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Punjab RPG attack: Probe zeroes in on 2 'paid' men

NAVJEEVAN GOPAL CHANDIGARH, MAY 23

TWO WEEKS after a rocket-propelled grenade attack on the state police intelligence headquarters in Mohali, two men, one from Jhajjar in Haryana and the other from Faizabad in UP, have been identified as those who carried out the attack and were likely paid to do it, top sources in Punjab Police told The Indian Express.

While Mohali SSP Vivek Sheel Soni remained tightlipped, at least two senior police officers said the two men attacked the Mohali building with Charat Singh, a Tarn Taran resident who first recced the area and accompanied them later. The three men remain at large, the officers said.

A senior Punjab police officer said the two men are "gangsters and have criminal antecedents". This, the officer said, points to "a dangerous cocktail of terror operatives-gangster-drug smugglers" trying to destabilise Punjab. According to the officer, the "perpetrators carried out the attack for the sake of money" and were likely paid

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who heard the matter Monday, will decide Tuesday the future course of action and the question of maintainability of the suit. Last Friday, the Supreme Court said the application filed

by the Committee of Management of Anjuman Intezamia Masaiid, Varanasi, challenging the maintainability of the suit by five Hindu women, seeking the right to worship at Maa Shringar

In Kerala, a father's 17-year wait for missing son ends in suicide

SHAJU PHILIP THIRUVANANTHAPURAM

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MAY 18 marked 17 years since his seven-year-old son went missing from a playground near his home in Alappuzha. It was among the most sensational unsolved mysteries in Kerala, with the CBI called in to crack the case but finally submitting a closure report in court after hitting one

his life – the quest for his son, Rahul, an unfulfilled dream. dead end after another. On May 22, A R Raju ended **CONTINUED ON PAGE 2**



SHUBHAJIT ROY NEW DELHI, MAY 23

MOVING TO provide an economic alternative to China's strategic footprint in the Indo-Pacific, India and 12 countries led by the US Monday launched the Indo-Pacific Economic Framework (IPEF) that aims to strengthen economic partnership among participating countries to enhance resilience, susinclusiveness. tainability, economic growth, fairness, and competitiveness in the Indo-Pacific region.

In Tokyo, Prime Minister Narendra Modi sat alongside US President Joe Biden, Japanese Prime Minister Fumio Kishida



PM Narendra Modi with US President Joe Biden and Japan PM Fumio Kishida in Tokyo on Monday. Reuters

Blinken at the launch of the IPEF – New Delhi's participation at the highest level displayed its commitment to join forces to take on Beijing's growing assertiveness in

the region and beyond. This economic initiative came a day before the summit of the Quad leaders in Tokyo – the second in-person meeting after the summit in Washington DC last September. Leaders and officials joined

in virtually from Australia, CONTINUED ON PAGE 2



WITH CHINA weaponising its economic heft in the Indo-Pacific, the US has now put together what is being seen as a "coalition of the willing" to take on Beijing and provide alternatives.

India joins Indo-Pacific economic Khadi panel chief, is new L-G of Delhi Biden warns: If Succeeds China invades



Vinai Saxena,

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, AHMEDABAD, MAY 23

VINAI KUMAR Saxena, who is

currently serving as chairperson

of the Khadi and Village

Industries Commission (KVIC).

has been appointed as the new

Lieutenant Governor (L-G) of

Delhi by the President who also

accepted the resignation of for-

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Kumar Saxena to be the Lt

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mer L-G Anil Baijal.

JOSH BOAK, AAMER MADHANI & ZEKE MILLER TOKYO, MAY 23

Taiwan, US

will defend

it militarily

US PRESIDENT Joe Biden said Monday that Washington would intervene militarily if China were to invade Taiwan, saving the burden to protect Taiwan is "even stronger" after Russia's invasion of Ukraine. It was one of the most forceful presidential statements in support of self-governing in decades.

Biden, at a news conference of his office," read a note released in Tokyo, said "yes" when asked by the Rashtrapati Bhavan. if he was willing to get involved Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Keiriwal welcomed the new apmilitarily to defend Taiwan if China invaded. "That's the CONTINUED ON PAGE 2 pointment and assured the "full upport" of his government.

'The former L-G Anil Baijal and I worked together in Delhi on several projects and tried to solve many issues. He is a very good man. I wish him the best for the future and wish him good health and a long life. I welcome the newly appointed L-G, Vinai Kumar Saxena, on behalf of the people of Delhi. He will get the full support of the cabinet for Delhi's betterment," Kejriwal posted on Twitter.

tion of consumers "It has been pointed out in the letter that consumers are forced to pay service charge, often fixed at arbitrarily high rates CONTINUED ON PAGE 2

In Delhi, which is a Union Territory with an assembly, law and order, land, police and services come under the control of **CONTINUED ON PAGE 2**





COURT ALLOWS PLEA ON OWNERSHIP OF IDGAH LAND PAGE 5

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May 18, 2005





POLICE STATION SET **ON FIRE AFTER** DEATH IN CUSTODY: **ASSAM POLICE SLAP** UAPA PAGE 6

Flagging 'forced' service charge, Govt calls restaurant owners for meeting

Consumer Affairs Secretary

Rohit Kumar Singh raised the is-

sue in a letter to the National

Restaurant Association of India.

He told them that restaurants

and eateries are collecting serv-

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, MAY 23

STATING THAT consumers are being "forced to pay service charge, often fixed at arbitrarily high rates", the Department of Consumer Affairs has called a

meeting with restaurant owners on June 2.

ice charges from consumers by default, although it is supposed This comes days after to be voluntary and at the discre-



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Biden warns

commitment we made," he added.

The US traditionally has avoided making such an explicit security guarantee to Taiwan, with which it no longer has a mutual defence treaty, instead maintaining a policy of "strategic ambiguity" about how far it would be willing to go if China invaded. The 1979 Taiwan Relations Act, which has governed US relations with the island, does not require the US to step in militarily to defend Taiwan if China invades, but makes it American policy to ensure Taiwan has the resources to defend itself and to prevent any unilateral change of status in Taiwan by Beijing

Biden's comments drew a sharp response from the mainland, which has claimed Taiwan to be a rogue province.

Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesperson Wang Wenbin expressed "strong dissatisfaction and resolute opposition" to Biden's comments. "China has no room for compromise or concessions on issues involving China's core interests such as sovereignty and territorial integrity... China will take firm action to safeguard its sovereignty and security interests, and we will do what we say," he said.

A White House official said Biden's comments did not reflect a policy shift

Speaking alongside Japanese Prime Minister Fumio Kishida, Biden said any effort by China to use force against Taiwan would "just not be appropriate," adding that it "will dislocate the entire region and be another action similar to what happened in Ukraine."

China has stepped up its military provocations against democratic Taiwan in recent years aimed at intimidating it into accepting Beijing's demands to unify with the communist mainland. "They're already flirting with danger right now by flying so close and all the maneuvers that are undertaken," Biden said of China. Under the "one China" policy, the US recognises Beijing as the government of China and doesn't have diplomatic relations with Taiwan, However, the US maintains unofficial contacts including a de facto embassy in Taipei, the capital, and supplies military equipment for the island's defence. Biden said it is his "expectation" that China would not try to seize Taiwan by force, but he said that assessment "depends upon just how strong the world makes clear that that kind of action is going to result in long-term disapprobation by the rest of the community." He added that deterring China from attacking Taiwan was one reason why it's important that **Russian President Vladimir Putin** "pay a dear price for his barbarism in Ukraine", lest China and other nations get the idea that such action is acceptable. Fearing escalation with nu-

clear-armed Russia, Biden guickly ruled out putting US forces into direct conflict with Russia, but he has shipped billions of dollars in US military assistance that has helped Ukraine put up a stifferthan-expected resistance to Russia's onslaught.

Taipei cheered Biden's remarks, with Ministry of Foreign Affairs spokesperson Joanne Ou expressing "sincere welcome and gratitude" for the comments. "The challenge posed by China to the security of the Taiwan Strait has drawn great concern in the international community," said Ou. "Taiwan will continue to improve its self-defence capabilities, and deepen cooperation with the United States and Japan and other like-minded countries to jointly defend the security of the Taiwan Strait and the rules-based inter-

national order, while promoting peace, stability and prosperity in the Indo-Pacific region.'

It's not the first time Biden has pledged to defend Taiwan against a Chinese attack, only for administration officials to later claim there had been no change to American policy. At a CNN town hall in October, Biden was asked about using the US military to defend Taiwan and replied, ₹₹Yes, we have a commitment to do that.₹₹

Biden's comments came just before he formally launched a long-anticipated Indo-Pacific trade pact that excludes Taiwan.

White House National Security Adviser Jake Sullivan confirmed Sunday that Taiwan isn't among the governments signed up for the Indo-Pacific Economic Framework, which is meant to allow the US to work more closely with key Asian economies on issues like supply chains, digital trade, clean energy

India joins Indo-Pacific economic bloc led by US to counter China; Quad meet today

Brunei, Indonesia, Republic of Advisor Jake Sullivan said.

Korea, Malaysia, New Zealand, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, and Vietnam. Among the prominent leaders were South Korean President Yoon Suk Yeol, New Zealand Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern, Singapore Prime Minister Lee Hsien Loong, Thailand Prime Minister General Prayut Chan-o-cha and Vietnam Prime Minister Pham Minh Chinh. Modi said, "The Indo-Pacific

Economic Framework is a declaration of our collective will to make the region an engine of global economic growth."

Thanking President Biden for this "important initiative", he said, "India will work with all of you to build an inclusive and flexible Indo-Pacific Economic Framework. I believe that there should be three main pillars of resilient supply chains: Trust, Transparency and Timeliness. I am confident that this framework will help strengthen these three pillars, and pave the way for development, peace and prosperity in the Indo-Pacific region.'

Underlining that "Indo-Pacific region is the centre of manufacturing. economic activity, global trade and investment." the Prime Minister said, "History is witness to the fact that India has been a major centre in the trade flows of the Indo-Pacific region for centuries. It is worth mentioning that the world's oldest commercial port was in Lothal in my home state of Guiarat. Therefore, it is essential

Biden said. "The future of the 21st century economy is going to be largely written in the Indo-Pacific -- in our region. The Indo-Pacific covers half the population of the world and more than 60 per cent of the global GDP. And the nations represented here today, and those who will join this framework in the future, are signing up to work toward an economic vision that will deliver for all peoples... the vision for an Indo-Pacific that is free and open, connected and prosperous, and

secure as well as resilient, where our economic growth is sustainable and is inclusive.' "We are writing the new

rules for the 21st century economy that are going to help all of our countries' economies grow faster and fairer. We will do that by taking on some of the most acute challenges that drag down growth and by maximising the potential of our strongest growth engines," he said.

A joint statement said that the countries share a commitment to a free, open, fair, inclusive, interconnected, resilient, secure, and prosperous Indo-Pacific region that has the potential to achieve sustainable and inclusive economic growth. "We acknowledge our economic policy interests in the region are intertwined, and deepening economic engagement among partners is crucial for continued growth, peace, and prosperity," it said.

US Commerce Secretary ina Raimondo spelt out China that we find common and creas the challenge: "This marks an important turning point in ative solutions for the economic restoring US economic leader-Biden launched the IPEF with ship in the region and presenting Indo-Pacific countries an ala dozen initial partners who together represent 40 per cent of ternative to China's approach to the world GDP, the White House these critical issues... And I would said. "Alongside the United say, especially as businesses are States, that's 13 countries beginning to increasingly look launching this -- a baker's for alternatives to China, the dozen," US National Security countries in the Indo-Pacific

District Judge Ajaya Krishna

Vishvesha reserved his order.

Tomorrow the court will decide

its course of action and also when

it will hear the issue of maintain-

ability of the suit," District

Government Counsel (Civil)

Mahendra Prasad Pandey said.

Delhi's new L-G

the L-G. However, following

amendments made to the

Government of National Capital

Territory (GNCT) of Delhi Act last

year, the L-G effectively is the

overall head of the Delhi govern-

ment, with all key decisions re-

quiring his assent, even if they do

not pertain to departments di-

Saxena, 64, graduated from

rectly under him.

Framework will be more reliable partners for US businesses." The joint statement said that

they are launching collective discussions toward future negotiations, and identified four pillars under the IPEF. Trade: "We seek to build high-standard, inclusive, free, and fair trade commitments and develop new and creative ap-

proaches in trade and technology policy that advance a broad set of objectives that fuels economic activity and investment, promotes sustainable and inclusive economic growth, and benefits workers and consumers. Our efforts include, but are not

limited to, cooperation in the digital economy. Supply Chains: "We are committed to improving trans-

parency, diversity, security, and sustainability in our supply chains to make them more resilient and well-integrated. We seek to coordinate crisis response measures; expand cooperation to better prepare for and mitigate the effects of disruptions to better ensure business continuity; improve logistical efficiency and support; and ensure access to key raw and processed materials, semiconductors, crit-

ical minerals, and clean energy technology. Clean Energy, Decarbonization, and Infrastructure: "In line with our Paris Agreement goals and efforts to support the livelihood and durable infrastructure and by providing technical assistance", it said.

Tax and Anti-Corruption: "We are committed to promoting fair competition by enacting and enforcing effective and robust tax, anti-money laundering, and anti-briberv regimes in line with existing multilateral obligations, standards, and agreements to curb tax evasion and corruption in the Indo-Pacific region. This involves sharing expertise and seeking ways to support capacity building necessary to advance accountable and transparent systems."

The joint statement said that framework partners will be engaging in such discussions on various ways to strengthen economic cooperation to achieve these goals, and invited other interested Indo-Pacific partners to ioin IPEF.

A statement by the Ministry of External Affairs said India is committed to a free, open, and inclusive Indo-Pacific region and believes that deepening economic engagement among partners is crucial for continued growth, peace, and prosperity.

"India is keen to collaborate with partner countries under the IPEF and work towards advancing regional economic connectivity, integration and boosting trade and investment within the region. With today's launch. partner countries will begin disof our peoples and workers, we cussions focusing on strengthplan to accelerate the developening economic cooperation ment and deployment of clean and achieving shared goals." the MEA said. Modi, who arrived in Tokyo early Monday, met business leaders and the Indian community. He will attend the Quad leaders' summit Tuesday and hold bilateral meetings with President Biden, Prime Minister Kishida and newly-elected Australian Prime Minister Anthony Albanese.

Saxena was also a member of

the 75th anniversary of

Independence and the Padma

awards selection committee. He

is also a member of CSIR and the

NGO called National Council for

Civil Liberties (NCCL), which took

on social activist Medha Patkar's

Narmada Bachao Andolan over

the construction of the Sardar

Sarovar Dam on the Narmada

On May 13, DGP Viresh Kumar

Bhawra said the RPG attack on the

In 1991, Saxena formed an

University Court of JNU.

RPG attack

EXPRESS AUDIO

Krishna Janmabhoomi case, cotton price rise, Nikhat Zareen's Gold

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Discussing the Krishna Janmabhoomi case, the demand for banning of cotton exports, and Nikhat Zareen winning a gold at the Women's World Boxing Championship

intelligence wing headquarters was jointly carried out by an "axis of Babbar Khalsa International (BKI) and gangsters with the backing of Pakistan's Inter-Services Intelligence (ISI)"

Bhawra said this while an-

nouncing the arrest of six persons

in connection with the case. He

identified the key conspirator as

Lakhbir Singh Landa who hails

from Tarn Taran district and has

been in Canada since 2017. He said

Landa was an associate of

Harvinder Rinda who was close

to BKI chief Wadhawa Singh and

Jagdeep Kang, who the DGP said

was the "local contact" of the

module and had accompanied

Charat during the recce. The oth-

ers arrested are Kanwar Bath,

Baljit Kaur, Anantdeep Singh

Sonu, Baljinder Singh Rambo and

The police confirmed that it

was a case of suicide although

they are yet to ascertain the cause,

and have not linked it to the son's

the family was surviving on the

meagre income of his wife Mini,

who has a part-time job with a co-

operative firm. He had gone to

Kochi recently to attend an inter-

view," the family's neighbour, M

18, 2005, when Raju was em-

ployed in Kuwait with a private

firm. The father immediately

abandoned his job and returned

the next day to search for his son.

The case was probed by the state

police, the crime branch and three

waited for word of their son in

their house named after the boy.

They held on to their landline be-

All this while, Raju and Mini

CBI teams for years, but in vain.

Rahul went missing on May

S Mujeeb, said. Raju was 52.

"Raju was looking for a job as

Father's wait

Police have already arrested

the ISI.

Nishan Singh.

case.

Andhra Pradesh. But this lead too led to a dead

end. In between, the case took a twist when a man identified as Krishna Pillai, who was arrested for sexually abusing and killing a minor girl, claimed that he had murdered Rahul. Pillai claimed during questioning that he had disposed of the boy's body in a stretch of marsh land in the

Alappuzha municipal area. But an all-out search in the area vielded nothing.

In 2014, the CBI submitted its closure report before the Chief Judicial Magistrate in Kochi. The report was accepted. On Sunday, Raju hanged himself inside his house, when his wife and daughter were away.

Service charge

by restaurants. Consumers are also being falsely misled on the legality of such charges and harassed by restaurants on making a request to remove such charges from the bill amount," said a statement issued by the Department of Consumer Affairs on Monday. "Since this issue impacts con-

sumers at large on a daily basis and has significant ramification on the rights of consumers, the department construed it necessarv to examine it with closer scrutiny and detail," it said.

According to the statement, four key issues "pertaining to service charge levied by restaurants" will be discussed at the meeting: restaurants making service charge compulsory; adding service charge in the bill in the guise of some other fee or charge; suppressing information from consumers that service charge is optional and voluntary: and embarrassing consumers in case they resist from paying service charge.

Pointing to the guidelines is sued by the department in April

2017, the statement said: "The

guidelines note that entry of a

customer in a restaurant cannot

by itself be construed as a consent

and anticorruption. Inclusion of Taiwan would

have irked China. Sullivan said the US wants to deepen its economic partnership with Taiwan on a one-to-one ba-

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sis.

Gauri Sthal on the outer wall of the mosque complex, "shall be decided on priority by the District Judge upon the transfer of the suit". It also said that "ascertainment of the religious character of a place is not barred" by the Places of Worship (Special Provisions) Act, 1991. In Varanasi, advocate

Akhlaque Ahmed, representing Anjuman Intezamia Masajid, said, "We filed an application in the court today stating that as per the Supreme Court directive, the Varanasi court should first decide on the maintainability of the suit. The opposition (the Hindu side) raised demands to also hear the commission report filed recently."

The report Ahmed referred to was the report by a commission tasked by a local court to conduct a videographic survey of the mosque complex.

challenges of the region."

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taken during the survey because it is evidence in the case. In this regard, we submitted an application in court seeking permission to allow us to study the commission report. The opposition (the Muslim side) raised objection over our prayer and demanded that the court should first decide on the maintainability of the suit."

On Monday, only the applicants and their lawyers were allowed to enter the courtroom for the hearing which began shortly after 2 pm.

"After hearing both sides,

The counsel for the Hindu pe-

titioners, advocate Sudhir

Tripathi, said, "We requested the

court to allow us to examine the

commission report and the video

energy technologies to decarbonize our economies and build resilience to climate impacts. This involves deepening cooperation on technologies, on mobilizing finance, including concessional finance, and on seeking ways to improve competitiveness and enhance connectivity by supporting the development of sustainable

Kanpur University and, according

to his profile on the KVIC website,

has a pilot's licence and is a "phil-

anthropist in vision and corporate

an assistant manager for 11 years

and was promoted as General

Manager to look after the pro-

chairman of KVIC in October

2015. Over the past seven years,

Saxena has worked on schemes

and products such as Honey

Mission, Kumhar Sashaktikaran

Yojana, Leather Artisans'

Empowerment, Khadi Prakritik

Paint, Project RE-HAB, Khadi fab-

ric footwear and plastic-mixed

handmade paper.

He was appointed as the

posed port project in Gujarat.

He worked with JK Group as

scientist in action".

cause they said Rahul knew the number. Five years after Rahul went missing, Mini gave birth to a daughter named Shivani.

Witn no news of his son, Raju went back to Kuwait, but returned due to poor health. "The family had been trying to overcome the pain after the daughter was born. Even though the CBI had closed the case, they hoped for good news. They kept Rahul's photos hoping those images would help them identify the boy, if he was traced. Raju went several committees, including the national panel headed by the to several locations across Kerala Prime Minister to commemorate in search of his son," Mujeeb, the

neighbour, said. In 2009, the CBI moved the court seeking permission to close the case, but was nudged to conduct a "scientific investigation". In all, the agency questioned over two dozen people in Rahul's neighbourhood and even subjected a neighbour, Rojo George, to a polygraph test.

Three units of the agency also tracked several unidentified bodies, chasing reports of missing children being found in other parts of the country, sparking a buzz when it zeroed in on a body found on a railway track in

to pay service charge. Any restriction on entry of the consumer by way of forcing her/ him to pay service charge as a condition... to placing an order amounts to 'restrictive trade practice' under the Consumer Protection Act". "The guidelines clearly mention that placing of an order by a customer amounts to his/ her agreement to pay the prices displayed on the menu card along with the applicable taxes. Charging for anything other than the afore-mentioned, without express consent of the customer.

it said. "As per the guidelines, a customer is entitled to exercise his/ her rights as a consumer to be heard and redressed under provisions of the Act in case of unfair/ restrictive trade practices. Consumers can approach a **Consumer Disputes Redressal** Commission / Forum of appropriate jurisdiction," it said.

would amount to unfair trade

practice as defined under the Act,"



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KARNATAKA MLC POLLS Amid infighting, Cong names compromise candidates

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE BENGALURU, MAY 23

IN AN effort to placate rival Congress groups in Karnataka, the All India congress Committee (AICC) on Monday named two low-profile candidates, affiliated to each camp, for polls to two seats that the party expects to win in the state Legislative Council elections on June 3.

The party announced the candidature of M Nagaraju Yadav, a Congress spokesperson and chairman of Bengaluru Metropolitan Transport Corporation between 2016 and 2018 when Siddaramaiah was chief minister, and Abdul Jabbar,

The JD(S) and BJP were yet to announce their candidates until late Monday – Tuesday is the last day of nomination

veteran Congressman who was appointed head of the party's minority cell by state Congress president D K Shivakumar.

The rival camps are led by Shivakumar and Siddaramaiah.

The MLC polls are being held next month for seven seats that will fall vacant on June 16. The MLCs will be elected by 224 MLAs - the Congress, with 69 MLAs, is certain to get two candidates

elected; the BJP can elect four MLCs with 121 MLAs; and JD(S), with 32 MLAs, can look forward to electing one MLC.

With a war breaking out in the rival state Congress camps over fielding candidates for these elections, the party high command had summoned Shivakumar and Siddaramaiah to Delhi last week to finalise the candidate list.

"There were over 200 aspirants for (the) two seats," Shivakumar said on the selection process after airdashing to Delhi on Sunday to finalise the names. The duo picked by the party

are considered compromise candidates to assuage both groups. While Shivakumar was reportedly pitching for Lingayat leader

S R Patil and M C Venugopal,

river.

Siddaramaiah's supporters were learnt to be opposed to them. Siddaramaiah was in turn pitching for the candidature of the party's women's wing chief Pushpa Amarnath, Christian leader Ivan D'Souza and educationist M R Seetharam, among others, for the two slots available to the party.

In the end, Siddaramaiah reportedly settled for the candidature of Nagaraju Yadav, a leader from OBC background, and Shivakumar opted for Abdul Jabbar, sources said.

The JD(S) and BJP were yet to announce their candidates until late Monday – Tuesday is the last day of nomination.

New Delhi

'Seditious' article probe: JIC gets Kashmir journalist's custody

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE SRINAGAR, MAY 23

THE CUSTODY of journalist Fahad Shah who remains detained under the Public Safety Act has been transferred to the loint Interrogation Centre (JIC), Jammu, in connection with investigations into a case by the State Investigation Agency.

The case pertains to the arrest of a PhD candidate under the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act for an article appearing under his name on the online news magazine – thekashmirwalla.com - headed by Fahad Shah, 11 years ago. The agency said the article published on November 6, 2011,

was "highly provocative, seditious and intended to create unrest in Jammu and Kashmir".

Additional Sessions Judge, Jammu, on May 18 noted that during questioning, the author (Abdul Aala Fazili) "has denied writing of the article" titled 'The shackles of slavery will break', therefore, for "the investigation agency to come up with facts, the custody of the editor-in-chief of 'thekashmir-

After being booked in different cases by three districts -Pulwama, Shopian and Srinagar -Shah was subsequently booked under the PSA. This is the fifth case in which he has been booked and will be questioned at the JIC.

An order passed by the third

walla.com' is imperative".

3 THECITY

Free rides on DTC's e-buses for three days

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, MAY 23

IN A bid to encourage people to use public transport, the Delhi government has decided to offer free rides on its 150 e-buses for three days, starting Tuesday. The buses will be flagged off on May 24.

'The Delhi government has always been pushing people to shift to greener modes of transport and make the switch to EVs. Shifting to public transport, especially sustainable modes, is a lifestyle change that we wish to see in Delhiites... I've personally travelled in them, now you can also ride in these buses which

Officials moved,

websites merged:

Process begins to



Presently, the city has only two e-buses. Archive

are synonymous with zero pollution, zero noise, and maximum comfort," Transport Minister Kailash Gahlot told The Indian Express. The e-buses will be launched at

IP depot and will be routed across the city. Presently, the city has only two e-buses. The transport department has also advised all DTC officials and conductors to not force passengers to buy tickets during this period. . It has been decided by competent authority to allow free travel to all bus commuters in all 'pure' electric buses of DTC from May 24-26. All officers and operational crew of DTC may be informed accordingly...," read the order signed by Vineet Kumar, Deputy Commissioner, DTC Secretariat.

"Tomorrow is a huge day for all Delhiites! Arvind Kejriwal will flag off 150 new electric buses and inaugurate 3 new electric depots. Come, ride for free in our electric buses for the

next 3 days, experience the comfort and also stand a chance to win an iPAD, "Gahlot said in a tweet.

The new e-buses will be air-conditioned and have facilities such as CCTV cameras, ramp facilities, panic buttons, and space for wheelchairs. They will also have dedicated pink seats for women passengers. It will also have a fire detection and suppression system. Officials said these buses will be directly monitored by the Central Command Control room.

The Delhi government currently operates 3,670 buses under the DTC and 3.033 buses under the cluster bus service. The government further aims to add 5,000 more buses to the city's fleet.





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Second Edition

unify MCDs

Panelists

ABHINAV RAJPUT NEW DELHL MAY 23

THE PROCESS to unify the capital's three civic bodies -South, North and East — into a single Municipal Corporation of Delhi started Monday by moving some officials of the East MCD into the Civic Centre headquarters, setting up a single website for the three MCDs, and making South MCD the nodal agency for execution of work.

A senior civic body official said some additional commissioners of erstwhile East body have been shifted and the rest will be in the coming days. Nine senior civic officials have been allocated charge of additional commissioner in departments such as parking and finance, and five officials have been given charge of direc-

tor/head of the department. Additional Commissioner Randhir Sahay has been given charge of finance, Shilpa Shinde of engineering and Alka Sharma of education. "The appointments of HODs

of law department, education

department, and director (press and information) have been finalised. A K Sharma will be Chief Law Officer, Vikas Tripathi will be MCD's Director Education and Amit Kumar has been finalised as

Director (press and information)," an official said. The corporation has also made a single website to replace the current three. "The municipal valuation committee is examining the tax struc-

ture that has to be followed by the three MCDs," he said. The South MCD has been made the nodal agency for implementation of the unification work. This, however, has led to some discontent among a section of North and East MCD officials, who are apprehensive that the administra-

tive forces of the erstwhile South would get preference. Senior officials in the corporation say they have been told that initial focus will be on waste management. In fact, one of the first things done by special officer Ashwani Kumar since taking

over the unified MCD was to

visit the Ghazipur landfill site.





#GenderInIndia

Abhishek Singh

President & CEO

National e-Governance Division



Between 40 million and 160 million women globally may need to transition between occupations by 2030, often into higher-skilled roles and gear themselves up for the Fourth Industrial Revolution. The age of automation and artificial intelligence (AI) technologies offers new job opportunities and avenues for economic advancement but women will have it harder as they are already battling challenges of marginalisation in traditional disciplines. To weather this disruption, women have to be skilled, mobile and tech-savvy and will need targetted support to move forward.

Technology adoption should be seen as an enabler as it reduces the need to co-locate. If women take advantage of transition opportunities; they could maintain their current share of employment; if they cannot, gender inequality at work could worsen. What are the opportunities that are in-built and what are the gaps that need to be addressed?



Join us as we delve into these questions and more.

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VACCINATIONS IN DELHI TOTAL THE INDIAN EXPRESS, TUESDAY, MAY 24, 2022 LAST 24 HOURS CASES THE CITY 19,03,822 4,892 Cases PATIENTS IN HOSPITAL: 122 CORONAVIRUS 365 May 22 **OXYGEN SUPPORT** 37 268 May 23 IN THE CAPITAL VENTILATOR SUPPORT Total 1,819* Total active cases in Delhi

When it rains, it pours

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, MAY 23

WITH RAINFALL and a thunderstorm that broke a long, mostly dry spell, the temperature plummeted in Delhi-NCR on Monday. The maximum temperature was 31.5 degrees Celsius, eight degrees below the normal for this time of the year.

The minimum temperature recorded early on Monday was 17.2 degrees Celsius, nine degrees below normal, and the lowest for the month of May since 2004, when a minimum temperature of 16.7 degrees was recorded in May. The lowest minimum temperature recorded in May 2021 was 18 degrees Celsius, while it was 20 degrees in May 2020.

The temperature began to dip on Monday morning, when it fell from 29 degrees to 18 degrees between 5.40 am and 7 am. Strong winds of around 80 kmph were recorded over Delhi-NCR on Monday morning.

According to IMD scientists, this was the first storm of 'moderate intensity' this season. The Safdarjung weather observatory, which provides representative figures for the city, recorded 12.3 mm of rainfall between 5.30 am and 8.30 am. This has helped lower the season's deficit, said R K Jenamani, scientist, India Meteorological Department (IMD). From February 25-May 20, the Safdarjung station recorded only 1.7 mm of rainfall, which is the lowest for this period since 1945, Jenamani said. In 1945, the same period recorded no rainfall at all, he added.

The normal amount of rainfall for the season at Safdarjung is 41.6 mm. So far, the city has recorded 15.6 mm, which is a deficit of around 63%. From March to May, the normal occurrence of thunderstorms in Delhi is for around 12-14 days, but this season recorded only four -five such days till Monday, and these were mostly dry, Jenamani said.

The maximum temperature at the Gurgaon weather observatory fell below 30 degrees Celsius and settled at 29.4 degrees Celsius. The minimum

BRIEFLY — Man held over death of Zepto delivery staffer in accident

Dry spell broken



WEEK'S F	WEEK'S FORECAST (IN °C)								
DATE	MAX TEMP	MIN TEMP	WEATHER FORECAST						
May 24	34	19	Light rain, thundershowers, strong winds						
May 25	38	21	Partly cloudy skies						
May 26	39	21	Partly cloudy skies						
May 27	40	23	Partly cloudy sky, possibility of thundery development						
May 28	41	25	Mainly clear sky						
May 29	41	26	Mainly clear sky						

MERCURY PLUMMETS

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temperature was also low at The rainfall was brought by Gurgaon, settling at 16.5 degrees an active western disturbance Celsius on Monday. Southern that began to affect parts of Haryana, particularly Faridabad Punjab on Sunday night, then and Gurgaon, recorded heavy the clouds moved towards rainfall on Monday, Jenamani Haryana and Delhi, before moving eastwards to Uttar Pradesh, said. Gurgaon recorded around 73.4 mm of rainfall. In Delhi, the Jenamani said. The peak of the Aya Nagar weather station thunderstorm and rainfall activity was seen on Monday mornrecorded the highest amount of 52.2 mm on Monday, while ing, but cloudy conditions would Palam recorded 27.6 mm. persist till Monday evening or

Tuesday morning, Jenamani said. He added that the impact of the thunderstorm could mean that heat wave conditions are likely to remain suppressed till around May 29 or 30.

30-35

44 (approx)

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LOCATIONS WHERE

WATERLOGGING, TRAFFIC COMPLAINTS RECEIVED

TREES WERE UPROOTED

FLIGHTS DIVERTED, MANY

DELAYED IN THE MORNING

In Delhi, the maximum temperature is likely to remain below 40 degrees Celsius till May 26, the forecast indicates. Cloudy skies and light rainfall are on the forecast for Tuesday as well.

The division bench headed

by Justice Siddharth Mridul ear-

lier asked if a sense of fear and

insecurity was created during

and in the aftermath of the

protest or not. "Is it the case of

the prosecution that as a conse-

quence of a protest, the atmos-

phere in those targeted areas

was vitiated to such an extent

that a sense of fear was instilled

in the people who reside in the

chargesheet does not reflect that.

He added, "If that is the case,

every criminal act will become

Pais responded that the

area," asked Justice Mridul.

Complaints of waterlogging, uprooted trees come in from Delhi and Gurgaon

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, MAY 23

COMPLAINTS OF waterlogging, uprooted trees and traffic snarls came in from across the capital following Monday's downpour. While congestion was re-

ported on Rao Tula Ram flyover, ITO, Preet Vihar, ISBT among other areas, Pul Prahladpur Railway underpass was shut due to waterlogging. Areas such as Hauz Khas, IIT Delhi, Sarita Vihar, Badarpur, and Vasant Vihar were also waterlogged. Police said they received around 30-35 calls on waterlogging and congestion.

