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Buzz in Bihar: A Rs 500-cr bottling unit, Rs 105-cr ethanol plant, 'more coming'

Promoters say govt speeding up clearances, minister points to relaxed norms and single-window system

SANTOSH SINGH
BEGUSARAI, PURNIA, JUNE 4

IT IS early days, this is a state known for too many false starts and yet the buzz this time is unmistakable.

A little over 1.6 km from Zero Mile in Begusarai, there's the hum of new life as workers load cases of soft drinks, packaged water and fruit juice on trucks lining a 53-acre sprawl. About 200 km to the east, a former brick-kiln owner is juggling "at least 200 calls every day", from farmers, traders, suppliers and job-seekers ready to sign up for the new ethanol plant he is promoting in Purnia.

"This is just the beginning," says Bihar's Industry Minister Syed Shahnawaz Hussain.

Over 15 days in April, Chief Minister Nitish Kumar inaugurated two showpiece private ventures -- a Rs 500-crore Pepsico bottling plant, one of the biggest of its kind in India, and a Rs 105-crore ethanol plant. This marks the first time under Nitish's government that big-ticket projects have taken off in Bihar, a key milestone given that he has remained at the helm for nearly 17 years now.



Bottling plant at Barauni, Begusarai. *Santosh Singh*

EXPLAINED

Long wait

SINCE 2006, the Bihar government under Nitish Kumar received over 1,000 investment proposals but barely 30-40 key projects have been fully realised — most units are for food processing and utensils. The reason: Question marks over law and order, and infrastructure such as roads and power.

"We have relaxed norms with a single-window system for promoting such industries. In the next two years, we expect

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A MATH PROBLEM

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Neha Sharma plays teacher, counsellor and sometimes even friend trying to get children up to speed. *Abhinav Saha*

J&K SCHOOLTEACHER KILLING

'I feel like her blood is still on me': In Kulgam, a staff room in tears

NAVEED IQBAL
KULGAM, JUNE 4

THE GOVERNMENT High School at Gopalpora in Kulgam is shut since the morning of May 31, when terror came to its doorstep. Its five teachers, though, turn up every day, sitting huddled together, unable to control their tears as they talk of their dead colleague, Rajni Bala.

The school, with around 100 students on its rolls between the Classes of 6 and 10, is located deep inside a colony in Gopalpora, down a narrow 30-metre stone path leading from

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Other teachers of the Kulgam school. *Shuaib Masoodi*

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NOD FROM REGULATOR

Corbevax gets approval as first mix-and-match booster vaccine

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ANONNA DUTT
NEW DELHI, JUNE 4

VACCINE MANUFACTURER Biological E's protein sub-unit Covid-19 vaccine Corbevax has become the first to be approved by the country's drug regulator as a heterologous booster in adults, meaning those who have received Covishield or Covaxin as their first or second dose can take it as a third booster shot.

So far, mixing-and-matching of Covid-19 vaccines was not allowed in India and the third dose had to be the same vaccine used for the first and second dose.

With the Drug Controller General of India (DCGI) now approving the heterologous booster, the government will have to take a call on whether it should be included in the country's free vaccination drive.

India has so far administered 193.9 crore doses of vaccine in total, of which 101 crore are first doses, 89 crore second doses, and 3.5 crore precaution doses, according to data from the government's CoWIN portal.

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Hyderabad rape: 2 of 3 juveniles held, DCP says one 'son of VIP'

SREENIVAS JANYALA
HYDERABAD, JUNE 4

TWO OF three juveniles, allegedly involved in the gangrape of a 17-year-old student in an upscale area of Hyderabad on May 28, were arrested Saturday.

So far, four of five suspects have been arrested. Police teams have fanned out to look for the fifth, also a juvenile, who is said to be on the run.

The BJP, Congress and Jana Sena Party have been protesting across Hyderabad, claiming that some among the accused are sons of politicians and attempts are being made to shield them – a charge rejected by Telangana Home Minister M Mahmood Ali.

Deputy Commissioner of Police Joel Davis said two CCLs (child in conflict with law) were apprehended by police and produced before a Juvenile Court.

"One of the juvenile accused is the son of a VIP," Davis said, adding that it is an offence to give out particulars or make any reference to families that may lead to disclosure of the identity of the victim/child.

"I appeal to the media to stop revealing direct or indirect content related to the victim which may lead to identification," the DCP said.

After questioning an 18-year-old, who was the first to be arrested Friday night, police said they are looking for a Toyota Innova vehicle in which the girl was allegedly gangraped.

According to police, the girl and the suspects left in a red Mercedes Benz from a pub on

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Court orders release of man arrested for 'cow slaughter', cop suspended

MANISH SAHU
LUCKNOW, JUNE 4

NEARLY A week after the arrest of a 32-year-old man under the UP Cow Slaughtering Act, the Moradabad police informed a local court that there is no evidence against him. The court ordered that Nawab Ali be released and he walked out of jail on Friday evening.

This comes after an inquiry report on a complaint by Nawab Ali's wife Rabia Khatoon. She alleged that local police at Bhagwatpur police station falsely implicated Nawab Ali in the case. She claimed that her husband tipped off the police about alleged cow slaughter and some cops framed him in the same case.

"It was found that Nawab Ali had nothing to do with the case. He was handed over to the police by local residents in the presence of several villagers. The theory of police sub-inspector Subhash Chandra [of Bhagwatpur police station] turned out to be false," said Additional Superintendent of Police, Moradabad, Vidhya Sagar Mishra. He added that SI Chandra, who made the arrest, had been suspended.

MAN HELD GUILTY IN TWO CASES RELATED TO 2006 VARANASI BLASTS

Ghaziabad: Sixteen years after serial bomb blasts rocked Varanasi, Waliullah Khan was held guilty by a Ghaziabad court in two related cases on Saturday. The quantum of punishment will be pronounced on June 6. The blasts at the Sankat Mochan temple and the cantonment railway station on March 7, 2006 had claimed 20 lives. **PTI**

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Corbevax

HOW DOES CORBEVAX WORK?

CORBEVAX IS a 'recombinant protein sub-unit' vaccine, which means it is made up of a specific part of Sars-CoV-2, that is, the spike protein on the virus's surface. The spike protein allows the virus to enter cells so that it can replicate and cause disease.

HOWEVER, when just the spike protein is injected into the body, it is not as harmful as the virus itself because the rest of the virus is missing.

THE BODY is expected to develop an immune response against the injected spike protein and, if and when the real virus attempts to infect, the body has an immune response ready, which will make it unlikely that the virus can make the victim seriously ill.

In a statement Saturday, the Hyderabad-based company said, "BE's clinical trial data showed that CORBEVAX® booster dose provided significant enhancement in immune response and excellent safety profile required for an effective booster."

The approval came after a trial involving 416 people who were administered Corbevax or placebo (an agent with no therapeutic value) six months after having received two doses of either Covaxin or Covishield.

The company, in its statement, said the levels of neutralising antibodies – antibodies that specifically attack or block the Sars-CoV-2 virus – increased significantly as compared to the placebo.

After the booster dose of Corbevax, neutralising antibodies against Omicron were found in 91% of those who had received Covishield earlier and 75% of those who had received Covaxin.

Not just antibody levels, the company also found cell-mediated immunity to be higher as compared to the placebo. "The Corbevax heterologous booster vaccine was well tolerated and safe. There were no severe or adverse events of interest for 3 months of follow-up after the booster dose was administered," the company said. Currently, the vaccine is in use for immunisation of children between ages 12 and 14 under the government programme. It is also available on payment for children between 12 and 17 at private vaccination centres.

The company said that so far 51.7 million doses of the vaccine had been administered to children across the country, with 100 million doses having been supplied to the government.

Kulgam

the main road. The land on which it stands is disputed, which means there is no boundary wall around it. From where Rajni Bala fell after a single gunshot, there is a thick canopy of apple orchards as far as the eye can see.

Saima Akhtar, a fellow teacher, recalls how she was getting children in order for the morning assembly. After ensuring the boys stood in a line, she moved towards the girls when she heard what she thought at the time was a firecracker. She picked up a stick thinking one of the students had brought it to school. As she turned, she saw Rajni lying metres away from the school building.

"She had been shot in the head. I tied her own dupatta around the wound trying to stop the blood while I screamed for help," Akhter told *The Sunday Express*.

Fayaz Ahmad also thought it was a firecracker. Officiating as incharge of the school, in the absence of a headmaster for over a year, he was overseeing the gathering for the assembly when he heard the sound, followed by Akhter's cries for help. "We picked Rajni up, stopped a car passing by the main road and took her to the hospital," Ahmad says, breaking down.

"I feel like her blood is still on me," says Shahida Maqbool. "I have been a teacher for 20 years. She was younger than me but I learnt so much from her."

A teacher for over 12 years, Rajni had joined the Gopalpora school in March 2017 and taught social science, with colleagues recalling her infectious energy in the staff room. Her husband Raj Kumar is a teacher at a different school in the same district.

Akhter and Maqbool say Rajni's 13-year-old daughter arrived at the hospital straight from her school, still in uniform. They had to console the broken child.

As they stick together, the five colleagues of Rajni say it's easier for them to be with each other than their families, as only they understand what each one of them is going through.

Like the pain of seeing Rajni's signature missing on May 31 in the attendance register. "When she would come in, I would bring the register to the door, so she wouldn't have to take her shoes off," says Peer Javid Ahmad, another colleague. So every morning since the killing, despite the fears of their families, they pick themselves up, get ready, meet on the way and walk to the school together. "Now we don't let anyone go alone," Fayaz Ahmad says.

On April 13, Satish Kumar Singh, a driver and also a Hindu, was killed in Kakran, not far from the school. The teachers say the incident did not ruffle them much; they have to block such incidents out, they say, as things over which they had no control.

However, Rajni's killing came as a shock – not only because they worked with her but also that a respected teacher could be a target. "This speaks of our society as well. This is not about religion or caste, a member of our family has been snatched from us," says Ahmad.

Badgam Deputy Commissioner Bilal Bhat says that in the wake of the killing, the 50-odd Hindu teachers in the district employed in schools under the reserved SC quota, to which Rajni belonged, have been transferred. They shut the school "to give students time to process the loss of their teacher", he adds. "We will resume classes next week."

Akhter worries about that, as the five of them walk back home, down the same path Rajni had taken, to her death. "They will have to come by here every day, and will be reminded of her."

Bihar buzz: Rs 500 cr bottling unit, Rs 105 cr ethanol plant, 'more coming'

dozens of such industrial units to come up," says Hussain.

Today, both the plants have hit the ground running -- the Pepsi plant being a case in point.

It was on April 15 that the Chief Minister inaugurated the four-line plant, the first of its kind in Bihar, which can produce 36,000 bottles and about 1.25 lakh cases in a day. "We had some apprehensions about law and order, given Begusarai's background, but we are very happy to start our biggest plant between Kolkata and Jamshedpur," says Manoj Dwivedi who heads the plant owned by Pepsico franchisee Varun Beverages Ltd (VBL).

"The Industry Minister helped us speed up the process and we got the 55-acre plot for just Rs 26 crore on a 99-year lease. We have a four-line plant producing bottled water, carbonated soft drinks (CSD) in PET (plastic) bottles, packaged juices and bottled soft drinks," he says.

The speed that Dwivedi refers to is what marks out the state's renewed industrial push -- in this case, just 10 months. After land possession was cleared on June 25, 2021, construction started on June 28, 2021, the lease deed was executed on March 6, 2022, and the plant started operations on April 15, 2022.

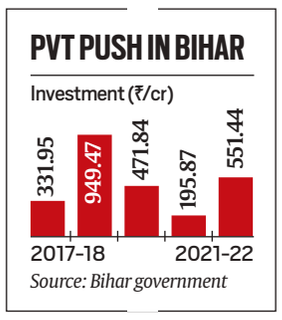
Bihar had earlier just a single-line Coca Cola bottling plant near Patna and a single-line Pepsico plant run by another franchisee in Hajipur. "After the franchise in Hajipur refused to give its one-line plant to us, we decided to build a much bigger plant independently... and settled on Barauni in Begusarai. We have good access to roads and the electricity supply is very good. We are currently producing 60,000-70,000 cases of CSDs, packaged water and juice per day and cater to Bihar and a good part of Jharkhand," says Dwivedi.

Outside the USA, VBL is one of the largest franchisees of PepsiCo. And overall, the Barauni plant has an annual capacity of 16.22 million cases of CSD, 8.34 millions cases of packaged drinking water and 7.02 million cases of juices beverages. The company is now planning to start work on phase two -- another four-line plant. At the Barauni plant's inauguration, Nitish Kumar had requested VBL founder Ravi Kant Jaipuria to explore the possibility of making mango, litchi and banana juice.

The obvious benefit of the plant is employment for local youth. "We need ITI and B.Tech (mechanical, electrical, and electronics and communications) graduates. An ITI degree holder can get Rs 10,000 to Rs 25,000 per month and a B.Tech Rs 25,000 to Rs 70,000. But as the plant uses the latest robotics technology, with automation and AI, there is not much scope for direct employment. We have about 65 direct employees and about 700 indirectly involved," says Dwivedi.



Workers at the ethanol plant in Purnia. *Santosh Singh*



One of the job aspirants here is Shyam Kumar, a B.Tech degree holder, from Beguserai. "Now that we have a big industry in our backyard, youths like me have opportunities at home. We hope the plant expands fast and employs more people," says Kumar.

Inside the plant, VBL officer Gaurav Mishra maps the seven-step process of making soft drinks -- from the tube that is blown up into a bottle, to the giant conveyor belts, and the trolley lifting up the five-level stack of final stock.

It's a fully automated process with quality engineers keeping an eye on every step. "There are instances when the entire production is stopped if the syrup and liquid is not prepared as per specification," says Mishra.

In Purnia, key word is ethanol

Automation is the operative word in Purnia, too, where the first grain-based greenfield ethanol plant has come up. "The place where we have set up the plant, on 15 acres, used to be a brick kiln. Today, farmers and traders in maize and broken-rice and also poultry and fish feed, byproducts of a grain-based plant, have started flocking to us," says Vishesh Kumar Verma, one of the promoters of Eastern India Biofuels Pvt Ltd (EIBPL), adding that the plant needs 170 tonnes of maize/ broken rice daily.

Inaugurated by the Chief Minister on April 30, the plant's location is tied to the fact that Purnia and neighbouring Katihar, Khagaria and Saharsa, are at the heart of the state's maize hub. With the Centre's push for alternate fuel, and its green signal for mixing upto 20 per cent of ethanol in petrol and diesel, Verma is upbeat.

EIBPL plans to buy 130 tonnes of rice husk and 145-150 tonnes of maize or rice from local farmers and traders every day. It will also produce 27 tonnes of DDGS (distiller's dried grains with solubles) -- a by-product of bioethanol fermentation, which will be sold as poultry feed.

"The ethanol will be sold to oil marketing companies namely Indian Oil, Bharat Petroleum and Hindustan Petroleum in Bihar and neighbouring West Bengal and Jharkhand, for which a 10-year term purchase agreement has been signed (with the OMCs)," says Verma.

Then, of course, there are the phone calls to tackle. "At times, it is very frustrating but then I think about how setting up ethanol plants can change the lives of people. Even if one plant is able to take five-10 per cent of maize produced in Purnia, it will bring change. The plant directly employs about 55 people, and provides indirect employment to about 1,000 people," he says.

According to A P Singh, a principal consultant with Global Canesugar Services which set up the plant and looks after its operations, one quintal of rice produces about 450 litres of ethanol while an equal amount of maize generates about 400 litres.

