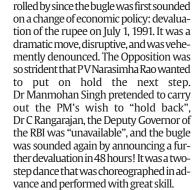
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#### Across **THE AISLE**



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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, reset our economic policies. That requires the courage, clarity and speed of 1991



I CAN scarcely believe that 31 years have

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 Congressled 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

# Time for a re-set

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.

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#### 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

country will not accept jobless growth, much less the job-loss growth of the last 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 pakoras' is a job, the Modi government has let down hardworking 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, tem-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



#### 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 staved 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 ioin the BIP. Guiarat has not turned its back on the BJP since the mid-1990s.

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.



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

# Amber Heard and the Death of #MeToo

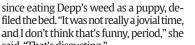


Amber Heard at the Fairfax County Circuit Courthouse on May 18. Her ex-husband Johnny Depp has sued her for \$50 million for a 2018 essay. AP

Countless videos skewer Heard on TikTok; the 'NSvnc 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

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said. "That's disgusting." When Depp testified, the hashtags

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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 primetime 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 mittti 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 well 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.

#### MATTER OF NO DEBATE

At the Congress Chintan Shivir, Acharva 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

#### **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 Marathispeaking, indicating they were Sena workers. He said that while RSS uniform 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.

\$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 countersuing 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-fiancée 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.

#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



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 lawver 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



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# **I** ECONOMY

# \$19.6 BILLION UNDER RBI'S LIBERALISED REMITTANCE SCHEME FY22: As Covid curbs ease, outward remittances up 55% to all-time high

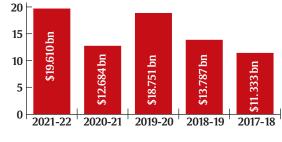
#### **GEORGE MATHEW** MUMBAI, MAY 21

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 alltime 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

#### **OUTWARD REMITTANCES**



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

the remaining 51 per cent hold-

ing will be with VSS Holding

Private Limited (VHPL) - a com-

pany owned and controlled by

OCL's managing director and

chief executive officer Vijay

will hold 74 per cent stake in

PGIL, reducing VHPL's stake in

and undertake general insurance

business. PGIL is vet to com-

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ject to receipt of certificate of

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Development Authority of

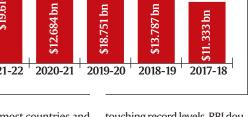
India)" the filing said WITHPTI

the company to 26 per cent.

After the investment. Pavtm

"PGIL intends to register for

Shekhar Sharma.



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 improve-

ment 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 out-

side 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 increas-RBI data. ing 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

### 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 2022-23 substances at the workplace. The core principles of the Tata Code of Conduct bind all of us to com ply with the law of the land and price hikes. In addition to the ferto provide a safe and healthy tiliser subsidy of Rs 1.05 lakh work environment to our colcrore in the budget, an additional leagues. We have zero-tolerance amount of Rs 1.10 lakh crore is for violations of the above. Any being provided to further cushviolation is viewed seriously and ion our farmers," Sitharaman will be dealt with appropriate tweeted consequences.' When asked about the letter, estimated at Rs 1.05 lakh crore in an Air India spokesperson said, the 2022-23 Budget. For the fis-"We would not like to make any cal 2021-22, the subsidy stood at comment on any internal com-Rs 1.62.132 crore. munication like this." Minister Mansukh Mandaviya Sources said that after the takeover, the Tatas have been had recently said the total fertiliser subsidy bill could be bebringing many changes to Air India, in a bid to make it a profestween Rs 2-2.5 lakh crore in the sional airline current fiscal due to a sharp rise On January 27, the Tata group in global prices. took over Air India.

FPIs net sellers in equities on Re fall, US rate hike prospects is weak and dollar is strengthen-

**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

#### More to outflo More fund outflows

barrel and US crude at \$113.23. REUTERS

FOREIGN INVESTORS SELL ₹35.137 CR OF EQUITIES DURING MAY2-20

OIL WATCH

ing, 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

concerns over the prospects of

rates twice this year to battle

surging inflation caused by the

disruption in supply chain due to

the war between Russia and

"Because of the war, the

eopolitical tension has also en-

hanced, which has prompted in-

vestors to turn risk-averse and

stay away from emerging mar-

kets like India which are per-

ceived to be relatively riskier. And

in the current risk-averse envi-

ronment, foreign investors would

have found profit booking a better

option," Srivastava said. WITHPTI

the value of the rupee against the US dollar has been a major catalyst of taken the dollar index above 103. overseas investors Also, India is the major emerging market where FPIs are siting 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

Ukraine.

more aggressive rate hike by US Fed going ahead. The US central bank has hiked

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

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,

# 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.

total fertiliser subsidy is likely to touch a record Rs 2.15 lakh crore in the ongoing financial year



**NIRMALA SITHARAMAN** Finance Minister

PTI file

## 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 9 ner cent stake i nPCII while

'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 highermargin utility vehicle (UV) sales will help carmakers cushion the production cost impact due to: High commodity prices

Compliance to additional safety standards



Power generation up over two-fold in May

plants

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

operationalise the non-opera-

tional power plants specially ICB

supplement the domestic coal

supply. Regular meetings and

discussions are being held with

states, power generation compa-

nies (gencos) and independent

power producers (IPPs) to track

the progress of coal stocks, trans-

Efforts are also being made to

20-30%

commodity prices and more stringent vehicle safety and

**FACTORS THAT HAVE** SUPPORTED UV SALES

> YEARS More space and versatile road

**SHARE OF ENTRY- AND** 

MID-LEVEL UVs in overall sales rose to 35% year-on-year in FY22

rise in entry-level car prices has been seen since 2018 due to high

emission standards being introduced

in UVs compared to hatchbacks Popularity among upgraders and high-income customers who are less price conscious

pulling out of Indian eqfolio investors (FPIs) comes amid concerns over chances of more uity markets in the last aggressive policy rate hike by the few weeks. If this trend continues, along with the expected interest rate hike by the US Federal

THE SUSTAINED fall in

Reserve. outflows by

FPI withdrawals also hit the rupee, which fell to a record low of 77.72 against the American foreign portfolio incurrency during the week. As a vestors are expected to result, net outflow by FPIs from only aggravate. equities so far in 2022 has

During the seven-month peceeding weeks as well.

riod till April, foreign investors remained net sellers, withdrawing crore during May 2-20.

With this, the government's

"Despite rising fertiliser prices globally, we have pro-Import duty on rted our farmers from such

**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

**GROWTHOVER PAST FEW** 

capabilities Higher numbers of new launches

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,

reached Rs 1.63 lakh crore.

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU

THE OUTFLUX of foreign funds

from domestic equity markets

continued steadily, with FPIs hav-

ing pulled out more than Rs

35,000 crore so far this month, ac-

US Federal Reserve and apprecia-

tion of the dollar.

The outflow by foreign port-

cording to depositories data.

NEW DELHI, MAY 21

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 holidayshortened April 11-13 week, and the sell-off persisted in the suc-

### 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.

#### JSPLCFO

New Delhi: Steel maker ISPL 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 do-over test flight into orbit without astronauts aboard. The rendezvous of the gumdropshaped 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** 

#### 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

the year-ago quarter, PGCIL

share capital of the company for

the financial year 2021-22.

said in a BSE filing. PTI

#### portation 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.

## 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.

Rs 7,091.29 crore in comparison to Rs 8,644.28 crore in January-March period of financial year 2020-21

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

BHEL's expenses trimmed to approved a final dividend of Rs 0.40 per share on the paid up

According to the filing, the

#### Annual Meeting again **BARUN JHA**

host WEF

Davos set to

#### DAVOS, MAY 21

AFTER A gap of nearly two-anda-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

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

### CNG price hiked by $\overline{12}$ per kg; rates up by ₹19.60/kg in 2 mths near future due to high interna-

#### PRESS TRUST OF INDIA NEW DELHI, MAY 21

A thermal power plant in

Patiala, Punjab. File

THE PRICE of CNG in the national capital on Saturday was hiked by Rs 2 per kg, the 13th increase in rates in just over two months.

CNG in the national capital territory of Delhi now costs Rs 75.61 per kg, up from Rs 73.61 per kg, according to the information posted on the website of Indraprastha Gas Ltd (IGL) - the firm which retails CNG and piped cooking gas in the national capital and adjoining cities.

This is the 13th increase in price since March 7.

In all, the CNG price has risen by Rs 19.60 per kg during this period. In the last one year, prices have increased by Rs 32.21 per kg or 60 per cent, according to data compiled by PTI. However, the rates of gas piped to household kitchens, called piped natural gas (PNG), remain unchanged at Rs 45.86 per scm.

A CNG manufacturing plant. City gas distributors have been hiking rates periodically since last year. File

City gas distributors have been periodically raising prices since October last year, when domestic as well as international gas prices started to climb as economies around the world recovered from the pandemic-in-

IGL Managing Director Sanjay Kumar said the prices are depending on the incidence of likely to remain elevated in the local taxes such as VAT.

#### 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 du-

India imports urea potassic and phosphatic fertilisties will be effective from ers, while global fertiliser prices have risen due to the Russia-Sunday. PTI Ukraine war

tional prices of natural gas.

CNG prices rose by Rs 8.74

50 paise a kg almost every week.

the government more than dou-

bled the price of natural gas pro-

duced locally to \$6.1 per million

British thermal unit from April 1.

With domestically produced gas

not sufficient to meet city gas de-

mand, imported fuel (LNG) is be-

ing used. LNG in the spot or cur-

rent market costs \$18-20 per

mmBtu. Natural gas when com-

pressed becomes CNG for use as

fuel in automobiles. The same

gas is piped to household

kitchens and industries for cook-

priced Compressed Natural Gas

CNG) at Rs 76 per kg in Mumbai.

Prices vary from city to city

Mahanagar Gas Limited has

ing and other purposes.

The rates have gone up after

The fertiliser subsidy bill was

Chemicals and Fertilizers

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

#### per kg in the last three months of 2021, and from January there REUTERS was a steady increase of about

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.

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#### MINNESOTA 8,000-YR-OLD SKULL FOUND IN RIVER

A partial skull that was discovered last summer by two kayakers in Minnesota will be returned to Native American officials after investigations determined it was about 8,000 years old. The kayakers found the skull in the drought-depleted Minnesota River about 180 km west of Minneapolis, Renville County Sheriff Scott Hable said.

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**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.

#### ПК 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

# Lanka lifts emergency as law Albanese leads Labour to



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 every-

one to accept the gravity of the ...

Embattled Sri Lankan

situation.'