Atul Garg, DFS chief, said, "Due to the rain, four house-collapse sustained minor injuries."

roads were also damaged due to trees falling on them, officials said. Corporation of Delhi. In South Delhi's New Moti Bagh, a tree fell



on a car, but its occupants escaped issued an advisory for private inunhurt. Officials said such incistitutions and corporate offices dents were reported from Delhi to ask employees to work from Cantonment and Dhaula Kuan arhome for the day.

eas too, but nobody was injured. Large national flags installed at some locations in the capital were damaged or torn in the squall. The PWD received over a dozen complaints regarding this. On waterlogging, it said around 10 calls were received and

choking drains and blocking wathe situation was addressed. In Gurgaon, which recorded ter flow, officials said. GMDA of-73.4 mm of rainfall, authorities ficials said the underpass was

cleared in 45 minutes.

Gurgaon DC Nishant Kumar Yadav visited waterlogged areas and said government agencies were working to restore normalcy. In certain low-lying areas in Sectors 4, 9 and 54, rainwater entered houses. A road caved in near a crossing towards MG road near IFFCO Chowk. Power cuts lasting up to six hours were reported in several areas.

Dharmveer Singh, president, RWA, Mapsko Casa Bella, said his son reached 25 minutes late for his computer science board exam. "The reporting time was 10 am but due to traffic congestion we reached at 10.25 am. Usually, it takes 40 minutes to reach the school, today it took us an hour and 45 minutes. We contacted police, but there is only so much they can do. The fault lies with civic agencies, who are unable to provide basic infrastructure in a city like Gurgaon," he claimed.

GMDA officials said waterlogging in areas under its jurisdiction was cleared

board at the airport showed that

their flights were taking off as

per schedule despite them getting messages stating the con-

trary. "I received a message from

Flights delayed, several passengers stranded

Man shot in face while Punjab Police goes

GAYATHRIMANI NEW DELHI, MAY 23

SEVERAL PASSENGERS were stranded at the Delhi airport for hours after flights were either delaved or rescheduled following

the rain on Monday morning. Services were affected from morning till 4.30-5 pm. The Delhi Airport Authority in a tweet had asked passengers to get in touch with the airlines concerned for updates on flight delay and cancellation. Flights to Jabalpur, Doha, Chennai were cancelled while flights to Visakhapatnam, Hvderabad, Kolkata, Pune, Mumbai, and Bengaluru were delayed by at least two hours.

According to an airport source, at least 20 flights were diverted to Jaipur, Lucknow, Indore, Amritsar and Mumbai between 6.45 am and 9 am. Around 100 flights were delayed in the morning, sources said.

In another tweet later in the evening, the Delhi Airport said: "Flight operations at Delhi Airport have resumed. For updated flight information, kindly stay in touch with the airline concerned. Inconvenience caused to the passengers is deeply regretted."

During the day, hundreds of passengers were seen trying to get updates on their flight schedule even as airport staff and civil defence volunteers tried to maintain Covid protocol.

Shahnawaz, an IT professional, said he came from Uttar Pradesh to Delhi to catch a flight to Visakhapatnam but it was delayed by at least two hours: "It was scheduled to depart at 4.35 pm... Now I must wait at least four hours for the next flight. I will have to reach Vizag as I need to join work tomorrow."

Officials said the worst af-

fected areas were Narsingpur-

Khandsa stretch on NH-48, Golf

Course Road. Signature Tower

and DLF Phase 1 underpass on

the Golf Course Road. Water had

accumulated in the underpass

due to debris from heavy wind

Another passenger, who travelled from Kolkata to Delhi to catch a flight to Ladakh, said, "This is my first time in the city... Now, due to bad weather, all flights to Ladakh are cancelled and there's no flight for the next three days... I haven't been able to book a return flight to Kolkata either...'

Some passengers were left confused as the information

the airline that due to bad weather, they are rescheduling the flight from 2.25 pm to 4.35 pm. But the information board shows there is no delay. I am very confused, the customer care executive was unhelpful as well," said Juyedul Hussain (25), who was traveling to Agartala. Kennedy Dsilva, a sports management consultant, said, "I

arrived from South Africa and had a connecting flight to Goa but I missed the flight. Airport staff put me on another flight but it's delayed by 2.50 hours.'

UMAR KHALID TO DELHI HC 'Court should not fall into trap of

calls were received. Residents Eight vehicles parked on Strong winds uprooted trees at nearly 44 locations, as per data shared by the Municipal

New Delhi: Days after a 19year-old Zepto delivery executive died in a hitand-run incident in Dwarka, police arrested a 32-year-old man and seized his car. Police said, the accused. Sudhakar Yadav, has been booked under sections of rash driving and causing death by negligence. Police said he fled after the accident and was "hiding". "We arrested him from a workshop on Sunday. He was there to get his car repaired to hide evidence," said a police officer. Last Monday, the victim, Karan, was on his bike when a car hit him near DnD restaurant in Dwarka Sector 10. He was rushed to a hospital where he succumbed to injuries.

Scientist

scientist

with

jumps to death

New Delhi: A 55-year-old

with the Ministry of

Electronics and Informa-

tion Technology allegedly

committed suicide by

jumping from the Shastri

Bhawan building. Police

said the deceased lived

in Peeragarhi. DCP

(New Delhi) Amrutha

Guguloth said, "The inci-

dent took place at 3 pm

Monday. We received a

call from the Shastri

Bhawan control room

stating that a man was

found lying dead in front

of Gate no. 2. We found

that the man had jumped

from the seventh floor.'

During enquiry, no sui-

cide note was found. ENS

his

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interpreting everything as terror'

SOFIAHSAN NEW DELHI, MAY 23

ACTIVIST UMAR Khalid, who is in custody as an accused in Delhi Police's case of larger conspiracy behind the Northeast Delhi riots, Monday contended that the court should not fall into the "trap" of interpreting everything as a terrorist activity, after the bench asked if protests against the Citizenship Amendment Act instilled a sense of fear and inse-

curity among the public. The submission was made before the Delhi High Court, in context of reference to a Supreme Court ruling wherein it has been stated that an activity which creates "a sense of fear and insecurity" among people can be called a terrorist act. The court is hearing arguments in Khalid's plea for bail and will continue on Tuesday.

Senior advocate Trideep Pais, representing Khalid, contended that the trial court in its order



Khalid is an accused in the Delhi Police case of larger conspiracy behind the riots

denying him bail has "escalated" chakka jam "without any basis" to a "terrorist act", and merely reproduced witness statements without any discussion.

Pais further argued that protests were against "an unjust law" and were not targeting or perpetrating violence in the manner in which Section 15 of UAPA contemplates. Section 15 defines a terrorist act under the UAPA, the provisions of which have been in-

NRAI, saying restaurants are col-

lecting service charges from con-

sumers by default, even though

its collection is voluntary and at

the discretion of consumers and

not mandatory as per law.

them at the June 2 meeting."



EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, MAY 23

A 35-YEAR-OLD businessman was shot in the face by four unknown men while trying to stop a robbery at a market in West Delhi's Hari Nagar on Sunday night. The victim, Pradeep Singh Sandhu, went to buy ice-cream with his 10-year-old son and brother-in-law when the incident took place around 11.20 pm.

DCP (West) Ghanshyam Bansal said: "Sandhu was having ice cream with his brother-in-law Simarjeet near Hari Nagar clock tower around 11.20 pm when four men in a car tried to snatch his (brother-in-law's) gold chain and bracelet. They fired at Sandhu and a bullet hit his cheek."

Locals immediately gathered as Sandhu fell to the ground and the accused fled. His family said he was rushed to a hospital and is in the ICU.

Sandhu and his family live in Hari Nagar. They run a salon close to their house in C-block.

trying to stop robbery to Delhi HC to seek His wife Amanpreet said the family is in shock. "My brother custody of Bagga Simarjeet and our relatives had come for dinner. Pradeep offered

to get ice cream for everyone, and **SOFI AHSAN** left with Simarjeet and our son, Arnav... The shop is hardly 2 km NEW DELHI, MAY 23

from our house. We were waiting for them... we didn't know this ALLEGING THAT Delhi Police would happen in our locality." misused entire legal machinery and statutory powers only to The family said Sandhu was trying to stop the men when they protect and shield an accused, the Punjab Police has apfired twice at him and one of the bullets hit him. "Arnav is scarred. proached the Delhi High Court His father was shot in the face in seeking restoration of BJP leader front of him. He was crying and Tajinder Pal Singh Bagga's custody and quashing of the kidscreaming. Simarjeet took Arnav into his arms to save him. They napping FIR, which had become the basis for his release earlier somehow managed to go to the this month.

Her sister Jagpreet claimed Bagga is accused by Punjab Police of fuelling disharmony, the family has approached pounrest and ill will against differlice several times, but no arrests have been made so far. The DCP ent religious groups. On May 6, a said: "Multiple teams are check-Punjab Police team took him ing CCTVs. Dump data is also beinto custody from his Janakpuri residence but were stopped by police in Haryana on the way Police filed a case under IPC back, following receipt of sections of robbery, assault, Arms information from Delhi Police regarding a search warrant. Haryana Police later handed over Bagga's custody to Delhi Police, which released him during the night on the basis of a court order.

The case titled 'State of Punjab versus State (Govt. of NCT of Delhi)&Ors' is listed for hearing before the bench of Justice Anu Malhotra Tuesday. Punjab has also sought setting aside of the search warrants and release order issued by metropolitan magistrate of the Dwarka court in the case filed by Bagga's father

at Janakpuri police station. Punjab Police has accused Delhi and Haryana Police of acting "at the behest of the political leadership" and of using a "false and fabricated" FIR to protect Bagga. Allowing the court orders and FIR to continue will lead to abuse of process of law and harassment of authorised police officials, the Punjab Police has argued before Delhi HC.

Punjab Police in the petition also alleged that when its team



BJP leader Tajinder Pal Singh Bagga. Archive

reached Janakpuri police station to intimate local police officials, Delhi Police illegally detained them till 6 pm and even senior officers visited the room where they were detained but refused to inform the reason of "illegal detention". The munshi was also commanded to delete the information given by Punjab Police officials, alleges the plea.

It has alleged that Delhi Police registered the kidnapping FIR at Janakpuri police station only to "set to naught the arrest and investigation" being carried out against Bagga. Delhi Police officials also obtained a search warrant on the basis of the FIR by "concealing relevant and material facts of the lawful arrest of the said accused," Punjab Police alleged.

'The Delhi Police conduct is totally dubious, illegal, unwarranted, mala fide, unauthorised, who not only misled the Hon'ble Court by assisting the accused but also concealed the factum that the person whom they are presenting as victim in the same FIR is the accused and had been arrested by Punjab Police," reads the Punjab Police plea.

Both Haryana Police and Delhi Police earlier denied the allegations regarding illegal detention of police personnel of Punjab Police.

Customers can choose not to pay service charge: **Restaurant owners to inform Centre at meeting**

terror.'

DIVYAA

Rohit Kumar Singh wrote to

NEW DELHI, MAY 23

THE CENTRE has called a meeting of restaurant owners over the issue of service charges levied by eateries on customers. The meeting, called by the Department of Consumer Affairs under the Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution, will be held on June 2, 2022, with the National Restaurant Association of India (NRAI). As per a statement issued by the department, "issues pertaining to service charges levied by restaurants" will be discussed. The meeting comes days af-

ter Consumer Affairs secretary

rectly to the staff, while the rest goes towards a welfare fund to help them during good and bad times. It's a default billing option, even as customers can choose not to pay if they don't want to."

Sharad Madan, owner & co-Kabir Suri, co-founder and difounder of Khubani restaurant at Delhi's Aerocity, said, "Service rector, Azure Hospitality, and president of NRAI, told The Indian charge is for the staff on the floor Express they have received the who work really hard for cuscommunication from the mintomer satisfaction and deserve istry and are deliberating on a the tip as a token of appreciation. formal response. He said, "The They are paid salaries but the service charge was always disservice charge works as an incretionary, the menu of all centive, so we are looking forward to this meeting." restaurants mentions it clearly.

Suri said, "Patrons can decide This is what we are going to tell not to pay and tip the server di-Suri added, "A major chunk rectly, but in this case, backroom of the service charge goes distaff doesn't get anything. A serv-

ice charge ensures all staff members are rewarded evenly. If a customer wants it waived off, he/ she can talk to the management and tell them where they lacked in the service area."

Amit Bagga, CEO and cofounder of Daryaganj restaurants in the capital, added, "It's an important source of extra earning for our staff; half of the service charge goes to them and the rest covers up for extras and issues that we might face. It is clearly mentioned in the menu. Still, if someone doesn't want to pay for it, they can request for it to be removed."

Former NRAI president Anurag Katriar, the founder of Indigo Hospitality, said, "I think

it's a settled issue. As long as we inform patrons well in advance of charges we levy and they still choose to avail the services, there is nothing improper. So is the case with service charges. In fact, GST is also levied on this charge which we collect and pay entirely to the government.

hospital...," said Amanpreet.

ing scrutinised. We have de-

Act against unknown persons.

ployed informers as well."

Katriar added, "Service charge is neither a hidden charge nor variable based on your service experience. It is contractual similar to a convenience charge levied for online bookings for air tickets, movie tickets etc. I am certain NRAI will put forward these views and rationale to the department and they will understand our stand."

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A LONG MEETING

A high-level meeting of top BJP leaders at party chief J P Nadda's residence on Monday has triggered a fresh round of speculation, even as the party remained tight-lipped on the agenda. Union Home Minister Amit Shah and BJP general secretary (organisation) B L Santosh met Nadda for more than four hours. While some sources in the party indicated that the discussions revolved around candidates for the Rajya Sabha elections, slated for June 10, others said the talks were on the NDA candidate for the President's election, coming up in July. A few others said the discussions included party affairs in Karnataka, too - although the last day of filing nominations for elections to Karnataka Legislative Council is Tuesday, the uncertainty seems to be continuing until the last minute. The nomination process for election to 57 Rajya Sabha seats also begins Tuesday.

TRIP THROUGH HISTORY

HOME MINISTER Amit Shah visited the Prime Minister's Museum on Monday and praised the efforts of Prime Minister Narendra Modi in honouring the contribution of all his predecessors. Shah said the museum is above political ideologies and called it a praiseworthy effort in documenting the achievements of all PMs over the years. Shah shared on social media his pictures clicked with the portraits of Lal Bahadur Shastri, Morarji Desai, Atal Bihari Vajpayee and Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel.

REGAINING THE TOUCH

As the pandemic situation seems to ease across the country, the Rajya Sabha Secretariat will start the biometric attendance system after a gap of more than two years. The Aadhaar-enabled biometric attendance system was suspended in March 2020 as the first wave of coronavirus was spreading. The system, introduced in August 2018, will resume on a trial basis for the next 10 days and, starting June 1, will be fully reintroduced. All personnel have been asked to register on the Rajya Sabha Secretariat's web portal so that their attendance can be marked through the biometric system starting June.

MAHARASHTRA POLL PANEL ORDER

Reservation lottery in 14 civic bodies minus OBCs

VISHWAS WAGHMODE MUMBAI, MAY 23

IN A major setback to the Maha

ders, issued directions to the BMC, Navi Mumbai, Thane, Vasai-Virar, Kalyan-Dombivali,

Solanur Amaravati Akola and

Ulhasnagar, Nashik, Pune, Pimpri-Chinchwad, Kolhapur,

category women. While the lot-

and objections can be raised be-

tween June 1 and 6 and the ward-

wise final reservation should be

PM Modi in Tokyo, urges diaspora to be part of India's development journey

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, MAY 23

PRIME MINISTER Narendra Modi told the Indian community members in Tokyo on Monday that the goals set up by his government for celebrating 100 years of India's Independence are ambitious and challenging but the teachings and values he has received have helped him develop a habit to face challenges with great courage. As per a statement issued by

the Prime Minister's Office, over 700 members of Indian diaspora participated in the event on the first day of his two-day visit. There are over 40,000 Indians in Japan, it said.

Modi said India is on its way to preparing a roadmap to achieve the ambitious goals as the country enters into the 'amrit kaal'.

"Mujhe makkhan par lakeer karne mein maza nahi aata hain, main patthar par lakeer karta hoon (I do not enjoy drawing a line on butter, I enjoy drawing a line on stone)," he told the cheering crowd.

Observing that India and Japan are natural partners, Modi said, "Japan has played an important role in India's development journey...our relationship with Japan is of spirituality, of cooperation, of



MATHURA COURT ON PETITION AGAINST SHAHI IDGAH LAND Places of Worship Act does not bar plea against 1968 'compromise': judge

APURVA VISHWANATH NEW DELHI, MAY 23

UNDERLINING THAT the Places of Worship Act, 1991, does not bar a plea against the 1968 "compromise" agreement between the Shahi Idgah and the Srikrishna Janmabhumi temple, the district judge in Mathura has allowed a plea questioning ownership of the land on which the Idgah is built.

"With regard to the entire property of Katra Keshav Deo, whether Shri Krishna Janma Bhoomi Seva Sangh had the power to enter into compromise with Trust Masjid Eidgah is a matter of evidence, which can be determined only on the basis of evidence adduced by both parties

during the trial," the court has held. District and Sessions Judge iiv Bharti had, on May 19,

A view of the Srikrishna Janmabhumi temple and the Shahi

Idgah mosque in Mathura. PTI file

of the Idgah land, and one calling for demolition of the Idgah. A detailed copy of the order was made available on May 22.

Judge Bharti's decision now allows civil suits to be heard by a lower court. The Katra Keshav Dev temple premises are believed to be the birthplace of

In 2020, Judge Chaya Sharma,

Civil Judge (Senior Division), had

dismissed the pleas, holding that

described by its veteran leader LK

the petitioners had no locus.

Lucknow-based advocate Ranjana Agnihotri, along with six others, later filed a plea claiming to be suing on behalf of the deity, Sri Krishna Virajman, as the "next of kin" to the deity.

...this court is of the view that a worshipper as the next friend of the deity can file suit for re-establish restoration and

ment of religious rights of the

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deity," the district court held.

All-party meet before caste census: Nitish

SANTOSH SINGH PATNA, MAY 23

IN WHAT can be a deft counterposturing by JD(U), Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar on Monday said the government will soon call an all-party meeting to pave way for the state to have its own caste census and the proposal will then be routed through the state cabinet.

Talking to reporters here, the CM said: "We are trying to hold Health Leaders Award, the PM an all-party meet on the caste said "millions of ASHA sisters of census. Some political parties India are giving impetus to the have given their nod for the country's health programme from meeting. Once we hear views of maternal care to vaccination; all political parties, it will be put up before the state cabinet." Nitish had long been hinting at Bihar having its own caste census even as the Central government remains non-committed on it.

Nitish's plan has put the Bihar BJP in a piquant situation vis-a-vis ambivalence of the Central BIP on the matter. The state unit of the BJP, however, had been part of an unanimous resolution passed in the state legislature and was also part of an all-party delegation from the state to take up the matter with

the Centre last year. Though BJP is a key partner in the JD(U)-led NDA alliance, it will now be difficult for it to oppose Nitish's idea of caste census, especially when the latter

In March, days after the election results were declared, the party's state convenor Rahul hambre had quit citi

sonal reasons". His resignation

came on the day that the party

appointed him national

ENS

spokesperson.



BIHAR CM Nitish Kumar has played the masterstroke by deciding to conduct caste census. Having meticulously cultivated a base among non-Yadav OBCs and SCs, he is taking the caste census bid to further broadbase his constituency. As per 2011 Census, Bihar has 10.04 crore population of which 13% belong to upper castes, 17% are Muslims, and rest are OBCs, EBCs, SCs and STs. The Mandal Commission had assessed OBCs at 54%, but many Bihar politicians, including Nitish, claim it can be higher if counted afresh.

has the backing of Opposition RJD on the issue.

The CM had recently had one-on-one meeting with Leader of Opposition Tejashwi Prasad Yadav.

The caste census move is being seen as Nitish's 'political masterstroke'. JD(U) insiders say the idea is make ally BIP "commit to caste census and not just talk of "sabka saath, sabka vikas"



Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar inspects construction of the Loknayak Ganga Path in Patna on Monday. PTI

YSRCP MLC arrested

for ex-driver's murder

3 DAYS AFTER ACCIDENT CLAIM

Prime Minister Narendra Modi with Indian expatriates in Tokyo on Monday. PTI more than their men counterbelongingness."

Stating that India's focus on parts in elections in India during recent years. "Today, 'people led creation of infrastructure and institutional capacity building is governance' is working in true "unprecedented", Modi said, "Iam happy that Japan is an important partner in our capacity building.

sense in India. This model of governance is making the delivery efficient. This is the biggest reason for the ever-increasing faith in democracy," Modi said, adding, "we have created the identity of a strong, resilient, responsible democracy in India". Highlighting the WHO has ho-

noured India's ASHA sisters with the Director General's Global

"Prime Minister also met Pravasi Bharatiya Samman Awardees in Japan," a statement from the PMO said. "He appreciated the Indian community members and invited them to join and take forward the campaign of

'Bharat Chalo, Bharat se Judo'." (WITH PTI INPUTS)

from nutrition to cleanliness".

AAP dissolves Goa working committee

Panaji: The Aam Aadmi Party on Monday dissolved its Goa working committee with expansion in mind, the party said.

AAP Delhi MLA and AAP Goa Unit incharge Atishi announced the party's decision, saying the new state working committee for Goa will be "reorganised soon".

The AAP secured two seats in the legislative assembly election in February and made its debut in the Goa assembly. This was the second time the party contested assembly election in Goa. In 2017 it had drawn a blank.

"With expansion of the party in mind... we will constitute a new committee to bring wellmeaning and like-minded people into the party's fold," said Atishi

ment, the Maharashtra State

Election Commission (SEC) on Monday issued orders to 14 municipal corporations, including the Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation (BMC), to hold the reservation lottery on May 31, without OBC seats. This comes even as the MVA government has been pushing to ensure reservation for other backward classes (OBC) in local body elections.

The SEC's latest order follows the Supreme Court's directive on May 4 which said that reservation lottery should be held on May 31 without OBC quota.

The SC had also mentioned in the order that till the state government fulfills the triple tests, OBC seats cannot be reserved in the local bodies' elections. Since the process of ward boundaries of these municipal corporations has been completed, it is mandatory to give a programme for reservation lottery as per the law and SC order," said the SEC in its orders issued on Monday. The SEC, in two separate or-

Nagpur municipal corporations. As per the SEC order, a public

lowed revision of a lower court ruling, which had earlier disnotice should be issued on May 27 to hold the reservation lottery for ST (Scheduled Tribe), SC (Scheduled Caste) and general

missed pleas by a group of "devotees", seeking ownership

TEMPLE-MOSQUE DISPUTES

tery should be held on May 31, the BJP's shift away from 1989 Palampur Resolution draft of the ward-wise reservation should be published on June 1. the orders added. Suggestions

LIZ MATHEW NEW DELHI, MAY 23

published on June 13 in the state WITH THE Kashi Vishwanath gazette, according to the orders. On May 4, the Apex court Temple-Gvanvapi Mosque and said that the SEC must proceed Krishna Janmabhoomi-Shahi with the election programme of Idgah Masjid disputes back in the spotlight, the BJP's Palampur the local bodies, which had become due on the expiry of five-Resolution has also made a reyear term, adding the SEC is turn to the political discourse. obliged to notify the election The ruling party appears to have made a shift away from its stand programme within two weeks. The SEC also told the Supreme on temple-mosque disputes as Court that it is not possible to mentioned in the political resohold the elections in the monlution adopted at its National Executive meeting held from soon and further said that elections of the urban local bodies June 9-11, 1989, in the hill station will be held in September and of in Himachal Pradesh.

With this resolution, the BJP-

Advanias the "chosen instrument of the divine" to end the country's problems – decided to participate in the Ram Janmabhoomi movement, which, till then, was spearheaded by the Vishwa Hindu Parishad (VHP). The Palampur declaration is considered to be the most vigorous form of religiosity among the BJP's political documents and with it Hindutva was officially added to the party's doctrine. The party also rejected court orders that did not back its claims on the Ramjanmabhoomi-Babri Masiid site. It added, "A court of law can settle issues of title, trespass, possession etc. But it cannot adjudicate as to whether Babar did actually invade Ayodhya, destroy a temple, and build a mosque in its place. Even where a court does pronounce on such facts, it cannot suggest remedies to undo the vandalism of history."

As a saffron party leader put it, the new BJP led by Prime Minister Narendra Modi does not want to enter into yet another temple campaign but solely relies on the judiciary to give a green signal to correct "historical errors" and restore to Hindus their most holy places of worship. While the ruling party's crit-

ics may term it a "change of stance" amid expectations that the courts will adopt a favourable approach to its issues,

BJP leaders argue that the "context" has changed - from being an Opposition party fighting against Congress dominance, the BIP has become the dominant force in Indian politics.

Some party functionaries pointed out that as the party in power the BJP is now called upon to resolve sensitive disputes, and the government has to act in a particular way because it has various obligations and its actions are scrutinised inside and outside the country. According to them, the government has to act fairly and through Constitutional means even while pushing the saffron party's agenda. FULL REPORT ON www.indianexpress.com

SREENIVAS JANYALA

HYDERABAD, MAY 23

THREE DAYS after a Member of Legislative Council (MLC) of ruling YSR Congress Party in Andhra Pradesh handed the body of his former driver to the latter's family, claiming that he had died in an accident. Kakinada district police on Monday arrested the legislator, Ananta Uday Bhaskar, in connec-

tion with the death. After Bhaskar was taken into custody on Monday morning, Kakinada Range I-G, Pala Raju, questioned him, during which the MLC confessed that he had beaten Subramanyam, the police said. Kakinada district SP. Ravindra

Babu, said that after postmortem concluded that the victim, T Subramanyam, did not die in an accident but was beaten, leading to his death, the FIR was revised from IPC 174 (accidental death) to Section 302 (murder), and Bhaskar was initially detained

for interrogation. Police have also added SC/ST (Prevention of Atrocities) Act against Bhaskar.

The postmortem report indicates 27 injuries on the head, chest, abdomen, hands, and legs, police sources said. While only Bhaskar has been arrested as of now, his associates are also being questioned, sources said. Sources said Subramanyam was taken to a beach in Kakinada

on the night of May 19 and assaulted, with his held down in sand. Bhaskar was sent by a local court to 15-day judicial custody.

According to police, Bhaskar rove to Subramanyam's home around 2 am on April 20, with the latter's body in the backseat. He reportedly told the family that he had sent Subramanyam to fetch food the previous evening, when he met with a fa-

Ananta Uday Bhaskar

tal accident. Confronted by irate family members, Bhaskar fled the scene, the police said.

Bhaskar, sources said, told police that he had sacked Subramanyam from his job about five months ago and the latter subsequently started making allegations against him. Bhaskar told police that Subramanyam was allegedly trying to blackmail him by saying that he would disclose his personal and financial affairs in public

The MLC has told police that he called Subramanyam on the evening of May 19 to talk, but after some time he and his associassaulted ates him Subramanyam died as a result of the assault. "He is in our custody. Investigation is going on." DIG Raju said, without elaborating further.

The victim's mother, T Ratnam, said Subramanyam had worked for Bhaskar for five years and was fired nearly five months ago. She also alleged that the MLC was lying that Subramanyam was blackmailing him. "He held a grudge against my son for some reason. We believe he worked for him (Bhaskar) for five years, and knew a lot about his activities. He (Bhaskar) was probably afraid that he (her son) would reveal those...that is why he killed him," she alleged.

A real estate businessman. Bhaskar was nominated to the Legislative Council last year under the elected members' quota from East Godavari district.

After Nano, farming hopes dry up in Singur, a plan for fish ponds

RAVIK BHATTACHARYA & ATRI MITRA SINGUR, MAY 23

UNABLETO resume farming even seven years after land was returned to them, farmers in Singur are now enrolling themselves for a government scheme to set up water bodies on their plots, to move from agriculture to fisheries.

Four such proposed water bodies have already come up in the former Nano project area, on

one to three acres of land. On other plots, off the Durgapur Expressway (National Highway No. 2), work is on, with earthmoving machines removing mounds of soil and concrete, overgrown with bushes and grass.

The ponds are being developed under the Accelerated Development of Minor Irrigation Scheme of the state Water Resource Investigation and Development Department (WRIDD)

rural local bodies in October.

The Trinamool Congress had climbed to power in 2011 on the strength of its anti-land acquisition movement in Singur, thus stalling the Tata Nano project, and in Nandigram. In a vindication of TMC leader Mamata Banerjee's stand, the Supreme Court on August 31, 2016, ordered the return of 997.5 acres acquired for the Nano project to the farmers.

Singur has now entered the school curriculum in Bengal. However, at ground zero, time stands still, with farming taking off only in patches as vast tracts of land remain unused or unusable. The state government continues to give Rs 2,000 and 16 kg of rice each to 3,611 people in

Singur identified as connected to



Four water bodies have already come up; work is on at the other sites. Partha Paul

the land, including owners, sharecroppers and farm labourers.

Singur MLA and West Bengal Labour Minister Becharam Manna said the ponds would help the farmers. "There were ponds here before land was forcibly taken for the Tata plant," he said.

Singur Block Development Officer Parthasarathi Banerjee said they had very little role to play in the matter. "The project is being directly done by the WRIDD. Eighteen have been sanctioned for the district (Hooghly) and I believe four or five for Singur," he said. A senior official involved

with the WRIDD project said: "After three years of helping ready the ponds, the government will hand it over to villagers' societies, which will further maintain them."

Three of the ponds have come up in Khaserbheri, Singherbheri and Gopalnagar areas.

Dilip Samanta said he and five others, including his brothers, have formed a society for a pond on 4 bighas of his 9 bigha land. The 63-year-old had been part of the anti-land acquisition agitation.

"After land was returned to us following the Supreme Court order, we could not return to agriculture." he said. "There was concrete, iron and stones in the soil. Three months back, my brothers and I got a proposal through local TMC and panchayat leaders

for the project... There is no harm in trying something new."

Local TMC leader panchayat samiti member Dudhkumar Dhara said more farmers are eager to enrol for the scheme, adding that of his own 5 bighas land, only 3 bighas were cultivable now.

Across board, whether they can use their land for cultivation or not, farmers say they were never opposed to industry, but the "forcible land acquisition" for the Nano project in 2006.

Shailen Malik, 60, resting on abandoned concrete pipes inside what was a project area, is one of them. "The government should have talked to us first. I have two sons, one is a carpenter and another, a daily labourer. They would have got jobs. They are not interested in farming," he said. FULL REPORT ON

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image of the purported article

that he had allegedly sent to

had faced similar charges earlier

too. He is known for dropping

names and claiming VIP contacts

in threat calls. There is no evi-

dence yet of Shankar or

Maridhass being part of this

crime except Kevin mentioning

their names in a phone call," the

Junior Vikatan and its online edi-

tions have allegedly been publishing "false, baseless, defama-

G Square Realtors was incor-

porated in 2012 and has been in

the news, especially after the

DMK came to power, for big-

ticket projects across the state.

pany with a turnover of about Rs

1,000 crore, providing employ-

Tamil Nadu are G Square

Industrial Estate, "an affordable

industrial park bang on Chennai-

Arakkonam Highway", and G Square City in Coimbatore,

which is touted as the state's first

integrated smart city with over

According to the FIR filed on

To substantiate the threat, the

FIR said, Kevin also sent an image

of an article that was purportedly

to be published the next day in

the magazine. The complaint

said that Ramajayam refused to

pay the bribe, and the article was

According to portions of the

published the next day.

May 21, Kevin allegedly con-

1,663 plots for sale.

Some of the big projects being promoted by the firm in

ment to about 600 people".

estate firm and its founder

According to the complaint,

"Kevin has a shady past and

Ramaiavam.

officer said.

THE INDIAN EXPRESS, TUESDAY, MAY 24, 2022 **6** EXPRESS NETWORK

Kerala dowry death: Court covicts husband

Thiruvananthapuram: An additional sessions court in Kollam on Monday held a former state employee guilty for causing the dowry death of his wife, in a sensational case that shook the state and sparked an anti-dowry campaign.

Kiran Kumar was convicted under various sections of the IPC including 304-B, which deals with dowry deaths.

The quantum of the sentence will be pronounced Tuesday.

Kumar's wife, Vismaya V Nair, an ayurvedic medical student, was found dead under mysterious circumstances at their home

in Kollam in June last year. She was 22. Following the incident, Kumar was dismissed from his job in the state motor department as an additional vehicle inspector. The death had triggered a

campaign against dowry that saw Governor Arif Mohammed Khan sit on a day-long fast.

Khan also instructed universities to make students file an undertaking declaring they would not seek or give dowry; and cancel their degrees if they are ever convicted in a dowry case. Sources said Kumar was harassing Vismava as he was unhappy with a Rs 11-lakh car gifted by Vismaya's father. ENS

ANONNA DUTT

NEW DELHI, MAY 23

INDIA EXPRESSED "dismay and

concern" over the World Health

Organisation not using statutory

data from the country for its re-

port on excess mortality during

the two pandemic years at the

ongoing World Health Assembly.

Mansukh Mandaviya said: "It is

with a sense of dismay and con-

cern that India notes WHO's re-

cent exercise on all-cause excess

mortality where our country-

specific authentic data published

by the statutory authority has

He said: "The Central Council

of Health and Family Welfare, a

constitutional body having rep-

resentatives of the health minis-

ters from all states massed a res-

not been taken into account."