Leading the team here is B B Pathak, who is the plant incharge -- overseeing the process from the pile of grain sacks at the entry point to the lower tanks where initial sifting is done and the mammoth flash tank where distillation starts after 70 hours of fermentation. The final product is stored in three main tanks, from where it is moved to three smaller tanks for sale.

"The entire process is automated. We use our own power plant in place of government supply to ensure hassle-free production," says Pathak, adding that the production technology ensures "zero liquid discharge".

Says Manish Kumar Choudhary, CEO of Aranyak Agri Producers Company, who visited the plant last week: "We have a huge chain of farmers from whom we can procure grains. We provide linkages and look forward to working with the Purnia plant." Says Kuldeep Jain, a trader from Siliguri: "I want to purchase DDGS from this plant and supply poultry and fish feed to Andhra Pradesh."

Local maize farmers are also excited. "Though we can sell maize in Gilab Bagh in Purnia, which is a big grain market, this plant can buy our sub-standard grain as well," says Shanker Singh, from Kritya Nand Nagar in Purnia.

"Our main focus is to open as many ethanol plants as possible," says Industry Minister Hussain. "We have 16 plants lined up and many more proposals are at different stages of clearance. Ethanol plants can write Bihar industry's turnaround story."

According to officials, investment proposals worth Rs 30,382 crore were received for setting up 151 units under Bihar's ethanol production promotion policy. But due to less quota, only 17 units are being established in the first phase.

Bihar's current annual ethanol supply quota to OMCs is 36 crore litres, says Hussain. "But as per the availability of raw materials and water, Bihar's ethanol production capacity is 172 crore litres per annum, considering the proposals for investment and other favourable conditions. If Bihar gets the quota according to capacity, not only will the state emerge as the largest ethanol hub of the country, it will also play a very important role in the development of the country's economy."

Hyderabad rape: 2 of 3 juveniles held, DCP says one 'son of VIP'

May 28 evening. They all stepped out at a bakery after which the car driver refused to go any further, police said.

They then got into an Innova which had followed them from the pub and was being driven by one of the suspects, another 18-year-old.

DCP Davis said the group parked the Innova in a deserted lane near the bakery and the crime was committed in the parked vehicle.

Based on call data records and CCTV footage, the five suspects were identified, Davis said.

Officials are looking at CCTV footage from across the city to locate the Innova.

Home Minister Mahmood Ali rejected allegations that police are shielding the accused.

"Telangana Police is known for its professionalism and integrity. There may be a slight delay due to the circumstances and nature of the crime, but I am confident that police are conducting a thorough investigation. The culprits, whoever they may be, will be dealt with according to the law," he said.

The BJP, Congress and Jana Sena Party held protests at different locations Saturday, accusing police of delaying the investigation.

BJP leaders submitted a representation to DGP M Mahender Reddy, requesting him to transfer the case to the CBI. The letter submitted by BJP's NVSS Prabhakar, N Ramchander Rao and B Shruti said there has been delay in investigation of the case which gives rise to suspicion that there is an attempt to obfuscate facts.

"The BJP, therefore, requests to transfer the case to CBI as the matter is sensitive and also the matter involves people in power. A dispassionate investigation by CBI would unravel the facts and would go a long way in sending the message loud and clear that such incidents would not be tolerated and culprits, however big they may be, would be punished as per the law," the BJP letter stated.

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STAYING A trial court direction which permitted a lawyer to remain present at a distance during the interrogation of AAP minister Satyendar Kumar Jain by the Enforcement Directorate in an alleged money laundering case, the Delhi High Court Saturday said since there is neither any FIR nor a complaint against him, he cannot as a matter of right claim to have the presence of his lawyers during "the course of recording of his statement".

Jain was remanded in the central agency's custody on May 31 till June 9. "Since there is no apprehension (of threat or coercion) raised in the present matter, hence as a matter of right such direction ought not to have been given in the recording of statement," said Justice Yogesh Khanna in the order dated June 3.

The court also said that even otherwise, the entire recording of the statement is being videographed and audiographed "which certainly would dispel" the apprehension of any coercion or threat to Jain.

The court had reserved the order on Friday on the Enforcement Directorate's petition against the trial court direction. In the order, the bench said the core issue is if Jain can have the right to the presence of his lawyer during recording of statement under Section 50 of the Prevention of Money Laundering Act, at a safe distance from where the lawyer can see him and not hear him.

"In Sandeep Jain (a separate case), the Division Bench of this court held the apprehension of coercive measures being employed need to be real and like… so that the principle of presence of an advocate, at visible, but not audible distance be applied," said the court while disposing of the stay application moved by ED.

In respect of the court's observation that there is no FIR or complaint in the case, a counsel, who appeared in the case, told *The Indian Express*: "What the court means to say is that the FIR is in the original CBI case but the ED has only registered an ECIR (Enforcement Case Information Report)so far, and the PMLA complaint is registered after that. It is basically hyper technicality."

Allowing a prayer made by Jain's counsel on Tuesday, the Special Judge of Rouse Avenue Court in the remand order had said: "It is directed that during the time of enquiry/interrogation from the accused, one advocate of the accused shall be allowed to remain present at a safe distance where from he can see the accused but not hear him." The prayer had been "vehemently" opposed by Solicitor General Tushar Mehta, who represented the ED before the trial court.

Additional Solicitor General S V Raju, representing the ED, Friday argued before the High Court that the permission granted by the trial court was contrary to various Supreme Court decisions and told the bench that the audio-video recording of the interrogation is being done.

Ex-councillor is BJP's Rajinder Nagar bypoll pick

ABHINAV RAJPUT
NEW DELHI, JUNE 4



Rajesh Bhatia

THE BJP Saturday announced former councillor Rajesh Bhatia (57) as its candidate from the Rajinder Nagar Assembly constituency, where bypolls are scheduled to be held on June 23. A former general secretary of the BJP state unit, Bhatia had earlier been a councillor from Rajinder Nagar from 2012 to 2017 and standing committee chairperson of the North MCD.

Bhatia rose through the ranks in the party – he started off as president of the Rajinder Nagar Mandal Yuva Morcha from 1985-88 and went on to become BJP mandal general secretary from 1988-91 and Karol Bagh district president from 2010 to 2013.

"It is a battle of an outsider versus local as the AAP candidate is from Karawal Nagar. AAP MLA from the area, Raghav Chadha, deserted the constituency despite getting people's support. He was the Delhi Jal Board head but did not resolve the water crisis," Bhatia said, adding that solving the water crisis would be his priority.

The AAP has fielded MCD incharge Durgesh Pathak from the constituency. The seat fell vacant after Chadha was nominated by the AAP to the Rajya Sabha from Punjab.

Senior BJP leaders said Bhatia had been demanding a ticket from the constituency for a long time. "He has done impressive work for the party in Uttarakhand polls. Also, being a Punjabi and a local add to his credentials," a leader said.

"He was unhappy on not being given a position on state president Adesh Gupta's team. So, the party decided to put him in charge of the 2022 Uttarakhand elections, where he was Pravasi Pradesh chunav pramukh. He performed well and the party won," said another leader.

Meanwhile, the Congress fielded its former municipal councillor, Prem Lata, as its candidate. A press release issued by the AICC said Congress president Sonia Gandhi has approved the candidature.

Lata, who won the municipal polls from Pusa ward under Rajinder Nagar constituency in 2012, was defeated from Inderpuri ward in 2017.

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Total	1,467*	18,80,708	26,212	3,86,05,958

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NOIDA	June 3	June 4
Cases	N/A	N/A
Deaths	N/A	N/A

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Cases	151	104
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BRIEFLY

500 national flags will be installed in city by Aug 15: CM

New Delhi: Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal said 500 national flags would be installed in the city by August 15 and announced the constitution of 'Tiranga Samman Samitis' or local committees to oversee the upkeep of the flags. Kejriwal said 400 poles have been installed, of which 200 have flags. "A five-member committee has been constituted for each flag to ensure the Flag Code of India; that it is not torn or dirty and to repair it if it is the case," he said.

School owner claims Bishnoi gang member threatened to kidnap him

Gurgaon: The owner of a private school in Farrukhnagar filed a police complaint alleging that a man claiming to be an associate of gangster Lawrence Bishnoi had threatened to kidnap him. Police said the complainant alleged that on Friday at 7.39 pm, he received a phone call from an unknown number. A police officer said, "We have initiated a probe. The number used by the caller is being traced."

Man kills live-in partner in Gurgaon

Gurgaon: A 23-year-old man allegedly murdered his live-in partner in Gurgaon Saturday morning. Police said he reported the incident to the police, following which he was arrested. According to police, the incident took place around 9.15 am. Police said the accused suspected her of infidelity. "After an argument over this issue, he allegedly slashed her neck using a knife," said a police officer.

Two held for selling fake marksheets and degrees

New Delhi: Two men were arrested by Noida police for allegedly selling fake marksheets and degrees, Saturday. The accused, who have been identified as Abdul Samad (61), a resident of Ghaziabad, and Aadil (26), a resident of Dadri, had been allegedly creating and selling fake marksheets and degrees for the past 20 years, police said. **ENS**

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Hrs after name cropped up in bar brawl incident, IPS officer relieved from duty

MAHENDER SINGH MANRAL
NEW DELHI, JUNE 4

THE DELHI Police Commissioner Saturday issued orders to relieve IPS officer Shankar Choudhary from his duty as DCP (Dwarka district) and directed him to report to the Delhi Police headquarters.

Earlier in the day, the DCP's name had cropped up in connection with an incident at a café-cum-bar in Kailash Colony, where a woman was injured after she was hit on the head with a glass.

As per the general diary document, a PCR call was received at 3.05 am and a man alleged that DCP Choudhary, after consuming alcohol, smashed a glass on his wife's head and fought with someone. The woman, a designer who lives in Noida, was taken to Max Hospital where she received three stitches. The Delhi Police, however, clarified later in the day that the DCP's name came up due to a miscommunication and the matter had been resolved as it was a family issue.

Sources told *The Indian Express* that the woman and her husband were attending a birthday party organised by a real estate businessman at the bar. The DCP and his family were at the same party. The police chief has been apprised of the incident and he has initiated an internal fact-finding inquiry, sources added.

Delhi Police spokesperson Suman Nalwa said, "A PCR call was received in the early hours of June 4 at Greater Kailash police station in which it was mentioned that an officer of Delhi Police, of the rank of DCP, assaulted a woman at a birthday party in a private club. Subsequently, a video clip of the victim was received wherein she stated that she along with her family were celebrating the birthday of a family member."

She further stated, "The officer concerned was also present (at the club) with his family. During the function, a glass fell on the woman and she was injured. Her husband was infuriated... as one person in the party was playing with the glass at that time. Due to a miscommunication, the name of the DCP cropped up in the ensuing commotion. The matter has been resolved as it was a family issue."

The order issued on Saturday evening by DCP (headquarters) Mahesh Batra, from the office of Commissioner of Police, stated: "Shankar Choudhary, IPS 2011 batch, is hereby relieved from his duty as DCP (Dwarka), Delhi, with immediate effect and directed to report to police headquarters for further orders. The issue with the approval of Commissioner of Police, Delhi."

Asked whether Saturday's order and the alleged incident were connected, DCP Choudhary said: "No connection as per me... and the order has (been) issued by PHQ (police headquarters)... so kindly ask them." The Police PRO did not respond to whether the two developments were related.

Days earlier, DCP Choudhary had come under criticism from an Additional Sessions Judge, who was hearing the case filed in connection with the death of a 19-year-old Zepto delivery staffer in Dwarka.

On May 30, Additional Sessions Judge Lokesh Kumar Sharma observed that police planted a witness along with evidence. ASJ Sharma had also noted, "I am further constrained to observe here that incidents of this nature, atrocities at the hands of police and torture of innocent people in utter violation of the principle of natural justice as well as provisions of IPC and CrPC, have gone steep high since the appointment of the current DCP of Dwarka district."

"... this atrocious and illegal attitude and conduct on the part of police officials shows that either the DCP concerned is not competent enough or lacks the capacity of administrative supervision and control over the district and to lead the police officials for implementation of the criminal law in its correct perspective, or he is actively involved in encouraging police officials to indulge in such kind of illegal activities to the utter prejudice of the fundamental rights of the people of this nation," he said.

AAP's Atishi accuses L-G of interference again: 'Conspiracy to derail democracy'

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HITTING OUT at new L-G Vinai Kumar Saxena for not informing the Chief Minister of a Delhi Jal Board (DJB) meeting for the second time, the AAP-led Delhi government called it a "conspiracy to derail democracy".

AAP MLA Atishi said, "The L-G is continuously making a mockery out of Delhi's constitutional arrangement... (and) is acting like a dummy of the BJP's central government... The Lieutenant Governor (has) the powers to formulate policy on only three matters — land, law and order, and police. For matters such as electricity, water supply, schools, hospitals, and to work for their betterment, the people of Delhi have elected the Aam Aadmi Party and CM Arvind Kejriwal."

The L-G on Saturday summoned officials from the DJB and also inspected two sites — Pappankalan sewage treatment plant and Dhansa regulator.

"On May 30, new L-G Saxena called a meeting of Jal Board officers. Two days after that, AAP raised questions on the legitimacy of the meeting. At that point, we thought the L-G was newly elected and perhaps was not aware about the constitutional provisions for the NCT of Delhi," said Atishi.

She added that other than the three domains that are under the L-G, the MCD could also be considered to be under him as it comes under the central government. She accused the L-G of neglecting matters under him such as cleanliness of the city which is the responsibility of the MCD, providing affordable housing by DDA, and maintaining the law and order situation.



Atishi said the L-G is making a mockery out of Delhi's constitutional arrangement

"Delhi's law and order situation is in shambles since the new L-G took oath; there have been dozens of shameful incidents like sexual harassment on the Metro, and rape...," Atishi said.

She added that if the L-G goes beyond his assigned role from now on, "we will look upon it as a conspiracy to go against the elected government".

Reacting to the statements, Delhi BJP spokesperson Praveen Shankar Kapoor said "repeated diatribes of AAP leaders over inspection visits of the new L-G clearly shows the AAP government is fearing exposure of its failures".

Meanwhile, the L-G office in a statement said Saxena inspected Najafgarh drain during the day. "The L-G said a meeting will be convened in the next week with the Chief Minister and ministers and officers concerned to chalk out a concrete and time-bound plan of action... towards developing the Najafgarh drain...," it said.

Don't let in negative ideas: Tips from visually impaired teacher who cleared UPSC

MALAVIKA PRASAD
NEW DELHI, JUNE 4

"I WAS working over the past five years while preparing for the civil services exam. I could not enrol in a coaching centre because I never had the time," said 29-year old Ayushi, a visually impaired government school teacher who cracked the 2021 UPSC Civil Services Exam. In her fifth attempt, Ayushi has secured the All India Rank 48.

A resident of Northwest Delhi's Rani Khera village, Ayushi graduated from Deen Bandhu Sir Chotu Ram Public School, Ghevra, in 2008. In 2009, she enrolled in the Elementary Teacher Education Course, a two-year course at the District Institute of Education and Training (DIET) in Keshav Puram. At DIET, she was inspired to pursue a career in teaching, marking a turning point in her life.

In 2011, she enrolled in a BA (Programme) course at DU's Shyama Prasad Mukherjee College and began working as a teacher in 2012. "I worked as a contractual teacher at MCD Primary (Girls) School, Rani Khera, until 2016. In 2016, I cleared the exam for the post of assistant teacher organised by the Delhi Subordinate Services Selection Board (DSSSB) and taught at Government Sarvodaya Co-Education Vidyalaya, Rani Khera, until 2019," she said.