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 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 crisishit 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

#### sition party toppled the conservative government after almost a

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CANBERRA, MAY 21

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. Scott Prime Minister

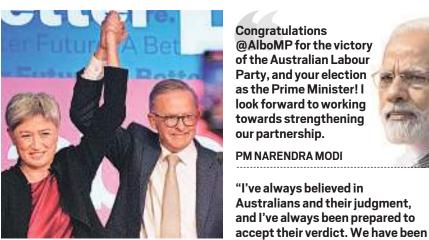
AUSTRALIA'S CENTRE-left oppo-

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.

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.



victory in Australia polls

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

### 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 workingclass 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

a strong government. Australia is

stronger as a result of our efforts

over these last three terms.

SCOTT MORRISON

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

THE END of the battle for Mariupol would help Putin offset some stinging setbacks, including the failure of Russian troops to take over Kviv the sinking of the

End of the

battle for

Mariupol

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

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

#### **YUBARAJGHIMIRE** KATHMANDU, MAY 21

AVISIT 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

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

#### 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 resistce by the last I Ikrainian fight-





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** 

Tibetan Refugee affairs, visited Tibetan leader and Nobel laureate. 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

A senior official of the government said the visit an act that

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-

"we did not expect." Urza is likely to return on Sunday, and will be meeting PM Sher Bahadur

#### 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 chal-

lenges with North Korea.

offensive in Luhansk, one of two provinces in Donbas. President Ukrainian 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

Serhiv 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



A residential area destroyed by Russian shelling in Irpin on Saturday. AP

pay for Russian gas in roubles because of Western sanctions imposed over the invasion.

Finnish state-owned gas wholesaler Gasum, the Finnish government and individual gas consuming companies in Finland have said they were prepared for a shutdown of Russian flows and that the country will manage without. Most European supply con-

tracts are denominated in euros or dollars and Moscow cut off gas to Bulgaria and Poland last month after they refused to comply with the new payment terms.

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 Kviv. and Russia has refocused its offensive on the country's east, but

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

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

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-vear-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.

### 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 MAY 21

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

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 in-

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 (Charlbie 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 can give off, is transplanted from to the next level, and bids fair to a hotel room they have got gratis win big too. This good-looking ( she is an influencer, creating couple with a sheen only youth constant Instagrammable moments) to a suite on a luxury yatch, 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 Rolexes - has everything money can buy, but no money can save you from a shipwreck. The ship's Marxist captain ( 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 starving? What happens when 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 betraval. 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 lowlevel espionage. Saleh's film comes off as a serviceable spy thriller in which impressionable students are targetted 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".

New Delhi





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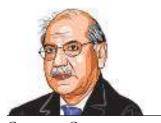
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# ROCKY MOUNTAIN WA

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



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 24hour 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.



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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 show mountains wer not visible as they were covered in a perpetual haze because of forest fires in the hills all along the Himalavan 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.

#### Shyam Saran

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

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

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 singletrack 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 nwai region of the Hima

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 deathblow 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 Shyam Saran is a former foreign secretary and an avid trekker in the Himalavas

# 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 welldeserved 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 "worklife 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.



**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 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 contempo-

and meditating became hours of mindless raries 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



**Ranjit** Lal Ranjit Lal is an author, environmentalist and bird watcher

# Juiciest of Them All

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

AKE 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





# The Living End

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

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Stills from Godavari

(top); Nauha

**Tanushree Ghosh** 

EATH 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 bedrid-



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

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 want 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 *Rocketry: 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 Resurrected from the 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, Thamp (1978) and 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 highest-grossing Marathifilm, but if somebody Mullick and produced by Umesh Kulkarni. It's selected, among 10 films, to pitch for funds, at

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-

dead are two

restored classics:

G Aravindan's

Satyajit Ray's

Pratidwandi (1970)

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-cacophonic-outside big city, and explodes in the end. The film starts and ends with a pe-

culiar bird call and death. Death, however, isn't a saleable subject. "Pitching to producers was difficult. Sairat, for instance, is the

says he'll take a guy and a girl from a village, and kill them at the end, nobody's going to invest in La Fabrique, an Institut Français programme him. Godavari is about a man who discovers the associated with Cannes. Set in a Konkan coastal idea of death. Who's going to put their money?"

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 bestknown 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 purselane. 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!

den 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.

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

village, a transit for smuggling in RDX, foregrounded by the story of a gangster's righthand man, loved by another man. "Homosexuality is only an undertone, it is primarily inspired by Bhupen Khakhar's painting 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





KARUN DEEP Sagar is my soon-to-be 22-yearold 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

and world traveller

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 muchneeded 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 politicos and es-

tablishment that ate him up on the inside. Though Karun was a role model of oldworld 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



#### MAKING ROOM

We mustn't cancel others but forgive and cancel our own hate, or we will be owned by hate itself

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.

parents, she was brought up by her large-

hearted and generous older brother, the

film producer D Shankar Singh who was

one of the pioneering figures of Kannada

cinema. Sumitra grew up familiar with the

world of glamour, but her determination to

pursue her ambition eventually led her to

a job at the Indian Institute of Foreign Trade

in Delhi, the city where she met the man

family in Deoria, Uttar Pradesh, arrived in

Delhi as a statistician employed at the Indian

Agricultural Research Institute, Pusa. Since a

young age, his real passion was journalism.

He had developed a love for literature, po-

etry, sports, culture and world affairs as a

student at Aligarh Muslim University, and

in Delhi, he set about carving a niche for

himself in the capital's literary and journal-

istic space. He met Sumitra at the office of

the weekly Mainstream, where they were

both contributors. Their friendship blos-

somed into love and, eventually, marriage.

But India had already started to change.

Anees, born in 1940 to a Syed Muslim

she would marry.

# Notes from Another India

Journalist Seema Chishti's account of her parents' interfaith marriage, their shared dreams and recipes is a portrait of a country now found only in sepia prints

#### Pooja Pillai

HAT CAN an interfaith love story from an India in another time teach us today? That, in order to get married, it is enough to be in love; that families might not only not object but welcome such a union; that far from being a hurdle to this type of marriage, the state can actually be an enabler. If all of these seem self-evident, consider the quickness and frequency with which the term "love jihad" is invoked in the context of interfaith romances today. Consider also the speed with which states around the country are passing laws that - in effect, if not in actual words - render interfaith marriages impossible. And then consider the marriage at the heart of Seema Chishti's Sumitra and Anees: Tales and Recipes from a Khichdi Family, where a man and woman - despite the gulf of religion and culture between them chose to spend the rest of their lives together.

Of course, neither the story nor the India in which it unfolded are quite so uncomplicated. When Sumitra and Anees solemnised their marriage in a nikah ceremony in Delhi, perhaps, in some other part of India, another

couple - also from similarly dissimilar back-grounds – found the going a lot tougher. Perhaps, they couldn't even speak of their love, fearing the wrath of their families or community. But that is precisely the point of Sumitra and Anees — that, despite the existence of such a taboo, breaking it remained a heartthumping, adrenalinepumping possibility. Contrast this with to-

day's India, when this possibility seems to be on life support and the prognosis looks dire. In the in-

writing this book, divulging details about her parents' relationship that "they would have

WHO IS the perfect protester? We imag-

ine raised fists, hurt faces, angry stances.

We imagine climbing barricades, brav-

ing tear gas. If we go by this visual vocab-

ulary, Har Shaam Shaheen Bagh (Every

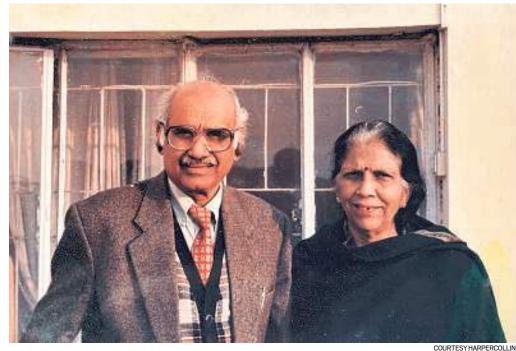
Evening Belongs to Shaheen Bagh) takes

us by surprise. With over 150 portraits of

non-violent protesters, the photo-book

gently challenges the imagery of con-

temporary resistance movements.



baulked at sharing publicly when alive": "Only because it is important to speak today

of the world that as possi-... ble in India, where the idea of India was not just Despite the existence of a taboo, breaking it remained a heart-thumping, adrenaline-pumping possibility...(which

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**Resistance Women** 

The first three secnow) seems to be on

wife and a Vaishnavite troduction, Chishti spells out her reasons for husband – an unusual union in those days - Sumitra dreamed of education and a ca-

gether with whatever was available at

Shaheen Bagh. The result is these portraits of women, either looking directly

at the camera or away, but always with

a sense of pride. Poised and calm, the un-

named sitters indicate trust in the space,

the purpose and the photographer.

LIVED REALITY Anees and Sumitra Chishti

an 'idea' idea, but a lived reality. Even if part of the larger, sometimes ugly and broken, mosaic of what constituted how

India lived, Anees and Sumitra's kitchen, home, life and ideals are an important testament."

tions of the book show how this lived reality came to be. Born in Arsikere (part of Hassan district in Karnataka today), in 1933, to a Shaivite

reer from an early age. After the death of her

Our collective memory of Shaheen Bagh, as is often the case with resistance HAR SHAAM movements, is of the masses, as seen on



Let's Talk About Life

SUMITRA AND

ANEES: TALES

AND RECIPES

HarperCollins

FAMILY

BY SEEMA

CHISHTI

189 pages

₹399

Chishti writes, "Whether it was the

Emergency or the tremors of the demolition

of the Babri Masjid that changed India,

Anees and Sumitra realised slowly that the

hurdles they thought they had faced when

they got together were simply genteel ob-

jections compared to what the country was

culinary traditions of two families - of dif-

ferent faiths, and different regions - became

"the keeper of the composite secrets and

essence of India". A recipe book, with three

types of rasam sandwiched between a dal-

palak and a kadhi, and Karnataka-style fried

mutton nestled comfortably next to shami

kabab, forms the crucial fourth section of

Sumitra and Anees. Sumitra had tried writing

a recipe book three times - the inspiration,

according to her introduction to the third at-

tempt (included in this book), was her

daughter (the author) who "does not enjoy

cooking" and who could consult the recipes

"when she wants to eat any specific dish that

she had enjoyed in her mother's cooking".

Chishti's inclusion of these is to give a con-

crete illustration of the kind of confluence

gia is unavoidable. But Chishti's introduc-

tion, on the need to read the book in its po-

litically-charged context, and Vir Sanghvi's

afterword, in which he highlights the essen-

tial pluralism of food by taking a hammer to

certain myths (khichdi is Hindu, biryani is

Muslim), make it clear that this is no mere

exercise in sentimentality. Sumitra and Anees

is, in its own gentle way, a book that makes

a strong case for a more inclusive idea of

India than is being pushed on us today.