Union Health Minister

WORLD HEALTH ASSEMBLY

India expresses 'dismay,

concern' over WHO's

Covid mortality report

WIFE, MINOR CHILD AMONG 6 HELD FOR ARSON; COPS SUSPECT TERROR LINK Assam: 'Custody death' victim's wife among five booked under UAPA

TORA AGARWALA GUWAHATI, MAY 23

ASSAM POLICE on Monday said it would book five of the six people accused of setting fire to a police station in Nagaon district under the Unlawful Activities Prevention Act(UAPA) for their suspected terror links.

Among those arrested in the arson case are the wife and minor daughter of Safikul Islam, a fish trader whose alleged custodial death had led to protests, and a mob torching Batadrava police station in Nagaon on Saturday.

"In the video footage, both the wife and the daughter can be seen

setting fire to the police station. The others arrested are also relatives (of the deceased)," Nagaon SP Leena Doley told The Indian Express. Doley said the minor has been apprehended as per Juvenile Justice rules. "We are treating her as a child in conflict with the law, she said.

Doley said three cases were

To compare, the number of

registered deaths increased by

6.9 lakh between 2018 and 2019

and by 4.86 lakh between 2017

and 2018. The CRS data alone, in

Registration System data that es-

timates the total deaths in a year

based off a survey, cannot esti-

However, NITI Aayog mem-

ber Dr VK Paul at the time told

The Indian Express that any esti-

some "exorbitant multiples".

Mandaviya also called for a

global resilient supply chain and

equitable access to medicines

and vaccines. With most Covid-

19 vaccine doses going to the

global north at the height of the

pandemic. India sought waiver

mate excess deaths.



The Batadrava police station was set on fire, Saturday. PTI File

registered following the incident: a case of unnatural death in connection with Safikul's death in custody; an arson case related to torching of the police station; and a UAPA case, since police suspect the accused have "terror links". While the first two have been

registered at Batadrava police station, the UAPA case was registered

under Dhing police station, which has jurisdiction over the village of the accused people

"We have been informed about many criminal activities of the accused persons...we suspect (they have) terror links, too, and have got in touch with the police in Barpeta and Bongaigaon districts to confirm whether any of them are linked to the Ansarullah Bangla Team (ABT)," Doley said. The ABT is a proscribed terror-

ist organisation in Bangladesh. Since March, Assam Police has arrested at least 10 people in Barpeta and Bongaigaon districts with aleged links to ABT.

The NIA is also probing the case. On Saturday, Doley said, the mob had come "prepared" to attack the police station. "While there was an element of reactive response following the death, there is more to it, considering the intensity and force of the attack. There were several instigators and we are identifying them all," she said. The SP said the forensic report on Safikul's death is not ready yet. "We are probing his death, too," she said.

Safikul was arrested on Friday night after police found him allegedly inebriated. Police claim he died since he was unwell. Safikul's family has alleged that police demanded Rs 10,000 and a duck as bribe to release him, and beat him up in custody, leading to his death.

Meanwhile, leaders from the opposition AIUDF and Congress visited the village on Monday and criticised the BJP-led government in the state.

AIUDF MLA Ashraful Hussain said the incident reflects "failure" of the police and demanded a judicial inquiry. "We demand that every perpetrator of this incident be brought to book and punished following due process of law," he said. "What's the court and the Constitution for if police are allowed to abuse the law with such impunity?" Trinamool Congress state president Ripun Bora said: "Why is the law not allowed to take its own course? Is it BJP Raj or Hitler Raj?'

Following Saturday's mob violence and arson, the authorities on Sunday demolished homes of those who had allegedly set fire to the police station. This included Safikul's home. According to police, the accused were "encroachers" and were staying on government land with "forged" documents.

POLICE EXAM SCAM Court rejects pre-arrest bail plea of 2 toppers

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE BENGALURU, MAY 23

A SESSIONS court in Bengaluru has rejected the anticipatory bail plea of two candidates accused of indulging in malpractices to obtain high marks in an examination conducted to recruit police sub-inspectors for the Karnataka police department.

The court rejected the pleas of Jagrut S, the fourth rank winner among male candidates, and Rachana H, the first rank winner among women, on the basis of prima facie evidence placed in the court by the state Criminal Investigation Department(CID).

The two candidates have also moved the Karnataka High Court case was a "conspiracy" against against the CID probe where they DMK MP. He had levelled allegaare among 22 named in an FIR for alleged involvement in fraudulent practices to score high marks leadership and G Square Realtors. in the police exam to recruit 545 Maridhass, a controversial ouTuber backed by BIP and sub-inspectors in October 2021 The two candidates argued in Hindutva outfits, was not available for comment. the HC that they had been named Opposition leader and in the FIR on the basis of a complaint lodged by a CID official with-AIADMK chief E K Palaniswami out evidence of their involvement condemned the police move in the exam scam. In the court "against media and journalists". The Chennai Press Club said in a hearing where orders were passed on May 20, the CID said there was statement that it "did not expect prima facie evidence to show the this from the DMK government". involvement of the two candi-A senior police officer said Kevin was arrested from his dates. The state prosecutor argued house in Chennai early on that the accused candidates colluded with others to secure selec-Sunday and remanded in judicial custody. He said key evition through the police recruitment exam and that sanction of dence in the case include audio bail would send a wrong message. tapes involving Kevin -- and an

Tamil magazine, activist, YouTuber face blackmail charge over article

ARUN JANARDHANAN CHENNAL MAY 23

A DAY after the arrest of a man for allegedly making extortion calls to a prominent real estate company in Tamil Nadu over a purported article linking the firm to Chief Minister M K Stalin's son-in-law, Chennai Police have named a popular Tamil magazine, a former Vigilance employee who is now known as a whistleblower and a

YouTuber in the case. Biweekly magazine Junior Vikatan, Savukku Shankar and tory articles" about the real Maridhass were booked by the police after the main accused. identified as Kevin, was arrested for allegedly making "threatening phone calls...on behalf of Junior Vikatan and the others", based on a complaint filed by Purushotham Its complaint said that it "has Kumar, Chief Compliance Officer grown from scratch to a com-

of G Square Realtors. The complaint alleged that Kevin demanded Rs 50 lakh to prevent the publication of an article in the magazine in January, alleging links between Stalin's son-in-law Sabareesan and the firm. It stated that the article was published in Junior Vikatan after the firm refused to pay the bribe. The DMK leadership has re-

peatedly denied any links with G Square Realtors, which is known to be an influential player in the state's real estate sector with several showpiece projects.

tacted Ramajayam on January Representatives of Junior 18, claiming he was calling on Vikatan were not available for behalf of Junior Vikatan's direccomment. But on Monday tors. It said Kevin threatened the evening, Kalaiselvan, editor and real estate firm's founder and depublisher of the magazine, filed manded Rs 50 lakh to prevent a police complaint against Kevin the publication of stories against and the real estate firm's founder the company in the magazine. Ramajayam seeking action for

levelling a "false charge" and 'fabricating false evidence". Shankar, a former Vigilance employee who is known to have been the whistleblower in several cases of alleged corruption in the past, claimed that the latest him hatched by a lobbyist and a tions earlier against the DMK

article quoted in the FIR. it alleged that G Square Realtors "had been carrying out construction work using the name of the Chief Minister's son-in-law" --and that it allegedly arm-twisted

Navy issues RFI to get 250-bed hospital ship in the high seas

KRISHN KAUSHIK NEW DELHI, MAY 23

THE GOVERNMENT has issued a Request for Information (RFI) for a national hospital ship (NHS) for the Navy that will act as a floating 250-bed hospital in the high seas.

According to the RFI, issued on the absence of the Sample May 18, the hospital ship – the first such for Indian Navy - will have aerial evacuation and boat ambulance facilities and should have the capacity to carry 600 personnel on board, including the crew, doctors and patients.

mate of excess mortality would It will have one helicopter for have to be within the envelope evacuation and bringing people to of these 4.75 lakh additional the hospital ship. deaths registered and not in

According to RFI, the ship 'should have a capability for operating independently as a 250bedded hospital providing primary and secondary health care" and have two patient reception areas to facilitate easy reception and transfer of casualties. One of these will be closer to the chopper deck

US hospital ship USNS Mercy in the Pacific Ocean in November 2021. US Navy photo

A FIRST FOR INDIAN NAVY — FLOATING HOSPITAL

1 ICU war with 12 beds 1 High Dependency Unit for slightly less severe

cases with 14 beds ■ 12 regular wards for patients, with 14 beds in

each ward ■ 2 wards with 12 beds each for isolation of men

2 land-based and women each ambulances, and two

capacity to care for 8 patients

Labour room, dental care facility, blood bank, telemedicine room, its

own oxygen plant, and an aero-medical evacuation centre or flight deck emergency room

olution asking me to convey their collective disappointment and concern in this regard."

The WHO report, which was released earlier this month, said 47.4 lakh people in India died in 2020 and 2021 either directly due to the infection or through its indirect impacts. This is nearly ten times the official Covid-19 toll of 4.81 lakh at the end of 2021. India's annual data from the civil registration system (CRS) for the year 2020 showed that there had been 4.75 lakh more deaths than of intellectual property rights at The ship will also need to have the World Trade Organisation.

at least two major operation the-"India would like to highlight atres (OTs), and two minor OTs that besides equitable access to "with a pre-Operative Room and a Post-Operative Room attached to medical countermeasures, including aspects related to intelleceach". Each OT would have attual property, need for cost-effectached facilities, including air hantive research, technology transfer dling units. and regional manufacturing ca-

Based on the responses to the pacities must remain an impor-RFI, Navy will issue Request for Proposals to eligible Original tant focus area." Mandaviva said. He added: "PM Narendra Equipment Manufacturers Modi has highlighted the need through an Indian vendor. Once for building a resilient global supthe contract is signed, the Navy wants the ship to be delivered in ply chain to enable equitable access to vaccines and medicines." four years after that.

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600 total capacity	1117 hospital staff	number of patients	n of patients for Information issued by Gov				
WHAT IS A HOSPITAL SHIP? Built, converted, or equipped to assist, treat, transport							

- the wounded, sick, and shipwrecked.
- It may not be attacked or captured.
- Distinctive sign for protection is the emblem of the red cross, red crescent or red crystal on a white ground. Source: International Committee of the

ttee of the Red Cross

competitors with the threat of delayed government approvals According to the complaint, Kevin allegedly

called Ramajayam again and threatened that more damaging articles would be published in Junior Vikatan as well as through the social media handles of Maridhass and Shankar.

The complaint also alleged that Kevin had sent an unidentified person to the real estate firm's office on May 9 with similar threats and demanding money.

Declared dead, newborn found alive at graveyard in J&K's Ramban district

ARUN SHARMA JAMMU, MAY 23

in the previous year.

A NEWBORN girl, who after being declared dead by hospital staff in Jammu and Kashmir's Ramban district was buried in the graveyard of a neighbouring village on Monday, turned out to be alive after her grieving relatives had to exhume her body in view of objections by local villagers.

"Two persons – a junior staff nurse and her helper - who de-

clared the newborn dead without informing the gynaecologist have been suspended," said Ramban Chief Medical Officer (CMO) Dr

Fareed Bhat. A three-member team led by Deputy CMO has also

tal at Banihal declared the baby

"As the family exhumed the body,

been set up to probe the matter. Sources said the staff of government-run sub-district hospi-

of Shameema Begum of Guijar Basti Bankoot dead soon after the delivery and the family buried the child in nearby Hollan village.

However, local villagers ob-

the child started crying," said Gujjar leader Choudhary Mansoor. The CMO said Shameema was six-month pregnant and as she had a premature delivery, she was straightway taken to the labour

distance.

room by a junior staff nurse and her helper. "However, instead of calling the gynaecologist, they declared the baby dead on their own. By the time the gynaecologist reached the labour room, the familv had left." the CMO said.

jected to the burial of an outsider.

Shah to head standing panel **EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** NEW DELHI, MAY 23

THE CENTRE has reconstituted the Inter-State Council. which works to promote cooperative federalism, a notification issued

by the government Monday said. Headed by the PM, the Council will comprise six Union ministers, besides the Chief Ministers of the 28 states and UTs with a legislature, and administrators of UTs without a legislature. It will also have 10 Union

ministers as permanent invitees. The government has also reconstituted the standing committee of the Council, with Home Minister Amit Shah its chairman.

Mandated with creating a strong institutional framework to promote and support cooperative federalism, the Council helps the Centre and states iron out differences on policy and governance. The standing committee will

have continuous consultation and process matters pertaining to the Centre-state relations before they are taken up in Inter-State Council.

Inter-State Council redrawn; Devas-Antrix: US court refuses plea by investors

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE BENGALURU, MAY 23

A US federal court has turned down a plea by Mauritius-based investors in Bengaluru start-up Devas Multimedia to identify ISRO and its new commercial arm, NewSpace India Limited (NSIL), as alter egos of ISRO's Antrix Corporation in a dispute over the failed 2005 Devas-Antrix satellite deal.

The US federal court for the parties." western district of Washington

refused the plea by the Mauritius investors - CC/Devas Mauritius Ltd, Telcom Devas Mauritius Ltd, and Devas Employees Mauritius Pvt Ltd - to identify ISRO and NSIL as alter egos of Antrix. but ordered a US space launch services customer of NSIL to produce

working in various government

department have not returned

to work since May 12 when one

of the residents of the colony,

Rahul Bhat, was killed in his of-

brought to us. Instructions have

been issued to move you to safer

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ficer in my office to keep us in-

"Your concerns have been

fice at Chadoora. Budgam.

export duty on documents on space deals. The US federal court said it its

May 18 order: "...Intervenors, **EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** however, have not shown that PANAJI, MAY 23 Antrix has actual control over any

ernment levied 50 per cent duty on the exports of all grades of iron ore, a delegation led by Goa CM Pramod Sawant met Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman requesting for 'nil' export duty on the low-grade Residents of the colony iron ore. as was done since 2016.

"This is necessary for sustainable mining in the state," the Goa CM's office said on Monday. Sawant and Goa Transport Minister Mauvin Godinho met Sitharaman in Delhi on Monday.

"Goa's ores largely being low grade (below 58% iron) and not processed for steel-making in the country, the government has requested the Ministry of Finance to consider 'nil' export duty," the statement read. The Goa government is in the process of restarting mining in the state.

J&K administration starts shifting Hindu govt employees to safer places an official of the Education

BASHAARAT MASOOD SRINAGAR, MAY 23

AMID WIDESPREAD outrage over the recent killing of a government employee, a Kashmiri Hindu, by militants, the I-K administration has started shifting the minority community employees to relatively safer places, closer to their homes.

The J-K Education and Rural Development departments have ordered transfer of the Kashmiri Hindu employees appointed under the Prime Minister's Package for Relief and Rehabilitation of

Kashmiri Pandits either to district headquarters or closer to their transit accommodations across the Valley.

Officials in the Education Department say that the process to transfer the employees started immediately after Kashmir Divisional Commissioner Pandurag K Pole held his second meeting with the heads of various departments.

"We are looking at it on caseto-case basis. We are trying our best to give posting to couples in the same office or school. If that it is not possible, we are trying to post them closer to each other,"

Budgam districts.

Department said. "We have "This is a welcome step," said transferred the employees from a Pandit employee residing in far-off places, which are vulner-Sheikhpora transit accommodaable from security point of view, tion. "But how will the governto safer places. The aim is to ment guarantee us that we are lessen the commuting time and safe at these places. Rahul [Bhat] ji was also posted at a so-called Another official said that over safe place. The government must 50 teachers and other staffers shift us out of the Valley," he

have already been shifted. added In a recent meeting with the The Rural Development Department has also ordered leaders of the Peoples Alliance shifting of 20 employees to relafor Gupkar Alliance (PAGD). Lt tively secure places. In some of Governor Manoj Sinha had ruled the cases, the government has out transferring the employees shifted the employees from out of Valley. Sources in the government say while there is no south Kashmir to Srinagar and

such provision, it will also defeat the purpose and objective of the Prime Minister's package that is aimed at bringing the Kashmiri

Pandits back to Valley. On May 12, Bhat, a revenue clerk, was shot dead by militants inside his office at the tehsil office in Chadoora, Budgam. Bhat's killing triggered massive protests from the Kashmiri Hindus, locally known as Pandits. The killing of Bhat and subsequent tear smoke shelling on protesters caused massive outrage, forcing the government to order a probe by a Special Investigation

Team (SIT) led by the Deputy

Inspector General (DIG) of police Kashmir. for Central Kashmir.

Around 4.000 Kashmiri Hindus have taken jobs in the Valley under the Prime Minister's Relief and Rehabilitation Package. Most of these employees are appointed in Education, Revenue and the Rural Development departments.

Meanwhile, Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Monday visited residents of the Sheikhpora Colony in Budgam that houses employees working under the Prime Minister's Employment Package in

New Delhi





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this personally," Sinha told the community members.



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KERALA PFI leaders booked after minor raises hate slogans during rally

Congress, BJP and Kerala Catholic Bishops Council accuse Left government of going soft on extremist elements

SHAJU PHILIP THIRUVANANTHAPURAM, MAY 23

THE KERALA police on Monday registered a case over the highly provocative slogans raised by a minor boy during a rally of the Popular Front of India (PFI).

The Muslim outfit organised a rally at Alappuzha as part of its "Save the Republic" campaign on May 21.

A video of the rally, which has gone viral on social media, showed the boy, perched on the shoulders of an adult, shouting provocative slogans as others repeated in chorus.

On Monday after the video evoked protest from various quarters, pro-Popular Front of India social media groups splashed the photo of the boy, praising him.

Alappuzha police said the case was registered based on a complaint from advocate Vijayakumar of Bharatiya Abhibashaka Parishad.

The case was registered under various sections including Indian Penal Code 153-A (indulge in wanton vilification or attacks upon the religion).

The FIR has listed PFI district

Strong winds, don't venture into sea, fishermen told

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE RAJKOT, MAY 23

The Indian Meteorological Department (IMD) on Monday issued a warning of strong winds and rough sea along the coast from Kutch to Porbandar and advised fishermen not to venture into the sea till Tuesday.

In a bulletin issued on Monday, the IMD stated that due to a steep pressure gradient, strong surface winds are likely to blow along and off north Gujarat coast.

'Strong winds with speed reaching 40 to 50 kmph very likely to prevail from southwesterly to westerly direction along and off North Guiarat

leaders Vandanam Nawas, Mujeeb and others as the alleged accused. The boy is not among those booked.

While the ruling CPI(M) did not comment on the incident, the Congress, BJP and the Kerala Catholic Bishops Council (KCBC) accused the government of going soft on extremist elements to protect their vote bank. Congress legislator and

Opposition Leader V D Satheesan said "extremist elements" have got the courage to make such provocative slogans from the "political tactics" played by Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan. "He is appeasing majority fundamentalism as well as minority fundamentalism.

Kerala is now facing the fallout of that politics known as social engineering. Those who have worked behind the slogans raised by the boy, should be brought to book," Satheesan said. Taking to Twitter, Congress

leader Shashi Tharoor wrote: The video of this event & media reports have shocked Kerala.

Hate speech & intimidating slogans are deplorable irrespective of the politics behind them or the religion of those using them. Opposing communalism means

opposing the communalism of all sides. I unequivocally condemn the threatening and communally charged slogans... I urge the state government to take

strong action against such miscreants." BJP state president K Surendran said Vijayan Government has "let loose the extremists eyeing their votes" at Thrikkakara by-election.

by the boy. "Government reluctance to take suo motu action on the issue is disturbing. Such communal appeasement does not augur well for the security of the country and future of the state, he said. The Democratic Youth

Federation of India (DYFI), the youth wing of the Communist Party of India (Marxist), in a statement said that the slogans raised by the boy were part of PFI

agenda to communally divide Kerala. "It is disturbing and serious

that the mind of a minor boy has become a factory of hate campaigns against other religions. Kerala society should maintain vigil against such divisive forces," it said

KCBC spokesperson Fr Jacob

Palackappilly said the state is

shocked over the slogans raised

RULES RELAXED

'Kin of missing Central govt employee can avail pension'

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, MAY 23

FAMILY PENSION rules for missing central government employees have been relaxed to give pension to the family when a serving government employee goes missing, in what could be a major relief for kin of those serving in militancy-affected areas such as Jammu and Kashmir and the Northeast as well as Naxalism-hit regions, Union Minister litendra Singh said on Monday.

In all the cases where a government employee covered by the National Pension System (NPS) goes missing during service, the benefits of family pension will be immediately paid to the family and in case he reappears and resumes service, the amount paid as family pension during the

intervening time of his missing period can be accordingly deducted from his salary, as per a

latest order of the government. Earlier, the family pension would not be paid till the missing government employee was declared dead in accordance with the law or till seven years had passed since he went missing, a statement issued by the Personnel Ministry said.

"This is going to provide a huge relief, particularly in those regions where instances of government employees going missing are reported more frequently," Singh said, the Minister of State for Personnel, said.

He said cases of abduction of central government employees working in violence-prone areas have come to the fore and therefore to instil confidence and to protect them and their family in-

terests, the changes in the pension rules were brought about. The minister informed that if

a government servant covered by the CCS (Pension) Rules, 1972, goes missing, the benefits of arrears of salary, family pension, retirement gratuity, leave encashment, etc. are paid to the families of the missing employees in accordance with the instructions issued dated 25.06.2013.

He said the matter has been examined in consultation with Department of Personnel and Training, Department of Financial Services and Department of Expenditure and considering the hardship faced by the family of such government servants, it has been decided to extend the same benefits (as applicable to those under the CCS(Pension) rules) to the families of government servants covered by NPS.

The other provisions of the order states that in all cases where a government servant covered by NPS goes missing during service, the benefits of family pension may be paid to the family if the missing government servant had exercised option for benefits under CCS (Pension) Rules on death or discharge from service on disability/invalidation or the benefits under CCS (Pension) Rules is the default option under the Central Civil Services (Implementation

of National Pension System) Rules, 2021. The benefit of arrears of salary, retirement gratuity and leave encashment shall be paid to the family in all cases where a government employee covered under NPS goes missing during service, irrespective whether the employee had exercised option

for benefits under CCS (Pension) Rules or under the Pension Fund **Regulatory and Development** Authority (Exits and Withdrawals under National Pension System) Regulations, 2015, the statement said.

In the event of re-appearance of government servant, the NPS account would be re-activated and the same account under NPS will become operative, the statement said.

In case of government servant being declared dead at any time or after seven years, government contribution and returns thereon from the accumulated pension corpus under NPS would be transferred to the government account and remaining corpus comprising of employees' contribution and returns thereon would be paid to the nominee or legal heir, it said.

Nine years after they were booked, court clears two in IPL betting case versation between the applicants

SADAF MODAK MUMBAI, MAY 23

A SESSIONS court discharged two men booked in the 2013 IPL alleged betting racket case for lack of evidence. The two were booked on the suspicion that they were running the betting racket from a hotel on May 14-15, 2013.

Mumbai police had also claimed that they were involved in fixing the match along with the other accused, including international umpire Asad Rauf, with whom they were allegedly in touch with. Businessmen Sanjay Chhabra and Sandeep Chhabra's appeal against a lower court or-

der refusing to discharge them from the case was allowed by the sessions court on Thursday.

and umpire Asad Rauf, but no document before me to show what was the conversation between applicant and umpire Asad Rauf," additional sessions judge A C Daga said. In their criminal revision ap-

plication, the Chhabras submitted that while the police claimed they were operating a racket from a room of a Mumbai hotel on two days, they had proof that they were staying at another hotel in that period and were not running any betting racket. They also submitted that on May 15, betting was done on a team that lost the match and hence, the allegations of wrongful gain were baseless.



EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE AHMEDABAD, MAY 23

AN OWNER of two Nadiadbased technology firms has been arrested for allegedly duping over 20,000 investors across the state to the tune of over Rs 50 crore through a dubious "data entry investment" scheme.

According to police, the accused Rahul Vaghela, a Nadiad resident, was arrested by a team of Local Crime Branch (LCB) of Banaskantha Police from Dhanera border taluka Sundav night when he was allegedly trying to flee to Raiasthan.





were not intercepted as per the procedure laid down for such cases, and hence could not be used On an alleged conversation between Rauf and the two ac-

cused, the court said that no doc-

ument was submitted to show what the conversation was between them. It said a text conversation between Rauf and a co-accused nowhere showed that any

amount for betting was fixed. "On 12/05/2013, there is con-

Among the grounds for their discharge, the court observed that a few conversations between the accused on alleged match fixing



duping investors of Rs 50 cr: police

coast. Wind speed in gust may temporarily reach 60 kmph. Sea will be moderate to rough ... Fishermen are advised not to venture along and off north Gujarat coast from till May 24," advised the bulletin.

A BREATH OF FRESH AIR

Clouds over the Sabarmati river in Ahmedabad on Monday morning. Nirmal Harindran

IE Thinc to look at upskilling of women

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, MAY 23

BETWEEN 40 million and 160 million women globally may need to transition between occupations by 2030, often into higher-skilled roles and gear themselves up for the Fourth Industrial Revolution. The age of automation and artificial intelligence (AI) technologies offers new job opportunities and avenues for economic advancement but women will have it harder as they are already battling challenges of marginalisation in traditional disciplines. To weather this disruption, women have to be skilled, mobile and tech-savvy and will need target-

ted support to move forward. The second edition of the IE Thinc series on gender focusses on future-proofing the women workforce through its session, "Women, the Future of Work: Upskilling for a post-pandemic world.

Women's jobs may be more prone to partial automation than being entirely displaced by automation. By 2030, women could gain 20 per cent more jobs compared with present levels and the opportunities are likely to surface in new sectors: healthcare and social assistance, manufacturing, retail. scientific and technical services. Women are already well-represented in the fastgrowing healthcare sector, which could account for 25 per cent of potential jobs gained for them. Technology adoption should



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be seen as an enabler as it reduces the need to co-locate. If women take advantage of transition opportunities; they could maintain their current share of employment; if they cannot,

gender inequality in work could worsen. What are the opportunities that are in-built and what are the gaps that need to be addressed? This will be discussed by a distinguished panel comprising Abhishek Singh (President & CEO, National e-Governance Division, Digital India); Farzana Haque (TCS Leadership, Board Member & Philanthropist); Madhu Singh Sirohi (Head of Policy Programs and Outreach, India, Meta); Ritu

Development Corporation).

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Lookout circular against minister's son

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formed his family members about the case, and asked them to inform him of his whereabouts," a senior police officer said.

Police also served notice, unsaid the IO Sharmila Yadav.

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der Section 91/160 of CrPC to his family members. "You are directed to appear before the investigation officer by May 18 at 1 pm,"

Vaghela, the owner of Master Digital and Master Solution Technology Private Limited companies in Nadiad, has been accused of duping the investors by luring them to invest sums of money in the two companies in exchange of higher returns over a data entry job scheme in the past one year

Nadiad Police said preliminary investigation has revealed that Vaghela took small sums of money from over 22,000 investors to the tune of Rs 50 crore after which the accused fled with their money.

According to victims of the ponzi scheme, Vaghela's companies offered higher returns on investment in the guise of a data entry job.

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Engineering Department (PHED) Minister Mahesh Joshi's son, Rohit Joshi, who is absconding. 12 booked for raising pro-Pak

slogans in Hazaribagh Ranchi: Jharkhand Police have



Dewan (Vice-President, Indian Society of Labour Economics) and Ved Mani Tiwari (Chief **Operating Officer**, National Skill

booked 12 people allegedly for raising 'pro-Pakistan slogans' during a victory procession of a Panchayat Samiti member in Hazaribagh. Police said the incident occurred on May 19 when supporters of a Panchayat Samiti member raised the slogans, after

he won from Siladah panchayat. An FIR was registered after the video of the purported incident went viral on social media. Police said they are investigating the case and have sent the video for a forensic test to ascertain the authenticity. Although police have booked them under various IPC sections, they are yet to make any arrest. This is the second such incident in the last one month during the panchayat polls.

On April 20, 'pro-Pakistan' slogans were raised in Giridih district of Jharkhand once Shakir Hussain filed his nomination. A government employee, Wasim Akram, of Giridih was the complainant. Eight people were arrested. **ENS**

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PUNJAB **Jathedar: All Sikhs must have** licensed weapon, CM objects

Mann says temporal head should instead give message of peace, brotherhood

KAMALDEEP SINGH BRAR AMRITSAR, CHANDIGARH, MAY 23

AKAL TAKHT Jathedar Giani Harpreet Singh on Monday said every Sikh should possess a "licensed modern weapon" because "such circumstances are developing", sparking a sharp reaction from Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann who said the temporal head of the Sikh community should instead give a message of peace and brotherhood. Terming the Jathedar's remarks as "mischievous", Punjab Congress chief Amarinder Singh Raja Warring demanded he be removed from the post.

"The teachings of Guru Hargobind Singh Sahib are still relevant. There is a need, especially for Sikh boys and girls, to follow the orders of Guru Hargobind Singh. They should take training in 'gatka' (a traditional martial art), sword fighting and shooting. And every Sikh should also try to possess a licensed modern weapon because such are the times and

such circumstances have been developing," the Jathedar said

Guru Hargobind Singh - the sixth Guru who brought a trans-Sikhs to get armed and training them in martial arts - did not clarify what he meant by "such circumstances"

the first Sikh Guru to wage a war against the Mughals. His father and fifth Guru Arjan Dev was executed at Lahore by then Mughal rulers. In his message, Jatehdar said that Guru Hargobind Sahib had created the Akal Takht. "While he preached us to read Bani, he also told us to become armed, learn horse riding and fencing," said the Jathedar, asking all Sikhs to recite Gurbani

VARINDER BHATIA

CHANDIGARH, MAY 23

tion for the new Haryana Pradesh

Congress Committee (HPCC)

leadership team appointed late

last month. The Opposition party

also has to contend with AAP.

which on the back of winning the

Punjab state election, is looking

at the civic polls as a testing

ground ahead of the 2024 Lok

a weak organisational structure.

has decided to contest the mu-

nicipal corporation elections us-

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"We have decided that we shall

abha and state Assembly polls.

The Congress, hampered by

The Jathedar's remarks drew Jathedar a sharp reaction from Chief Giani Minister Mann who asked him Harpreet not to send out such a message. You should send across Singh Gurbani's message of 'sarbat da

bhala' (welfare of all) to every house instead of that of possessing weapons...we should give messages of peace, brotherhood

in a video message. The Jathedar, who made the remarks on Guru Gaddi Diwas of formation in Sikhism by asking

where the country is governed by the rule of law. Weapons don't Guru Hargobind Singh was have any place in a congenial and harmonious society," he said. It is the need of the hour to ensure Punjab's hard-earned peace is maintained, Mann said. Already inimical forces are trying to disturb peace in the state, he said, adding that weapons in

every household could further pose a serious challenge to the state's peaceful atmosphere. Punjab Congress chief Warring demanded Harpreet and stay away from drugs. Singh's removal as the Akal

Takht Jathedar over his remarks. "Statement by Jathedar Sahib about arming youth with modern licensed weapons without explaining facts is mischievous and dangerously threatening communal harmony. I strongly demand his removal from exalted position for the sake of peace of Puniab. as he (is the) mouthpiece of vested powers," he tweeted.

and modern development rather than of modern In a statement, the Congress leader said it is a matter of serious Later, in Chandigarh, Mann concern that the Jathedar, gave said weapons don't have any such a call on the 'Gurta Gaddi place in a congenial society. "We Diwas' of Guru Hargobind Singh. are living in a civilised society

Warring said since Harpreet Singh holds an important position in the Sikh community, whatever he says is taken seriously and so he must also tell the reason behind his message. "Since Jathedar Sahib has called on the youth of one community, everyone would like to know if he feels (that there is) any particular threat to the community that its youth need licensed modern weapons," he said.

He added that it is "a cause of grave concern" since this message has come from the temporal head of the Sikh community.

KAUN LEGA PRITHVIRAJ CHAUHAN?

UP BUDGET SESSION

Stormy start, SP protests Governor's speech

MAULSHREE SETH LUCKNOW, MAY 23

THE BUDGET session of the UP Assembly began on a stormy note on Monday with Samajwadi Party legislators entering the well of the House during Governor Anandiben Patel's address to the joint sitting of the Assembly and Legislative Council.

Carrying placards against the BJP government on issues of price rise, farmers, unemployment, law and order among others, the SP members shouted "Go back, Governor" slogan, and kept shouting and hooting even as Patel continued her speech for an hour and 15 minutes.

The BSP, Congress and RLD members were also protesting against the Governor's address separately. Later speaking to mediaper-

sons, Deputy Chief Minister Keshav Prasad Maurya condemned the protest by SP members calling it "indecent". "The SP has exposed its character. Its members neither showed respect to the Governor nor to a woman," Maurya said.

In her address, Governor Patel outlined the development initiatives of the past five years of the Yogi Adityanath government and said that in the next five years, the government "will be competing with itself for good governance". "Expressing faith in national-

SP legislators protest in the well of House during Governor Anandiben Patel's joint address on the first day of the Budget Session in Lucknow, on Monday. Vishal Srivastav

again," the Governor said.

Such an opportunity was given

to any government after 37 years,

which proves that the government

has fully met the expectations of

the people, she said. "Uttar

Pradesh will script a new story in

development in the next five

years... Work will now be done to

UP a leading state," she added.

ism, good governance, security the Budget would be for "the deand development, the prudent velopment of 25 crore people of the state, and for the betterment people of UP have given mv (Yogi Adityanath) government an opof every section of the society". portunity to serve the state Assuring members that

everyone would get the opportunity to put forward their views for the development of the state and benefit of poor, youth, farmers, and half the population, the chief minister said that members would be able to speak only when the Opposition parties would give them such an environment.

increase investment and Meanwhile, as Samajwadi strengthen infrastructure to make Party members protested during the Governor's speech, cracks in Earlier in the day, welcoming the main opposition party came the newly elected members, to the fore. Chief Minister Adityanath said

Senior SP leader Azam Khan,

who took the oath of MLA on Monday after he was released on bail last week, chose to skip the first day of the Assembly proceedings. His son and SP MLA from Suar, Abdullah Azam Khan, attended the joint sitting but did not take part in the protests.