But her education did not stop once she started teaching. In 2016, Ayushi completed her Master's in History from Indira Gandhi National Open University. She eventually went on to get a B.Ed degree (2017-2019) from Jamia Millia Islamia.

With four degrees under her belt, Ayushi topped the DSSSB exam for the post of lecturer, History, in October 2019. She has been teaching at Government Girls Senior Secondary School, Mubarakpur Dabas, in Northwest Delhi ever since.



(right) Ayushi, a govt school teacher, with her mother

Ayushi credits her mother Asha Rani (54) for her success today: "She suggested that I should appear for the civil services exam." A senior nursing officer in the Delhi health department, Rani opted for voluntary retirement in 2020 to look after her daughter as she prepared for the examination. "I had complete faith in my daughter's ability to crack the exam," she said.

Ayushi's first attempt was in 2016. "As a differently abled person, my strategy for the exam was slightly different from the rest of the candidates. When I started preparing five years ago, there weren't too many resources available online. I would buy study material from the market and my family would audio record it on their phones so I could listen to it," she said.

Ayushi's father Ashok Kumar (58), a chief dispenser at Hill India Ltd, Bhatinda, her mother, her younger brother Kumud (26), an Excise Officer in Gujarat, as well as her friends were involved in this endeavour. "It was a team effort," she said.

Eventually, she learned to use 'z/OS' — a screen reading software which translates text to audio which she could access on her phone and laptop.

The exam provides only two state cadres for differently abled candidates — Delhi and Haryana. Ayushi has applied for both, with Delhi being her first preference, and she wants to work in education. "As a teacher, I realised the role of education as a tool for empowerment. I want to contribute to this field guided by my own experiences," she said.

As a differently abled woman and a teacher, Ayushi recognises the challenges that aspirants like her face daily. She, however, wants all differently abled aspirants to have faith and confidence in their abilities. "Don't allow negative ideas to enter your brain when you are preparing. Take criticism as a compeller to push yourself ahead," she said.

She also wants parents of differently abled children to believe in their kids and provide them with an education instead of giving up on them, and for differently abled women to always aim higher.

Two from Delhi govt schools among new batch of civil servants

MALAVIKA PRASAD
NEW DELHI, JUNE 4

AMONG THE over 600 candidates to clear the 2021 UPSC Civil Services exam are two former students of the Delhi government's Rajkiya Pratibha Vikas Vidyalayas — Lakshay Anand (24), an electrical engineer from Delhi Technological University (DTU), and Pooja Jha (25), who pursued a BDS degree from Maulana Azad Medical College.

From East Delhi's Shahdara, Anand studied at RPVV, Surajmal Vihar. His father Kishori Lal (55) is a daily wage worker, and his mother Anita (50) is a homemaker. "My father lost his job during the pandemic and is currently unemployed," said Anand, who took private tuitions to support his family. He also has two younger sisters who are studying at DU.

Anand said he became aware of the exam only after he graduated in 2019. As part of his preparation, he decided to pursue a Master's in History from Ramjas College in 2020 — which was also his optional paper for the exam. He credits his history professor, Dr Manisha Chaudhary, who would go through his mock answers and provide feedback. This was Anand's second attempt and he secured the All India Rank 101.

Like Anand, Pooja also chose to pursue civil services after completing her BDS course in 2019.

She finished her schooling from RPVV, Sector-10 Dwarka, in 2014, and wanted to become a doctor after she saw a picture of renowned cardiac surgeon Dr Devi Shetty performing heart surgery for free for his patients. In her final year, during her internship, Pooja said she realised that a career in dental medicine was not meant for her: "I decided to prepare for the civil services in the final year," she said,





Pooja Jha, Lakshay Anand

She had enrolled with a coaching centre but could not manage classes with her hectic internship schedule and quit soon after. By the end of 2019, she decided to start afresh: "I took a gap year in 2020 and watched videos of past UPSC toppers. I read NCERT books on specific subjects and other course material and made my own notes," she said.

Her optional subject was Anthropology: "It has a lot of overlap with biology and preparation was easier for me."

Pooja is the youngest of four daughters. Her father Ramakant Jha (59) is a peon in a private consulting company in Gurgaon. She qualified for the civil services in her first attempt last year, and secured the All India Rank 82. She and wants to join the AGMUT cadre and work in the field of women empowerment.

For young aspirants from similar backgrounds, Anand said: "I would say that if I could do this without coaching and economic support then anyone can." "When you come from a lower income background, you are told to curb your ambition," said Pooja, adding that hard work is the only way to fulfill all aspirations.

Man stabbed, beaten to death with bricks in Adarsh Nagar

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A 28-YEAR-OLD man was allegedly murdered by two brothers in Northwest Delhi's Adarsh Nagar on Friday, police said, adding that the victim was allegedly stabbed with a blade and assaulted with bricks.

"The accused brothers, Rahul and Rohit Kali, have been arrested. The victim, Narender alias Bunti, and Rahul were previously involved in cases of robbery and snatching," said DCP (Northwest) Usha Rangnani.

CCTV footage of the incident, which went viral, showed the victim walking on the road when he was accosted by the brothers who punched, kicked and attacked him with a blade. After the victim collapsed on the ground, footage showed one of the accused throwing bricks and stone slabs on his head. The duo and one other man had come on a scooter. The man accompanying them tried to stop the attack, but in vain.



CCTV footage of the incident

The assault went on for over a minute. Footage also showed residents retreating to their homes and passersby fleeing as the duo battered Narender.

Police said they received a PCR call at 2.15 pm that a person had been injured with a blade. A team rushed the victim to a hospital in Jahangirpuri. He was referred to another hospital, where he was declared dead on arrival.

Police suspect the three were fighting over money for drugs, which escalated. An FIR has been filed under IPC sections 302 (murder) and 34 (common intention).

LOCATED AT DELHI'S MANDI HOUSE, PREMISES DESTROYED IN 2016 FIRE

How National Museum of Natural History sparked environmental activism

ADRIJA ROYCHOWDHURY
NEW DELHI, JUNE 4

DELHI REWIND
Tracing the capital's post-Independence history

IN 1977, Asif Naqvi (68) was on a college trip to New Delhi when he first came across the National Museum of Natural History that was in the final stages of being completed. Naqvi was a 24-year-old then, studying museology at Aligarh Muslim University (AMU) after having completed his Master's in Zoology. "Whenever we think of museums, art and culture are the first things that come to our minds. But here I was pleasantly surprised to encounter conversations around nature, conservation, evolution and the like," said Naqvi. "The first thought that came to mind was that now we biologists can also dream of being museologists."

After a brief interaction with the founder director of the museum, S M Nair, Naqvi sat on the lawns of the museum where the iconic dinosaur replica once stood and thought to himself how wonderful it would be to work in a space such as this. "I already had a fascination for Mandi House, being a theatre enthusiast. Working at the natural history museum, I thought, would fulfill my cultural as well as intellectual interests."

A year and six months after NMNH opened, Naqvi's dream came true as he was hired as a museum assistant. "I would work here during the day and do theatre in the evenings. It was here that I found my passion for the environment," said Naqvi, who retired as dean of faculty of life sciences and chairman of the department of museology in AMU.

The idea of a natural history museum had been conceived in 1972, on the occasion of the 25th anniversary of India's Independence. The UN Conference for Human Development was held at Stockholm that year and Indira Gandhi was one of the few country heads who had attended it. On returning to India, she proposed the building of a natural history museum in New Delhi.

The concept of natural history museums was already well established in the West by then. However, in Delhi, the museum was to have a whole new meaning. "Internationally, the basic function of natural history museums was to establish large collections of geological, botanical and zoological specimens (insects, fossils, plants, birds, bones and the like) and their preservation," explained Naqvi. "But the mandate of NMNH was to spread awareness through its collections, exhibitions and activities on the need for environmental conservation."



The fiber glass life-size model of the Allosaurus dinosaur species that was installed in the premises. *Asif Naqvi*

It is with this objective that the NMNH opened on June 5, 1978, on World Environment Day, inside the FICCI building at Mandi House, where it stayed until it was destroyed in a massive fire in April 2016.

Mandi House was known as the cultural centre of Delhi. But after NMNH, it also became a centre for environmental activism. Naqvi recalled how some of the biggest names among environmentalists in India like Sunita Narain, Ashish Kothari and Sharad Gaur would visit the museum for meetings and exhibitions.

He said because of NMNH, even those who were not environmentalists, like filmmakers and theatre activists, became interested in the environment. Being a theatre enthusiast, Naqvi had joined the street play theatre group Jana Natya Manch, which was doing plays on social issues at that time. "Being influenced by NMNH, I wrote plays on environmental issues such as the Bhopal gas tragedy, ozone layer depletion, tiger poaching, pollution, etc."

The 1970s and 80s were when environmentalism and nature conservation were taking roots in India. Some of the biggest environmental movements in India like the Silent Valley movement, the Chipko movement, the Appiko movement, and the Narmada Bachao Andolan had all started during this period. "The government was also beginning to be concerned about environmental issues and the establishment of the NHMH was part of the efforts in creating awareness about the same," said Naqvi.

The four galleries of the museum were curated with the objective of telling a story with the environment in mind. Naqvi proudly recalled creating a project very dear to him on soil conservation. It consisted of a large tree with roots going deep into the soil. On it was written in big bold letters, "the six inches of humus takes millions of years to form". "The message was that soil is the most important part of the ecosystem," Naqvi explained.

From the time of its birth to its last day, the museum held daily film shows and audio visuals on the environment. Conservationist Sharad Gaur, who was part of the WWF India education team, recalled how NMNH reached out to them to produce an audio visual on Delhi's dependence and relationship with nature. The project titled 'Delhi's debt to nature', shot by Gaur and produced by the WWF team in the mid-1980s, was screened in one of the theatres inside the museum regularly till about the early 2000s.

"It showed how Delhi had grown from its natural origins, particularly the ridge and the Yamuna, and how it continues to be dependent on them and the need to protect them," recalled Gaur. "It also showed the early effects of urbanisation in Delhi, such as fly ash pollution, which was a big problem in the city in the 1980s and 90s, river degradation, and loss of natural forest."

On plans for the reestablishment of the NMNH, present director of the museum, Naaz Rizvi, said, "The government of India has already allotted 6.5 acres of land for it. We are working on it and shall announce its progress soon."



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The 2019 event was hosted by China, which currently owns half of the world's electric vehicles and 99 per cent of the world's electric buses. "The country has shown outstanding leadership in combating household air pollution," said UN Environment Acting Head Joyce Msuya. "It can now assist motivate the rest of the globe to take more action."

The first World Environment Day was held 50 years ago with the slogan "Only One Earth." It is still true five decades later, because the Earth is still our sole home, and humanity must protect its precious resources. The global campaign for World Environment Day 2022 uses the hashtag #OnlyOneEarth to push for policy and choice improvements that enable cleaner, greener, and more sustainable living in harmony with nature.

Indira Gandhi, the then Prime Minister, attended the first United Nations Conference on Environment in 1972. Participants endorsed a set of principles, the Stockholm Declaration and Action Plan, and several other resolutions at the meeting. The United Nations Environment Programme was also established at the Stockholm Conference (UNEP).

The Stockholm Declaration, which was drafted collaboratively by developed and developing countries, recognises that humans have attained extraordinary power to modify their environment, with substantial implications for human well-being and economic progress. Countries acknowledge the need for a common vision to inspire and guide the world's peoples in the protection and enhancement of the human environment through this agreement. It contains 26 principles on the relationship between human progress and the environment, which might be considered one of the cornerstones of the international policy known as "sustainable development." The declaration is frequently seen as a watershed moment in the evolution of international environmental law, as it recognises the importance of a healthy environment for people.



"The concept of World Environment Day was conceived 50 years ago at the Stockholm United Nations Conference on the Human Environment in 1972. It sprang from the realisation that we must take action to protect the air, land, and water on which we all rely," said UN Under-Secretary-General and Executive Director of the UN Environment Programme, Inger Andersen.

The global campaign #OnlyOneEarth for World Environment Day 2022 pushes for policy and decision reforms that enable cleaner, greener, and sustainable living in harmony with nature. It will focus on the importance of living sustainably and in peace with nature, as well as our options for transitioning to a greener lifestyle through policy and individual choices. The motto of the 1972 Stockholm Conference was "Only One Earth." The motto is as relevant today as it was 50 years ago: this planet is our only home, and humanity must protect its precious resources.

The year 2022 will be a watershed moment in UNEP's and the global environmental community's history. It is the 50th anniversary of the foundation of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) as a result of the Stockholm Conference. It also falls on the same day as the high-level Stockholm+50 international summit. These iconic events provide a platform for the world community to strengthen cooperation and demonstrate leadership in the transition to a more sustainable society.

On the 2nd and 3rd of June 2022, the Government of Sweden, with the help of the Government of Kenya, will host Stockholm+50, 50 years after the 1972 Stockholm Conference. The 50th anniversary of this landmark conference and its consequence documents, most notably the Stockholm Declaration, will be commemorated during this international gathering. Stockholm+50 will help to accelerate progress toward a more sustainable society, including a long-term recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic.

The meeting will reflect on the urgent need for actions toward a healthy planet and prosperity for all, as well as achieving a sustainable and inclusive recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic and speeding up the implementation of the environmental dimension of Sustainable Development in the context of the Decade of Action, in three leadership dialogues.

Human rights and the environment are inextricably linked: a clean, healthy, and sustainable environment is necessary for the enjoyment of our human rights, whereas polluted, toxic, or otherwise unhealthy settings may infringe on our rights. Geneva, as the world's principal hub for human rights concerns, has been instrumental in advancing the agenda at the intersection of human rights and the environment.



ADVERTORIAL



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Continental Carbon India Private Limited on Friday planted 500 trees in their factory and its surrounding. This action is a part of Continental Carbon's green initiative. The employees actively participated in this event, with each of them planting a tree of their choice. This is a step towards the growing need of reducing the carbon footprint of the industries. CCIPL collectively aims for a greener tomorrow. As per Niraj Singh, the Head of Administration of Continental Carbon, the unit has planned to plant 5,000 trees this year.

Only One Earth should be a war cry

Implement the 'reuse, recycle, renew' mantra in daily life. As consumers making the right choice, we are more powerful than the governments and businesses who seem to control our lives, says Divya Tiwari, Principal Scientist & Advisor, Saahas



Divya Tiwari
Principal Scientist & Advisor, Saahas

IMAGINE BEING on a dilapidated raft in a stormy ocean. At present, our existence on earth is as precarious. The raft was not as tattered earlier, human beings have been thriving on it for many centuries. We grew exponentially by eliminating all competition, killing, enslaving other species, ignoring the fact that they were helping maintain the delicate balance for the raft. We also built safe havens and other comfort goods by cutting and using material from this raft itself! Now, with eight billion of us living with this 'don't care' attitude, the raft is soon about to give way and topple over. What do we do? We can't go elsewhere because, for us, it is "only one earth"! We have no option but to rebuild the raft while living on it! It's challenging and there is no magical solution or a technology fix. Understanding earth's complex systems and evolving a way of life that is in harmony with it is the only option.