A certain amount of sepia-tinted nostal-

that was once celebrated.

Sumitra and Anees's kitchen, where the

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now experiencing."

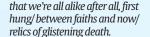
Avinab Datta-Areng's debut marks the arrival of an idiosyncratic voice in Indian-English poetry

#### Jonaki Ray

TTHE outset, one thing needs to be cleared: Avinab Datta-Areng's poetry collection, *Annus* Horribilis, is not about the pandemic, despite a title that might point towards it as a possibility. Nor is it a collection that is about happy endings, or for that matter happy families. Rather, it's about the illusion of measuring impermanent moments, the elusiveness of places and people that feel like home, and sometimes don't, and the silverfish-like darts of memories.

The dream-like and unstructured narrative quality of the language, in fact, reminds one of the Möbius strip in mathematics, where one forms a surface by attaching the ends of a strip of paper with a twist in the middle. Consider the second poem of the collection, in defence of inconsistency: In language they bless/ the voice that has/ finally entered itself,/ fortunate and found/ by the voice looking/ for itself. You are harmed ... /You are unarmed un-/conscious. You write/ to them: the love/ in your words, though/ not absent, changed;/ the love in you,/ unknown, unchanged.

What is striking about the poems is the permutation of words and images turning what is ordinary into extraordinary descriptions. This is particularly true in Datta-Areng's poems about places. For example, the poem The Drunk at the Hagia Sophia describes the church-turnedinto-a-museum-into-a-mosque and a touristy sightseeing event into an amalgamation of the personal and world histories and losses: The seraphim turn you down: hear/ the little nerve birds choking/ on corks of blood./ Fugitive fossil, drenched/scroll in someone's selfie frame,/you crawl to the blinding filigree/ and retch outside the sultan's library./ You're history, my friend, but it's not only you.../It burns you, to see/





ANNUS HORRIBILIS **BY AVINAB** DATTA-ARENG PenguinRandom House India 88 pages; ₹250

man/screaming his cheap fixes/ down from the road/and a baby lulled-/is where the illusion that/I have been persecuted / finds its ground.../We had to happen, / we had to be harmed for/ the fathomless hunt to continue, / for me to be prepared to hear: / What makes me safe/ doesn't necessarily save me. Yet, the poems also have a sense of hope. In the poem Writing, he notes: Left alone with

the mind and morning,/ a few sparrows up in the guava tree filled/ with what seems impossible,/ yet distantly possible, in the swift/opening and closing of their tiny beaks,/in that flash it seems possible to know someone, / or have unsullied companionship. In this hope too, one is reminded of a poem by Nambisan, coincidentally titled Spider: "There is a cure, however, as there is one/For all ills except those which breed in the heart .... "

Perhaps, the most moving poems are the ones about families, evoking loss, death and tenderness, such as Fever,

In the startling, and sometimes, unsettling imagery of the poems, one is reminded of the writing of the late Vijay Nambisan. Consider the lines by Datta-Areng in the poem, The Spider: At the intersection – of the

Har Shaam Shaheen Bagh is Mumbaibased photographer Prarthna Singh's first solo photo-book (she had earlier teamed up with the authors of Sar: The Essence of Indian Design in 2016). In December 2019, after the Delhi police reportedly assaulted students of Jamia Millia Islamia University who were challenging the Citizenship Amendment Act (CAA), a sitin protest led by Muslim women started in Shaheen Bagh. Under a tent, with hundreds of women and children on any given day, the peaceful protest lasted for 100 days, until the pandemic struck.

Singh joined the anti-CAA protest in January 2020, spending most of her time on ground. Known for her women-centric narratives and portraiture work, she taps into her speciality to create portraits in an on-site photo studio, cobbled toprime-time news and press photographs. Indeed, mass resistance movements give rise to the most recognisable images in the documented history of the world. Vulnerability and resilience coalesce into one defining moment – people standing up to power and confrontation, whether it's one man blocking a row of tanks or a girl offering a flower to an armed soldier. Har

Shaam Shaheen Bagh trades the monumental for the intimate, asking us to reconsider what we mean by "iconic". It isolates individuals from the sea of faces, almost as if to say that a movement's power lies not in numbers but in the will of its people. Har Shaam Shaheen Bagh takes the

form of a personal diary or a scrapbook. It contains drawings, a painting by artist Sameer Kulavoor, whose company Bombay Duck Designs has also designed

SHAHEEN BAGH **BY PRARTHNA** SINGH Prarthna Singh 143 pages ₹3,300

WE WILL ROCK YOU Portraits from Har Shaam Shaheen Bagh

the book, verse and a letter from one of the protesters, available in Urdu, English and Hindi. Some pages are deliberately uneven, recalling the makeshift quality of the Shaheen Bagh tent. While the book's cost makes it inaccessible to some socioeconomic groups, Singh has shared copies with the protesters. A portion of the book sales goes towards Jeevan Stambh, an NGO working on the rehabilitation of the victims of the Jahangirpuri demolition last month.

During the pandemic, the Delhi police cleared the Shaheen Bagh site, painting over its graffiti and dismantling its art installations. In a country that is determined to erase and rewrite its history, one could say that a photo-book on a citizen protest is as good as an act of protest itself.

**BÉNITA FERNANDO** 

Mother: Enter the unrecorded pulse in the past, the tangled corridor air, waiting... Once you saw how even grass seemed serious against her face. And once, when you looked up the library in the clouds nearly returned the book, the text corrected. Similarly, Your Father's Shirt has a strong undercurrent of the fault-lines in relationships, especially with our parents: ... I failed to see your longing for your father/ as a footnote to me. How could any love/ that drew from within the same source/ as your love for him, its dedication, be untrue?/I was deceived by my destiny of fathers./In my life's revolutions of fathers, my answer,/ too, was disguised in a father. but the mind/meanders toward what it first sees./First father, then fear, then flounder.

In its depiction of loss and love, longing and alienation, as well as the grimy and often unpleasant yet simultaneously hopeful parts of our lives, Annus Horribilis is a book in keeping with the times as well as heralding the future.

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# The Fire Within

#### In a recent translation of short stories, self-respect connects Vaasanthi's women

legacy of *devadasis* and Sri Lanka's Eelam War.

Amrith Lal

THE FIRST story that Vaasanthi wrote, while in college, was published by Ananda Vikatan, a popular Tamil magazine, with the tag of "the best story of the week" in 1960. Its

germ lay in a deeply upsetting incident in her extended family. She poured anger and angst at the treatment of a young widow onto paper, and it happened to be in Tamil. She chose a pseudonym, Vaasanthi, to not hurt her family. Another experience soon after resulted in a second story, also published in Ananda Vikatan. It made her think of writing as a career.

Vaasanthi has since, barring a short interlude to raise her two boys, been writing, in Tamil and English. She's published nearly 50 books, including 30 novels in Tamil, and three fine biographies – J Jayalalithaa: A Portrait (2011), Karunanidhi: The Definitive Biography (2020), and Rajinikanth:

ALife - in English (2021). For a decade, she edited the Tamil India Today, wrote a popular column, reported on subjects as diverse as the bringing these stories alive in English. This rep-



GANGA'S CHOICE ANDOTHER STORIES **BY VAASANTHI** Niyogi Books 258 pages ₹450

Ganga's Choice and Other Stories is a collection of 15 short fiction in Tamil translated by Sukanya Venkataraman and Gomathi Narayanan, who deserve a big thank you for

> resentative collection stands out for its readability, clarity of thought and vision, and a distinctive authorial voice. Most of these stories have women as protagonists or are about life seen through the eyes of women. Most of these are set in urban spaces and feature rounded characters, who have immense self-respect and are unwilling to be subservient to the men in their lives or compromise when their integrity as human beings is questioned. Like a good journalist, Vaasanthi pieces together voices, incidents, anecdotes, memories to build the social backdrop, and then

enters their emotional world, in the process transforming a bland crime report, news event, a squabble in a lower middle-class family,

or a banal family function into art. Take, for instance, the story "The Symbol". Soundari Ammal, a celebrated Carnatic musician of yore, who at 82 is living with her brother's family and in a world of memories. The journalist granddaughter of a friend from her youth tracks her down and interviews her for a magazine. The magazine story highlights Ammal's devadasi background. It disturbs her family, which fears that the past would stigmatise their present. The story is deftly woven with voices from three generations - Ammal, Chellappa, her neighbour and the professor son of a nagaswaram artiste, Ammal's granddaughter Mallika, and Mandakini, the journalist. This intricate weave helps the author to not just delve deep into the emotional world of Ammal but also explore the tension that runs deep within the devadasi community.

What does an artiste do in terms of rebellion? Do you sacrifice art for larger social freedoms? What happens when a tradition modernises? How do you deal with the trauma of the past? In the case of the *devadasis*, reform movements such as the anti-nautch campaign in the early 20th century succeeded in bringing in legal remedies to liberate a community trapped in a discriminating social pact. But it also forced many devadasis, who were custodians of classical art forms such as Bharatanatvam and Carnatic music. to abandon their practice and withdraw into their home. Proud women, who were acclaimed



DIGNITY, SHE WROTE Vaasanthi is one

of Tamil Nadu's

best-known writers

for their scholarship and artistic skills, lost their agency and art. The modernity that the reforms ushered in forced many of them to accept the hierarchies that patriarchy and the institution of family imposed on them. "The Symbol", without ever slipping into a polemical discussion on these issues, forces the reader to confront these questions.

There's a sentence that holds a key to access the many rooms in this story. As Mandakini arrives in the south Indian town, where her grandmother was born and led a mini revolution against the devadasi system, the summer sun hits her. "The heat was blind-

New Delhi

ing, bleached white. Still, just as there seemed to be a connection between sun and colour, there seemed to be a link with art, music, sound and rhythm. Just like the link between lust, love, rage and humiliation."

Ammal had refused to give up music when her friend, Rathnam, asked her to make the sacrifice for the larger cause. She had said, I would rather drink poison and die. But when an audience turns disrespectful to her while on stage, she quits public singing. She never explains why she ended her successful stage career, but tells her granddaughter, "Respect is different from what people believe to be."

The notion of respect, self-respect, is a virtue dear to Vaasanthi's women, irrespective of their class background. Be it Ganga ("Ganga's Choice"). a domestic worker who decides to live on her own terms risking society's censure and threat, or Panchali, in "Dance of the Gods", who self-immolates when insulted by her husband, reveal a steel forged from a fierce sense of selfrespect and honour. It is also the bedrock of the invisible, silent solidarity that the wife of a murdered man shares with the woman who has murdered him ("The Untold Story").