He and Shivpal Yadav, the SP MLA from Jaswantnagar, were seen seated quietly unfazed by the commotion surrounding them as SP members, donning red caps, rushed to the well of the House to protest.

This created an uneasy situation in the Samajwadi Party benches as either some members were seen approaching the two leaders or they preferred to sit with them. However, soon they were interrupted by the new chief whip of the party Manoj Pandey, who asked them to join the protest and raise their placards. But Pandey did not ask both Abdullah and Shivpal.

Notably, Suheldev Bhartiya Samaj Party of Om Prakash Rajbhar also kept away from the protest during the Governor's address. Raibhar, who is an ally of the Samajwadi Party, did not join the SP members in the protest. On being asked about the

SP's protest, Rajbhar said, "I am not 'malik' (head) of all parties. I head my party only.'

When asked whether his party will be leaving the alliance with the SP, Rajbhar said, "This question does not arise.

In boost for Congress, eight ex-MLAs join party in Haryana

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE CHANDIGARH, MAY 23

THE CONGRESS in Haryana received a shot in the arm on Monday as eight former legislators, including a former minister, joined the party. The eight were welcomed into the party by Leader of Opposition Bhupinder Singh Hooda, Rajya Sabha MP Deepender Hooda and HPCC president Udai Bhan.

Those who joined the party include Sharda Rathore, who had quit Congress to join BJP in 2019, Ram Niwas Ghodela, Naresh Selwal, Parminder Singh Dhul, Jile Ram Sharma, Rakesh Kamboj, Rajkumar Valmiki and Subhash Chaudhary. With them, Loktanter Suraksha Party's Kishanlal Panchal also joined Congress.

not been announced yet) but is Welcoming them, Hooda still undecided on the municipal said, "It is clear that the public committee and council polls. sentiments are with the Congress. be contesting the corporation The party is getting a strong response from the public as it is the elections on the party symbol."

fray, first big test for Hooda and new-look state Cong

AAP in Haryana civic polls

test on party symbol or not." Former HPCC president Kumari Selja was among the state unit leaders pushing for the party WHILE THE municipal elections to use its symbol to contest the in Haryana scheduled for June 19 polls. But despite conducting a are being seen as a big test for the membership drive last month and BJP-Jannayak Janata Party (JJP), it announcing a schedule for organwill be an even bigger examinaisational polls, the party is weak.

weapons," the CM tweeted.

In the last municipal elections held between 2016 and 2018, the BJP was the only national party to contest a majority of seats using its symbol. Of the 185 seats it fought in seven Municipal Corporations - Faridabad, Gurugram, Hisar, Karnal, Panipat, Rohtak, and Yamunanagar - the saffron party bagged 104 while

80 candidates won as Independents, and the Indian National Lok Dal (INLD) won one.

BJP state president Om Prakash Dhankar said the party was prepared to repeat its performance. Dhankar said he had been travelling across districts, meeting people, and strengthening the party cadre on the ground. Taking a dig at the Congress.

HAMZAKHAN JAIPUR, MAY 23

IN THE latest edition of history repeating itself as politics, particularly just ahead of a film release, the Gurjars and Rajputs in Rajasthan have locked swords over an upcoming Akshay Kumar starrer called Prithviraj after the late royal.

Gurjars are demanding that Prithviraj Chauhan be depicted in the film as a Gurjar king, while Raiputs, who also lay claim to Prithviraj, want a title reflecting the same: 'Samrat Prithviraj'.

At a press conference in Jaipur on May 20, the Akhil Bharatiya Veer Gurjar Mahasabha shared as "evidence" for its claims, a Sanskrit text called

'Prithvirajavijaymahakavya'. Written in 1191-21 by Kashmiri poet Javanak, who worked in Prithvirai Chauhan's court, the text has umpteen references to Guriar caste in the context of the king. they said. They cited another epic, Prithviraj Raso by Chand



Members of the Akhil Bharatiya Veer Gurjar Mahasabha address a press conference in Jaipur. Express

Guriar Mahasabha representathe CBSE and Indian Council of Historical Research (ICHR) enquirquential replies".

mosity" between them. If Prithviraj Chauhan was not portrayed accurately, Bhargad said, they would indeed protest. "Just had sent a notice to the filmmak-

any controversy related to the community or films in Rajasthan.

Ajit Singh Mamdoli, the national convenor of the Shri Rashtriya Rajput Karni Sena, told The Indian Express that the fact that "Samrat Prithviraj Chauhan" was a Rajput king is well-established, including by history books. "But a new controversy is being created. Some political forces are bent on creating friction between Rajputs and Gurjars, and filmmakers like controversy since it may lead to more footfalls." Ironically, many critics accuse the Karni Sena, with the politically influential Rajput Sabha behind it, of being instru-

mental in exactly the same. The Karni Sena said they had issue at various levels in multiple approached the filmmakers when the shooting was underway to states, including "Delhi, Haryana urge them to "expand" the film's and Uttar Pradesh", and in Rajasthan with CM Ashok Gehlot. title. "Wherever you see a reference to Samrat Prithviraj, be it his placating both castes, he said statues or textbooks etc, it is Samrat Prithivrai Chauhan', But the filmmakers are not using either Samrat or Chauhan. So if they proceed without either, the Karni

community forcing the government to seek a CBI probe. The Karni Sena had first come to light for its protests against the

Singh, with the protests by the

2008 film Jodhaa Akbar. Eventually, the film was not released in the state (led by the BJP then), though Rajasthan did not ban it. In 2014, the group disrupted filmmaker Ekta Kapoor's session at the JLF over her TV serial Jodha Akbar

But its biggest success came in 2017, when the Karni Sena led the protests against the film Padmaavat from the front, over its depiction of the legendary Rajput princess, at one time even threatening to chop off the nose of Deepika Padukone, who was playing her. Karni Sena activists slapped its director Sanjay Leela Bhansali during the shooting.

The Gurjar Mahasabha seems to be trying to take a leaf from the Karni Sena's book for both easy eyeballs and to get the backing of the community.

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tives said they had filed RTIs with ing about the Rajput caste claim for Prithviraj, and got "inconse-

'we don't want to increase ani-Anuraag Gurjar, national president of the Gurjar Mahasabha, told The Indian Express that they

Now playing in Rajasthan, a caste triangle

only option for the future."

Udai Bhan said that leaders who joined Congress, represent different communities. This shows that all sections are with the Congress," Bhan added.

Leader of the Opposition Bhupinder Singh Hooda told The Indian Express. "As far as the Municipal Committees are concerned, we shall be making a decision soon on whether to con-

he added, "There is nothing like a challenge for us in the coming polls. Rather, Congress is suffering from its internal challenges. As far as the AAP is concerned, it has not yet got cadre at the ground level."

Bardai, written around 1400 in pingal script (a combination of Braj and Rajasthani), saying it referred to Prithviraj's father Someshvar as a Gurjar. Among other evidence, the

ers and called writer-director Chandraprakash Dwivedi, but received no response.

Manish Bhargad, state president of the Mahasabha said that since last year, they have raised the like the Karni Sena, we are in 22 states, from Jammu Kashmir to Kanvakumari."

Accusing the filmmakers of

The Rajput demand incidentally is coming from the Karni politics flare up over killing of Sena, which is never far away from gangsters, such as Anand Pal

New Delhi

Sena will oppose the movie." Last year, the Gurjars and Rajputs had both laid claim to another historical figure. King Mihir Bhoi. Rajasthan has also seen Rajput

leg ahead of the 2023 Assembly polls. While Rajasthan has had a Rajput CM in Bhairon Singh Shekhawat, who held the post thrice, Gurjars are yet to have a CM from their community in the state.

AMU cancels last day of fest: Admin blames overcrowding

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE LUCKNOW, MAY 22

EVEN AS the Aligarh Muslim University (AMU) Sunday announced that it would cancel the varsity's ongoing literary festival because "the overcrowding at the venue was leading to a law and order issue", the varsity's students alleged that the last day of the event was cancelled because of "pressure from the government.'

The literary festival kicked off on Friday and was being organised by AMU's Cultural Education Centre (CEC). However, it was cancelled on the last day.

Sabeeh Ahmad, a member of the University Debating and Literary Club, which was helping CEC organise the event, said the administration shut down the auditorium where Sunday's events were to be held without any prior notice. "We had made all preparations, and it was suddenly shut down. We were told that the event was cancelled," said Ahmad.

Meanwhile, there were many voices on the campus alleging that the event was shelved due to "pressure from government" and over the "topics of discussions" lined up for Sunday.

"Some of the guests invited for Sunday's programmes have been critical of the government in the past and the university administration was being pressured by the government, which is why the event was cancelled,' said a student.



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BE CLEAR ON COTTON

Government must resist demands for banning exports. Real problem that requires addressing is yields

FTER WHEAT, THERE is pressure building up for banning exports of raw cotton. The Narendra Modi government must resist any such demand emanating from domestic textile mills and the garment industry. There are at least three reasons why this is so. To start with, the output of one industry is often the input of another. In this case, cotton is spun by mills into yarn, which is further woven or knitted into fabric used for making garments. During the year ended March 31, 2002, India exported \$2.8 billion worth of raw cotton, \$5.5 billion of cotton yarn, \$8.2 billion of cotton fabrics and made-ups, and \$9 billion of cotton ready-made garments. Will spinning mills seeking a ban on cotton shipments agree to the same in respect of yarn? When exports are happening at every stage of the value chain, how can there be pick and choose on which one to disallow or promote?

Secondly, while it is true that cotton prices have risen by around 50 per cent since the start of 2022, this cannot be blamed just on exports — which are actually expected to halve in the current marketing season (October-September) compared to 2020-21. Domestic prices increasing to international parity levels should, by itself, slow down exports in the natural course. The Modi government did the right thing last month by scrapping the import duty on cotton. It should, in fact, remove the 10 per cent duty on yarn imports as well. The correct approach to tackling inflation, whether in wheat, cotton or yarn, is by allowing duty-free imports without putting fetters on exports. The third reason has to do with timing. Sowing of cotton has already started in Punjab, Haryana and Rajasthan. Plantings in Gujarat, Maharashtra, Telangana and other states will also take off with the arrival of the southwest monsoon rains. High prices would definitely incentivise farmers to expand acreage this time; banning exports will send the opposite signals to the ultimate detriment of the textile industry.

The real problem in cotton that needs addressing is yields. The introduction of Bt cotton in the early 2000s led to India's production going up about 2.5 times to 398 lakh bales by 2013-14. Since then, it has been on a falling trajectory, with the latest output estimate for 2021-22 at below 325 lakh bales. The plants incorporating Bt genes have over time developed susceptibility to pink bollworm and whitefly insect pests, reducing yields and also farmer enthusiasm for growing cotton. The Modi government's succumbing to uninformed lobby pressures against genetic engineering technologies has not helped matters. A clearheaded approach is required for this crop, which is a source of not just fibre (lint), but also food (cotton-seed oil) and feed (oil-cake).

BRING FULL CLOSURE

SC panel's report sets stage for trial of accused Hyderabad policemen. Case must not fall through system's cracks

HE JUSTICE VS Sirpurkar commission report has indicted 10 Hyderabad policemen for firing without provocation on four men accused of gang-raping and murdering a young veterinarian in November 2019. This is yet another instance of the flagging of outright abuse of due process by those whose responsibility it is to uphold it. The Supreme Court-appointed panel's 387-page report's criticism of the police version of events that led to the killing of the four suspects when they were taken to the crime scene in the early hours of December 6, 2019, makes for sobering reading. It has concluded that there are sufficient grounds to believe "that the accused were deliberately fired upon with the intent to cause their death" and asked that the police personnel be tried for "murder, causing disappearance of evidence, and providing false information".

In 1997, the National Human Rights Commission prescribed a set of procedures to be followed by the police "in cases where death is caused in encounters by them". However, by all accounts, these SOPs are rarely implemented despite the judiciary's prodding on more than one occasion. In 2014, while issuing another set of guidelines to investigate extra-judicial killings, the SC pointed out that such killings "affect the credibility of the rule of law and the administration of the criminal justice system". The apex court's intervention seems to have done little to change the trigger-happy ways of certain sections of the police. According to a report in this newspaper, last year, the Uttar Pradesh police allegedly killed more than 140 people in 8,472 encounters between 2017 and 2021. The problem is also that despite a number of probe panels incriminating policemen for extra-judicial deaths, cases fall through the cracks of the legal system or because of want of evidence. This anomaly was highlighted in a recent verdict of the Raipur Sessions Court. A 2015 report by the Justice Anita Jha Commission constituted by the Chhattisgarh government had incriminated two policemen for killing a minor tribal girl four years earlier. But these security men were acquitted by the Raipur court on April 5, despite Sessions Judge Shobhna Koshta observing that "there was ample suspicion of the commission of the offence by the accused". "The court could not convict the accused solely on the account of improper investigation resulting in deficiency of evidence," she said.



ASHUTOSH VARSHNEY

CANTHE WRONGS of history be righted by exacting revenge today? The raging controversy over the Gyanvapi mosque points to the unmistakable urgency of answering this question.

The Gyanvapi mosque is undoubtedly a legacy of the Mughal emperor Aurangzeb (1618-1707). Aurangzeb's destruction of Hindu temples is also beyond doubt. But Aurangzeb's depredations were not limited to the Hindus alone. He targeted Sikh gurus, destroyed mosques built by adversaries, killed his brother Dara Shikoh and incarcerated his father Shah Jahan. Even Jawaharlal Nehru, normally accused of Muslim appeasement by Hindu nationalists, found him entirely unpalatable. Aurangzeb "sets the clock back", wrote Nehru in The Discovery of India, commenting on how a common Hindu-Muslim nationality was under construction since Akbar's reign (1556-1605), only to be violently interrupted by Aurangzeb's abominations. Aurangzeb is a troubling figure for Indian Muslims, too. After all, how many Muslim kids are named Aurangzeb, as opposed to Akbar, Jehangir or Humayun? Growing up in UP, the historic Mughal heartland, I came across none, and only one since then.

Be that as it may, should Aurangzeb's 17th century misdeeds be avenged by inflicting harm on India's Muslims today, even if a sizeable section of public opinion has become noticeably anti-Muslim? We can't answer this question until we turn to the constitutive principles of modern democracy.

Two of the key foundations of modern democracy are popular will and the constitutional settlement. The attempt to reclaim the mosque for Hindu religious purposes belongs to the former realm. But the attempted reclamation flatly contradicts the Constitution.

This duality has notable institutional dimensions, too. In a democracy, popular will is expressed in elections. And in the parliamentary system that India has adopted, the electoral verdict then gets embodied in legislatures. Unlike presidential systems, where popular will is reflected in two institutions at the political summit — the presidency and the legislature, both of which are elected — legislatures become the sole carriers of popular will in parliamentary systems. Further, in presidential systems, the two elected wings of government, the executive and the legislature, can be under different parties, often generating contestation, as is common in the US. But in a parlia(1998-2004), Hindu nationalism proceeded constitutionally carefully. But of late, it has been flagrantly violating Ambedkar (who incidentally was passionately criticised by Hindu nationalists in the 1950s). Unlike then, India's elections are now increasingly legitimating Hindu nationalism. And driven by such electoral fervor, India's Parliament has enacted majoritarian laws such as the abrogation of Article 370 and the Citizenship Amendment Act (CAA); multiple statelevel laws and/or executive decrees are banning beefeating and inter-faith marriage, and altering historical Muslim names of towns and roads.

mentary system, a regular executive-legislative clash is rare. It is the legislative majority that produces the executive.

Is there, then, any check on the power of legislatures — and by extension, popular will — in a parliamentary system? It is the Constitution which supplies the underlying constraints. Being the supreme law of the land, the Constitution provides the framework within which politics must function, legislatures must enact laws, and executives must make decisions. In effect, the Constitution lays out what politics cannot do, what laws legislatures cannot pass, and what decrees the executive cannot issue.

If legislatures are the institutional embodiment of popular will, the courts play the same role for safeguarding the Constitution. Parliaments do not protect the Constitution; courts do. That is why judicial interpretation critically matters. If judges increasingly begin to agree with the legislature, executive or popular mood, even when serious constitutional matters are at stake, courts abandon their role as constitutional protectors.

India's Constitution, whose authorial anchor was BR Ambedkar, firmly established the principle of religious equality. And it went further in protecting minority rights. Since Jinnah's claim was that India's Muslim minority would be unable to defend its interests in a Hindu-majority independent India, Ambedkar's reply was two-fold. First, he said that the so-called Hindu majority exists only in theory; the Hindus are internally divided by caste. Second, even if somehow the Hindus overcame caste divisions and became united, universal-franchise elections were not the only feature of democracy. Constitutions guide and constrain democratic governance. Therefore, he successfully argued that the religious, cultural and educational rights of minorities would be especially protected by the Constitution. In short, if elections, giving way to majoritarian passions, can't protect the minorities, the courts, following the Constitution, will.

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If it is serious about its Constitution-protecting role, the judiciary should check the Hindu nationalist popular frenzy. But it does not even schedule hearings of any fundamental challenges to Hindu nationalist policies or legislation: For example, Article 370 and the CAA. It even approved conversion of a contested site in Ayodhya into a Hindu temple. It has now admitted petitions on the Gyanvapi mosque, and it is not clear which way it will go. The Places of Worship Act, 1991, made in accordance with the Constitution, clearly says that the status of a religious place cannot be altered beyond what it was at Independence. Judicial interpretation must follow the law, not faith. But the courts can always ingeniously construct arguments that show why the 1991 law was neither usable for Ayodhya, nor might be applicable now.

If religious equality and minority protections, two of the fundamental principles of the Indian Constitution, are made prisoners of electoral passions, India will not cease to exist, but its 1950 republic will end. Hindu nationalists, then, will go on challenging many more disputed sites as long as they have the electoral power. We can expect a relentlessly violent India, whose majoritarian horrors are bound to be internationally noted.

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THE OVERSIGHT IMPERATIVE

Law, not faith

Attempt to reclaim Gyanvapi mosque for Hindu religious purposes flatly contradicts the Constitution

The apex court has transferred the Hyderabad encounter case to the Telangana High Court. It's incumbent on all parties to ensure that due processes are followed rigorously. The gruesome crime committed against the Hyderabad veterinarian requires a proper legal closure, not brutish illegality.

AN INTEGRAL MUSIC

Harmonium has been part of the subcontinent's music traditions. Calls to phase it out from Gurmat Sangeet ignore a rich history

HEN AKAL TAKHT Jathedar Giani Harpreet Singh recently asked the Shiromani Gurdwara Prabandhak Committee to use the next three years to phase out the harmonium, currently integral to Gurmat Sangeet, it was a reminder of India's variegated tryst with the reed instrument. Singh's grouse is about the "British-ness" of the instrument and he is being supported by scholars who think that it was "imposed" by the English.

The harmonium is actually of French provenance. But before Alexandre Debain patented it in Paris in 1840, a prototype was designed by German doctor, physicist and engineer Christian Gottlieb Kratzenstein. Debain's instrument travelled all over Europe and later to India because it was cheaper than others and quite heat resistant. So, it's safe to say that the harmonium came to India from the West but the British can be credited only with introducing it in India. The hand-pumped version that one sees today was created by Kolkata-based musician, Dwarkanath Ghose, in 1875. It was smaller, portable, and economical. The peti, as it was called then, went everywhere — silent films had the *petiwala* sit in the pit in front and play, and later it became an integral part of the golden era of Indian music. It made its way to temples bhajans and qawwalis in the Subcontinent, and even in the elite system of Hindustani classical music, which found that using it made the initial vocal training much easier for children. There was a time, especially in the northern and eastern parts of the country, when young brides were given the harmonium by parents as a wedding gift.

In Gurbani, where the Guru's baani through shabad and kirtan is the only truth to be imbibed, the instrument has been a beautiful addition. The harmonium is Indian. How can one forget the day when it sat next to melody queen Lata Mangeshkar as she sang "Aye mere watan ke logon", while a nation and its then prime minister wept?



PRABHASH RANJAN

INDIA IS negotiating and signing several free trade agreements (FTAs) with countries like Australia, the UK, Israel, and the EU. While the economic benefits of these FTAs have been studied, there is very little discussion on the lack of parliamentary scrutiny of these treaties. This gives rise to arguments of democratic deficit in India's treaty-making process. Given the wide-ranging impact of trade and other economic treaties, the question is: Shouldn't Parliament exercise some control over the executive's power to sign international treaties?

In the Constitution, entry 14 of the Union list contains the following item - "entering into treaties and agreements with foreign countries and implementing of treaties, agreements and conventions with foreign countries". According to Article 246, Parliament has the legislative competence on all matters given in the Union list. Thus, Parliament has the power to legislate on treaties. This power includes deciding how India will ratify treaties and thus assume international law obligations. This power includes Parliament's competence to give effect to treaties within the domestic legal regime by enacting laws. Article 253 elucidates that the power of Parliament to implement treaties by enacting domestic laws also extends to topics that are part of the state list.

While Parliament in the last seven decades has passed many laws to implement interna-

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tional legal obligations imposed by different treaties, it is yet to enact a law laying down the processes that India needs to follow before assuming international treaty obligations. Given this legislative void, and under Article 73(the powers of the Union executive are co-terminus with Parliament), the Centre has been not just negotiating and signing but also ratifying international treaties and assuming international law obligations without much parliamentary oversight.

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Concerns over the lack of parliamentary oversight were flagged by the National Commission to Review the Working of the Constitution, set up by the Vajpayee government more than two decades ago. But India's treaty-making practice hasn't changed. This practice is at variance with that of several other

liberal democracies. In the US, important treaties signed by the President have to be approved by the Senate. In Australia, the executive is required to table a "national interest analysis" of the treaty it wishes to sign in parliament, and then this is examined by a joint standing committee on treaties – a body composed of Australian parliamentarians. In this way, the Australian parliament supervises the treaty-making process and acts as a check on the executive's power. In Canada, too, the executive tables the treaties in parliament.

Indian democracy needs to inculcate these healthy practices. Effective parliamentary supervision will increase the domestic acceptance and legitimacy of international treaties, especially economic agreements, which are often critiqued for imposing undue restraints on India's economic sovereignty. Cynics might argue that in these times, when Parliament has been reduced to a rubber stamp for the government's legislative agenda, the quest to augment Parliament's role in the treaty-making process is like flogging a dead horse. But an effective counter to majoritarianism is to relentlessly strive for strengthening the democratic process, not accepting its weakness as a fait accompli.

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MAY 24, 1982, FORTY YEARS AGO

BHAJAN LAL IS CM

IN ATWO hour drama on May 23, Bhajan Lal was sworn in as the Chief Minister by the Haryana Governor, BD Tapase, for being the leader of the "largest single party" in the assembly. The swearing-in rendered infructuous the governor's advice to the Lok Dal leader to parade his supporters at Raj Bhavan. Unaware, Devi Lal sat with his supporters at Kalka where they were being guarded against "political piracy of the Chief Minister" by a posse of nihangs. The governor has given the new chief minister a one month time period to prove his majority on the floor of the House. Bhajan Lal told reporters that the Haryana Assembly will be called to session before June 30. Lok Dal

members stormed the governor's office to protest against the decision.

INDO-BANGLA PACT

INDIA AND BANGLADESH have agreed to set up a joint economic commission to develop economic and technical cooperation between themselves and to intensify efforts to expeditiously find a mutually acceptable solution to the problem of sharing the waters of the Ganga at Farrakka and augmenting its flows. A joint statement was issued at the end of the press conference at Dacca addressed by External Affairs Minister P V Narasimha Rao at the end of the formal twoday negotiations. Rao said the summit cov-

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ered a whole gamut of issues, including the sharing of Ganga waters.

BOAT TRAGEDY

TWENTY-SEVEN WOMEN DIED when a boat carrying 80 passengers capsized in the Godavari river near Peravaram village in East Godavari district in Andhra Pradesh. Ten women have been rescued so far and efforts are being made to trace the remaining persons, according to a message reaching police headquarters in Hyderabad. According to sources, the country boat was carrying agriculture labourers from Peravaram. The boat left the village at around 8 am on Sunday and after 45 minutes, capsized.





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THE IDEAS PAGE

India & Quad's technopolitik

The US is eager to strengthen India's technological capabilities for defence and security. Delhi needs to move quickly to create internal environment for such partnerships with Quad members



PRESIDENT JOE BIDEN'S decision to begin his first visit to Asia at a semiconductor facility in South Korea underlines the role of critical technologies in his Indo-Pacific strategy. Calling his visit to the Samsung plant an "auspicious start", Biden noted that the chips produced at the plant "are the key to propelling us into the next era of humanity's technological development - artificial intelligence, quantum technologies, 5G, and so very much more".

Referring to the impact of Covid-19 and the Russian invasion of Ukraine on the global economy, Biden emphasised the importance of reorienting technology supply chains away from countries that don't share common values. The way forward, according to Biden, is to procure "more of what we need from our allies and partners and bolster our supply chain resilience"

For Prime Minister Narendra Modi – who is participating in today's summit of the Quadrilateral Forum that brings together Delhi, Canberra, Tokyo, and Washington – this is a major opportunity to enhance India's national technological capabilities that can be the source of robust security and economic policies.

But is Delhi ready to go beyond its cautious and incremental approach to the Quad? Can it turn the Quad into an instrument to realise India's significant potential as a technological power? Can India join its Quad partners in drawing up new rules to govern critical technologies that are rapidly transforming the global economic order and international security politics?

Reports from Tokyo say India will combine its space and maritime resources with those of the Quad partners to counter the growing problem of illegal and unregulated fishing in their vast exclusive economic zones. The possibilities for pooling India's technological resources with its Quad partners to promote peace and prosperity across the Indo-Pacific are immense.

The question of peace today is not limited to Europe amid the war in Ukraine. The impact of the Ukraine war on the Asian economy and security is coming into sharp view in this week's high-powered diplomacy in Asia. Although Biden is unlikely to mention Beijing by name, there is no question that China's muscular assertiveness is the driving force behind the Administration's Indo-Pacific strategy.

One of the main objectives of Biden's visit is to demonstrate that the US can simultaneously handle the Russian aggression in Europe

and the Chinese challenge in Asia. While the Russian invasion of Ukraine is an



integrity, peaceful resolution of disputes, and no violent change in national borders. For the first time since the Second World War, the Ukraine war has reversed the positions of the West and China on the question of territorial sovereignty so deeply valued by the Asian nations. It is the US and the West that are defending the sovereignty of states in Europe and Asia, while Russia and China are grabbing the territory of other states by force. As Japanese Prime Minister Fumio Kishida affirmed, Russia's Ukraine invasion "shakes the very foundation of the international order" and that such "unilateral attempts to alter the status quo cannot be tolerated anywhere in the world."

India might not say this directly about Russia's invasion, but it has underlined the principles of territorial sovereignty and peaceful resolution of disputes in its response to the war in Ukraine. After all, India faces enduring threats to its territorial integrity from China.

Fear of Ukraine-like military aggression by China against Taiwan and in the disputed islands of the Western Pacific has pushed Japan and South Korea to take bolder steps in building national defence capabilities, strengthening the alliance with the US, and taking a larger regional role. Greater technological collaboration between the US and its northeast Asian allies is emerging as a major pillar of Indo-Pacific security. The US is also eager to strengthen India's technological capabilities for defence and security. Techno-military cooperation figured prominently in the 2+2 dialogue of defence and foreign ministers last month in Washington and is expected to be an important part of the conversation between Biden and Modi.

These developments follow the pattern set by the AUKUS alliance, under which London

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IPEF opens the door for economic reengagement with Asia. IPEF offers a very different setting than the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP) that binds 15 Asian nations in a trade liberalisation agreement. India had walked out of the RCEP, just before it was finalised in November 2019, citing the economic threat from China as the main reason. While India might have reservations, Delhi has been right in deciding to join the consultations on IPEF.

If the IPEF is about recasting the technoeconomic relations of Asia and the AUKUS is a techno-military alliance, the Quad has become the vehicle to shape the techno-politics of the Indo-Pacific. The Tokyo summit will review the range of decisions taken at last year's Washington conclave on advancing technological collaboration in a wide range of areas. These include vaccine production, clean energy, biotechnology, cybersecurity, and outer space to name a few. While the ambition is impressive, the Quad needs to demonstrate effective implementation and tangible benefits to the Indo-Pacific states.

In the end, the Quad's technopolitik is about boosting the national capabilities of its members. In his remarks at the South Korean semiconductor plant, Biden pointed out that Samsung is only one of the three companies in the world making advanced chips. He thanked Samsung for deciding to invest \$17 billion to build a similar semiconductor plant in Texas. Biden also underlined his Administration's

efforts to revitalise the US semiconductor industry that once dominated the world. He also pointed to the plans to significantly raise research and development funding in the US. The idea is to facilitate technological innovation at home and build resilient supply chains with trusted partners to cope with multiple domestic and global challenges at hand. This is an even more urgent strategic imperative for India's security and economic policies. Delhi needs to move quickly and boldly to create the right internal environment for technological leapfrogging and seize the emerging external opportunities for deeper technological partnerships with the US and the Quad.

WHAT THE OTHERS SAY

"Blaming the nebulous 'foreign hand' for creating trouble within our borders is an age-old method used by the security agencies to shift the responsibility, often for their own lapses, elsewhere." - DAWN, PAKISTAN

Idea of India, before and beyond

Its roots precede 1947, and celebrate diversity, dissent and democracy



SANTISHREE Dhulipudi Pandit

REDUCING INDIA TO a civic nation bound only by the Constitution disregards its history, ancient heritage, culture and civilisation. I would describe India as a "civilisation state". There have been writings since time immemorial, where you have this concept. It predates the freedom struggle and the arrival of those who eventually made India their homeland. There is a challenge of distorted history. E H Carr's dictum, "Facts are sacred, interpretations vary", has unfortunately been overturned in independent India: "Interpretations are sacred, facts can vary". This is dangerous. Indian civilisation preached "ekam sat vipra bahudha vadanti", the truth may be one but there are different parts to it. This is the basic essence of the celebration of diversity, dissent, difference, as well as democracy.

Why are we today trying to re-emphasise this point? It's because we are made to imagine our history with self-loathing and self-hatred. There is a huge bias, agenda-setting as well as gatekeeping. And it is extremely important that we revisit these ideas and look into the gaps.

The idea of India is not a post-independence idea. The Rig Veda defined the geographical existence of Bharatavarsha as well as the Sapta Sindhu, a land encompassing seven principal rivers. The Vishnu Purana described the geographical location of Bharatavarsha. Composed in the 2nd century BC, it says that the land that lies to the north of the ocean and south of the snowy mountains is called Bharat. The word "rashtra" was used in the Rig Veda, Yajur Veda and the Atharva Veda. Rashtra is not only a merely geopolitical concept, it is also a civilisational concept, and "rashtra bhakti" is the subconscious feeling of being an Indian or a person belonging to this great civilisation.

I would like to talk about some of the thinkers who, I think, are less discussed. Bal Gangadhar Tilak was the first to say, "Swaraj is my birthright, and I shall have it". To inject the spirit of nationalism and awareness among the people, he started the Ganesh festival and Shivaji Mahotsav. Another person I'd like to talk about is Gopal Krishna Gokhale, who said politics should be a service and not a profession. Young scholars must use these narratives which are available in the writings of many of the Indian freedom fighters. Unfortunately, we have forgotten all these great nationalists. There was also Subramania Bharati, known as Mahakavi Bharati to Tamil speakers for his outstanding contributions to nationalism and to Tamil literature. In his writings, he talked about the intangible cultural heritage of India and the unity of this culture. He thought that all languages and literatures of India have a single origin. Bharati was ahead of his time. He also spoke about

women's liberation. Many people believe that feminism or women's rights movements began only with Marx and ended there. The first feminists are Draupadi and Sita. Who could be a greater feminist than Draupadi, or Sita, who is the first single mother? These concepts were not invented by the West. I'd also like to mention Subramaniya Siva, and two Telugu writers called Duggirala Gopalakrishnayya, who said the nation is not its sand and mud but its people, and Kandukuri Veeresalingam, who was like Ishwar Chandra Vidyasagar, a great reformer from the south.

The great writer, Ananda K Coomaraswamy said the highlight of Indian civilisation is the dance of Lord Shiva. The images of Lord Shiva in his Nataraja avatar vary amongst themselves in minor details, but all express one fundamental conception: our Lord is the dancer who, like the heat latent in firewood, diffuses his power into the mind and matter and makes them dance. Cosmic activity is the central motif of the dance. Creation arises from the drum, protection proceeds from the hand of hope, destruction comes from fire and the foot held afloat gives release. You see this argument about Lord Shiva's dance as the highlight of the Indian civilisational trait in the Cholas, who occupied the Indo Pacific regions called the Srivijaya and Suvarnabhumi. The image of Lord Shiva was their ruling symbol.

When you're a civilisational state, it is expected that we build narratives which can become norms in international relations, in all aspects of life. The Cholas did not conquer by genocide, rape or loot, but by culture, trade and commerce. If you look for an alternative paradigm, you have this. When we talk of cultural nationalism, it should help us to define certain very important identifying characteristics that India needs in order to be a norm builder, a shared value system which includes the acceptance of international norms.

