



Singla after his arrest; he alleged a conspiracy. Jasbir Malhi

'ONE PER CENT CUT'

Punjab CM sacks his Health Minister for 'bribe' after 'sting'

KANCHAN VASDEV
CHANDIGARH, MAY 24

PUNJAB CHIEF Minister Bhagwant Mann said on Tuesday that he has sacked the state's Health Minister Dr Vijay Singla on charges of corruption for allegedly seeking "one per cent cut in tender allotment and purchase of goods related to the department". Singla was later arrested by the Punjab Police under the Prevention of Corruption Act, and remanded in judicial custody for three days.

Sources told *The Indian Express* that the sacking was the result of a "monitoring operation" after a state government official raised a complaint against Singla and his OSD Pardeep Kumar.

At 11.05 am on Tuesday, Superintending Engineer Rajinder Singh, who is on deputation with Punjab Health Systems Corpo-

ration, lodged a complaint with the Mohali Police stating that he has an audio recording purportedly of Singla allegedly asking him to pay Kumar "Rs 5 lakh" as part payment in the wake of several demands earlier.

Based on the complaint, the police registered an FIR at 11.38 am against Singla and Kumar under sections 7 and 8 of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988. Mann's video message was released to the media at 12.55 pm. After the Chief Minister's announcement, Singla was arrested and taken to the Phase 8 police station in Mohali.

Mann claimed in his video message that the Minister had "confessed" to the crime. But

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Another J&K constable killed, minor daughter injured in attack

BASHAARAT MASOOD
SRINAGAR, MAY 24

IN THE second attack on Jammu and Kashmir (J&K) Police personnel in less than two weeks, a constable was killed while his nine-year-old daughter was injured when suspected militants opened fire on them outside their house in Soura, on the outskirts of Srinagar, on Tuesday afternoon.

The policeman has been identified as Saifullah Qadri, 45. Police sources said Qadri was going to drop his daughter for her tuition classes when they were attacked.

Qadri and his daughter were rushed to the Sher-i-Kashmir Institute of Medical Sciences (SKIMS) in Srinagar, where he succumbed to his injuries. Police sources said his daughter suffered a bullet injury in her hand, and is in a stable condition.

"Today at about 1700hrs, police received information about a terror crime incident in Soura area of Srinagar where terrorists fired upon a police personnel. Officers attending the crime spot learnt that terrorists had fired indiscriminately upon one police personnel namely SgCt (senior grade constable) Saifullah Qadri, son of Mohammad Syed Qadri, resident of Ganai Mohalla Anchar outside his house," J&K

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Post-Udaipur, some sops for G23 leaders — but mostly on paper

MANOJ CG
NEW DELHI, MAY 24

CONGRESS PRESIDENT Sonia Gandhi Tuesday included G23 leaders Ghulam Nabi Azad and Anand Sharma in a 'political affairs group' — the setting up of which was announced at the party's Udaipur chintan shivir with a rider that it will not be a "collective decision making body" — while packing establishment favourites in a 'task force' for the 2024 Lok Sabha elections. The surprise inclusion in the task force is of election



Sharma, Azad in political affairs group; Wasnik in task force; Tharoor in 'Bharat Yatra' planning group

strategist Sunil Kanugolu.

The inclusion of Azad and Sharma — among the 23 leaders who had written a letter to Sonia Gandhi in August 2020 seeking sweeping changes in the party

structure — in the advisory group, and not in the task force, sends a signal that they, as things stand now, may have little role in the party's election management.

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(Joining) BJP an option, AAP has better strategy than Cong: Hardik

LEENA MISRA
AHMEDABAD, MAY 24

DAYS AFTER resigning from the Congress in Gujarat, Patidar leader Hardik Patel told *The Indian Express* on Tuesday that he would play an "important role" in the Assembly elections later this year which, he said, would be "one-sided" in favour of the BJP.

Asked if he was considering BJP as an option, Hardik said: "Why shouldn't it be?"

Responding to another question on whether there was an of-



Hardik Patel, Patidar leader

fer from the BJP, the 28-year-old former Congress working president said: "Offers and bargains

are for weak people. Strong people create a space for themselves." (The full interview is available on indianexpress.com)

Indicating that he was keeping all options open, Hardik also praised the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) for having a "better" electoral strategy than the Congress. While claiming he was not "clear if he would join" AAP, he said that "in the upcoming elections, I don't see the Congress anywhere".

According to him, the Gujarat elections will "not be interesting as it will be one-sided" but he

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Gmail to CCTV, a family's frantic search for singer ends with her body buried near Haryana highway

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ANCHORJIGNASA SINHA
NEW DELHI, MAY 24

SHE WAS a civil defence volunteer who started uploading music videos on YouTube to support her family. Soon, she began performing at shows, making her mark in the local circuit. Until she disappeared two weeks ago.

"She would often go to Haryana and other places for concerts and stage shows. She was the sole breadwinner of the

family. We last saw her on May 11. She was excited and said she was going to record a music video. She didn't return," said her father.

"We searched everywhere and called her friends. We waited for another day."

On May 13, the 28-year-old Dalit singer's family approached the Delhi Police. "But they asked us to leave. Later, one of her friends told us that he had her Gmail account logged in his device. He helped us trace the last active location," the father said.

The search led to an eatery at Meham in Haryana on May 16, the family said. The singer's sis-



A protest on Tuesday in Delhi over the death of the singer. Police have arrested two men for kidnapping and murder, one of whom she had accused of rape. Gajendra Yadav

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BID TO COOL INFLATION

Curbs on sugar export; duty-free import of sunflower, soyabean oil

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, MAY 24

WITHIN A fortnight of banning wheat exports and continuing with its fiscal policy measures to douse domestic inflation, the government Tuesday announced curbs on exports of sugar effective June 1 and allowed duty-free import of 20 lakh metric tonnes of crude soyabean oil and crude sunflower oil a year for two financial years (2022-23 and 2023-24).

To maintain "domestic availability and price stability of sugar", the government said it would allow exports of up to 100 lakh (10 million) MTs of exports

during the current sugar season (October 2021 to September 2022).

Moving raw, refined and white sugar to the restricted list from free for export purposes, a notification by the Directorate General of Foreign Trade (DGFT) said. "With effect from 1 June 2022 up to 31 October 2022 or until further orders, whichever is earlier, export of sugar is allowed only with specific permission from Directorate of Sugar, Department of Food and Public Distribution (DFPD, Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food & Public Distribution. Detailed procedure for issue of necessary permissions for export of sugar will be

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Qutub Minar plea: ASI says worship can't be allowed; court verdict June 9

Court says right to worship, structure's character key aspects

ANAND MOHAN J
NEW DELHI, MAY 24

WITH THE Archeological Survey of India (ASI) maintaining that the Qutub Minar complex's status cannot be changed to allow worship, a Delhi court Tuesday reserved till June 9 its order on a plea

seeking restoration of Hindu and Jain deities inside the premises.

Additional District Judge Nikhil Chopra flagged two key aspects in the case — the right to worship and the character of the structure. The district court questioned how one can claim a legal right for restoration for something that happened 800

years ago.

The plea challenged a lower court's dismissal of an application — filed on the behalf of

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Quad signs off

newly elected Australian PM Anthony Albanese, Biden said: “As long as Russia continues this war, we’re going to continue to be partners and lead a global response... We’re navigating a dark hour in our shared history. The Russian brutal and unprovoked war against Ukraine has triggered a humanitarian catastrophe...”

“...This is more than just a European issue, it’s a global issue,” Biden underlined. “The fact is...if you turn on the television and you’ll see what Russia is doing now, it appears to me that Putin is just trying to extinguish a culture. He’s not even aiming at military targets anymore, he’s taking out every school, every church, every — every natural history museum as if he’s trying to obliterate Ukrainian culture. And the world has to deal with it, and we are,” he said.

Kishida warned the war in Ukraine cannot be a precedent. “A grave incident which has fundamentally shaken the rule-of-law-based international order we value has happened since we met last September,” he said. “Russian invasion into Ukraine squarely challenges the principles which are enshrined in the United Nations Charter. We should never, ever allow a similar incident to happen in the Indo-Pacific... it is extremely significant for us to get together and show to the international society the four countries’ solidarity and our firm commitment toward the shared vision of a free and open Indo-Pacific,” the Japanese PM said.

Silent on Russia, Modi said that Quad group has made an important place for itself on the global stage expanding its scope and influence. “At the Quad level, mutual cooperation is encouraging a free, open, and inclusive Indo-Pacific region, which is a shared objective for all of us,” he said.

“The Quad is moving forward with a constructive agenda for the Indo-Pacific region. This will continue to strengthen the image of the Quad as a force for good,” Modi said, without naming China.

This was also echoed by Albanese who avoided a reference to Russia. “The new Australian government’s priorities align with the Quad agenda... I acknowledge all that the Quad has achieved, standing together for a free, open, and resilient Indo-Pacific region and working together to tackle the biggest challenges of our time, including climate change and the security of our region,” he said.

This dichotomy among Quad leaders on two pressing challenges – Russian invasion of Ukraine and Chinese belligerence in the region and beyond – was reflected in the two paragraphs in the joint statement.

Similar nuancing had happened in the Quad leaders’ virtual summit in March this year, where criticism of Russia had not found a place in the joint statement — and instead the common position on Indo-Pacific was articulated.

On Ukraine, the joint statement said, “We discussed our respective responses to the conflict in Ukraine and the ongoing tragic humanitarian crisis, and assessed its implications for the Indo-Pacific. Quad Leaders reiterated our strong resolve to maintain the peace and stability in the region. We underscored unequivocally that the centrepiece of the international order is international law, including the UN Charter, respect for sovereignty and territorial integrity of all states. We also emphasized that all countries must seek peaceful resolution of disputes in accordance with international law.” These are in sync with India’s position, which has been articulated several times in the past three months – today marked three months into the Russian invasion.

On China, the joint statement called out Beijing and strongly opposed any coercive, provocative or unilateral actions that seek to change the status quo and increase tensions. It said, “The Quad is committed to cooperation with partners in the region who share the vision of a free and open Indo-Pacific... We will champion adherence to international law, particularly as reflected in the UN Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS), and the maintenance of freedom of navigation and overflight, to meet challenges to the maritime rules-based order, including in the East and South China Seas. We strongly oppose any coercive, provocative or unilateral actions that seek to change the status quo and increase tensions in the area, such as the militarization of disputed features, the dangerous use of coast guard vessels and maritime militia, and efforts to disrupt other countries’ offshore resource exploitation activities.” All these are clear references to Beijing’s aggressive behaviour in the Indo-Pacific.

Calling the US an “Indo-Pacific power”, Biden said, “in a short

time, we’ve shown the Quad isn’t just a passing fad. We mean business. We’re here to get things done for the region. And I’m proud of what we’re building together. And I look forward to our vital partnership flourishing and for many years to come.”

Also with an eye on China, Quad leaders Tuesday launched a major new initiative for the Indo-Pacific that allows partner countries to monitor the waters on their shores and help ensure peace and stability in the region: the Indo-Pacific Maritime Domain Awareness (IPMDA).

Biden to Modi

Earlier, in his opening remarks at the Quad leaders’ summit in Tokyo, Biden had made a direct reference to Modi’s leadership, framing it in terms of democracy vs autocracy. “Prime Minister Modi, it’s wonderful to see you again in person... I thank you for your continuing commitment to making sure democracies deliver, because that’s what this is about: democracies versus autocracies. And we have to make sure we deliver,” the US President said.

About the Modi-Biden bilateral on the sidelines of the summit in Tokyo, the White House said, “President Biden condemned Russia’s unjustifiable war against Ukraine. The leaders committed to continue providing humanitarian assistance, and discussed how to cooperate to manage disruptions caused by the war in Ukraine, in particular the rise in energy and food prices, to protect their respective citizens and the world.”

The Indian statement issued by the MEA avoided any reference to the situation in Ukraine.

Biden said, “We also discussed the ongoing effects of Russia’s brutal and unjustified invasion of Ukraine and the effect it has on the entire global world order. And the U.S. and India are going to continue consulting closely on how to mitigate these negative effects.”

In his opening remarks at the bilateral, Modi said, “Our shared values, and our common interests in many areas, including security, have strengthened the bonds of this trust... I am confident that the friendship between India and USA will continue to be a force for good for global peace and stability, for the sustainability of the planet, and for the well-being of mankind.”

The MEA said the meeting “resulted in substantive outcomes” which will “add depth and momentum” to the bilateral partnership. The key outcomes:

- Critical tech: India-US Initiative on Critical and Emerging Technologies (iCET) to be co-led by India’s National Security Council Secretariat and the US National Security Council. The MEA said this will forge closer linkages between the government, academia and industry of the two countries in areas such as artificial intelligence, quantum computing, 5G and 6G, biotech, space and semiconductors.
- Health: Extension of longstanding Vaccine Action Programme (VAP) until 2027 to continue joint biomedical research which had resulted in the development of vaccines and related technologies. Expanding collaboration to fight non-communicable diseases including diabetes and cancer.
- AI/Data science: The White House readout said the US plans to join six of India’s Technology Innovation Hubs to support at least 25 joint research projects in 2022 in AI, and data science.
- Defence/New defence: The White House announced India joining the Combined Military Forces-Bahrain as an associate member. The MEA said Modi invited US industries to partner with India to manufacture in the defence sector. Agreement on expanding cooperation in new defence domains, including space, cyber, and launching a dialogue on AI this year.
- Investments: Both concluded an Investment Incentive Agreement which provides a framework for US Development Finance Corporation to continue to expand its investment in India for private sector-led projects in renewable energy, agriculture, health, and SME financing.
- Climate action: Enhancing partnership to accelerate India’s energy transition, including through the US-India Climate and Clean Energy Agenda 2030 Partnership, especially in renewables deployment, decarbonising energy and industrial sectors, zero-emissions vehicles.

Punjab minister

after being produced in court later in the day, Singla told reporters that the allegation against him “was a conspiracy hatched to defame the Bhagwant Mann government in the state”.

Singla, 52, holds a Bachelor of

Dental Surgery (BDS) degree, and was among the 10 medical professionals to have won on AAP tickets in the Assembly elections this year. He had contested from Mansa, trouncing Congress’s Shubhdeep Singh Sidhu Moosewala, a popular singer, by 63,323 votes — among the highest winning margins in the election. Incidentally, days after he was sworn in as Health Minister, Singla had held a meeting of Health officials in Chandigarh, where he said the AAP government had “zero tolerance for corruption”.

In his video message on Tuesday, Mann said that through the action against Singla, he wanted to convey the message of zero tolerance — even if it included the ruling AAP’s “own people”. Welcoming the decision, AAP chief Arvind Kejriwal tweeted: “Proud of you Bhagwant. Ur action has brought tears to my eyes. Whole nation today feels proud of AAP”.

Before naming Singla, Mann said in the video: “A case was brought to my notice that a Minister in my Cabinet was seeking one per cent commission for each tender and purchase related to his department. Only I knew about this case, neither the media nor the Opposition knew about it. Had I wanted, I could have covered it up. But had I done so, I would have not only failed my conscience but also lakhs of people who trusted in me. I am taking strong action against him. I am sacking him from my Cabinet and directing the police to take action against him. He has confessed to this crime.”

Describing his move as a “historic decision by AAP”, Mann said: “This has happened for the second time in the country. In 2015, Kejriwal had sacked his Food and Civil Supplies Minister after a video of him seeking a bribe was shown to him. I want to tell everyone that I will not tolerate corruption of even Re 1.”

Pre-empting criticism of his government, Mann said: “The Opposition parties will say that AAP’s Minister was found involved in corruption within two months of forming the government. But I want to tell them that I have taken action and the Opposition did not even know about it... I have not only sacked my Minister but also directed the police to take action against him. We will bring a change in the country.”

With the sacking of Singla, Mann has nine ministers in the Cabinet with a total possible strength of 18.

According to the police complaint filed by the official, Rajinder Singh, he was in his office a month ago when he was called to Room No. 203 at Punjab Bhawan by Singla’s OSD Kumar. It further stated that Singla allegedly told Singh that he was busy and that whatever the OSD conveyed would be on the Minister’s behalf, and left the room.

According to the complaint, Singh was then allegedly informed by Kumar that in March, construction work worth Rs 41 crore had been awarded by his department and that payment of Rs 17 crore was released to contractors. The OSD allegedly sought Rs 116 crore as two per cent commission out of a total amount of Rs 58 crore, the complaint stated.

Quoting from Singh’s complaint, the FIR registered by the police stated: “I told him that I am not able to do this and they may send me back to my original department. After that he kept calling me on WhatsApp... on May 8, May 10, May 12, May 13 and May 23. He kept demanding money and I was threatened that my career would be finished if I did not pay them the bribe.”

The FIR stated: “I prayed to them that I was due to retire on November 30 this year and my career should not be destroyed and I am ready to be repatriated to my department so that they can get someone else posted in my place. After that, on May 20, he told me that I should pay a lump sum of Rs 10 lakh and afterwards, I should pay them one per cent commission in all works.”

Referring to Singla and Kumar, the FIR stated: “I told them that I have only Rs 2.5 lakh in my account and another Rs 3 lakh, so I can pay them Rs 5 lakh to spare myself from the harassment. On May 23 (Monday), I got a call from Pardeep Kumar asking me to come to the Civil Secretariat. I went there and offered them Rs 5 lakh and asked them where I should hand them the money.”

The FIR quotes Singh as saying that he recorded the purported conversation during which Singla asked him to allegedly pay the money to Kumar. Punjab Health Systems Corporation was set up for “establishing, expanding, improving and administering medical care” in the state, with over 200 public facilities under its supervision, including district and sub-divisional hospitals, and

Community Health Centres.

Qutub Minar

Hindu deity Vishnu, Jain deity Tirthankar Rishabh Dev and others — that sought the restoration of “27 Hindu and Jain temples” at the Quwwat-ul-Islam mosque inside the Qutub complex.

At Tuesday’s hearing, the ASI opposed the plea, arguing that the mosque’s character was frozen after it came under the protection of the Ancient Monuments and Archaeological Sites and Remains (AMASR) Act, 1958.

In a reply filed Monday, it stated that even though architectural images of Hindu and Jain deities were used in the construction of the complex, revival of worship cannot be allowed there as it was “not practiced at the time of protection of the monument”. “A fundamental right cannot be availed in violation of any status of the land,” it said.

On November 29, 2021, a civil judge, while dismissing the plea, had observed that wrongs committed in the past “cannot be the basis of disturbing (the) peace of our present and future”.

Advocate Subash C Gupta, who appeared for the ASI, told the court Tuesday that there is no ground for interfering with the lower court’s judgment.

“Character of a place is determined on the date the monument comes under the purview of the AMASR Act. The character once frozen as that in the monument cannot be changed,” Gupta argued, invoking a Delhi High Court ruling.

Advocate Hari Shankar Jain, who addressed arguments on behalf of the petitioners, said that the Quwwat-ul-Islam mosque was constructed after 27 temples were demolished and that no prayers have been offered at the mosque in the past 800 years.

Stressing that the petitioners just wanted the restoration of deities and the conduct of puja, and not “demolish anything”, he submitted: “When there was a temple in existence much before the mosque, why can’t it be restored?”

The judge said: “What is the legal right? Assuming it was invaded, demolished, some structure raised, let us assume it was not being used by Muslims. The important question is, can you now claim it to be restored under what basis? Now you want this monument to be turned into a temple calling it restoration, my question is how would you claim that the plaintiffs have a legal right assuming it existed about 800 years back?”

Relying on Section 16 of the AMASR Act, Jain told the court: “If it is a Hindu temple, why can’t it be permitted for that? The law says so. Once a deity property, it’s always a deity property. It will survive forever. The divinity of a deity never vanishes. After the demolishing of a temple, it will not lose its character, divinity or sanctity.”

The court said: “Deity is surviving for the last 800 years without worship. Let it survive like that.”

The court also said the “existence of the idol is not in dispute” and asked if the “right to worship is an established right, whether it’s a constitutional or any other right, and what remedies, if any, are available with this right?”

Jain told the court that he has the right to worship under Article 25 of the Constitution.

Gupta rebutted this, saying: “Yes, fundamental right exists but it’s not absolute and therefore (the) court has found that this right is not available in this case.”

He said the inscriptions on the Quwwat-ul-Islam mosque state that the “mosque was built with the remains of 27 temples but nowhere it is mentioned that the material for construction were received by demolishing temples”.

The ASI reply on Monday stated: “Fundamental right cannot be availed in violation of any status of the land. The basic principle of protection/conservation is not to allow starting of any new practice in a monument declared and notified as a protected one under the Ancient Monuments and Archaeological Sites and Remains (AMASR) Act, 1958. Revival of worship is not allowed wherever it is not practiced at the time of protection of a monument.”

The ASI stated that there are a number of sculptures within the Qutub complex but it would be “contrary to the provisions of the AMASR Act to agree with the contention of the respondents or any other person claiming a fundamental right to worship in this centrally protected monument”.

The ASI submitted that it was a fact that architectural images of Hindu and Jain deities were used in the construction of the Qutub complex. “This is very clear from the inscription at the Quwwat-ul-Islam mosque (which) clearly stated that the cloisters were erected with carved columns and

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Another J&K cop killed, minor daughter injured in attack

Police said in a statement.

“In this terror crime incident, he and his 9-year-old daughter received critical gunshot injuries and were immediately evacuated to nearby hospital for treatment... Saifullah Qadri succumbed to his injuries and attained martyrdom. The condition of the other injured is stated to be stable,” it said.

Qadri is the second policeman to be killed in the Valley in less than a fortnight. On May 13, militants shot a policeman, Riyaz Ahmad Thoker, at his village in Pulwama.



At the wreath-laying ceremony for the policeman in Srinagar on Tuesday. Shuaib Masoodi

Seven J&K Police personnel have been killed in the Valley since the beginning of the year. While 42 security personnel were killed last year, half of them (21) were from the J&K Police.

“I strongly condemn the cowardly terror attack in Soura, Srinagar. I assure the people that those behind this despicable attack will not go unpunished,” J&K Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha tweeted. Former CM and NC leader Omar Abdullah also “unequivocally condemned” the attack.

other architectural members from the 27 temples,” it submitted.

Congress G23

Besides Azad and Sharma, the political affairs group has Rahul Gandhi, Leader of the Opposition in Rajya Sabha Mallikarjun Kharge, CWC members Ambika Soni and Digvijaya Singh, AICC general secretary in charge of organisation K C Venugopal and AICC general secretary in charge of Assam Jitendra Singh. It is a major elevation for the young Singh, considered a key member of Team Rahul. Digvijaya Singh’s name in the group marks a return of the senior leader to the thick of action in Delhi.

Now that Azad and Sharma have been included in the political affairs group headed by Sonia, it remains to be seen whether the two will be considered for Rajya Sabha seats. The party is in a position to get 9-10 seats in the biennial elections next month.

The political affairs group will, however, have no real powers. In Sonia’s own words, it will be an “advisory group” drawn from the CWC that will meet regularly to discuss and deliberate upon political issues and challenges before the party. “The new group is not, however, a collective decision-making body but will help me get the benefit of the vast experience of senior colleagues,” she had said in Udaipur.

Given that G23 leaders have been seeking a revival of the Parliamentary Board and adoption of a model of “collective and inclusive leadership and decision-making at all levels”, some of the leaders are not impressed with the new group. “It means nothing. It is meaningless tokenism. It is a superficial exercise. Mrs Gandhi herself had made it clear that the group will only advise and it will not be a collective decision-making body... so it means nothing,” a member of the Congress Working Committee said.

The task force, on the other hand, is packed with leaders who are considered close to the leadership. Sonia had in her speech in Udaipur announced the setting up of the task force to drive internal reforms. Its members are former finance minister P Chidambaram, Mukul Wasnik (another signatory to the G23 letter), Jai Ram Ramesh, Venugopal, Ajay Maken, Priyanka Gandhi Vadra, Randeep Singh Surjewala and Kanugolu, who once worked with Prashant Kishor.

Although a signatory to the G23 letter, Wasnik is now closer to the Gandhi than to the reformist group. In fact, he did not attend the last meeting of the G23 held at Azad’s residence after the Assembly election rout of the Congress. Kanugolu’s induction into the task force — which comes after the loss of face over Kishor turning down the party’s offer to join it — makes it clear that he will be part of the Congress’s campaign and election management efforts for 2024. Asked whether Kanugolu has joined the Congress, Surjewala said, “Yes, he is a member of the Congress party.”

The task force met in the afternoon and Surjewala said the group will now meet every week. He said the group will soon prepare a detailed “blueprint” on organisation, finances, media and communication strategy, grassroots con-

nect and election management and submit it to the Congress president, Rahul Gandhi and the Congress Working Committee.

The Congress said “each member of the task force shall be assigned specific tasks related to organisation, communications and media, outreach, finance and election management. They shall have designated teams which will be notified subsequently. The task force will also follow up on the Udaipur Nav Sankalp Declaration and the reports of the six groups.”

In September 2020, in the wake of the furore generated by the G23’s letter to the Congress chief seeking sweeping changes in the party, Sonia Gandhi had constituted a six-member special committee to assist her in organisational and operational matters. The members of that group were AK Antony, Ahmed Patel, Ambika Soni, K C Venugopal, Mukul Wasnik and Randeep Singh Surjewala. That group now stands disbanded.

Antony, who used to be a regular in all such bodies, is missing from all the groups announced on Tuesday. He had last month announced his decision to slowly fade away from national politics.

On Tuesday, Sonia Gandhi also announced a central planning group for coordination of the Bharat Yatra which will begin on October 2. Members of the group are Digvijaya Singh, Sachin Pilot, Lok Sabha MPs Shashi Tharoor (another G23 member), Ravneet Singh Bittu, Jothi Mani, Pradyut Bordoloi, K J George, Jitu Patwari and Saleem Ahmed. The yatra, to be led by Rahul, is expected to go on for four to five months as the aim is to traverse 3,500-odd kilometres across a dozen-odd states.

Hardik Patel

would “play a better role” than in 2017.

Hardik was inducted into the Congress in 2019 and appointed working president of the state unit in 2020. On May 18, he posted his resignation letter on Twitter, saying the party’s top leaders seemed more interested in “messages they had received on their mobile (phones)” — and behaved as if “they hate Gujarat and Gujaratis” while state leaders were “more focussed” in arranging chicken sandwiches for them.

In the letter addressed to Congress president Sonia Gandhi, Hardik also took a swipe at Rahul Gandhi without naming him: “Whenever our country faced challenges and when the Congress needed leadership, Congress leaders were enjoying abroad.”

On Tuesday, asked if the over 200 cases filed against Patidars would come in the way of his joining the BJP, Hardik said the issue “would not be done in one go”. Of the 246 pending cases, 23 have Hardik as an accused, of which two are under the sedition law.

“We agitated against the people in power, and the people in power, to stay in power, did whatever they did against us. And we did what we could to take the agitation to its logical end. This very government gave the 10 per cent reservation and the MYSY (Mukhyamantri Yuva Swavalamban Yojana). My point is that we fought against the government, and it is the government only that has fulfilled the de-

mands...,” he said.

According to Hardik, the “anger” that was seen in the elections of 2015 and 2017 was “gone” by the 2019 Lok Sabha elections when the Congress failed to win a seat. Asked if the attention Rahul gave to independent MLA Jignesh Mevani at the May 10 Dahod rally upset him, Hardik said: “Obviously. Why not? I have been in jail for 10 months, six months in exile from Gujarat, I was facing 32 cases. You have started the politics of caste, isn’t it? You can see a person who was convicted for three months in a case under section 188, and you can see a person who went to jail for nine days...but you could not see my pain?”

Search for singer

ignored the early pleas for help, and that they had to trace her journey and footage themselves.

“We informed the police and even gave them the footage. They refused to do anything and misbehaved with my father. They later called and said she would be coming home in a day. On Monday, we received the news of her death,” claimed the victim’s sister. The police returned the body to the family following an autopsy.

According to the police, the charge of gangrape is yet to be proved, but they have information to suggest that the singer was drugged, kidnapped and strangled. They have also arrested two accused, identified as Ravi and his accomplice Anil — both in their 20s and employed at a finance company as helpers. Ravi was already facing a rape case lodged by the victim. The police said that the two accused allegedly revealed during questioning the location where they had buried the body. The police and the family said Ravi and the singer were in a relationship three years ago, but he continued harassing her even after it ended, going as far as to assault her on multiple occasions.

Police sources told *The Indian Express* that the accused also allegedly revealed that they spiked the victim’s drink with sleeping pills and took her for a meal at an eatery. After the meal, they allegedly strangled her to death in the car, the sources said.

The police have recovered the car suspected to have been used in the crime, and the axe used to bury the body, the sources said.

The police are yet to verify the family’s claims that a chemical substance was poured on the woman to hide her wounds.

Deputy Commissioner of Police Shankar Choudhary said: “We registered a case of kidnapping based on the complaint from her family. Our teams conducted several raids and arrested the two accused from Meham in Haryana on Sunday.”

The DCP said: “During interrogation, they disclosed that they hatched a conspiracy to kill the woman. One of the accused called her and asked her to meet on the pretext of making a music video. He drugged her and killed her. The accused buried her body near the Rohtak highway. The accused were earlier friends with the deceased.” The rape case is currently

sub-judice and a court hearing is scheduled next week.

DCP Choudhary did not respond to multiple calls and text messages from *The Indian Express* seeking comment on the family’s allegations of police inaction and delay in the case. The singer’s father recalled that on May 11, hours after she left home, he had called her. “She told me she wasn’t feeling well and wanted to sleep. Those were her last words.”

Sugar, oil

notified separately by the Department of Food and Public Distribution.

India is the biggest producer of sugar in the world and the second largest exporter after Brazil. The move comes in a year when the country is set to register its highest-ever exports. “Contracts for export of about 90 lakh MT have been signed in the current sugar season 2021-22. About 82 lakh MT sugar has been dispatched from sugar mills for export and approximately 78 lakh MT have been exported. Export of sugar in the current sugar season 2021-22 is at its historic high,” a source said.

Sources said the closing stock of sugar at the end of sugar season (September 30, 2022) remains 60-65 lakh MT which is equivalent to about three months’ stocks required for domestic use. “The government has been continuously monitoring the situation in the sugar sector including sugar production, consumption, export as well as price trends in wholesale and retail markets all over the country,” a source said.

The Centre also announced duty-free import of 20 lakh MT each of crude soyabean oil and crude sunflower oil per year for two financial years (2022-23 and 2023-24). The move — nil customs duty and nil agricultural infrastructure and development cess — will bring significant relief to consumers, the Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs said in a tweet.