There is another lot of stories – "He Came", The Line of Control", "Gap" – developed from news events, such as the extended incarceration of innocent Muslims, the ill-planned pandemic lockdown, etc. These are shorn of rhetoric and reveal an empathetic voice that's deeply concerned about a world insensitive to and criminally callous about the poor and the underprivileged. The fury and rage is the furnace where these stories have moulded, but the fire does not consume the form, the story.



# **CLASSIFIEDS & TENDERS**

# 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.

0040614758-2

I RAKESH S/0-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.

#### 0040614790-8

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,fo all, future 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. 0040614779-5 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-

I,Vania Tariq,W/o Mohammad Shahdar R/o 2839/40 4th Floor Kucha Chellan DarvaGani Delhi-110002, have changed my name to Vania Sultan.

#### 0040614793-2

I.Taranieet Singh Sapra.S/o Sh.Mohinder Singh Sapra,R/o D-209,Ramprastha Colony, Chander-Nagar Ghaziabad, Uttar Pradesh-201011, 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/oC-192,Floor-4th.Sushant-Lok phase 1. Gurugram, Haryana-122001, have changed my name to Suresh Kakkar.

#### 0040614784-9

I,Shivani Sharma,W/O Sunil Kumar,R/OWZ-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, 0040614799-3 purposes.

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

**I,Mohd** Tariq Parvez,S/o-Mohd Arif,R/o 2245,Gali-Resham Wali Kuch-Chelan DaryaGanj Delhi-110002, have changed my minor son's name, from Amaan Tarig to Amaan Khan. 0040614793-3 I,Mohd Arbaz Khan S/O,Mohd Ilivas R/O.C-16/A,Mangeram

Park 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-Chellan DarvaGani.Delhi-110002.have changed my name to Mohammad Shahdar. 0040614793-1

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

0040614806-2 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 hav 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-BB886954 dated.10-May-2022, before DISTRICT-COURT JODHPUR(Place of Affidavit). 0040614804-2

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.

0040614779-10 I,Krishnamurtysastry Annapurna,W/O, Balakrishnan Viswanathan, R/o.132-a, Dda Sfs-Flats,Dg2-

Block,Vikaspuri,New-Delhi-110018,have changed my name to Krishnamurty Annapurna, for all purposes. 0040614784-5 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.

0040614799-4

Al, Jyoti Shikhar Singh D/o-Benarsi Dass R/o-B-3, 704, Cherry County, Techzone-IV, GH-05B Greater Noida West-201307 have changed my name to Jyoti Singh for,all purposes. 0040614714-1

#### 0040614779-9

I,Juweria Shariq,W/o-Sayyed Haider Ali R/o-P-2 First-Floor Front-Side, Khasra No-307,Street.No-8,20-feet Road, Batla House, Jamia-Nagar, New Delhi-110025, Have changed my name to Juwerya Shariq, for all purposes 0040614790-7

> I.Jitender Kumar S/o Ved Prakash R/o-71/40, First-Floor, Prem-Nagar, Janakpuri, New

I,Bansi Lal,S/o Ram Anand,R/o-4785, Ahata Kidara Pahari-Dhiraj, Delhi-110006, That in the school-record of my minordaughter namely Neha Verma aged about-17-years mine and my wife name has been wrongly-written as Bansi

Verma and Rinki Verma instead of Bansi Lal and Rinki, which may be amended accordingly. 0040614804-1

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

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

0040614790-2 I,Arun Kumari Soni,wife of.Ashok Kumar Soni.r/o.E-190,New Rajinder-Nagar,New Delhi-110060, declare that both Arun Kumari Soni and Arun Soni are-same and only oneperson that is myself.

0040614784-7 I.Anoop Singh alias Anoop Singh Khati,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

0040614779-4 I, Yogesh Prasad Chaturvedi, S/o Jagdish Prasad Chaturvedi, R/o Hig A 203, Ram Ganga Bihar, Phase 1, Moradabad, Uttar Pradesh-244001, have changed my name to Yogendra Prasad Chaturvedi. 0070786508-1

I, Uttam Kumar Sinha S/o Amarendra Sinha, R/o House number-49, Aryabhatta Path, Panjabari. Guwahati, Assam-781037 have changed my name to Uttam Sinha for all future purposes. 0040614838-1

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

0070786496-1 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

SAIYYAMJOT GULATI permanently. 0040614720-1 I, SARTHAK S/o YASHBIR SINGH HOODA.H.NO.81.SECTOR 7/A. FARIDABAD, HARYANA-

121006.Changed my name to SARTHAK HOODA. 0040614790-1 I, Punita Babber, W/o Vikas

Khanna, R/o T4/103, Parasynath Shrishti, 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. 0040614742-1

0070786529-1

0070786527-1

I. Mukesh, S/o Sh, Sukhbir Singh, R/o D-25, Saini Market, Aironda Sector 15 A, Faridabad, Haryana-121007, have changed 0040614793-5 my name to Mukesh Saini, S/o Sukhbir Singh Saini for all future 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

#### 0040614716-1

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.

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PUBLIC NOTICE Public at large is hareby informed Entire Basemer and Ground Floor (Upper Ground Floor) bearing on K-32, Greater Kalstelli, New Dehit hi Captioned Pragistered motgaged with State Ben of India, RACFC, Parianent Street, New Dehit hi captioned property islare presently owned and poss-essed by MS Group Mida LLdy, virtue of Agreemen to Sati buiy registered vide Regd No. 241 data seads by MS Group and Participation and State Floor the said property islare free from all sorts of encom-braness. The Sate deed will by executed by 1. Shi

110.2.2020 and as per present owner(s) version the said property islare free from all sorts of encurs brances. The Sale dead will by executed by 1. Sh Ashok Rakityan. 2. Shri Satish Faktyan 3. Shri Subith Rakityan 4. Mrs.Rita Kothar through registere Atomes Shri Ankur Jalan-Vendor and Mis Growy (Indi Lid. confirming Vendor in favor of my client(s) an as per Declaration dated 16.05.2022 the all owner islare alive and General Power of Atomes ys valid and enforceable and never revoked it is hereby notified that any person Atomesy and entity, tim Company, society and or any member institution having any claim, any charge interest o shall be rejected and my client (prospective buyef( sa a bon-fide) purcharser conclude the tittle sa Deed proposed to be executed in favor of my clien or in the name of hisher/hien confinement. Mthilesen Kumar (Advoccate) o 2003/033109

District Courts Rohini, Delhi- 85 # 9810593109

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given to whom so ever may concern that my client Vipin Kuma

Sharma intended to purchase Upp

Sharma intended to purchase Uppe Ground Floor of Propert No. 13/180 Geeta Colony, Delhi-110031 measurement area 100 square yards from Mrs. Taruna Sharma W/o Kuldeeg Sharma R/o 13/180, Geeta Colony Delhi. This is also to announce that two previous original sale deeds documents were lost. The references are (1) execute by Mrs. Shashi Bala in favour of Mr Deepak Kumar Sharma, duly registered as document to 440. Ronk No. 1 Volum

ument no. 6440, Book No.1, Volun

dociment no. 6440, Book No.1, Volume No. 7965, on Pages 127 to 134, dated 02.08.2014, in the office of S.R. VIII, Delhi & (2) executed by Mr. Deepak Kuman Shama in favour of Mrs. Shash Bala, duly registered as Document No. 8625, Book No.1, Volume No. 8041, on Page 131 to 140, dated 13.112014, in the office of S.R. VIII, Delhi. Any person having any right title on interest in the aforesaid property/flooror 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

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client will proceed to complete the sa

ransaction with the owner of th

foresaid property/floor by execution

LOST & FOUND

riginal Sale Deed, Receipt

Possession Letter, Affidavil

Indemnity Bond, Will in respect of

property bearing GF-1A, measurin

66 sq., feet, space under the stai

case on the ground floor o

commercial building known as

Arunachal Building, 19, Barakhamba

Road, New Delhi 110001 belongin

to Ms. Kanika Chadha, R/O A-353

Defence Colony, New Delhi hav

been lost. FIR has been lodge

in crime branch. Delhi vide LF

No. 422102/2022 dated 21/05/2022

Chadha, 9841018866.

found please contact: Kanika

PUBLIC NOTICE

To be known to all that I Sarabjeet Singh S/ Onkar Singh R/O WZ-109, Sant Naga Delhi-110018, has applied for certified pape of the aforesaid plot no.19, Pocket-17 Sector-24, Rohini, Delhi-110085, such a

original side position Demed letter, position letter, lease deed, bank challan slip, cour correspondences has been lost. An FIF (LR.No.247958/2022) to this effect has beer

loadged in the police station crime branc Delhi on dated 24/03/2022. Any perso claiming any right, intrest, having an objection or found in possession of origina documents may write/contact with the abov

advantants may where contact with the above non-amed person at above address? Phon no.8882934951 or Dy. Director (LAB Housing or Director (Housing). DDA Offici Vikas Sadan. New Delhi, within 15 days from the date of publication of this notice.

PUBLIC NOTICE

at under instructions and on behalf of my o Gulshan Kumar S/o Sh. Desh Raj Nalwa, /396, Dal Mill Road, Uttam Nagar, New I

A 1390, Dai Mill Kolad, Utarii Magar, New De -110059. That my client is owner of equal sha (1/4th) holder in the property bearing no. A-1/3 measuring 100sq. Yards part of Mustatii No. Killa No. 2/1, situated in the colony known as Ut

Killa No. 21, shuated in the colony known as Ut Nagar, Dal Mill Noad, Uttam Nagar, New Da -110059, which was purchased by father of my di in the year 1984. That the above said property is partitioned till date and without partition of s poperty between my client and other shareholders the property. The individual share cannot be sold, with whitout, proper patition of the above said prope Nobody is authorized to dispose of his share or a un denumetic for the cald numes within the none

Nobody is authorace to dispose of his share or sy any documents for the aid purpose whitton the corses and proper partition between my client and other leg heirs. That my direct is entitled the proper equal divisit (1481) of his share in the dinestal property whitt shareholders in the property. Any parson dealing with them SaiP-Dutase. Mortgage or tables gramest mon or Bayania any mame(s) size doing the same at hish mon risk, peni, cost and responsibiles and my client shall not be responsible for their any act(s), ded(s) and thinois).

ntact with the abo

istered sale deed, and no subseque ection or chain whatsoever shall b

Gagan Grover (Advocate) (D-1418/02)

#### PUBLIC NOTICE

My client Sh. Sudarshan Panda S/o Late Sh. Bhai Kuntha Nath Panda R/o 331, Nai Basti, Jamia Nagar, Okhia, New Delhi-110026, has debar his son namely Prakash Pandy from his all movable and immovable properties and my client has severed his relations from the above named Prakash Pandy, Anybody dealing with him shall be doing so at his/her/their own risks and my client shail not be responsible for his acts/deeds/things with immediate effect. Sd/

JITENDER KUMAR BAGHE Advocat Chamber No. 104. Lawyers Block Saket Court Complex New Delhi-11001

#### PUBLIC NOTICE t is hereby made public that ou clients Shri Mohinder Singh Sharma S/o Shri Devi Saha

Sharma & his wife Smt. Sharda Kumari, R/o 180, Bajghera Road Anand Garden, Rajendra Park Guruaram, Harvana, do hereb disinherit, disown and severe a their relations with their so Sudhanshu Sharma, his wife Sml Pinky Sharma & his son Aava Sharma, as they are disrespectfu distrustful & create ruckus at ou clients' house for no reasons. An one dealing with said persons shall do so on his/her own peril and our clients shall not be responsible for the same. MOHIT RAMDEO-ADVOCATE ENROL. NO.- D/1284/2002

PUBLIC NOTICE This is for the information of the general public at large that my client Shi Manish Sadana 3(o Shiri R, K Sadana R/O 108, HP Block, Mauyra Enclave, Pitam Pura New Delhi - 11008 has severed his son, Sh. Manas Sadana from all his movable immovable properties due to his misbehavior, disobedience and hostile shall not be held responsible for any act or deed of said Sh. Manas Sadana shall not be held responsible for any act or deed of his father, Sh. Manish Sadana. Anybody dealing with him shall do so at his/her/their own risks and consequences.