India's contribution to multiculturalism and cultural pluralism is extraordinarily important. And it is here that we also have the world-centric paradigm of Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam against the state-centric paradigm. And we also believe in a nature-centric paradigm, not an anthropocentric paradigm. We believe that human beings are a part of the cosmos, where every other living and non-living thing has equal space, and a function that has been created for them. Lord Gautama, the Buddha, was the first dissenter and we celebrate dissent.

At one point, 2,000 years ago, Tamil was the lingua franca of traders across Southeast Asia. These were not Indian colonies, but proto-states that took on the Hindu apparatus of religion, and concepts of kingship to enhance their position and status. While communities of Indian traders settled in important ports along Southeast Asia, they never crossed the line into becoming colonisers. This is our civilisation, we never colonised anybody: Indian civilisation is something that celebrates development, democracy, diversity, difference, and dissent.

urgent priority, the Biden Administration is insisting that China remains the more demanding and longer-term challenge for the US. In a counter-intuitive turn, the Ukraine crisis has improved US prospects in the Indo-Pacific. Xi Jinping's all-out support for Vladimir Putin has not panned out well and has helped Washington rustle up support for its Indo-Pacific initiatives.

If many in the Indo-Pacific scoffed at the idea of a "rules-based order", the Russian invasion of Ukraine has highlighted the first principles of such an order - respect for territorial

and Washington plan to help Australia build nuclear-powered submarines and acquire other advanced military technologies.

The question of technology is also at the core of the new Indo Pacific Economic Framework launched in Tokyo on Monday. The IPEF visualises cooperation across the region on fair trade, digital commerce, resilient supply chains, and clean energy among other issues. Progress on many of these fronts depends on technological collaboration between like-minded partners. For India, which is not part of any region-wide trade agreement, the

strengthen India's technological capabilities for defence and security. Techno-military cooperation figured prominently in the 2+2 dialogue of defence and foreign ministers last month in Washington and is expected to be an important part of the conversation between Biden and Modi.

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No case for exception

Marital rape provision must go, it violates right to equality in marriage, family

Iayna Kothari

THE SPLIT VERDICT of the Delhi High Court in the challenge to the marital rape exception has brought to light deeply divided notions of equality within marriage. This question will now have to be addressed by the Supreme Court but this judgment reveals how hard it is to abolish the idea of women's subordinate status within marriage. While our courts have upheld gender equality at the workplace, affirmed transgender rights and protected against sexual-orientation discrimination, when it comes to equality within marriage and the family, the status quo remains.

Out of the two opinions, the judgment by Justice Shakdher clearly holds that the marital rape exception in Section 375 of the IPC is violative of women's fundamental rights under Articles 14, 15, 19(1)(a) and 21 and that it should be removed.

The judgment by Justice Hari Shankar held that the marital rape exception in Section 375 does not violate the right to equality of married women and this is the opinion that I am going to discuss. The Court holds that: "She has, nonetheless, by her decision to marry the man, given, to him, the right to expect meaningful conjugal relations with her. If the wife refuses, and the husband, nonetheless, has sex with her, howsoever one may disapprove (of) the act, it cannot be equated with the act of ravishing by a stranger... Disagreements, in married life, are but natural and on occasion, may even lend strength to the marital bond. These disagreements could also extend to the

bedroom. A husband may, on occasion, compel his wife to have sex with him, though she may not be inclined." Thus, the refusal of a woman to have sex with her husband is seen as a mere disagreement in the bedroom which need not be taken seriously.

The dominant manner in which our courts have been framing theories of equality and equal protection of the laws under the Constitution has been inadequate, and this has muted the force of the constitutional challenges to the marital rape exception. As argued by Robin West in her 1990 article on marital rape exceptions in the US, formal equality theories have skewed and limited our understanding of how we should make the promise of equal protection of the laws a reality.

Article 14 of the Constitution states that the State shall not deny to any person equality before the law or the equal protection of the laws within the territory of India. A test of Article 14 has been that any classification in legislation must be based on some "intelligible differentia", which must have a rational nexus with the object sought to be achieved by the legislation. This test of "intelligible differentia" is based on the formal theory of equality that likes must be treated alike and unequals should not be treated similarly. By relving on this test. Justice Shankar held that the distinction between married and unmarried women was a reasonable classification and hence, the exception to treat married women differently within rape law was valid

as the aim of the legislation was the protection of the institution of marriage.

Relying on such a test takes no account of the unequal impact of this legislation on married women. It is for this reason that the formal theory of equality has been rejected and courts have evolved a framework of substantive equality. Where a distinction is created for any class of persons, it would amount to discrimination if it perpetuates prejudice or stereotyping, which leads to disadvantages. By making an exception to sexual assault within marriage, the role of women within marriage is based on stereotypes that subordinate women into specific sex roles at home, thereby denying them any individual freedom or dignity. In the Joseph Shine case, which was a challenge to the criminal offence of adultery, the Supreme Court held that Section 497 was a provision steeped in stereotypes about women and their subordinate role in marriage. A reliance on substantive equality would, therefore, require us to ask whether making an exception for such a separate class of women who are married furthers the subordination of women vis-à-vis men. Asking such a question would reveal that the marital rape exception would amount to discrimination and a violation of the right to equality.

One of the grounds for justifying the exception by the court was that marriage is an institution which "reflects complete emotional and psychological unity between the man and the woman". The reality is far from

this. The National Family Health Survey-5 states that 29.3 per cent married women experience spousal physical and sexual violence. This shows that a third of the marriages in our country are structures of violence for women. Further, a claim that non-consensual sexual intercourse by a husband would cause less anguish to women than by total strangers is a myth. Almost 90 per cent of cases of sexual assault faced by women are by known persons and the impact of known persons committing sexual violence is far more than a crime committed by a stranger.

Finally, does the exception give married women "equal protection of the laws", which the right to equality promises? Does not the "equal protection of the law" under Article 14 minimally guarantee equal protection to women under the Indian Penal Code against sexual assault, regardless of their marital status? By denying such equal protection, solely on the ground of gender and marital status, women are not recognised as rights-bearing persons within the marriage who ave equal protection of laws against violent sexual assault.

The object of the State in enacting Section 375 is not to protect marriages, but to protect all women against violent sexual assault. This constitutional fight must lead to the abolishment of all remnants of the marital exemption if we want full equality for women.

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DANGEROUS PATH THIS REFERS TO the editorial, 'Balance and check'(IE, May 23). The way the Gyanvapi-Kashi Vishwanath case progresses will have a bearing on the secular future of India, which seems to be under increasing pressure of late. Securing the shivling site while allowing namaz to continue is the best the apex court could have done in the present circumstances, but the moot question remains: Where do we go from here? Will the political fundamentalists rest in peace till the upheavals start? In cases like this, going by facts alone is fraught with dangerous consequences. The focus should be to arrive at a harmonious conclusion, which must unequivocally state that "digging into the past" and "correcting historical mistakes" is like opening a can of worms. Should we take one step forward and two steps back? It

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

is for the honourable judges to decide. Vijai Pant, Tempur

NO REVENGE

New Delhi

THIS REFERS TO the article, 'A civilisational question at Gyanvapi' (IE, May 23). The question that needs to be asked is: Where should we stop in reclaiming mosque sites for rebuilding temples? And, should the same logic should apply to other religious sites allegedly destroyed for building temples Correcting the past is a perilous path and can easily shatter unity and peace. The way forward should be based on harmony and concord, not on retribution and punishment. This is what our civilisation

teaches us. Hemant Contractor. Pune

TIMELY CUT

THIS REFERS TO the editorial, 'Welcome relief (IE, May 23). One has to infer that two reasons could have prompted the government to make its sudden announcement of duty cuts on petroleum products. They are: The common man's resentment over galloping prices of essential commodities and state assembly elections. However, the reduction in taxes cannot be called significant as piecemeal increases have already been made. It is for the Centre to ensure that the benefits are delivered to consumers.

SSPaul, Nadia

THIS REFERS TO the editorial, 'Welcome relief' (IE, May 23). High fuel taxes have worsened the economic pain brought on by domestic and global factors. Just the central excise revenue from petrol and diesel has more than doubled over the last four years. States have tended to tax even more. The net result is filling up the tank has become nightmarish. Businesses and consumers have something to lift their spirits with cut in central excise duty. With the Centre suggesting that state governments match the its price cut, the lowering of fuel prices by even few rupees would be a significant boost for the public. Kerala has responded by reducing state taxes on fuels. Other states should do the same.

Sanjay Chopra, Mohali

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PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF ACCUSED PERSON

(SECTION 82 Cr.Pc.)

Whereas complaint has been made before me that the accused Anil, S/o Kamal Singh, R/o 130/67, Patel Chest Dhakka Gaon, Mukherji Nagar, Delhi has committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence in case FIR No. 29/19 u/s 135 Electricity Act registered at PS Kashmere Gate, Delhi, and it has been returned to warrant of arrest there upon issued that the said accused person Anil, cannot be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said accused Anil, has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of said warrant).

Proclamation is hereby made that the said accused Anil, of case FIR No. 29/19 u/s 135 Electricity Act PS Kashmere Gate, Delhi, is required to appear before this court or me to answer the said complaint on or before 23.08.2022. By order

Sh. Arul Varma, Special Judge, Electricity Court-02, Central Room No. 314, Tis Hazari Courts,

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SEARCH FOR MISSING FEMALE



General public is here by informed that this female namely Shabnam D/o Ikram Khuresi R/o E-70, Manglapuri, Palam, New Delhi Age : 23 years, Face: Round, Height : 5'3", Complexion: Fair, Build: Medium, wearing light green colour kurti, blue colour lehagi and

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missing since 30.04.2022 from the area of P.S. Palam Village, New Delhi. In this regard DD No. 61-A dated 02.05.2022 has been lodged at P.S. Palam Village, New Delhi.

Any person having any information or clue about this missing female may kindly inform to the following:-

E-mail: cic@cbi.gov.in Website: http://cbi.nic.in Fax: 24368639, Tel.: 24368638/24368641

SHO : P.S. Palam Village, New Delhi Tel. No.: 011-25365980. 25365981

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General Public is hereby informed that an one male person was admitted due to Illness in LNJP Hospital, Delh. During the treatment declared brought dead by doctor dated 11.05.2022 at about 05:00 PM. In this regard DD No. 100A dated 11.05.2022 has been lodged in P.S. Kamla Market, Delhi. The dead body has been preserved for identification at MAMC Mortuary, Delhi for 72 hrs. The description of

the dead body is given as under Name: Vinod, S/o:Unkonwn, R/o-Unkonwn, Age: 50 years, Height: 5'4" Complexion: Dark, Face-Long, Built-Thin, Wearing: Green and white shirt and red colour shorts.

Sincere efforts have been made by local police to trace out the dead person but no clue has come to light so far. If any one having any information about this dead person please inform undersigned. SHO P.S. Kamla Market, Delhi

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अल्पकालीन ई-निविदा-सूचना

इस कार्यालय के निम्नलिखित निविदा सूचना संख्या द्वारा ई-निविदा आमंत्रित की जाती है। उक्त ई-निविदा http://etender.up.nic.in की वेबसाइट पर दिनांक 24.05.2022 से 07.06.2022 के अपराहन 12:00 बजे तक डाउनलोड/अपलोड की जा सकती है।

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2	07/पीसीएल/जीएम/जोन-2/बरेली/2022-23 दिनांक 23.05.2022	जनपद शाहजहांपुर में कस्तूरबा गांधी बालिका विद्यालय- तिलहर में हॉस्टल बिल्डिंग का निर्माण कार्य
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ई-निविदा से सम्बन्धित अन्य विवरण, नियम एवं शर्ते कारपोरेशन की वेबसाइट www.upprojects.org पर भी दिनांक 24.05.2022 से देखी जा सकती है। महाप्रबन्धक

> Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmin **JAL SHAKTI DEPARTMENT Office of the Executive Engineer FBI DivisionTangmarg** NOTICE INVITING TENDER

Fresh e-NIT No.19 OF 2022-23 Dated:-21-05-2022 JJM

For and on behalf of Lt. Governor of UT of J&K, Executive Engineer Jal Shakti (FBI) Division Tangmarg invites e-ten-ders from reputed and resourceful Bidders/ Firms/Companies/ of all classes registered in JKPWD/CPWD/Railways or any other state Government for below mentioned works at various Water Supply schemes of FBI Division Tangmarg of Kashmir Province of UT of J&K, under Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM).

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All information of e-Tendering is available on the following website: 1) http://mahatender.gov.in (If there are any changes in this Tender

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e-NIT No.22 OF 2022-23 Dated:-21-05-2022

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The bidding process shall be completed online on www.jktenders.gov.in in two covers viz. Cover 1st consisting of General Terms and Conditionsand Technical Specifications and **Cover 2nd** consisting of Financial Bid on overall percentage rate basis, in the prescribed BOQ.

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Floods, landslides: behind the pre-monsoon destruction in Assam

TORA AGARWALA GUWAHATI, MAY 23

THE MONSOON brings destruction to Assam almost every year. This year, even before the monsoon's arrival, the state has already been beset by floods and landslides that have left 25 people dead and more than 7 lakh affected. The hill district of Dima Hasao has been hit particularly severely, with connectivity to the rest of the state snapped.

What is behind this unprecedented devastation?

Experts cite a combination of factors. First, extraordinarily acute pre-monsoon rains. As against the average rainfall of 461.5 mm for the period between March 1-May 23 in Assam, the corresponding amount for this year has been 737.9 mm, or an excess of 60%. That is "large excess", according to the Indian Meteorological Department. Neighbouring Meghalaya has recorded an even greater excess, at 130%. "Normally we have rains coming in June and July when we experience big floods," said Dr D C Goswami, an eminent environmentalist and a retired professor of hydrology from Gauhati University. "This time it has come with a bang. The difference is the timing and scale." Goswami attributed the changes in "rainfall intensity, arrival and departure times" to climate change.

Partha Jyoti Das, who heads the Water, Climate and Hazard Division of the Guwahati-based environment non-profit Aaranyak, agreed. "Because of climate change, there are more and more concentrated rain and heavy rainfall episodes," he said.

It is not the rains alone; there have also been several landslides, especially in south Assam's Dima Hasao and Cachar. At least three people have been buried alive in Dima Hasao's Haflong. In one incident, mudslides washed away a portion of the rail tracks that connect the south of Assam with the rest of the country. The New Haflong railway station was severely damaged with bogeys of a



train overturning under the force of landslide-induced debris. Portions of the road connecting Guwahati to Dima Hasao, and to Barak Valley districts, have caved in.

But what is causing these landslides?

For one, the incessant rains in Assam since March. "Rains for a longer period of time, even if low-intensity, prepares the grounds for landslides," said Mirza Zulfiqur Rahman, an independent researcher based in Guwahati.

While landslides do happen in that part of the state, the scale and the intensity have been higher than usual, Das noted. Apart from the rain, Das blamed this on the "undesirable, unpragmatic, unplanned structural intervention on the fragile landscape of hills".

A train buried

under debris

New Haflong

Dima Hasao.

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A case in point is the Lumding-Badarpur railway line. Connecting Lumding in central Assam to Badarpur in south Assam and passing through Dima Hasao, it was converted into broad gauge in 2015. The work had begun in 1997, but the tricky landscape and insurgency of the time delayed its progress. Besides, the project was marred by several red flags and even after its inauguration, there have been accusations about it having flouted safety norms. The current spate of landslides have affected the line at least ten spots, said railways officials.

Das said the damage suggested what many had been saying for years: that corners may have been cut in carrying out the construction.

Apart from the railway line, residents of Dima Hasao said the district itself has in recent times seen hectic construction, both of public infrastructure like roads and of private property. "Over the years, there has not only been massive deforestation for the extension of the railway line and the four-line highway, there has also been rampant riverbed mining often done in collusion with the district authorities," said Uttam Bathari, a historian and professor at Gauhati University, who hails from Haflong.

There are also allegations of roads having

been built over streams and spring water sources – the reason, many say, so many roads have caved in.

Rahman said similar hastily carried out infrastructure developmental work in Arunachal Pradesh had led to an increase in landslides in the state in recent years. This month itself, five people have been killed. "Construction is sped up in the name of national security in Arunachal and improving connectivity elsewhere in Northeast India," alleged Rahman.

What is the way forward for preventing or limiting such destruction?

Das of Aaranyak said that construction needed to be "tuned to the ecological fragility of the region". Goswami too spoke of "conscious construction" and an "integrated holistic approach across state boundaries".

Rahman suggested keeping "traditional knowledge systems in mind" and involving the local community to build "sustainable infrastructure". Blaming climate change for everything was not enough, he said.

THIS WORD MEANS

BMP-T TERMINATOR

A Russian tank support system, now deployed in Ukraine. What are its capabilities and features?



WESTERN INTELLIGENCE inputs suggest that Russia has deployed in Ukraine the tank support system BMP-T, better known as BMP-T 'Terminator', and its new version BMPT-72.

WHAT: The BMP-T (full form Boyevaya Mashina Podderzhki Tankov) is a fighting vehicle designed to protect Russian tanks from enemy infantry, a replacement for motorised/mechanised infantry in urban battlefields that are usually dangerous for tanks. Western military analysts believe Russia developed it after recognising the need for dedicated protection to main battle tanks it used during the Afghan and Chechen wars. In the Ukraine war, Russia appears to have inducted the Terminator due to attrition suffered by Russian tanks against anti-tank weapons provided by Western countries.

WHERE: According to the latest intelligence bulletin released by the British Ministry of Defence, Russia's only operational company of BMP-T Terminators has likely previously suffered heavy losses while failing to break through to eastern Kyiv in the first phase of the invasion.

WEAPONRY: The list of potent weaponry that the Terminator is equipped with includes four 130 mm Ataka-TGWS launchers, two 30mm AG-17D or two AGS-30 grenade launchers (600 rounds), one 7.62 mm PKTM machine gun (2,000 rounds). These weapons are capable of firing in multiple directions in rapid succession, thus suppressing firepower to prevent any attempt to take out the tank columns being protected.

The BMPT destroys anti-tank targets such as infantry personnel carrying anti-tank weapons, as well as lightly and heavily armoured targets, such as tanks. The BMPT can also be put to alternative uses and provide protection to infantry or to convoys.

The Terminator is produced by the Russian company Uralvagonzavod. Its latest

Quad: opportunities, challenges

SIMPLY PUT

Leaders of the four Quad nations are meeting in Tokyo today. A look at what's on their plate, from the war in Europe to dealing with China, and their cooperation on non-security inititaives such as tech and infra.

NIRUPAMA SUBRAMANIAN CHENNAI, MAY 23

AS THE leaders of the Quadrilateral Security Dialogue grouping of Australia, Japan, India and the United States — also known as the Quad meet in Tokyo Tuesday for their second in-person summit, after the last one in Washington in September 2021 (they had met once in a virtual summit in March 2021), here is a look at three major themes that present challenges and opportunities for the grouping.

Distraction of Europe

Russia's invasion of Ukraine has shaken up the old world order, reshaping geopolitics across the world.

As the leader of the Western alliance against Russia, the US is now deeply engaged with the war. It has already committed \$54 billion to the war effort. From February 24, the day of the invasion to now, the nature of US involvement has undergone a change, and so have its objectives. "We don't know how the rest of this war will unfold, but we do know that a sovereign, independent Ukraine will be around a lot longer than Vladimir Putin is on the scene," US Secretary of State Anthony Blinken said recently.

The reinvigoration of Europe and NATO in the wake of Putin's aggression in Ukraine has made new demands on US attention and resources, prompting questions about American appetite to take on two rivals -Russia and China – at the same time, and how this might adversely impact US commitment to the Quad and the Indo-Pacific. US President Joe Biden seemed to be responding to the sceptics with his reply to a guestion from a reporter in Tokyo who asked if the US would defend Taiwan militarily if it were attacked by China. "Yes," he said, "that's the commitment we made... We agree with a one-China policy. We₹ve signed on to it and all the intended agreements made from there. But the idea that it can be taken by force, just taken by force, is just not, is just not appropriate." Those who fear that the Biden Administration may lose focus on China, the "real" threat to the US, have been making the case for Europe strategic autonomy and security self-reliance. But there is also a growing view that this is not an "either-or" choice for the US, and that what happens in Europe is not insulated from Asia or the Indo-Pacific.



Prime Minister Narendra Modi with US President Joe Biden (*left*) and Japanese PM Fumio Kishida (*centre*) in Tokyo on Monday. *Reuters*

The war in Ukraine also poses an internal challenge in the Quad. Three members - US, Japan and Australia - have taken an unequivocal stand against Russia's aggression, while India's position has been one of studied neutrality that calls for respect of territorial sovereignty and integrity and the UN charter, but does not criticise Russia. On Monday, India's separateness on the issue was apparent in the the joint statement by Biden and Japanese Prime Minister Kishida Fumio, affirming that "the rules- based international order is indivisible: threats to international law and the free and fair economic order anywhere constitute a challenge to our values and interests everywhere... the greatest immediate challenge to this order is Russia's brutal, unprovoked, and unjustified aggression against Ukraine".

Quad as an "anti-China alliance". On Sunday Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi called the US Indo-Pacific strategy "concocted... under the banner of 'freedom and openness'" by Washington, which was "keen to gang up with 'small circles' and change China's neighbourhood environment".

In 2008, Australia pulled out of the Quad because it did not wish to antagonise China, with which it has deep economic ties, with in a recent military encounter with the People's Liberation Army, in eastern Ladakh. It also faces challenges from China's inroads in its neighbours Sri Lanka, Nepal, Bangladesh, and Pakistan. While the Ladakh incursions were one reason for New Delhi to shed its earlier diffidence on Quad, it has hardly wished to provoke Beijing, whose "iron-clad" friendship with Pakistan has additionally brought home the threat of a twofront war.

How to deal with China thus remains the central question for Quad. The grouping has maintained it is not a security alliance, or an "Asian NATO" as some have termed it. In recent months however, the clamour has grown, including from India's strategic community, for injecting a security component in the grouping. One of the arguments is that this is required to deter Beijing from following friend Putin's example and pulling a Ukraine on Taiwan or elsewhere, although a case could be equally made that China, with an economy 10 times the size of Russia's, would be more cautious.

Non-security initiatives

Cutting-edge technology, pharmaceuticals and infrastructure have been described as "key battlegrounds" in the contest with China. The last Quad summit threw up an array of proposals intended to leverage the economic, scientific and technological capabilities of the four countries.

been deployed to the Severodonetsk axis of the Donbas offensive.

According to intelligence inputs with the British and several independent sightings, the presence of Terminators suggests the involvement of the Central Grouping of Forces (CGF), the only Russian Army formation fielding this vehicle. As per the bulletin, the CGF upgrade is equipped with fragmenting ammunition that is essential to target enemy infantry lying in wait to destroy tanks. According to open source information, the increased gun elevation provides for engaging top floors of buildings in urban environments and also low-flying aircraft/drones. MAN AMAN SINGH CHHINA

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The threat of China

While China does not find mention in any official statements of the Quad by name, the four nations are joined by the shared interest of creating a strategic balance of power in the region to protect their interests in the Indo-Pacific region from what they see as China's subversion of the international order and a bid to establish its own set of rules. Every Quad statement has proxy references to China – in the repeated emphasis on a "rules based international order" and a "free and open" Indo-Pacific.

But Beijing has not been shy of branding

membership of a group seen as a mechanism to counter China. But China's militarisation, aggressive foreign policy and determined push on its territorial claims, from the Ladakh frontier with India to the seas in East Asia, had the effect of bringing the four together again in 2017, in what was called Quad 2.0. The pandemic, its controversial origins in China, and the resulting disruption of the global supply chain have also been instrumental in bringing the four closer.

However, each Quad member views the Chinese threat differently. For the US, it is about trade and Taiwan. For Australia too, trade was the biggest issue until the recent establishment of a Chinese military base in the Solomon Islands brought a new dimension. Japan and India are closest to China, and both face belligerent Chinese claims to territory.

India is the only one with a long "hot" land border with China, full of contested territorial claims, and the only one to have been Covid vaccine manufacture; climate change initiatives, a Quad infrastructure group, cooperation in cyber-security, use of satellites for information sharing were all listed. An ambitious initiative involves critical technologies, with a working group focusing on technical standards, 5G diversification and deployment, and resilient technology supply chains.

However, over the last year, the procedural difficulties of pulling together on these initiatives have become apparent, and progress has been scant.

The Biden Administration's new trade policy, launched in Tokyo and known as the Indo-Pacific Economic Partnership, appears streamlined with these Quad initiatives. It aims to offer an alternative model to the China-dominated Trans Pacific Partnership, but how it can counter Chinese economic clout and rope in prospective partners without offering guarantees on market access remains to be seen.

ASHA: Successful public health experiment rooted in village community



THE WORLD Health Organization (WHO) has recognised the contribution of India's 1 million Accredited Social Health Activists (ASHAs) during the Covid-19 pandemic, It is acknowledged that ASHAs facilitate linking households to health facilities, and play pivotal roles in house-to-house surveys, vaccination, public health and Reproductive and Child Health measures.

In many states, ASHAs are involved in national health programmes, and in the response to a range of communicable and noncommunicable diseases. They get performance-based payments, not a fixed salary. There have been agitations demanding employee status for ASHA workers. The idea of performance-based payments was never to pay them a paltry sum — the compensation was expected to be substantial.

Genesis & evolution

The ASHA programme was based on Chhattisgarh's successful Mitanin programme, in which a Community Worker looks after 50 households. The ASHA was to be a local resident, looking after 200 households. The programme had a robust thrust on the stage-wise development of capacity in selected areas of public health. Dr T Sundararaman and Dr Rajani Ved among others provided a lot of support to this process. Many states tried to incrementally develop the ASHA from a Community Worker to a Community Health Worker, and even to an Auxiliary Nurse Midwife (ANM)/ General Nurse and Midwife (GNM), or a Public Health Nurse.

Important public policy and public management lessons emerge out of the successful experiment with Community Workers who were not the last rung of the government system — rather, they were of the community, and were paid for the services they rendered. The idea was to make her a part of the village community rather than a government employee.

Over 98% ASHAs belong to the village where they reside, and know every household. Their selection involved the community and key resource persons. Educational qualification was a consideration. With newly acquired skills in health care and the ability to connect households to health facilities, she was able to secure benefits for households. She was like a demand-side functionary, reaching patients to facilities, providing health services nearer home.

Building of a cadre

It is a programme that has done well across the country. As skill sets improved, recognition and respect for the ASHA went up. In a way, it became a programme that allowed a local woman to develop into a skilled health worker.

The ASHAs faced a range of challenges: Where to stay in a hospital? How to manage mobility? How to tackle safety issues? The solutions were found in a partnership among frontline workers, panchayat functionaries, and community workers. This process, along with strengthening of the public infrastructure for health with flexible financing and innovations under the Health Mission and Health and Wellness Centres, led to increased footfall in government facilities. Accountability increased; there would be protests if a facility did not extend quality services.

The Community Worker added value to this process. Incentives for institutional deliveries and the setting up of emergency ambulance services like 108, 102, etc. across most states built pressure on public institutions and improved the mobility of ASHAs. It created a new cadre of incrementally skilled local workers who were paid based on performance. The ASHAs brought basic health services to the doorstep of households.

Issue of compensation

There have been challenges with regard to the performance-based compensation. In many states, the payout is low, and often delayed. The original idea was never to deny the ASHA a compensation that could be even better than a salary — it was only to prevent "governmentalisation", and promote "communitisation" by making her accountable to the people she served.

There were serious debates in the Mission

Steering Group, and the late Raghuvansh Prasad Singh made a very passionate plea for a fixed honorarium to ASHAs. Dr Abhay Bang and others wanted the community character to remain, and made an equally strong

plea for skill and capacity development of Community Workers. Some states incentivised ASHAs to move up the human resource/ skilling ladder by becoming ANMs/ GNMs and even Staff Nurses after preferential admission to such courses.

The important public policy lessons are the need to incrementally develop a local worker keeping accountability with the community, make performance-based payments, and provide a demand-side push with simultaneous augmentation of services in public systems. The system can sustain and grow only if the compensation is adequate, and the ASHA continues to enjoy the confidence of the community.

Debate over status

There is a strong argument to grant permanence to some of these positions with a reasonable compensation as sustaining motivation. The incremental development of a local resident woman is an important factor in human resource engagement in community-linked sectors. This should apply to other field functionaries such as ANMs, GNMs, Public Health Nurses as well.

It is equally important to ensure that compensation for performance is timely and adequate. Ideally, an ASHA should be able to make more than the salary of a government employee, with opportunities for moving up the skill ladder in the formal primary health care system as an ANM/ GNM or a Public Health Nurse. Upgrading skill sets and providing easy access to credit and finance will ensure a sustainable opportunity to earn a respectable living while serving the community. Strengthening access to health insurance, credit for consumption and livelihood needs at reasonable rates, and coverage under pro-poor public welfare programmes will contribute to ASHAs emerging as even stronger agents of change.

Amarjeet Sinha is a retired civil servant who was associated with the design and capacitybuilding thrust of the ASHA programme for more than five years.



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Executive Engineer (E&M-I), Vyasi Project

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3	Time of Completion	24(Twenty Four) Months
4	Date of Publication of Tender on Website	31-05-2022 at 11:00 A.M.
5	Pre Bid Meeting	03-06-2022 at 3:00 P.M.
6	Last Date/Time of Submission of Bids	20-06-2022upto 5:00 P.M.
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Prashant Kishor in conversation with Anant Goenka, Executive Director, The Indian Express, and Vandita Mishra, National Opinion Editor, The Indian Express, at the Express eAdda Abhinav Saha

'In the next 20-30 years, Indian politics will revolve around the BJP — you are with it or opposed to it'



MEENAKSHI GOPINATH CHAIRPERSON, CENTRE FOR POLICY RESEARCH

Are you now moving away from an electioncentric philosophy to something that is about politics as the art of the possible? How will you prepare to transmit your vision to the people?

What I was doing till now was more as a professional. It was a task I had to complete within a defined timeframe. When I was working with somebody, it did not mean that I was completely aligned to their thought process, ideology and what they promised to do. It was a defined task in a defined timeframe and I was doing the job. What

At the latest edition of Express eAdda, election strategist-turned-politician Prashant Kishor spoke on why the BJP will remain a formidable electoral force in the coming decades, how the Congress needs to learn to be in Opposition and on taking the political plunge from Bihar

On stringing together an Opposition

A lot of people put this on me that I'm out there to stitch a coalition or bring together people who can possibly challenge the existing political setup. But in my own head, I'm not driven by this idea of 'defeating someone or containing someone'. I do what I think seems right to me at that point in time. I think like any other person, I would like to be successful. And success, the way I define it in my head, is your ability to influence people's lives. The more successful you are, the more is your ability to influence that many lives. It's very easy to say that I'm here to change mankind. I mean no disrespect but in a beauty contest, when people ask why are you contesting, many contestants say some lofty things. Ultimately, they want to find a place in modelling or in Bollywood. I don't want to fall into that category. Success varies from person to person.

On whether the BJP will come down on its own

Actually not. Because all those who think that what goes up will come down, it may be true to say so in the medium to long run. There are two parts to it. The BJP as a formidable electoral party is going to stay in India for many decades to come. Once you secure more than 30 per cent of votes at the India level, nobody can wish you away. It's not something which will come down on its own. That said, it doesn't mean that they will continue to win every election. What it means is that for the first 40-50 years, the politics in India was around the Congress either you were with Congress or opposed to it. In the next 20-30 years, I see Indian politics will revolve around the BJP – you are with the BJP, or you are opposed to it. Those who think that they will come down on their

QUICK QUESTIONS

Welfarism.

to lead India?

AAP or Congress, the bigger threat to Let the people decide.

One political strategist, alive or dead, anywhere in the world, who you were inspired by? I don't know about any of them.

I haven't read or heard about this whole idea of a political strategist. In India, we

India, I don't know of any one.

One politician in India, alive or dead, you admire most? Mahatma Gandhi.

didn't have anyone. Even outside of

And alive?

On becoming a politician

You call me a political activist. I have ceased to be what I was when I announced last May - after Bengal and Tamil Nadu assembly elections - that I would not do this work any longer in the form and manner in which I used to do.

I'm going to Bihar as I have announced, to go consult, meet people and see what could be done to change the situation in Bihar. In the first 15 years of Lalu Prasad Yadav's government, one can say that something has been done on the samajik nyaya (social justice) front. Even he or his supporters will claim that they might have not progressed economically but they did

give a voice to the oppressed. Nitish Kumar will say that we brought economic development, made roads, and got electricity. The fact of the matter is, while their claims are true to some extent, after these 30 years, Bihar is one of the poorest and most backward states. Bihar ranks low in all the developmental parameters.

Yes, I agree with what Yadav and Kumar have done. But in the next 10-15 years, if Bihar wants to rank among the developed states, it has to take a different path what I call as 'nayi soch aur naya prayas'. The new thought or new effort cannot be of Prashant Kishor, of just one individual. So my role is to go there and meet people because I believe there are enough people in Bihar who understand the state. They know what could be done to solve some of the complex issues. And above all, they have the intent to do something to change the present situation.



AYAZ MEMON

SENIOR JOURNALIST Do you also map what is happening in the environment in Asia — for instance, in Pakistan or in Sri Lanka — and whether it has any impact on the politics that will be played out in India during the 2024 elections?

Not really, what happens in the neighbourhood would probably seep into the discussions in the living rooms, as part of chatter, but I don't see these events having any meaningful impact on elections in India, at the state or the federal level



In 2024, which party is better-suited

I am trying to do now is probably what I will do for the rest of my life, which is why I took one year to think what to do, and how. I went out in public, spent time with people, tried to understand the problems they are facing and get their feedback about me. It was a longer affair than it used to be with a party or a leader.