The change in tariff rate quota will be effective from May 25 this year till March 31, 2024. India, which imports nearly 60 per cent of its edible oil needs, has seen prices surge this year amid a broader spike in international prices following Russia’s invasion of Ukraine that squeezed the supply of sunflower oil. Added to that was a recent ban by Indonesia to curb palm oil exports before Jakarta replaced the ban with a domestic sales quota.

This comes at a time when the government is struggling to contain severe inflationary pressures, with prices of food, fuels and crop nutrients soaring.

Retail inflation rate had surged to an eight-year high of 7.79 per cent in April, while wholesale inflation has been in double digits for 13 consecutive months. Retail edible oil inflation remained at 20-35 per cent level all through 2021, with the latest print for inflation rate for oils and fats recorded at 17.28 per cent for April.

The Centre announced tax cuts on petrol, diesel, coking coal, and raw materials for making steel over the weekend as part of its efforts to cool mounting inflationary pressure.

Can I be convicted based on hearsay, asks Umar Khalid

EXPRESSNEWSERVICE
NEW DELHI, MAY 24

ARGUING THAT the statement of the main witness against him is based on hearsay, Umar Khalid, who is accused in the larger conspiracy case in connection with the Northeast Delhi riots, Tuesday told the High Court there is no direct connection between him and any violence whatsoever.

Senior advocate Trideep Pais, representing Khalid, submitted that there are 10-15 paragraphs in the chargesheet with no basis or supporting evidence, and if the prosecution has the propensity to create such things, then it is clear that the protected witness 'Bond' is fabricated. Rims and rims of paper have been wasted on imagination and hyperbole, Pais contended before the division bench of Justice Siddharth Mridul and Justice Rajnish Bhatnagar.

"Material is being fabricated intentionally to create prejudice against me. I have to bear the brunt of two years of imprisonment because you have a statement which does not connect to the violence, does not connect to the money. You have a solitary statement for all violence in Jamia qua me based on which I have to bear the brunt," Pais argued.

Pais questioned whether he can be convicted based on hearsay. Justice Bhatnagar observed that the veracity of the witness' statement has to be tested. Pais said the trial court simply read the statements as it is and did not say why the defence is wrong. "A statute, howsoever draconian it may be, is the legislature. My arrest is (by) the executive. I am before your lordships for the determination of good and sufficient and prima facie. What the learned judge does is he eliminates himself from that equation," Pais said.

Fashion designer jumps to death in Gurgaon

Gurgaon: A 26-year-old fashion designer allegedly jumped off the 14th-floor balcony of her rented house in Valley View Estate, Gwal Pahari on Gurgaon-Faridabad road on Monday. Police said no suicide note has been recovered.

The woman, who hailed from Karnal, had been staying in the society for over a month, said police. Police received information about the incident at 8.10 pm from the control room, following which a team rushed to the spot. She was taken to a hospital, where she was declared dead.

The victim's father told the police that she had studied fashion communication and came to Gurgaon for a job in 2018. "The family said that she was earlier working in a private firm in Udyog Vihar. She wanted to switch jobs during the lockdown. In March 2020, she returned to her hometown in Karnal for some time. She wanted to start her own business and moved back to Gurgaon in September 2021. Last month, she had moved to this society," a police officer said.

Police said the family last spoke to her Sunday. The family told police that they were not aware of the reason for the alleged suicide. "The woman's father said that he tried contacting her on Monday, but one of her phones was off, while there was no response on the other," said the officer.

"We have initiated inquest proceedings under section 174 of CrPc," said Dinesh Kumar, SHO DLF phase 1 police station. **ENS**

AAP alleges MCD salary delay, BJP says check facts

New Delhi: Taking on the Municipal Corporation of Delhi soon after its merger, the AAP said that it has repeatedly failed to pay salaries to employees even after unification.

The party's MCD in-charge Durgesh Pathak said, "Teachers have not been paid salaries for five to six months. Safai karmcharis have been waiting for payments for two to three months. Several MCD employees, including junior engineers and assistant engineers, have not been paid salaries for five to six months."

"Why does the BJP make MCD employees suffer even after bringing the MCD directly under the Centre. The BJP should make good on its promises and pay the dues immediately," Pathak said.

BJP spokesperson Praveen Shankar Kapoor said Pathak habitually raised allegations without verifying facts. **ENS**



CENTRAL AGRICULTURAL UNIVERSITY
LAMPHELPAT: IMPHAL – 795 004
Website: www.cau.ac.in
Email: di.office@yahoo.com

No. CAU/DI/309-ARC/22-23/ Dated, 24th May, 2022

NOTICE FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

The Central Agricultural University, Imphal, Lamphelpat-795004 (Manipur) is inviting Expression of Interest for entering into Rate Contract for Chemicals, Glassware, Plasticware, scientific consumables etc. for its constituent colleges located in 7 states of north-eastern hill region. Interested parties may download the details from www.cau.ac.in.

The last date for receipt of Tender document is 15th June, 2022.

Sd/-
(S. Basanta Singh)
Director of Instruction



National Dope Testing Laboratory (NDTL)
Government of India
Gate No. 10, JLN Stadium Complex, Lodhi Road, New Delhi - 110003
File No. 387/Admn/NDTL/2022 Date: 21.05.2022
Advt. No. 1/2022

Subject: Filling up the vacant posts of Finance Officer, Senior Technical Officer (Information Technology) and Technical Officer on deputation including short term contract basis.

The National Dope Testing Laboratory (NDTL) has been established as an autonomous body under Government of India for undertaking human sports dope testing & allied research thereon. It is accredited by the National Accreditation Board for Testing & Calibration Laboratories (NABL), (ISO/IEC 17025:2005) and the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) for testing of urine & blood samples from human sports. It is a state-of-the-art laboratory equipped with modern and latest analytical equipment.

Applications are invited in the prescribed proforma from eligible Officers for filling up the following posts on deputation including short term contract basis:-


Sr. No.	Name of the Post	No. of post(s)	Scale of Pay	Classification
1.	Finance Officer	1	Rs. 56,100 - 1,77,50 (Pay Level 10 in the Pay Matrix as per 7th CPC)	Group 'A' Post
2.	Senior Technical Officer (Information Technology)	1	Rs. 56,100 - 1,77,50 (Pay Level 10 in the Pay Matrix as per 7th CPC)	Group 'A' Post
3.	Technical Officer	2	Rs. 44,900 - 1,42,400 (Pay Level 7 in the Pay Matrix as per 7th CPC)	Group 'B' Post

2. For detailed terms and conditions, eligibility criteria and application format etc., Kindly visit NDTL's website <http://ndtlindia.com/>

3. The closing date for receipt of applications shall be 45 days from the date of publications of advertisement in the Employment News.

Sd/-
Deputy Director (Admn) NDTL

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Regd. Off: New No.5/1, (Old No.3/1), 6th Cross Street,
CIT Colony, Mylapore, Chennai – 600 004. Tel: +91 44 2499 7751, 2499 7752;
CIN: L17100TN2007PLC065226 Website: www.svgml.com; E-Mail: secretarial@svgml.com

15TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF S V GLOBAL MILL LIMITED

Members are requested to note that 15th Annual General Meeting (AGM) of S V Global Mill Limited ("Company") will be held on Thursday the June 23, 2022 at 10.30 AM IST through Video Conferencing ("VC") to transact the businesses set out in the Notice of the 15th AGM, in compliance with the applicable provisions of the Companies Act, 2013 ("Act"), the General Circular No.14/2020 dated April 8,2020, General Circular No.17/2020 dated April 13,2020, General Circular No.20/2020 dated May 5, 2020, General Circular No. 22/2020 dated June 15,2020, General Circular No. 33/2020 dated September 28,2020, General Circular No. 39/2020 dated December 31,2020, Circular No. 02/2021 dated January 13,2021 and MCA Circular No.21/2021 dated December 14, 2021 issued by the Ministry of Corporate Affairs ("MCA") and SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015 ("SEBI Listing Regulations").

Electronic copies of the Notice of the 15th AGM, procedure and instructions for e-voting and the Annual Report 2021-22 will be sent to those Members whose email IDs are registered with the Company / Depositories.

The Notice of the 15th AGM and the Annual Report 2021-22 are also available on the website of the Company at <https://www.svgml.com/index/financial-results.html>, on the website of the Registrar and Share Transfer Agent ("RTA"), Cameo Corporate Services Limited at www.cameoindia.com and on the website of BSE Limited at <https://www.bseindia.com/stock-share-price/s-v-global-mill-ltd/svglobal/535621/financials-annual-reports/>. Pursuant to Section 91 of the Act and Regulation 42 of the SEBI Listing Regulations, the Register of Members and Share Transfer Books will remain closed from Friday, the June 17, 2022 To Thursday, the June 23, 2022 (both days inclusive) and the record date (cut-off date) is Thursday, the June 16, 2022.

The Company is providing facility to its Members to exercise their right to vote on the businesses as set forth in the Notice of the 15th AGM by electronic means through remote e-voting and e-voting at the AGM. All Members are informed that:

- Members may attend the 15th AGM through VC at <https://web.cdslindia.com/myeasi/home/login>, by using their login credentials.
- The instructions for participating through VC and the process of e-voting, including the manner in which Members holding shares in physical form or who have not registered their e-mail addresses can cast their vote through e-voting, are provided as part of the Notice of the 15th AGM.
- Members whose names appear in the Register of Members or in the Register of Beneficial Owners maintained by the Depositories as on the Record Date (Cut-off date) i.e Thursday, the June 16, 2022, shall only be entitled to avail the remote e-voting facility or vote, as the case may be, at the AGM.
- Remote e-voting shall commence at 9.00 A.M IST on Monday, the June 20, 2022 and ends at 5.00 P.M. IST on Wednesday, the June 22, 2022. Remote e-voting shall not be allowed beyond 5.00 P.M. on Wednesday, the June 22, 2022 and once the vote on a resolution is cast by the Member, the Member shall not be allowed to change it subsequently.
- In case a person has become a Member of the Company after dispatch of the Notice but on or before the cut-off date for remote e-voting, or has registered the e-mail address after dispatch of the Notice, such Member may obtain the user ID and password in the manner as provided in the procedure and instructions for e-voting.
- Members who have cast their vote by remote e-voting prior to the AGM may attend the AGM through VC, but shall not be entitled to cast their vote again. Members who have not cast their vote through remote e-voting and are present at the AGM through VC, shall be eligible to vote through e-voting at the AGM.
- Members who have not registered their e-mail address are requested to register the same in respect of shares held in electronic form with the Depository through their Depository Participant(s) and in respect of shares held in physical form by writing to the Company's RTA, Cameo Corporate Services Limited, Subramanian Building, No.1, Club House Road, Chennai - 600 002 at investor@cameoindia.com;
- The Company has appointed M/s. KRA & Associates, Practising Company Secretaries, Chennai as the Scrutinizer to scrutinize the remote e-voting process in a fair and transparent manner.
- For queries regarding e-voting:
 - Non-Individual Members holding shares in demat mode and Members holding securities in physical mode may contact M/s. Cameo Corporate Services Limited at their phone number: 044 2846 0390 to 2846 0395 or write to them at investor@cameoindia.com;
 - Individual Members holding shares may contact CDSL helpdesk by writing to helpdesk.evoting@cdslindia.com or call at 022-23058738 or 022-23058542-43;
 - Members who are voting through the facilities provided by their Depository Participants, may contact their respective Depository Participants on their helpline/contact details.
- For any query/clarification or assistance required with respect to the Annual Report 2021 - 22 or the Annual General Meeting, Members may write to secretarial@svgml.com.

For **S V GLOBAL MILL LIMITED**
E. Shanmugam
Chairman and Managing Director

Date: 25.05.2022
Place: Chennai

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PUBLIC NOTICE
POWERFULL ENERGY TRADING PRIVATE LIMITED (PETPL)
209, SECOND FLOOR, B-5, OM TOWER,
ALPHA-1ST, COMMERCIAL BELT, GREATER NOIDA,
GAUTAM BUDDHA NAGAR, UTTAR PRADESH, INDIA, 201306
NOTICE UNDER SUB-SECTION (2) OF SECTION 15 OF THE ELECTRICITY ACT, 2003

1. The Person above-named, a company incorporated under the companies Act, 2013 (the applicant) has made an application under sub-section (1) of section 15 of the Electricity Act,2003 for grant category V License for interstate Trading in Electricity in geographical region of India before the Central Electricity Regulatory Commission, New Delhi. The Necessary details in respect of the applicant are giver hereunder:

(i) **Share Capital**

a) Authorized Share Capital	INR 2,10,00,000/-
b) Issued Share Capital	INR 2,10,00,000/-
c) Subscribed Share Capital	INR 2,10,00,000/-
d) Paid Up Share Capital	INR 2,10,00,000/-

(ii) **Shareholding Pattern (Details of Shareholders holding 5% or more)**

Name of Shareholder	Citizenship	Residential Status	No. of Shares	% age
Gaurav Nand	Indian	Resident	19,00,000	90%

(iii) Financial and Technical Strength – PETPL team has vast & rich experience of power trading, power operation, power scheduling, regulatory and meets the requisite financial criteria to run power trading operations as per CERC norms.

(iv) Management Profile of applicant including details of experiences of the applicant and/or the person on the management of the applicant in generation, transmission, distribution and trading of electricity or similar activity-

- Mr. Gaurav Nand, Director, PETPL**, is a key professional of Indian Power Market having expertise over in Power Trading, open Access regulatory & Renewable Energy domain. He has rich experience in power/energy sector of more than 12 years.
- Mr. Atul Kumar Shrivastav, Head (Business Development), PETPL**, is a power sector professional with B.Tech (EEE) having vast and rich experience of more than 7 year in open access Business Development & Power Sector.
- Mr. Amit Kushwah, Head Finance, PETPL**, holds (MBA) in Finance. He has rich experience of more than 12 years in finance, Accountant & Power Sector.

(v) Volume of electricity intended to be traded during the first year after grant of license and future plans of the applicant to expand volume of trading- PETPL aims to commence inter-state/intra-state trading operations in India by tying up contracts of 25 MW RTC during its first year and is expected to increase marginally at 10% per annum over the subsequent 5 years.

(vi) Geographical area within which the applicant will undertake trading in electricity – All India and the area as may be permitted under the provisions of the Electricity Act 2003 and relevant regulations.

(vii) Net worth as on 31st March of three consecutive years immediately preceding the year of application or for such lesser period as may be applicable and on the date of the special balance sheet accompanying the application:-

	As per Special Balance sheet dated 08.05.2022	As on 31.03.2022
Net Worth	INR 2,09,80,000/-	NA

(viii) Year-wise current ratio and liquidity ratio of the applicant for three preceding year in which the application is made, or for such lesser period as may be applicable and on the date of the special balance sheet accompanying the application:-

	As per Special Balance sheet dated 08.05.2022	As on 31.03.2022
Current Ratio	1050 : 1	NA
Liquidity Ratio	1050 : 1	NA

(ix) a) PETPL is authorized to undertake trading in electricity under the MoA in the main object.
b) The said clause Reads as "TO ESTABLISH AND CARRY ON THE BUSINESS OF GENERATORS, SUPPLIERS, PROCESSORS, ACCUMULATORS, DISTRIBUTORS, TRADERS, CONVERTERS OF AND DEALER IN, AND THE SALE AND PURCHASE OF ELECTRICITY AND ELECTRICAL ENERGY IN ANY FORM AND BY ANY PROCESS AND IN ANY FUEL, DERIVATIVES INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO BATTERY BASED ENERGY STORAGE TECHNOLOGIES, RENEWABLE ENERGY CERTIFICATES, CARBON CREDITS, ENERGY CONSERVATION CERTIFICATES OR ANY PRODUCTS CONNECTED WITH OR RELATED TO THE GENERATION AND SUPPLY OF ELECTRICAL ENERGY OF ANY FORM OF THIS PURPOSES TO ESTABLISH, OPERATE AND MAINTAIN, REHABILITATE AND TRANSFER GENERATING STATION, SUBSTATION, BUILDINGS, PLANT OF EVERY DESCRIPTION INCLUDING TRANSFORMERS, SWITCHGEARS, CABLES AND OTHER EQUIPMENT AND TO MANUFACTURE AND PRODUCE, TRADE AND DEAL. "

(x) Details of cases, if any, where the applicant or any of his associates, or partner, or promoters, or directors has been declared insolvent and has not been discharged – **None**

(xi) Details of cases, if any, in which the Applicant or any of his Associates or partners or Promoters or Directors has been convicted of an offence involving moral turpitude, fraud or any economic offence during the previous three years preceding the year of making the application and the year of making the applicant and the date of release of the above person from imprisoned, if any, consequent to such conviction – **None**

(xii) Whether the Applicant or any of his Associates, or partners or promoters, or Directors was ever refused license, and if so the detailed particular of the application, date of making application date of order refusing license and reasons for such refusal – **NO**

(xiii) Whether the Applicant has been granted a license for transmission of electricity – **NO**

(xiv) Whether an order cancelling the license of the Applicant, or any of his Associates, or Partners, or promoters, or Directors has been passed by the Commission – **NO**

(xv) Whether the Applicant or any of his Associates, or partners, or promoters or Directors ever found guilty in any proceedings for contravention non-compliance of any of the provisions of the Act or the rules or the regulations made thereunder or an order made by the Appropriate Commission, during the year of making the application or five years immediately preceding that year? – **NO**

(2) The application made and other documents filed before the Commission are available for inspection by any person with Mr. Gaurav Nand, 209, SECOND FLOOR, B-5, OM TOWER, ALPHA-1ST, COMMERCIAL BELT, GREATER NOIDA, GAUTAM BUDDHA NAGAR, (U.P) 201306 Telephone:- 9540529106 E-Mail: powerfullenergytrading@gmail.com

(3) The application made and other documents filed before the Commission have been posted on www.petplenergytrading.com

(4) Objection and suggestion, if any, on the Application made before the commission may sent to the Secretary, Central Electricity Regulatory Commission, 3rd & 4th Floor, Chandelerok Building, 36 Jan path, New Delhi – 110001; E-mail : secy@cerindia.gov.in within 30 days of publication of this notice with a copy to the applicant.

(5) No objections or suggestions shall be considered by the commission if received after expiry of 30 days of publication of this notice.

Place: Greater Noida
Date : 25.05.2022

Gaurav Nand
(Director)



NEW INDIA ASSURANCE
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The New India Assurance Co. Ltd

Regd. & Head Office : New India Assurance Bldg.,
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ADVANCE NOTICE

TO THE RETAIL MEDICLAIM POLICYHOLDERS OF THE NEW INDIA ASSURANCE COMPANY LIMITED

THIS is to inform all the Retail Mediclaim Policyholders of our Company that Health Service Provider, M/s Vipul Medcorp Insurance TPA Private Limited (M/s Vipul TPA) is merged with M/s Vidal Health Insurance TPA Private Limited (M/s Vidal TPA) on 9th May 2022. IRDAI vide their letter dated 04.02.2021 have in-principle approved the said merger. Hence, this is an advance intimation to all the Mediclaim Policyholders who are presently serviced by M/s Vipul TPA that their servicing TPA will be M/s Vidal TPA from 1st July 2022. However, for any clarification on other optional TPA, please contact policy issuing Office.


(AUTHORISED SIGNATORY)
THE NEW INDIA ASSURANCE COMPANY LIMITED,
Date : 25th May 2022
Place : Mumbai
IRDAI REGN. No. 190
CIN Number : L66000MH1919GOI000526



Telecommunications Consultants India Ltd.
(A Govt. of India Enterprise)
TCIL Bhawan, Greater Kailash-I,
New Delhi - 110048

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CIN-L74899DL1974GOI007417
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EXTRACT FROM THE STANDALONE & CONSOLIDATED AUDITED FINANCIAL RESULTS FOR THE QUARTER AND YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH, 2022 (₹ in Lakhs)

Sl. No.	Particulars	STANDALONE					CONSOLIDATED				
		Quarter ended		Year ended			Quarter ended		Year ended		
		31-03-2022	31-12-2021	31-03-2021	31-03-2022	31-03-2021	31-03-2022	31-12-2021	31-03-2021	31-03-2022	31-03-2021
		Un audited	Un audited	Un audited	Audited	Audited	Un audited	Un audited	Un audited	Audited	Audited
1	Total Income from operations	445025	509960	297329	1589142	1193900	445025	509960	297329	1589142	1193900
2	Net Profit/ (Loss) from operations before exceptional items and tax	6365	1155	(331)	14482	34346	2154	(2017)	(980)	(5839)	33091
3	Net Profit/ (Loss) before tax after exceptional items	6365	1155	(331)	14482	34346	2154	(2017)	(980)	(5839)	33091
4	Net Profit/ (Loss) for the period after tax	4817	864	(304)	10820	24963	606	(2308)	(953)	(9501)	23708
5	Total Comprehensive Income for the period (Comprising Profit/ (Loss) and Other Comprehensive Income for the period)	5003	865	(7)	11010	25050	792	(2307)	(656)	(9311)	23795
6	Equity Share Capital	49058	49058	49058	49058	49058	49058	49058	49058	49058	49058
7	Reserves (excluding Revaluation Reserve) as shown in the Audited Balance Sheet of the previous year				179096	168086				155650	164961
8	Earning Per Share (of ₹10/- each) *										
	(a) Basic	0.98	0.18	(0.06)	2.21	5.09	0.12	(0.47)	(0.19)	(1.94)	4.83
	(b) Diluted	0.98	0.18	(0.06)	2.21	5.09	0.12	(0.47)	(0.19)	(1.94)	4.83
* Not annualised in case of quarterly figures											

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Place : Noida
Dated: May 24, 2022

For and on behalf of Board of Directors
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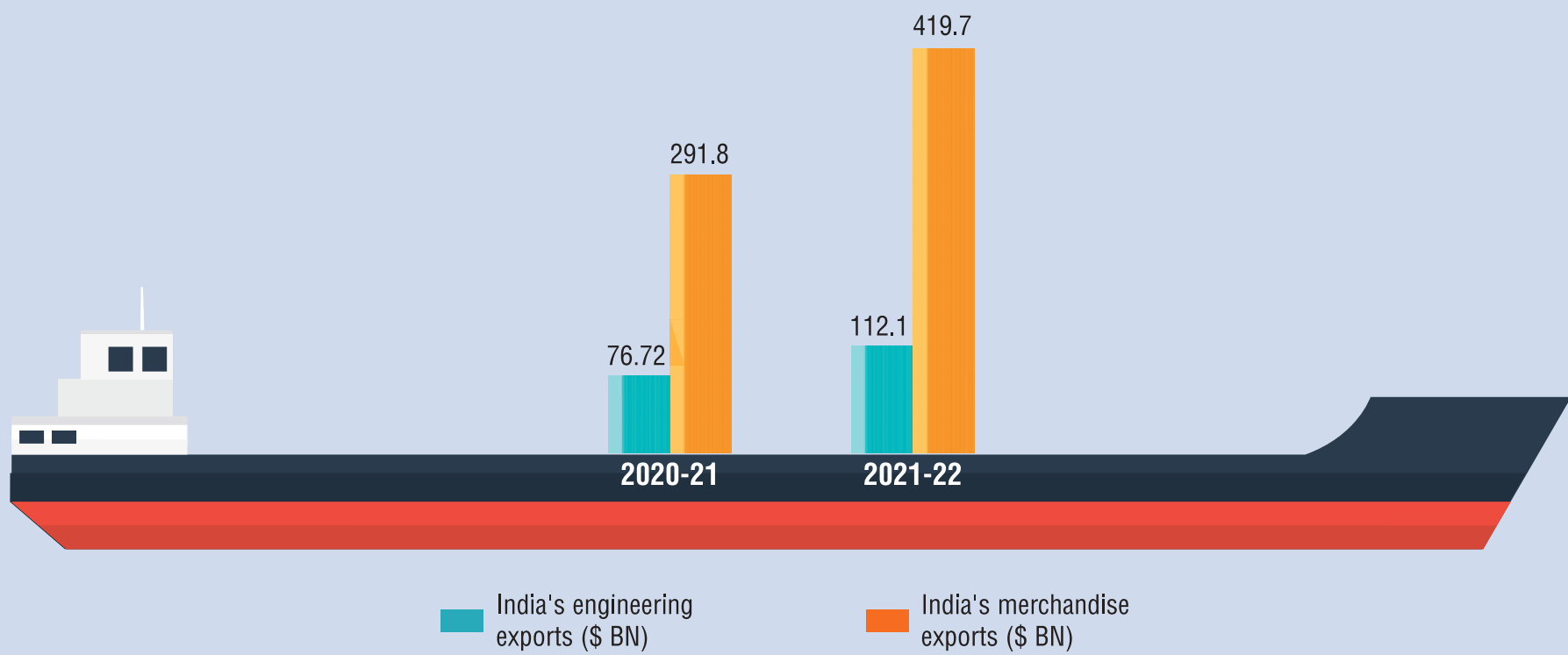
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Shri Narendra Modi
Hon'ble Prime Minister of India

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India's engineering and merchandise exports record historic highs in 2022



6 GOVT & POLITICS



CAPITAL VISIT

TRIPURA'S NEWLY appointed Chief Minister Manik Saha arrived in Delhi on Tuesday, in his first visit to the national capital after taking charge. During his stay, Saha is expected to pay a courtesy call to President Ram Nath Kovind and also meet Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Home Minister Amit Shah and Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman among others. His visit comes at a time when uncertainty persists over whether the central leadership of the BJP will appoint a new state president, a post which Saha currently holds. Ever since he was asked to step down, former chief minister Biplab Deb has been extensively touring the state, which goes to polls in 2023. By participating in party events, Deb, it is learnt, is staking his claim to become the state party chief, a role which he has performed before.

THE GIFTS

PRIME MINISTER Narendra Modi gifted items featuring rare Indian art work from Gujarat, Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh and Tamil Nadu to his fellow Quad leaders from Australia, the US and Japan. US President Joe Biden is said to have received a Sanjhi art work, a hand-cut paper design of motifs of Krishna, while Australian Prime Minister Anthony Albanese received a Gond painting. While PM Modi gifted his Japanese President Fumio Kishida a wooden hand-carved box with Rogan painting from Gujarat, former Japanese Prime Ministers received Pattumadai silk mats, a unique superfine silk mat weaving from 'korai' grass grown on the banks of river Tamiraparani in Tamil Nadu.

CLEANLINESS SURVEY

'WASTE TO Wealth' will be this year's theme in Prime Minister's pet project Swachh Bharat Abhiyan's Swachh Survekshan 2023, the government's annual cleanliness survey to promote sanitation in urban centres under the Swachh Bharat Mission. This year's survey would give priority to the principle of 3Rs – reduce, recycle and reuse. Last year, Indore, Navi Mumbai, Nellore and Dewas emerged as the top performers while Gujarat's Surat maintained its position as the second cleanest city in India with population over 10 lakh while Vijaywada moved up from its fourth spot. Chhattisgarh had emerged as the 'Cleanest State' for the third consecutive year.

PM to visit Chennai on May 26, lay foundation of projects worth Rs 31,400 cr

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, MAY 24

PRIME MINISTER Narendra Modi will lay the foundation of 11 projects worth more than Rs 31,400 crore at JLN Indoor Stadium in Chennai on Thursday. The projects will significantly improve socio-economic prosperity in the region, have a transformative impact on several sectors and also help create employment opportunities, the Prime Minister's Office said in a statement. Modi will dedicate to the nation five projects worth over Rs 2,900 crore, the statement said. They include the 75 km Madurai-Teni (Railway Gauge Conversion Project), built at a project cost of over Rs 500 crore, which will facilitate access and give a boost to tourism in the region, it said. The other projects include the 30-km third railway line between

Tambaram and Chengalpattu; 115-km Ennore-Chengalpattu section and 271-km Thiruvallur-Bengaluru section of ETBPNMT natural gas pipeline, built at a project cost of around Rs 850 crore and Rs 910 crore, respectively.

The programme will also witness inauguration of 1,152 houses constructed as part of Light House Project-Chennai, built at a cost of Rs 116 crore under Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana-Urban, the statement said.

Six other projects, being built at a cost of over Rs 28,500 crore, include the 262-km Bengaluru-Chennai Expressway. Built at a cost of over Rs 14,870 crore, it will pass through Andhra Pradesh. A 21-km four-lane elevated road connecting Chennai Port to Maduravoyal (NH-4) will be built at a cost of Rs 5,850 crore.

The foundation for redevelopment of five railway stations will also be laid during the programme, the PMO said.

AAP announces Amit Palekar as Goa unit chief

Panaji: The AAP on Tuesday appointed lawyer Amit Palekar as the president of its Goa unit. Palekar, who was the party's chief ministerial candidate in the Assembly elections held in February, is a leader from the Bhandari (OBC) community that accounts for majority of the Hindus in Goa. He contested the recent election from the St Cruz assembly constituency but lost. The party's two MLAs – Venzy Viegas and Cruz Silva – who made an entry into the Goa Assembly for the first time have been made working presidents. The party also named six new vice-presidents, including its election candidates Valmiki Naik, Ramarao Wagh and Cecille Rodrigues, four organisation secretaries, two general secretaries, presidents of its women's wing, ST wing, minority wing and members of its legal and media cell. **ENS**

Amid sense of restiveness, voices for 'Brahmin CM' in BJP

LIZ MATHEW
NEW DELHI, MAY 24

SPEAKING AT a Brahmin meeting recently, BJP leader and four-time Lok Sabha MP Arvind Sharma pitched for a Brahmin Chief Minister in Haryana. "There was a time when there were Brahmin CMs in 10 of the 20-22 states," he said. Earlier this month, Union minister and former Maharashtra BJP president Raosaheb Danve said: "I don't want to see Brahmins just as municipal councillors or council presidents. I want to see a Brahmin holding the post of CM of this state." Sharma and Dave voiced a sentiment shared by many leaders belonging to the Brahmin community, which is seeing a decline of its long-held influence in the political structure of the country, despite constituting less than 10 per cent of India's population. While the recent calls might

Quad condemns terror, to work on space apps

Leaders denounce 26/11, Pathankot attacks; to work together to develop space applications

SHUBHAJIT ROY
NEW DELHI, MAY 24

PRIME MINISTER Narendra Modi, US President Joe Biden, Australian PM Anthony Albanese and Japanese PM Fumio Kishida on Tuesday joined forces to co-operate on a range of issues – from condemning terrorism to space research and debt management to vaccines.

The leaders condemned terrorism and violent extremism in all forms and manifestations, and all terrorist attacks, including 26/11 Mumbai and Pathankot attacks, the Quad leaders' joint statement said.

Underlining that there can be no justification for acts of terror, it said, "We condemn unequivocally terrorism and violent extremism in all its forms and manifestations."

The Quad leaders denounced the use of terrorist proxies and emphasised the importance of denying any logistical, financial or military support to terror groups which can be used to launch or plan terror attacks, including cross-border attacks, it said, without naming any country. "We reiterate our condemnation of terrorist attacks, including 26/11 Mumbai and Pathankot attacks," the leaders stated.