Consequences. Abhay Gahlot (Advocate) Ch: 607 Lawyers' Chamber Block-III, Delhi High Court, New Delhi-110003 Mobile : 9696969850

PUBLIC NOTICE Be it known to all that my client (1)SH MANJEET SINGH S/O SHRI SOHAN SING 4 (2) SMT. RAJINDER KAUR WIO SH MANJEET SINGH BOTH H/O BH-215, EA SHALIMAR BAGH, DELI-H10088 ha effect with their son (1) SHRI SIMFANJE SINGH and his with (2) SMT. GURALE SINGH and his with (2) SMT. GURALE KAUR SAPAL and have debarred disownet them from all their movab immovable properties and from soc relationship with immediate effects, due their misconduct, misbehavior al disobedience. disobedience. Any persons/s dealing with them will do a nis/her/their own risk and costs and my clier shall not be responsible for any kind of the deeds and acts in future in an circumstances. Sd/

#### PUBLIC NOTICE is for general information that I, Doll rabhakar, Ex-wife of Sh. Vika rabhakar, D/o Late Sh. Satpe hanna R/o House No. 12, West Pate lagar, Central Delhi, Delhi- 110008 eclare that I have remarried with Sh Anup Kapoor on 14.05.2022 after go divorced from my previous husban Sh. Vikas Prabhakar vide court decree

Sh. Vikas Prabnakar vide court decree HMA No. 3497/2016 dated 26.04.2017. Further I have changed my name, name of my minor son namely Kushal Prabhakar, aged about 17 years and name of his father and shall henceforth be known as Dolly Kappoor, Kushal Kappoor and Anup Kappoor, Kushal Kappoor and Anup Capoor respectively in future for

#### PUBLIC NOTICE

or & on behalf of my client FATE IOHAMMAD S/o Mohammad Siddiq, o. 58 Sai Enclave Block G-1. Gali No Iohan Garden, Uttam Nagar, West Dell 10059 I serve this public notice that r tiomey in respect of PLOT NO. 29, LAN REAMEASURING 85 SQ. YDS., OUT C HASRA NO. 1/9, SITUATED IN T HASRA NO. 1/9, SITUATED IN TH REA OF VILLAGE RAZAPUR KHUR ELIHI STATE, DELHI AND THE COLO NOWN AS G-1 BLOCK, SAI ENCLAV IOHAN GARDEN, NEW DELHI which w seculed by my client on dated 11/10/201 ADDRAY ALAM due to some unavoidat rcumstances. My client withdraws circumstances. My client windraws the powers in respect of said GPA fra-said his brother MOHAMMAD SADAR. ALAM in respect of the said property, he h no right, power, title and interest in resp of the said property on the basis of sa GPA with immediate effect. Anyone dea h him shall do at his own risks. SOHAN KUMAR (Advocate Mobile No. 9268276091

## 🎯 EAST CENTRAL RAILWAY 🙆

CORRIGENDUM

#### **GOVERNMENT OF ASSAM** OFFICE OF THE CHIEF ENGINEER, PWD (ROADS) ASSAM, CHANDMARI, GUWAHATI-3.

No. CE/PMGSY/SOPD(G)/18/2021-22/06

#### SHORT NOTICE INVITING TENDER

The Chief Engineer PWD (Border Roads), Assam, Chandrnari Guwahati-3 on behalf of the Governor of Assam invites Item Rate Re-Bid for construction of Roads of PMGSY Balance Work under SOPD (G) beyond Govt of India's sanction for the year 2021-22 in N.C. Hills Distract of Assam from APWD Registered eligible Contractors for a total amount of Rs. 272.01 Lakhs (approx) for 1 no. of Package.

Details may be seen from 26/05/2022 at website https:assamtenders.gov.in, Amendment /Addendum to the SBD. if any, and further notifications shall appear in this website and also at the office of the undersigned during office hours. The contractor/bidder must be registered with the Electronic Tendering System (ETS) of PWD website https://assamtenders.gov.in

Sd/ Chief Engineer PWD (Border Roads) Janasanyog/CF/635/22 Assam, Chandmari, Guwahati)-3

#### राजस्थान सरकार

कार्यालय आबकारी आयुक्त, राजस्थान, उदयपुर आबकारी भवन 2-गुनियावाला, पंचवटी, उदयपुर-313001 **दिनांक:** 21.05.202 क्रमांक प. 32 (बी) (1) आब/एल/2022/3906

मंदिरा की पडत रही रिटेल ऑफ कम्पोजिट दुकानों के अनुज्ञापत्र हेतु ई-निविदा आमंत्रण सूचनाः-

सर्वसाधारण को सूचित किया जाता है कि आबकारी एवं मद्य-संयम नीति वर्ष 2022-23 एवं वर्ष 2023–24 के अनुसार बन्दोबस्त वर्ष 2022–23 के लिए) इस कार्यालय की ई-निविदा सूचना क्रमांक 3851 दिनांक 07.05.2022 के क्रम में जिन कम्पोजिट मदिरा दुकानों के लिए कोई निविदा प्राप्त नहीं हुई उनके लिये ऑनलाईन ई-निविदा प्रक्रिया से बन्दोबस्त करने हेतु निम्नानुसार ई–निविदाऐं आमंत्रित की जाती है:-

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1	बोलीदस्तावेज ऑनलाईन डाउनलोड करने	दिनांक 23.05.2022 अपरान्ह
	की दिनांक व समय	5.00 बजे से
2	प्री–बिड मिटिंग का दिनांक व समय/स्थान	दिनांक 24.05.2022 प्रातः 11.00 बजे
		संबंधित जिला आबकारी अधिकारी
		कार्यालय ।
3	बोलीदस्तावेज ऑनलाईन अपलोड करने	दिनांक 24.05.2022 को प्रातः 11.00
	की प्रारम्भ व अन्तिम दिनांक व समय	बजे से दिनांक 26.05.2022 तक
		सायंकाल 6.00 बजे तक
4	तकनीकी बिड (अमानत राशि, आवेदन	दिनांक 27.05.2022 को प्रातः 10.00
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Satnam Singh Narula, for all purpose.

#### 0040614790-6

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.

#### 0040614793-6

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

#### 0040614790-9

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 mv-name to Raiiv Bahadur for all-purpose.

#### 0040614793-4

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

0040614784-10

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

0040614790-3

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-ofbirth from 19.09.1969 to 19.09.1970, vide affidavit dated-17.05.2022 at New Delhi

#### 0040614790-5

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.

0040614790-10

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. 0040614784-3 I,Intezar Ali,S/o Nawab Ali,R/o J-4/3,B2nd-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.

#### 0040614790-4

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. 0040614806-4

I.Harneet Kaur W/o-Teibir Singh Datta R/0:313, Skylark Apartment, Plot No-35, Sector-6.Dwarka.New Delhi-75.Have Changed My Name to Harneet Datta, for all Purposes. 0040614779-7

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. 0040614784-8

#### 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.

0040614779-6 I,Dashrath Kumar,S/o Sh.Raghuvar Gupta R/o.D-568, Gali.No.9.D-Block Bhaian Pura, Delhi-110053, have changed my name to Dashrath Raghuvar Gupta, for all, future 0040614779-8 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

0040614784-6 Chanchal Agarwal.

#### 0040614779-2 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.

0040614784-2

I, Komal Singh, W/o Anurag Shukla, R/o # 1164, Second Floor, Sector 16, Faridabad-121002, have changed my name to Komal Shukla. 0070786489-1

I.Madan S/o-Ram Niwas R/o-H.No-60.Village-Dalamwala Jind Haryana 126102, have changed my name to Madan Sharma. 0040614784-4

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

0070786533-1

I. Havildar Harish Chandra Singh R/o V&P1 ili, Thana Kapkote, District Bageshwa (Uttarakhand) Declaredthat the correct name of my daughter is ANKITA GARIYA, which waswrongly 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. 0040614712-1

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.

0070786532-1 Rupali Mittal W/o-Gauray Mittal R/o-H.No.869, Sector-37, Faridabad, Haryana-121003 have changed my name to Rubi Mittal for all purposes.

0040614721-1 Gopal Dutt S/o Sh. Narayan Dutt R/o House No.L-123, 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. 0040614758-1



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PUBLIC NOTICE My client NATHURAM S/O GANG RAMAND HIS WIFE GEETA DEVI W/ NATHU RAM BOTH R/O 1176-1177, I LOCK, SHAHBAD DAIRY, DELH 10042, have debarred their son PRAKASH, PRAVEEN AND PAWAN AND THEIR WIFES ASHA, KHUSHI & NOD INEEIN WIFES ASTAI, NOIGHI SOMAL and their children HIMANSHL SHANNA, KANISHKA AND CHIKK NEGO & SHANVI AND NAKSH from a heir movable-immovable propertie and sever all relationship due to the insconduct. Anybody dealing with ther shall do so at his own cost & risk.