RAJNAIR CHAIRMAN, AVALON CONSULTING

I really liked the lucid 4M formula that you talked about. The BJP seems to have got all the four Ms right. The Opposition has not been able to get more than two right. Is it because the Opposition lacks the fifth M, which is the money or resources required to fight these elections? If so, when you are going to get into politics, will you be able to manage the M the way you explained to all of us?

The role of money in politics is important but is overhyped sometimes. My own feeling and assessment is if you have popular support of the people, society finds ways to support you on the money front. BJP has got most money today, and that's not why they are winning, it's the other way round - because they are winning or likely to win, that's why they get more money. If you have the four Ms right, invariably you will find people who would support you with money.

own, it's probably not the right assessment. That doesn't mean that it cannot happen five years later or two years later. But it is quite possible that it might take 20-30 years as well. This desperation that just because there is a BJP, there has to be an Opposition and, hence, some Opposition will emerge, is wishful thinking. With the right approach, it could, maybe, emerge in two years. But if you do not do the right things, you might have a situation where a political outfit or a formation with a pan-India influence and electoral reach may or may not be there for many years to come.

On what caused the decline of the Congress

Congress in the present form, which is the Indira Congress, came out after 1967. They have been in a decline as a political outfit since 1985. The last time they won India was in 1984. A lot of people do not pay attention to this, that since 1984, the Congress has not won India on its own. In the interim, they have ruled the country for about 15 years. Once, as a minority government, when Narasimha Rao was the prime minister, and twice as a coalition government. All of us accept that in 1989, the Congress lost the elec-

Their biggest weakness? Their inertia.

AAP or Flipkart, India's most

successful startup?

Anyday, the Congress.

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Their legacy.

BJP's biggest asset today?

And their biggest weakness?

Too much dependence on Narendra Modi.

Politics or policy, what does Prashant

Policy. Politics is the means to that.

The Congress' biggest strength?

Flipkart.

the BIP?

Organisation.

Welfarism or identity, which is the stronger election weapon?

tion. But Congress as a party won 198 MPs, if I recall correctly. In 2004, we think the Congress won and UPA-I was formed. But Congress is a party of 145 MPs. As a political party, the Congress' decline literally started from 1984-85 onwards.

No party gets more than 40 per cent votes at the India level. That tells you that even on your good day, when you won India, there were more people opposed to you than those who were convinced by you. That's why, in India, you must not ever underestimate the Opposition. However, having an Opposition doesn't necessarily mean that the Opposition parties are strong, and they are able to translate that voice of dissent or opposition into electoral gain or success.

The Congress, which is the principal Opposition party in this country, has been the ruling party for decades. Somehow they need to learn how to be in Opposition, and how to behave like an Opposition party. When the Congress goes on the street today, and they do something, they don't get similar media attention or traction (like they would, when they were in the government). Their natural reaction or response is, how do we do anything because the media doesn't cover us, they completely blank us out. This shows the mindset, the DNA of a ruling party, which is yet to come to terms with being an Opposition party. That's the fundamental problem I see in the thought process of the way the Congress responds to this situation. And this leads to a type of thinking that we have ruled the country for very long, and we

LK Advani.

Whv?

Because he probably created this party that has become a pan-India party, which we see in the BJP.

know sooner or later people will get angry. And when they get angry or upset, if we are there, they will vote for us.

On the importance of the face vs the narrative

A message that is part of the narrative, when delivered through a credible messenger, makes sense. These are what I call 'the four Ms' to win elections. You need the right message to be delivered by a face or a messenger or a leader, who is trusted. And then you need the machinery, the party to convert that kind of support into vote. What you call 'Coffee with Captain' or hologram are the mechanics of the campaign. That's the way to reach out. That's the way to take the leader to the masses in a much more interesting and engaging manner. But if you don't have three out of the four Ms right, you're less likely to win.

If you put too many faces (on the poster), if you put too many messages, it just gets cluttered. It's just an idea to clear the clutter. You're probably giving me too much credit for this. It's a simple thing of having your poster less cluttered, with the one message which you want to deliver, one face, who you want people to trust, and one symbol, which they have to go and press the button on.

It's basic common sense. I will show you some posters which I have with me from the 1960s when the Congress used to have their campaign. Just one symbol, one face of Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru and 'Vote for Congress'. That's it. This is not an invention of Prashant Kishor.

My job is to go meet them, impress upon them, plead with them to come together, to commit to this. If all of them come together and they decide to form a political party, so be it. But that political party would not be the political party of Prashant Kishor. It will be the political party of all those who would agree to be the cofounders. Me included.

I'm the catalyst who is trying to bring together all those who think this is doable and should be done. I don't know whether I will be the leader or somebody else will be the leader; let the process unfold. My hope and belief are that I would be democratic and transparent enough in the process of formation of this party, proving many of the critics wrong, that this is doable, and we will be able to do it the way it should be done in a democratic way.

Some 18,000 people from different fields - teachers, former bureaucrats, doctors, farmers and social workers - have expressed interest or we would have reached out to them, asking if they want to join such a mission. Now, the challenge for me or the task for me is, in the next few months, to go meet them individually or in groups and see how many of them are willing to become part of this as cofounders. I cannot give you the number of how many people will come together unless I undertake this exercise. You won't see me alone.

JAGDISH WALAWALKAR CMD, IDEAL EDUCATION

When a political party gives you an assignment, do they specify the expected outcome? Has any party retained you for a second time?

If there is alignment and agreement on both sides, you decide to work together and do everything required for that party or leader to be on the winning side. The election cycle is five years, so you have to wait to see if people repeat us or not. In 2015, we worked with Nitish Kumar. He is no longer in that formation, he is now with BJP, so the question of repeating doesn't arise. I-PAC is doing the work where they have worked earlier, be it West Bengal, Andhra Pradesh or Tamil Nadu. If that amounts to repeat, they are being repeated.



UDAY BHENDE MD, KIRLOSKAR SOLAR TECHNOLOGIES

Where do you see the current political scenario going?

The present situation continues as it is, with BJP as one of the predominant political forces, while the Opposition will probably continue to evolve. Maybe they will get their act right in a couple of years or longer.

Also in the room: Venkataraman R, Dean, ICFAI Business School; Khozem Merchant, India Head, Brunswick Group; Dilip Chenoy, Founder, DC Skills; Sunil Arora, Managing Director, Abilities India Pistons & Rings; Ajit Shriram, Joint Managing Director, DCM Shriram; Krishna Kejriwal, Managing Director, Remsons Industries; Vasanth Kini, Managing Director, Titanium Industries India; Prakash Kalothia, CEO & Managing Director, Lapis India Capital; Atul Choksey, Chairman, Apcotex Industries; NP Singh, VP, Rashtriya Kisan Mazdoor Sangh; Kiran Khalap, Co-founder & Managing Director, Chlorophyll; Shankar Garigiparthy, CEO & Country Manager, Lloyd's India; Hemant Amin, CEO, Asiamin Capital Advisors; KK Rathi, Managing Director, First Bridge Fund Managers; John Dayal, Columnist; Urvashi Butalia, Director, Zubaan Books; Shyam Bagri, Founder, Bagrry's India; Gurdeep Singh, Chairman, Kloeckner Pentaplast India; Dorab Sopariwala, Editorial Adviser, NDTV; Pradyumna Dalmia, CEO, Triton Investment Advisors; Gautam Trivedi, Co-founder & Managing Partner, Nepean Capital LLP; Mahesh Thakkar, Director General, Finance Industry Development Council; Vivek Jain, Managing Director, DCW; Kirit Parikh, Chairman, IRADe; Nisha Agrawal, Former CEO, Oxfam India; Sunil Alagh, Managing Director, SKA Advisors







THE INDIAN EXPRESS, TUESDAY, MAY 24, 2022 **16** THE WORLD

Seeks safe corridors

Volodymyr Zelenskyy called for

"maximum" sanctions against

Russia during a virtual speech

Monday to corporate executives,

government officials and other

elites on the first day of the World

Economic Forum gathering in

Davos. He said sanctions need to

go further to stop Russia's aggres-

sion, including an oil embargo,

blocking all its banks and cutting

off trade with Russia completely.

should be: They should be max-

imum, so that Russia and every

neighbour would clearly know

the immediate consequences of

to avert a food crisis, and warned

that Russia was smuggling wheat

and other foodstuff out of the

country. A failure to unblock

Ukrainian ports and get grain out

would be felt around the world. "I

wish every one of you wakes up

in the morning with this on their

mind: 'What have I done for

Australian PM looks to

SE Asia as it deals with

'difficult' China ties

Ukraine today?" he added.

KIRSTY NEEDHAM

SYDNEY, MAY 23

their actions," Zelenskyy said.

in funding per month.

'This is what sanctions

PRESIDENT

for Ukrainian

grain exports

AGENCIES

UKRAINIAN

DAVOS, MAY 23

TOPOFTHE _ WORLD



Boris Johnson raising a glass at a party in Downing Street. Reuters

UK Photos of Boris drinking reignite 'Partygate' row

London: New photographs of PM Boris Johnson drinking at a leaving party at his Downing Street residence have been published, reigniting opposition accusations that he breached his own Covid-19 lockdown rules. The photographs, obtained by ITV News, were taken at a gathering in honour of Downing Street's outgoing director of communications Lee Cain in 2020, an event previously investigated by police for potential breaches. Monday's photographs show Johnson making a speech and raising a toast. The Cabinet Office, which has been handling a separate government investigation into the parties, declined to comment. REUTERS

USA Pfizer: 3 Covid shots protect children under 5 THREE DOSES of Pfizer's Covid-19 vaccine offer strong protection for children younger than 5, the company said on Monday. Pfizer plans to give the data to US regulators later this week in a step toward letting the kids get the shots. The FDA has begun evaluating data from Moderna,

which hopes to begin offering two kid-sized shots by summer. Pfizer and its partner BioNTech said the extra shot did the trick, revving up tots' levels of virus-fighting antibodies enough to meet FDA crite-

AUSTRALIA'S NEW Labour government will put greater focus on relations with Southeast Asia



Zelenskyy delivers an address to the delegates of WEF. Reuters

NUMBER OF DISPLACED TOPS 100 MILLION: UNHCR Russian forces step up shelling in the East other potential aggressor that wants to wage a war against its

ASSOCIATED PRESS KYIV, MAY 23

He also pushed for the complete withdrawal of foreign companies from Russia to prevent RUSSIAN FORCES have stepped supporting its war and said up shelling in Ukraine's eastern Ukraine needs at least \$5 billion industrial heartland as they press their offensive in the region Zelenskyy also called on that is now the focus of fighting world powers to help Ukraine get in the 3-month-old war. its grain out to the global market

Meanwhile, a Russian soldier who pleaded guilty to killing a Ukrainian civilian was sentenced to life in prison on Monday in the first war crimes trial since Moscow invaded Ukraine.

Grinding battles in the Donbas, where Ukrainian and Russian forces are fighting town by town, have forced many civilians to flee their homes.

"We haven't been able to see the sun for three months. We are almost blind because we were in darkness for three months," said Rayisa Rybalko, who hid with her family first in their basement and then in a bomb shelter at the local school before fleeing their village of Novomykhailivka. "The world should have seen that." Her sonin-law Dmytro Khaliapin said heavy artillery pounded the village. "Houses are being ruined," he said. "It's a horror."

Western support - both financial and military – has been key to Ukraine's defense, helping their outgunned and outnumbered forces to repel Russia's attempt to take the capital of Kyiv and fight them to a

standstill in other places.

to flee conflict, violence, human rights violations and persecution has crossed the milestone of 100 million for the first time on record, propelled by the war in Ukraine and other deadly conflicts, the UN

"One hundred million is a stark figure – sobering and alarming in equal measure," said UN High Commissioner for Refugees Filippo Grandi. "It's a record that should never have been set. "This must serve as a wake-up call to resolve and prevent destructive conflicts, end persecution and address the underlying causes that force innocent people to flee their homes," Grandi added.

The number of people forced

Global

IMF Managing Director

Kristalina Georgieva she

does not expect a reces-

sion for the world's major

economies but also can-

global economic outlook

not rule one out. The

has darkened in the

month since the IMF

downgraded its 2022

growth outlook because

of the war, China's slow-

down and global price

shocks, she said. "In a

horizon has darkened.

short period of time...the

recession

unlikely: IMF

refugee agency said Monday.



STARBUCKS IS LEAVING RUSSIA

Starbucks announced on Monday that it was officially exiting Russia, with 130 stores run by a licensee there closing. The company has also halted the shipment of any Starbucks products. The company said nearly 2,000 employees in the country would be paid for six months and given help to "transition to new opportunities outside of Starbucks."

MEANWHILE

People wait in a line to buy domestic gas tanks near a distributor in Colombo on Monday. Reuters

INDIA SENDS 40,000 MT OF PETROL Gotabaya swears in 8 more ministers, yet to pick finance minister

of Health, Water Supply; Ramesh

Pathirana - Minister of Industries;

and Mahinda Amaraweera -

India on Monday said it has

Meanwhile, the proposal for

the 21st Amendment to the

Constitution to curb the powers

ferred to the Cabinet on Monday

was not presented before it. As per

sources, the proposal was not pre-

sented in the Cabinet after SLPP

objected to it. They demanded the

proposed legislation be approved

by the Attorney General before re-

ferring it to the Cabinet.

Indian credit line.

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA COLOMBO, MAY 23

Minister of Agriculture, Wildlife and Wildlife Conservation, the SRI LANKAN President Gotabaya Rajapaksa on Monday expanded Economy Next portal tweeted. Sri the Cabinet with the induction Lanka's new foreign secretary Aruni Wijewardane assumed duof eight more ministers but he did not appoint a finance ministies at Ministry of Foreign Affairs on Monday. She was appointed to ter once again to handle the the post on May 20. worst economic crisis.

The new ministers belong to the ruling Sri Lanka Podujana delivered around 40,000 metric Peramuna (SLPP) and its allies --tonnes of petrol to Sri Lanka, the SLFP and the EPDP, a Tamil days after supplying 40,000 metric tonnes of diesel under the minority party in the north.

Rajapaksa, since the public protests began to rage against him for his resignation, has now reshuffled his Cabinet five times. The ministers will serve in the inof President scheduled to be reterim Cabinet of Prime Minister Ranil Wickremesinghe set up with the objective of handling the ongoing economic crisis.

The new ministers who were sworn in include Douglas Devananda - Minister of Fisheries; Keheliya Rambukwella - Minister

Pak examining possibility of reduced working days to conserve fuel

SAJJAD HUSSAIN ISLAMABAD, MAY 23

THE CASH-STRAPPED Pakistan government is examining the possibility of conserving fuel by reducing the number of working days, a move by which it is hoping to save an estimated \$2.7 billion in foreign exchange, a media report said on Monday.

The estimates are based on three different scenarios in terms of working days and fuel conservation prepared by the State Bank of Pakistan for foreign exchange savings of \$1.5 billion to \$2.7 billion, the Dawn reported.

Pakistan's total oil imports for the first 10 months (July-April) of the current fiscal year (FY22) has surged beyond \$17 billion, displaying a massive 96 per cent growth compared to the same period in the last fiscal year, the report said.

This includes imports of petroleum products worth \$8.5 billion and petroleum crude worth \$4.2 billion, showing a 121 per cent and 75 per cent jump, respectively, it said.

Meanwhile, Pakistan Finance Minister Miftah Ismail said on Monday that the government will not remove subsidies on power and fuel as per the commitment made by the previous government with the IMF to secure a \$6 billion loan for the cash-starved country.

Ismail was talking to the media in Karachi ahead of leaving for Doha to join talks with IMF officials for the restoration of a \$6 billion loan programme that has been in limbo since April. He said that under the deal made by former finance minister Shaukat Tarin, Pakistan would have to raise the price of diesel by over Rs 150 and petrol by Rs 100. PTI

Iran vows revenge over killing of Guard member in Tehran

ASSOCIATED PRESS DUBAI, MAY 23

Khodaei five times in a car, an unarmored SAIPA Pride among the cheapest, mostcommon Iranian vehicles.

IRAN'S PRESIDENT vowed re-"I have no doubt that revenge venge on Monday over the killing against the criminals for the of a senior Revolutionary Guard blood of this martyr is assured," member gunned down in the heart of Tehran the day before. a still-mysterious attack on the country's paramilitary force. Iranian President Ebrahim Raisi hailed Col. Hassan Sayyad Khodaei as a martyr and blamed "the hand of global arrogance," a reference to the US and its allies, including Israel, for his slaying. There has been no claim of responsibility for the killing, carried out on Sunday afternoon by two unidentified gunmen on a motorbike. They shot

Patients typically contract fever and also

What is Monkeypox?

Monkeypox is a viral zoonosis (a virus transmitted to humans from animals) with symptoms very similar to those seen in the past in smallpox patients, although it is clinically less severe. It occurs primarily in tropical rainforest areas of Central and West Africa and is occasionally found in other regions.

SYMPTOMS

get rash and swollen lymph nodes and may



DIAGNOSIS

The clinical differential diagnosis that must be considered includes

chickenpox, measles, bacterial skin

infections, scabies, syphilis, and

medication-associated allergies.

ria for emergency use of vaccine with no safety problems.

PHILIPPINES

7 dead. over 100 rescued in ferry fire

Manila: At least seven people were killed and over a hundred plucked out of the sea on Monday after a passenger ferry caught fire in the Philippines. The Mercraft 2 was carrying 124 passengers and 10 crew members when it set off from Polillo Island at dawn for the port of Real in Quezon Province when the accident occurred, the Coast Guard said. The fire engulfed the ferry, forcing passengers to jump into the sea, officials said. "Rescue operations are continuing. NYT

and climate change, an issue crucial to its Pacific neighbours, as it navigates ties with a more assertive China.

Relations between Canberra and Beijing have deteriorated in recent years, with China imposing trade sanctions on Australian products in response to policies and decisions such as Australia's call for a probe into the origins of Covid and its 5G network ban on

Huawei. The new PM Anthony Albanese has pledged there will be no major change in China policy under his government.

On Monday, Albanese said the relationship with China "will remain a difficult one", while Australia's alliance with the US was "our most important along with our relationships in the region and multilateral commitments". Albanese and new Foreign Minister Penny Wong will face an early test of diplomacy as they fly to Tokyo for a meeting of

the Quad grouping of the US, India

and Japan on Tuesday.



Anthony Albanese was sworn in as PM in Australia on Monday ahead of Tokyo summit. Reuters

Australia will be taking new commitments on Southeast Asia and the Pacific to the Quad meeting. Wong said in emailed comments on Monday.

"We have always understood the importance of Southeast Asia. We know that while we are all very different, our countries face many shared challenges," she said. Labour says it also wants to work with the ASEAN.

China's state-owned Global Times said on Monday Albanese's attendance at the Quad was a test, "especially on whether it could get rid of the shadow of previous [Prime Minister] Scott Morrison's anti-REUTERS China strategy".



OUTBREAK ACROSS THE WORLD



treatment for smallpox has also been licensed monkeypox.

Raisi said at the airport before leaving Tehran for a state visit to the sultanate of Oman, a strategic Gulf Arab state that traditionally mediates between Tehran and the West. His remarks signaled Khodaei's prominence in the

murky structure of the Guard, which exerts extensive control inside Iran and across the Middle East via allied militias. In yet another sign of Khodaei's power, Tehran city council announced it would name a street after him.

Ali Abbasi introduces 'Persian noir' to Cannes with his 'Holy Spider'





EXPRESS IN CANNES

SHUBHRA GUPTA MAY 23

BASED ON the real-life story of an Iranian serial killer, Ali Abbasi's Cannes competition entry "Holy Spider" is immediately arresting, holding our attention successfully for its two-hour length. There's no mystery about who the killer is. And we are left in no doubt why he kills. The conflict between religious belief and the rights of a human, morality and conviction, are at play here: if snuffing out a life is wrong, how can you defend the killing of a killer?

Within the span of a year, 2000-2001, a construction worker in Mashhad killed 16 women who worked the streets at night. His modus operandi was simple. He would cruise the streets on his motorcycle(the sound design em-

Mehdi Baiestani (from left) Zahra Amir Ebrahimi, and director of the film 'Holy Ali Spider' Ali Abbasi. AP

phasises the noise, and the backfire sounds like a gun), pick up women one by one, lure them into

filmmaking crew from shooting in Iran, with Amman, Jordan turning out to be a good stand-in. The Iran-born director, who now lives in Denmark, was in his home country when the killings took place, and they left a deep impact on him. In this "Persian noir", as he termed it at its Cannes premiere, we see the attempts he has made at humanising the victims. **FULL REPORT ON**

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KAITLIN MARIE ARMSTRONG IS BEING SOUGHT IN THE KILLING OF ANNA MORIAH WILSON: COPS Mystery of star cyclist's murder deepens as police seek suspect

AMANDA HOLPUCH MAY 23

A RISING cycling star who was visiting Texas for a competition was found shot dead in Austin this month. rattling the tightknit community of off-road biking and racing.

Investigators began to piece together a narrative of that night with surveillance video. a remorseful interview with another professional cyclist she had been seeing, and eventually ballistics. Now, US Marshals are helping police look for a woman who has been identified as a suspect in the death of Anna Moriah Wilson, 25.

The suspect, Kaitlin Marie Armstrong, 34, was dating Colin Strickland, 35, another star



blends mountain biking and road cycling. Police said Wilson had also been romantically in-

volved with Strickland. On the night of May 11, a friend returned to her home in Austin where Wilson had been staying, found Wilson bleeding and unconscious and called 911, police said. Wilson, who was known as Mo, was pronounced dead shortly

after, police said. An initial probe revealed that someone had shot Wilson multiple times inside the home and that the shooting did not appear to be random.

On the night she was killed, Wilson and Strickland had together visited the Deep Eddy pool in Austin, according to a police affidavit posted by The Austin American-Statesman.



Anna Moriah Wilson was a

rising talent in off-road and

gravel biking.NYT

had been in a romantic relationship with Wilson in October during a one- or two-week break from his roughly three-year relationship with Armstrong, according to the affidavit.

such as bedding.

In December or January, Strickland purchased two 9-millimeter handguns, one for himself and one for Armstrong, the affidavit said. A police analysis of Armstrong's gun, which was recovered at Strickland's home, revealed it had "significant" potential to be the same as the one used to kill Wilson, the affidavit said.

A vehicle similar to Armstrong's, a Jeep Grand In an interview with the po-Cherokee, was seen in front of the lice, Strickland said he had Austin home where Wilson was dropped Wilson off at her staying an hour before the police friend's house and did not go inresponded to her friend's 911 call, side. He told the police that he the affidavit said. Armstrong did

seen near the scene of the shooting, the police said. The day after Wilson was

found dead, the police took Armstrong into custody on an unspecified misdemeanor warrant but were then informed that the warrant was not valid and told Armstrong she could leave if she wanted to, the affidavit said.

The Austin police did not immediately respond to messages seeking further comment. Strickland and his sponsor, Red Bull, did not respond to email requests for comment. Armstrong

not explain why her vehicle was

could not be reached. The affidavit said the police

had received a tip from an anonymous caller. The caller said Armstrong had said in January that she wanted to kill Wilson af-

ter learning that Strickland was in a relationship with Wilson while he was dating Armstrong. Strickland said he had not been

in contact with Armstrong since May 13, according to the affidavit.

There is no way to adequately express the regret and torture I feel about my proximity to this horrible crime," Strickland said to The American-Statesman. "I am sorry, and I cannot make sense of this unfathomable tragedy."

Strickland said he had a brief relationship with Wilson in the fall "that spanned a week or so," then reconciled with Armstrong. He said that he and Wilson had not been in a romantic relationship after that, but were in a platonic and professional relationship and would often see each other at cycling events. NYT

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IPEF unlikely to kickstart WON'T ALLOW RUNAWAY DEPRECIATION OF RUPEE, SAYS SHAKTIKANTA DAS **Rate hike expectations in next MPC meet a no-brainer: RBI Guv**

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU MUMBAI, MAY 23

RESERVE BANK of India (RBI) Governor Shaktikanta Das on Monday indicated that the central bank would continue to hike policy interest rates to bring down inflation but refused to say whether it will be raised to the pre-pandemic level.

'Expectation of a rate hike is a no-brainer. There will be some increase in the reportate. By how much, I will not be able to tell now but to say that (it will be hiked) to 5.15 percent now will not be accurate," Das said in an interview to CNBC-TV18.

He also said the RBI will not allow a runaway depreciation of the rupee, adding that the currency has performed better than many other emerging market

currencies. The Indian currency has depreciated over 6 per cent in the last one year.

On May 4, the MPC surprised everyone by hiking the repo rate by 40 basis points to 4.4 per cent, citing inflationary pressures. Repo is the rate at which the RBI lends short-term funds to banks. The RBI also increased the cash reserve ratio by 50 basis points to 4.50 per cent to suck out liquidity.

He said the market was "right in thinking" that the MPC (Monetary Policy Committee) wants to raise rates in the next meeting on June 8. The central bank also wants to remove the overhang of liquidity in the sys-

tem over two-to-three years, he said. "One of the reasons for 'out of turn' action was to avoid a steep hike in June. Broadly, the



IN APRIL, retail inflation surged to 7.79 per cent, highest since May 2014. The print was 84 basis points higher than the March number of 6.95 per cent.

RBI wants to raise rates in the next few meetings, at least in the next meeting," Das said.

In April, the retail inflation surged to 7.79 per cent, the highest since May 2014. At 7.79 per cent, the Consumer Price Index inflation print for April was 84 basis points higher than the March number of 6.95 percent,



data released on May 12 by the ministry of statistics and programme implementation showed

On May 21, the government cut the central excise duty on petrol by Rs 8 a litre and on diesel by Rs 6. It also waived customs duty on the import of some raw materials, including coking coal and ferronickel, used by the steel industry.

Das said that India has entered into another phase of coordinated fiscal and monetary action to quell inflation. The recently announced fiscal measures will have a "sobering impact" on inflation going forward, Das said.

"We will be able to manage the current account deficit very comfortably this year," he said. "We don't expect a big jump in the current account deficit," he

Billionaires' total

13.9% of global GDP,

from 4.4% in 2000

marking a three-fold rise

wealth now equivalent to

said, adding that the rising imports point to the revival in domestic demand. "I have a sense that government will maintain the fiscal deficit target" this year," Das said.

The RBI move to hike Repo rate is expected to push up interest rates in the banking system. Equated monthly instalments (EMIs) on home, vehicle and other personal and corporate loans are likely to go up. Deposit rates, mainly fixed term rates, are also set to rise. By hiking the Repo rate and CRR, the RBI is aiming to keep inflation - which is already close to 7 per cent – at its desired level and control and monitor money flow into the banking system. Banks have already increased the MCLR and repo-linked lending rates, passing on the RBI repo hike to the customers.

tariff talks; eye on synergies ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU NEW DELHI, MAY 23 WITH THE launch of the Indo-

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Pacific Economic Framework (IPEF), partner countries are likely to commence discussions focussed on strengthening the broader mandate of "economic cooperation" and "achieving shared goals" in the coming weeks.

In comparison to trade blocs, it is unlikely that IPEF members would attempt negotiation on tariffs or market access, instead focussing initially on improving synergies in four specific areas: digital economy, supply chains, clean energy infrastructure, and anti-corruption measures.

Experts noted that the framework might emerge as an eventual alternative to the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP), which notably includes China. In 2019, India had pulled out of the RCEP, citing concerns about a potential surge in imports from China under the re-

MEETS EXECUTIVES OF 34 FIRMS; 'INDIA, JAPAN NATURAL PARTNERS'

drop of Indian exporters having Apart from India and the US, all the other 11 members of IPEF are members of RCEP

RUPEE

🙆 77.55/USD

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(A) \$109.55

Note: Gold, silver rates at Delhi spot market, gold per 10g, silver per 1 kg; Crude oil (Indian basket) as of May 20

benefited from a move by the US and the EU to de-risk supply chains by reducing their reliance on China for essential imports. India may, however, have to diplomatically navigate key issues that the US is aiming to address through the IEPF, according to experts.

"In terms of specific commit-

ments which could be brought in,

it is clearly US-led and is going to

be shepherded by the US ", said

Biswajit Dhar, professor of eco-

nomics at Jawaharlal Nehru

University. He added India would

need to look at its stance on dis-

cussing issues such as e-com-

merce and data localisation,

which the US is aiming to address

through the framework. India has

so far declined to enter discus-

sions on multilateral rules for e-

commerce and its data localisa-

tion requirements have been

criticised by the US as barriers to

also previously spoken about re-

ducing reliance on China, not

Dhar added while the US has

digital trade.

gional pact. Apart from India and the US, all the 11 other members of IPEF are members of RCEP.

While the IPEF does not currently address increased market access for trade between member countries, it is aimed at increasing regulatory coherence between these nations, an expert said. The framework is aimed at enhancing cooperation between these countries to strengthen supply chains, increase regulatory coherence. and improve coordination on climate action and anti-corruption efforts. US President Joe Biden had first mentioned the IPEF at the October 2021 East Asia Summit and Washington is projecting the platform as the new US vehicle for re-engagement with East Asia and Southeast Asia.

> This also comes in the backmuch has changed on the ground.

SECTOR WATCH MUTUAL FUNDS

Sebi unveils new framework for ETFs, index funds

ENSECONOMICBUREAU MUMBAI, MAY 23

THE SECURITIES and Exchange Board of India (Sebi) announced a new framework for managing passive funds exchange traded funds (ETFs) and index funds amid growing popularity of such funds as an investment product for retail investors.

It has also allowed mutual funds to launch passively managed equity-linked savings schemes (ELSS) to save taxes under Section 80C of the Income-tax Act. Under the framework,

curities, a single issuer should not have more than 15 per Sebi has laid down norms for cent weight in the index in debt ETFs and index funds. its titution market making framework for ETFs, investor education and awareness charges, disclosure guidelines and other provisions. The total assets under

PROFITING AMID PANDEMIC 'New billionaire every 30 hrs; 1 mn in extreme poverty every 33 hrs'

The pandemic saw a new billionaire emerging every 30 hours, while nearly 1 million may be pushed into extreme poverty every 33 hours this year, an Oxfam report said

60% of low-income countries are on the brink of debt distress 573 people became new billionaires during the pandemic

Billionaires' wealth rose more in first 24 months of Covid than in 23 years combined

263 million more people will crash into extreme poverty in 2022 Source: Oxfam/PTI

Inflation and price rise everywhere are devastating for low-wage workers who were already most vulnerable to Covid

As losses mount, Zomato turns focus

PM pitches India story to Japan Inc: PLI, record FDI, emerging technology

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, MAY 23

IN A bid to woo Japanese investments, Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Monday met top business leaders from the Asian country, including Masayoshi Son of SoftBank, Osamu Suzuki of Suzuki Motor Corp and Uniqlo CEO Tadashi Yanai, to discuss investment opportunities India offers in sectors ranging from textiles, automobiles to emerging technologies and startups.

Modi, who reached Tokvo on a two-day visit to attend a summit of Quad leaders at the invitation of his Japanese counterpart Fumio Kishida, held separate bilateral meetings with Japanese business leaders.

He also met top executives and CEOs of 34 Japanese compamense potential of India-Japan nies at the business roundtable. ties". According to a statement by Majority of these companies have the Ministry of External Affairs, investments and operations in Modi said during the visit of India and these companie



are natural partners. Modi lauded startup ecosystem of India," the the business community as MEA statement said. "brand ambassadors of the im-

Modi noted that despite the slowdown in global FDI, India has attracted record FDI of \$84 billion in the previous financial year.

Modi appreciated Softbank proporation's role in India's

(left) Prime Minister Narendra Modi with Suzuki Motor Chairman Masayoshi Son, in Tokyo. PTI

added. During his meeting with Suzuki, the Prime Minister recalled the veteran Japanese industry leader's association with and contribution to India.

"They discussed further investment opportunities in India, ncluding setting up of pro tion facilities for electric vehicles and batteries as well as recycling centres, for realising the goal of sustainable growth," the official statement said. Suzuki Motor Corp president Toshihiro Suzuki described Modi's visit to Japan as "an important milestone in the 70th year of the anniversary of Indo-Japanese diplomatic relations".



Osamu Suzuki; and (right) Softbank president and CEO

management(AUM) of index funds, ETFs and fund of funds investing overseas were Rs 5.27 lakh crore as of this April.

The regulator said the norms for debt ETFs or index funds could be based on indices comprising corporate debt securities or government securities (G-sec). Tbills and/or state development loans (SDLs) or a combination of corporate debt securities and G-secs, Tbills and SDLs. The new framework will come into effect from July 1 and will be applicable to all existing ETFs and index funds, it added.

For an index with at least 80 per cent weight of corporate debt securities, a single issuer should not have more than 15 per cent weight in the index in respect of AAA securities, not more than 12.5

A-rated ties. However, for AAA-rated securities of PSUs and AAArated securities of PFI (public financial institution) issuers

The regulator also

allowed mutual

funds to launch

equity-linked

savings schemes

rated securities, it said.

passively managed

per cent in case of AA securi-

ties and not more than 10 per

cent in case of A and below

In case of a hybrid index

- comprising both corporate

debt securities and G-sec

/SDL – with up to 80 per cent

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the limit will be 15 per cent. Further, for AA-rated securities, a single issuer should not have more than 8 per cent weight in the index and not more than 6 per cent in respect of A and below rated securities. "For an index based on G-Sec and SDLs, single issuer limit shall not be applicable," Sebi said, adding such an index should not have more than 25 per cent

weight in a particular group, excluding securities issued by PSUs, PFIs and PSBs.