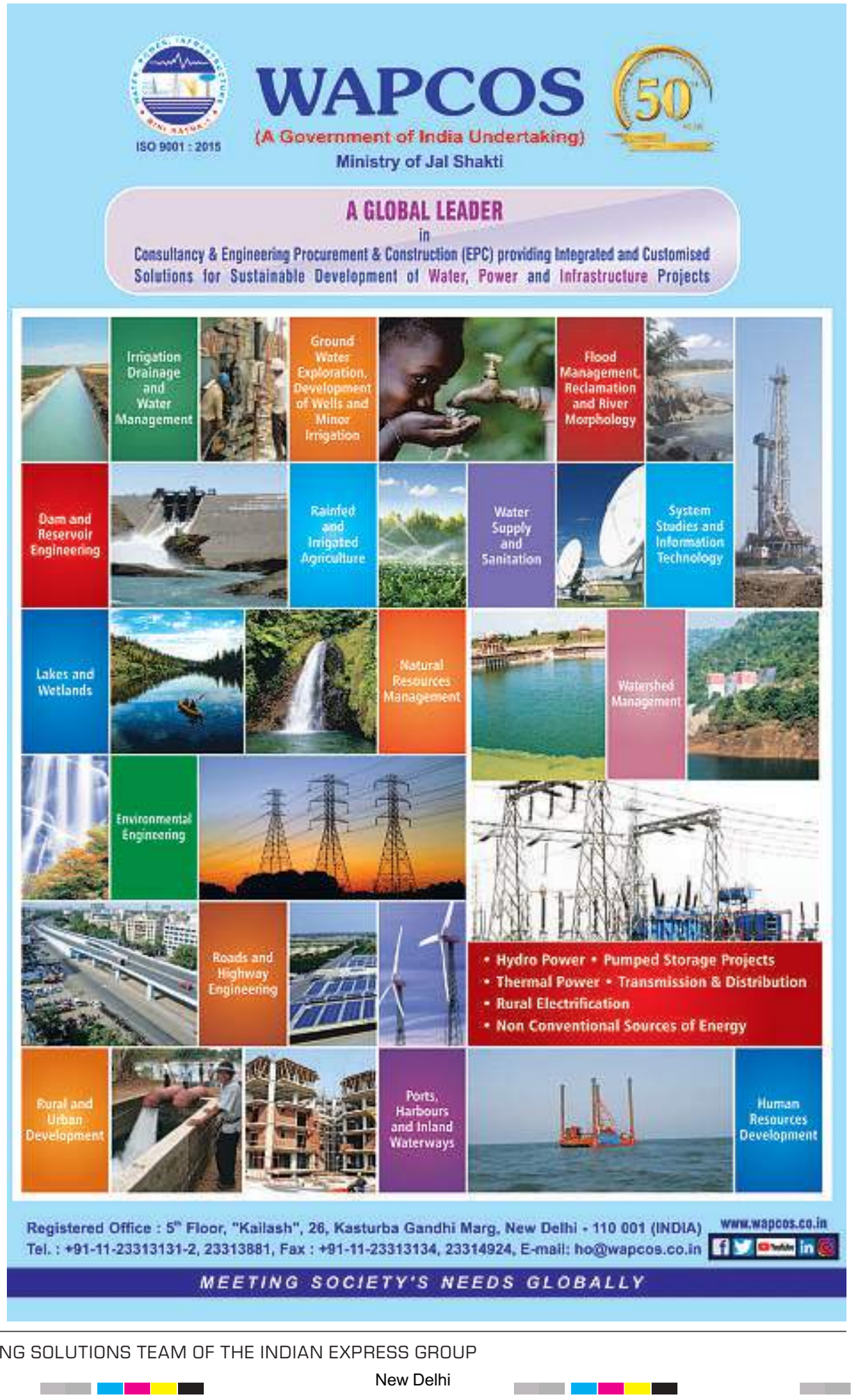
We cannot leave it to governments, experts or activists alone. Each one of us has to make our footprint smaller by choosing a lifestyle that is less demanding on earth's resources. Living right, however, is not easy in today's complex world. For example, switching from plastic to paper cups may seem like the right decision, it is made from fossil fuel. But paper cups use far more fossil fuel in their production. They also have a much bigger chemical and water load and poorer recycling rates compared to plastic cups as hot beverage paper cups are lined with a plastic layer. Best would be to reject both and go for reusables.

But reusables are better only when they are reused. If you are buying a new cotton bag every time you go to a store and have a pile of these at home, you are not helping the cause. These decisions are easier and become intuitive if we engage with the issue. Understand recycling, visit paper and plastic recycling facilities. Basically, understand the big picture to help put the pieces together.

Engaging deeply will also help us demand appropriate and impactful actions from governments and businesses. Individually we are powerless but as a group of voters and consumers, we are more powerful than the governments and businesses who seem to control our lives.

Hence collectively we must exercise that control and do it with a sense of responsibility. We don't have to meet state heads to be heard. Participating in local governance like attending ward/ layout/apartment committee meetings; engaging with local Municipal officers and councillors etc. will make a huge difference if we all start doing it. On the business front, keep a watch on the kind of products introduced in the market, reject harmful or over-packaged products, read labels, demand more transparency and accountability, ask questions on social media. All this will not require more than a few days in a year but collectively it would add billions of eyes to monitor and billions of hands to restore our environment.

Only One Earth is not just a theme for this World Environment Day, it's a war cry. We need all hands on the deck.



All Odisha ministers quit ahead of move for a younger Cabinet



Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, JUNE 4

ALL THE ministers of the Odisha government as well as the Speaker of the state Assembly resigned on Saturday, paving the way for a much-awaited Cabinet reshuffle by Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik.

Several ministers are expected to be dropped and drafted for organisational work, while Speaker Surjya Narayan Patro is likely to find a place in the Cabinet. The oath-taking is scheduled for Sunday. Sources said emphasis is on having a "slightly younger" Cabinet.

The move came a day after the BJD registered landslide victory in the Brajrajnagar Assembly by-election, and three of its candidates were elected unopposed to the Rajya Sabha.

The BJD has been ruling Odisha continuously since 2000. Patnaik, who celebrated the 25th anniversary of his public life earlier this week and completed 22 years as Chief Minister last month, remains in absolute control of his party and the government, and is hence unlikely to face any resistance over changes in the organisation or council of ministers.

Asked whether any important leader would be inducted into the cabinet, a party MP said: "Nobody is important." Another MP said: "Only Naveen and (V K) Pandian (his Private Secretary) would know. The rest is all speculation."

There has been talk about a massive overhaul of the Cabinet and party since April, after Patnaik carried out a review of the BJD's performance in the panchayat and urban local body elections. While the BJD did well in the polls, the CM asked all ministers to submit performance reports of their departments.

This is not the first time Patnaik is carrying out a mid-term reshuffle of his Cabinet. In 2017, he had done a similar exercise after the panchayat elections. He had then asked 10 out of the 20 ministers in his government to resign. Five of the former ministers were given responsibilities in the party's district units.

"There are so many MLAs and you have to accommodate everybody. Some people will move from the ministry to party work and some from the party to the government," a BJD leader said.

Review disability quota immunity of IPS, two other forces: SC to Centre

ANANTHAKRISHNAN G
NEW DELHI, JUNE 4

THE SUPREME Court has asked the Centre to have a relook at the blanket exemption given to the Indian Police Service (IPS), DANIPS and IRPFS from the onus of reserving posts for persons with disabilities under the Rights of Persons With Disabilities Act, 2016.

The top court's order came after the government, in an affidavit, stated that people with benchmark disability — disability of more than 40% — are not considered for any post in the three services, given the nature of their work.

Besides the IPS, NCT of Delhi, Andaman and Nicobar Islands, Lakshadweep, Daman and Diu and Dadra and Nagar Haveli Police Service (DANIPS) and the Indian Railway Protection Force Service (IRFPS) are also exempted from making such reservation.

WHAT THE LAW SAYS

SECTION 33 of the Act mandates the government to identify posts that can be held by various categories of persons with benchmark disabilities. Section 34(1) of the Act provides for reservation of not less than 4% in government jobs to identified categories of persons with benchmark disability — people with disability of 40% or more.

During the hearing of the matter on May 19, Attorney General K K Venugopal also expressed the view that the "affidavit perhaps needs a relook".

The court was hearing a petition by the National Platform for the Rights of the Disabled, which had challenged the notification by the Department of Empowerment of Persons With Disabilities (DEPWD) under the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment granting exemption from reserving posts to Persons with Benchmark Disabilities in the three services.

The DEPWD is the competent authority to exempt any Central government post or service from the purview of reservation under the Act.

Requests from Central government establishments seeking exemption from the purview of the Act are considered by an Inter-Departmental Committee (IDC), headed by Joint Secretary of the department, which was constituted on August 16, 2017.

Hearing the matter, an SC bench presided by Justice A M Khanwilkar agreed with the submission of Senior Counsel Arvind Datar P Datar that IDC, in its August 13, 2021 meeting to discuss the MHA's request seeking exemption from the reservations, did not discuss all categories of disability, "including [those] relating to the feasibility of appointment to non-combative posts".

"In such a situation, it is appropriate that the Committee must examine the matter afresh," the court said. "While doing so, it ought to take into account the recommendations made by the experts and also the additional note to be furnished by the petitioner."

On March 25, 2022, the SC had allowed candidates with physical disabilities, who have cleared the civil services written exam, to provisionally apply for selection to the three services and said that their claims can be considered, subject to the outcome of the case.

In an affidavit filed in the court on April 21, the Centre said: "...IPS, DANIPS and IRPFS are dealing with security establishments. It is therefore essential to maintain the highest standard of physical as well as mental fitness alertness all the time".

Sisodia says Himanta gave PPE contracts to kin's biz partners; CM to file for 'defamation'

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
GUWAHATI, JUNE 4





MANISH SISODIA: 'Contract above market rates'
HIMANTA BISWA SARMA: 'Wife didn't take a penny'

DELHI DEPUTY Chief Minister Manish Sisodia Saturday alleged that Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma had given PPE supply contracts above market rates to his wife and son's business partners amid the pandemic in March 2020. Sarma — who was the state's health minister in 2020 — said he would file a defamation case against Sisodia.

At a press conference in Delhi, the AAP leader accused the Assam CM of engaging in "brazen corruption" on the "pretext of the pandemic", citing a series of reports published earlier this week by news website *The Wire* in collaboration with Guwahati-based portal *The Cross Current*.

The reports alleged that companies linked to Sarma's wife Riniki Bhuyan Sarma and "close" business associates received contracts for emergency medical supplies (including PPE kits and hand sanitisers) at a much higher price than the going rate and without following a proper tender process. The allegations were based on RTI replies from the state's National Health Mission.

Sarma defended his wife, saying she had "donated" the kits and did not "take a single penny". "At a time when the entire country was facing the worst pandemic in over 100 years , Assam hardly had any PPE Kits. My wife took the courage of coming forward and donating around 1500 free of cost to the govt to save lives" Sarma tweeted. "Stop sermonising and I will see you soon in Guwahati as you will face criminal defamation."

The Wire report said that when the firm of Sarma's wife's failed to supply the 5,000 PPE kits as per the quantity specified in the order, it was cancelled by NHM. Later, 1,485 PPE kits were presented as part of the firm's corporate social responsibility, the report said.

The other company too — where Sarma's son is a business partner — was unable to complete the supply order, as per the report.

Citing the report, Sisodia said despite the other firm not being able to meet the supply, another supply order was given to it at an even higher rate of Rs 1,680.

He said that at the time the orders were placed, the Assam government was already buying PPE kits at Rs 600 from another company. "But the companies owned by his wife and son's business partners got the contract at Rs 990 a piece," he alleged.

Responding to Sarma's tweets, Sisodia attached a purported picture of the contract. "Are these documents lying?" he asked. To this, Sarma accused Sisodia of cherry-picking and showing "half the document trail".

Punjab Cong is jolted again: 4 ex-ministers, other leaders join BJP

NAVJEEVAN GOPAL
CHANDIGARH, JUNE 4

IN A major jolt to the Congress in Punjab, its Mohali mayor, four former ministers and a former MLA joined the BJP on Saturday, as did two former Shiromani Akali Dal (SAD) MLAs, giving the saffron party a shot in the arm.

Former Congress MLA from Barnala Kewal Dhillon, who was expelled for alleged anti-party activities, and former SAD MLA Sarup Chand Singla, who quit the party in March last year, also joined the BJP. Former chief parliamentary secretary and ex-Akali leader from Sham Chaurasi assembly constituency Mohinder Kaur Josh and former Congress minister Balbir Singh Sidhu's brother and Mohali mayor Amarjit Singh Sidhu also joined the party.

The four former ministers were welcomed to the BJP fold in the presence of Punjab BJP president Ashwani Sharma, party's national general secretary Tarun Chugh and Union Cabinet minister Gajendra Singh Shekhawat.

The movement comes on a day when Union Home Minister Amit Shah is in Panchkula to inaugurate Khelo India Youth Games. He also interacted with party leaders in Chandigarh.

Earlier, a video of them with former state Congress chief Sunil Jakhar, who had last month joined the BJP, was circulated on the social media fueling speculations of them joining the BJP fold. Also seen in the video was former Akali leader Manjinder Singh Sirsa, who had also switched over to the BJP.



The former Congress leaders at the Punjab BJP office in Chandigarh on Saturday. *Kamleshwar Singh*



Home Minister Amit Shah with the parents of Sidhu Moosewala in Chandigarh, Saturday. *PTI*

Moosewala parents meet Shah; father says won't contest polls

NAVJEEVAN GOPAL
CHANDIGARH, JUNE 4

SINGER SIDHU Moosewala's father Balkaur Singh Saturday clarified that he will not contest any election, putting an end to the speculation that had started following a social media post by noted economist Sardara Singh Johl. The remarks came after he, with wife Charan Kaur, met Home Minister Amit Shah and demanded a probe by central agencies into the murder of Moosewala on May 29.

"*Haale mere putt da siva thanda nahi hoya* (The pyre of my son is not yet doused). I have no intention to contest elections," said Balkaur Singh in a video message.

He said: "I get hurt seeing different social media posts. Do not pay heed to them".

Balkaur Singh said he was thankful to all who stood by the family in the hour of grief and urged people to attend the 'bhog' ceremony of his son on June 8. He added that he would "share his thoughts then".

The statement came a day after Punjab Congress chief Amrinder Singh Raja Warring, Congress Legislature Party leader Partap Singh Bajwa and Shiromani Akali Dal (Sanyukt) leader Parminder Singh Dhindsa endorsed a suggestion of Johl to get Balkaur elected unopposed from Sangrur Lok Sabha seat.

In a post on his Facebook page, Johl wrote: "I feel it may be a bit helpful consolation if the father of Sidhu Moosewala is persuaded to be elected in by-election to the Parliament from Sangrur constituency unopposed." Warring said: "Hope all other parties agree." Bajwa too said Balkaur Singh should be fielded as a consensus candidate. Dhindsa assured his party's support.

The bypoll was necessitated after Bhagwant Mann vacated the seat on being elected from Dhuri in the 2022 Punjab Assembly elections.



GITA PRESS CENTENARY

President Ram Nath Kovind, Governor Anandiben Patel and Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath at an event to mark the centenary celebrations of Gita Press in Gorakhpur on Saturday. Kovind said that Gita Press has played a key role in taking cultural knowledge to the people. *Express*

Shiv Sena to put up all MLAs at Mumbai hotel until RS poll done

VALLABH OZARKAR
MUMBAI, JUNE 4

AHEAD OF the contest for the sixth Rajya Sabha seat in Maharashtra, the ruling partner in the Maha Vikas Aghadi (MVA) coalition, the Shiv Sena, has asked all its MLAs to come to Mumbai on June 8. It has arranged a south Mumbai hotel to put them up at till the election concludes on June 10.

Shiv Sena has fielded two candidates for the forthcoming elections for the Upper House.