RAJ KUMAR (Advocate CH. NO. 413, LAWYERS CHAMBER BLOCK, ROHINI COURT, DELHI

# PUBLIC NOTICE ublic that Mrs. Anita Verma w public that Mrs. Anifa Verma who claimed to be worres and in possession of Residential House No. 223/9A, area measuing 100 Sq. Vds., situated in the Residential Colony known as Shivpur with in MCG, Gurugram Tehsil & Distric Gurugram, Harytana; by virtue o Transfer Deed in Blood Relation date; Selling said property to Mr. Kunal and Mrs. Laxmi nas quroactive to Mr. Kunal and Mrs. Laxmi now Mr. Kunal and Limited for financial assistance and therefore shall be mortgaged with the

imited for financial assistance an herefore shall be mortgaged with th said Bank. We give this public notice the egarding ownership and/or creatin nortgage of the said property or any pa of the said property in favour of IDF/ rist Bank Ltdis/are hereby requested holify the same in writing to undersigne with supporting documentary evidenc at the address mention below with ID dave from the date of oublication c at the address mention below with 10 days from the date of publication or this notice, failing which any claim if any, of such persons will be consider 1 have been waived and/or, abandone and our client shall proceed with th isaid property and subsequent creation of Mortgage in respect thereof. For Juris NextCen Law Office of Mortgage in respect thereof. For Juris NextGen Law Offices E-56,LGF, Greater Kailash Enclave Part-1 New Delhi-110048 Krishna Kumar Mishra (Advocat Delhi High Court & Supreme Cou En. No. D/782/200 Off: 61/35, Cat Bar Room (Pl opernicus Marg, New Delhi-11000

#### PUBLIC NOTICE

I, at clear instruction of my clients (1) ST AVINASH KUMAR SAKHUJA son of Lal Sh. Sohan Lal Sakhuja and (2) SM KAMAL SAKHUJA wife of Sh. Avinas Kumar Sakhuja, both resident of 23 Kohat Enclave, Pitampura, Delhi-11003 hereby inform to the public at large that m clients have severed off/disconnecto their all relation/connection with their sor (1) SH. AAKASH SAKHUJA and their daughter-in-law (2) SMT. SHIVAN SAKHUJA wife of Sh. Aakash Sakhuj cod, their, grand doughter, Ma and their grand-daughter Ms. Anaisha Sakhuja D/o Sh. Aakash Sakhuja, and have debarred/discovered them from their all movable and immovable properties/entire estates for all intents & purposes. If anybody deals with them he/she/they will be liable for all the consequences and my dients will not be onsequences and my clients will not b able for their any activity in any manner.

Sanjay Jindal (ADVOCATE) Mob: 9868495152, Enrl. No. D/479/13

PUBLIC NOTICE Public at large is hereby informed that Sh. Sanjay Jain, s/o Late Shr Atma Ram Jain, R/o E-184, Shastr Nagar, Delhi - 110052 is legal heirs o Atrita Ratin Jaini, Rob E-roles, Shisheris of Nagar, Delhi -110052 is legal hieris of late Shri Atma Ram Jain and my clienti sith Co-owner of the following properties: a. A residential property bearing no. E-184, Shastri Nagar, Delhi-110052. b. A commercial property bearing no. E-184, Shastri Nagar, Delhi-110052. c. A residential plot bearing no. 414, Pocket C-6, Sector -34, Rohini, Delhi. d. An Industrial plot bearing no. F-132, Socket C-6, Bawana-II, Bhorgarh, Delhi. It is to inform to public at large that a suit for partition is pending before the Hon'ble Court of Ld. ADJ, Central District, Ti Hazari Courts, Delhi vide case No. CS DJ/368/2022. In case anybody deals with the said property in any manner, he or she shall be responsible or the same and the said deal shall have no legal binding responsible for the same and the said deal shall have no legal binding and force upon my client. Sandeeg Garg Advocate 68, III Floor, Aruna Park (Opp. Metro Pillar No. 50), Vikas Marg, Shakarpur, Delhi, India-110092

#### PUBLIC NOTICE The public in general is hereby

informed that Mr. Shiy Kuma Malhotra son of Mr. Avtar Krishan Malhotra has entered into an Agreement to Sell (ATS) dated 03.04.2022 with Mt Tarun Khullan son of Late K.K. Rhullar a resident of Vikas Puri, New Delhi for SALS of his residential freehold MIG Flat no. 12 A, Pocket A, Vikas Puri Extension Fart 1, New Delhi 110048. In terms of subject ATS, a sum of Rs. 10.00 Lac was paid by the undersigned to Mr. Shiv Kema Malhotra & was acknowledged as an Earnest Money. The balance sale consideration will be paid while execution of Deed of Sale for which 03 months time line had been agreed & will due on or before 03 July 2022. Tarun Khullar R/o Vikas Puri Extension, New Delhi - 110018 Nb. 9899895570

Published Vide Tender Notice No. CE/2022/02, Date: 29.04.2022

After Modification of Payment Clause in tender document of tender No. 02226486SP, Corrigendum No. 01 of Tender document has been uploaded on website https://www.ireps.gov.in on 20.05.2022. This instant tender now, will open on 27.05.2022 at 11.30 AM.

Dy. Chief Engineer/TSP/ ECR/Hajipur PR/0275/HQ/Engg./C/22-23/20

#### CHITTARANJAN LOCOMOTIVE WORKS CORRIGENDUM

No. PCMM/CLW/DKAE/E-Procurement/ CORRIGENDUM/08. Dated: 19.05.2022. The following Corrigendum of E-Tender/ s for supply of materials for manufactur of Electric Locomotive. The Prospective likely suppliers are requested to look up the website **www.ireps.gov.in** for detailed instructions please. These are E-Tenders only electronic offer bids shall be accepted Sl. No.: [08]. Tender Notice no.: Sl.N 206 of Tender Notice No: PCMM/CLW Dank ni/E-Pr 26.04.2022. Tender No.: 25225016. **Tender Opening Date:** Tender Openin Date is to be read as **"10.06.2022"** in plac of existing entry. PCMM/CLW/DKAE Like us on: www.facebook.com/clwrailways सफल निविदादाता को धरोहर राशि, अग्रिम वार्षिक गारन्टी राशि एवं वार्षिक लाईसेन्स् फीस ई-निविदा के संबंध में विस्तृत दिशा निर्देश एवं शर्तों, जो विभागीय वेबसाईव https://rajexcise.gov.in एवं www.sppp.rajasthan.gov.in पर उपलब्ध है के अनसार जमा करनी होगी।

निविदादाता द्वारा अनुमानित गारण्टी राशि से अधिक या कम की निविदा प्रस्तुत की जा

सकेगी। अनमानित गारण्टी राशि से अधिक राशि की निविदा प्राप्त होने पर तत्काल

स्वीकृति जारी की जायेगी। अनुमानित गारण्टी राशि से कम राशि की निविदा प्राप्त होने

पर स्वीकृति के संबंध में निविदा निर्णायक समिति द्वारा निर्णय लिया जायेगा, जो

निविदादाता को मानना होगा। निविदा निर्णायक समिति को अनुमानित गारण्टी राशि की

तुलना में कम प्रस्तावित गारण्टी राशि की निविदा को स्वीकार करने या बिना कारण

निर्धारित समय में वाँछित राशियाँ यथा-धरोहर राशि, अग्रिम वार्षिक गारन्टी राशि एवं वार्षिक लाईसेंस फीस जमा न कराने पर स्वीकृति निरस्त कर समस्त जमा राशि जप्तराज की जायेगी

मदिरा दुकानों के बन्दोबस्त हेतु वे ही व्यक्ति ई-निविदा में भाग ले सकेंगें, जो राजस्था आबकारी अधिनियम, 1950 एवं इसके अन्तर्गत बनाए गए नियमों, आबकारी एव मध्यसंयम नीति वर्ष 2022-23 व भारतीय सविंदा अधिनियम के तहत अनुबंन्ध करने की योग्यता रखते हो। इस सम्बन्ध में विस्तृत दिशा निर्देश, आबकारी नीति वर्ष 2022-

23 एवं 2023-24 तथा प्रारूप अनुज्ञापत्र इत्यादि https://rajexcise.gov.in र www.sppp.rajasthan.gov.in पर उपलब्ध है, जिनका ई-निविदा में भाग लेने से पूर्व भली भाँति अध्ययन कर लेना चाहिए। अन्य जानकारी हेतु संबंधित अतिरिक्त आयुक्त जोन, जिला आबकारी एवं जिला आबकारी अधिकारी कार्यालय से सम्पर्क किय जा सकता है।

ई-निविदा के संबंध में अन्य प्रावधान आबकारी एवं मद्यसंयम नीति वर्ष 2022-23 व वर्ष 2023-24 एवं राजस्थान आबकारी अधिनियम, 1950 एवं इसके अन्तर्गत बने नियम के अनसार रहेगे।

ई-निविदा के संबंध में यदि कोई विवाद उत्पन्न होता है तो न्यायिक क्षेत्र संबंधित जिला ही रहेगा।