In the joint statement, the Quad leaders also reaffirmed UNSC Resolution 2593 (2021), which demands that Afghanistan's territory must never again be used to threaten or attack any country or to shelter or train terrorists, or finance terror attacks.

"We emphasise the importance of upholding international standards on anti-money laundering and combating financing of terrorism by all countries, consistent with FATF recommendations," it stated. "We reaffirm that in our fight against global terrorism, we will take concerted action against all terrorist groups, including those individuals and entities designated pursuant to the

UNSC Resolution 1267 (1999)."

On cybersecurity, Quad leaders recognised an urgent need to take a collective approach to enhancing cybersecurity.

The Quad countries will work together to develop space applications, including in the area of earth observations, and provide capacity-building support to countries in the region, including with regards to partnering on using space capabilities to respond to extreme precipitation events.

The leaders said the Quad remains focused on harnessing critical and emerging technologies to enhance prosperity and security of the region.

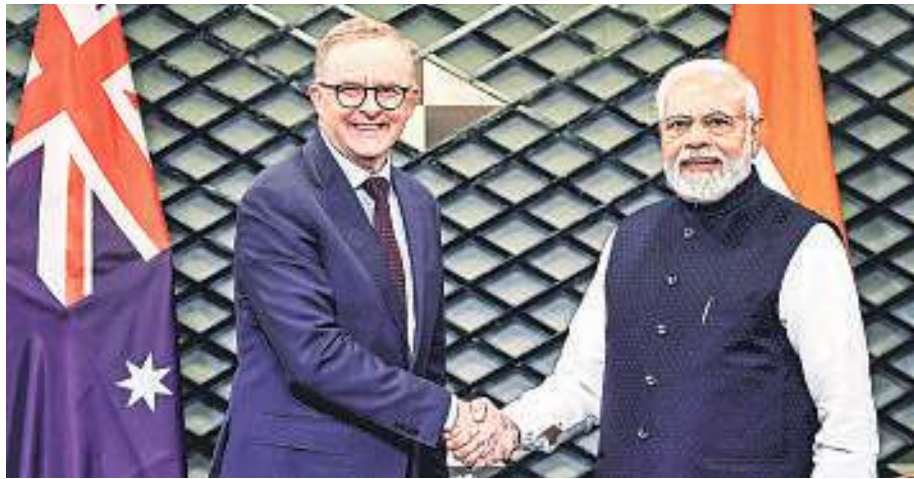
The Quad leaders committed to working closely with partners and the region to drive public and private investment to bridge gaps. To achieve this, the Quad will seek to extend more than \$50 billion of infrastructure assistance and investment in the Indo-Pacific over the next five years.

"We will work to strengthen capacities of the countries in need to cope with debt issues under the G20 Common Framework and by promoting debt sustainability and transparency in close collaboration with finance authorities of relevant countries, including through the "Quad Debt Management Resource Portal," which consists of multiple bilateral and multilateral capacity building assistance.

The Quad leaders committed to getting ahead of Covid-19 by strengthening the global health architecture, including by enhancing finance and bolstering ongoing science and technology cooperation. To date, the Quad partners have collectively pledged approximately \$5.2 billion to the COVAX AMC, approximately 40 per cent of total contributions from government donors, it said.

"We are proud to have delivered over 670 million doses, including at least 265 million doses to the Indo-Pacific," the statement said.

TOKYO SUMMIT



Prime Minister Narendra Modi with his Australian counterpart Anthony Albanese on the sidelines of the Quad Leaders' Summit in Tokyo on Tuesday. *PTI*

India, Japan agree to enhance bilateral security, defence co-op

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, MAY 24

PRIME MINISTER Narendra Modi on Tuesday met Japanese PM Fumio Kishida and the two leaders agreed to further enhance bilateral security and defence cooperation, including in the area of defence manufacturing.

"Had an excellent meeting with PM @kishida230. This meeting gave us the opportunity to review the full range of relations between India and Japan. Our cooperation is rapidly rising and this augurs well for the people of our nations," Modi said on Twitter, after their meeting in Tokyo.

"PM @narendramodi had a productive meeting with PM @kishida230. The two leaders discussed several subjects which will further cement the bond between India and Japan," the Prime Minister's Office tweeted.

The two leaders had a productive exchange of views on enhanc-



Japanese PM Fumio Kishida on Tuesday. *PTI*

ing bilateral relations in various spheres as well as on some regional and global issues, the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) said. The two leaders concurred that the next 2+2 Foreign and Defence Ministerial Meeting may be held in Japan at the earliest, it said, adding that they appreciated the growing economic ties between the two countries.

They agreed that both sides should work jointly towards implementing their decision to have 5 trillion yen (USD 39.3 billion) in public and private investment and financing from Japan to India in

the next five years, the MEA said.

Modi highlighted the steps taken by India to improve ease of doing business, logistics through the 'Gati Shakti' initiative and urged Kishida to support greater investments by Japanese companies in India.

"Such investments would help in creating resilient supply chains and would be mutually beneficial. In this context, Prime Minister Modi appreciated that Japanese companies were increasing their investments in India and that 24 Japanese companies had successfully applied under the various Production Linked Incentive schemes," the MEA said. The two leaders noted the progress in implementation of Mumbai-Ahmedabad High Speed Rail project and welcomed the signing of exchange of notes of the 3rd tranche of loan for this project. They agreed to encourage greater collaboration between private sectors of both sides in development of next generation communication technologies.

Earlier, the PMO tweeted, "The talks focused on deepening the developmental cooperation between India and Australia across diverse sectors."

"Both leaders reviewed the multi-faceted cooperation under the Comprehensive Strategic Partnership, including in trade and investment, defence manufacturing, renewable energy including green hydrogen, education, science and technology, agriculture research, sports and people-to-people ties," the MEA stated in a press release. Modi extended an invitation to Albanese to visit India at an early date.

Key takeaways from Quad

■ Indo-Pacific Partnership for Maritime Domain Awareness

■ Sharing of space-based civil Earth observation data; Quad Satellite Data Portal

■ Condemnation of 26/11 Mumbai and Pathankot attacks by Pak-based groups

■ Quad Debt Management Resource Portal

■ Capacity building under Quad Cybersecurity Partnership; first-ever Quad Cybersecurity Day

■ Fellowships in STEM varities in US for 25 students from each Quad country



PM Modi speaks at the Quad Leaders' Summit. *PTI*

MODI-KISHIDA MEETING

■ Reviewed progress of Mumbai-Ahmedabad High Speed Rail (MAHSR) project.

■ Welcomed the signing of exchange of notes of the 3rd tranche of loan for project

■ Quarantine-free entry into Japan for Indians carrying Covaxin or Covishield certificates

MODI-BIDEN MEETING

■ The two sides announced a major partnership to boost cooperation in critical and emerging technologies between their leading security agencies

■ White House announced India joining the Combined Military Forces-Bahrain as an associate member

MODI-ALBANESE MEETING

■ Comprehensive Strategic Partnership, including in trade & investment, defence manufacturing, renewable energy including green hydrogen, education, science and technology, agriculture research and sports

■ First meeting since Aus elections, invitation to Albanese to visit India

KARNATAKA MLC POLLS

BJP skips BSY son, picks 3 new faces, ex-Dy CM

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
BENGALURU, MAY 24

THE BJP high command on Tuesday ignored claims of former Karnataka chief minister B S Yediyurappa's son B V Vijayendra for nomination to the Karnataka Legislative Council as it announced three new faces and a former deputy chief minister as its candidates for the June 3 polls for seven MLC seats.

The BJP, which made the announcement on the last day for filing of nominations, picked former deputy chief minister Laxman Savadi (a Lingayat), Chavaladi Narayanswamy (SC), Hemalatha Nayak (ST) and S Keshavaprasad (OBC) as its candidates.

As anticipated, the ruling party ignored the candidature of Vijayendra, whose name was among the 15 proposed by a core committee of the state BJP unit earlier this month. Last week, the party had indicated that Vijayendra's candidature was in

conflict with the BJP's stand against dynastic politics and that he would not be considered for the MLC polls.

The BJP is expected to consider Vijayendra for an Assembly ticket next year when the state polls are scheduled to be held and his father and Lingayat strongman Yediyurappa is expected to retire from active politics.

The BJP list of MLC candidates was delayed until the last minute on account of heavy lobbying from several quarters.

Although Lingaraj Patil, a member of the Panchamasali Lingayat community, arrived at the BJP office Tuesday morning in anticipation of being chosen as one of the candidates, the BJP opted for Laxman Savadi, also from the same community and a former deputy chief minister.

The BJP with 121 MLAs can win four seats – a minimum of 29 votes are needed for a win – in the June 3 polls. The Congress with 69 MLAs can win two seats and the JD(S) with 32 MLAs can win one.

BJP targets Rahul over meet with Labour MP Corbyn, Cong hits back

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, MAY 24

CONGRESS LEADER Rahul Gandhi's meeting with British Labour Party leader and MP Jeremy Corbyn in London triggered a fresh war of words between the ruling and opposition parties, with the BJP asking whether he endorsed the UK opposition leader's "anti-India" views.

The Congress reacted sharply, sharing photos of Corbyn with PM Narendra Modi and asking if he too was endorsing the "anti-India" views of the British Labour leader when the meeting took place.

Leading the BJP attack, Law Minister Kiren Rijiju, tweeted: "Again... Rahul Gandhi meets UK MP and Labour leader Jeremy Corbyn who is known for his hatred and dislike for India, advocates Kashmir's secession. Or how long and how much one can go on against one's own country."

Another BJP leader, Kapil Mishra, said: "What is Rahul Gandhi doing with Jeremy Corbyn...? Jeremy Corbyn is infamous for anti-India, anti-Hindu stand..."

Congress spokesperson Randeep Surjewala said it is natural for political leaders to meet other leaders having divergent views. Showing a picture of Corbyn with PM Modi, he said, "Finally, may I also ask our media friends to identify the two men... and ask the same questions? Does it mean PM has endorsed Jeremy Corbyn's views on India?"



Rahul Gandhi at Cambridge University, Monday. *PTI*

'FATHER'S DEATH BIGGEST LEARNING'

Cambridge: Rahul Gandhi said that the assassination of his father and former prime minister Rajiv Gandhi was the "single biggest learning experience" of his life. In conversation with Indian-origin academic Dr Shruti Kapila at the prestigious University of Cambridge on Monday, Rahul said: "Now, I can look at it and say the person or the force that killed my father caused me tremendous pain – that's correct, as a son I lost my father and that's very painful. But then I can't get away from the fact that the same event also made me learn things that I would never ever have learnt otherwise. So, as long as you are ready to learn, it doesn't matter how nasty or evil people are," the Congress leader said. **PTI**

Days after demolition, Nagaon village stunned at ‘terrorist’ tag

TORA AGARWALA
SALONABORI (NAGAON),
MAY 24

ALOT has happened in three days in this village dominated by Bengali-speaking Muslims in Assam's Nagaon district. One evidence of it is the documents and household goods laid out to dry along a pond from which they were fished out. The other is the missing adults.

After the Assam Police announced it would book some of those suspected of setting fire to a police station under the UAPA, an Act meant to counter terrorist activities, even several women of Salonabori have fled. Amidst the huts demolished by the bulldozers that came before the UAPA, stand children, like a 13-year-old.

Even she is aware that something changed irrevocably when anger over the alleged custodial death of her uncle provoked villagers to attack the police station. However, trying to retrieve some family documents, including voter cards and birth certificates, she says, "Yes, my father deserves to be punished, he burnt a police station... But what did I do? Why did they break our homes, throw away my books?"



Homes of those involved in setting fire to the police station were demolished on Sunday. File

Meanwhile, the death of Safikul Islam now lies behind curtains of fog. A 39-year-old fish trader, he had been brought to the Batadrava Police Station, 5 km from the settlement of Salonabori, after being found drunk along the road. By the next morning, he was dead. A statement from the office of the Director General of Police, Assam, Sunday said Islam was released and handed over to his wife on Saturday morning, after which he died. "One Safikul Islam (39) was brought to Batadrava Thana

on 20/05/22 at 9:30PM after receiving a complaint of him being drunk... He was booked after a medical check-up. The next day he was released and handed over to his wife. His wife even gave him some water/food. Later he complained of sickness and he was taken to two hospitals... Unfortunately he was declared dead," the statement said.

Events followed in quick succession: an irate mob, primarily comprising Islam's family, arrived at the station on Saturday afternoon. In an hour, it had set fire to the station. By Saturday night, six were picked up, including Islam's wife and their 13-year-old daughter, his two brothers, and two other relatives—all for the arson.

A special investigation team was set up to probe the violence, a judicial inquiry was ordered into the alleged custodial death, and the officer-in-charge of the Batadrava Police Station suspended, with his team put on "reserve close".

On Sunday morning, the bulldozers arrived at Salonabori, and demolished the homes of all those booked. By Monday, the district police said that apart from the arson case, they would book the arrested under the UAPA for suspected terror links to "jihad

groups". A case was registered at the Dhing Police Station, under which Salonabori falls. Police also claim they found a country-made revolver with four rounds of ammunition, and a huge quantity of pills, from one of the homes they demolished. Among those in the village are Islam's three children.

On Tuesday, after *The Indian Express* had met them, the children were put by the government in "safe and proper accommodation" in shelter homes. The area and its charred remains are cordoned off. The current officer in-charge, who was transferred to the station on Sunday, says he cannot comment. "All I know is I came to a burnt police station. Rest... the investigation will reveal."

Nagaon SP Leena Doley admits lapse on the police part, with the officer in-charge not informing superiors about the death. "If he had, we would have taken preventive measures, sent reinforcements. He failed to assess the situation." Salonabori is stunned at the turn of events. "Yes, they deserve punishment," says a 72-year-old. "But to break their homes, say they are terrorists... Never did I imagine that it would come to this."

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Karnataka: 8 killed, 25 injured in road mishap

Bengaluru: At least eight people were killed and 25 others injured after a private bus collided head-on with a truck on the Pune-Bengaluru National Highway, police said Tuesday. Police said the accident happened on the outskirts of Hubballi on Monday night.

Six people, including the truck driver and two drivers of the passenger bus, died on the spot, police said. Two others died at the hospital. The injured are being treated at a hospital in Hubballi.

The Hubballi North traffic police have registered a case. They said the deceased and those injured have not been identified yet.

PM Narendra Modi tweeted, "Pained by the loss of lives due to a mishap in Hubli, Karnataka. My thoughts are with the bereaved families. May the injured recover soon. An ex-gratia of Rs. 2 lakh each from PMNRF would be given to the next of kin of those who lost their lives due to the mishap in Hubli. The injured would be given Rs. 50,000." ENS

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YSRCP MLA's HOUSE SET ON FIRE

Arson, clashes over bid to rename Andhra district

REENIVAS JANYALA
HYDERABAD, MAY 24

FIERCE CLASHES and arson broke out in Andhra Pradesh's Amalapuram city on Tuesday as protesters rallied against the government's move to rename the newly created Konaseema district after Dr B R Ambedkar.

The protesters set fire to the house of ruling YSRCP MLA from Mummidivaram, P Satish, and also burnt furniture kept outside Transport Minister P Viswarup's home, police said.

Konaseema SP K Subba Reddy told *The Indian Express* the protesters also set fire to police vehicles and buses. "Several police personnel have been injured. We are showing restraint while trying to bring the violence under control."

The violence on Tuesday broke out after thousands of protesters tried to barge into the district collector's complex.

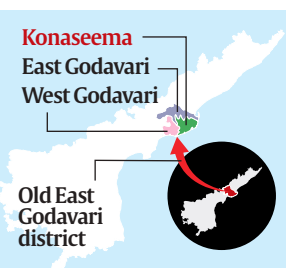
As police used batons and fired into the air to disperse the crowd, the protesters responded by pelting stones.

Carved out of the East Godavari district, Konaseema is among the 13 new districts announced by the Y S Jagan Mohan Reddy-led government in April.

Trouble began earlier this



Violence in Amalapuram in Konaseema district on Tuesday.



month when the government announced to rename the district after Dr B R Ambedkar. It said the decision was taken keeping in mind the district's "large SC population". Konaseema's headquarters, Amalapuram, where the clashes

EXPLAINED

Name game

THE ANDHRA government has maintained that the decision to rename Konaseema after Dr B R Ambedkar was taken after requests from the district's "large SC population". However, non-SC groups, which are leading the protests, want the tourist region's "traditional name" to be retained.

erupted on Tuesday, is an SC-served Parliamentary seat.

Transport Minister Viswarup blamed the protests on the opposition Telugu Desam Party.

Judge recuses in Kerala actor assault case

SHAJU PHILIP
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM,
MAY 24

A KERALA High Court judge recused himself from hearing a plea by the victim of 2017 abduction and sexual assault after the woman-actor petitioned the court on Tuesday against the judge, appealing that her petition be sent to another bench. She also alleged interference in the probe by political leadership of the state government.

When the petition came up

before the bench of Justice Kausar Edappagath on Tuesday, the victim's lawyer submitted that the probe includes alleged tampering and transmission of memory card kept in trial court.

"During the relevant time, the trial was conducted by Justice Edappagath, who was then the principal sessions judge in Ernakulam. Hence, this court may be pleased to send this writ petition to another bench," the victim said in plea. Justice Edappagath subsequently recused himself from hearing the plea.

The petitioner urged the court

to end "illegal interference" and to ensure a complete and impartial probe "without any unlawful interference from any source". Kerala HC Chief Justice S Manikumar will consider the bench to hear the actor's plea.

With the petitioner also alleging political interference, Opposition leader V D Satheesan of the Congress said a CPI(M) leader had played the role of middleman in thwarting the probe, while CPI(M) state secretary Kodyeri Balakrishnan said the LDF government has firmly stood with the survivor.

First decide on maintainability of PIL against Soren: SC to HC

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THE SUPREME Court on Tuesday asked Jharkhand High Court to first decide on the maintainability of the pending Public Interest Litigation seeking probe into allegations against Chief Minister Hemant Soren in connection with the allotment of mining leases to him, before venturing into its merits.

A vacation bench of Justices D Y Chandrachud and Bela M Trivedi said, "The sequence of events... indicates that the High Court had by order dated May 13, 2022 specifically noted that it would consider the preliminary objection to the maintainability of writ petition... and deal with the merits thereafter, if required on the next date of hearing."

"Since the High Court has fairly stated that... it would deal with the issue of maintainability of the petition upfront, we are of the considered view that it would be appropriate in the interest of justice if the High Court division bench presided over by the Chief Justice does so without proceeding to the merits of the PIL," the court said.



Chief Minister Hemant Soren

"We accordingly order and direct that the issue as to maintainability should be dealt with by the High Court on the next date of listing. Based on the outcome of the objection to the maintainability of the proceedings, the High Court may thereafter proceed in accordance with the law."

The SC was hearing a plea by the state of Jharkhand, challenging the May 13 and May 17 orders of the High Court in the PIL. The bench also remarked orally that even if the High Court rejects the PIL, the ED can still act in accordance with the law.

"If the HC wants to entertain a PIL, HC has to first decide whether the PIL is maintainable. Even if the HC rejects the PIL as not maintainable on the ground that the credentials of the petitioner are in doubt, that the earlier PIL was dismissed, that will not preclude ED from doing what it has to under the law..." said Justice Chandrachud.

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ED RAIDS IN JHARKHAND, BIHAR IN CASE LINKED TO ARRESTED IAS OFFICER

New Delhi/Ranchi: The Enforcement Directorate on Tuesday conducted raids at seven locations in Jharkhand and Bihar in connection with its money-laundering probe involving arrested IAS officer Pooja Singhal and others. The action is being

carried out under criminal sections of the PMLA, they said. Singhal, 44, was arrested earlier this month in a money-laundering probe linked to alleged embezzlement of MNREGA funds in Khunti district and other financial irregularities. PTI

SSC RECRUITMENT 'SCAM'

Adhikary defies CBI order, leaves Kolkata for Cooch Behar: Official

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KOLKATA, MAY 24

MINISTER OF State for Education Paresch Chandra Adhikary, who is under the CBI scanner over his alleged involvement in the "illegal" appointment of his daughter, Ankita Adhikary, as an assistant teacher in a government-aided school, on Tuesday left for his home town in Cooch Behar, despite the CBI's instructing him not to leave Kolkata, said CBI sources.

Adhikari took a flight to Bagdogra from Kolkata around 7.30am, said sources. "We had told the minister not to leave the city. We have come to know that he left for Bagdogra this morning. We will inquire into the matter," said an agency official.

Adhikary was quizzed for consecutive three days — about 16 and a half hours —

BRIEFLY

JAMMU & KASHMIR

Man gets 8 yrs RI for raping minor in 2014

Jammu: A Fast Track Court in Jammu on Tuesday awarded eight years rigorous imprisonment to a man accused of raping a minor girl in 2014. The court also imposed a fine of Rs 50,000 on the accused Gharu Ram alias Bittu of Tikri Rakwala, Jammu, and ordered that the convict shall undergo simple imprisonment of two years for kidnapping the girl and one year for trespassing into the victim's house. The judge also imposed a fine of Rs 10,000 and Rs 5,000 on both these counts respectively. ENS

KARNATAKA

Selfie leads to arrest of murder accused on run

Bengaluru: A 35-year-old murder accused, absconding since 2017, was arrested on Monday after his friend posted a selfie on Facebook. The accused Madhusoodhan alias Madhu, with six others had murdered a 65-year-old banker Uday Raj Singh and assaulted his wife Sushelamma, during a robbery bid in 2014. However, in May 2017, the Karnataka HC granted bail to Madhu after which he absconded. A person approached city police with a photo of Madhu, posted on Facebook, police said, after which he was arrested. According to the probe, Madhu hid his identity, lived in Patna and Pune and did odd jobs. ENS

KARNATAKA

5 held for murder of 2-year-old over loan

Bengaluru: Five months after a two-year-old boy was found murdered in Kalaburgi, police have arrested five men in the case ebeb as the probe revealed that the accused killed over loan they had taken from kid's father, Nisar Ahmed. A minor is among the five accused arrested. The incident took place on December 6 last year when the boy went missing. Next day, Nisar's relative, Asif informed him that the body of the 2-year-old was found behind a shop. ENS

MAHARASHTRA

ATS arrests Pune man for LeT links

Pune: A 28-year-old man from Pune was arrested by the state-aided Maharashtra State ATS's Pune unit on Tuesday for his alleged links with terror outfit Lashkar-e-Taiba and its operatives in J&K. The suspect, Mohammed Junaid Mohammed Ata, is from Khamgaon taluka in Buldhana district of Maharashtra. Junaid was arrested and was later produced before a city court and sent in ATS custody till June 3. ENS

and was asked not to leave Kolkata because he would be called for questioning again, said the official. Adhikary left the Forward Bloc and joined TMC in 2018. Incidentally, his daughter was recruited as a teacher the same year.

Meanwhile, the managing committee of the state-aided Mekhliganj Indira Uchha Balika Bidyalaya took the decision to stop Ankita's salary from this month, its spokesperson told reporters.

The CBI has, meanwhile, sought income tax return papers of Minister of Commerce and Industries Partha Chatterjee, Paresch Adhikary and Anubrata Mondal from the income tax (I-T) department. According to CBI sources, the central agency has sought these documents from the three ruling party leaders and the income tax department to match them together.

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At the Golden Temple in Amritsar. Rana Simranjit Singh/Express Archive

Harmonium in Sikh tradition, and why Akal Takht wants it removed from Golden Temple

KAMALDEEP SINGH BRAR
AMRITSAR, MAY 24

THE AKAL Takht wants the harmonium removed from the Golden Temple in the next three years. Giani Harpreet Singh, Jathedar of the Akal Takht, recently asked the Shiromani Gurdwara Parbandhak Committee (SGPC) to work towards ensuring that the deadline is met.

On May 21, the Delhi Sikh Gurdwara Management Committee (DSGMC) set its own target to phase out harmoniums as it asked all Sikh Raagis in Delhi to switch to traditional string instruments.

What is behind the push by Sikh bodies to ensure that *kirtan* is only accompanied by traditional instruments, and why is the harmonium at the receiving end?

History of harmonium

Born in Europe in the 1700s, the harmonium went through many design tweaks to become the instrument we know today.

The first prototype is believed to have been built by Christian Gottlieb Kratzenstein, a professor of physiology at the University of Copenhagen. In 1842, French inventor Alexandre Debain patented a foot-pumped design and called it 'harmonium'. It was brought to India by Western traders or missionaries in the latter part of the 19th century.

According to the website of the Union Ministry of Culture, the Indian hand-pumped harmonium was designed by Dwarkanath Ghose in Kolkata in 1875. Drone knobs were added to produce harmonies in Indian classical music. A scale-changing technique was also added.

By 1915, India had become the leading manufacturer of the harmonium, and the instrument had become an integral part of Indian music. However, some classical music scholars note that the harmonium is not able to perform all *raagas* properly and strike all classical notes with perfection.

At the Golden Temple

It is unclear when exactly the harmonium entered the Golden Temple. It is believed that it has been there since the beginning of the 20th century.

Today, out of 105 *raagi jathas* (choirs)

hired by the SGPC, 100 perform *kirtans* with harmoniums. Five *jathas* with knowledge of traditional string instruments or *tanti saaz* were added only in recent years.

"It is said the harmonium was played at Harmandir Sahib for the first time in 1901 or 1902. There are *kirtani jathas* that use both the harmonium and string instruments, and come up with very good performances," said Dr Alankar Singh, a Punjabi University, Patiala, professor who has specialised in Hindustani classical music and Gurmat Sangeet.

Opposition by Sikh scholars

A group of scholars of Gurmat Sangeet, the Sikh tradition that has parallels with Indian classical music, believes that the harmonium was "imposed" by the British.

They believe the harmonium allows *raagis* to hide their shortcomings, while *tanti saaz* requires more discipline. They argue that the harmonium allows less talented singers to become *raagis* at the Harmandir Sahib. Over the years, several Sikh *raagis* have also faced criticism for trying to introduce an element of entertainment to what Sikh clergy consider a strictly spiritual discipline. The SGPC had even warned *raagis* against drifting away from the *raagas* mentioned in Guru Granth Sahib while doing Shabad Kirtan. In the Guru Granth Sahib, every *shabad* is tied to a *raag*.

Not easy to replace

The SGPC will not find it easy to phase out an instrument that has been part of the Gurmat Sangeet ecosystem for over a century. There are many generations of Sikhs who have grown up listening to the harmonium as part of the Gurmat Sangeet. There are Raagis who have trained for years in the discipline. Harmonium and tabla training classes are a norm at most gurdwaras in India and abroad.

Several Sikh scholars opposed to the Akal Takht's call think that it should focus on the revival of string instruments instead of removing the harmonium. The other side, however, argues that it is the dominance of harmonium that marginalised *tanti saaz* in the first place. They also point to how the Namdhari sect shunned the harmonium in the 1970s, and moved completely to the use of string instruments.

NIRUPAMA SUBRAMANIAN
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THE INDO-PACIFIC Economic Framework, launched by United States President Joe Biden on Monday and being joined by 12 other countries including India, is Washington's answer to the Trans Pacific Partnership (TPP) and its successor agreement, the Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for TTP (CPTPP), as well as the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP).

The US had pulled out from the TTP due to enormous domestic backlash against the low/no tariff agreement in it — one of Donald Trump's first decisions after becoming President. The US did not join the China-led 15-country RCEP. Last year, Beijing applied to join the 11-member CPTPP. So have Taiwan and the United Kingdom.

Why the framework

The Biden Administration's realisation that its near-onlooker status to the trade arrangements in the region, with China's stamp all over it, did not match its Indo-Pacific strategic objectives spurred work on a new framework for doing trade. The aim was to reclaim economic leadership in East Asia and the ASEAN region without giving away concessions that would anger domestic lobbies.

"We believe that expanding US economic leadership in the Indo-Pacific through vehicles like IPEF is good for America — American workers and businesses as well as for the people in the region," US National Security Adviser Jake Sullivan said at a press briefing.

He listed the challenges IPEF would address as "setting the rules of the road for the digital economy, ensuring secure and resilient supply chains, helping make the kinds of major investments necessary in clean energy transition, to raising standards for transparency, fair taxation, and anti-corruption". "The fact is that past models did not address these challenges — or did not address them fully and take them head on... So we believe that we need a new model that we can move on quickly to, in fact, take these challenges head on, and that's what IPEF will do," he said.

US Commerce Secretary Gina Raimondo has said the IMEF "marks an important turning point in restoring US economic leadership in the region and presenting Indo-Pacific countries an alternative to China's approach to these critical issues".

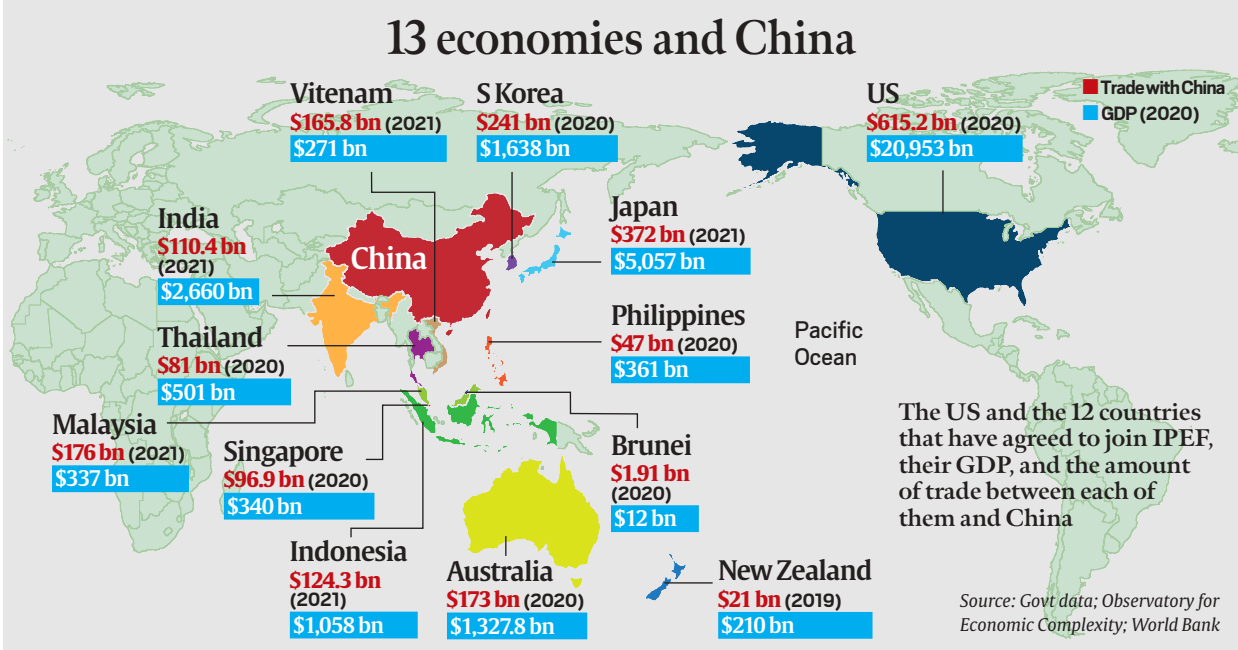
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A NEW study on monkeypox suggests that some antiviral medications might have the potential to shorten symptoms and reduce the amount of time a patient is contagious. The retrospective study, published in *The Lancet Infectious Diseases* journal, was conducted on seven patients diagnosed with monkeypox in the United Kingdom between 2018 and 2021.