With regard to norms for market making framework for ETFs, Sebi said asset management companies need to appoint at least two market makers, who are members of stock exchanges, for ETFs to provide continuous liquidity on the exchange platform.

Full report on www.indianexpress.com

to conserving cash

Won't make fresh investments in q-comm segment

SOUMYARENDRA BARIK NEW DELHI, MAY 23

ZOMATO CEO Deepinder Goyal has said the company is being "aggressive" about conserving cash amid widening losses and will not make any more fresh investments in the quick commerce space, for which it had earlier earmarked \$400 million. The company acknowledged a shortage of delivery workers, saying many professionals, who left for their villages during the first Covid-induced lockdown in 2020, have not returned yet.

Zomato's expenses nearly doubled as its consolidated net loss for the March quarter widened to about Rs 360 crore,

able regulatory measures:

The panel will also identify the

best practices, adopted globally

and domestically, in customer

service and grievance redressal,

especially for improvement in

services rendered to retail and

small customers, including pen-

sioners and senior citizens.

Further, it will suggest measures

to leverage technology for en-

hancing customer service effi-

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ciencies.

A Zomato delivery executive, Mumbai. File

compared to Rs 134.2 crore in the corresponding quarter last year. The company posted revenue from operations of Rs 1211.8 crore, up 75 per cent compared to last year.

According to a letter shared by the company with its shareholders on Monday evening, Zomato has about Rs 12.200 crore unrestricted cash at this point and it said the capital needs are currently limited.

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resent diverse sectors, including automobiles, electronics, semiconductors, steel, technology, trading and banking & finance. Key business bodies and organisations from India and Japan such as Keidanren, Japan External Trade Organization (JETRO), Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA), Japan Bank for International Cooperation (JBIC), Japan-India Business Consultative Committee (JIBCC) and Invest India also participated. Stressing that India and Japan

both countries had set an ambitious target of investment of Japanese Yen 5 trillion over the next 5 years. "Prime Minister highlighted recent developments in economic ties, such as India-Japan Industrial Competitiveness Partnership (IJICP) and Clean Energy Partnership, among others. He talked about initiatives such as the National Infrastructure Pipeline (NIP), Production Linked Incentive (PLI) scheme, and semiconductor policy and highlighted the ro

startup sector during his meeting with Son, founder and CEO of the Japanese investment major.

"They discussed Softbank's future participation in India in key areas such as technology, energy and finance," the official statement said. Further, various reforms being undertaken to enable ease of doing business in India were also discussed and "specific proposals were shared with Softbank where it could enhance its investments in India", it

(with PTI inputs from Tokyo) Full report on www.indianexpress.com

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New Delhi: Foreign direct investment (FDI) equity inflows fell 1% to \$58.77 billion in FY22, showed official data.

IMF on crypto

Davos: IMF chief Kristalina Georgieva cautioned against confusing crypto products with currencies, saying Bitcoin cannot be 'money' just because it has got 'coin' in its name. PTI

Purion crude

New Delhi: Oil minister Hardeep Singh Puri said prices staying at \$110 may pose bigger threats than inflation to global economy. **REUTERS**

Customer-first: RBI sets up review panel and identify gaps, if any. It will also

ENSECONOMIC BUREAU MUMBAL MAY 23

THE RESERVE Bank of India has set up a committee for the review of customer service standards in RBI regulated entities (REs) for examining and reviewing the state of customer service and adequacy of customer service regulations and suggest measures to improve customer service.

The terms of reference of the committee, headed by former RBI Deputy Governor BP Kanungo, include evaluation of the efficacy, adequacy and quality of customer service in entities regulated by RBI vis-a-vis the existing RBI guidelines on customer service

Metal scrips hit

Mumbai: Metal stocks dove as review the emerging and evolvbrokerages downgraded the secing needs of the customer service landscape, especially in the contor after the Centre levied export text of evolving digital/electronic duties on iron ore and some steel financial products and distribuintermediaries and cut import tion landscape and suggest suitduty on some steel products.

Jindal Steel & Power slid 17.50 per cent, the most since January 2008. Tata Steel fell 12.53 per cent, most since August 2015. JSW Steel fell 13.20 per cent, the biggest since May 2020 and SAIL by 10.96 per cent. NMDC fell 12.33 per cent, Vedanta by 2.77 per cent and Hindalco Industries by3.65 per cent. The BSE metal index was down 8.33 per cent. The Sensex fell 38 points to 54,288.61. The rupee rose to 77.55 against the US dollar. ENS

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R/o 6/12, Indl. Area, Kirti

Raj Malhotra R/o AO-18,

my name to Raiesh Rai

Sehgal

Nitin Kumar.

Kalakunj, Shalimar Bagh

malhotra for all purposes

I, Poonam W/o Sh. Shyam Lal Sehgal, R/o B-1/197, Paschim

Vihar, New Delhi-110063, have

changed my name to Poonam

I, Nitin, S/o Vinod Kumar, R/o A-

Karawal Nagar, Delhi-110094,

I, Kriti Sharma, W/o Amit Gupta,

Silver City, Sector-93A, Noida,

UP-201304, have changed my

name to Kriti Sharma Gupta

I, Kavita d/o Mahesh Prasad

Tagore Garden Extn. Delhi-

I, Kavita Gupta d/o Mahesh

Floor, Tagore Garden Extn,

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Extension, Delhi 110092, have

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NAGAR.DELHI-110059.HAVE

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Ansal-Plaza Mall-Palam-Vihar

Gurgaon, Haryana-122017, Have

Changed My Name To Naresh

Kumar Gupta,For All,Future

I, Naresh Kumar, S/O Om

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Prasad Gupta r/o EC-147, First

Delhi-110027 have changed my

to KAVITA GUPTA

permanently.

Gupta r/o EC-147, First Floor,

110027 have changed my name

for all future purposes.

48, ST no.6, Panchal Vihar,

have changed my name to

R/o.310, 3rd Floor, Tower-5,

Delhi-110088, have changed

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It is for general information that I.Mohd.Alam.S/o-Mohd.Ali.residing

at,512,Gali.No.23,Jafrabad,Delh i-110053, declare that name of mine has been wrongly-written as Mohd.Alam Khan in my Educational-Documents.The actual-name of mine is Mohd.Alam,which may be amended accordingly.

0040614936-10

It is for general information that I,AMIT KUMAR,S/o Rattan Lal Gupta, R/o-M-50, Front-Side Hari-Nagar.Delhi-110064, declare that name of mine and my minor son has

been wrongly-written as AMIT KHANDELWAL and NIDHAM KHANDELWAL in my minor-SON NIDHAM KHANDELWAL.aged about 13 Years, in his School-Record. The actual-name of mine and my minor son are AMIT KUMAR and VAIBHAV KHANDELWAL, which may be amended accordingly.

0040614982-4 I,Yuvrraj Khuraana,S/o Dipiish Khuraana R/o C-511, Defence Colony, Delhi-110024, have changed my name to Arvan khuraana. 0040614982-2

I,Vinay Sharma,S/o Mahavir Sharma, R/o-465/10, Rampura Tri.Nagar.Delhi-110035, changed my minor daughter name Myrah Sharma to Myra Sharma. 0040614961-6

I,Sushma D/o Jagdish R/o,H.no.12/3614 Regharpura,Karol Bagh,New.Delhi-110005,have changed the, name of minor Daughter from Pranjal Gautam to Pranjal for, all. Purposes in future. 0040614935-4

I,Surbeer Singh Gopan S/o Baran Singh Gopan R/o,Flat-No.-214, Block-2, Samrat Ashoka-Enclave Plot-No.-6 Sector-18, Dwarka N. Delhi-110078, have changed my name to Surbir Singh Gopan.

0040614961-3 I.Sunidhi Mehta.D/O-Sunil Kumar Mehta.W/O-Dhruv Jain,R/O-House No-26,Ground Floor,Roop Nagar,Block-A.Delhi-110007.have changed my name to Sunidhi Jain.

0040614978-4 I,Shuheb Aalam,S/o-Phool Hasan.R/o.Shop.No-16.Block-B. DDA-Market,Sector-1,Rohini,Delhi-110085,have changed my minor's Daughter name, from Kaneej Fatma to Kaneej Fatima, for all purposes. 0040614961-7

I.Sanieev S/O. Dharampal Sharma R/O 33/34 Rajendra Nagar Meerut U.P, Have Changed My Name Sanjeev Bhardwai.for all Future 0040614935-11 purposes.

I,Rubinder Kaur,W/o-Surinder Pal Singh Gulati, residing-A03 1103, Sahara Grace Condominium,M G Road, behind Sahara Mall,Chakkarpur, Sector-28.Gurgaon.Harvana 122002, have changed my name to Rubinder Gulati.

I,MOHAMMAD FARAHIM ALI,S/O-SHAMSHER KHANADD:-HOUSE.NO-443 RAILWAY STATION, MASURI, DISTRICT GHAZIABAD UTTAR P-201302, changed my name to FARAHIM ALI, 0040614982-3 Permanently. I,Kuldeep Rai residing of Village and Post office - Betawar Kalan, Zone - Zamania, District - Ghazipur (U. P.) have changed my minor son's name from PRATYUSH to PRATYUSH RAI vide Affidavit dated 20/05/2022 before Ghazipur District Court. Ghazipur Sadar for all future purposes. 0040614916-2

I,Kuldeep Kaur Hunjan,W/o Harmandeep Singh, R/o-82/1 Nanak PIO-Colony G.T.Karnal Road Delhi,have changed my name to Kuldeep Kaur 0040614961-5

I,Km. Seema Rani W/o Sanjay Sharma R/o B-7/38,Sector-5.Rohini.Delhi-110085.have changed my name to Seema Sharma, for all purposes.

0040614935-2 I.Kanta Devi Garg,W/o Anil Kumar, R/o-B 8/26, Sector-5,Rohini,Delhi-110085 have changed my name to Kanta 0040614978-1 Devi. I,Kamal Kishor Arya,s/o,Madan Lal,R/o-277,Devashish Kuni.Shivpur.Kotdwara Pauri.Garhwal.Uttarakhand-246149,have changed my name.from KAMAL KISHOR ARYA to SIDHARTH ARYA, for all, future purposes 0040614961-4

I.KM Namita Arora.W/o-Rupesh Mehrotra, R/o-S-1005 AWHO Sispal-Vihar.Sector 49,Gurgaon-122018 (Haryana), have changed my name to Dr.Namita Mehrotra.

0040614961-9 I,Jitender Kumar S/o Kundan Lal R/o J-27 Ist-Floor Kirti Nagar Delhi-110015, have changed my name to Jitender Kumar 0040614936-2 Kapoor.

I.Gayatri D/o-Pradeep Singh R/o-C-54 Kirpal Appartment,Plot No.44, I.P.Ext Delhi-110092.have changed my name to Gayatri Majila, for all 0040614936-8 purposes.

I,Bhupendra Singh S/o Sujan Singh R/o-9/2489.Gali 18A,Kailash Nagar,Delhi-110031, have changed my name to Bhupender Singh. 0040614937-3

I,Bharat Kumar Sareen S/O-Rakesh Sareen, R/O-A-21.Gali.No-8.New Gupta Colony Delhi-110009, have changed my name to Bharat Sareen.

0040614961-2 I,Anil Garg,S/o-Shri Kishan Gupta,R/o-B-8/26,Sector-5,Rohini,Delhi-110085,have changed my name to Anil 0040614978-2 Kumar. I,Anant Deep Singh,S/o Jagjit Singh,R/o D-188,FF,Tagore-Garden Extn, Delhi-110027, have

changed my name to I, Anoop Singh alias Anoop Anantdeep Singh. Singh Khati S/o Shiv Lal Employed as Head Constable in the Delhi Police R/o Plot No.-LUSha Devi (DoB-15-01-1982) 73, Kh.No.12/19, B-Block, W/o kishan Singh, Add- Vill: Outub Vihar, Phase-I, Delhi-Dhari, PO-Dhasi, Tehsil-Jakhan 110071 have changed my name Khal, Distt-Pauri Garhwal, UKto Anoop Singh. 246173 have changed my name from Usha Rawat to Usha Devi 0040614936-7 (DOB-17-05-1982) vide affidavit I. Abhishek Nigam, R/o dated 17-05-2022 sworn before Alexandra E-705, Grand SDM Rajendar Kumar, Preet Omaxe, Sector-93B, Noida Vihar, New Delhi 0040614923-G.B.Nagar, UP-201304, have I, Tania W/o Mohammad Suhail Changed my daughter's name. R/o C-11, Third Floor, Hauz from Amodini to Amodini Rani, Malviya Nagar,New Delhi 0040614935-1 Nigam. 110017 have changed my name Abhishek Bhatia S/o Suresh from Tania to Taniya for all Chand pmt Add- Ward no. 05, future purposes. Vill & PO- Majherna, Tehsil-0040614887-1 Baijnath, Distt-Kangra, H.Pl, Sunny Nassa, S/o Kishan 176063 have changed my name Chand Nassa, R/o-H, No.756, Gali from Abhishek to ABHISHEK No.3, Arjun Nagar, Gurgaon BHATIA vide affidavit dated Haryana-122001, have changed 17.05.2022 sworn before SDM my name to Sunny,for all Rajendar Kumar, Preet Vihar, 0040614937-2 purposes. New Delhi 0040614925-1 I, Smt. Rema Narayanan, with LAMIT BAIS S/O HARDAYAL the DOB May 5, 1958, wife of SINGH BAIS, R/O Flat-Shri K R Narayanan residing at 1401, Tower-H4, Eros Adwaitham, Bhavanam Villa Sampoornam, Techzone No 3, PallaviRoad, 4,Greater Noida-West(UP)have Chakkamkandam PO, Thrissur changed my name to AMIT Dist, Kerala, have changed my SINGH BAIS. 0040614935-7 name to Smt. Remadevi, with I Jyoti Arora W/o Sh. Sanjay the DOB May 1, 1958, by Arora D/o Sh. Tankeshwar Lal affidavit, for all purposes. Both Kalra R/o A-1/299-B, Keshav Rema Narayanan and Puram, North-West, Remadevi are one and the Keshavpuram, Lawrence same person only. Road, Delhi-110035 is also 0040614950-1 known as Sonu. Both names

I Hem Chand S/o Gurdayal Singh R/o 2063 Mukeem Pura Subzi Mandi, Malka Gani, North Delhi, Delhi-110007, have changed the name of my minor son Kavvansh aged 10 years and he shall hereafter be known as Kanav Gola.

0040614936-5 I Gurneet Kaur W/o Gagan Deep Singh R/o GH-13/292, Paschim Vihar, Delhi-110087 have changed my name to Guneet 0040614936-6 Kaur.

I Gurinder Pal Singh S/O Gurdeep Singh Resident 190-A/1 first floor Gautam Nagar, Delhi-110049 here by state that G.P.Singh and Gurinder Pal Singh are one and the same 0040614961-10 person.

I.Om Prakash Viswakarma,S/O-Dhan Bahadur Biswakarma R/O-House.no-186,Block-A,Roshnara Club,Shakti Nagar, Delhi-110007, have changed my name to Om Prakash Biswakarma. 0040614978-3

I.Muninder Kaur W/O-Paramjeet Singh R/O-G-160, Pushkar-Enclave Paschim Vihar.New Delhi-110063,have changed my name to Baljinder Kaur. 0040614961-1

I Dinesh Kumar S/O, Sh. Mahavir Prasad Gautam R/o H.No. 1527-A, Sector-29, Faridabad-121008 DOB 24-07-1970 with affidavit No: 143 dt: 21/5/2022 have changed my name to Dinesh Kumar Gatam for all purposes

I,RAVI SHARMA S/O KULDEEP KUMAR R/O B-1/117, PHASE-2.ASHOK VIHAR.DELHI-110052.HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO RAVI KUMAR SHARMA.

I.RAVI KUMAR S/O KULDEEP KUMAR R/O B-1/117, PHASE-2,ASHOK VIHAR,DELHI-110052.HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO RAVI KUMAR SHARMA. 0040614931-6 I, SADDAM HUSAIN, S/O ABBUL HASAN, ADD-A-504, G/F GALI.NO-7 JAITPUR-EXTN PART-2 BADARPUR, SOUTH EAST DELHI-110044, changed my name to SADDAM, Permanently. 0040614931-10 I, Noman Zaffar Ansari, S/o Samsul Hak R/o.H.No-1102 Sector-15, Opposite Gurudwara Varundhara Ghaziabad, U.P-201012, have changed my name to Noman 0040614931-1 Jafar.

I, Nareksha w/0-Satish Kumar Arora,R/o 470,sector-16a Faridabad.Harvana.have change name to Nareksha arora,for all 0040614931-3 I, BHAWNA, W/o YASHBIR SINGH HOODAH.NO.81. SECTOR-7/A. FARIDABAD, HARYANA-121006, changed my name to BHAWANA HOODA.

0040614931-2 Ashok Kumar s/0-padam lal change name to Ashok Kumar 0040614931-4

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WESTERN RAILWAY-AHMEDABAD Lost the allotment letter of my VARIOUS CONSTRUCTION WORKS flat 21/18 Ashoka Road Shipra Dy. Chief Engineer (C) V, Gandhidham for and on behalf of President of Union of India invites E-Tender for the following work: (1) E-Tender No. Dy. CE/C/V/ GIM/DSL-NLY/2(NIT) Date:18-05-Sun City Indirapuram Ghaziabad 201014. Complaint is lodged on 22.05.2022 bearing LR number 425574/2022. If 2022. (2) Name of work: Execution of various works such as Laying and linking of tracks and various P.way works, supply

of ballast, Earthworks in bank and cutting

for formatic pathworks in balk and cubic and spreading of blanketing material, minor bridges with PSC Slabs, RCC pipes, RCC box bridges, RCC Boxes in connection with closed LCs (other than LHS), Protection works such as stone pitching,

construction of Toe walls, Retaining walls, Side drains, etc. and other incidental/ elated works between DESHALPUR to

VALIYA in connection with Bhui Naliva

Cauge Conversion Project. (3) Approx. cost of Work: ₹ 155,06,12,772,59 (4) Bid Security: ₹ 79,03,100/- (5) Type of Tender : Two Packet System Two Stage

Reverse Auction (6) Completion period: 18 (Eighteen) Months (Including Monsoon) (6) Closing time and Date:

08-06-2022 at 15.00 Hrs. (7) Website

particulars Notice Board location

where complete details of tender car be seen and address of the office

Dy. Chief Engineer (C) V, Westerr Railway, Gandhidham. **Website**:

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SOUTH WESTERN RAILWAY

Tender Notice No. 14/MYS/2022 Dated: 18.05.2022

he undersigned, on behalf of the

resident of India, invites E-tenders for

SL Name of Works Approx. Value

1 Sub Work-I: Mysuru Rs. 1,74,52,253

Station- Repairs and brightening of PF shelter at PF No. 1, 2 & 3, 4 & 5 and 6

Sub Work-II: Mysuru Station- Repairs

FOB steps in PF No. 1& 2. Sub Work-III Mysuru Station- Repairs to front corrido

and portico of Mysuru Station Building Sub Work-IV: Mysuru Station- Proposed construction of Sahayaks rest room.

Hassan-Mangaluru; Rs. 11,42,33,543/

Propsed construction of Road unde Bridge as 2x9.15M PSC slab in lieu o

nanned Level Crossing No. 105 at Km

39/100-200 at Kabaka Puttur station

service room for C&W maintenance

akleshpur - Construction

SSE/works/office. Sub Work-II

akleshpur - Shifting of Booking Office to

he place of adjacent canteen dul elocating canteen. **Sub Work-III**

Sakleshpur - Provision of PF shelter i

PF No. 2. Sub Work-IV: Sakleshpur

Construction of Catering Stall at PF No. 7

nprovement's to damaged floors of sicl

ine shed. Sub Work-VI: Subrahmany

toad - Provision of IRS PF shelter at PF

No. 2 (length of 32.0m x 7.0 m wide

Providing Inspection Rs. 2,97,02,957

of Platform for Bridge No. 706/

lorth, Bridge No. 726A, Cauvery South

Last date for submission of bids:

Up to 11:00 hrs. of 09.06.2022

For details log on: www.ireps.gov.in

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belonging to our clients. dealing with the aforesaid

Senior Divisional Engineer / Co-orc

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Mysur

Bridge No. 104A UTP.

Sub Work V: Sakleshpur

ctivities.

2 bays).

Sub Work-I:

Rs. 38,80,203/

Rs. 1,05,71,553/

CPM-1

www.ireps.gov.in.

ne following works:

found, finder may contact Maniul Soni on 9818325849 or send document at above 0040614876-1 address. Lost original Payment Challans of DSIIDC against my Plot No.B-310, Bawana, Phase-II, (Bhorgarh), Delhi. Finder may Contact-Lilly Fashion (P) Ltd at above noted address. 0040614895-

PUBLIC NOTICE

PUBLIC NOTICE This is to inform the public at large that my client Sh. Dayanand R/o House NuD.711 Nathyuna Buarin, New Deih-110084, has severed all his relations and debared his moveable and immovable properties due to her act detimental to the name and fame o the family. She is out of the control of my ident. My client, his wife Smt. Meenakshi sons Mr. Ashutosh and Subham and mothe Mrs. Bhart Devi are not responsible for any debts, liabilities, transactions, acts, deads and things done by abovementioned persor since today.

RADHEY SHAYAM KANSOT Ch. No. K-71 Tis Hazari Courts, Delhi-5

PUBLIC NOTICE T is hereby notified that ny cleritess Smt. Ranjana Dhodi W/o Late Shri V.K. Dhodi, R/o A:364, Sector-5, Rohini, Delh-110085 had severed ail her relation with her daughter namely Shuchi Dhodi and also debarredi disowned her from all her properties movable and immovable by publication in the newspaper "Indian Express" and "Jansatta" on 13.08.2016, on account of her behaviour, conduct etc. Now Shuchi Dhodi has completely changed herself to the satisfaction of my clientess. My client is canceling/ withdrawing the debar notice dated 13.08.2016, henceforth.

Sd/-A.K. SHAKYA (Advocate) Ch. No. C-73, C.L. Joseph Block, Tis Hazari Courts, Delhi-54

PUBLIC NOTICE It is for general information that I, Swati Malik Venaik, Ex wife of Sh. Gaurav Venail D/o Sh. Subhash Malik, R/ Flat No. 41, Vasant Enclave Vasant Vihar, New Delh declare that I got divorce from my husband Sh. Gaura Venaik vide court decree No.22/263 IMA date 18.02.2022. Further I hav changed my name and shal hereafter be known as Swat

Public at large is informed that my clients Sh. Nand Kishor Sharma 300 Sh. Bharo Lat Sharma and his wife Sm. Kiran Sharma both R/O A-61, Janta Colony, Raghubir Nagar, New Delh-110027 have severed and extinguished all their relationship with their son Rajesh Sharma and have disowned him from all their properties both movables and immovables and he is not in the control of my clients and is most disrespectfull and disobedient Anyone does any acts and deeds with him shall do so at his own risk and my clients shall not be responsible for any of his acts and deeds.

<u>सार्वजनिक सूचना</u> रे मुवक्किल श्रीमती सावित्री देवी पत्नी श्री मुंशी लाल एवं श्री मुंशी लाल पुत्र श्री राम चरण दोनों निवासी 39/15 सी, ऐ-2 ब्लॉक, वेस्ट संत नगर, बुरारी, दिल्ली-110084 ने अपने पुत्र विशाल को गलत व्यवहार/आचरण के कारण अपनी चल अचल सम्पत्ति से बेदखल कर सभी सम्बन्ध विच्छेद कर लिए हैं भविष्य में विशाल कोई ले देन करते हैं तो उसके जिम्मेदार खुद होंगे। मेर

> RAJIV KUMAR ADVOCATE D/3560/2009

Ramkumar Sharma, Resident o C-7/226, Yamuna Vihar, Delhi 10053 hereby inform genera

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TENDER DATE EXTENSION NOTICE

The tender notice published in the 'Indian Express' newspape dated 03.05.2022, the last date to reach the tender in this office fo providing Rental Taxi/Car Services for Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan Regional Office, Dehradun has been extended from 23.05.2022 17.00hrs to 07.06.2022, 17.00 hrs. The sealed tender will be accepted only through registered/speed post and will not be accepted, submitted in person/ by hand in this office. The tender will be opened n the office of the undersigned on 08.06.2022 at 16:30 hrs Other terms and conditions will remain unchanged. Tende documents are available on the website of this office "https://rodehradun.kvs.gov.in" Deputy Commissioner



Name of work - 1 - Supply of 1 set of thrust Pads & Modification work (Blue matching of base material with housing in Thrust tank) during annual maintenance at Mohammadpur Power house. Estimated Cost - Rs 14,50,000.00 (GST Extra)

Date of availability of Tender document on website - 24-05-2022

from 11:00 hrs - Date of Receipt of the tender - 14-06-2022 upto 16:00 hrs

For all details, bidders are advised to visit our website www.ujvnl.com Executive Engineer

(M&G)

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U.P.RAJYA VIDYUT UTPADAN NIGAM LTD HARDUAGANJ THERMAL POWER STATION, KASIMPUR (ALIGARH) E-Tender Notice

SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER, OPERATION 8 MAINTENANCE CIRCLE-II, 'D'TPS, KASIMPUR

1. ET-01/O&MC-II/BMD-I/22-23, Online e-bids are invited for the 'Overhauling of APH, Seal trough, repairing of SCAPH system etc. of Unit # 9, of 2x250 MW, HTPS." E-Tender has beer uploaded on 21.05.2022 on http://etender.up.nic.in. Estimated Cost of Work: Rs. 17,99,000.00. Time Period 12 Months, E.M.D. cost: Rs. 36,000.00. Last date of Tender: 23.06.2022 at 14:00 Hrs.

2. ET-02/O&MC-II/BMD-I/22-23, Online e-bids are invited for the 'All type of Insulation & Refractory work related to B.M.D.-I. B.M.D.II / T.M.D. 'D' TPS and B.M.D.-I / B.M.D.-II / T.M.D. 'C' TPS of Unit # 8, 9, 2x250 MW & #7, 1x105MW, HTPS" E-Tender has been uploaded on 21.05.2022 on http://etender.up.nic.in Estimated Cost of Work: Rs. 15,30,000.00. Time Period 12 Months, E.M.D. cost: Rs. 30,600.00. Last date of Tender 23.06.2022 at 14:00 Hrs.

Superintending Engineer, Coal Handling Circle, Kasimpur (Aligarh):

3. Tender No.: STET-02/CHC/CHD-I'D'TPS/HTPS/2022-23, Ir Coal Handling Division-I 'D' TPS, "Annual contract for the work of Unloading of coal through W/T and manually, feeding of coal and up-keeping of conveyor systems, maintenance of coal crusher W/T, repairing of conveyor belts, hoppers, chutes & grating, R.C bunkers, Coal Tippers, rollers, drums etc. of Unit No. 7 in old plant as per scope of work". Period for the work of one year E-tender has been uploaded on 21.05.2022 on http://etender.up.nic.in, Estimated cost of work: Rs. 26.52 Lacs arnest Money Rs. 53035.00. Last date of tender is 06.06 up to 14.00 Hrs.

born on 16.07.2009 to Aayansh 0070786663-1 L HANSRAJ S/O UTTAM CHAND NAME TO HANSRAJ CHHABRA. 0040614936-1 hereafter be known as Mukesh 0040614884-1

Bhatia r/0 1K-72. Faridabad,Haryana,have Bhatia.for all

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Malik PUBLIC NOTICE

T.R. Sandhu (Advocate Enl. No. D/250/1983 FD-31, Shivaji Enclave New Delhi-110027

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के लिए जिम्मेदार नहीं होगा।

PUBLIC NOTICE

3 Hassan-Mangaluru Rs. 1,68,36,384/ Section:- Renewal of damaged/ broke PSC sleepers at isolated location from km 98.00 to 139.000 betwee Subrahmanya Road to Kabaka Puttu tations. 4 Sub Work-I: rishnarajanagar- Extension of Booking office at Krishnarajanagar with 2 booking ounters, store room and attached toile Sub Work II: Hassan-Construction of

0040614937-

I,Rajendra Kumar Tibrewal,S/o Purushottam Lal Tibrewal, R/o-C-903, Grand Omaxe, Sector-93B,Noida-201304,,have changed my name to Rajendra Tibrewal. 0040614982-1

I.RAVINDER SINGH CHADHA.S/O INDER PAL SINGH.H.NO-14.RAM KISHORE ROAD.OPP-PARMANAND HOSPITAL, CIVIL-LINES, DELHI-110054, have changed my minor son name, from JASPRIT SINGH to JASPRIT SINGH CHADHA.

0040614936-4

I,Parveen Kumar,S/O-Shri Banarsi Dass, R/O-H.No.216, opposite- Civil Hospital,Sector-13.Sonipat.Harvana-131001, have changed my minor son name from Aneek to Aneek Verma, D.O.B-29-Feb-2008.

0040614978-7

I,Ravi Kumar S/o Ramesh Chand R/o D-22, Ajay Enclave Ashok-Nagar, Delhi have changed my name to Ravi Arora.

0040614935-3

I,Parveen Kumar,S/O-Shri Banarsi Dass.R/O-H.No.216, opposite- Civil Hospital,Sector-13.Sonipat.Harvana-131001, have changed my minor son name from Adit to Adit Verma, D.O.B-29-Feb-2008.

0040614978-6 I,Mukesh Kumar,S/O-Shri Banarsi Dass, R/O H.No.216,opposite - Civil Hospital,Sector-13,Sonipat,Haryana 131001, have changed my minor daughter name from Mehak to Mehak Verma, D.O.B-18-January-2005. 0040614978-5

I.Md.Soaib Alam,S/o-Phool Hasan, R/o. Shop. No-16, Block-**B,DDA-Market,Sector** 1,Rohini,Delhi-110085,have changed my name Shuheb Aalam, for all purposes.

0040614961-8

I.Mahender Kumar, S/o Gopal Singh, R/o-F-286, Pandav Nagar, Delhi-110091, Have Changed My Name To Mahendra Kumar,For Al 0040614936-9 Purposes.

I, Suman W/o Sushil Kumar R/o A-68, Alpha-1, Greater Noida G.B.Nagar, have changed my name to Suman Nagar for all purposes. 0040614907-1 I, Sarthak Kumar Sharma S/O, Chandra Mohan R/o B-1007 Clement City, Crossing Republik, Ghaziabad U P have changed my name to Sarthak Sharma for all purposes. 0040614937-10

I, Saiyyam Jot Gulati s/o Harmeet Singh Gulati r/o B-901, Tower Height Apartment, Pitam Pura, Delhi-110034 have changed my name to SAIYYAMJOT SINGH GULATI permanently. 0040614874-1

I have changed my name from Jyoti Raj to Raj Singh for all future purposes. Raj Singh, S/c Nirmal Kumar Singh, R/o G-8, 1808, Nirala Greenshire **Opposite St. Jhons School** Sector-2, Greater Noida West, Bishrakh, Gautam Buddha Nagar, Uttar Pradesh-201306.

0070786678-1 I Ravi S/o Tulsi Ram R/o H.no.20, Pocket-2 Sector-9, Dwarka Delhi-110075 have changed the name to Ravi Khati. 0040614935-6 9823022097 www.earthwellrealty.com

LOST & FOUND

We, Ankita Kapoor W/o Rakesh Kapoor and Rakesh Kapoor, S/o Shri, Pratap Naravan Kapoor has misplaced 14 Receipts for Apartment No. CGJ221, DLF Capital Greens, Shivaji Marg, Moti Nagar, New Delhi-15 following are the details: 1) CLG/CRB/01136/05092) CLG/CRB/01030/07093) CLG/CRB/00664/08094) CLG/CRB/00758/09095) CLG/CRB/00219/03106) CLG/CRB/00392/06107) CLG/CRB/00234/01118) CLG/CRB/00493/03119) CLG/CRB/00015/091110 CLG/CRB/00151/121111 CLG/CRB/00116/071212) CLG/CRB/00003/061313 CLG/CRB/00006/081414) CLGCRB0718/00018. If anyone finds it pls contact Ankita Kapoor, I-66, Ashok Vihar, Phase-1, New Delhi-52, 9999383134. 0070786662-1

I,Chanchal Gupta,D/o-Shri Vinod Kumar Gupta,R/o-UG-1,Plot.No.-102,RamprasthaGreens,Sector -7,Vaishali,Ghaziabad,U.P.-201010, That my original marksheet and degree certificate for (i) B.Tech(C.S.),UPTU, Passing Year-2009, Roll. No.-0509510016 and (ii) PGDM(Systems), IMT-CDL, Passing Year-2017, Roll. No. -1321100037 are lost somewhere during shifting of my house from Delhi to Vaishali, Ghaziabad, U.P., finder please-contact@9990873494.

0040614978-8

Lost Original Property Papers Sale, Gift & Partition Deed of Property D-39, U.G.Floor, Hakiketrai Road.Adarsh Nagar, Delhi-110033. Complaint Lodged on 05.05.22 LRNo:372332/2022, Finder please contact to Sangeeta Goyal Ph.8003191974.

0040614870-1

Lost Original Lease Deed & Conveyance Deed of prop.no.B 7, Third Floor, Moti Nagar, New Delhi-110015. Finder contact Lalit Maggo/Chhavi Maggo-Mob.no. 9289299309.