Along with Sena, the other parties in the MVA — Congress and NCP — are also in the process of preparing a strategy to keep all their MLAs as well as Independents and legislators of allied parties together to avoid any chance of poaching, said sources.

In all, seven candidates are in the fray for six Rajya Sabha seats in Maharashtra. While Friday was the last day for withdrawal of nominations, no candidate retreated, making the contest imminent for the sixth seat, which will be primarily between Sena's Sanjay Pawar and BJP's Dhananjay Mahadik.

On June 8, Chief Minister and Sena president Uddhav Thackeray will hold a rally in Aurangabad. Taking note of the same, the party has advised all MLAs, other than those from the Aurangabad region, to reach Mumbai. A senior party leader said, "We have called all MLAs belonging to our party, allied parties and Independents to Mumbai as a precautionary measure. They have been told to come to Mumbai on June 8."

While, the BJP and the MVA are now banking on Independents and the other smaller parties for the elections, the Samajwadi Party (SP) and Bahujan Vikas Aghadi (BVA) who supported the MVA during the formation of the government in Maharashtra in 2019, are yet to open their cards. While SP has two MLAs and the BVA three.

BSP whip to six MLAs who merged with Cong: Vote for Subhash Chandra

HAMZA KHAN
JAIPUR, JUNE 4

THE BSP Saturday issued issued a whip asking six MLAs who were elected on party tickets but merged with the Congress in 2019 to vote for BJP-backed Independent candidate Subhash Chandra in the Rajya Sabha elections on June 10, warning them that not doing so would be considered a violation.

Media baron Chandra's entry has thrown Congress plans in the state up in the air. The vote of the six former BSP MLAs could be decisive — with the legality of their membership yet to be decided by the Supreme Court. Incidentally, four of the six have not joined the Congress contingent holed up in Udaipur ahead of the Rajya Sabha polls, though they are still expected to vote for the Congress.

BSP state president Bhagwan Singh Baba said in a statement: "Since you won on a BSP ticket, you are bound to act as per the whip of the BSP."

The MLAs in question had merged with the ruling Congress in September 2019. A Congress source said: "No court has given a stay on their membership, so they continue to be our members."

As SP strain shows, BJP again leans on OBCs for Azamgarh, Rampur bypolls

LALMANI VERMA
LUCKNOW, JUNE 4

CONTINUING its focus on OBCs, the BJP Saturday declared Bhojpuri actor-turned-politician Dinesh Lal Yadav 'Nirahua' and former Samajwadi Party MLC Ghanshyam Lodhi as its candidates for Azamgarh and Rampur Lok Sabha constituencies, respectively, in the coming bypolls.

Both seats are prestige fights, having been vacated by SP stalwarts Akhilesh Yadav and Azam Khan after their move to the Assembly in the recent elections.

Nirahua had contested from Azamgarh Lok Sabha seat in 2019 as a BJP nominee, but lost to Akhilesh — he got almost half of the SP chief's tally of 60.36% votes.



'Nirahua' is BJP's Azamgarh candidate

The ticket to Nirahua shows that he remains in the good books of Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath. Ahead of the recent Assembly polls, he had released videos supporting Adityanath as CM in 2022 and 2027 as well.

A BJP leader said Nirahua was a natural choice. "He has stardom and is young. He is popular among the youths of eastern UP. Even after losing the election in 2019, he has been active in the constituency. People know him."

Plus, the BJP leader said, Nirahua is also a Yadav, which will get him the support of the community if the SP fields a non-Yadav candidate. Yadavs form the largest chunk of voters in Azamgarh.

From Azam Khan's stronghold of Rampur, BJP has fielded Lodhi, who started his political career with BJP, moved to BSP, SP, and has now returned to his parent party.

A BJP leader said they are confident of Lodhi's victory. "He is an established OBC leader and old political figure of Rampur. The BJP will get OBC votes because of him. As BSP is not contesting Rampur bypoll, we are hopeful of getting a majority of Dalit votes as well."

Now, Rajasthan govt plans Bill to take chancellor rights from Governor

DEEP MUKHERJEE
JAIPUR, JUNE 4

THE RAJASTHAN government is considering bringing in legislation to give the Chief Minister the power to appoint chancellors for 28 state-funded universities. As per the Bill, the Governor, who is now the Chancellor, will become the Visitor of these universities.

If the new legislation — titled Rajasthan State Funded Universities Act — comes into effect, the Governor will also have no say in the selection process of V-Cs of state-funded universities.

The draft, as well as presentations related to the Act, talk about how this "umbrella Act" will help protect universities "from political interference" and "ensuring implementation of government policies and enhancing accountability of officers to the authorities of universities and state government and ease in policy implementation and governance".

A government presentation related to the draft Bill says it will help avoid conflicts arising out of difference of opinion between the Governor's office and Rajasthan government. "Though Higher Education is the responsibility of the State being in Joint list, it has less direct role in issuing directives to the Universities," says the presentation.

"The Governor shall be the Visitor of the University. The Visitor when present will preside over the Convocation of the University. The Visitor shall have other powers as prescribed by the Statutes of the University. The Chief Minister of Government of Rajasthan shall appoint a Chancellor for the University. The tenure of the Chancellor will be Five years or till the appointment of the next Chancellor by the Chief Minister, whichever is earlier," the draft says.

It says the Chancellor so appointed will be an eminent educationist or scholar of repute over the age of 65 and not exceeding the age of 75. No person will be appointed the Chancellor of more than three universities.

EXPLAINED

In line with some non-BJP states

THE MOVE follows several instances of a stand-off between the state government and the office of Rajasthan Governor Kalraj Mishra. The draft has been prepared after studying similar legislation planned by other non-BJP states or in place there, such as Kerala, West Bengal, Maharashtra, and Andhra Pradesh, as well as UGC regulations.

The Chancellor will in turn appoint V-Cs in concurrence with the state government, on the recommendations of a selection committee consisting of a person nominated by the university's board of management, a person nominated by the UGC chairman, a person nominated by the Chancellor and a person nominated by the state government.

This will effectively leave the Governor no say over the selection of a V-C. At present, the Governor, who is also the Chancellor for state-funded universities, has a nominee in the V-C selection committee.

A top official of the State Higher Education Department said deliberations are on and the Bill might be presented before the Cabinet for approval soon.

Independent MLA from Sirohi Sanyam Lodha, who is also an advisor of CM Ashok Gehlot, welcomed the move. "I have spoken about this in the House as well. I also gave the example of West Bengal. Arajkta (anarchy) has started, people who are not eligible are becoming vice-chancellors and are later raided by the Anti-Corruption Bureau. The new Bill will bring uniformity," Lodha said.

Earlier this year, Rajasthan Governor Kalraj Mishra cancelled two meetings of the Board of Management and advisory committee of the Haridev Joshi University of Journalism and Mass Communication (HJU), setting off a political controversy. As university officials alleged interference by the Raj Bhavan, Lodha, who is a member of the university's board, questioned Mishra's move. The Raj Bhavan said the step was taken to ensure that no policy decision was taken towards the end of the tenure of then V-C Om Thanvi.

HJU is among the 28 state-funded universities covered by the draft Bill.

The Rajasthan government and Governor also differed over an amendment Act passed in the Assembly in March. The Raj Bhavan sent back the amendment Bill to the government for reconsideration, citing UGC regulations.

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New Delhi

I&B Ministry asks Twitter and YouTube to take down deodarant ads that made rape jokes

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, JUNE 4

THE INFORMATION and Broadcasting Ministry Saturday asked Twitter and YouTube to take down a deodorant brand's advertisement videos that appeared to trivialise sexual violence.

The advertising industry's self-regulatory body, too, found the Layer'r Shot ad to be against its guidelines and told the company to suspend it.

The ministry wrote to Twitter and YouTube Saturday stating that the ads violated the Information Technology (Intermediary Guidelines and Digital Media Ethics Code) Rules, 2021.

It flagged "certain videos which appear to be an advertisement of a company, and are being posted by several users on the intermediary platform Twitter".

The advertisements had triggered anger online, with several people pointing out rape jokes in them.

In its email to YouTube, the government said one video has been "viewed close to a million times and also shared on other social media platforms".

"The above mentioned video is detrimental to the portrayal of women in the interest of decency or morality, and in violation of the rule 3(1)(b)(ii) of the Information Technology (Intermediary Guidelines and Digital Media Ethics Code) Rules, 2021, which inter-alia provides that the users shall not host, display, upload, modify, publish, transmit, store, update or share any information which is insulting or harassing on the basis of gender," the emails to both platforms said.

The Advertising Standards Council of India (ASCI), the industry's self-regulatory body, lays down the code for self-regulation in advertising on TV in accordance with the Cable Television Network Rules 1994. ASCI "has also found the video to be in violation of its guidelines…. (and) has notified the advertiser to suspend the ad on an immediate basis," the ministry said.

After one of the ads was referred to ASCI on Twitter by viewers on Friday, it had said: "The ad is in serious breach of the ASCI Code and is against public interest. We have taken immediate action and notified the advertiser to suspend the ad, pending investigation."

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PP Colony Branch	**1. Mrs. Neelu Singh (Borrower),** W/o Mr. Shailesh Kumar Singh **2.** Sri Shailesh Kumar Singh, R/o H No.-56, Block No.-08, Road No.-02, Near Rajendra Nagar Telephone Exchange, Patna, Also at Village- Ainee, P.S.-Simiri,BakhtiarpurP.O.-Chapram Kothi, Dist.-Saharsa	All part & parcel of Flat in ground floor bearing No. 44, Block:8, of M-6 Type situated at mohalla Rajendra Nagar, P.S. Kadam Kuan, Distt- Patna, with the limit Patna Municipal Corporation & Patna Regional Development Authority, Ward No.-12, vide Lease Deed No.-717, dated-12.02.2001, in the name of **Mrs. Neelu Singh, W/o Mr. Shailesh Kumar Singh,** Total built up area-819 sq. Ft. Boundary (As per Deed):North: Flat no. 43, South: Flat No. 19, M-7 Type, East- Road, West- Internal Road	08.02.2022	**Rs. 30,44,767.00/-** + Intt. & other Banking and legal expenses there upon	30.05.2022

Place: Patna
Date : 30.05.2022
Authorised Officer
Indian Bank (Erstwhile Allahabad Bank)

Nadda speaks with 7 envoys in BJP's outreach initiative

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
NEW DELHI, JUNE 4

BJP PRESIDENT J P Nadda on Saturday spoke to seven heads of missions, including the Russian envoy, his third such interaction as part of the party's outreach initiative.

The BJP's foreign affairs wing chief, Vijay Chauthaiwale, said Nadda thanked the countries that helped in the rescue of Indian students from Ukraine during the Russian invasion.

Nadda elaborated on the structure, departments and growth of the party, and also took questions from the envoys. He has so far interacted with 33 foreign envoys as part of the 'Know BJP' initiative.

"It was an honour to meet with delegates from different countries today at our party HQ under the 'Know BJP' initiative," Nadda tweeted.

Interactions with more envoys are planned for June 11 and 13, Chauthaiwale said. While European countries are likely to be represented on June 11, the focus will on the Middle East and African nations on June 13, he added.

Dhankhar slams Bengal govt over death of KK

Kolkata: West Bengal Governor Jagdeep Dhankhar Saturday criticised the state's TMC government over singer KK's death, saying "there could not have been more failure of the administration". He said there was no risk management in place at Nazrul Mancha, the venue of the singer's final performance. "... there was a complete failure. Those supposed to oversee it must be held accountable," he said. **ENS**

KANPUR CLASHES



Police personnel patrol an area in Kanpur on Saturday, a day after clashes broke out. *PTI*

Cops consider bulldozers; told to invoke NSA

MANISH SAHU
LUCKNOW, JUNE 4

A DAY after clashes in Beckanganj area of Kanpur, police on Saturday said four more people have been held, taking the number of arrests to 22, and claimed to have identified the main conspirators behind the violence.

The government has asked police to invoke NSA against the accused, and said the probe will look into the source of their funding.

On Saturday, police lodged three separate FIRs related to the violence, two of them filed by police personnel and one by a private person. The FIRs name 55 persons and hundreds of unidentified people for allegedly having a role in Friday's clashes.

Pointing out that police are trying to identify the accused with CCTV footage, Additional Director General (Law and Order) Prashant Kumar said the accused and conspirators will be booked under UP Gangsters and Anti-Social Activities (Prevention) Act and their properties would be seized and bulldozed.

Kanpur Police Commissioner Vijay Singh Meena said that 22 people have been arrested so far; of them, 18 were held on Friday.

Bank accounts of the arrested persons will be scrutinised and their association with other organisations, including the Popular Front of India (PFI), would be looked into during investigation, Meena said.

He said the probe will also look at whether there was any negligence on police's part.

According to officers, their probe found members of a local outfit named MMA Jauhar Fans Association as main conspirators. As per the association's website, it is a non-profit organisation operating for the last 12 year, focussing on alleviating poverty and social justice.

Meena said among the arrested is the association's national president, Hayat Jafar Hashmi, its UP chairman Javed Ahmed Khan, member Mohammad Rahil, and one Mohammad Sufiyan of Kanpur.

Javed Ahmed ran a news channel from Lucknow, police said. "After the violence, we learnt that these people left Kanpur and hid in Javed's Lucknow office. Police raided the office and arrested them," an officer said.

Meanwhile, 12 companies of Provincial Armed Constabulary (PAC) have been deployed in areas under Beckanganj police station, where violence took place.

The fans association had called for a "bandh' in Kanpur on Friday to protest an objectionable statement against the Prophet, purportedly made by BJP leader Nupur Sharma during a TV debate on May 27. Violence broke out in some areas when some people tried to force shopkeepers to down shutters, police said. Two groups soon entered into a scuffle and threw stones on each other following a heated exchange.

Several people, including policemen, were injured.

The three FIRs have invoked various Sections of IPC, including 307 (attempt to murder), 153 (wantonly giving provocation with intent to cause riot) and 336 (act endangering life or personal safety of others).

Karnataka CM says open to again revising content of textbooks

SANATH PRASAD
BENGALURU, JUNE 4

KARNATAKA CHIEF Minister Basavaraj Bommai dissolved the controversial textbook revision committee and said the government was open to revising the content of the textbooks again if people had objections to the changes introduced by the panel.

Bommai's decision came after state Primary and Secondary Education Minister B C Nagesh submitted a report on the committee. Bommai said the committee was dissolved as its work was complete.

There were widespread protests in Karnataka over the revisions in the Class 10 Kannada and Social Science textbooks for the academic year 2022-23, made on the recommendations of the textbook review committee headed by writer Rohith Chakrathirtha.

Responding to the controversy over social reformer Basavanna's lesson, Bommai said, "Shri Pandithardhya Swamy and other seers have expressed their criticisms against the changes in Basavanna's lessons. However, the new committee has not changed anything. It has retained the content on Basavanna's lessons recommended by the Baraguru Ramachandrappa committee. We have ensured no religious sentiments are hurt."

With many claiming that poems of poet Kuvempu had been dropped, Bommai said while the previous textbook committee included only seven poems of Kuvempu, the new committee has added three more and included 10 of his poems.



During 'Srirangapatna chalo' campaign in Karnataka's Mandya district, Saturday. *PTI*

Security raised in Srirangapatna over VHP call for puja at mosque

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
MANDYA, JUNE 4

SECURITY MEASURES were tightened in Srirangapatna on Saturday following Vishwa Hindu Parishad's (VHP) call to perform puja at the Jamia mosque, claiming that it was built after razing a Hanuman temple.