The medications

The study documents patients' response to two antiviral medications — brincidofovir and tecovirimat. These were developed to treat smallpox, and have previously demonstrated some efficacy against monkeypox in animals.

The study found little evidence that brincidofovir was of clinical benefit, but concluded that further research into the potential of



Joining the IPEF

India has announced it will join the bloc despite its concerns over certain aspects of the IPEF. The other 11 countries are Australia, Brunei, Indonesia, Japan, the Republic of Korea (South Korea), Malaysia, New Zealand, the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, and Vietnam, which together account for 40% of the world's GDP. Taiwan is not part of it.

The 12 countries are yet to begin negotiations, which is the next step in the process. The US hopes it will draw in more members. US officials have emphasised that IMEF is not a free trade agreement, and not even any other kind of "same old, same old" trade agreement, but one that will offer flexibility. The negotiations will be along four main "pillars". According to an "insight" paper by the US Congressional Research Service in February, countries would have to sign up to all components within a pillar, but do not have to participate in all pillars.

The four pillars are:

- trade that will include digital economy and emerging technology, labour commitments, the environment, trade facilitation, transparency and good regulatory practices, and corporate accountability, standards on cross-border data flows and data localisations;
- supply chain resiliency to develop "a first-of-its-kind supply chain agreement" that

would anticipate and prevent disruptions;

- clean energy and decarbonisation that will include agreements on "high-ambition commitments" such as renewable energy targets, carbon removal purchasing commitments, energy efficiency standards, and new measures to combat methane emissions; and
- tax and anti-corruption, with commitments to enact and enforce "effective tax, anti-money laundering, anti-bribery schemes in line with [American] values".

Negotiations on the trade pillar will be led by the US Trade Representative Katherine Tai, and on the other three pillars by the Commerce Department.

India & the IPEF

India's main concern is on the issue of data localisation, on which it has locked horns with the US over the last two or three years. In 2019, the government has introduced a Bill in Lok Sabha that envisages a framework for localising Indian data and the establishment of a Data Protection Authority. Just last month, the US said in its National Trade Estimate Report on Foreign Trade Barriers that India's proposed data localisation requirements, under which firms need to store data within India, "will serve as significant barriers to digital trade" between the two countries, and will act as "market access barriers, especially for smaller firms".

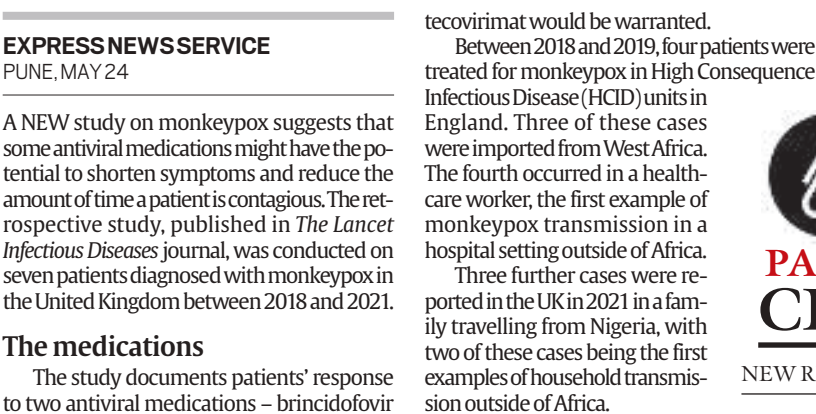
However, if India continues to have reservations, it kept them to itself on this occasion and struck no discordant notes at the Tokyo launch on the IPEF on Monday. Prime Minister Narendra Modi, who participated in the launch, said "The Indo-Pacific Economic Framework is a declaration of our collective will to make the region an engine of global economic growth. I thank President Biden very much for this important initiative."

He noted that Lothal, the world's oldest commercial port, was in Gujarat, his home state. "History is witness to the fact that India has been a major centre in the trade flows of the Indo-Pacific region for centuries... Therefore, it is essential that we find common and creative solutions for the economic challenges of the region."

The Ministry of External Affairs statement on IPEF 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".

It also made the point that the discussion will now begin on "strengthening economic cooperation and achieving shared goals".

Treating monkeypox with antivirals: findings



tecovirimat would be warranted.

Between 2018 and 2019, four patients were treated for monkeypox in High Consequence Infectious Disease (HCID) units in England. Three of these cases were imported from West Africa. The fourth occurred in a health-care worker, the first example of monkeypox transmission in a hospital setting outside of Africa.

Three further cases were reported in the UK in 2021 in a family travelling from Nigeria, with two of these cases being the first examples of household transmission outside of Africa.

How they responded

The three patients of 2018-19 whose infections were imported from West Africa were treated with brincidofovir seven days after the onset of the rash. Brincidofovir was not ob-

served to have any convincing benefit. The researchers noted, however, that it is not known whether brincidofovir administration earlier in the course of the disease or at a different dosing schedule would have yielded different outcomes. All four patients fully recovered.

The three patients of 2021 included a child, who experienced mild illness and recovered. One of them was treated with tecovirimat and experienced a shorter duration of symptoms and upper respiratory tract viral shedding than the other cases in this cluster. However, the authors noted that conclusions cannot be drawn on antiviral effectiveness in such a small cohort. They called for further research into antivirals.

None of the patients experienced the common severe complications of monkeypox such as pneumonia or sepsis.

Implications

Monkeypox, a rare disease, is caused by a virus that is a close relative of the smallpox virus. There are currently no licensed treatments.

As optimum infection control and treatment strategies for this disease are not yet established, data from the study could help inform global efforts to further understand the clinical features of the disease as well as transmission dynamics, the authors said.

"As public health officials are trying to understand what is causing the May 2022 monkeypox outbreaks in Europe and North America — which have affected several patients who reported neither travel nor an identified link to a previously known case — our study offers some of the first insights into the use of antivirals for the treatment of monkeypox in humans," said Dr Hugh Adler of the Liverpool University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust, lead author on the paper.

What China's second, larger bridge on Pangong Tso aims to achieve

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NEW DELHI, MAY 24

THE MINISTRY of External Affairs has confirmed that China is building a second bridge on the Pangong Tso, not far from the site of one of the most intense friction points in the border standoff that began in May 2020.

The second bridge, which is still under construction, is a permanent structure, sources told *The Indian Express*. The previous bridge, which came up around January, seems to have been built to facilitate work on the new one. After completion, the second bridge will allow swift movement of armoured vehicles between the north and the south banks of the lake.

Where are these bridges located?

After building the first bridge — about 400 metres long and 8 metres wide — on the Pangong Tso close to the friction areas on the north bank of the lake and the Chushul sub-sector on the south bank, China started constructing a broader bridge next to it a few months back.

The site of the bridge is around 20 km east of Finger 8 on the lake's north bank — which is where the Line of Actual Control

(LAC) passes, according to India. However, the actual distance by road is more than 35 km between the bridge site and Finger 8.

The construction site is just east of an old ruin called Khurnak Fort, where China has major frontier defence bases. China calls it Rutong Country. It has a frontier defence company at the Khurnak Fort, and further east, a water squadron at Banmozhang.

Although the bridges are in territory under China's control since 1958, the exact point is just west of India's claim line, which means India considers it its own territory.

Of the 135-km long landlocked Pangong Tso, India controls 45 km, while China has more than two-thirds. The new bridge is near the halfway mark.

How will this help China?

The main objective of the bridges is faster movement of troops, including mechanised forces, heavy weapons, and military vehicles. The bridges are at one of the narrowest points on the lake, close to the LAC.

Why this location, though?

The location has to do with Indian Army's August 2020 operation, which allowed India some leverage in negotiations to resolve the ongoing border standoff.



Indian troops outmanoeuvred the People's Liberation Army to occupy Kailash Range heights in the Chushul sub-sector on the lake's south bank.

This allowed India to dominate the strategically significant Spanggur Gap, which could be used to launch an offensive as China did in 1962. Also, India got a direct view of China's Moldo Garrison.

After this, the Indian Army also readjusted on the lake's north bank to position themselves above Chinese positions.

The north bank was one of the first friction points to have come up in May 2020. Also at certain areas on the south bank, troops and tanks were positioned creating

an eyeball-to-eyeball standoff. The two sides agreed to pull back troops from these areas in February last year.

China is building these bridges close to the theatre of action and expects them to slash travel time from around 12 hours to nearly four hours.

What has been India's response?

Officially, India has said that the site of the bridges is under illegal occupation of China. On May 20, MEA spokesperson Arindam Bagchi said, "We have seen reports of a bridge being constructed by China on Pangong Lake alongside its earlier bridge. Both these bridges are in areas that have continued to be under

the illegal occupation of China since the 1960s. We have never accepted such illegal occupation of our territory, nor have we accepted the unjustified Chinese claim or such construction activities."

Former Army Chief General M M Naravane had said in January that "whatever China is doing, is being equally matched by our side", and India is in no way "lagging behind as far as infra is concerned".

In 2021, over 100 border projects were completed by the Border Roads Organisation (BRO), most of them close to the China border. India is also improving surveillance along the LAC, and building new airstrips.

What is the current situation in the standoff?

While several friction points stand resolved, discussions are on regarding three remaining areas.

India and China pulled their troops back from Patrolling Point (PP) 14 in Galwan Valley in June 2020, after the fatal clashes.

Then they disengaged from the north and south banks of Pangong Tso in February 2021, and from PP17A near Gogra Post in August. But negotiations have been stuck since then.

The Corps Commanders from both sides have met 15 times since the standoff began. The last meeting was in March.

China has a platoon-sized strength of PLA troops on the Indian side of the LAC at PP15 in the Hot Springs area. Also, some "Chinese civilians" have pitched tents on the Indian side of the Charding Nalla, which marks the LAC in Demchok.

Further north, close to the Karakoram Pass, Chinese troops continue to block Indian soldiers in an area called the Bottleneck in Depsang Plain, disallowing them to access traditional patrolling limits at PP10, PP11, PP11a, PP12 and PP13.

Each side has over 50,000 troops in the region, along with air defence assets, artillery, tanks and other weapons.



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CLOSER TOGETHER

Quad seems more cohesive and ready to act on initiatives agreed upon previously. But complex challenges remain

THE TOKYO SUMMIT of the Quadrilateral Security Dialogue comes at a time of momentous geopolitical changes triggered by Russia’s invasion of Ukraine. It has reaffirmed that the grouping of four important democratic powers in the Indo-Pacific region is here to stay, and remains relevant in the new world order that is taking shape. It has settled questions about US interest in the region at a time when it is preoccupied in what is now very nearly a proxy war against Russia. Much will, of course, depend on how long the the conflict in Ukraine lasts, how it might end, and what other changes and security and economic challenges it brings in its wake. India’s separate and differing stand on the war did not create any dissonance at the summit. Indeed, the Quad now seems more cohesive as a group, and ready to act on initiatives agreed upon previously — committing \$50 bn for infrastructure building in the region, creating a new partnership for maritime domain awareness with regional states to combat illegal fishing and respond to humanitarian disasters, recommitting to a Covid 19 vaccination project, and making some forward movement towards tackling the disruption in the global supply chain for semiconductors, with the release at the summit of the Common Statement of Principles on Critical Technology Supply Chains. Even if China has not been mentioned, clearly all these initiatives are intended to act as a check and balance against the regional superpower, and build resilience in areas such as critical technologies, where it can prove to be a disruptor.

Undoubtedly, what has given the Quad a sharper edge in its objective of ensuring a “rules based order” and an “open and free” region — not so coded references to Beijing — is the launch of the US Indo-Pacific Economic Framework. This is a new trade bloc in which 12 countries including India, Japan and Australia, have expressed readiness to join, though membership will come only after negotiations on commitments that applicants are willing to make.

At the summit, Prime Minister Narendra Modi described the Quad as a “force for the good”, and lauded the “the confidence and determination” of the group to ensure an “inclusive” Indo-Pacific region. The statement, however, may have hid more than it gave away. For Delhi, the only Quad country dealing with an active land border with China, and stalemated talks on PLA’s incursions on India’s side of the Line of Actual Control in Eastern Ladakh, the challenges and choices are complex, especially as China continues to build war-like infrastructure on its side of the LAC. The Ministry of External Affairs deployed unusually sharp language by describing a new bridge across the Pangong Lake as coming up on “illegally occupied” territory. India knows that after the bonhomie in Tokyo is over, the challenge posed by the bridge will still need to be faced.

KERALA WARNING

PFI rally in Alappuzha sends out disturbing signals of a politics that threatens to deepen faultlines, shrink shared spaces

THE KERALA POLICE has booked two senior leaders of the Popular Front of India (PFI) after video clips from a rally held on Saturday featured a boy perched on the shoulders of an adult raising highly provocative and polarising slogans. That the hate speech came from a young boy suggests a disturbing level of indoctrination. The PFI had organised the Alappuzha rally ostensibly to protest attacks on constitutional values. The communally-charged slogans, however, gave the lie to its stated intent. The PFI’s militancy in the name of protecting minority rights is disquieting and a self-goal: It triggers more fear and distrust, shrinks spaces for conversation and potentially produces political ghettos. The Constitution respects free speech and guarantees the citizens’ right to organise, but constitutional politics allows little space for spreading hate.

The PFI, formed in 2007, has a dismal record of fostering polarisation and promoting violence. The outfit first caught national attention in July 2010, when eight of its activists chopped off the hands of a college professor, T J Joseph, for allegedly insulting the Prophet. In 2015, an NIA court convicted 13 PFI activists for this crime. Though the PFI, and its political wing, the SDPI (Social Democratic Party of India) has sought to position itself as an outfit invested in the welfare of Muslims, Dalits and tribals, it has been constantly on the police radar for its communal propaganda. In April this year, a PFI leader was hacked to death outside a mosque in Palakkad, allegedly by RSS-BJP workers, and in retaliation, an RSS worker was killed.

The rise of a brutish force like the PFI threatens to undo the social, political and economic gains made by mainstream Muslim outfits since the formation of Kerala in 1956. Muslims, who constitute over a quarter of the state population, are better-represented in Kerala’s legislative assembly and ministries than in other states — currently, 33 of the 140 MLAs are Muslims. Legislators from the Indian Union Muslim League have held important portfolios such as education and industry in various governments. The PFI has sought to diminish these achievements and play a politics of victimhood by framing the Kerala Muslim as an oppressed Other. It has sought to project a militant politics as an alternative to the democratic idiom — the boy rallying marchers with threatening slogans is being painted on social media as a hero. This crude and coarse politics helps neither the Kerala Muslim nor the wider Kerala society.

THE \$1,600 QUESTION

How to charge an absurd amount of money for a terribly mundane item: Slap a snobby logo on it

WOULD YOU SPEND \$1,600 on a non-waterproof umbrella? It might help to know that it will probably keep out the sun. On the other hand, the fact that it has the bare minimum functionality to qualify as an umbrella might not be enough, just as it was not enough for the Chinese social media users who recently trolled the Italian luxury label Gucci, which had created the item as part of a collaboration with Adidas. Gucci responded by changing the “umbrella” in the product name to “parasol” on its official China website. Whether anyone would still want to spend all those dollars on something that could easily turn inside out on a windy day is, of course, the \$1,600 question.

Even those who shop at discount stores and fill their closets with two-for-one deals know that once you slap a high-end logo on it, the most mundane item can be sold at an eye watering price. Why else would luxury labels produce skateboards (as French fashion house Chanel did) which are too expensive to be anywhere but in a bank vault, or brown paper bags that retail for \$290 (as the ones created by German design house Jil Sander did)? Sometimes, a logo is not even needed, like in the cashmere baseball caps (as seen on Succession) which are worn to telegraph the wearer’s 1-per cent status and not just cover up a bald patch or a bad case of dandruff.

One might be tempted to draw parallels with the Gilded Age in 19th century US or late 17th century France as it was under Louis XIV, “The Sun King”, to make a point about how the rich have always spent absurd amounts of money on fripperies. But the only real comparison is with what happened at the Independents Exhibition in New York City in 1917. Marcel Duchamp brought in a porcelain urinal, turned it upside down and displayed it as an art piece called ‘The Fountain’. If money is to be flushed down, it might as well be for a joke.



JAGANNATH PANDA

ON MAY 23, before the Quad leaders’ summit in Tokyo, the United States launched the Indo-Pacific Economic Framework (IPEF) with a diverse group of 12 countries initially -- Australia, Brunei, India, Indonesia, Japan, the Republic of Korea, Malaysia, New Zealand, the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand and Vietnam. The US-led economic engagement is a salient attempt to allow countries to decouple from Chinese over-dependence in order to ultimately strengthen the existing free and open rules-based global order, which China has been targeting to upend, and re-establish US dominance. That the launch coincided with the Quad summit during President Joe Biden’s visit to Seoul and Tokyo signifies the essence of the Quad and its extension as a “plus” grouping.

Importantly, both the IPEF launch, and the Tokyo summit dispel any remaining misgivings about the Quad disintegrating and certify that it is a cohesive unit where it matters. The India-rest of Quad divide over Ukraine and the Western disquiet over India’s softer stance on Russia has hardly made a dent as far as the cohesiveness of the Quad and its future are concerned.

Fundamentally, the IPEF complements the “Quad Plus” process. It brings together seven critical countries of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN), all Quad states, and dialogue partners, including South Korea, solidifying a case for the “plus” characterisation of the Quad process. The IPEF strongly imbibes a Quad Plus character at a time when two of the largest economies of the world, namely India and the US, are not a part of the China-led or ASEAN-led Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP) or the Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership (CPTPP; China is still an applicant). Thus, it is an encouraging sign that the Quad countries are investing their strategic orientation in this regard. Yet, doubts over the relevance and merit of the Quad Plus grouping still continue to abound.

Critics might dismiss the Quad Plus as a virtual assembly of agreeable nations that were engaged during the Covid pandemic. Yet, the format holds much promise amid all the current uncertainty. It would potentially rep-

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Adding up to Quad Plus

resent an amalgamation of the eastern and western “like-minded” countries. Even in its current abstract framework, it includes a wide array of states (which also comprise the IPEF) -- developing and developed economies as well as middle and major powers that are committed to maintaining an inclusive, rules-based and liberal institutional order.

The inclusivity angle is suspect as the grouping is essentially what China calls a US-led “anti-China” tool. However, the criticism could be mitigated by developing — instead of a reflection of a broader democratic coalition, which is very much abstract at present — a “plus” framework based more on a shared commitment to the existing international order rather than “democratic values” that are harder to define and more exclusive in nature. Therefore, what interested states must envision is a broad, all-embracing, and comprehensive framework that can stand as a pillar for regional security and stability, multilateralism, and defence of global institutionalism and the status quo. Establishing a stronger regional economic framework that promotes a resilient and secured supply-chain connect is just the beginning.

Further, the narrative of the Quad as an anti-China tool (with a range of epithets, from “sea foam” to “Asian NATO”) promoted by China along with its belligerent tactics in the neighbourhood and beyond has only served to coalesce the Quad states. The growing synergy would only strengthen the extension of the Quad, which is a China-containment rather than an exclusively anti-China grouping, both through inclusion of more states (plus format) and agenda (security). The expanded grouping and the related Quad initiatives will build a comprehensive and integrated approach to combating shared challenges arising out of Xi Jinping’s push to promote manoeuvres that achieve his ultimate goal of rejuvenating China’s glorious past and transforming it into an absolute great power.

The IPEF — which covers fair trade, supply chain resilience, infrastructure, clean energy, and decarbonisation, among others — is likely to complement the other Indo-Pacific projects like the Supply Chain Resilience Initiative (SCRI, founded by the three Quad states, Japan, Australia, and India) that also seeks to build

resilient and secure trade linkages by reducing dependence on China. In this respect, the inclusion of Taiwan, which already has a critical role in the global semi-conductor supply chain network, in the SCRI and the IPEF as well as, by extension, in the Quad format, in some manner (perhaps, first as a dialogue partner and subsequently a plus inclusion), would be a welcome addition.

Taiwan is a major economy in the Indo-Pacific region (as also the US’s eighth-largest trading partner in 2021 and a critical partner in diversifying the US supply chains), which is already engaged in the US-Taiwan Economic Prosperity Partnership Dialogue that includes many of the issues proposed in the IPEF. It is also an active member of the Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) and has been consistently building its outreach within the region and beyond. Importantly, Taiwan’s inclusion would also be a geopolitical statement against coercion tactics by international actors.

A hallmark of Biden’s latest Asia visit has been South Korea’s embrace of the Indo-Pacific framework under the new Yoon Seok-yeol government; Yoon has been keen to participate in the Quad process for long. This is a long-awaited turn that could potentially lead to South Korea participating in a more meaningful manner in the Quad in the near future. During the Covid-19 crisis, the Republic of Korea (along with New Zealand and Vietnam) had joined the so-called Quad Plus meetings to coordinate actions to stem the pandemic.

Soon, the Quad Plus should take this process forward and strengthen cooperation on critical topics in the Quad’s agenda (for instance, security, critical technology, global health, climate action). States are showing their willingness, and now it is incumbent on the Quad states to allow for the creation of a “corridor of communication” that ultimately leads to a “continental connect” to strengthen a rules-based order.

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THE MOST valuable asset in the political arena today is “trust capital”. It has emerged as the key factor in ensuring the winnability in elections. This trust is acquired as a result of the intricate weaving of three elements — commitment (mansa), words (vacha-shabd) and action (karm).

Interestingly, the word “charisma” — used to understand the performance of candidates and parties in elections before the 1990s — is rarely used today, even for leaders who have a deep influence on a large section of the Indian people. Prime Minister Narendra Modi is the most prominent example of this. To analyse the charismatic effects of such political leaders, analysts are increasingly using phrases like trust capital. The term bears, on the one hand, impressions of market-driven terminology that became dominant post the 1990s and on the other hand, they speak of a political reality: Politicians need to forge trustworthiness by responding to people’s aspirations.

Trust capital is not the same as the phrase, “vishwas ki punji”, used by common people in their everyday lives in northern India. This new term is, however, rooted in the social values related to vishwas (trust). It acquires new meaning after getting intertwined with practices related to image building, effective messaging and aggressive advertising of the initiatives and achievements of leaders and parties. Political entities that succeed in gaining the trust of the public as a result of varied engagements with the people through oral, written and visual

THE TRUST VOTE

Winnability is now more about trust capital, less about charisma

communications gain success in electoral politics.

Unlike charisma, which denotes the magical pull of a leader, trust capital is acquired slowly by building connections and delivering on promises. It’s also linked to the reception given by people to the performances of politicians. An appropriate political agenda, proper distribution of resources, successful delivery and positive impacts of welfare programmes contribute towards enhancing trust capital. Primordial identities such as caste and religion as well as the social and moral standing of leaders and parties help them to consolidate this hard-earned public trust.

No one can deny that PM Modi has the greatest amount of trust capital in Indian politics today. People trust him, despite the criticism circulating in a section of social media. That is one of the reasons for the BJP’s victory in the recent state elections — and in past elections as well.

Despite all its efforts, the Congress has not been able to regain the trust capital that it lost due to multiple reasons. The Congress, which used to over-rely on the charismatic power of the Nehru family, has not been able to understand that the notion of charisma is redundant today. The party and its leaders need to accumulate trust capital through appropriate political messaging and by convincing people about their capacity to deliver on commitments. The Aam Aadmi Party and its leader Arvind Kejriwal seem to be doing well on this count. Kejriwal

has been trying to project the AAP as a party committed to pro-poor social welfare programmes that deliver on its promises. He has also showcased his politics as corruption-free. Since the AAP is a new party, it has no baggage, so the youth in a number of states see a political career in the party. Their respective cadres trust the BJP and AAP because these parties have no dynastic lineage. However, the allegations that the AAP is dominated by a group close to Kejriwal could weaken the democratic fervour in favour of the party.

In the coming Gujarat and Himachal Pradesh assembly elections, the BJP, Congress and AAP are going to contest with their accumulated trust capital and also make efforts to enhance it. PM Modi, Rahul Gandhi and Kejriwal may well use their trust capital to influence the electorate of these states. However, trust capital is dynamic — it can increase or decrease. Political groups need to constantly enhance it by linking their words with actions.

Trust capital works silently. At times, we are unduly impressed by crowds in rallies. In the coming elections, we should not make the mistakes that many of us made during the UP assembly elections: Listening to those who speak and assert but failing to listen to silence. So let’s keep our ears open to the silent support produced by trust capital in the coming elections.

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MAY 25, 1982, FORTY YEARS AGO

PRESIDENT’S CONCERNS

PRESIDENT N Sanjiva Reddy has expressed his concern over the Haryana issue and other developments in the country. He was talking to Opposition leaders who had come to meet him to complain against the Haryana Governor and “demand his dismissal for constitutional impropriety”. Those who met him included Jagjivan Ram, Devraj Urs, Harkishan Singh Surjeet, L K Advani, Shahabudin, Madhu Limaye, Ambika Soni, and Vijaya Raje Scindia. “What can I do. I am a mere constitutional head and I have no powers,” Reddy said, adding that his instructions were not being followed. I had asked governors not to

come to Delhi without my permission, but my orders are being flouted. On the question of the formation of a ministry in Assam, he said he had written to the government.

UDF IN KERALA

THE CONGRESS-I LEADER, K Karunakaran began his third stint as Kerala chief minister heading a 19-member coalition cabinet. He and his 18 cabinet colleagues, who were drawn from all but one constituent of the 12-member UDF, were sworn in by the governor Jothi Vencatachallum. CH Mohammed Koya of the Muslim League who has been a chief minister and deputy chief minister in

the past is the Number 2 in the cabinet.

LETTERS EXPENSIVE

THE COST OF sending letters will go up by 25 paise, and will be 50 paise, and inland letters will be expensive by 20 paise and will be 35 paise. The rates will be effective from June 1.

FALKLAND FIGHTING

BRITISH AND ARGENTINE troops clashed in violent combat near Port Saint Carlos on East Falkland Islands. This was after the Argentine military had surrounded the British marines who landed on the island last week.

Export ban, dismal message

Government moves on wheat show it is not prepared to let market forces operate in agricultural sector



MADAN SABNAVIS

THE BAN ON the export of wheat was not unexpected. It is a part of the DNA of governments to get nervous when prices go up in the market even though nothing is seen amiss in increasing the minimum support price every year. The rather ambivalent approach to agriculture comes out clearly with this move.

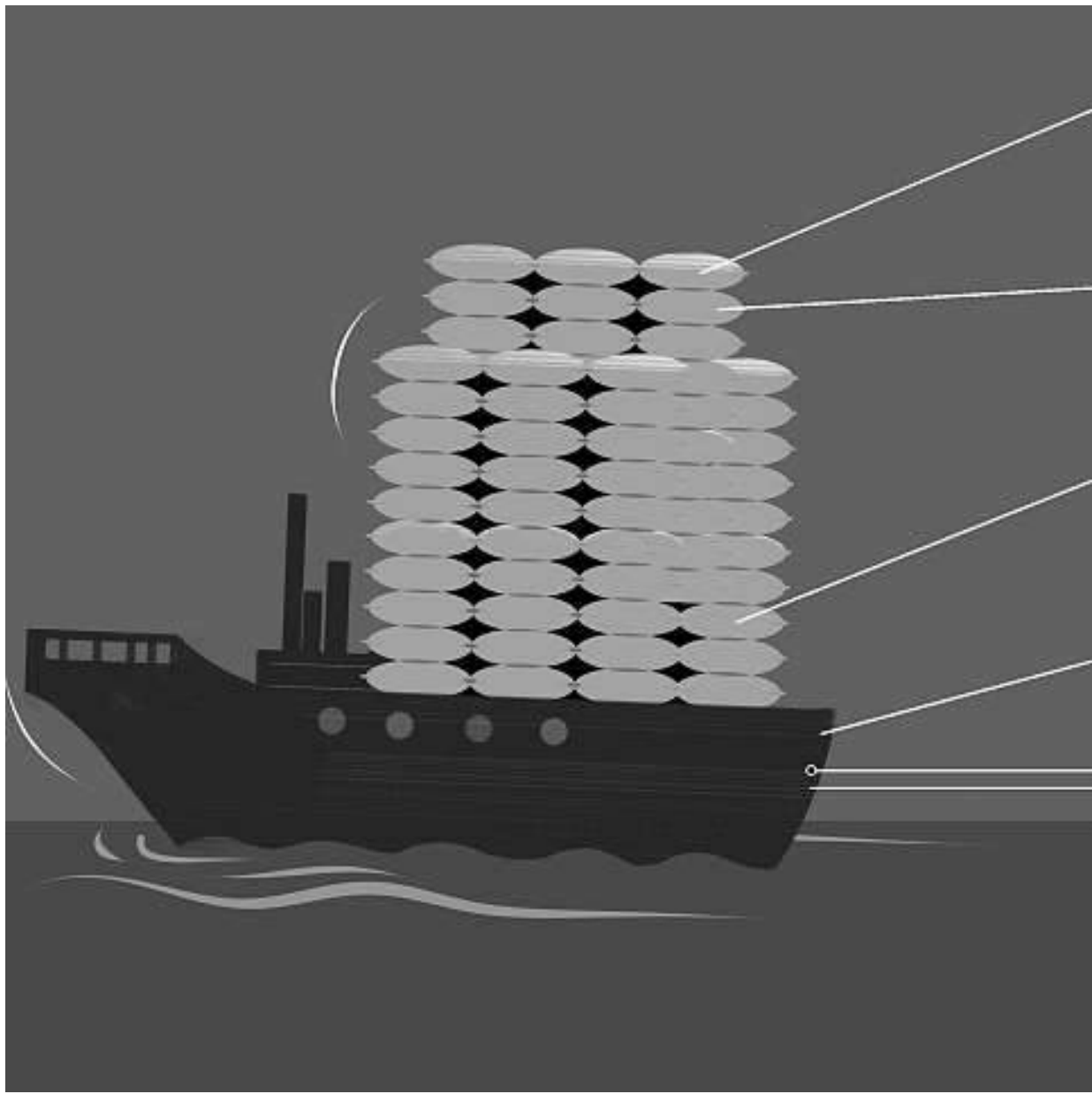
The broader question is whether we are prepared to let the market function in agriculture. The answer is – no. We are not comfortable with market forces operating. Nor are we quite sure whether we want the farmer to get a better price or the consumer to pay less. This happened with the farm laws, which were progressive but the government backtracked. Let us try and understand how this ban has come about.