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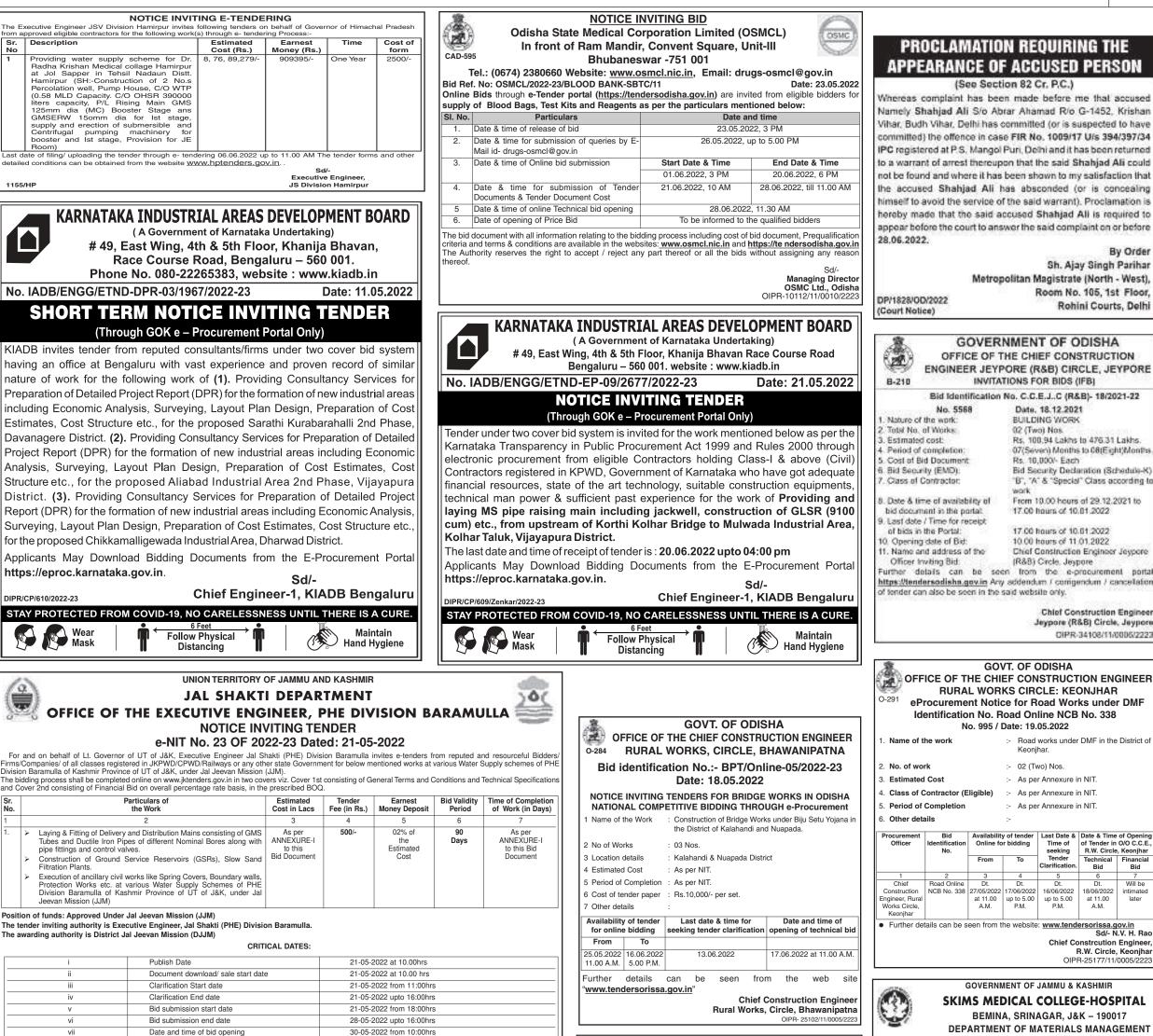
**E-Procurement Tender Notice** Name of Work Online Tender for Hiring of Buses for transportation of Students to outside Delhi 2022\_DE\_222576\_1 Tender ID Date of release of Tender 20.05.2022 through e-procurement platform Last date and time for receipt of 27.05.2022 upto 10.30 AM Tender Through E-procurement Opening of Technical Bid 27.05.2022 upto 11.00 AM Entire details can be seen at https://govtprocurement.delhi.gov.in Sd/-(SANJAY KUMAR AMBASTA)

**Deputy Director of Education (Sports Branch)** DIP/SHABDARTH/0108/22-23



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- of Tender Document as specified in column 4 & 5 of the table. a. The cost of tender documents should be in form of DD/TR/e challan in favour of Executive Engineer PHE Division Baramulla
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- Queries by email if any should be made at kmrphebla@gmail.com

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#### ANNEXURE I SCHEME WISE LIST OF WORKS

Sr. No.	Name of Water Supply Scheme	Description of Work	Jal Shakti (PHE) Division	Estimated Cost (in Lacs)	Time of Completion (Days)	Class of Contractor
1	WSS Parihaspora	Laying fitting of pipes, developing of filling point, P/f of wash out system, Fabrication/ installation of MS Surface Boxes, P/ F 100/ 80/ 65 mm dia MS Flanges, Stabilization of various Mains/ S Mains, RCC Jacketting for intake sump and MS fittings for Parihaspora and Regional Parihaspora WSS Parihaspora under JJM [part Ist]		228.54	365 days	AAY
2	WSS Peripheral Parihaspora	Laying fitting of pipes, providing crate bund, providing CGI roofing, providing CGI sheet roofing, stabilization of various mains, sub mains and distribution system, p/f of 100/80/65mm dia flanges and p/f of MS fittings for WSS Peripheral Parihaspora under JJM [part Ist]		148.85	240 days	AAY
3	WSS Check Cherethraam	Laying Fitting of Pipes, 0.75 Lac Gallns SR, Sluice Chambers, Chainlink fencing , Chowkidar Quarter and various other allied works for WSS Check Cherethraam under JJM Fresh to e-NIT No. 13 OF 2022-23 Dated: 30-04-2022		247.69	365 days	AAY
4	WSS Darina	Laying fitting of pipes,constt of sluice chambers, collection chambers and other allied works for WSS Darina Part-1 under JJM Fresh to e-NIT No. 13 OF 2022-23 Dated: 30-04-2022		168.02	365 days	AAY
5	WSS Darina	Construction of chowkidar quarter, chain link fencing, 0.90 Lac Glns SR, 0.60 Lac Galns SR, 0.30 Lac Galns SR, and other allied for WSS Darina_Part-2 under JJM Fresh to e-NIT No. 13 OF 2022-23 Dated: 30-04-2022		118.76 240 days		
6	WSS Dalri Dogripopra	Laying fitting of pipes, constt of PST .0.02 MGD SSFP.0.10 lac gallon SR , chain link fencing around various structures,R wall , sluice chamber of WSS Dalri Dogripopra under JJM Fresh to e-NIT No. 13 OF 2022-23 Dated: 30-04-2022		110.42	180 days	AAY
7	WSS Brandub	Laying fitting of pipes, constt of chain link fencing, renovation /improvments to PST for WSS Brandub under JJM Fresh to e-NIT No. 13 OF 2022-23 Dated: 30-04-2022	BARAMULLA	62.68		AAY
8	WSS Rawoocha	Laying fitting pipes and constt of 3 No sluice chamber for WSS Rawoocha under JJM Fresh to e-NIT No. 13 OF 2022-23 Dated: 30-04-2022	AM	33.27	60 days	AAY/BEE
9	WSS Kitru Naribal	Laying fitting of pipes and constt of intake works at head site for WSS Kitru Naribal under JJM Fresh to e-NIT No. 13 OF 2022-23 Dated: 30-04-2022	BAR	29.55	60 days	AAY/BEE
10	WSS Kawhaar Kaliban	Laying fitting of pipes for WSS Kawhaar Kaliban under JJM Fresh to e-NIT No. 13 OF 2022-23 Dated: 30-04-2022		18.76	45 days	BEE/CEE
11	WSS Gutyar	Providing laying and fitting of Main /Submain /Distribution System at various spots, Manufacturing, provid- ing and fitting of M.S distribution drum and Land Scaping of tube well and Service Reservoir sites for WSS Gutyar under JJM Fresh to e-NIT No. 13 OF 2022-23 Dated: 30-04-2022	6.38	30 days	CEE/DEE	
12	WSS Chanderhama	Laying Fitting of Pipes, Chain link fencing, Chowkidar Quarter, Sluice Chamber and other allied works for WSS Chanderhama under JJM Fresh to e-NIT No. 15 OF 2022-23 Dated: 02-05-2022		130.71	365 days	AAY
13	WSS Delina	Laying fitting of pipes, slow sand filtration plant, 0.75 lac gallons SR, chain link fencing, chowkidar quarter and sluice chmaber for WSS Delina under JJM Fresh to e-NIT No. 15 OF 2022-23 Dated: 02-05-2022		121.28	365 days	AAY
14	WSS Fresthar	Laying fitting of pipes, 0.50 lac glns SR, sluice chamber, chain link fencing and chowkidar quarter for WSS Fresthar under JJM Fresh to e-NIT No. 15 OF 2022-23 Dated: 02-05-2022		113.66	365 days	AAY
15	WSS Nagbal n) (Dardi Hajin)	Retrofitting of W.S.Scheme Nagbal (Dardi Hajin) by way of :- Laying and fitting of Main /Submain /Distribution System at various spots, Constt. of intake chamber, Constt. of intake channel and Constt. of sup- port pillers cum anchor blocks at different spots (for providing 100% FHTC) under JJM Fresh to e-NIT No. 15 OF 2022-23 Dated: 02-05-2022		35.96	60 days	AAY/BEE
16	WSS Kandi Nowgam	Laying fitting of pipes, constt of 0.05 lac glns SR with sluice chmaber, replacement/P/L of filter media to SSFP and chain link fencing for WSS Kandi Nowgam under JJM Fresh to e-NIT No. 15 OF 2022-23 Dated: 02-05-2022	LA	24.60	45 days	BEE/CEE
17	WSS Rajpora Thandkasi	Laying fitting of pipes and Raising of wall of existing PST at Dopree Nowgam incuding providing fixing of hand railing of 02 No PST's for WSS Rajpora Thandkasi under JJM Fresh to e-NIT No. 15 OF 2022-23 Dated: 02-05-2022	BARAMULLA	18.86	45 days	BEE/CEE
18	WSS Kanispora	Laying fitting of pipes, 0.75 lac glns SR, chowkidar quarter, chain link fencing and sluice chamber for wss Kanispora under JJM Fresh to e-NIT No. 16 OF 2022-23 Dated: 04-05-2022	BAR	195.86	365 days	AAY
19	WSS Chandoosa	Laying fitting of pipes, 0.50 lac glns SR, Sluice Chamber, chain link fencing, intake chamber, chowkidar quar- ter and support pillars for WSS Chandoosa under JJM Fresh to e-NIT No. 16 OF 2022-23 Dated: 04-05-2022		140.60	240 days	AAY
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#### "e" PROCUREMENT NOTICE WORKS DEPARTMENT

**Government of Odisha** 

#### E-mail : ceworldbankprojects@gmail.com

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

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
		: 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

The Bidders have to participate in ONLINE bidding only. Further details can be seen from the website https://tenderodisha.gov.in. Any addendum / corrigendum ncellation of tender can also be seen in the said website.

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



**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 Bhavan,

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

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NOTICE

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

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

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.

No: SKIMS/MCH/MMD/S-426/20-21/1447-52 Dated: 20/05/2022 DIPK-NB-1052/22

Sub:

Sd/-Materials Management Officer (SKIMS MCH Bemina)



Tender No.	Description/Work of Item	Qty.	time of receipt of Tenders	
GeM/2022/B /2140591	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/2158086	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/2146882	Supply of VFD driven air compressor system with accessories, Erection and commissioning of Air compressor (*)		09.06.2022 Up to 06:00 P.M	
GeM/2022/ B/2185905	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 M (Material) ewspaper or media. For Chief General Manager





# Sport/Calendar







channel.

Guardiola is an avid art lover and loves playing golf. 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

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

#### SANDIPG MAY 22

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 Classico 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 attack-ing 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 overcrowded. 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 filledby 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,

#### DIFFERENT ROLES FOR FULL BACKS:

Klopp wants energy.,

Guardiola wants neat interplay whereas

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 virtuous. 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. SANDIP G

#### 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

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.

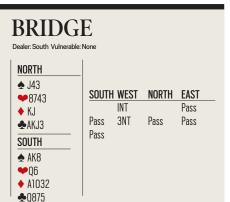
A quadruple for Liverpool matters; as does the league title for City. But in the end, it's for the football they produce that they would be remembered.