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signatures of my nentally unsound daughter Paran on a blank paper. The use of tha haper by any means for/again nyone will be considered null a

public that on date 05 May 2022,

Narandar Kum (Advocate Enr.No.D-9094/2018 Delhi High Cour Mob-8527288503

PUBLIC NOTICE Be it known to all that my Client (1) SH FATEH SINGH GAURAV Sio SH. RAM SWAROOP and (2) SMT. KAMLESH GAURAV Wio Fateh Singh Gaurav boti Ryo H.No.5375 Gail No.7. Nev Chandrawal Delhi-110007 have discovmen and severe all relationship with their son: namely (1) ABHIMANYU GAURAV and (2) BU III) GAIIBAV have, deberget theo ARJUN GAURAV have debarred the rom all their movable and immov roperties/assets from 19.05.2022, due heir mis-behaviour Any person deali and having relationship with them in a nanner shall be doing so at his own cos

RAJENDER BENIWA Enrl.No.D-145/6

PUBLIC NOTICE

eneral Public is hereby inform nat my client namely, Sh. Some hanker S/o Late Chandra Bh hanker R/o F. No. C-3 1202, Bha ity, Ghaziabad, U.P has severed is relations with his both the so amely (1) Abhijeet Shanker (30yrs (2) Ashutosh Shanker (25yrs) du (2) Ashtubsri Shahker (25)(5) du o their apathy & bad behavior wards him. My client has als isowned & debarred his abov amed sons from all his movable movable properties. Anyboc ealing with Abhijeet Shanker h Shanker will do so at h er/their own risk and responsiblit Ajeet Pandey (Adv.) Enrl. No. D/1872-A/04

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is for the information of public that ny client SMT. REKHA W/O LATE SH. SHOK KUMAR R/O B-253, PANDAV VAGAR, PATEL NAGAR, NEW DELH has severed all her relations and connections with his (1) son SAGAR, Jaughter-in-law SIMMY and their legal reits & (2) son SURAI, Daughter-in-law Jaughter-in-law SIMMY and their legal reits and have SIMMY and their legal reits and have simple and have febarred and disowned them from all her because they are out of control of my novable and immovable and immovable roperties because they are out of control of my roperties. Anybody will have no claim in her properties. Anybody will have no claim in her all do so at hisher own risk anc responsibility. Sd/ VIRENDER KUMAR Sd/- VIRENDER KUMA Shop No. 227, Sub-Registra

PUBLIC NOTICE

Building, Janak Puri, New Delhi-11005

I, Mrs. Rashmi Bagga W/O Mr. Vinay Bagga R/O B-57, Moti Nagar, Ramesh Nagar, Delhi⊣ 10015 & Mr. Varun Bagga S/o Mr. Varu agga R/o B-57, Moti Nagar, Ramesh Nagar lelhi-110015 Booked a Unit (Unit No 2203AS240119) in Astralis Tower, Supernov Sector-94, Noida Jointly, But we have los ur BBA & Payment Receipts documents hen are going Moti Nagar Metro from our ome. Now I have requested to Supertec ealtors Pvt. Ltd. to Transfer this property t Hypernova Mall in names of Mr. Vinay Bagga, Mrs. Rashmi Bagga & Mr. Varun Bagga Name. If anybody found the lost documents then HE/SHE can contact and return a Supertech Realtors Pvt. Ltd., E-Square Sector-96, Noida within 15 days of this Notice

Our clients (11 Sh. Rajesh Sharma S/o Late Sh. Sardari Lal Sharma, and (2) Smt. Neena Sharma W/o Sh. Rajesh Sharma, both R/o House No. A-38, Second Floor, Ashoka Niketan, Anand Vihar, Delhi-110092, hereby disown their elder son Mr. Rahul Sharma and their Daughter-in-Law Mrs. Megha Bhardwaj W/o Mr. Rahul Sharma and debar them from inheriting any movable or immovable property belonging to our clients. Any one Horal on With the aforesaid son and daughter-in-Law of our clients shall be doing so at his own risk and sequences Madhur Arora -Advocate 128-A, (R.S. Block), Street No.14, Bhola Nath Nagar, Shahdara, Delhi-110032

PUBLIC NOTICE General Public is hereby informed the inder instructions from and on behalf ny Client **RAJESH KUMAR** S/o Late S īka Ram, R/o, A-22, DDA Flats, Ne Ranieet Nagar, New Delhi-110008.h Public Notice dated 081 thdrawn. May-2020 Published in Jansatta ndian Express News paper (Ma Indian Express News paper (Mi column) regarding disowned his s namely HARSHWARDHAN due changes in his dishonesty, disobedie and unfaithful nature. Now he is becar honest, obedient and faithful with r client and now he has absolute rights in a ny client's movable and immovat oroperties being legal heir/s. J.C. Trikha (Advocate

Ch.No.M-4, C.S. Tis Hazari Courts, Delh

PUBLIC NOTICE To be known to all that my client ANUBH SOOD S/o, W/o, D/o SH. NARENDP NATH KAPUR, R/o IVG081 DL RIDGEWOOD ESTATE PHASE-GURGAON HARYANA owner/purchase otee/co-allotee of IVG081 DL DGEWOOD ESTATE PHASE-URGAON HARYANA. The BUILDE BUYER AGREEMENT (PROPER DOCUMENTS of above said property I been lost/misplaced on 19-05-2022. DOCUMENTS of above said property has been lost/misplaced on 19-05-2022. An F.I.R. to this effect has been lodged in the Police Station Crime Branch Delhi Vide FIR/LR No LR NO. 424848/2022 ON DATED 22-05-2022. Any person(6) claiming any right, interest, having any objection or found in possession of original documents, may writer contact with above address/Phone No. 98114440637 within 15 days from the date of publication of this notice. The person(s) claiming any right, interest, objection within respect to this property, can personally inform or write to to DLF, Gateway Tower, DLF Cybercity Ground Floor, Phase-3, Gurugaram, Haryana. Sd/-Sd/-

R.V. SINGH (Advocate Eni. No. D-159/9: Chamber No. 516-A 1st Floor, Western Wing Tis Hazari Courts, Delhi-11005-

PUBLIC NOTICE Be It known to sil, that my client YSA Business and Venture through its Director Mr. Junaid Ali intends to Purchas the Property being Freehold Entire Property No. 3860-3861 (Old No. 2224-A), Ward No. 9 situated at Main Sarak Pandit Prem Narayan, Chooriwalan, Bazar Sitaram, Delhi, area measuring 325 Sq. Yards from its presen Owners. That the present owner e informed my client that th said property is free from a encumbrances

vover, the public at large Financial Institutions or IF any part has interest, right, title, encumbrance, mortgage, lien or any other claim over the said property, the same shall be informed to the undersigned within period of 7 [Seven] days fro today failing which it shall be presented that the party, if any, will be left with no interest, right, little encumbrance, mortgage, illes ove the sold property. Mansoor Ansari (Advocate

B-43A, Kalkaji, New Delhi-19 Mob. 9711177423

Superintending Engineer, Operation & Maintenance Circle IV, Hdj. "D"TPS, Kasimpur.

4. E-Tender No.: 02/O&MC-IV/D/TPS/EMD-I/C/TPS/2022-23 Online e-Bids invited for the "Work of Painting of structures & equipments of 10 numbers of bays of 220 KV & 4 numbers o bays of 132 KV Switchyards of Harduaganj TPS, Kasimpur, E-Tender has been uploaded on 23.05.2022 at 18.00 Hrs. or http://etender.up.nic.in. Estimated cost of work is Rs. 13,23,498.00. Time Period: 12 Months, Earnest Money: Rs. 26,500.00, Last date of Tender 27.06.2022 at 12:00 Hrs.

Superintending Engineer, MMC, Harduaganj 'D' TPS Kasimpur (Aligarh)

5. Short Term E-Tender No.: SET-23/MMC/EPD/DTPS/2022 Online bids are invited for "Insurance policy for standard fire and special perils (Flood, Tempset & Inundation including all inbuil perils & earthquake) for risk coverage of Assets, Inventory of site store & central store of old plant and common auxiliaries of HTPS, Kasimpur". Tender will be uploaded on 21.05.2022 on 1600 Hours on http://etender.up.nic.in. Estimated cost is Rs 6,80,465.00 only (inclusive of GST). Earnest Money is Rs. Nil. Last date of Tender is 07.06.2022.

SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER (HQ), HTPS, Kasimpur.

6. E-Tender No. 01/SE(HQ)Cell/S&ETD/HTPS/2022-23. Online bids are invited for work CAMC of Total 238 Nos. CCTV Camera installed in different locations of HTPS for 01 year (Comprehensive Annual maintenance Contract) of 74 Nos CCTV of HTPS PLANT AREA & 44 Nos. CCTV Camera for Surveillance Security System for Residential Colony & 120 nos CCTV of Residential Multistorey Towers of Harduaganj Thermal Power Station, Kasimpur (Aligarh) Tender will be uploaded or 21.05.2022 on 1600 Hours on http://etender.up.nic.in. Estimated cost:- Rs. 8.5 Lakh, Earnest Money :- Rs. 17000.00, Time of Completion: 01 Year. Last date of Tender is 20.06.2022.

Note- Tender SET-23 Eligibility Conditions: Only reputed Manufacturers/their Authorized Dealer can participate in this tender

Note-Total quantity of work, tender specification and other terms & condition is as per tender documents available on the e-portal Corrigendum, Addendum, Extension if any shall be uploaded only on the above website. Bidders are advised to visit the website regularly for updated information from time to time Part- I shall contain Tender Cost/Earnest money and othe necessary documents as per pre-qualifying conditions and Part -II will contain price bid as per bill of quantity. Tender specification may be downloaded from the website (http://etender.up.nic.in) and other specification details can be seen on Nigam website www.uprvunl.org. The contactors have to submit the hard copy before the schedule date/time in the concern office in sealed envelope containing details of the tender mentioned on the envelope. Tenders are advised to send their hard copy directly to the concerned tendering authority of the Circles/ Division. Who reserve the right to unaccept/cancel any or all the tenders without assigning any reason thereof.

Superintending Engineer (H.Q.)

पत्राकः 18/अधी०अभि०(मु०)/विज्ञापन/कैम्प–1(16)/22 दिनाक २०.०५.२०२२

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From rejection to redemption

Off-loaded by club during junior days, Gundogan overcomes trauma to be the hero of City's folklore

SANDIP G MAY 23

SIX YEARS ago, during a tense duel between Bayern Munich and Borussia Dortmund, Ilkay Gundogan was waiting in the tunnel for the second half to start. Just then Pep Guardiola, then Bayern's manager, nudged him with his arm, as he went past him. Gundogan stood awestruck, like a fanboy meeting his hero. "I was just like, what the hell was that? It was a casual thing, but why? Surely you would only do that if you liked someone a little bit, right?" He recollects that moment in a piece for The Player's Tribune.

All his adult life, Gundogan grew up idolising Guardiola – whose Barcelona batch Gundogan considers the best in club football history. But playing for Barcelona or under the Catalan manager was a dream he had never dreamt. For, he was afflicted with selfdoubt. For he was often seized by a fear of rejection. Every time he begins to dream, memories of an unpleasant evening roll back into his mind.

He was just eight and had just been acquired by FC Schalke, his hometown club. But after an injury-ridden season, he was asked to go.

"They literally threw me out. The incident left me scarred forever. Just imagine a child being woken up in the middle of a dream. After that incident, I became scared to dream, I would always keep a window open for disappointment," he told bundesliga.com.

He returned to his childhood club SV Gelsenkirchen-Hessler 06, who play in the lower divisions of German amateur football in his hometown Gelsenkirchen, the largest and most populous urban area in Germany, known for coal mining. It's coal that brought his family from a suburb in Istanbul to Gelsenkirchen in the early 1990s. First arrived his grandfather before the entire family relocated to Germany. His mother became a cook in a swimming-hall restaurant, while his father, Irfan, was a truck driver for a beer company.

The family loved its football Gundogan's first footballing memory is watching a UEFA Super Cup game between Arsenal and Galatasaray in 2000 on TV and his uncle Ilhan crying when the Turkish giants won the match on penalties. But the dreams of an aspirational migrant family centred so much on education that he had to focus on academics as well. "They just wanted me to do well at school. Like really wanted me to do well. I still have nightmares about school. I'm not joking. I can wake up in a cold sweat from thinking about old exam papers," he wrote in The Players' Tribune.



Ilkay Gundogan's father, Irfan, was a truck driver for a beer company. Reuters

Start of the journey

Three years later, Schalke wanted him back. He refused. The pain was still too raw. But upon his uncle's insistence, he joined Bochum FC, in the neighbourhood but a semi-professional team. Then at 17, an age when the best of footballers make their firstteam debuts, Gundogan realised that he had

football. The scars of the Schalke snub had begun to heal. "I was like, huh, I could do something here."

Gundogan made his first foray into Bundesliga football, when FC Nürnberg acquired him. But harsher realities were to strike. He felt terribly lonely – he missed the quaintness of his hometown in a bustling city, the senior players bullied and

ragged him, he got injured, and struggled to find an apartment as migrant-phobia festered in Germany. Even Turkish migrants used to refuse, until he became a first-team regular and they started seeing him more on TV. He suddenly remembered Schalke. It

gave him strength. "I actually remember being grateful that Schalke had rejected me. I had already faced this huge disappointment, so I was kind of prepared for another struggle. In the end, that's what helped me break through at Nürnberg and have two successful seasons there. The longer you go in life before suffering a setback, I think the harder it is to handle," he told bun-

desliga.com.

Then came Jurgen Klopp's Liverpool and the heady Dortmund days, when he became a target for most top "Do you really want clubs in Europe. Guardiola was among his admirers, and me? Like, really, a few months after the tunreally?". The City nel nudge, he was sitting face manager laughed to face with his idol, who had joined City and wanted and said a "yes." Gundogan to be his first acquisition. He just had one

question in mind to ask him. "Do you really want me? Like, really, really?" Guardiola laughed and said a "yes." Gundogan met his benediction. The vindication of his choices. At Etihad, he was immediately slotted in as a defensive midfielder, chiefly because the regular No 6,

Fernandinho, was injured. Adept at functioning in a variety of roles — he began as a classical No. 10 before Klopp repositioned him to the base of the midfield, interchanging between a defensive screen and a deep-lying playmaker – he frictionlessly slipped into the role. But when City brought Rodri in 2019 and veered away from the double-defensive midfield gameplan, his appearances began to dwindle. A spate of ill-timed injuries did not help.

Pep's favourite

But Guardiola transforms players; few languish under him. David Silva's departure had left a midfield vacuum. Gundogan is not a creator or a trickster like Silva, but has an impeccable passing range, a playmaker's intuition and a striker's nose for goal. Midway through last season, he was repurposed as a box-to-box midfielder with the licence to thrust forward and drift into the space created by the conventional forwards. Goals began to fly off his boots – goals with a poacher's instinct and midfielder's finesse. Gundogan netted 22 in the first four seasons; in the next two, he blasted 25. He was City's highest goal-scorer the previous season(17) while the returns dwindled this edition because he had to juggle with defensive-midfield duties. There were goals of all sorts headers, toe-pokes, tap-ins, grass-trimmers, snap-shots and pile-drivers.

Two of those goals arrived in a manic fiveand-a-half minutes that changed City's night from prospective mourning to utter jubilation. Both were from the striker's book – the first a header at the far post and the winner a tap-in after an unmarked gallop from midfield. Guardiola perhaps knew this before, as last year, he extolled the virtues of Gundogan: "He is a guy who has an incredible sense of goal. It is not just knowing the right time to arrive at the box, it is the right second. This is the most difficult thing. Not to arrive one metre before, or one metre later, but at exactly the right time, and Gundo has this sense.'

Not just his anticipation but Guardiola praised his finishing skills too. "And it's not just that – with his finishing too he has this way to control the ball, slow down and take a second to compose himself and see what happens, and be clinical." As if Guardiola had watched those two goals a year ago.

At the post-match interview, Gundogan had just the energy to put together, "These are the days you look back to." Just like that night in Dortmund, where he got a nudge of appreciation from Guardiola, or the evening in Schalke, where it all ended and began for the grandson of a Turkish migrant from the mining town of Gelsenkirchen.



Rafael Nadal in action during the match against Jordan Thompson. Reuters

Nadal off and running in characteristic fashion

Spaniard scores his 299th win at a major, having never lost in the first round in French Open

REUTERS PARIS, MAY 23

RAFAEL NADAL showed no signs of pain as the 13-time French Open champion marched into the second round at Roland Garros with clinical 6-26-26-2 demolition of Australian Jordan Thompson on Monday. The Spaniard, who had never arrived in Paris as unprepared as this year after a rib injury and a chronic foot problem hampered the build-up to his beloved Grand Slam tournament, was never bothered on a chilly Court Philippe Chatrier.

'It's incredible for me to play here again on Chatrier. I'm happy with this win. First round is always special," said Nadal. The 35-year-old, who has a record 21 men's Grand Slam titles to his name, played down the chances of adding to his tally but his dis-

play was reminiscent of those of previous vears.

Nadal broke for 2-1 with a backhand volley winner and his massive forehand helped him quickly move 4-1 up against an overwhelmed opponent.

The fifth seed looked to finish off some points quickly and made several unusual unforced errors, but they were of little consequence as he breezed through the opening set

Nadal broke serve in the first game of the second set and again in the fifth and seventh as he started to play more neatly, bagging it with a service winner.

Thompson, who pulled a break back, looked completely worn out by then but managed to hold it together until 2-2, when Nadal broke with a forehand volley and won all the rest of the games for his 299th victory at a major, having never lost in the first round here in 18 entries.

Champ dethroned

Barbora Krejcikova's title defence ended in the opening round as local hope Diane Parry was roared to a 1-6 6-2 6-3 victory against the second-seeded Czech.

Krejcikova, who defeated Russian Anastasia Pavlyuchenkova in the 2021 final to win her maiden Grand Slam title, arrived at Roland Garros without any competitive matches under her belt since February due to an elbow injury.

But she breezed through the opening set against the 97th-ranked Parry, who was facing a top-10 opponent for the first time in her career, in 34 minutes before her rustiness showed.

The 19-year-old Parry turned the match on its head by winning the second set as errors and double faults began to creep into Krejcikova's game.

Krejcikova took a lengthy break after losing the second set and was booed by the partisan French crowd at the Court Philippe Chatrier on her return.

The 26-year-old Czech got an early break in the deciding set but Parry, urged on by the crowd, levelled things at 2-2 and then got the decisive break in the eighth game.

Krejcikova found the net on match point for her 45th unforced error as Parry completed a remarkable victory with the crowd chanting 'Parry, Parry' throughout the contest. She will play Colombian Camila Osorio for a place in the third round.



the quality to play elite-level Gundogan had just one question to ask his hero Guardiola. Six months later,

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JUMBLED WORDS

Given below are four jumbled words. Solve the jumbles to make proper words and move them to the respective squares below. Select the letters in the shaded squares and jumble them to get the answer for the given quip.is when life's alive in everything - Christina Rossetti (6)



Answer: Spring is when life's alive in everything - Christina Rossetti SOLUTION: VIRUS, SWORN, PARSON, DAMAGE

MARVIN by Tom Armstrong



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workers are bound to want more than you are prepared to give, but this will probably be the least of your problems. If you are able, turn your serious attention to financial and spending plans. That way you'll be prepared for developments due in one month's time.

VIRGO (Aug 24 - Sep 23)

The positive aspect of current obstacles, hurdles and challenges is that you may become more experienced, selfconfident and astute. Those stars which may be awkward for others, are actually quite favourable for you, and your good fortune sometimes comes in mysterious ways

CAPRICORN (Dec 23 - Jan 20)

Creative aspirations and social passions seem to be at the centre of this week's stresses and strains. You may have strong feelings about certain people, and might do better not to get too closely involved; I have a feeling that they could have expectations which can't be fulfilled

AQUARIUS (Jan 21- Feb 19) What magnificent

that you are now presented with a remarkable opportunity to break the patterns and habits of a lifetime. If you're stuck in a negative frame of mind, you absolutely have to start looking on the bright side.

Creative activities are signified by the peculiar line-up of planets in four sectors of your chart. Bring your own unique talents to every area of your existence, both personal and professional. Employers who fail to recognise your special abilities will be wasting their money, but then, that's their problem

New Delhi



someone else will. LEO (July 24 - Aug 23) Colleagues and co-

CANCER (June 22 - July 23) The Sun is exerting a deep influence over the financial sectors of your life. This is neither a good thing nor is it bad. It does, however, reinforce the suspicion that you really must get money matters sorted out. You see, if you don't do it,

times these are. Any adverse or challenging planetary influences signify



PISCES (Feb 20 - Mar 20)

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Stormy Eden ready for IPL playoffs

Curator manages to keep pitch & outfield safe amid gusty rain, expects sporting surface for business end

SHAMIK CHAKRABARTY KOLKATA, MAY 23

THE NOR'WESTER on Saturday made the Cricket Association of Bengal (CAB) officials nervy. Thankfully, damage was restricted to the front window of the Eden Gardens press box giving in to a 90km per hour storm. A quick repair job has fixed the damage. And Sujan Mukherjee's presence of mind kept the pitch and outfield safe.

The Eden curator acted in advance. "As dark clouds gathered, we covered the pitch and out-field and put large stone chunks on the cover, heavy enough to withstand the gust. It did the trick," Mukherjee told *The Indian Express.*

A day before the Indian Premier League Qualifier 1 between Gujarat Titans and Rajasthan Royals, both pitch and outfield looked first-class. Mukherjee spoke about how the surface would assist everyone: "Batsmen will be able to play on the up, fast bowlers will get purchase upfront and spinners will come into play later. There will be good bounce." The curator has stuck to his template of preparing sporting pitches. Over the last seven years under his charge, the Eden surface has hardly ever proved to be a let-down.

Around 5.15 pm on Monday, the Royals team bus hauled up in front of Eden. The Titans coach came a few minutes later. Fans in front of the stadium, oblivious to the identity of the team members, started chanting, 'RCB, RCB'. A Kohli ditty followed. Around that time, Royal Challengers Bangalore's flight was landing in Kolkata. Going by the reaction, the Eliminator on Wednesday is going to be box office, Virat Kohli offering stardust. But make no mistake, it will be a full house for Qualifier 1 on Tuesday also, with the authorities allowing 100 per cent turnout. The IPL needed this change of scenery. Monotony was creeping in towards the end of the group phase. Familiarity, to an extent, had started to breed contempt.

Both teams boast of quality fast bowlers. Titans have Mohammed Shami, Alzarri Joseph and Lockie Ferguson. The Eden pitch should excite them to bend their backs. Royals' counter

BRIEFLY —

Jyothi rewrites own

Leicester: Jyothi Yarraji smashed the

women's 100m hurdles national record for the second time in less than

two weeks while winning the event

at the Loughborough International Athletics Meet in the UK. The 22-year-

old from Andhra Pradesh on Sunday

clocked 13.11 seconds under permis-

sible wind speed of +0.3m/s to better her own earlier national record of

100m hurdles NR



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is Trent Boult, Prasidh Krishna and Kuldeep Sen (if he plays). As for batting, Titans would like to see consistency from Shubman Gill, while three successive single-digit scores notwithstanding, Jos Buttler remains Royals' talisman with 629 runs from 14 matches. As regards spin, Royals hold a slight edge with the Chahal-Ashwin combo versus Rashid Khan. Wriddhiman Saha playing on home patch, with relationship strained with the CAB, offers an interesting sub-plot.

But there's a bigger picture – Hardik Pandya and Ravichandran Ashwin, the two biggest takeaways for Titans and Royals respectively in this IPL.

Hardik came to this IPL caught in the fitness quagmire. He had lost his place in the Indian team, with chief selector Chetan Sharma sending out the message – bowl-orbust. Hardik has bowled 24.3 overs in the leadup to the playoffs. He has bowled with the new ball and operated with the older one, and irrespective of just four wickets, he has thrived on a very decent economy rate, 7.79. The Titans skipper has also scored 413 runs. His selection in India's T20I squad for the home series against South Africa was a formality. Ashwin would rue the fact that white-ball

Ashwin would rue the fact that white-ball cricket at international level probably has passed him by.

At the same time, nobody used him in this format the way the Royals team management has done this season. Kumar Sangakkara (Royals' head coach) and company have optimised Ashwin's batting potential, using him as a floater in the batting order. Confidence begets confidence and the 35-year-old has flourished in his new role. His match-winning 40 not out off 23 balls against Chennai Super Kings only three days ago was a testament to his ability as a batsman in the shortest format and how innovative and enterprising he can be, when he has the licence to express himself.

At the post-match presentation, Ashwin spoke about clear communication. "The communication was clear before the season on what I needed to work on. The management had ensured my role was well-defined."

About his batting, he had said: "I have understood the game well and am innovative. I don't have enough power; credit has to go to Rajamani (Prabhu, strength coach) and Zubin Bharucha (head of cricket). They have understood my nature and that I don't bat the same every game. They have given me encouragement and I have practised a lot. I want to play my A-game for all franchises I play for. It's a mark of respect."

Ashwin has scored 183 impactful runs and taken 11 wickets (economy 7.14) in 14 games. Yuzvendra Chahal tops the wicket-taking charts with 26 scalps.

Coming back to the Eden pitch, Mukherjee doesn't want to change the strip for the Eliminator between RCB and Lucknow Super Giants. "One pitch should be good enough for 80 overs. In a first-class game, 90 overs are played per day."

The curator praised his ground staff, spending sleepless nights to fight against the elements as thunderstorms are predicted for the next few days.

"They deserve heavy sleep for 10 days after the IPL matches are over," Mukherjee said on a lighter note.

Sarfaraz & I had one dream — play for India, make dad happy: Musheer

DEVENDRA PANDEY MUMBAI, MAY 23

BROTHERS SARFARAZ and Musheer Khan will be representing the Mumbai Ranji Trophy team in the knockouts after the selectors picked the 18-year-old Musheer in the team led by Prithvi Shaw. Sachin Tendulkar's son Arjun wasn't selected for the game against Uttarakhand in Bangalore while Ajinkya Rahane is yet to recover from his hamstring injury.

The rookie Musheer, an opener and leftarm spinner, had tallied 670 runs in nine games with an average of 67 in the under-19 Cooch Behar Trophy, with two hundreds and five fifties. Last year, he was the man of the tournament in the A division Police Shield and the Madhav Mantri one-day tournament.

It's as much the story of father and coach Naushad as it's about the sons. The seed for making his children professional cricketers was planted in the father's mind when he fell out with a cricketer he had coached. Naushad had once shared that trigger moment with this newspaper. "The player spoke those unforgettable words, Mere mein kabiliyat thi, main khela. Tumhaare mein talent hai toh apne bachchon ko khilaake dikhao na. (I had the ability, so I played. If you have the talent, then make your sons play and show the world)," Naushad had said. Now, both his sons are on their way.

Musheer's elder brother Sarfaraz recalled how he had requested the team manager for an extra Panama hat for his brother during the last leg of the Ranji tournament.

"I had requested the manager for one extra Mumbai cap for my brother Musheer whenever he plays for Mumbai in future. God has been kind. It's his (Musheer) and my father's hard work. Lot of sacrifices have gone into making us cricketers," Sarfaraz told *The Indian Express*.

Musheer is currently training in Surat after being selected for the National Cricket Academy zonal camp.

Big aspirations

Musheer says he just did what his father said. "My brother Sarfaraz Khan and I had only one dream - to play for India and make



Father Naushad Khan with sons Sarfaraz (left) and Musheer.

my father happy. This news has certainly made me happy and I am thankful to selectors and MCA. I still have a long way to go and there is still plenty to do," the youngster said. Sarfaraz is part of the Delhi Capitals team

in the Indian Premier League and has become Mumbai's mainstay in the longer form of the game with the red ball.

Naushad recalled Musheer's cricketing journey. "It all began when his club Payyade SC decided to make him an opener at the age of 15 against senior players. His confidence grew from there. I tried not to commit the same mistakes that I did with Sarfaraz. Like, the timing of the practice sessions. With Sarfraz, we used to train in the evening at the nets and found that he struggled a bit with the red ball in the morning conditions when he turned out for Mumbai. I realised the error. So now we practise in the mornings when there is dew on the pitch. That is why Musheer plays fast bowlers with ease," Khan explained.

The father has been the central figure in the rise of his two sons as cricketers, doing odd jobs to support their passion for the game. The father had once told this newspaper how the family has kept their sanity in trying times.

"We came from the slums, used to stand in queues for the toilet where my sons would be slapped and overtaken. We came from nothing and will go back to nothing. Sarfaraz told me once, 'Abbu, so what if this doesn't happen. We can always go back to selling track-pants."

India and Pakistan share honours in Asia Cup opener

TUSHAR BHADURI MAY 23

INDIA-PAKISTAN hockey matches are always robust encounters, full of adrenalin, eye-catching individual skill and end-toend action. But given the generally callow nature of both teams at the Asia Cup and lack of coordination among the two units, it had to be expected that the m test wouldn't rise to any great heights. It didn't look like a high-voltage fixture between two teams who have won the continental title six times between them. India has had the upper hand in almost all the recent encounters. In that context, a 1-1 result against the traditional rivals would have been considered a bit of a disappointment. But with nothing tangible riding on the tournament for the Tokyo Olympics bronze medallists (spots are up for grabs for the next World Cup, but India qualify automatically as hosts), they can afford to look at the bigger picture. SV Sunil and Birendra Lakra were the tenuous links with Indian teams of the recent past with the rest almost exclusively made up of Junior World Cup winners and second-string reserves. Most of India's best chances came from penalty corners, but they had only one conversion to show for them – Karti Selvam's drag flick getting a deflection off Pakistan defender Muhammad Abdullah's stick, thus wrongfooting custodian Akmal Hussain in the first quarter. It was the only time Hussain was beaten in the game, and was rightly adjudged player of the match as he kept his team in the contest before they snatched a point at the very end. Pakistan hockey, which has been in the doldrums for the last several years after not making a few major events in succession amidst a financial crunch, would dearly love to be at the World Cup but are taking a pragmatic view and treating the Asia Cup as part of a rebuilding phase. They looked the more dominant team from open play and had their forwards been more clinical and accurate in front of goal, they wouldn't have had to wait till the penultimate minute of the game for their equaliser - which came when Abdul Rana found the target from close range after the initial drag-flick had been blocked on the line.









A discussion on

13.23 that she had clocked on May 10 during the Cyprus International Meet in Limassol. Jyothi had bettered Anuradha Biswal's national mark of 13.38 which had stood since 2002.

Trailblazers no match for Supernovas

Pune: Supernovas beat Trailblazers by 49 runs in Women's T20 Challenge opening match Pune, May 23 (PTI) Pooja Vastrakar picked up four wickets for just 12 runs in a brilliant pace-bowling display as Supernovas notched up an easy 49-run win over Trailblazers in a record-breaking opening match of the Women's T20 Challenge here on Monday. The 22-year-old Vastrakar claimed the wickets of Trailblazers' captain Smriti Mandhana (34), her opening partner Hayley Matthews (18), No. 4 Sophia Dunkley (1) and Salma Khatun (0) in two separate spells to tear apart the batting line-up of the defending: champions.

Brief scores: Supernovas 163 (Harmanpreet 37, Dottin 32, Matthews 3-29, Khatun 2-30) beat Trailblazers 114 for 9 (Mandhana 34, Rodrigues 24, Vastrakar 4-12, Ecclestone 2-19, King 2-30) by 49 runs

Justin Thomas scripts sensational comeback

Tulsa(USA): Justin Thomas wrapped his arms around the 27-pound Wanamaker Trophy after winning his second PGA Championship, and thousands of fans ringing the 18th green amid the setting sun. Good thing they woke up in time for his Sunday charge. For nearly four full days, the year's second major had been a major snooze, the cast atop the leaderboard a list mostly made up of also-rans searching for a moment stardom. The golf itself was unspectacular, too, as everyone from Abraham Ancer to Tiger Woods ground their way around a Perry Maxwell classic that was both forbidding and unfor-AP giving.

Lot to work on

It is former captain Sardar Singh's first formal coaching assignment as he assists BJ Kariappa in the dugout. They will need to refine co-ordination as well as enhance composure and clinical finishing before facing reigning Asian Games gold medallists Japan on Tuesday. For India, a 1-1 result against traditional rivals is a bit of a disappointment.

"It's a young team and they need to improve in penalty corner conversion and capitalisation of chances," Lakra, who was appointed captain after original skipper Rupinder Pal Singh pulled out due to injury, said after the game. "In a high-intensity match, one has to make use of the opportunities."

As far as match statistics are concerned, both teams were evenly matched on shots on goal (11) and circle penetrations (9). India enjoyed a slight upper hand in ball possession (55 percent). But for a team which has been traditionally very strong in penalty corners, India will be disappointed in converting only one of eight such opportunities, double of what Pakistan earned.

In the bigger picture, for India this tournament could be a stepping stone towards the Commonwealth Games and the Asian Games (regardless of when the latter is held and the players selected for the two events). Simranjeet Singh, one of the heroes for India in the bronze medal playoff against Germany at the Tokyo Olympics, made his much-awaited return from injury and could have won it for India with just a few seconds left if he had hit the target.

He was not alone in his profligacy. There were several occasions when a calm head and a stick in the right place would have resulted in an Indian goal and three points from the opening encounter.

At the other end, Suraj Karkera in goal had to be alert on several occasions to deny Pakistan when they got hold of the ball in front of the cage. India may have reason to be satisfied with their last-ditch tackling, which often denied opposition forwards who got flustered and failed to hit the target.

Given that Korea, Japan and Malaysia began their respective campaigns with convincing wins, India will need to raise their game if they are to match them in games to come.



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