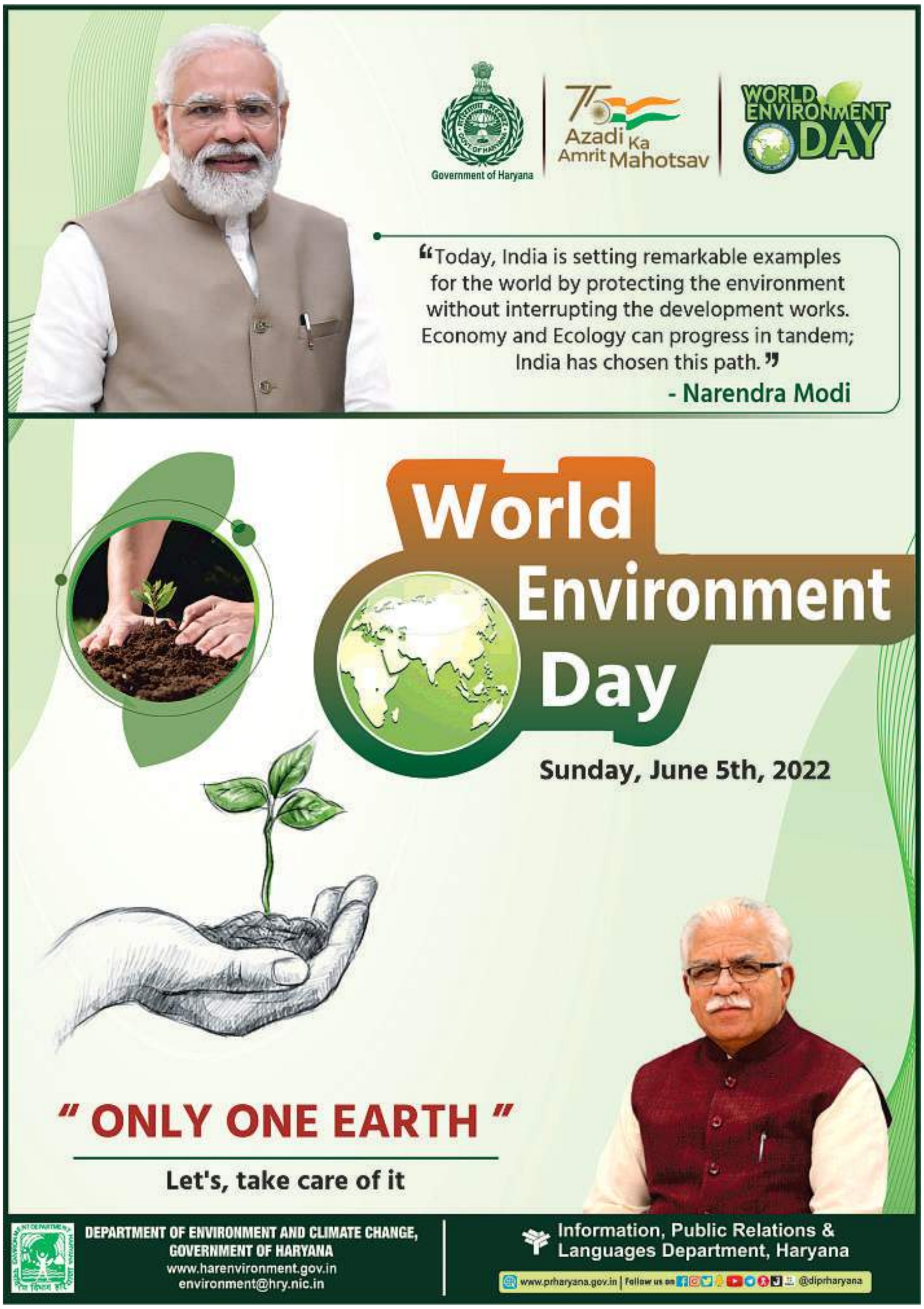
However, the district administration imposed prohibitory orders to prevent any protest or procession from taking place.

Besides the district police force, contingents of Karnataka State Reserved Police were deployed. Roads were barricaded and security pickets were erected in the town.

Fearing backlash, many shopkeepers around the shrine downed shutters for the day after Bajrang Dal and VHP activists raised 'Jai Sriram' slogans and sported saffron scarves and carried saffron flags.

Some Hindutva outfits had called for a protest march to the mosque, which authorities, however, denied permission.

State Home Minister Araga Jnanendra directed police to ensure peace and public order in view of VHP's 'Srirangapatna Chalo' campaign.



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PUBLIC NOTICE

In compliance with order passed by Hon'ble NGT on 20.05.2020 in the matter of **O.A. No. 46/2018, N Jayasimha Vs Govt of NCT of Delhi**, CPCB has framed "**Guidelines for Environmental Management of Dairy Farms and Gaushalas**". The guidelines framed by CPCB are available at the website of DPCC i.e., **dpcc.delhigovt.nic.in**

The Dairy Farms & Gaushalas have been categorized as Orange and Green Category respectively based on the direction given by CPCB under **Section 18(1)(b) of the Water (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act, 1974 & the Air (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act, 1981** on 10.07.2020.

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Member Secretary (DPCC)

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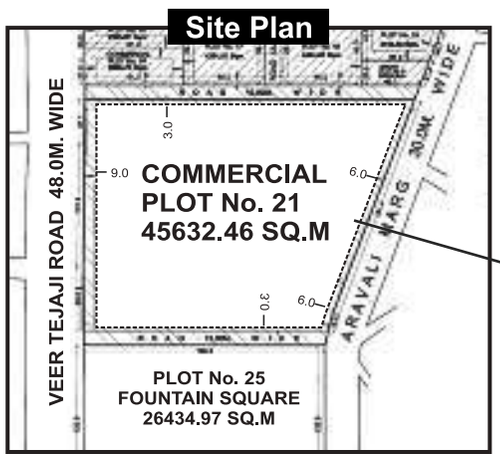
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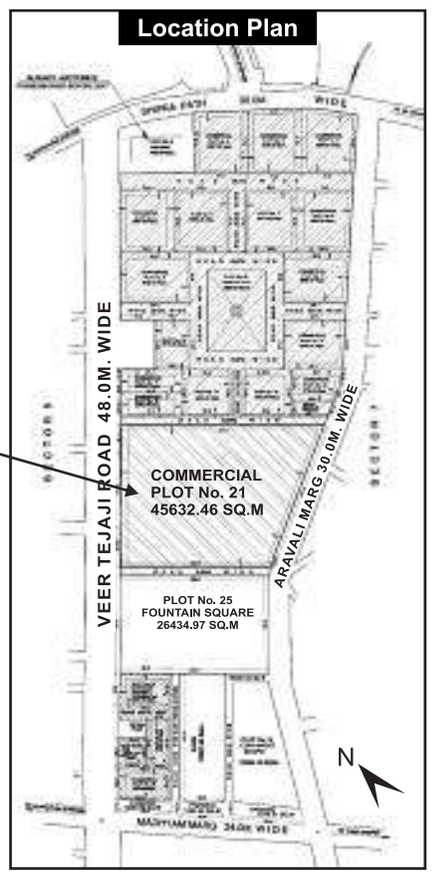
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2 women held, 4 minors detained, for killing man with disability in Mumbai suburb

SAGAR RAJPUT
MUMBAI, JUNE 4

THE MUMBAI Police arrested two women and detained four minors on Friday for allegedly killing a 51-year-old man at Tilak Nagar in Chembur early Thursday. The two women are the mothers of the minors who have been detained.

Police said the six allegedly went to the house of Prakash Waghmare and assaulted him after he objected to his niece's relationship with one of the minors.

According to the police, the incident took place around 1 am on Thursday. Waghmare, who was disabled, could not defend himself during the assault, which led to his death, officers said.

"His 16-year-old niece is in a relationship with one of the minor, who is also 16 years old. Her family, including her elder brother and uncle (Waghmare), had objected after she was often seen with the boy and his three friends," said an officer.

An argument broke outover the matter on Wednesday night, after which the family refused to let her step out of the house.

However, the girl met the boy alter. "The boy then called the girl's brother and threatened him if he stopped the girl from meeting him," said the officer.

Subsequently, the boy gathered the other three minors and the two women and went to the girl's house at Chembur early Thursday to beat up her brother, the police said. "While the brother managed to flee, they assaulted the uncle with bamboo sticks," the officer added.

Maharashtra records over 1.3k Covid cases, highest since Feb 20

SANJANA BHALERAO & RUPSA CHAKRABORTY
MUMBAI, JUNE 4

FOR THE fourth consecutive day, Maharashtra recorded over 1,000 Covid-19 cases on Saturday. The state witnessed 1,357 new cases, the highest since February 20 when 1,437 infections were logged.

Over half of the new cases — 889 — are from Mumbai alone. This is followed by Navi Mumbai (104) and Thane (91). The only death reported across the state on Saturday was from Mumbai.

Health Minister Rajesh Tope clarified on Saturday that the government has not decided to make masks mandatory. Speaking to mediapersons, he said that confusion has been created in some sections of the media due to usage of some words in a three-page letter sent by the health department to the district collectors.

Expecting a further rise in Covid-19 cases, Additional Chief Secretary Dr Pradeep Vyas, in a letter to the DCs on Friday, had directed that testing, genome sequencing and surveillance be increased. The letter had said that masking in closed places is a "must".

Tope, however, said that as of now, there is no compulsion on people to mask up and they have only been urged to use face masks in closed spaces. "The government is keeping a close watch on the situation and necessary action would be taken after 10-15 days," he added.

Vyas also clarified that no government resolution has been issued in this regard.

Dr Pradip Awate, the state surveillance officer, said, "The severity of the infections is mild. People are recovering within two to three days. But it is essential that people wear masks in crowded places and take booster shots."

"Number of cases are likely to increase further in the next one or two days. So far, the infection spread is restricted only in six to seven districts," he added.

The state's active case tally stood at 5,888 on Saturday. At 4,294, 72 per cent of the active cases from across Maharashtra are from Mumbai.

A day after the Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation (BMC) commissioner instructed his staff to increase testing, the number of tests conducted in the last 24 hours in Mumbai crossed 10,000 for the first time in the last two months.

The daily Test Positivity Rate (TPR) – the number of positive cases detected among the tests conducted – stood at 8.6 per cent. Between Friday and Saturday, 10,257 tests were conducted in Mumbai.

In the last one month, active Covid-19 cases in Maharashtra have surged six-fold. Vyas' letter to the district collectors had stated that daily cases have crossed 1,000 for the first time on 1 June after three months. "Currently, Mumbai Metropolitan Region and Thane are seeing a surge in Covid-19 cases but with the positivity rate increasing in other districts, we can expect an increase in cases in other districts as well," the letter had added.

'SAW PEOPLE WITH BURNS JUMPING INTO DRAINS'

12 dead in fire at Hapur factory; made firecrackers illegally: cops

ARANYA SHANKAR
HAPUR, JUNE 4

TWELVE PEOPLE died and 13 were injured in a fire at a factory in Uttar Pradesh's Hapur on Saturday noon, the police said.

As per preliminary probe, the factory was allegedly manufacturing fireworks illegally, even though licence had been taken to manufacture electronics.

The factory is located at a UP State Industrial Development Corporation (UPSIDC) site in Hapur's Dhaulana area. Most of those who died worked there.

Sub-inspector Sandeep Kumar of Dhaulana police station and chowki in-charge, UPSIDC, said they received information about the blaze around 2.30 pm. "We found eight bodies, completely charred, inside the factory. Four others succumbed to injuries in hospitals."

The injured are admitted at Delhi's Safdarjung Hospital and Sushila Multi-speciality Hospital in Ghaziabad and Meerut Medical, he said.

"There were no chemicals or any boiler on the premises. Plastic pellets and other material found at the spot after the blast make us believe they were producing fireworks inside," the S-I said. "As per our estimate, 27 people were working in the factory."



The factory's gate reads 'Ruhi Industries'; a door that was damaged due to the impact of the blast. *Gajendra Yadav*

The factory's gate read 'Ruhi Industries', although it was not immediately clear whether that belonged to the owner or tenant.

Kumar said the owner is one Dilshad, a resident of Meerut. "He had rented the factory to one Waseem, who is from Hapur. We have tried to trace both people but their phones are switched off. We were told Waseem was one of the injured; we have not been able to track him."

Hapur District Magistrate Medha Rupam said, "Our primary efforts are to save those injured. We are making sure they get medical assistance."

On the cause of the blaze and "legality of the factory", he said a probe is underway and a committee will be set up to look into this.

Workers and factory owners in the area said they heard a loud blast in the afternoon, followed by smoke — material was flying off from the factory. Soon, people could be seen rushing out.

Sumit, 9, whose parents are labourers in a nearby building, was playing outside with his friends when, he said, he heard the blast: "I didn't know what had happened. I just saw people running out injured. I also ran away."

Shyam Sundar, 40, a worker at nearby MDT Lubricants, said he was working when he heard a blast. "There were people bleeding and burning...running out of the factory, jumping in drains hoping for some contact with water," he said.

The impact of the blast was such that glasses and window panes of nearby factories were shattered.

Ritesh Thakur, 29, owner of MDT Lubricants, said the industrial area is almost 20 years old but still does not have a fire station in the area. "We were scared that if the fire spreads, it will take all our factories down," he said.

S-I Sandeep Kumar admitted that there have been "repeated demands" for a fire station. "There are at least two or three fire incidents here every month but they are usually comparatively small," he said.

President Ram Nath Kovind, Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath expressed grief over the loss of lives.

The PM's Office tweeted, "The accident in the chemical factory is heart wrenching. I express my condolences to the families of those who lost their lives. The state government is actively involved in treatment of those injured."

Adityanath directed senior officials from the Meerut division to reach the factory and expedite rescue operations.



Bhupesh Baghel

MINING IN FOREST

Baghel stands by decision, asks protesters to switch off AC first

GARGI VERMA
RAIPUR, JUNE 4

STANDING FIRM on his decision to allow mining in Hasdeo Aranya forests in the state even as people from his own party as well as the Opposition have joined protests along with local people, Chhattisgarh Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel on Saturday said "certain people" are trying to spread misinformation on the mining projects.

Addressing the media at Kanker, Baghel said, "Those trying to politicise the issue should first stop using electricity and air-conditioner, fan and cooler, and then fight for the cause.... People are claiming 8 lakh trees will be cut, when in reality only 8,000 trees will be cut this year."

He said those really concerned with the issue should focus on whether people from tribal communities have received compensation, and whether plantation is going on as per norm. Stating that he will not compromise on betterment of people and their forest rights, Baghel said, "But natural resources like coal, which create employment opportunities and form the backbone of industrial development, will have to be mined."

Baghel's statement comes days after the district administration stated that the gram sabha held to get approval of the mining project is valid.

Hizbul militant killed in Anantnag

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SRINAGAR, JUNE 4

A HIZBUL Mujahideen militant was killed in an overnight gunfight in south Kashmir's Anantnag. Three soldiers and a civilian were injured in the gunfight on Friday evening, the J&K police said.

The police identified the militant killed as Nisar Ahmad Khanday, who, they said, had joined the militant ranks in 2018. A resident of Dooru village in south Kashmir Anantnag, Khanday was active in his native area for the last three-and-a-half years, police sources said.

"Terrorist commander of proscribed outfit HM Nisar Khanday killed. Incriminating materials, arms and ammunition including one AK 47 rifle recovered. Operation progress," J-K Police tweeted, quoting Inspector General of Police (IGP), Kashmir, Vijay Kumar.