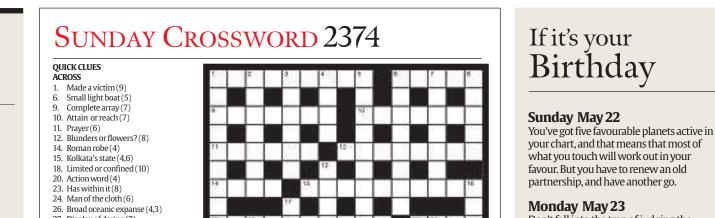
No better evidence of the tactic's acceptance than Guardiola embracing it, though not as relentlessly as Klopp. Though passing and possession are the soul of Guardiola's sides, pressing too has become a vital part of his team.

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)





YOUR WEEK AHEAD

#### ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr 20) Keep your head held high and remember that this week's

lunar alignments

LIBRA (Sep 24 - Oct 23) The Sun is in a very friendly region, so it's a pleasant time for Librans. The planetary formations are looking mixed, but you have a talent for

drawing the best out of good

situations and minimising the

bad in difficult situations. Money

matters are looking positive, so

you can turn a loss into a profit.

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

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 nime means. Most players play that the nime 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 if you misguess 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		<b>♦</b> 92		
<b>4</b> 2		<b>AK83</b>		
♦ K97		♦ AJ		
<b>♣</b> Q3		📥 K10762		
WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH	
	1NT			
Pass	4H	Dbl.	4S	

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

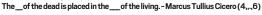
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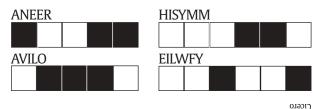
#### JUMBLED WORDS

Pass

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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





Answer: The **life** of the dead is placed in the **memory** of the living. - Marcus Tullius SOLUTION: RAVEE, VOILA/VIOLA, SHIMMY, WIFELY

- 27. Display of daring (7)
- 28. Gin fizz(5)29. 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)
- 13 Offspring, progeny or scion (10)
- 16. Strenuous, tough or arduous (9)
- Southern US state (8)
- 19. Ray of sunlight (7)
- 21. To draw or pull out (7) 22 Mend(6)
- 23. Church singers (5) 25. Ancient Greek coin (4)
- CRYPTIC CLUES

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- ACROSS Extremely antique methods ruined
- farm(9)
- A course regularly pursued (or a
- 9.
- our stew (7)
- 10. Painter of some power over the
- (4.2)
- 12. Sail club capsize that could make
  - one sick! (8)
- 15. Suit oneself?(3,7)
- 18. Like the German left without a
- mark ? (7,3) 20. It's not cold hostility to many (4)
- board meeting (5,3)
- 24. About Indian bread in the Promised
- Land(6)

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SUDOKU

27. Vehicle allowed violent entertainment medium (52) 28. Gave the prescribed amount from Waldo's edible herbs (5)

26. Get out of control - like pins,

29. Left nurse terribly indignant (9)

perhaps(4,3)

- small part)(5)
- Possibly acid when fools swallow
- water in France (7) 11. Extremely clever somewhat in part

Difficulty Level 3s

To solve a Sudoku puzzle,

must appear in each of the

each of the nine horizontal

1s = Very easy; 2s = Easy;

3s = Medium; 4s = Hard;

5s = Very Hard; 6s =

nine vertical columns, in

rows and in each of the

every digit from 1 to 9

Instructions

nine boxes.

Genius

**Difficulty Level** 

- 14. One may win it by a head (4)

- 23. Complete gathering of men for a

- DOWN 1. Some old league of East China revolutionaries?(9) Counts things (7) 3. Small firm to employ a northerner
- 4. Old Irish seer is reformed (4) 5. Tramp - direction for his eviction
- from garret? (4-3-3) 6. Doctor is rude to stranger (8)
- Little creatures making a famous musical group ?(7)
- 8. Tie up a bundle of hay (5) 13. Killed landlord (4,6)
- 16. Cheap literature? Loved mine to be kinky! (4,5) 17. In a manner of speaking, one may
- give a single weapon like this (4,4)19. Blinkers? You need top-gear when among East Sydney's leaders (7)

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21. Knows enemy retreat after a conflict(5.2)

22. Hard to have brain surgery in Chinese port(6) 23. Looked over, with a view to stealing recording about sea sickness (5) 25. One's going round the church (4)

#### Solutions to 2373

OUICK CLUES Across: 1 Branch. 4 Barbaric, 10 Uttered, 11 Manipur, 12 Diva 13 Terrafirma 15 Rotter 16 Enacted 20 Usherin 21 Cabled 24 Authorises, 26 True, 28 Swahili, 29 Crevice, 30 Avenging, 31 Bright. Down: Boulders, 2 Activates, 3 Card, 5 Admiring, 6 Beneficial, 7 Riper, 8 Corra 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 Stot, 28 Terrier, 29 Numeral, 30 Checkers, 31 Linden. Down: 1 Airspeed, 2 Energetic, 3 Drip, 5 Unsoiled, 6 Best seller, 7 Erica, 8 Linked, 9 Agony, 14 Broomstick, 17 Cluttered, 18 Lecturer, 19 Ventolin, 22 Tactic, 23 Event, 25 Curve, 27 Impi.

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your chart, and that means that most of what you touch will work out in your favour. But you have to renew an old partnership, and have another go.

#### Monday May 23

Don't fall into the trap of judging the present with what happened long ago. Look to the future and set out to make other people happy.

#### **Tuesday May 24**

The Moon dominates your life over the next few days, setting you on edge, in a positive way, but also encouraging you to bring your goals to fruition.

#### Wednesday May 25

You need to offer people incentives and penalties when you try to get them to do as you wish. Some will do anything to get you to go along with their plans. Yet others will make serious promises.

#### **Thursday May 26**

Lunar alignments mesh perfectly with your solar year. Today's stars favour rash decisions and a lively year. Higher goals may be delayed for six months.

#### Friday May 27

Over the coming year you will become more concerned with emotional security, with putting family first, and staying close to home, with positive results.

#### Saturday May 28

You've got a lot on your plate, but don't get bogged down with the facts and figures, for what really counts now is not the letter of an agreement, but the spirit.



forgive, forget, and put the past behind you. Also, you will have to take advice from partners. Believe it or not, some people really do know more than you.

give you a marvellous chance for

a fresh beginning. It's time to

#### TAURUS (Apr 21 - May 21) SCORPIO (Oct 24 - Nov 22)

Your best bet is to Although certain social continue to conserve involvements will your energies and not become permanent fixtures, you're finally try to force the pace. Your stars are so favourable that moving out of a you should be carried along by recent, powerful, social phase. celestial energies without any Looking ahead, for the next additional effort. A romantic month, you will revert to the secretive Scorpio we know and love. You have kept a secret for adventure may now be taken to a new level of excitement. Be sure to give people their due. long enough, but now may not be the best time to come clean. GEMINI (May 22 - June 21)

#### SAGITTARIUS (Nov 23 - Dec 22)

As one day gives way to another, so your Family matters are desires shift from one entering a more settled phase. At last, stage to the next. The you have mastered Moon winds the week up in a certain tricky professional matters, and offered support and supportive region of your chart, which should mean that all assistance to a partner. Now you aspects of your life, personal and professional, will end on a can appreciate the benefit of a lively social existence. Hopefully thoroughly favourable note. you have the cash in your pocket

#### to subsidise your tastes. CAPRICORN (Dec 23 - Jan 20) which matters most

It's time to lift your sights from mundane matters. The next few weeks offer you a crucial chance to complete all important plans and arrangements which have educational implications, legal ramifications or overseas connections. Travel stars remain

bright, but you must remember

Start by focusing on

family members are

personal matters,

and see to it that

happy with your

to check all details yourself.

AQUARIUS (Jan 21- Feb 19)

plans. Although short-term

money matters, including

weekend, long-term issues

remain important until after

Both commonsense and your

natural Piscean

instincts should be

telling you to close

the book on one

you're now in line for a great deal

of generosity from other people.

improving and you may fix up an

PISCES (Feb 20 - Mar 20)

personal episode. Happily,

Professional matters are

interview or arrange an

important meeting.

next month.

shopping, spending and saving,

should be wrapped up by the

shrewd financial decisions. LEO (July 24 - Aug 23)

CANCER (June 22 - July 23)

It's the personal life

Please give friends a

at the moment.

sympathetic hearing and allow

space as they need. Public affairs

loved ones as much time and

seem to be more important at

the beginning of the week, but

strongest. Later may be best for

personal ambitions are the

#### Current planetary aspects and influences are

liveliest and most restless in your

nature. Now that finances are on

a happier footing, you'll be able to

pay your own way. Romantically

speaking, your planets couldn't

be better, but you still seem to be

held back by the past. Please

realize that the present

VIRGO (Aug 24 - Sep 23)

money are growing in

importance, with the result

you will be able to think of

little else over the coming

that there will be times when

is important.

four weeks.

New Delhi

exciting all that is

There seem to be

some changes afoot

at home, so please

give domestic

matters your full attention. All

sectors of your horoscope ruling



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1992: Courier bt Korda 1993: Bruguera bt Courier 1994: Bruguera bt Berasategui 1995: Muster bt Chang 1996: Kafelnikov bt Stich

1997: Kuerten bt Bruguera 1998: Moya bt Corretja 1999: Agassi bt Medvedev 2000: Kuerten bt Norman 2001: Kuerten bt Corretja

2002: Costa bt Ferrero 2003: Ferrero bt Verkerk 2004: Gaudio bt Coria 2005: Nadal bt Puerta

2006: Nadal bt Federer

2007: Nadal bt Federer 2008: Nadal bt Federer 2009: Federer bt Soderling 2010: Nadal bt Soderling 2011: Nadal bt Federer

2012: Nadal bt Djokovic 2013: Nadal bt Ferrer 2014: Nadal bt Djokovic 2015: Wawrinka bt Djokovic 2016: Djokovic bt Murray

2017: Nadal bt Wawrinka 2018: Nadal bt Thiem 2019: Nadal bt Thiem 2020: Nadal bt Djokovic 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-courters 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, wrongfooted 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 champion 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

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Pablo,Varillas

country had visionaries charting the dirttrack 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, de-

fence, 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 sys-tem, 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 Sachez 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 Mumbai knockout DC to give RCB playoff berth

**SYNOPSIS:** Pant errs in DC's demise after a Bumrah special upsets the apple cart

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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 aa 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 twotime Olympic medallist, lost 17-21 16-21 to third seeded Chen in 43 minutes to end an impressive run in the Super 500 tournament.

#### **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 limelight 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

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**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 11ball 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 Rovman 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 nighon 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

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RR	14	9	5	18	0.298
LSG	14	9	5	18	0.251
RCB	14	8	6	<b>16</b>	-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

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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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