Governments spend a lot of money in the form of subsidies to ensure farmers are enthused to produce more wheat. The Centre keeps increasing the MSP for this purpose and states often pay a bonus for procurement. There are political reasons too as the farmer lobby needs to be placated. We have been taking credit for the production of wheat and every year we set a new record. This year, the Ministry announced that wheat production will touch a record of 111 million tonnes, which has recently been revised downwards going by the 3rd Advance Estimates.

With the war, conditions have changed. Russia and Ukraine are large producers of wheat and their supply to world markets has been cut off due to sanctions and supply chain disruptions. With supplies interrupted, there is an opportunity for other surplus nations to step in. But the disruption has caused world prices to rise significantly. The World Bank data indicates that the price of US (soft red winter) wheat has gone up from \$328/tonne in December to \$672/tonne while US (hard red winter) wheat is up from \$377 to \$496/tonne. What does this mean? Countries that produce abundant wheat now have a chance to leverage this opportunity to export. This is what has been happening with farmers diverting wheat to the export market. As per some estimates, upwards of 10 million tonnes are being diverted.

But wasn't the wheat output supposed to be at a new high? It does appear that production will be lower than expected. The government has also not been able to procure wheat as farmers are no longer selling at MSP (which is at Rs 2,015/quintal) as they are getting higher prices in mandis where traders are buying and selling in the overseas markets. But, shouldn't everyone be happy as the whole edifice of agriculture policy has been to give farmers higher prices?

Now it is argued that stocks are low and it is getting hard to replenish them. As of May 10, procurement was just 18 million tonnes against 43 million tonnes last year. This is a significant fall. But stocks with the Centre and other state agencies are 30.3 million tonnes, way above the buffer norms of 27.6 million tonnes. But there is panic as the government's free food programme involves giving wheat and rice to the poor. While this



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has now been reduced to just rice, the ban on wheat exports is because of this.

As an afterthought, the government has allowed all consignments handed over to the customs as on the date of ban to be exported. This ensures that contracts that had reached the last stage are honoured. There is also some pressure from other nations to relax this ban. Thus, it is possible that there could be some more allowances. But the knee-jerk reaction is more bothersome.

One may recollect that in 2007 and again in 2021, the government banned futures trading in wheat on grounds that it led to speculative pressure on prices even though the quantity traded and the open interest were minuscule. At that time, it was a decline in expected output which triggered this action. Therefore, it is not surprising that exports have been banned as there is some reluctance in letting the market decide.

It does look like the wheat economy will continue to operate within two constraints that have become barriers to commercialisation. The first is MSP and government procurement, which feeds into the public distribution system. The second is the arhatiya system of trading where middlemen have come in the way of any reform. It is tough to break these shackles.

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The mandi system too needs to be revisited and alternatives have to be made available so that farmers can choose the point of sale. There is continuous talk of moving up the value chain in agriculture and commercialisation will help this cause.

We have been critical of Indonesia banning the export of palm oil (which has just been revoked). Our actions appear to be similar when it comes to wheat. We have been talking about being a part of global supply chains to augment value addition and accelerate growth. But when it comes to agriculture it is a blow-hot blow-cold approach. This not only affects our credibility but also sends confusing signals to producers as to what is the best way out for them.

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WHAT THE OTHERS SAY

“The US-Taiwan collusion ended in failure again but it cannot be ruled out that similar 'fancy provocations' will be staged. But such a move is indecent and dangerous.”
— GLOBAL TIMES, CHINA

A science more local

New Education Policy attempts to discard the shackles of Western hegemony, produce knowledge from and for India



PRANAV SHARMA

INDIA WAS IMAGINED as a country that would be built on the principles of science and reason. However, in the initial years, it was a great challenge for the country to emerge with a collective rational consciousness. From Daulat Singh Kothari to Yash Pal, and now K Kasturirangan, we have kept our education in the hands of scientists. For a county that wishes to advance with scientific and technological development, this was the right way to conduct its policy formulation. The New Education Policy 2020 has taken delightful steps forward in ensuring that we raise a generation of scientists and scientific thinkers through the education we provide to our students.

The policy ambitiously aims for a radical transformation in the next two decades by providing essential equity to stakeholders, enriching the quality of education without adding to the financial burden and most importantly, creating a system of accountability. The policy has not only been designed to completely revamp our systematic education into a more porous learning process but also to bring in an Indian lens. Yash Pal, talking about the true spirit of education, told me “shiksha vo hoti hai jisme baat se baat nikle” (education should produce a tangible effect), which I believe has been achieved with this policy.

The state's exhortation of science and its education is not unprecedented. We built our nation on science. However, the dissolution of disciplinary mandates with the NEP to study sciences provides a better ecosystem to foster beautiful ideas. Making science available locally helps its acceptance and understanding in the masses, which assists in the greater cause of enriching the scientific temper and the spirit of inquiry. An education, deeply Indian, and science, distinguishably Indian in character, would also put an end to the gatekeeping which happens through the West's dictates about the standardisation of thought.

The policy not only helps decolonise by inculcating a sense of nationalist commitment but also engages in Indian value-based education. The attempt is to make education go global from home, not the reverse. Our shared sense of humanist and global responsibilities should originate from our commitment to our country.

In the current dispensation, one thing that has come forward in the public conversation is that the state is sceptical about all forms of western intellectual enthusiasm and waits for the verifiability of ideas. Unlike the regimes bowing to western thought not only in India but in the entire developing, post-colonial world, I believe there's some movement in the direction of making the scholarship undergo epistemological scrutiny before accepting any norm that has been dictated by the Western world and the NEP has set the standards right.

Education is central to the idea of

modernity in independent India. In our education system, a certain aspect of European modernity lingered for a long time. That hampered the Indian intellectual discourse by making it eagerly look at the West. In doing so, we failed to create thinkers that can help us understand the structure and foundations of our own scientific thought. This is the NEP, which if executed right, might be able to raise a generation of Indian scientific thinkers who would be able to help us make sense of our ideas of scientific modernity rooted in Indian scientific thought.

The definitions, I must acknowledge, are not simple to formulate in the 21st century given that post-colonial science and science education is deeply mixed with the colonial hangover and practices. The discussion should also account for globalisation as a form of new-age intellectual colonialism, independent of which, creating demarcations and definitions is a huge task for the Indian intellectual.

Once upon a time, we possessed a mind of our own in India. India thought, India felt and India expressed itself. It was receptive as well as productive. The NEP is an attempt to immunise our people against systematic attempts at curbing our indigenous creative thinking. The government, I presume, wishes to create a world of learning illuminated by a festival of thoughts, a festival where everyone brings his own light and geographical boundaries lose their significance.

Time has moved on. The test of our education system lies in our ability to explore the truth and give it expression creatively. Imitation and repetition can do no good, something the prime minister has explicitly made clear on several occasions. The NEP is also an attempt to unify our active engagement with creative thinking. With the NEP, we have hope that the true nature of the Indian mind can again be ornamented with our education system becoming a blend of the old and the young, the alpha and the omega, all and none.

The state has a commitment to work on public policies and diplomatic discourses that localise knowledge of science and enhance the character of Indian scientific enterprise to counter the deleterious effects of globalisation in the 21st century.

Education must be intimately associated with the life of its people; sadly, our modern education has served only to turn out the favourite professions of the English educated elite. This is important but not at the cost of education not reaching the farmer, the grinder, the potter. The NEP, by truly Indianising education and emphasising learning in regional languages, goes far in creating equal learning opportunities. The idea is to also ensure that modern schools, colleges and universities germinate from the soil instead of becoming parasites feeding on commercial oaks.

The NEP makes our education genuinely and creatively Indian. The imagination is of schools practising agriculture, dairy keeping, weaving on the best modern techniques, roped into one fabric – teachers, students and the ordinary people, culminating into Yatra Vishvam Bavatikandam (where the world meets in one nest).

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ZEBa SIKORA

THE APEX COURT appointed an inquiry commission, headed by former Supreme Court Justice VS Sirpurkar, along with former Bombay High Court Justice RP Sondurbaldota and former director of CBI DR Kaarthikeyan, to investigate the events leading to the encounter of four accused in the brutal gangrape and murder of a young veterinarian in Hyderabad, in 2019. This report was submitted before the court, and copies provided to both parties on April 20.

The Commission investigation directed that the 10 police officers involved in the encounter be prosecuted for murder, under Section 302 of the Indian Penal Code. The Commission found that the police version of events – that the accused were armed and were pelting stones at the police, who then fired at the accused in retaliation – to be “ concocted”, and noted that the police had made a deliberate effort to suppress the fact of the juvenility of two of the accused.

Considering the public furore due to the crime, and the widespread support for the police officers' swift “justice”, the Commission's transparent investigation and final indictment of the officers is commendable. However, for the Commission's report to have any impact on police impunity and to ensure accountability, the officers must face criminal prosecution.

Given the many hurdles in prosecution

An encounter with injustice

SC panel report must hasten due process in Hyderabad extra-judicial killings

and conviction in cases of custodial death, there is enough cause to be wary about how this case might progress. Inquiry commissions in the past, such as the state government-appointed judicial commission (conducted by retired Justice VK Agarwal), to look into the killing of 17 alleged Naxalites by CRPF officers in June 2012, in Bijapur, Chhattisgarh, are a bleak reminder in this context. The Sarkeguda Commission report, submitted in 2019, found no evidence to suggest that the slain villagers were Naxals, and found the firing by the security forces to be unprovoked. Though the terms of reference of the committee were limited and did not extend to the determination of culpability of the officers involved, no action has been taken on the basis of its findings.

Delays in prosecution can have a substantial impact on the quality of evidence, particularly in cases where powerful entities – such as the police – are being challenged. In cases of custodial death, often the families of the victims and other witnesses face duress and intimidation.

For instance, in the 2014 Valdaris custodial death case, a young man was crushed by a train as he allegedly tried to escape from police custody, after he was apprehended on accusations of theft. However, when the Bombay High Court considered the testimony of other detainees as well as the injuries on the body of the deceased as reflected in

the post-mortem report, it found that the officers were liable to be charged under Section 302 of the IPC before the trial court. This was further clarified by the Supreme Court, which held that charges in this manner should be framed after hearing the accused. However, the matter has been pending before the trial court since 2020, with the prosecution unwilling to seek sanction from the state government to prosecute the officers on charges of murder, and the trial court delaying the framing of charges.

Accountability of security forces is an uphill task, and there is a tendency for the state to resist prosecution inaction or to hinder effective prosecution by prolonging the trial to the point of futility. NCRB's Crime in India Report for 2020 records that there were zero convictions in cases of custodial death.

Police impunity persists because of a lack of strong accountability mechanisms to deter police action and systemic complicity amongst state institutions, to turn a blind eye in times of excesses. In the Hyderabad encounter case, the killing of the accused was also justified as righteous, in light of the abhorrent facts of the crime they were suspected of. After the extra-judicial killing, members of the public lauded and showered flower petals on the officers and chanted “police zindabad”. For the people supporting the cops, the police were no less than vigilante figures, like those

valorised in Bollywood action films, delivering quick solutions for an act of unthinkable violence against a young woman. In this context, facts such as the young age of the boys, and police irregularities in the investigation might be seen as mere technicalities. The incident was not condemned by the state government at the time, and a minister is already expressing apprehension about contravening public opinion in taking action against the police officers indicted by the Inquiry Commission. This implicit acquiescence to police excesses, makes the government and even the judiciary, at times, resistant to prosecuting and punishing errant officers.

More than two years have passed since the Hyderabad encounter, but the prosecution of the officers, as recommended by the inquiry commission report, is still out of reach. The Supreme Court directed the report to be transferred to the Telangana High Court, ostensibly for the latter to take appropriate action about the subsequent steps for the investigation and prosecution of the officers involved. There is a tremendous responsibility on the courts and state government to ensure that the next steps are carried out without delay or prejudice, despite heightened public sentiments in favour of the police officers.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

WAY FORWARD

THIS REFERS TO the article, 'No case for exception' (IE, May 24). The marital rape exception, included in Section 375 of the IPC, is a classic example of patriarchy within the letter of the law. Marriage is supposed to be a sacred institution based on the principles of mutual respect and equality between a husband and a wife, and “rape” is an offence under any circumstance. The impugned exception is incongruous and untenable. Unfortunately, the issue, when recently subjected to judicial scrutiny in the Delhi High Court, resulted in a split verdict. Justice Hari Shankar of the two-judge bench stuck to the regressive notion of male chauvinism and held marriage as a license to exempt the sexual violation of women subject simply to their marital status. The judgement underlined the need to address the regressive notions held around the institution of marriage itself.

Ravi Mathur, Noida

LOOK WITHIN

THIS REFERS TO the article, 'A civilisational question in Gyanvapi' (IE, May 23). We are currently advocating for deities to be placed back in temples, allegedly converted into mosques by Muslim rulers, and resolving to continue to undo their other “excesses”. Meanwhile, we refuse to acknowledge our own highhand-

edness in denying the rightful place, in our caste-ridden Hindu society, to the Dalit community. Living and working in inhuman conditions, they continue to be engaged in disposing of dead animals and manual scavenging. Their self-proclaimed well-wishers are doing nothing to ensure these individuals become respected members of society. The presence of the Dalit community is felt only when the Census is held. Hinduism as a religion holds the potential to transcend the unwanted taboos that have long permeated its practice. Unfortunately, most continue to give priority to ideas that will keep us in the limelight, rather than grasping at opportunities to introspect and improve.

Tarsem Singh, Mahilpur

DISCRETION FIRST

THIS REFERS TO the article, 'The oversight imperative' (IE, May 24). The executive is vested with the power to make policy decisions and implement the laws of the land. International treaties are multifaceted in their scope. Some of their contents might carry clauses of strategic significance that are meant to be kept classified. Vetting every such treaty on the floor of the House might not just overwhelm the usual legislative business, but the televised nature of the proceedings risk breaching sovereign commitments.

Sudip Kumar Dey, Barasat

TOP OF THE WORLD



Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus. AP

UK WHO chief confirmed for second term

London: WHO Director-General Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus was reappointed to a second five-year term on Tuesday by the UN health agency's member countries. No other candidate challenged Tedros for the post amid the ongoing difficulties of responding to the devastating coronavirus pandemic. "This is overwhelming," Tedros said, after another World Health Organization official asked everyone in the room to stand and applaud him. Fighting back tears, Tedros described himself as "a child of war" after signing the contract for his extension. He said that after witnessing his younger brother's death at an early age, it was "luck (that) brought me all the way here." AP

TALIBAN UAE firm signs deal to manage three airports

Islamabad: The Taliban announced a deal Tuesday allowing an Emirati company to manage three airports in Afghanistan after the fall of the country's U.S.-backed government. However, the United Arab Emirates did not immediately acknowledge the deal. Under the deal, the Abu Dhabi-based firm GAAC Solutions would manage the airports in Herat, Kabul and Kandahar, the Taliban said. They held a news conference in Kabul in which they signed the deal with an individual they identified as a managing director for GAAC. AP

MYANMAR Boat carrying Rohingya capsizes, kills 16

Bangkok: At least 16 people from Myanmar's Rohingya minority have died after a storm capsized the boat they were travelling on to seek refuge in another country, officials said Tuesday. There were 35 survivors of accident that took place Saturday off Myanmar's southwestern coast and four people were missing, the officials said. UNHCR expressed shock and sadness about the accident in a statement and said at least 17 Rohingya, including children, had died. AP

JAPAN SCRAMBLES JETS

Russian and Chinese aircraft roar over Japan as Biden leaves Quad

NOBUHIRO KUBO
TOKYO, MAY 24

JAPAN SCRAMBLED jets after Russian and Chinese warplanes neared its airspace on Tuesday, when Tokyo was hosting the leaders of the Quad grouping of countries that includes the US, Defence Minister Nobuo Kishi said.

Tokyo conveyed "grave concerns" to both Russia and China through diplomatic channels, Kishi said at a news conference that was broadcast online.

He characterised the incident as a likely provocation by both Beijing and Moscow on a day when US President Joe Biden, Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Australia's newly elected leader, Anthony Albanese, were meeting in Tokyo.

"We believe the fact that this action was taken during the Quad summit makes it more provocative than in the past," he said, adding it was the fourth such incident since November.

Two Chinese warplanes flew over the Sea of Japan from the East China Sea and were then joined by two Russian warplanes for a flight together toward the East China Sea, Kishi said.

Later, the two Chinese warplanes were replaced by another



A Russian TU-95 bomber and Chinese H-6 bombers fly over East China Sea on Tuesday. Reuters

pair believed to be Chinese, which then flew with the Russians on a long flight toward the Pacific Ocean, he said.

A Russian reconnaissance plane also flew over the open sea from the northern island of Hokkaido to the Noto peninsula on Japan's main island, he said.

None of the aircraft entered into Japan's airspace, he said.

Russia and China both confirmed they conducted a joint patrol. Russia's defence ministry said the patrol lasted 13 hours over the Japanese and East China seas in a pointed farewell to Biden as he concluded an Asia

trip that rankled Beijing. The exercise was part of an "annual military cooperation plan", China's defence ministry said.

Separately, South Korea's military said it scrambled fighters after at least four Chinese and four Russian warplanes entered its air defence zone on Tuesday.

It was not immediately clear if the two events were related or if any of the same warplanes were involved. The four leaders of the Quad on Tuesday stressed their determination to ensure a free and open Indo-Pacific region in the face of an increasingly assertive China. REUTERS

Ukraine: 200 bodies found in basement in Mariupol's ruins

AP & REUTERS
KYIV, MAY 24

WORKERS DIGGING through the rubble of an apartment building in Mariupol found 200 bodies in the basement, Ukrainian authorities said on Tuesday, as more horrors come to light in the ruined city that has seen some of the worst suffering of the 3-month-old war.

The bodies were decomposing and the stench hung over the neighbourhood, said Petro Andryushchenko, an adviser to the mayor. He did not know when they were discovered, but the sheer number of victims makes it one of the deadliest known attacks of the war.

Heavy fighting, meanwhile, continued in the Donbas, the eastern industrial region that Moscow's forces are intent on seizing. Russian troops intensified their efforts to encircle and capture Sievierodonetsk

and neighbouring cities.

Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy accused the Russians of waging "total war" and seeking to inflict as much death and destruction as possible. "Indeed, there has not been such a war on the European continent for 77 years," Zelenskyy said, referring to end of World War II.

"Now we are observing the most active phase of the full-scale Russian aggression," Ukrainian Defence Ministry spokesman Oleksandr Motuzyanys said. "The situation on the (eastern) front is extremely difficult."

The war has also had massive international ramifications, including growing food shortages and soaring prices in developing countries that import Ukrainian grain. European Commission chief Ursula von der Leyen on Tuesday called for talks with Moscow on unlocking wheat exports now trapped in Ukraine because of a Russian blockade in the Black Sea.



Autorickshaws outside a fuel station in Colombo. Reuters

SEEKS \$500MN LOAN FROM INDIA

Will slash spending in new budget, says Sri Lanka new PM

UDITHA JAYASINGHE & DEVJYOT GHOSHAL
COLOMBO, MAY 24

SRI LANKA'S new Prime Minister Ranil Wickremesinghe said on Tuesday he will present an interim budget within six weeks, slashing infrastructure projects to re-route funds into a two-year relief programme for the crisis-hit island nation.

Wickremesinghe, who took office two weeks ago, warned that inflation would rise as the government gets down to tackling the crisis, and that there could be more protests on the streets.

He said he hoped any unrest would not get out of hand, adding that funds would be made available to help the most vulnerable 22 million people.

"Looking at the hard days ahead, there has to be protest. It's natural when people suffer, they must protest," Wickremesinghe said in an interview. "But we want to ensure it does not destabilise the political system."

"With the interim budget, it is just about cutting down expenditure, cutting to the bone where possible and transferring it to

Fuel prices increase

Colombo: Sri Lanka increased fuel prices on Tuesday, a long-flagged move to mend public finances and combat its debilitating economic crisis. Power and Energy Minister Kanchana Wijesekera tweeted that petrol prices would increase by 20-24%, while diesel prices would rise by 35-38% with immediate effect. Meanwhile, Sri Lankan Cabinet has approved seeking a \$500 million loan from the Exim Bank of India for the purchase of petroleum products. AGENCIES

welfare." "We have no rupee revenue, and now we have to print another (one) trillion rupees," Wickremesinghe said, warning that annual inflation could rocket past 40% in coming months, putting further pressure on Sri Lankan households already grappling with high prices. REUTERS

New Australian PM makes whirlwind world debut in Japan

ASSOCIATED PRESS
TOKYO, MAY 24

HOURS AFTER being sworn in as Australia's new prime minister, Anthony Albanese found himself fresh off a jet and thrown into the glare of a global spotlight Tuesday. He was rewarded with a warm welcome, as well as a bit of a gentle ribbing, from US President Joe Biden and other leaders at an international summit in Japan.

"You were sworn in and got on a plane, and if you fall asleep while you're here, it's OK," Biden joked as the leaders met at the Quad, an Indo-Pacific security and economic coalition meant as a counterweight to China's growing influence in the region. Biden marveled at Albanese's stamina. "I don't know how you're doing it. But it is really quite extraordinary, just getting off the campaign trail as well."

The weekend election win for Albanese, from the center-left Labor Party, was a vivid change in Australian politics, ending nine years of conservative rule, the last several under former leader Scott Morrison.

Albanese has described himself as Australia's first-ever political candidate with a "non-Anglo Celtic name." He and Malaysian-born Penny Wong, Australia's first foreign minister who was born overseas, were sworn into office Monday just before they flew to Tokyo for the meeting with Biden, Japanese Prime Minister Fumio Kishida and Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

Albanese's election came after a hard-fought campaign during



Australian Prime Minister Anthony Albanese during the Quad leaders summit. AP

which he got Covid-19. Because his predecessor set the election date a week later than expected, Albanese had little time to prepare for the Tokyo summit. For his efforts, however, he received friendly greetings from other leaders.

Kishida, in his opening remarks, took note of Albanese's tight schedule, offering his "heartfelt appreciation for coming all the way to Japan right after the elections." Modi said Albanese's presence in Tokyo within 24 hours of his swearing-in "demonstrates the strength of our friendship within the Quad and your commitment to it."

At the summit, Albanese stressed Australia's unwavering commitment to the regional forum and stressed his country's efforts to deal with climate change and look for greater engagement with Southeast Asian countries. He did not mention aggressive security moves by China, which many countries in Asia view with worry.



IRAN GUARD COLONEL LAID TO REST

Thousands of mourners poured onto the streets of Tehran on Tuesday to pay their respects to a senior Revolutionary Guard member fatally shot by two gunmen on a motorcycle earlier this week, punching the air with their fists and chanting 'Death to Israel.' AP

China foreign minister to visit Solomon Islands

DAVID RISING
BANGKOK, MAY 24

CHINESE FOREIGN Minister Wang Yi will visit Solomon Islands this week in what the South Pacific nation's leader said was a "milestone" in his country's relationship with China, amid concerns that their new security pact could allow Chinese military personnel on the islands.

But PM Manasseh Sogavare insisted in a statement posted on

his government's website on Tuesday that the partnership with Beijing does not come at the expense of ties with Australia, the United States and others.

The visit of Wang at the head of a 20-person delegation on Thursday and Friday comes amid growing concerns about China's influence in the strategically important Solomon Islands. Wang will be the highest-ranking Chinese representative to visit the country since the two nations formalised diplomatic relations 32

months ago, the Solomon Islands Foreign Affairs Ministry said, after Sogavare switched recognition from Taiwan to Beijing.

The Chinese Foreign Ministry said later that Wang would also visit Kiribati, Samoa, Fiji, Tonga, Vanuatu, Papua New Guinea and East Timor in a 10-day trip. While in Fiji, he will host a meeting with the foreign ministers of Pacific Island nations, it said.

"It is believed that the meeting will play an important role in promoting solidarity and cooper-

ation between China and the Pacific island countries and in advancing the development of our relations," Foreign Ministry spokesperson Wang Wenbin said.

The security agreement, signed in April, would allow Beijing to send police and military personnel to Solomon Islands "to assist in maintaining social order" and let warships make port calls for "logistical replenishment." That has raised fears of a possible Chinese base on the doorstep of Australia and New Zealand. AP

Assault of Indian boy in Texas raises deep concern

LALIT K JHA
WASHINGTON, MAY 24

ALL FOUR Indian-American members of the current US Congress have expressed concern over the recent incident of an Indian-origin boy being assaulted at a school in Texas, the video of which has gone viral online.

In a joint statement on Monday, Indian-American Congressmen Ami Bera, Ro Khanna, Raja Krishnamoorthi and Congresswoman Pramila Jayapal said: "We are writing to express our deep concern about the recent incident of bullying, which occurred at Coppell Middle School North in the Coppell Independent School District. A widely circulated video of the incident shows 14-year-old Shaan Pritmani being assaulted and 'choked out' in an alleged wrestling manoeuvre that could have resulted in serious injury."

"As Indian American members of Congress and representatives of our communities, the possibility of a young Indian American being targeted is disturbing," they said. The letter was addressed to Superintendent of Coppell Independent School District in Texas Brad Hunt and Principal of Coppell Middle School Greg Axelson. PTI

SHAUNAK SEN TAPS AT DELHI'S GAPING WOUND

India's 'All That Breathes' and Pak's 'Joyland' win hearts at Cannes



EXPRESS IN CANNES

SHUBHRA GUPTA
MAY 24

IT CAN happen only in the movies. Two very different films received a splendid reception at the 75th edition of the Cannes Film Festival. The standing ovation at the end of "Joyland" — Pakistan's first official entry —

was heartwarming; and Shaunak Sen's terrific documentary "All That Breathes", which screened immediately after, was as much as a celebration.

Rarely does the Cannes Film Festival select a film that has already played at a major festival before — "All That Breathes" had not only been screened, but also won an award at the Sundance Film Festival earlier this year. In an email exchange in March, Sen had confided that the film had been selected at a "top European festival in May", and here he is, with his cast, enjoying the fruits of their most excellent labour of love.

There's a striking similarity in



A still from the Indian documentary 'All That Breathes'.

ways people in India and Pakistan hanker for boy child and stroke patriarchal egos. Men and women are strictly confined to gender roles, and anyone trying to break out is punished for their transgression. Saim Sadiq's moving film opens with a woman (Sarwat Gilani) emerging from labour, teary-eyed by the news that "it is a girl". Yet again. What happens if someone is gender fluid? Where does he or she go?

Pollution and its impact

The dark skies of Delhi, especially, when the air goes from the merely viscous to most foul, is

harmful not just to the humans, but to the kites that circle above the mounds of garbage on the outskirts of the city, looking for sustenance. Sen's "All That Breathes", which feels like a short-haul journey into dystopia, is a testament to the durable aspects of India's capital — both its marginalised humans, battered by inhumane laws, and its majestic kites — have learned to navigate their environment, seeking out sympathetic pockets.

Brothers Nadeem Shehzaad and Mohammed Saoud, and their helper Salik, tend to injured kites and other creatures in their basement, crowded by rusted metal parts, grinding out meat in

a machine falling to bits to feed the birds. It is a world like no other, in which these injured birds learn to submit to human hands, which are raised only to heal.

We worry about all that breathes, says one of the brothers, and instantly that statement feels like balm, especially, in these polarised, inimical times. In one of those moments, which can happen through sheer happenstance, a young man and a young kite look at each other. Their eyes lock, and we know that they are helping each other out, the bird will fly again, and the young man will find the purpose he seeks.

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WEIGHTED AVERAGE COST EXPECTED TO INCREASE FURTHER

Rising global rates, Re fall may scale down India Inc ECB plans

GEORGE MATHEW
MUMBAI, MAY 24

THE RISE in global interest rates and the depreciation of the rupee is likely to reduce the appetite of India Inc to mobilise funds through external commercial borrowings (ECBs) in the coming months.

The weighted average cost had come down to 1.2 per cent over LIBOR in FY19, but has started increasing subsequently and was at 1.81 per cent in FY22. This is expected to increase further in the coming months with global central banks planning to hike rates.

London Interbank Offered Rate (LIBOR), the global benchmark basic rate of interest used as a reference for setting the interest rate on other loans, was 2.73 per cent on May 20. When compared to this, State Bank's one-year MCLR (marginal cost of funds-based lending rate) is now at 7.2 per cent.

ECBs account for a major share of India's external debt and form for 36.8 per cent of India's external debt as of end of December 2021. ECB approvals rose to \$38.3 billion in FY22 from \$34.8 billion in FY21. "However, with global interest rates poised to edge up, the relative attractiveness of ECB inflows may diminish. Further, the recent depreciation seen in the rupee will

EXPLAINED
Share of external debt

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also weigh on ECB inflows this year," says a Bank of Baroda research report.

"However, with global central banks on a monetary policy tightening cycle, interest rates are likely to go up. This may lead to a moderation in ECB inflows. Furthermore, the steady depreciation in INR recently will also be a headwind for ECB inflows going forward," said Aditi Gupta, economist, Bank of Baroda. The rupee has already depreciated by over six per cent in the last one year. Corporates, while preferring ECBs, avoided domestic borrowing from Indian banks and lenders, leading to a sluggish growth in bank credit.

RIL had raised \$4.76 billion through this route last year. Of this, RIL's \$1.5 billion notes were priced at 2.875 per cent to mature in 10 years in 2032.

International capital market

remains the major source of funds for Indian companies to raise funds outside. Lower global interest rates have driven corporates to explore funding options in capital markets across the globe. Share of the international capital market in total ECB approvals has increased sharply from 12.6 per cent in FY19 to 33.2 per cent in FY22 amidst a sharp dip in global interest rates. "Interest rates are rising at home and abroad. The difference in the rates between the two is likely to remain at the same level. So there won't be a big fall in ECBs," said a banking source.

The US Federal Reserve followed its first 25 bps rate hike in April 2022 with a double barrel action of another 50 bps hike and a planned balance sheet squeeze starting from May 2022.

The European Central Bank is expected to announce its first rate hike soon. The Bank of England's Monetary Policy Committee approved a 25-basis point increase, taking the base interest rate up to 1 per cent recently. Global central banks have been hiking key policy rates to tame inflation.

ECBs play an important role in India by supplementing the funding needs of corporates.

India has seen a steady increase in resources mobilised through this route in the last few years.