The gunfight started on Friday evening when a joint team of J&K Police, the Army and paramilitary forces cordoned off Rishipora village in Anantnag after specific inputs about the presence of militants in the village, police said.

J&K depts post Hindu staff transfer list online; puts us at risk, they say

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
SRINAGAR, JUNE 4

WHILE THE Jammu and Kashmir administration has ordered transfer of Kashmiri Hindu employees to relatively safer locations in the Valley following a spike in targeted attacks by militants, the administration's decision to put these orders in public domain has raised concern among these employees. They feel public announcement of their postings have put their lives at risk.

While the Directorate of School Education subsequently removed the orders from its website, they continue to remain posted on the website of Rural Development Department.

Director, Rural Development (Kashmir), Imam Din told The Sunday Express that he is not aware that the orders are still up on the department's website. "Are the orders posted on our website," he asked. "Let me check it first."

Over the last few days, the UT administration has transferred hundreds of employees, appointed under the Prime Minister's Relief and Rehabilitation package, to "safer locations" in Srinagar and other district headquarters in the Valley. Under pressure to show compliance of the administration's directions to immediately transfer these employees, the Education Department and the Rural Development Department put these transfer orders on their websites.

With the orders showing their new places of posting, Kashmiri Pandit employees say it has put their lives at risk, making them easy targets for militants. "Obviously this is a matter of concern for us in the kind of situation we are living in," Vikas Hangloo, a Kashmiri Pandit employee, said. "Since yesterday, we have been seeing orders, with name and place of posting, circulating on WhatsApp. This has put us at risk. In fact, some political parties have also raised concern over this."

Director, Education, Tasduq Hussain Mir did not respond to repeated calls and messages for a comment.

In Kashmir, the BJP has termed the decision to post the transfer orders online as a "big security breach" and demanded action against government officers responsible for this. "Making the list public on social platforms is a big security breach, as terrorists now have a clear idea on who is posted where," J&K BJP spokesperson Altaf Thakur said. "The government must take a strong note of it and find out who is making the fresh transfer lists...public at a time when target killings are taking place in the Valley".

Three men held for Udhampur 'sticky bomb' blast that killed one, say police

ARUN SHARMA
JAMMU, JUNE 4

THREE MEN from Jammu and Kashmir's Doda and Ramban districts were arrested in connection with an explosion in Udhampur on March 9 that killed one person and injured 16. Police said the blast was caused by a sticky bomb.

Mohammad Ramzan Sohil of Halla Bohar Dhar in Ramban district, as well as Khurshed Ahmed of Motla Dessa and Nisar Ahmed Khan of Dhani Bhaderwah, both in Doda district, were arrested in the case, police said. They added that two sticky bombs were also seized from different locations.

Police said that during their investigation of the March 9 blast, Sohil had confessed to placing a sticky bomb in Udhampur's Slathia Chowk allegedly on the directions of his Pakistani handler Mohammad Amin alias Khubaib.

Additional director general of police (ADGP) for Jammu zone, Mukesh Singh, said Khubaib is presently in Pakistan. The ADGP also said that Sohil's father, Mohammad Ishaq Sohil, had been a trained militant of Lashkar-e-Toiba and was killed in 2003.

For the Udhampur blast, Rs 30,000 was sent to Sohil's bank account on March 23, Singh said, adding that the money was deposited by Khurshed Ahmed on the directions of Khubaib.

The third person arrested in the case, Nisar Ahmed Khan, is a trained LeT militant.

ई-निविदा आमंत्रण सूचना

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ई-निविदा पुनः प्रकाशन सूचना

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4	32, Gurugram	Institutional Plot No 72	2167.90	1
5	37, Gurugram	Institutional Site	7539.29	1
6	44, Gurugram-II	160	5769.86	1
7	44, Gurugram-II	167	9860.15	1
8	56, Gurugram-II	Institutional Site	9024.49	1

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2	25, Gurugram	Commercial Complex	1335.51	1
3	24-25A, Gurugram	Commercial Complex	1884.46	1
4	28, Gurugram	Commercial Center	5544.39	1
5	37-II, Gurugram	Commercial Complex-1	3000	1
6	37-II, Gurugram	Commercial Complex-1	3000	1
7	41, Gurugram	Commercial Complex	6740.58	1
8	42, Gurugram	Commercial Complex	16065.37	1
9	43, Gurugram	Commercial Complex-1	5018.2	1
10	43, Gurugram	Commercial Complex-2	4573.11	1
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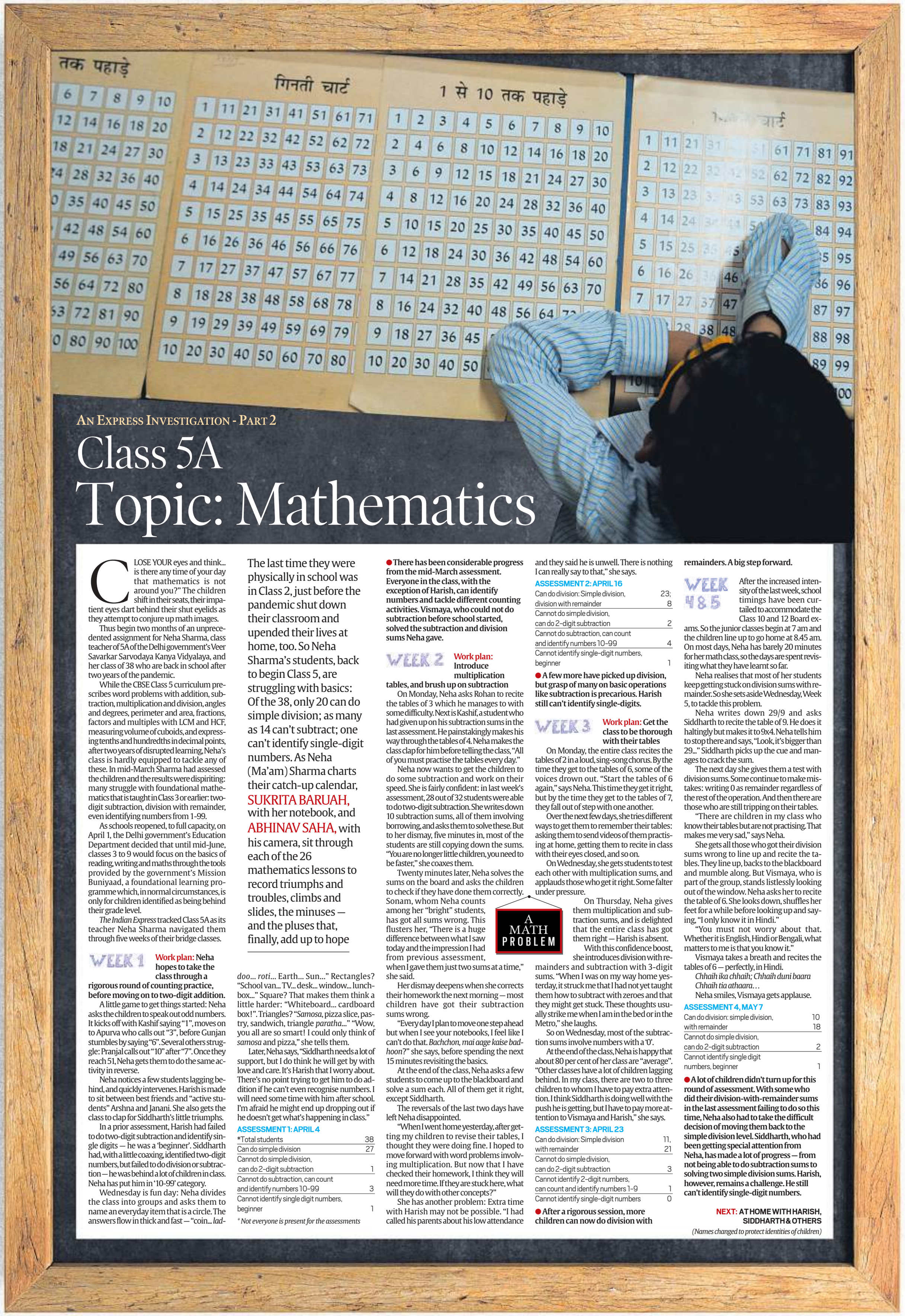
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AN EXPRESS INVESTIGATION - PART 2

Class 5A Topic: Mathematics

The last time they were physically in school was in Class 2, just before the pandemic shut down their classroom and upended their lives at home, too. So Neha Sharma's students, back to begin Class 5, are struggling with basics: Of the 38, only 20 can do simple division; as many as 14 can't subtract; one can't identify single-digit numbers. As Neha (Ma'am) Sharma charts their catch-up calendar, SUKRITA BARUAH, with her notebook, and ABHINAV SAHA, with his camera, sit through each of the 26 mathematics lessons to record triumphs and troubles, climbs and slides, the minuses — and the pluses that, finally, add up to hope

CLOSE YOUR eyes and think... is there any time of your day that mathematics is not around you?" The children shift in their seats, their impatient eyes dart behind their shut eyelids as they attempt to conjure up math images.

Thus begin two months of an unprecedented assignment for Neha Sharma, class teacher of 5A of the Delhi government's Veer Savarkar Sarvodaya Kanya Vidyalaya, and her class of 38 who are back in school after two years of the pandemic.

While the CBSE Class 5 curriculum prescribes word problems with addition, subtraction, multiplication and division, angles and degrees, perimeter and area, fractions, factors and multiples with LCM and HCF, measuring volume of cuboids, and expressing tenths and hundredths in decimal points, after two years of disrupted learning, Neha's class is hardly equipped to tackle any of these. In mid-March Sharma had assessed the children and the results were dispiriting: many struggle with foundational mathematics that is taught in Class 3 or earlier: two-digit subtraction, division with remainder, even identifying numbers from 1-99.

As schools reopened, to full capacity, on April 1, the Delhi government's Education Department decided that until mid-June, classes 3 to 9 would focus on the basics of reading, writing and maths through the tools provided by the government's Mission Buniyaad, a foundational learning programme which, in normal circumstances, is only for children identified as being behind their grade level.

The Indian Express tracked Class 5A as its teacher Neha Sharma navigated them through five weeks of their bridge classes.

WEEK 1

Work plan: Neha hopes to take the class through a rigorous round of counting practice, before moving on to two-digit addition.

A little game to get things started: Neha asks the children to speak out odd numbers. It kicks off with Kashif saying "1", moves on to Apurva who calls out "3", before Gunjan stumbles by saying "6". Several others struggle: Pranjal calls out "10" after "7". Once they reach 51, Neha gets them to do the same activity in reverse.

Neha notices a few students lagging behind, and quickly intervenes. Harish is made to sit between best friends and "active students" Arshna and Janani. She also gets the class to clap for Siddharth's little triumphs.

In a prior assessment, Harish had failed to do two-digit subtraction and identify single digits — he was a 'beginner'. Siddharth had, with a little coaxing, identified two-digit numbers, but failed to do division or subtraction — he was behind a lot of children in class. Neha has put him in '10-99' category.

Wednesday is fun day: Neha divides the class into groups and asks them to name an everyday item that is a circle. The answers flow in thick and fast — "coin... *laddoo*... *roti*... Earth... Sun..." Rectangles? "School van... TV... desk... window... lunchbox..." Square? That makes them think a little harder: "Whiteboard... cardboard box!". Triangles? "*Samosa*, pizza slice, pastry, sandwich, triangle *paratha*..." "Wow, you all are so smart! I could only think of *samosa* and pizza," she tells them.

Later, Neha says, "Siddharth needs a lot of support, but I do think he will get by with love and care. It's Harish that I worry about. There's no point trying to get him to do addition if he can't even recognise numbers. I will need some time with him after school. I'm afraid he might end up dropping out if he doesn't get what's happening in class."

ASSESSMENT 1: APRIL 4

*Total students	38
Can do simple division	27
Cannot do simple division, can do 2-digit subtraction	1
Cannot do subtraction, can count and identify numbers 10-99	3
Cannot identify single digit numbers, beginner	1

** Not everyone is present for the assessments*

● There has been considerable progress from the mid-March assessment. Everyone in the class, with the exception of Harish, can identify numbers and tackle different counting activities. Vismaya, who could not do subtraction before school started, solved the subtraction and division sums Neha gave.

WEEK 2

Work plan: Introduce multiplication tables, and brush up on subtraction

On Monday, Neha asks Rohan to recite the tables of 3 which he manages to with some difficulty. Next is Kashif, a student who had given up on his subtraction sums in the last assessment. He painstakingly makes his way through the tables of 4. Neha makes the class clap for him before telling the class, "All of you must practise the tables every day."

Neha now wants to get the children to do some subtraction and work on their speed. She is fairly confident: in last week's assessment, 28 out of 32 students were able to do two-digit subtraction. She writes down 10 subtraction sums, all of them involving borrowing, and asks them to solve these. But to her dismay, five minutes in, most of the students are still copying down the sums. "You are no longer little children, you need to be faster," she coaxes them.

Twenty minutes later, Neha solves the sums on the board and asks the children to check if they have done them correctly. Sonam, whom Neha counts among her "bright" students, has got all sums wrong. This flusters her, "There is a huge difference between what I saw today and the impression I had from previous assessment, when I gave them just two sums at a time," she said.

Her dismay deepens when she corrects their homework the next morning — most children have got their subtraction sums wrong.

"Every day I plan to move one step ahead but when I see your notebooks, I feel like I can't do that. *Bachchon, mai aage kaise badhoon*?" she says, before spending the next 15 minutes revisiting the basics.

At the end of the class, Neha asks a few students to come up to the blackboard and solve a sum each. All of them get it right, except Siddharth.

The reversals of the last two days have left Neha disappointed.

"When I went home yesterday, after getting my children to revise their tables, I thought they were doing fine. I hoped to move forward with word problems involving multiplication. But now that I have checked their homework, I think they will need more time. If they are stuck here, what will they do with other concepts?"

She has another problem: Extra time with Harish may not be possible. "I had called his parents about his low attendance and they said he is unwell. There is nothing I can really say to that," she says.

ASSESSMENT 2: APRIL 16

Can do division: Simple division, division with remainder	23; 8
Cannot do simple division, can do 2-digit subtraction	2
Cannot do subtraction, can count and identify numbers 10-99	4
Cannot identify single-digit numbers, beginner	1

● A few more have picked up division, but grasp of many on basic operations like subtraction is precarious. Harish still can't identify single-digits.

WEEK 3

Work plan: Get the class to be thorough with their tables

On Monday, the entire class recites the tables of 2 in a loud, sing-song chorus. By the time they get to the tables of 6, some of the voices drown out. "Start the tables of 6 again," says Neha. This time they get it right, but by the time they get to the tables of 7, they fall out of step with one another.

Over the next few days, she tries different ways to get them to remember their tables: asking them to send videos of them practising at home, getting them to recite in class with their eyes closed, and so on.

On Wednesday, she gets students to test each other with multiplication sums, and applauds those who get it right. Some falter under pressure.

A MATH PROBLEM

On Thursday, Neha gives them multiplication and subtraction sums, and is delighted that the entire class has got them right — Harish is absent.

With this confidence boost, she introduces division with remainders and subtraction with 3-digit sums. "When I was on my way home yesterday, it struck me that I had not yet taught them how to subtract with zeroes and that they might get stuck. These thoughts usually strike me when I am in the bed or in the Metro," she laughs.

So on Wednesday, most of the subtraction sums involve numbers with a '0'.