Improvement in economic

activity as well as low global rates have contributed to the attractiveness for this source of funding for India Inc, a BoB report said.

Financial services account for a major share of total ECB approvals. However, the share of ECB funds mobilized by this sector has declined from 26.6 per cent in FY19, to 21.7 per cent in FY22. Financial services use such funds for onward lending and would tend to have a continuous demand for ECBs provided other conditions are favourable. Manufacturers of coke and refined petroleum products have raised a significant share of total ECBs, BoB said.

On the other hand, the share of electricity and power transmission has increased substantially from 6.7 per cent in FY19 to 19 per cent in FY22. Funding by this sector has been used mainly by companies engaged in providing renewable energy.

These three sectors have accounted for around 60 per cent of total approvals over the last 4 years.

Companies also utilise funds mobilized through ECBs to fund earlier ECBs. From about 32.3 per cent of total ECB approvals in FY17, the share of this category has declined to 18.4 per cent in FY22.

Firms are also increasingly using ECBs to meet their working capital requirements.

Sebi to Ramkrishna: Pay ₹3.1 cr or face arrest, asset attachment

ENSECONOMICBUREAU
MUMBAI, MAY 24

THE SECURITIES and Exchange Board of India (Sebi) on Tuesday sent a notice to former NSE managing director and CEO Chitra Ramkrishna, asking her to pay Rs 3.12 crore in a case related to governance lapses at the stock exchange.

The regulator has warned of arrest and attachment of assets and bank accounts if she fails to make the payment within 15 days. Any transfer of property or money from her name after February 11, 2022 will be treated as her property for the purpose of recovery, Sebi said.

The notice came after Ramkrishna failed to pay the fine imposed on her by the Sebi.

In an order dated February 11,

CHITRA RAMKRISHNA
Former MD & CEO, NSE

PTI file

Sebi had slapped a penalty of Rs 3 crore on Ramkrishna for alleged governance lapses in a case related to the appointment of Anand Subramanian as the Group Operating Officer and Advisor when she was at the helm of NSE as its MD and CEO, as well as for sharing confidential information of the company with an unidentified person.

Apart from penalising

Ramkrishna, Sebi had imposed a penalty on Ravi Narain, the predecessor of Ramkrishna, Subramanian and others. In its fresh notice, Sebi directed Ramkrishna to pay Rs 3.12 crore, which includes interest and recovery cost, within 15 days.

In the event of non-payment of dues, the market regulator will recover the amount by attaching and selling her moveable and immoveable property. Besides, Ramkrishna faces attachment of her bank accounts and arrest.

Ramkrishna is currently lodged in Delhi's Tihar Jail after she was arrested by the CBI on March 6 in the NSE co-location scam case and investigation linked to other governance lapses at the bourse. Last month, the regulator issued similar demand notices to Narain and Subramanian. *Full report on www.indianexpress.com*

MINISTERS AT WEF

'Infra a focus area of govt; growth story to be intact'

Commerce Minister Piyush Goyal in Davos, on Tuesday.
via Twitter @PiyushGoyal

Davos: As global challenges push inflation in India and elsewhere higher, top union ministers at the World Economic Forum Annual Meeting 2022 on Tuesday said the India growth story in the long-run remains strong but safeguards are being put in place.

Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal, at a session on 'India at 75: Strategic Outlook', said, "Infrastructure has been a focus area of our government as a lot of things depend on that. I am sure the steps we have taken would have desired results in keeping our growth momentum," he said.

Speaking in the same session, Oil Minister Hardeep Singh Puri said, "The fact is that oil prices of \$110 per barrel is not sustainable and I am hoping that once the realisation happens, things would improve and the India growth story would remain intact." *PTI*

ReNew Power inks MoU with Karnataka to invest ₹50K crore

Bengaluru: ReNew Power on Tuesday signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Karnataka in the presence of Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai at the World Economic Forum meet in Davos, to invest Rs 50,000 crore in the state over the next seven years.

ReNew Power intends to set up production units in Renewable Energy, Battery Storage and Green Hydrogen with potential to create employment opportunities for 30,000 people, the Chief

Investment to be over 7 years

Minister's office said.

Stating that the company intends to set up production units over the next 7 years in two phases, it said, in the first phase Rs 11,900 crore would be invested on the ongoing projects and they would be operationalised in the next 2 years. In the second phase the company plans to invest Rs

37,500 crore to set up renewable energy and green hydrogen units over the next 5 years.

During the day, Bommai met Chairman and CEO of Bharti Enterprises Sunil Bharti Mittal.

Gautam Adani, chairman, Adani group, called on Bommai and discussed investment opportunities in Karnataka. *PTI*

BRIEFLY

DGCA on seats

New Delhi: The aviation regulator, Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA), on Tuesday warned airlines against offering unserviceable seats to passengers on their domestic and international flights.

Delhivery listing

New Delhi: Delhivery Ltd, which made a muted market debut earlier in the day, ended over 10 per cent higher on Tuesday against its issue price of Rs 487. *PTI*

'Coal supply'

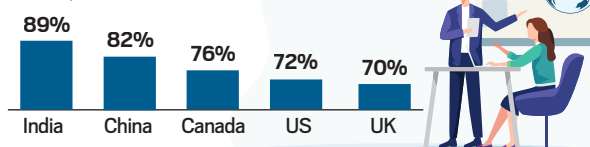
New Delhi: The government has slashed how much domestic coal power plants can expect to receive in June by 11.1% and asked some utilities to import more, as per a Power Ministry memo seen by *Reuters*.

Zuckerbergsued

Washington: The District of Columbia sued Meta chief Mark Zuckerberg, seeking to hold him personally liable for the Cambridge Analytica scandal, a privacy breach of millions of Facebook users' personal data. *REUTERS*

'India on top for trust in domestic companies'

Indian companies have emerged as the most trusted by the domestic population, followed by China, Canada, the US and the UK, as per the Edelman Trust Barometer

IN TERMS OF DOMESTIC TRUST IN COMPANIES
HEADQUARTERED IN EACH MARKET:

Source: Edeleman/PTI

Scientists have emerged the most trusted category globally

United Nations is the only trusted global institution

Survey details: The Edelman Trust Barometer Special Report: The Geopolitical Business, released here on the sidelines of the World Economic Forum Annual Meeting, was conducted in 14 countries with 14,000 respondents between April and May

GOVT-APPOINTED PANEL'S FINDINGS

'Poor grade cells, BMS issues led to EV fires'

ENSECONOMICBUREAU
NEW DELHI, MAY 24

POOR GRADE cells used in batteries and quality issues with the battery management system (BMS), are seen to be the major reasons for spate of fires in electric two-wheelers recently, according to the findings of the government-appointed committee.

The committee submitted its report to the government on Tuesday. Though the findings have not been disclosed yet,

sources said that according to the report, these companies did not conduct enough tests on their electric vehicles (EVs). They have also been asked to set up laboratories for testing cells.

Multiple fire incidents involving electric two-wheelers of Ola Electric, Okinawa, Pure EV, Jitendra New EV Tech and Boom Motors, were reported in March and April, following which the Road Ministry had set up a committee to probe. The report has been sent to the concerned companies. *FE*

RBI DATA

Online credit card spending higher than swipes in Mar



The RBI, Mumbai. The trend indicates cardholders are making higher value transactions online. *File*

New Delhi: Credit card spending online was nearly Rs 30,000 crore more than the spending done through swipes at points of sale in March, indicating an increased preference among people for e-commerce purchases.

Latest data from the RBI showed that 7.3 crore credit card holders spent about Rs 68,327 crore for buying online while the amount spent through swipes at Point of Sale (PoS) machines stood at Rs 38,377 crore in March.

In terms of the number of transactions, credit card transactions were marginally lower online at 11 crore as against 11.1 crore offline or at PoS machines. The trend also indicates that cardholders are making higher value transactions online on an average than through offline means. *PTI*

EY INDIA CEO SURVEY 2022

'Indian cos show resilience despite Covid disruption'

New Delhi: As many as 50 per cent of Indian CEOs acknowledge that COVID pandemic has caused short-term disruption to their industry, but Indian companies have continued to demonstrate resilience as economy rebounds, a survey said on Tuesday.

The EY India CEO Survey 2022 has found that merger and acquisitions (M&A) is a key strategic lever for Indian CEOs as they look to buy versus build to achieve their transformation ambitions. "Today, amidst chal-

lenges of inflationary pressures, supply chain issues, and increasing geopolitical conflicts, CEOs in India are resetting their risk radar and reframing their investment strategy for reshaped future, with transformation and sustainability increasingly driving the M&A agenda," the survey said.

According to the survey, 50 per cent of Indian CEOs acknowledge the pandemic caused short-term disruption to their industry.

Geopolitical challenges have further exacerbated a tumultuous period and created additional risks to business operations. "However, Indian companies have continued to demonstrate resilience, on Indian economic rebound," it added.

EY India chairman Rajiv Memani said, "There is no doubt that Indian CEOs are leading from the front to combat the challenges emanating from the pandemic and geopolitical tensions." *PTI*

Apr crude output falls 1% on low pvt production

New Delhi: India's crude oil production fell 1 per cent in April as lower output from fields run by the private sector wiped away gains by state-owned firms like ONGC, showed official data.

As per data released Tuesday by the Oil Ministry, the nation produced 2.47 million tonnes of

crude in April, against 2.5 million tonnes the same month a year ago. ONGC produced 1.65 million tonnes of crude, 0.86 per cent more than a year ago. OIL produced 3.6 per cent more at 2.51,460 tonnes but private fields produced 7.5 per cent less at 5,67,570 tonnes. *ENS, WITH PTI*

OUTPUT IN MAJOR FIELDS IN APRIL

PRIVATE SECTOR
5,67,570 tonnes
(down 7.5%)

ONGC
1.65 mn tonnes
(up 0.86%)

OIL
2,51,460 tonnes
(up 3.75%)

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3	100143	95/19.05.2022	सिंगल मल्टी विलेज-वि.खं. सारंगढ, ग्राम-कुमारगिरी	108.46	81300/-
4	100146	96/19.05.2022	सिंगल मल्टी विलेज-वि.खं. सारंगढ, ग्राम-कैडार	132.53	99400/-
5	100136	97/19.05.2022	सिंगल मल्टी विलेज-वि.खं. सारंगढ, ग्राम-खोखसीपाली	87.66	65700/-
6	100139	98/19.05.2022	सिंगल मल्टी विलेज-वि.खं. सारंगढ, ग्राम-हलधरपाली	59.63	44700/-
7	100140	99/19.05.2022	सिंगल मल्टी विलेज-वि.खं. सारंगढ, ग्राम-अमलडीहा	95.73	71800/-
8	100109	100/19.05.2022	सिंगल मल्टी विलेज-वि.खं. सारंगढ, ग्राम-सोपरडीह एवं टांडीपार	107.15	80400/-
9	100125	102/19.05.2022	रेट्रो मल्टी विलेज-वि.खं. सारंगढ, ग्राम-सिमनपुर	96.65	72500/-
10	100126	103/19.05.2022	रेट्रो मल्टी विलेज-वि.खं. सारंगढ, ग्राम-खनारी	58.10	43600/-
11	100123	104/19.05.2022	रेट्रो मल्टी विलेज-वि.खं. सारंगढ, ग्राम-गोड़म	89.20	66900/-
12	100129	105/19.05.2022	सिंगल मल्टी विलेज-वि.खं. सारंगढ, ग्राम-पाट	81.18	60900/-
13	100132	106/19.05.2022	सिंगल मल्टी विलेज-वि.खं. सारंगढ, ग्राम-लीमागांव	97.29	73000/-
14	100168	107/19.05.2022	रेट्रो मल्टी विलेज-वि.खं. सारंगढ, ग्राम-परसाडीह बड़े	79.52	59600/-
15	100173	108/19.05.2022	रेट्रो सोलर विलेज-वि.खं. लैलुंगा, ग्राम-झारआमा एवं भुईयांपानी	41.45	31100/-
16	100179	109/19.05.2022	रेट्रो सोलर विलेज-वि.खं. लैलुंगा, ग्राम-झारपुर समूह	80.88	60700/-
17	100184	110/19.05.2022	रेट्रो सोलर विलेज-वि.खं. लैलुंगा, ग्राम-बीरसिंगा एवं गमेकला	76.74	57600/-
18	100175	111/19.05.2022	रेट्रो सोलर विलेज-वि.खं. लैलुंगा, ग्राम-बहमा समूह	55.37	41600/-
19	100176	112/19.05.2022	रेट्रो सोलर विलेज-वि.खं. लैलुंगा, ग्राम-मोहनपुर समूह	24.44	18400/-
20	100192	113/19.05.2022	रेट्रो सोलर विलेज-वि.खं. लैलुंगा, ग्राम-रेनपाती समूह	7.53	5700/-
21	100145	114/19.05.2022	रेट्रो सोलर विलेज-वि.खं. लैलुंगा, ग्राम-केसला समूह	103.05	77300/-
22	100190	115/19.05.2022	रेट्रो सोलर विलेज-वि.खं. लैलुंगा, ग्राम-बासडांड समूह	62.54	46900/-

अन्य विवरण एवं विस्तृत निविदा छ.ग. सासन की ई-प्रोक्यूरमेंट <https://eproc.cgstate.gov.in> पर उपलब्ध है। दिनांक 24.06.2022 तक समय 17.30 तक बिड डाले जा सकते हैं। निविदा प्रकाशन परचात समस्त संशोधन केवल ऑन लाईन ही देखे जा सकेंगे। अन्य विवरण कार्यालयीन समय पर लोक स्वास्थ्य यांत्रिकी खण्ड रायगढ़ (छ.ग.) में देखे जा सकते हैं।

हस्ता/- कार्यपालन अभियंता, लोक स्वास्थ्य यांत्रिकी खण्ड-रायगढ़ (छ.ग.)

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NOTICE INVITING TENDER

e-NIT No. 09 OF 2022-23 Dated: 19-05-2022

For and on behalf of Lt. Governor of UT of J&K, Executive Engineer Jal Shakti (PHE) Division HANDWARA invites e-tenders 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 PHE Division HANDWARA of Kashmir Province of UT of J&K, under Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM).

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

Sr. No.	Particulars of the Work	Estimated Cost (Lacs)	Tender Fee (In Rs.)	Earnest Money Deposit	Bid Validity	Time of Completion of Work (Days)
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1.	<p>➤ Laying & Fitting of Delivery and Distribution Mains consisting of GMS Tubes and Ductile Iron Pipes of different Nominal Bores along with pipe fittings and control valves</p> <p>➤ Construction of Ground Service Reservoirs (GSRs), Slow Sand Filtration Plants</p> <p>➤ Execution of ancillary civil works like Spring Covers, Boundary walls, Protection Works etc. at various Water Supply schemes of Division HANDWARA of Kashmir Province of UT of J&K, under Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM)</p>	As per ANNEXURE-I to this Bid Document	500/-	02% of the Estimated Cost	60/30 Days	As per ANNEXURE-I to this Bid Document

Position of funds: Approved Under Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM)

The tender inviting authority is Executive Engineer, Jal Shakti (PHE) Division HANDWARA. The awarding authority is District Jal Jeevan Mission (DJJM).

i	Publish Date	24-05-2022
ii	Document Download Start Date	24-05-2022
iii	Bid submission Start date	24-05-2022 from 10:00 A.M
iv	Bid submission End date	30-05-2022
v	Date of Bid opening	30-05-2022

- Bid documents can be accessed and downloaded from the website www.jktenders.gov.in
- The whole bidding process shall be completed online on tender portal www.jktenders.gov.in. The intending bidders can download the bid document from the tender portal and can submit their bids by uploading them on the tender portal.
- The valid bids received shall be opened online in the office of the Executive Engineer PHE Division HANDWARA. Bids must be accompanied by bid security and cost of Tender Document as specified in column 4 & 5 of the table and shall be payable at Srinagar.
- The cost of tender documents should be in form of DD/TR/e challan in favour of Executive Engineer PHE Division HANDWARA.
- The hard copies of cost of tender document in shape of TR/e-challan, Earnest money in shape of CDR/FDR/BG and other relevant documents shall be obtained from the bidder who is declared as L1 after opening of financial cover.
- The bid shall remain valid for a period of 90 days from the last date of submission of bids. If any bidder withdraws his bid before the said period or makes any modifications in the terms and conditions of the bid, the same shall be considered to be in violation of bid security declaration and shall be dealt with accordingly and the bid shall be declared non-responsive.
- Other details can be seen in the bidding documents from the website www.jktenders.gov.in.
- Queries by email if any should be made at Xenphe2021@gmail.com

ANNEXURE I SCHEME WISE LIST OF WORKS						
S. No.	Name of Water Supply Scheme	Description of work	Jal Shakti (PHE) Division	Estimated cost (In Lacs)	Time of completion (Days)	Class of Contractor
1.	WSS Ashpora under JIM	Laying and Fitting of 6" Bore dia DGL pipes for various areas of WSS Ashpora under JIM	HANDWARA	Rs. 152.00 Lacs	60 Days	AAY
2.	WSS Ashpora	Construction Including Successful Testing and Commissioning of 1.80 Lac Gallons S.R. Chowkdar Quarter, 1 No. Slope Chambers, Intake Chamber with Chain, and Chain Link Fencing for WSS Ashpora Under JIM	HANDWARA	Rs. 90.80 Lacs	60 Days	AAY
3.	WSS Athnotta	Construction Including Successful Testing and Commissioning of Operator Quarter, Slope Chambers, Chain Link Fencing and Laying and Fitting including Successful Testing and Commissioning of Supply main, Pipe Distribution Network for WSS Athnotta Under JIM	HANDWARA	Rs. 31.75 Lacs	35 Days	AAY/BEE
4.	WSS Darhal	Laying and Fitting including Successful Testing and Commissioning of Intake Main, Supply main, Pipe Distribution Network, and Construction including Successful Testing, Commissioning of 8.15 Lac Gallons S.R. Pre setting Tank, Intake Chamber & Channel, Slope Chamber, and Rusted Wire Fencing for WSS Darhal Under JIM	HANDWARA	Rs. 41.36 Lacs	40 Days	AAY/BEE
5.	WSS Dendapora	Laying and Fitting of 6" Bore dia DGL pipes for various areas of WSS Dendapora Under JIM	HANDWARA	Rs. 147.80 Lacs	60 Days	AAY
6.	WSS Kandi Khos	Construction Including Successful Testing and Commissioning of Laying and Fitting of pipes, 4.50 Lac (1No. Service Reservoir, 0.30 Lac Gallons 2 Nos S.R. Construction of Pump House Gate Operator Qtr, R/Wat R/Wat, Gang Hat, Anchor Blocks and Chain Link Fencing for WSS Kandi Khos Under JIM	HANDWARA	Rs. 113.00 Lacs	60 Days	AAY
7.	WSS Kalagan Chagal	Construction Including Successful Testing and Commissioning of 1.50 Lac Gallons S.R. and 0.30 Lac Gallons S.R. for WSS Kalagan Chagal Under JIM	HANDWARA	Rs. 82.80 Lacs	50 Days	AAY
8.	WSS Kalagan Chagal	Construction Including Successful Testing and Commissioning of Intake Chamber, Slope Chambers, Chowkdar Qtr, Chain Link Fencing and Laying and Fitting including Successful Testing and Commissioning of Intake Main, Supply main, Pipe Distribution Network for WSS Kalagan Chagal Under JIM	HANDWARA	Rs. 129.00 Lacs	60 Days	AAY
9.	WSS Londa	Laying and Fitting of different dia DGL pipes for various areas of Londa and PHE parts WSS Londa under JIM	HANDWARA	Rs. 136.00 Lac	60 Days	AAY
10.	WSS Manpora Qulambad	Construction Including Successful Testing and Commissioning of 0.15 Lac Gallons S.R. Chowkdar Quarter, 1 No. Slope Chambers, Intake Chamber, Anchor Saddle, Electric, Pump, House, Approach Road and Chain Link Fencing for WSS Manpora Qulambad Under JIM	HANDWARA	Rs. 32.00 Lacs	60 Days	AAY
11.	WSS Manpora Qulambad	Laying and Fitting of Pipes for Water Supply Scheme Manpora Qulambad Under JIM	HANDWARA	Rs. 104.30 Lac	60 Days	AAY
12.	WSS Manpora Maner	Construction Including Successful Testing and Commissioning of Intake chamber, Slope Chambers, Chowkdar Qtr, Chain Link Fencing, R/Wat, R/Wat, Anchor Blocks, Approach Road and Laying and Fitting including Successful testing and Commissioning of Intake Main, Supply main, Pipe Distribution Network for WSS Manpora Maner Under JIM	HANDWARA	Rs. 148.30 Lac	60 Days	AAY
13.	WSS Manpora Maner	Construction Including Successful Testing and Commissioning of 1.25 Lac Gallons S.R. for WSS Manpora Maner Under JIM	HANDWARA	Rs. 48.00 Lacs	35 Days	AAY/BEE
14.	WSS Manpora Maner	Laying and Fitting including Successful Testing and Commissioning of Intake Main, Supply main, Pipe Distribution Network, and Construction including Successful Testing, Commissioning of 0.15 Lac Gallons S.R. Pre setting Tank, Slope Chamber, and Rusted Wire Fencing for WSS Manpora Maner Under JIM	HANDWARA	Rs. 40.00 Lacs	30 Days	AAY
15.	WSS Titch	Construction Including Successful Testing and Commissioning of Laying and Fitting of pipes, 4.50 Lac Gallons S.R. Construction of Pump House Gate Operator Qtr, Chain Link Fencing, Gang Hat and Anchor Blocks for WSS Titch Under JIM	HANDWARA	Rs. 76.00 Lacs	40 Days	AAY
16.	WSS Wadpora	Construction Including Successful Testing and Commissioning of 0.15 Lac Gallons S.R. Chowkdar Quarter, 1 No. Slope Chambers, Intake Chamber, Anchor Saddle, Electric, Pump, House, Approach Road and Chain Link Fencing for WSS Wadpora Under JIM	HANDWARA	Rs. 75.00 Lacs	40 Days	AAY
17.	WSS Dendapora	Construction Including Successful Testing and Commissioning of 1.80 Lac Gallons S.R. R/Wat R/Wat and Pre Setting Tank for WSS Dendapora Under JIM	HANDWARA	Rs. 84.80 Lacs	40 Days	AAY
18.	WSS Dendapora	Construction Including Successful Testing and Commissioning of Intake Chamber, Chowkdar Quarter, R/Wat R/Wat, Gang Hat and Anchor Blocks for WSS Dendapora Under JIM	HANDWARA	Rs. 47.80 Lacs	40 Days	AAY
19.	WSS Dendapora	Laying and Fitting including Successful Testing and Commissioning of Intake Main, Supply main, Pipe Distribution Network, and Construction including Successful Testing, Commissioning of Pre Setting Tank, Intake Chamber, Slope Chambers, Chowkdar Quarter and Chain Link Fencing for WSS Dendapora Under JIM	HANDWARA	Rs. 115.00 Lacs	40 Days	AAY
20.	WSS Meral	Laying and Fitting including Successful Testing and Commissioning of Intake Main, Supply main, Pipe Distribution Network, and Construction including Successful Testing, Commissioning of 8.10 Lac Gallons S.R. Spring Protection Works, Slope Chambers, Chowkdar Quarter and Chain Link Fencing for WSS Meral Under JIM	HANDWARA	Rs. 77.80 Lacs	40 Days	AAY

No: PHE/CG/422-32
Date: 19-05-2022
Executive Engineer
Jal Shakti (PHE) Division HANDWARA
DIPK 2597/22

GOVERNMENT OF HARYANA TENDER NOTICE						
SR. NO.	NAME OF BOARD/ CORP/AUTH	NAME OF WORK NOTICE TENDER	OPENING DATE CLOSING DATE (TIME)	AMOUNT/EMD (APPROX.) IN RUPEES	WEBSITE OF THE BOARD CORP/AUTH	NODAL OFFICER/CONTACT DETAILS/EMAIL
1.	PANDEI LAKHMI CHAND STATE UNIVERSITY OF PERFORMING AND VISUAL ARTS SECTOR-6, ROHTAK	COMPREHENSIVE ANNUAL MAINTENANCE OF WATER COOLERS WITH INBUILT WATER PURIFIERS, PLC SUPVA ROHTAK	20.05.2022 27.05.2022	5.94 LACS	https://plcsupva.ac.in	9466626296 admindees@plcsupva.ac.in
2.	PANDEI LAKHMI CHAND STATE UNIVERSITY OF PERFORMING AND VISUAL ARTS SECTOR-6, ROHTAK	SUPPLYING AND INSTALLATION OF TABLE TOP WEAVING LOOMS AND ACCESSORIES AT DEPARTMENT OF TEXTILE DESIGN PLCSUPVA, ROHTAK	18.05.2022 17.06.2022	RS. 41,000 FOR CONTRACTOR SUPPLIER & RS. 20,500/- FOR SOCIETY	www.etenders.hrynic.in	01262-242721 admindees@plcsupva.ac.in

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION KINDLY VISIT: www.haryanaprocurement.gov.in or www.etenders.hrynic.in

DELHI JAL BOARD : GOVT OF NCT OF DELHI OFFICE OF THE ADDL. CHIEF ENGINEER(P)-2/EE(E&M)P-I FLAT NO.- E-1, TYPE-IV, STAFF QTRS, JHANEWALAN, KAROL BAGH, NEW DELHI-110005 Email: djbeemii@gmail.com						
SHORT PRESS NIT No- 03 (2022-23)						
NIT No.	Name of Work	Estimated Cost	Earnest Money (Rs.)	Date of release of Tender in e-procurement solution	Last date/ Time receipt of Tender through e-procurement solution	
3.1	Providing of electricity source at newly constructed well and tube wells at Aksardham for augmentation of water supply.	Item Rate	247000/-	Tender ID: 2022_DJB_222748_1 Publish Date 21-May-2022 06.45 PM onward	30-May-2022 up to 03:15 PM	
3.2	Replacement of 20 HP Submersible Pump sets with 40 HP Submersible Pump sets at Palla Area	Item Rate	96000/-	Tender ID: 2022_DJB_222748_2 Publish Date 21-May-2022 06.45 PM onward	30-May-2022 up to 03:15 PM	

NIT along with all terms & conditions is available on DJB website <https://govtprocurement.delhi.gov.in>

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Advt. No. J.S.V. 137 (2022-23)
“STOP CORONA: Wear Mask, Follow Physical Distancing, Maintain Hand Hygiene”
Sd/- (Aditya Sharma)
Executive Engineer (E&M)P-I

GOVERNMENT OF JAMMU AND KASHMIR OFFICE OF THE CHIEF ENGINEER JAL SHAKTI DEPARTMENT (PHE) KASHMIR NEW ENGINEERING COMPLEX, SILK FACTORY ROAD RAG BAGH, SRINAGAR TELE: 0194-2311832. TELE FAX: 0194-2311835, E-Mail: kmrphed@gmail.com	
GIST of NOTICE INVITING TENDER e-NIT No. 133 of 2021-22 Dated:- 18-05-2022	

For and on behalf of Lt. Governor of UT of J&K, Chief Engineer Jal Shakti (PHE) Department, Kashmir invites e-tenders from reputed and resourceful Bidders/ Firms/Companies/ Joint Ventures/ Consortiums between bidder/firm and Financier of all classes registered in JKPWD/CPWD/Railways or any other state Government for "Construction, Testing and Commissioning of various OHTs along with allied works (depending on safe bearing capacity, staging height and storage capacity) in different Divisions/Districts of Kashmir Province under Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM)". The bidding process shall be completed online on www.jktenders.gov.in in two covers viz. Cover 1st consisting of Pre-Qualification Criteria, General Terms and Conditions and Technical Specifications and Cover 2nd consisting of Financial Bid on percentage rate basis, in the prescribed BOQ.

S. No	Particular of the work	Estimated Cost (Lacs)	Tender fee (in Rs)	Earnest money Deposit	Bid Validity	Time of Completion Or work(days)
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1.	"Construction, Testing and Commissioning of various OHTs along with allied works (depending on safe bearing capacity, staging height and storage capacity) in different Divisions/Districts of Kashmir Province under Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM)	Work/scheme wise details given in Section II of tender document	Rs. 1000/-	Rs 50000/- cost	90 days	180 days

Position of funds: Approved Under Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM)

The tender inviting authority is Chief Engineer, Kashmir Jal Shakti (PHE) Department.

The awarding authority is District Jal Jeevan Mission (DJJM).

Critical Dates:	
i	Publish Date
ii	Document Download/sale start Date
iii	Date of Pre-bid meeting
iv	Bid submission start date
v	Document Download/sale end Date
vi	Bid submission end date
vii	Date and time of Bid opening

- Bid documents can be accessed and downloaded from the website www.jktenders.gov.in
- The pre-bid meeting will be held in the office chamber of the Chief Engineer, Kashmir, PHE Department, through virtual/online mode.
- The whole bidding process shall be completed online on tender portal www.jktenders.gov.in. The intending bidders can download the bid document from the tender portal and can submit their bids by uploading them on the tender portal.
- The valid bids received shall be opened online in the office of the Chief Engineer, Kashmir, Jal Shakti (PHE) Department Srinagar.
- Bids must be accompanied by bid security/EMD and cost of Tender Document as specified in column 4 & 5 of the table and shall be payable at Srinagar.
- a. Bid Security for an amount of Rs 50000/- in the shape of FDR/CDR/BG pledged to Chief Accounts Officer, Kashmir, PHE Department Srinagar will have to be uploaded on the tender portal i.e. www.jktenders.gov.in. The bidder shall furnish one single EMD of Rs 50000/- irrespective of the number of works in which he/she intends to participate in this NIT.
- b. The cost of tender documents should be in form of DD/TR/e challan in favour of FA/CAO, Kashmir, Jal Shakti (PHE) Department. The bidder shall deposit one single tender fee of Rs 1000/- irrespective of the number of works in which he/she intends to participate in this NIT.
- The hard copies of cost of tender document in shape of DD/TR/e-challan, Earnest money in shape of CDR/FDR/BG and other relevant documents shall be obtained from the bidder who is declared as successful after opening of financial cover.
- The bid shall remain valid for a period of 90 days from the last date of submission of bids. If any bidder withdraws his bid before the said period or makes any modifications in the terms and conditions of the bid, the said earnest money shall stand forfeited and the bid shall be declared non-responsive.
- Other details can be seen in the bidding documents from the website www.jktenders.gov.in.
- Queries by email if any should be made at kmrphed@gmail.com.

No:CE/PHE/JJM/3953-3994
Date: 18-05-2022
DIPK-2540/22
Sd/- Chief Engineer, Kashmir, Jal Shakti, PHE, Department Srinagar.

UNION TERRITORY OF JAMMU AND KASHMIR, OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER JAL SHAKTI (PHE) DIVISION CHADOORA NOTICE INVITING TENDER	
e-NIT No. 10/JS(PHE)DC OF 2022-23 Dated: 21.05.2022	

For and on behalf of Lt. Governor of UT of J&K, Executive Engineer Jal Shakti (PHE) Division Chadoora invites e-tenders 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 PHE Division Chadoora of Kashmir Province of UT of J&K, under Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM).

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

Sr. No.	Particulars of the Work	Estimated Cost (Lacs)	Tender Fee (in Rs.)	Earnest Money Deposit	Bid Validity	Time of Completion of Work (Days)
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1.	<p>➤ Laying & Fitting of Delivery and Distribution Mains consisting of GMS Tubes and Ductile Iron Pipes of different Nominal Bores along with pipe fittings and control valves</p> <p>➤ Construction of Ground Service Reservoirs (GSRs), Slow Sand Filtration Plants</p> <p>➤ Execution of ancillary civil works like Spring Covers, Boundary walls, Protection Works etc. at various Water Supply schemes of Division Chadoora of Kashmir Province of UT of J&K, under Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM)</p>	As per ANNEXURE-I to this Bid Document	500/-	02% of the Estimated Cost	90 Days	As per ANNEXURE-I to this Bid Document

Position of funds: Approved Under Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM)

The tender inviting authority is Executive Engineer, Jal Shakti (PHE) Division Chadoora The awarding authority is District Jal Jeevan Mission (DJJM).

CRITICAL DATES:	
i	Publish Date
ii	Document Download Start Date
iii	Clarification Start date
iv	Clarification End date
v	Bid submission Start date
vi	Bid submission End date
vii	Date of Bid opening

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- a. The cost of tender documents should be in form of DD/TR/e challan in favour of Executive Engineer PHE Division Chadoora.
- The hard copies of cost of tender document in shape of TR/e-challan, Earnest money in shape of CDR/FDR/BG and other relevant documents shall be obtained from the bidder who is declared as L1 after opening of financial cover.
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- Other details can be seen in the bidding documents from the website www.jktenders.gov.in.
- Queries by email if any should be made at xenphedc786@gmail.com.

No: PHEDC/1001-1012
Date: 21.05.2022
Executive Engineer
Jal Shakti (PHE) Division Chadoora
DIPK-2545/22

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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 **Jasraj Singh**, S/o Sh. Suresh Singh, R/o C-5A/34, 1st Floor, Janakpuri, Delhi has committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence in case **FIR No. 260/20 u/s 188/269 IPC PS Janakpuri, Delhi**, and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest there upon issued that the said accused person **Jasraj Singh**, cannot be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said accused **Jasraj Singh**, has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of said warrant). Proclamation is hereby made that the said accused **Jasraj Singh**, of case **FIR No. 260/20 u/s 188/269 IPC PS Janakpuri, Delhi**, is required to appear before this court to answer the said complaint on or before **07.07.2022**.

By order
Neekita Kapoor,
Metropolitan Magistrate-11,
Room No. 5, Ground Floor,
Dwarka District Court,
New Delhi

DP/863/WD/2022

APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION

General public is hereby informed that one unidentified dead body of male **Namely: Unknown, S/o: Unknown, R/o : Unknown, Age: 60-65 years, Height: 5'7", Complexion: Wheatish, Face: Round, ID: A tatoo Mark 'OM' on his both hands & Inderjeet singh name on his left side. Wearing: White colour Shirt and black colour pant and bare footed**, who was found at service Lane Road,

कार्यालय-उप महाप्रबन्धक (तकनीकी),
उत्तराखण्ड कृषि उत्पादन विभाग बौद्ध,
एडो केम्पस, शीशमनगढ़, हल्द्वारी (नैनीताल)

Email-ID
ddchld@gmail.com

पत्रांक : निबिदा / निविदा सूचना / 2022-167 दिनांक- 24.05.2022

ई-निविदा पुनः प्रकाशन सूचना

कार्यालय पत्रांक 19 दिनांक 08.04.2022 के द्वारा विभिन्न समाचार-पत्रों में प्रकाशित ई निविदा को दिनांक 02.05.2022 को अमंत्रित की गयी है। जिसकी निविदा बिड्डी न होने के कारण कार्यालय पत्रांक 78 दिनांक 02, 05.2022 द्वारा शुद्धिपत्र जारी किया गया था।। उक्त निविदा पुनः बिड्डी न होने के कारण से दिनांक 31.05.2022 को अमंत्रित की जाती है।। इच्छुक निविदादाता दिनांक 30.05.2022 की अपराह्न 4:00 बजे तक एफडीडीआर, रजाम एवं ड्राफ्ट मूलरूप में जमा कराया जाना अनिवार्य होगा।। शेष निविदाओं की शर्तें यथावत रहेंगी।। अग्रेयता की स्थिति में निविदा पर विचार नहीं किया जायेगा।। निविदा का अन्य विवरण (ड्राफ्ट एवं धरोहर राशि) एवं शर्तें दिनांक 24.05.2022 से www.uktenders.gov.in में देखी एवं डाउनलोड की जा सकती है।।

उप महाप्रबन्धक (तकनीकी)

UJVN Limited
(An Uttarakhand Govt. Enterprises)
H.O. "UJJWAL" Maharani Bagh, G.M.S. Road, Dehradun-248006
Telephones:0135-2763508 Fax 0135-2763508
CIN No. U40101UR2001SGC025866 Website: www.ujvn.com

RO. No. 246 **TENDER NOTICE** Date: 24.05.2022

Office of the Executive Engineer (Maint.), Chibro Power Station, Dakpathar (Dehradun), invites sealed tenders from interested parties.
Tender No: CH(Maint.)- 04/2022-23 Repairing of noses of Draft tube gate groove and along crane rail at Chibro Power Station
Estimated cost :- Rs. 9.77,853/- GST extra
Date of availability of bid on website: 25.05.2022, 11:00 hrs
Last date for submission of tender: 16.06.2022 up to 13:00 hrs
For further details, kindly visit our website. The tender documents can be downloaded from the Nigam's website "www.ujvn.com"
(Executive Engineer, Maint., Chibro)

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**HIMACHAL PRADESH
STATE ELECTRONICS DEVELOPMENT
CORPORATION LIMITED**
1st & Ground Floor, I.T. Bhawan, Mehli, Shimla-171013
Tel. No. 0177-2623259, 2623513, 2626320, 2623043
FAX: 0177-2626320, Website: www.hpsecd.in

Tender No.: SEDC/Digital-Media/RE-T/2K22-1737 Date: 24.05.2022

e-TENDER NOTICE

e-Tenders are invited from eligible bidders for Empanelment of Digital & Social Media Agencies. Pre-Bid meeting will be held on 30.05.2022 (11:30 A.M.) through Video Conferencing.
Last date for online e-bid submission is 15.06.2022 (upto 02:30 P.M.) and shall be opened on 16.06.2022 at 2:30 P.M. Detailed Tender Document containing Technical Specifications and Terms & Conditions are available on HPSEDC website www.hpsecd.in and <https://hptenders.gov.in>.

GENERAL MANAGER (TECHNICAL)
0160/HP

**RAJASTHAN STATE INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT
& INVESTMENT CORPORATION LTD.**
(A Rajasthan Government Undertaking)
Udyog Bhawan, Tilak Marg, Jaipur- 302005, Phone- 0141-2227751, 4593201
Fax: 0141-4593210 E-mail: nice@riico.co.in Website-www.riico.co.in

TENDER NOTICE

RIICO invites sealed tenders/bids costing more than Rs 2.00 Lacs through eproc.rajasthan.gov.in for the following works/services/supply etc.

Sr. No.	Name of Work	Estimated Cost (Rs.in Lacs)
1.	Unit Head, Kota 1.1 Construction of Cement Concrete Roads at Industrial Area Paryavaran, Kota and Industrial Area Hattipura, Bundi. UBN-RDC2223WS0800306	256.54
2.	Unit Head, Bhiwadi-II 2.1 Strengthening & Widening of Existing Double Lane Road to Four Lane Road From Budhi Bawal- Shree Cement to Industrial Area Salarpur. UBN-RDC2223WLO800310	2138.22

Bidders/contractors may download and submit tender online. Detailed information of tenders and any kind of corrigendum/ date extension, if any in future, may be seen by bidders on websites www.riico.co.in and www.eproc.rajasthan.gov.in
For queries please contact: AGM (Civil) Ph. 0141-4593212 Raj.Samwad/C/22/292

**MAHARASHTRA JEEVAN PRADHIKARAN
MAHARASHTRA JEEVAN PRADHIKARAN
WATER MANAGEMENT DIVISION SATARA**

E-Tender Notice No. 2 for 2022-23

The Executive Engineer Maharashtra Jeevan Pradhikaran Water Management Division, Satara invites e-tender for the following works under Jal Jeevan Mission from Empanelled contractors in category 'B' by State Water and Sanitation Mission.

Sr. No.	Name of Work	Estimated Cost (Rs. in Lakh)
1	Group Tender of R.R. Girvi Water Supply Scheme and R. R. Thakurki-Farandwadi Water Supply Scheme. Taluka Phaltan, Dist. Satara	3326.29

Scheme details are available from 26/05/2022 on website www.mahatenders.gov.in sd/-
(Mrs. P. V. Mote)
Executive Engineer Maharashtra Jeevan Pradhikaran Water Management Division, Satara
Date 18/05/2022
dgipr 2022-23/834

NEHRU MEMORIAL MUSEUM & LIBRARY
Ministry of Culture, Government of India
Teen Murti House, New Delhi-110011

Director, Nehru Memorial Museum & Library invites applications for One post of Chief Executive Officer (CEO) in Pay Matrix Level-13 i.e. Rs. 1,23,100-2,15,900 per month on deputation basis in Pradhanmantri Sangrahalaya.

Chief Executive Officer : One (1) (CEO)

Pay Level : Level-13 (Rs. 123100-215900)

Age : Below 56 years

Late date of receipt of application is 24th June 2022. For more details please visit NMML website:- www.nehrumemorial.nic.in, www.pmsangrahalaya.gov.in
davn 09142/12/0009/2223

UNION TERRITORY OF JAMMU & KASHMIR

OFFICE OF THE TEHSILDAR NAGRI PAROLE

Email:- Tehsilnagriparole@gmail.com

No.: TNP/OQ/2022-23/66 Dated:-11/05/2022

Whereas, as per the Jamabandy for the year 2019-20 Sh. Ravinder Bali S/o Sh. Pishori Lal R/o A/p Kathua is recorded as the owner of the land measuring 2 Kanal 2 ½ Marla under Khawat No. 72 located at village Matore, Tehsil Nagri Parole District Kathua;

Whereas, this office has received an application from Smt. Anita Bali w/o Late Sh. Ravinder Bali R/o H. R/o H. No 8A, New Loyal Pur Ex Krishna Nagar Gandhi Nagar East Delhi, for attestation of inheritance mutation of Sh. Ravinder Bali for the above said land in favor of the legal heirs of the deceased;

Whereas, as per death certificate annexed with the application, issued from Govt. of National Capital Territory of Delhi, vide no. 0221-11323848, Sh. Ravinder Bali has expired on 02/05/2021;

Whereas, as per the legal heir certificate annexed with the application, issued by Tehsildar Vivek Vihar vide No. 90660000137709 the legal heirs of above said deceased are:

S.No	Name of Legal Heirs	Relationship
1	Smt. Anita Bali	Wife
2	Sh. Anmol Bali	Son
3	Smt. Diksha Bali	Daughter
4	Smt. Sakshi Vishal Malik	Daughter
5	Smt. Shivani Malik	Daughter

Whereas, the undersigned has to attest the inheritance mutation of above said deceased, in respect of the above said land, in favour of the above mentioned legal heirs of the deceased;

In view of above facts it is hereby informed through the medium of this notice that any person / persons having objection / objections regarding the death of Sh. Ravinder Bali, above mentioned legal heir of the deceased or the attestation of mutation of the above said deceased in favour of the above said legal heirs can file his / her objections personally or through any authorized person before this office within 15 days from the publication of this notice failing which it shall be presumed that there is no objection regarding the attestation of said mutation.

sd/-
Tehsildar

DIP/J-1952/22

Office of the Executive Engineer
Drinking Water & Sanitation Division No-2, Dumka.

e-Procurement Notice
E-Tender reference no. - DWSD/ DUMKA-2/09/2022-23 (2nd Call)
Date- 23.05.2022

Sl	Name of Department	Drinking Water and Sanitation Department, Jharkhand, Ranchi.
2	Date of Publication of Tender on Web Site	26.05.2022/04:00 PM
3	Date of Pre-bid Meeting	30.05.2022 at 12:30 PM in the Office of Engineer-in-Chief, D.W. & S. Department, Jharkhand, Ranchi.
4	Last date /Time for receipt of Bid	06.06.2022 / 05:00 PM
5	Last date/Time for receipt of Earnest Money & BOQ cost.	07.06.2022/02:00 PM (1) Office of the Executive Engineer, D.W. & S. Division No. 2, Dumka (2) Office of the Superintending Engineer, D.W. & S. Dumka Circle, Dumka (3) Office of the Regional Chief Engineer, D.W. & S. Dumka Zone, Dumka
6	Date of Opening Tender	07.06.2022/ 05:00 PM
7	Name & Address of Office invitin gender	Executive Engineer, D.W. & S. Division No. 2, Dumka
8	Name & address of Opening Officer	Executive Engineer, D.W. & S. Division No. 2, Dumka
9	Contract no. of Procurement Officer	7739802331
10	Helpline no. of e-procurement Cell	7739802331
11	Construction of Solar based Mini Water Supply Scheme (SVS) in, Jama, Ramgarh Jarmundi Block, comprising of suitable RCC/Framed Structure ESR, Distribution Lines, Source (as required) FHTC & 5 Year Operation & Maintenance all complete job in the Dumka District "On Turnkey Basis" under D.W.&S.Division No. 2, Dumka. (Jal Jeevan Mission)	

Sl. No.	Group No.	Block	No of Panchayat	No. of Villag e	No. of Scheme	Estimated Cost (In Lac)	Earnest Money (In Lac)	Cost of BOQ (In Rs.)	Eligible Class of Contractor	Time of Completion
1	Cluster-6	Jama	4	30	66	574.25	5.80	10000.00	IS	9 Month

Note :- As per BOQ Estimated Cost may be decrease or increase
Further details can be seen on website <http://jharkhandtenders.gov.in> (Anuj Kumar Mishra) Executive Engineer D.W. & S. Division No. 02, Dumka
PR.NO.270204 Drinking Water and Sanitation(22-23):D

Government of Jharkhand
Urban Development And Housing Department
Dhanbad Municipal Corporation, Dhanbad

Short e-Procurement Re-Tender Notice No. DMC/05/2022-23
Reference No. : DMC/05/2022-23
Date : 24.05.2022

क्रम सं०	Tender Reference Number	वार्ड सं०	योजना का नाम	प्राक्कलित राशि	अग्रघन राशि	परिमाणु विपत्र का मूल्य	कार्य समाप्ति का अवधि
1	DMC/05/2022-23/01	25	Construction of Proposed Play Ground with Green Patch and Multi sports activity at Telipara in ward no. 25 under DMC, Dhanbad (2 nd Call) DMC/38/2021-22/01	2,00,00,000.00	2 % of BOQ	10000.00	270 दिन
2	DMC/05/2022-23/02	30	Construction of Proposed Play Ground with Green Patch and Multi sports activity at Dhutand, Barmasia Maidan in ward no. 30 under DMC, Dhanbad (2 nd Call) DMC/38/2021-22/02	2,40,43,700.00	2 % of BOQ	10000.00	270 दिन
3	DMC/05/2022-23/03	30	Construction of Proposed Play Ground with Green Patch and Multi sports activity at Pathrakulhi Maidan in ward no. 30 under DMC, Dhanbad (2 nd Call) DMC/38/2021-22/03	1,67,39,600.00	2 % of BOQ	10000.00	270 दिन
4	DMC/05/2022-23/04	55	Construction of Proposed Play Ground with Green Patch and Multi sports activity at Birsia Samiti Football ground in ward no. 55 under DMC, Dhanbad (2 nd Call) DMC/38/2021-22/04	3,13,20,400.00	2 % of BOQ	10000.00	270 दिन

Date of Publication of Tender on website :- 26.05.2022 At 03.00 PM
Online Last Date / Time for receiving of bids :- 10.06.2022 (Online) till 03:00 PM
Date of Receiving Hard Copy of Earnest Money & Cost of Tender from 10.06.2022, 03:00 PM at Dhanbad Municipal Corporation, LUBY Circular Road, MADA Building, Dhanbad.
Date of Pre-bid meeting :- 31.05.2022, 03:00 PM at Dhanbad Municipal Corporation, LUBY Circular Road, MADA Building, Dhanbad (Only for DMC/05/2022-23/04)
Date of Bid Opening :- From 11.06.2022 at 03:00 PM (Online)
NOTE:- (i) Only e-Tenders will be accepted. Further details can be seen on website <http://www.jharkhandtenders.gov.in>.
(ii) Contractor should be registered in appropriate class as per NIT
(iii) Estimated Cost / Quantity May Vary
(iv) Municipal Commissioner, Dhanbad reserves the right to reject any or all the tender(s) received without assigning any reasons thereof.

Executive Engineer,
Dhanbad Municipal Corporation, Dhanbad

PR.NO.270226 Urban Development(22-23):D

GOVERNMENT OF JAMMU AND KASHMIR
DIRECTORATE OF TOURISM KASHMIR
TRC, Srinagar, Kashmir, 190001
Tel/Fax: 0194-2502281-83, E-mail: aotsmkmr@gmail.com

Subject: Request for Proposal (Invitation to e-tenders) for Appointment of Event Management Agency/Agencies for Organizing Sufi Festival 2022 at three Different Locations.
Tender ID: RFP e-NIT No. DTK/Pub/256/78, Dated 21.05.2022

For and on behalf of Lt. Governor of Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir, Request for Proposal (RFP)/e-tenders are invited in two cover system from Event Management Agency/Agencies for appointment with Directorate of Tourism Kashmir for organizing Sufi Festival 2022 at three different locations.

Name of the Job		
Appointment of Event Management Company for Directorate of Tourism Kashmir in Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir for organizing Sufi Festival 2022 as detailed below:		
Sr. No	Proposed Venue	Date
1.	SKICC, Srinagar	9th June, 2022
2.	Yanner, Aeshmuqam Anantnag	10th June 2022
3.	Cheshmashahi or Nishat Garden	11th June, 2022

The bidding documents consisting of all requisite information including Bill of Quantities (BoQ) for each event can be viewed and downloaded from www.jktenders.gov.in as per schedule of events and dates given below:

S.No.	Information	Detail
1.	RFP Issuing Authority	Directorate of Tourism Kashmir, Government of Jammu & Kashmir
2.	RFP Issue Date	21-05-2022 (1 p.m.)
3.	Last date and time for bid submission	01-06-2022 (4 p.m.)
4.	Availability of RFP documents	The RFP can be downloaded from the J&K e-Tendering Website https://jktenders.gov.in
5.	Non-Refundable Tender Cost	INR 500/- (INR Five Hundred only) through Demand Draft. (Exempted for MSEs)
6.	Earnest Money Deposit (EMD)	Rs 1,00,000/- (Rupees One Lakh Only) through Demand Draft
6.	Last date and time for submission of queries for clarifications	01-06-2022
7.	Date, time and venue of opening of Pre-Qualification and Technical Proposals	02-06-2022, TRC, Srinagar
8.	Place, time and date of opening of Financial Proposals	To be declared to technically qualified bidders through mails and through J&K e-Tendering Website https://jktenders.gov.in
9.	Language	Proposals should be submitted in English only.
10.	Name and address for submission of online only, to the mail id provided in this section.	Dy. Director Tourism, Publicity, TRC Srinagar. dydirectorpub@gmail.com Note: All pre-bid queries to be submitted online only, to the mail id provided in this section.

In case of any eventuality, the change in schedule of events and dates shall be conveyed through e-mail and through J&K e-Tendering Website <https://jktenders.gov.in>.

Accounts Officer,
Directorate of Tourism, Kashmir

DIPK-2551/22

कार्यालयक अभियंता का कार्यालय
पेयजल एवं स्वच्छता प्रमण्डल, गुमला
e-mail ID eedwsd.gumla@gmail.com

अल्पकालीन ई-प्रोक्वोरमेंट निविदा आमंत्रण सूचना संख्या -09/2021-22 (द्वितीय आमंत्रण)

1. विभाग का नाम — पेयजल एवं स्वच्छता विभाग, झारखण्ड, राँची।
2. विज्ञापनदाता का पदनाम एवं पता — कार्यपालक अभियंता, पेयजल एवं स्वच्छता प्रमण्डल, गुमला।
3. वेबसाईट पर निविदा प्रकाशन की तिथि एवं समय — 27/05/2022 के अपराह्न 05:00 बजे से
4. प्री बीड मीटिंग की तिथि समय एवं स्थान — 31/05/2022 के अपराह्न 12:30 बजे से अभियंता प्रमुख, पेयजल एवं स्वच्छता विभाग, झारखण्ड, राँची।
5. बीड प्राप्ति की अंतिम तिथि एवं समय — 06/06/2022 को 5:00 बजे अपराह्न तक
6. अग्रघन की राशि एवं परिमाण विपत्र का मूल्य — 07/06/2022 को 5:00 बजे अपराह्न तक कार्यपालक अभियंता, पेयजल एवं स्वच्छता प्रमण्डल, गुमला।
7. निविदा खोलने की संभावित तिथि एवं समय — अधीक्षण अभियंता पेयजल एवं स्वच्छता अंचल, गुमला।
8. क्षेत्रीय मुख्य अभियंता, पेयजल एवं स्वच्छता विभाग, प्रक्षेत्र राँची।
9. निविदा आमंत्रित करने वाले पदाधिकारी का पदनाम — 08/06/2022 के पूर्वहन 11:00 बजे से।
10. प्रोक्वोरमेंट कार्यालय का सम्पर्क नम्बर — कार्यपालक अभियंता, पेयजल एवं स्वच्छता प्रमण्डल, गुमला 7488491963
11. कार्य का नाम :- Construction of Cluster wise Single Village Water Supply Scheme on Solar Energy based Mini rural pipe water supply scheme in different blocks of Gumla District which are not included in MVS/Other Schemes to supply water and house connection with 05 Years Operation and maintenance works on "Turn-key basis" under D.W.&S. Div. Gumla for the Year 2021-22 (Head – JJM)

क्र०	ग्रुप संख्या	ग्रामों की संख्या	FHCT संख्या	प्राक्कलित राशि	अग्रघन राशि	परिमाणु विपत्र का मूल्य	कार्य पूर्ण करने की अवधि
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
1	GML/SVS_Cluster/Palkot-01B	09	1285	5,41,06,000.00	5,42,000.00	10,000.00	09 Months
2	GML/SVS_Cluster/Ghaghra-05A	10	1308	5,00,68,000.00	5,01,000.00	10,000.00	09 Months
3	GML/SVS_Cluster/Dumri_Raidih-06A	13	1368	5,00,66,000.00	5,01,000.00	10,000.00	09 Months
4	GML/SVS_Cluster/Raidih-06B	07	1448	5,01,59,000.00	5,02,000.00	10,000.00	09 Months
5	GML/SVS_Cluster/Dumri-07A	08	1418	5,09,01,000.00	5,10,000.00	10,000.00	09 Months
6	GML/SVS_Cluster/Dumri-07B	11	1464	5,04,56,000.00	5,05,000.00	10,000.00	09 Months
7	GML/SVS_Cluster/Bishunpur-09A	14	1752	6,95,53,000.00	6,96,000.00	10,000.00	09 Months
8	GML/SVS_Cluster/Bishunpur-10A	16	1814	6,48,91,000.00	6,49,000.00	10,000.00	09 Months

नोट :- (1) निविदा के नियम एवं शर्तें आदि झारखण्ड सरकार के वेबसाईट <http://jharkhandtenders.gov.in> पर उपलब्ध है।
(2) प्राक्कलित राशि में परिवर्तन संभव है, तदनुसार अग्रघन की राशि देय होगी।

कार्यपालक अभियंता,
पेयजल एवं स्वच्छता प्रमण्डल, गुमला

PR 270208 Drinking Water and Sanitation(22-23)#D

Paschimanchal Vidyut Vitran Nigam Ltd.,
Victoria Park, Meerut

E-TENDER INVITING NOTICE Short term tender are invited through e-tendering for supply of 250,000 Kg. various Sizes of DPC Aluminum Winding Wire, against tender specification no.PVNL-MT/MM/28(s)/22-23. **Tender Cost:-** Rs. 5,900.00 (with GST) **Earnest Money Deposit (EMD):-** Rs. 9,30,000.00 **Last Date of tender submission & Time:-** 10.06.2022 at 2:00 PM **Date of tender opening (Part-Ist & IInd) & Time:-** 10.06.2022 at 5:00 PM **Note:-** In case of any amendment in tender specification or extension of date, the same shall be uploaded on e-tender website www.etender.up.nic.in and www.pvnl.org. "Help line Number For Information of Theft of Electricity: "1800-180-3002 (Meerut), & 9412207451" Sd/- **Superintending Engineer (MM-I) For Managing Director "SAVE ELECTRICITY IN THE INTEREST OF THE NATION"**

पत्रांक: 4953 दिनांक: 24.5.2022

MAHARASHTRA JEEVAN PRADHIKARAN DIVISION PARBHANI
e-Tender Notice No. (01) for 2022-2023

Executive Engineer, MJP Division, Parbhani invites e-Tender Notice for the following Civil & Mechanical works-
1) Zari W.S.S., Tq. Dist. Parbhani.
Rs. 7,17,91,935/-

Under Jal Jeevan Mission Programme in the State of Maharashtra. The e-Tender details are available on www.mahatenders.gov.in from date 23/05/2022.
All relevant dates will be as per the Tender published in Web portal: www.mahatenders.gov.in
Date 23/05/2022

Sd/-
EXECUTIVE ENGINEER,
MJP, Dn. Parbhani

(dgipr/2022-2023/842)

DELHI JAL BOARD: GOVT. OF NCT OF DELHI
OFFICE OF THE ADDL. CE(M)-08
OHT BERIWALA BAGH, SUBHASH NAGAR NEW DELHI 110064

Press NIT No. 07 / EE(T)-M 8/ (2022-23)

S. No	Name of item	Amount put to tender	E/Money	Last date/time of receipt of tender through e-procurement solution
1	Hiring of 02 nos. Deslitting Machines (Deslitter) on three/four wheelers chassis of make Tata BS-4 Mahindra/Bajaj/ PIAGGIO for cleanly of Sewer Manholes in Vikas Puri AC under EE(M)-31. Tender ID: 2022_DJB_222778_1	Item rate	Rs. 57,300/-	02.06.2022 up to 3.00 PM

Can view this particular statement in detail <https://govtprocurement.delhi.gov.in>.
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HIMACHAL PRADESH PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT
INVITATION FOR BIDS (IFB)

The Executive Engineer, Nurpur Division, HP.PWD., Nurpur on behalf of Governor of H.P. invites the item rate bids, in electronic tendering system from the eligible class of Contractor registered with HP.PWD for the work as detailed in the table.

Sl. No.	Name of work	Estimated Cost (Rs.)	Starting date for downloading Bid	Earned Money (Rs.)	Deadline for submission of Bid.
1	C/O 42.65 mtr span 4 span 65 10.37 mtr. single RCC slab bridge over Chichundi Khad of RD-0515 including both side approaches on Sukar to Sukar road in Tehsil Nagar Dist. Kangra (H.P)	1,57,45,344	15/05/2022 at 11:30 AM	5,15,000	23/05/2022 up to 4:00 PM

The bidders are advised to note other details of tender from the department website www.hptenders.gov.in.

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Government of Jammu & Kashmir
OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER MECHANICAL HOSPITAL AND CENTRAL HEATING DIVISION SRINAGAR
(Tele-Fax No: 019-2496089, E-mail ID: xenmhchdk@yahoo.in)
e-NIT No: MHCHD/TS/2022-23/29/e-tendering
Dated: 23.05.2022

For and on behalf of the Lt. Governor, UT of J&K e-tenders are invited from registered firms registered under companies Act or Registered A class Civil/Electrical Contractor with J&K Govt. or MSME/NSIC registered for the below mentioned work:-

S. No	Name of Work	Est. Cost (Rs. in Lacs)	Cost of T/Doc. (In Rupees)	EMD Amount (Rs)	Time of completion (in days)	AA Accorded Vided No:	TS No.
1	Design, Construction, Supply, Erection, Installation, Testing and Commissioning of Five(05) KLD (m³ /day)Effluent Treatment Plant based on MBBR technology at SDH Tangmarg.	9.90	500	20000	45	SHS/J&K/ NHM/FMG/ 3665-74, Dt:15.03.2022	MHCHD/ TS/05 Dated 04/22

1. The Tender document Consisting of qualifying information, eligibility criteria, specifications, Bill of quantities (B.O.Q.), Set of terms and conditions of contract and other details can be seen/downloaded from the departmental website www.jktenders.gov.in from 23.05.2022 (18:00 hrs).
2. The bidders shall deposit their bids in electronic format on the above web site from 24.05.2022 (10:00 hrs) to 06.06.2022 (14:00 hrs) in two (02) cover.
3. The bids uploaded on the website up to due date and time will be opened on 07.06.2022 (14:00 hrs) or any date convenient to the department in the office of Executive Engineer, MHCHD, Srinagar.

Sd/-
Executive Engineer,
MHCHD, Srinagar

No: MHCHD/TS/1513-18
Dated:23-05-2022 DIPK-2601/22

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NOTICE SHORT TERM NOTICE INVITING TENDER
E-NIT SI NO- EE/PDA/ 07 of 2022-23 dated 23/05/2022

For and on behalf of the Lt. Governor, Union Territory of J&K, the Executive Engineer, Pahalgam Development Authority, Pahalgam (PDA) hereby invites E- tenders in double cover system from the registered contractors registered with Central, State, Union Territory Governments for the following works/ items .

S. No	Name of the work	Estimated / Adv. Cost Rs. in lacs	EMD, CDR Amount	Cost of tender document	Class of contractor	Time for completion
01	Operation, upkeep and maintenance of 2.00 MLD Sewerage Treatment Plant and Intermediate pump at Laripora Pahalgam for a period of one year					

Sloppy India
lose 5-2 to Japan
in Asia Cup

EXPRESSNEWSSERVICE
MAY 24

PROFLIGACY IN front of the goal, disciplinary issues right through the 60 minutes and defensive blunders cost India dear as the experimental side lost 5-2 to Japan in their second game of the Asia Cup in Jakarta on Tuesday. The defeat severely dents India's hopes of qualifying for the second round as their fate is no longer in their hands. Even if they beat Indonesia in their final group game on Thursday,

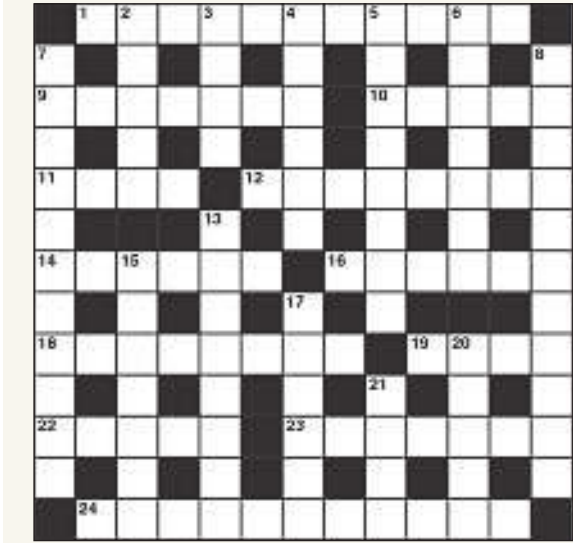
India - currently placed third in the four-team pool with one point - will have to hope that Japan (6 points) beat Pakistan (4) in the other match to finish second.

The two group winners and runner-ups will advance to the second round, where each team will play one another in a round-robin format, with the top two teams advancing to the finals while the third and fourth place teams competing for the bronze medal.

More importantly, however, the four teams that advance to the next round will qualify for next January's World Cup. For India, that does not matter. As hosts - the World Cup will be held in Bhubaneswar and Rourkela - the team has earned a direct spot. So, Hockey India used this tournament to test the bench strength. While India played within their structure in the opening quarter, barely giving Japan any space, the wheels started to come off in the second period onwards. Ken Nagayoshi (24'), Kosei Kawabe (40', 56'), Ryomi Ooka (49') and Koji Yamasaki (54') scored for Japan while Pawan Rajbhar (45') and Uttam Singh (50') were on the target for India. The young Indian side showed character by trying to stage a comeback twice - once after going 2-0 down to make it 2-1 and then after Japan restored their two-goal lead again by going 3-1 up, Uttam scored a fine goal to reduce the deficit. However, their wastefulness in the final third and constant cards being shown to the players meant India never really could pose any threat. This was especially the case after India made it 3-2. When the team should ideally have put Japan under pressure by going all out in search of the equaliser, two players, Rajbhar and Karthi Selvam were given temporary suspensions for committing silly fouls.

This meant India were reduced to just 8 outfield players against Japan's full quota of 10. Japan repeatedly used the right flank to launch their attacks and were rewarded with two goals, which put the result beyond any doubt. Captain Birendra Lakra, who hasn't really impressed upon his comeback, said losing the two men 'had an effect' on the outcome of the match. "First two quarters were very tough because we didn't get into any rhythm. We got better in the last two quarters but didn't create many chances," said Lakra.

CROSSWORD 4749



- ACROSS**

 - 1 He takes stock (6,5)
 - 9 Artist's impression (7)
 - 10 Unusual Maori girl's name (5)
 - 11 Some currency back in circulation (4)
 - 12 Legislation that went against the grain (4,4)
 - 14 Dislike having to change a hotel (6)
 - 16 Disturb the master flow (6)
 - 18 Vessels that shoot over the waves (8)
 - 19 Sound reflection (4)
 - 22 Remove loose clothing (5)
 - 23 The very best time for feathers (7)
 - 24 Printers are kind to crossword compilers (11)
- DOWN**

 - 2 Cared about appearing bent (5)
 - 3 End of the story we hear (4)
 - 4 As a hot drink it takes some beating (3,3)
 - 5 The kindness of people (8)
 - 6 Arab territory that makes me turn cross (7)
 - 7 Got lineages from him? (11)
 - 8 The price of freedom perhaps (6,5)
 - 13 Choke - or another carburettor control (8)
 - 15 Something to keep aunty in change (7)
 - 17 Main way to fix printed sheets together (6)
 - 20 Yet it provides academic standing (5)
 - 21 It's only fair (4)

Solutions Crossword 4748: Across: 1 Potent, 4 Throw in, 9 Tea urn, 10 Advances, 12 Echo, 13 Stool, 14 Asia, 17 Construction, 20 High standing, 23 Reel, 24 Match, 25 Stet, 28 Enormity, 29 Ararat, 30 Set aside, 31 Edward, Down: 1 Patience, 2 Teaching, 3 Nero, 5 Hydrostatics, 6 Oval, 7 Nicest, 8 Nassau, 11 Stouthearted, 15 Stair, 16 Pound, 18 Victoria, 19 Agitated, 21 Orders, 22 Report, 26 Arms, 27 Arid.

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.

How is it possible to expect mankind to take advice when they will not so much as ____? - Jonathan Swift (4,7)

CPAAE

LWIRT

LIGNIN

OPRUKW

SOLUTION: CPAAE: TWIRE, LINING, WORKUP
Answer: How is it possible to expect mankind to take advice when they will not so much as take warning? - Jonathan Swift



Game-changer, Tone-changer

Nine years after taking the BCCI to court, a move that resulted in large-scale constitutional changes in Indian cricket, the petitioner Aditya Verma now speaks in favour of those he had once opposed

ASHISH SATYAM
PATNA, MAY 24

IT IS always easier to appreciate whistle-blowers in retrospect than in the heat of the moment. But with the bulbous-cheeked Aditya Verma, even his worst critics will acknowledge the impact he has made in the here and now. The IPL spot-fixing case that promised a clean-up of the system didn't quite play out that way but the old order did change.

Bihar cricket regained its affiliation with parent body BCCI, a case Verma says he has been at since 2005, and old hands like N Srinivasan were forced to relinquish their hold on the board that now has a new Supreme Court-mandated constitution.

Nine years back, like now, it was May, the IPL month. An early morning newsbreak would inform the world about the arrest of three Rajasthan Royals cricketers - S Sreesanth, Ankit Chauhan and Ajit Chandila. They would face charges of dalliance with bookies. In the same month of 2013, then BCCI president and CSK owner Srinivasan's son-in-law Gurunath Meiyappan would be charged with betting on IPL games. Within a month, the Indian board's inquiry would give everyone a clean chit. Srinivasan would continue to be at the helm.

Enter Verma, a one-time Tata employee who took voluntary retirement and was now based out of Patna. As a Bihar cricket representative, he would approach the Bombay High Court questioning BCCI's internal probe. This legal process would end with a Supreme Court order that would be the basis of a new BCCI constitution. The Lodha committee would put in place a new cricketing order - officials wouldn't have unending stings. The SC-appointed Committee of Administrators would be put in charge and after six years, in 2019, the cricket administrators would get the reins again. Sourav Ganguly would be president and Jay Shah secretary. They would go on to challenge the apex court order in Verma's petition.

In the interim, the original challenger would change colours. He now sides with the men he hunted, effortlessly substitutes his one-time caustic barbs for the likes of Srinivasan with over-the-top raves, promotes the cause of his son, a Ranji Trophy cricketer who has played four games for Bihar, asks for exceptions to be made in Court-mandated reforms to allow the likes of Ganguly and Shah to discard cooling-off periods.

A couple of years back, Verma, speaking to PTI, seemed to go against his own earlier convictions, arguing how Ganguly and Shah should continue in their posts. "I have decided to file a plea that the apex court should let



THEN
Srinivasan is consciously tarnishing the image of some cricketing idols only to save himself.

Sourav Ganguly and his team (secretary Jay Shah in this case) continue for a term of three years," Verma said. "If a person of Sourav's stature can't complete his term, then what's the use? I believe Dada and Jay Shah should get a full term to again stabilise the BCCI."

But in a long interview to *The Indian Express*, he denies giving the statement or even filing a petition. "My meaning was that the apex court sees everything and understands everything. The BCCI people have also filed an application for an amendment. What can I do about this? My battle had begun for Bihar cricket."



A father of two, Verma, says he is 'no Mukesh Ambani or Adani' and with 'the grace of God, I get food.' He says his is a business family. Verma these days profusely praises Srinivasan, his one-time target. Sample this from a few years back: "Srinivasan is consciously tarnishing the image of some cricketing idols only to save himself." Today, he raves about the same man as a "gem of Indian cricket."

"Srinivasan was the King because he tried to improve the condition of Indian cricket by putting in money from his own pocket, and by offering jobs to players in his own company. Srinivasan is and will always be a gem

NOW
Srinivasan is and will always be a gem of Indian cricket.

ADITYA VERMA
ON FORMER BCCI PRESIDENT

of Indian cricket. BCCI should take advice from him from time to time in order to work in favour of cricket," Verma had said.

These days, unlike in the past, Verma doesn't talk about Indian cricket. He has gone micro, putting all his eggs in the Bihar cricket basket, and says his desire is to cleanse the system there. "Koi mai ka lal can't buy me for cricket, can anyone say I have pocketed even one paisa from Bihar cricket?" He raises questions on the morality of his critics. "Sattar chuha kha kar chali billi Haj ko (The cat went on the pilgrimage after eating 70 mice)."

The world might have differing views on him but it's fascinating how he sees himself. "I see myself as the Anna Hazare of Bihar Cricket," says Verma.



Not all agree with Verma's self-assessment. "Aditya Verma is the biggest nuisance-maker of Bihar cricket," BCA president Rakesh Tiwary told *The Indian Express*. "He is always involved in absurd things. He often files fake lawsuits." Former coach Nikhilesh Ranjan says Verma's views change depending on the status of his cricketer-son. "Verma's love for Bihar Cricket starts and ends with his son. If his son plays, he talks in favour of Bihar. As soon as his son is dropped, he starts pointing out the faults in Bihar cricket. It is very unfor-

tunate that whenever his son plays, either I am the selector or I end up becoming the coach," Ranjan says.

His allegations about the son is the current hot potato amongst critics. Verma's son, Lakhna, has scored 86 runs in four first-class games. He also won the Bihar cap in four List A matches in which he has tallied 17 runs.

As ever, Verma, who loves third-person self-references, has not only the answers but also hits back. "I want to ask these people where they were when Aditya Verma started the battle. Did it come to me in a dream back then that my son will go on to play cricket? Today, the selectors have chosen a team for NCA and my son is also one of the seven players that have been chosen from Bihar, so have I got him selected? Those people who themselves create a nuisance and have opened a shop will make these silly remarks because Aditya Verma raises his voice at all these people's theft."

On Verma's Twitter feed, anti-BCA posts flood his timeline as soon as his son is dropped and it goes silent when he is in the team. "Even Sachin's (Tendulkar) son is criticised, so what is Aditya Verma and his son in such a scenario. The entire dressing room, along with the coach and support staff, everyone is against him, so what will my son do? In one match against Kolkata at Eden Gardens, he scored 48 runs from 184 balls, even then he was not played in the next match. But I know that the day the BCCI takes control of BCA, my son will perform and you will take his interview," Verma has only good things to say about his one-time backer Lalit Modi, who had publicly said that he supports Verma as an enemy of an enemy is a friend. "Lalit Modi was not a monster of Indian cricket. If IPL has become a global thing, it is because of Lalit Modi. He became prey to the politics of the BCCI," Verma says. When pressed about how he has now allied with Srinivasan, the same man he had rallied against in almost polemic terms once, he shoots back. "I could have easily struck a deal with Srinivasan ji and my son could have become a big player and I would have got so much money that two generations of my family could have enjoyed. But I never did so. Cricket is my love, my passion. I live in a rented house but when it comes to cricket, no one in this world can buy me." Or as he says, "I want to die on a cricket field. If I take another birth in the form of a human being, I want to come back as a cricketer."

Therein lies the rub, and the tale of Verma. Muckraker, polemicist, loyalty-switcher, a pawn in the hands of more powerful men in the board. But despite all the twists and changes in his stance and character, his accusations have more than a whiff of a truth about them. Verma vs Verma is still a sideshow.

I offered to show
track officials
my body, says
Semenya

ASSOCIATED PRESS
WASHINGTON, MAY 24

DOUBLE OLYMPIC champion Caster Semenya said she offered to show her vagina to athletics officials when she was just 18 years old to prove she was a female.

In an interview with HBO Real Sports, she also accused track and field's world governing body of making her take medication if she wanted to compete that "tortured" her and left her fearing she was going to have a heart attack. *HBO Real Sports* broadcast parts of its interview with the South African runner in a promotional clip on Monday.

In the interview, Semenya reflected on the 2009 world championships in Berlin, where she won the 800-meter title in dominant fashion as an 18-year-old newcomer at her first major international meet. But her performance and muscular physique led the sport's governing body to insist the teenager undergo sex tests, causing a firestorm of controversy.

Semenya said track officials from the governing body "probably" thought she had a penis. "I told them, 'It's fine. I'm a female. I don't care. If you want to see I'm a woman, I will show you my vagina. Alright?'" Following her world title win, Semenya was forced by the international athletics federation to take medication that artificially lowered her naturally high testosterone if she wanted to compete against other female runners.

It's believed she took birth control pills or something with similar properties to lower her testosterone. "It made me sick, made me gain weight, panic attacks. I didn't know if I was ever going to have a heart attack," Semenya said of the medication. "It's like stabbing yourself with a knife every day. But I had no choice. I'm 18, I want to run. I want to make it to (the) Olympics, that's the only option for me. But I had to make it work."

Forcing athletes to take medication to alter natural hormone levels in order to compete in sports has been criticized by medical experts as being unethical. While the medication Semenya was given wasn't named, it's also not clear what dosage she had to take to lower her testosterone to a level deemed to be acceptable to allow her to run.

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CASTOR SEMENYA
DOUBLE OLYMPIC CHAMPION

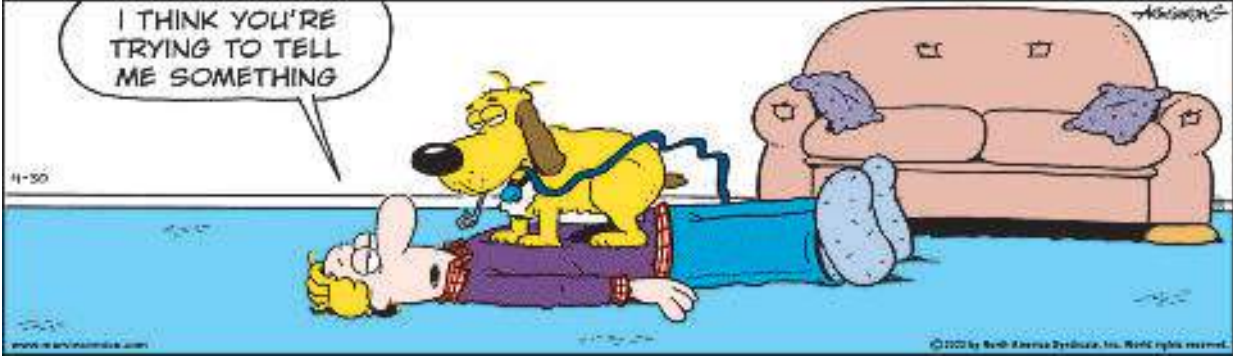
OVER THE HEDGE by Michael Fry & T Lewis



CALVIN & HOBBS by Bill Watterson



MARVIN by Tom Armstrong



DAY TODAY

BY PETER VIDAL

ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr 20)
The risky planetary situation is compounded by lunar formations which create confusion. One option you may wish to consider today is to turn down lively opportunities and go for peace and quiet. A few minutes of cool contemplation or meditation could help you work out what your true purpose is.

TAURUS (Apr 21 - May 21)
Listen to experienced colleagues. Unless you follow cautious advice, you may find that plans already in the pipeline may have to be abandoned because of others' lack of support and assistance. I think you're finding it easier to stand on your own feet, though.

GEMINI (May 22 - June 21)
The correct way for you to go at the moment is towards ethical actions and high standards. Be graceful if others offend you and be charitable if you see that they are in need of your help. Events at work may be just a little muddled, but that's precisely why your clarity of mind will be useful.

CANCER (June 22 - July 23)
However much you would like to be the centre of attention, if you are a typical Cancerian you will find it very difficult to be truly selfish this week. Something keeps pulling you back to the need to put others' interests first. And that has to be a good thing.

LEO (July 24 - Aug 23)
Mercury's position is still favourable, so what you find out could place an old situation in a new light. In fact, it indicates that you are entering a rather charming phase. If at all possible, please do put extra energy into all professional aspirations.

VIRGO (Aug 24 - Sep 23)
The Moon is aligned with your seventh solar house, the repository for all Virgoan feelings of partnership and relatedness. In plain English you'd better get on with other people, or else. If you offend someone you might find that they don't fight back, they just give up.

LIBRA (Sep 24 - Oct 23)

Nobody understands better than you that sometimes, like now, it is prudent to walk away from upsetting situations. You should also observe the old adage that it is best to be magnanimous in victory. That, after all, is the way to turn defeated rivals into permanent friends.

SCORPIO (Oct 24 - Nov 23)
Quite aside from the difficulties posed by planets influencing both domestic and professional sectors of your chart, others, influencing travel and adventure are utterly favourable. Surprisingly, emotional complications may put you on the right track.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov 24 - Dec 22)
As Venus, planet of love, departs from its cautious, careful position, a number of points may be cleared up. For a start, older friends are the best, especially where money is concerned. Team up with people who are more experienced than you.

CAPRICORN (Dec 23 - Jan 20)
No matter how hard you try to control your financial affairs, you always seem to end up somehow failing to maximise your profits. This is very much an all-or-nothing situation. Hopefully you're a winner rather than a loser. In fact, I'm sure you are.

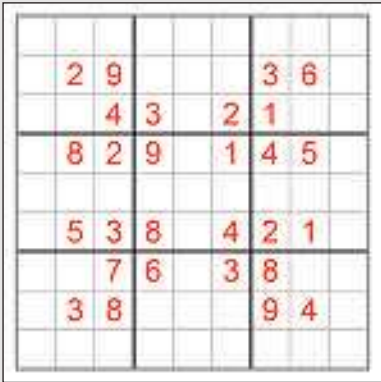
AQUARIUS (Jan 21 - Feb 19)
Life has certainly been an up-and-down experience lately. I know that you may find it hard to believe, but something truly worthwhile will emerge from all the struggles you are going through. You can only go up if you've been down first. Great things await.

PISCES (Feb 20 - Mar 20)
You're in a strong position, even though you're just a little more emotional than usual. Let others make the running. There is no need for you to dive in first, if you feel that the waters of life are looking rather too risky. A fish you may be, but you must still watch out for sharks.

SUDOKU 4845

Difficulty Level 5s
Instructions
To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every digit from 1 to 9 must appear in each of the nine vertical columns, in each of the nine horizontal rows and in each of the nine boxes.

Difficulty Level
1s = Very easy; 2s = Easy; 3s = Medium; 4s = Hard; 5s = Very Hard; 6s = Genius



SOLUTION SUDOKU 4844



Toppers take first train to final

Impressive Gujarat one win from title on debut after getting better of Royals in high-scoring qualifier

SYNOPSIS: *Titans' collective batting effort trumps a Samson-Buttler show*

SHAMIK CHAKRABARTY
KOLKATA, MAY 24

THE GAME hung on a knife-edge until the last over. Gujarat Titans needed 16 runs off the final six balls to win Qualifier 1 and reach the final. Prasidh Krishna's brief was to bowl full to David Miller. The field was set that way. The Rajasthan Royals fast bowler started off with a delivery in the slot and conceded a six. The next ball was a touch short and went for another maximum. Royals skipper Sanju Samson wasn't happy, but the damage was done. Another six from Miller took Titans to a seven-wicket victory with three balls to spare. Royals will get another bite at the cherry in Qualifier 2 on Friday.

Collective effort

Shubman Gill's run-out came without warning. The way he and Matthew Wade were batting after losing Wriddhiman Saha in the first over of the 189-run chase, it felt like Titans would romp home to the target. Gill's run-out, due to a horrible mix-up, cut short a fine innings. The opener still contributed handsomely to the cause. His cultured decimation of Ravichandran Ashwin, through a six and two fours in the off-spinner's first over, was a joy to watch. Ashwin never recovered from that and gave away 40 runs in his four overs.

Miller's 68 not out off 38 balls proved to be the x-factor in Titans' innings. But it had been a collective batting effort. A 71-run partnership (43 balls) between Gill and Wade set the platform for a back-end charge. It also ensured that Titans were ahead in the Powerplay 64/1 vis-à-vis Royals' 55/1. Hardik Pandya played a captain's knock, scoring 40 not out off 27 balls and anchoring the innings. The collective effort gave Miller the licence to thrill. The two added 106 runs off 61 balls in an unbroken fourth-wicket partnership. Even when the asking rate jumped, they kept things under control and trumped a Samson-Buttler show.

Samson-Buttler show

Samson probably wanted to prove a point. Only last weekend, the national selection



David Miller celebrates after scoring the winning runs for Gujarat Titans against Rajasthan Royals in Kolkata on Tuesday. All pics: Sportspics for IPL

Shafali, Wolvaard star in Velocity's win

Pune: The swashbuckling Shafali Verma blazed away at the top before Laura Wolvaardt's unbeaten half century as Velocity overhauled a stiff target to get the better of Supernovas by seven wickets in the Women's T20 Challenge here on Tuesday. Set a target of 151 after opting to field, Velocity completed the chase with 10 balls to spare.

BRIEF SCORES: Supernovas 150 for 5 (Harmanpreet 71, Taniya 36, Cross 2-24) lost to Velocity 151 for 3 (Verma 51, Wolvaardt 51*, Dottin 2-21) by seven wickets **PTI**

committee brought back a 36-year-old wicketkeeper-batsman, Dinesh Karthik, to the Indian team at his expense. The Eden Gardens was Samson's stage to make a statement, in front of 60,000 spectators. He would rue the fact that his first and only false stroke brought about his dismissal but his delightful batting was the highlight of the Royals' innings.

The first shot he played, a six over long-on

against Yash Dayal, oozed lazy elegance. That was the beginning of a sublime knock, embellished with five fours and three sixes. An over-boundary against Alzarri Joseph stood out. The ball climbed fast and vertically off a length, giving Samson very little time to get into the right position. The batsman pulled it off the front foot over the deep mid-wicket boundary. Bat-speed did the trick.

Left-arm spinner Sai Kishore posted three fielders inside the ring on the offside, plus a sweeper cover. Any gap looked non-existent. Samson still managed to find one behind point for a four. His innings was also resplendent in its selfishness. Royals had a clear plan, Jos Buttler batting deep, without being perturbed about his scoring rate initially. After three consecutive single-digit scores, the team's talisman needed time to bed in. A few gorgeous cover drives on the up against Mohammed Shami notwithstanding, Buttler didn't look to be in top fettle. Samson took it upon himself to ensure that the opener batted at his own pace. The Royals skipper led from the front, providing further proof of an excellent team culture, which Ashwin had spoken about in his interview with the in-house media ahead of the game.

Samson's dismissal felt like an anti-climax and credit to Sai Kishore for making the ball dip, which made the batsman drag it to long-

on instead of playing it on the off side. A mistimed hoick took the ball to Joseph and the fans reacted to it with a collective hush. They were expecting a sparkling half-century. Still, Samson's 26-ball 47 and his 68-run partnership with Buttler – the latter's contribution was 15 – put his team into ascendancy.

It also set Buttler up nicely to cut loose at the death. Until the 16th over, he was going run-a-ball before attacking Dayal with four fours to reach his half-century. A well-set Buttler, regaining his hitting mojo, proved to be a dangerous proposition for Titans. Joseph and Shami found it the hard way. Buttler rode his luck. He was beaten on a few occasions, two catches were dropped – on 43 and 69 – and a couple of edges flew over short third man to the boundary. In the end, however, Buttler had 89 off 56 balls against his name, his fourth half-century in the tournament that took his tally to a staggering 718 runs from 15 matches. For Titans, Rashid Khan was superb, teasing Buttler with sharp turn and keeping even Samson quiet. As far as bowling was concerned, his 15 runs from four overs on this pitch was the difference.

BRIEF SCORES: Rajasthan Royals 188/6 in 20 overs (Sanju Samson 47, Jos Buttler 89) lost to Gujarat Titans 191/3 in 19.3 overs (David Miller 68 not out, Hardik Pandya 40 not out) by seven wickets

Why Djokovic will drop 2,000 ranking points at Wimbledon

NAMIT KUMAR
NEW DELHI, MAY 24

The ATP announced on Friday that it will strip Wimbledon of ranking points in 2022.

EXPLAINED

Belarus following Russia's invasion of Ukraine. The All England Club's decision was met with condemnation from the likes of Novak Djokovic and Rafael Nadal at the time.

World No.2 and 2021 US Open champion Daniil Medvedev, and World No.7 Andrey Rublev will be left out of the men's section of the draw. Big names like World No.7 and 2021 semifinalist Aryna Sabalenka and two-time Grand Slam champion Victoria Azarenka will also be left out of the women's section.

It remains to be seen how the move will affect the main draws at SW19 this year. Four-time Grand Slam champion Naomi Osaka, according to the Guardian, has already revealed that she may not play, saying the oldest Grand Slam tournament "is more like an exhibition" without ranking points.

Given that it continues to offer in terms of both prestige and prize money, the draw may well remain stacked. Djokovic has already confirmed he will arrive in London to defend his title. However, he was one of the more vocal critics of Wimbledon's decision. While speaking after his first-round victory at the French Open, the Serb called the decision a "mistake" and added it is a "lose-lose" situation for everyone.

How do the rankings work?

Simply put, ranking points are the most valuable currency in professional tennis. Following the conclusion of each tournament, players are awarded ranking points they win at the event, and drop the points they won at the same event the previous year.

A high ranking offers a number of privileges on tour. The 32 highest-ranked players are given seeds ahead of a Grand Slam thereby guaranteeing they will not be playing each other for the first two matches.

Both men's and women's Grand Slam events award 2000 ranking points to the winner. The runner-up of the men's event receives 1200 points and the women's event receives 1300. Semifinalists receive 720 and 780 points respectively. The eight players that earn the most points in a calendar year also participate

Tsonga retires after losing to Ruud

Paris: Jo-Wilfried Tsonga gave Norway's eighth-seeded Casper Ruud a run for his money in a tight French Open first round battle but predictably headed into a tear-jerking retirement with a 6-7(6) 7-6(4) 6-2 7-6(0) defeat on Tuesday. The Frenchman, whose career had been hampered by multiple injuries in recent years, fought for almost four hours before bowing out in tears. The court Philippe Chatrier crowd gave him a standing ovation as the 37-year-old knelt on the red dirt after being unable to put up more of a fight because of shoulder pain. Meanwhile, Daniil Medvedev got his campaign underway with a win.

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in the year-end ATP and WTA tour finals, which award points for each win and a total of 2000 ranking points for the title. Novak Djokovic sits at the top of the men's rankings with 8660 points at the moment, while Iga Swiatek leads the WTA rankings with 7061 points.

How will Wimbledon affect the rankings?

In addition to not having the opportunity to win points, players will also be dropping points from last year. No matter what the outcome, Djokovic, who has no points to gain as the defending champion, will be dropping 2000 points. The move works in the favour of the likes of Russia's Daniil Medvedev, who is only defending 180 points from his Round 4 finish at SW19 last year, and Rafael Nadal, who missed the event last year due to injury. Medvedev is confirmed to usurp the top spot of the ATP rankings from Djokovic on July 11.

A hand injury has kept last year's finalist Matteo Berrettini out of action throughout the clay season. The Italian has timed his comeback on tour to play a full grass season, but the loss of points at Wimbledon could force him to fall as low as 15th in the rankings. Denis Shapovalov – reeling from his first-round loss to Holger Rune at the French Open – will also face a major hit.

While 2021 champion Ash Barty may have retired, the Wimbledon point freeze will impact the top of the women's rankings as well. Last year's finalist and World No. 8 Karolina Pliskova risks falling out of the top 20 of the women's rankings as things stand. Belarus' Aryna Sabalenka has already dropped to seventh in the rankings after a lacklustre clay season, and will lose another 780 points.

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1.	Smt. Sanju Devi & Abhay Kumar	Rs. 23,74,322.59 as on 01.11.2018 with further interest from 02.11.2018 plus other charges, costs etc.	Residential Land with a building measuring 15 dhur and located at Mouza-Shekhupura, PS-Ram Krishna Nagar, Sub-Registry Office at Phulwari Sharif, Dist.-Patna under Touzi No.-28, Thana No.111, Khata No.15, Khesra Survey Plot No.364 (Part). This property is registered in the name of Smt. Sanju Devi w/o Abhay Kumar vide Sale Deed No.1934 dated 14/03/2015. Boundaries of the Landed Property are:- North-Legal heirs of Mahabir Singh, South-Nij, East-06 ft Road (03 ft left by seller & 03 ft to be left by purchaser), West-Hal Khanridar.	Smt. Sanju Devi w/o Abhay Kumar	01.11.2018 06.05.2019	₹17,60,000/- ₹1,76,000/- ₹10,000/-
<p>e-Auction Terms and Condition</p> <p>1. Date of e-auction: 28.06.2022 (Tuesday), Time: 120 Minutes from 12:00 Noon to 02:00 P.M. with unlimited extension of 10 Minutes each.</p> <p>2. Website/portal for e-auction-https://mstccommerce.com/auctionhome/ibapi/index.jsp.</p> <p>3. The General Terms & Conditions are available on- https://sbi.co.in/web/sbi-in-the-news/auction-notices/sarfaesi-and-others.</p> <p>4. To the best of knowledge and information of the Authorised Officer, there is no encumbrance on the property/ies. However, the intending bidders should make their own independent inquiries regarding the encumbrances, title of property/ies put on auction and claims/rights/dues/affecting the property, prior to submitting their bid. The e-Auction advertisement does not constitute and will not be deemed to constitute any commitment or any representation of the bank. The property is being sold will all the existing and future encumbrances whether known or unknown to the bank. The Authorised Officer/Secured Creditor shall not be responsible in any way for any third party claims/rights/dues. The sale shall be subject to rules/conditions prescribed under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of security Interest Act, 2002.</p> <p>This publication is also a 30 days notice to all the borrower/guarantors require under Rule 8(6) of Security Interest Enforcement Rules, 2002.</p> <p>NB: 30 days Sale Notice to Borrower/Guarantors has already been sent by Regd. Post at their last known address. In case they do not receive the said notice, this E-auction Sale Notice may be treated as substituted mode of service.</p> <p>Date : 23.05.2022 Place : Patna</p> <p>AUTHORISED OFFICER STATE BANK OF INDIA, SARB, PATNA</p>						