At the end of the class, Neha is happy that about 80 per cent of her class are "average". "Other classes have a lot of children lagging behind. In my class, there are two to three children to whom I have to pay extra attention. I think Siddharth is doing well with the push he is getting, but I have to pay more attention to Vismaya and Harish," she says.

ASSESSMENT 3: APRIL 23

Can do division: Simple division with remainder	11, 21
Cannot do simple division, can do 2-digit subtraction	3
Cannot identify 2-digit numbers, can count and identify numbers 1-9	1
Cannot identify single-digit numbers	0

● After a rigorous session, more children can now do division with remainders. A big step forward.

WEEK 4&5

After the increased intensity of the last week, school timings have been curtailed to accommodate the Class 10 and 12 Board exams. So the junior classes begin at 7 am and the children line up to go home at 8.45 am. On most days, Neha has barely 20 minutes for her math class, so the days are spent revisiting what they have learnt so far.

Neha realises that most of her students keep getting stuck on division sums with remainder. So she sets aside Wednesday, Week 5, to tackle this problem.

Neha writes down 29/9 and asks Siddharth to recite the table of 9. He does it haltingly but makes it to 9x4. Neha tells him to stop there and says, "Look, it's bigger than 29..." Siddharth picks up the cue and manages to crack the sum.

The next day she gives them a test with division sums. Some continue to make mistakes: writing 0 as remainder regardless of the rest of the operation. And then there are those who are still tripping on their tables.

"There are children in my class who know their tables but are not practising. That makes me very sad," says Neha.

She gets all those who got their division sums wrong to line up and recite the tables. They line up, backs to the blackboard and mumble along. But Vismaya, who is part of the group, stands listlessly looking out of the window. Neha asks her to recite the table of 6. She looks down, shuffles her feet for a while before looking up and saying, "I only know it in Hindi."

"You must not worry about that. Whether it is English, Hindi or Bengali, what matters to me is that you know it."

Vismaya takes a breath and recites the tables of 6 — perfectly, in Hindi.

Chhaih ika chhaih; Chhaih duni baara Chhaih tia athaara…

Neha smiles, Vismaya gets applause.

ASSESSMENT 4, MAY 7

Can do division: simple division, with remainder	10 18
Cannot do simple division, can do 2-digit subtraction	2
Cannot identify single digit numbers, beginner	1

● A lot of children didn't turn up for this round of assessment. With some who did their division-with-remainder sums in the last assessment failing to do so this time, Neha also had to take the difficult decision of moving them back to the simple division level. Siddharth, who had been getting special attention from Neha, has made a lot of progress — from not being able to do subtraction sums to solving two simple division sums. Harish, however, remains a challenge. He still can't identify single-digit numbers.

NEXT: AT HOME WITH HARISH, SIDDHARTH & OTHERS

(Names changed to protect identities of children)

Across THE AISLE



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Economy still in the woods

THE NATIONAL Statistical Office released the provisional estimates of national income and quarterly estimates of GDP on May 31. Addressing the media, the Chief Economic Adviser was subdued and cautiously optimistic. He knows, as most economists know, that the Indian economy is not yet out of the woods.

The Bad and Worse

The worst piece of news is that the size of the economy at constant prices on March 31, 2022 (Rs 147.36 lakh crore) was about the *same* as it was on March 31, 2000 (Rs 145.16 lakh crore), meaning that we are running to stand in the same place! However, individual citizens have become poorer because the *per capita* income has declined in the two years from Rs 1,08,247 to Rs 1,07,760.

The next bad news is that the graph of quarterly GDP growth in 2021-22 is a sloping graph: the numbers for the four quarters are 20.1, 8.4, 5.4 and 4.1 per cent. In terms of output (value addition), there is no sharp rise. In the pre-pandemic year of 2019-20, GDP in the fourth quarter was Rs 38,21,081 crore, and we exceeded that number only in the fourth quarter of 2021-22 which recorded Rs 40,78,025 crore.

There is no place for the boast that, at 8.7 per cent, India is the fastest growing large economy. That boast has no meaning given the state of inflation, unemployment, number of people below the poverty line, prevalence of hunger, decline in health indicators and decline in learning outcomes. The growth rate of 8.7 per cent, impressive as it may appear, has to be seen in perspective. Firstly, it is on the back of *negative* growth of (-) 6.6 per cent in the previous year. Secondly, when China grew at 8.1 per cent in 2021, it added ***USD 2,600 billion*** to its GDP in twelve months (at current prices) while India growing at 8.7 per cent in 2021-22 added only ***USD 500 billion*** to its GDP in twelve months (at current prices).

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The World Outside

Once we are sober, we may look at the prospects for 2022-23 and beyond. Obsessed with ourselves, we forget that there is a world outside. We need the world's markets, products, capital, technology and innovation. The economies of the world are under stress. Inflation and interest rates are rising in the United States and demand is flagging. China's GDP growth will be squeezed because of repeated lockdowns. Soaring gas prices have reduced the purchasing power of Europeans.

RBI's Monetary Policy Committee noted (May 4, 2022) that the IMF has revised down the global growth rate in 2022 from 4.4 per cent to 3.6 per cent and the WTO has revised down the world trade growth rate from 4.7 per cent to 3.0 per cent. IMF has projected inflation at 5.7 per cent in advanced economies and 8.7 per cent in developing economies. The MPC has identified the "worsening external environment, elevated commodity prices, persistent supply bottlenecks and... volatility spillovers from monetary policy normalization in advanced economies" as formidable headwinds. I doubt if anyone in the government is listening.

Diagnosis good, Treatment absent

The RBI's monthly report (May 2022) has identified five critical elements for reviving animal spirits and spurring growth:

- private investment
- higher government capital expenditure
- improved infrastructure
- low and stable inflation
- macroeconomic stability

Of the five elements, the government has control over 'government capital expenditure' alone, but its capacity to invest larger amounts in capital works this year will be severely restricted because of post-budget actions like cut in fuel taxes, increase in subsidies and increase in welfare expenditure. Of the rest, private investment will not gather pace as long as there are supply bottlenecks and unutilized capacity. As for foreign investors, Cairn, Hutchison, Harley-Davidson, General Motors, Ford, Holcim, Citibank, Barclays, RBS and Metro Cash & Carry have left or are leaving India. Any improvement in infrastructure will require a radical change in the processes involving tendering, pricing, execution and accountability — all of which are missing today. We are adding 'quantity' to our infrastructure but not 'quality'. And the Modi government's past record shows that it is clueless on inflation and macroeconomic stability.

Above all, one can steer a ship in choppy waters only if the captain and the mates share a team spirit and common goals. No consensus exists today between the Centre and the states on crucial issues. GST has broken the trust between the Central government and the state governments. Add the hatchet jobs done by Governors and the blatant misuse of the Central agencies against *every* Opposition party (witness the unprecedented spectacle of state ministers being arrested by Central agencies).

There is also a larger problem. No country can become an economic powerhouse if the Labour Force Participation Rate is 40 per cent. The bulk of India's working age population is either not working or not looking for work. And despite educating more girls, the LFPR of women is an abysmal 9.4 per cent. Besides, the current unemployment rate is 7.1 per cent.

We have a sick economy. We have excellent diagnosis. There are medicines in the pharmacy. But, the doctors on the job are either quacks or don't care if the patient is dying a slow and painful death.

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Another exodus in Kashmir?

TO COMMEMORATE the eighth anniversary of Narendra Modi's term as Prime Minister, many triumphalist, obsequious articles by his senior ministers have appeared recently in newspapers. These sycophantic paeans have all emphasised that the removal of Article 370 brought peace in the Kashmir Valley and security to India. So, there is a tragic irony that it is at this time that the targeted killings of Hindus in the Valley have increased alarmingly.

A teacher and a bank manager were killed within days of each other last week, among other victims. Vijay Beniwal's murder was caught on the bank's security cameras and it was hard to watch. A masked man enters the bank and sees Beniwal seated at his desk with his back turned to the entrance. The killer disappears and returns moments later with a pistol that he points at the young man's back and shoots. The teacher, Rajni Bala, was killed in similar cowardly fashion. The only reason they were killed was that they were Hindu.

These targeted killings have caused Kashmiri Pandits to start fleeing the Valley, reviving horrific memories from 30 years ago. It was killings of this kind that caused a Hindu exodus that became the only incident of ethnic cleansing ever in India. No Prime Minister has succeeded in reversing this shameful migration, and in fairness to Modi, he has tried harder than the others. Abrogating Article 370 was a courageous and historic step, but it is becoming slowly clear that this was done without formulating a new Kashmir policy or mapping the road ahead.

There has instead been arrogant talk from high officials about how jihadi terrorism in the Valley has been 'finished'. This fitted neatly into the atmosphere of hatred in the rest of India that has been created by followers of radical Hindutva. Modi's ministers and chief ministers have led the charge but apparently without being prepared for the consequences. This targeted killing of Hindus in Kashmir could be the first of these consequences.

It is in this context that Mohan Bhagwat's speech last week becomes very significant. Incidentally, when I last praised the RSS chief in this column, I came under sustained venomous attack from leftists and pseudo liberals. At the risk of this happening again, I shall praise Bhagwat once more for warning hardliners in his Hindutva camp that it is stupid to start searching for a 'shivling' in every mosque, and for suggesting that instead of rushing off to court to start new battles, it would be better for people to sit together and come to a consensus.

It is hard to say yet whether this will bring a measure of sanity in a very insane time, but we must hope that the RSS chief is backed up by the Prime Minister. It is possible that Modi has no time to spend on Twitter these days, but his media managers should examine the kind of comments that have come from ordinary Hindus since this spate of targeted killings began in Kashmir. The gist of what they are saying is that Muslims must be driven out of India because they are all jihadists and traitors. Hostility and hatred towards Muslims and Islam are whipped up daily by BJP spokespersons on primetime chat shows, so there can be little doubt that this hate campaign has sanction at the highest levels of the Indian government.

Hating Islam has become a multi-faceted cottage industry. On social media it is possible to watch music videos in which saffron-robed sadhus and sadhvis sing songs filled with words that cannot be repeated here. Ever since the spectacular success of *The Kashmir Files*, famous Bollywood stars have taken to expounding on history and the erasure of Hindu kings from school textbooks. Inevitably, the Kashmir Valley has become the obvious target for this outpouring of historical grievance. This will make the formulation of an effective Kashmir policy extremely difficult.

Most Modi *bhakts* believe that there should be no attempt to find a political solution because all Kashmiri politicians are jihadists who want the Valley to be turned into a little Islamic republic. This is not true. There are plenty of Kashmiri politicians who have spent their lives fighting Islamism and some have paid heavily for this. It is time that they were made part of the renewal of a political process and this process should begin immediately. A first step must be the restoration of statehood and the second step should be elections.

None of these things will make a difference unless the Prime Minister follows the RSS chief's lead and speaks out against the campaign of hate and hostility that currently defines the Hindu mood. How can you bring calm and order in the only Indian state with a Muslim majority without turning down the volume of Hindutva hysteria? Meanwhile, somebody needs to answer for why these targeted killings have begun again.

The Home Minister is directly responsible for security in the Kashmir Valley, so he is directly answerable for what has gone wrong. The jihadists have a clear Kashmir policy. The Indian government does not. Since the abrogation of Article 370, all that we have seen are haphazard steps that appear unguided and directionless. What we need urgently is a coherent policy that goes beyond turning the Kashmir Valley into a military encampment. This has been tried before and it did not turn out well.

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COOMI KAPOOR



Yours, Mine & Mama's

IT WOULD appear that the 10 candidates for Congress Rajya Sabha nominations were selected exclusively by the Gandhi family. Sonia Gandhi picked P Chidambaram and Jairam Ramesh, Priyanka Gandhi's protégés were Imran Pratapgarhi, Rajiv Shukla and Pramod Tiwari, and Rahul Gandhi decided on the others, including the fiery Ranjeet Ranjan. The selections confirm the suspicion that Mukul Wasnik was always the weak link in the G-23 dissidents group. Incidentally, defying protocol, Wasnik happily signed the party announcement of Rajya Sabha nominees which included his own name. K C Venugopal, secretary (organisation), should normally have signed it. Despite major grievances in the party against outsiders being made nominees in preference to leaders from the state, Randeep Surjewala decided to stand from Rajasthan, not his home state of Haryana. Surjewala smelt trouble from old adversary Bhupender Hooda and switched places with Ajay Maken.

Missing Guests

Ram Madhav's India Foundation held its seventh two-day India Ideas Conclave last month with its usual hype and hi-tech presentations. The theme for the show in Bengaluru was 'India 2.0: Rebooting to Meta Era' with leading intellectuals, academicians, industry leaders, tech gurus and politicians as invitees. Since some of those associated with the Hindutva foundation have moved on to high places in the government after Modi came to power, most notably National Security Adviser Ajit Doval, normally few turn down the foundation's invitation. But this year there was a hitch. Though Civil Aviation Minister Jyotiraditya Scindia and Petroleum Minister Hardeep Puri did address the gathering, Karnataka Chief Minister Basavraj Bommai was missing at the opening ceremony. RSS general secretary Dattatreya Hosabale was not present for the closing, as announced initially.

3-pronged Response

Normally when Rahul Gandhi attacks the BJP or Narendra Modi, neither the PM nor Amit Shah respond. The task of replying to Rahul's criticism, most often on Twitter, is delegated subject wise to S Jaishankar, Smriti Irani and Sambit Patra. Jaishankar's domain is foreign policy. Hence Jaishankar was quick to counter when Gandhi dubbed our foreign service officers arrogant. Irani's brief is to rebut on issues relating to Gandhi's constituency and former seat, Amethi. Recently when Gandhi attended a wedding in Nepal, Smriti made it a point to visit his constituency Wayanad. Party spokesman Patra responds to his general comments.

Leaves from the Past

Former Delhi Police Commissioner Mukund Kaushal unravels some of the mysteries from the past in his just released book, *Sailing on My Own Compass: A Policeman's Diary*. For instance, he claims it was he who decisively demolished Harshad Mehta's much quoted claim that he had handed over Rs 1 crore in a suitcase to then Prime Minister Narasimha Rao at his residence. The SPG strangely refused to confirm or deny the story, claiming it destroyed the PM's visitors' book after every two months. Kaushal, however, nailed Mehta's lie by asking his officers to check the PM's movements on November 4, 1992. From the Delhi Police VIP movement logs, it was clear that Rao was nowhere near 7, Race Course Road, at the time the alleged transfer took place. He discloses that when Morarji Desai was prime minister, his son Kanti had given oral instructions that his friends be permitted into the PM's residence without frisking and their bags not be searched, which was in violation of the Blue Book protocol. As head of VIP Security of the Delhi Police, Kaushal insisted on a written request, since his seniors were too intimidated to turn down the instruction. When Desai saw the note, he smiled and agreed rules must be observed.

Akshay BJP Favourite

If Kangana Ranaut is the BJP's favourite woman star for projecting the party's viewpoint in Bollywood, Akshay Kumar who starred in the just released *Samrat Prithviraj* is Ranaut's male counterpart. The chemistry between Kumar and Amit Shah was evident at the special screening of the film last week with Kumar teary-eyed over Shah's praise. Shah, a student of history, has been reading *Prithviraj Raso*, the epic poem by court poet Chand Bardai since his teens and can quote every stanza and point out deviations in the movie script from the original poem. It was Shah's first visit to a theatre in over a decade and he summoned his entire family from Gujarat to Delhi for the show.

Google Mix-Up

Rahul Gandhi resides at 12, Tughlak Lane, and External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar at 12, Tughlak Road. People in the neighbourhood say it is common for guests to the minister's house to turn up at Gandhi's home, only to be redirected to the right address.

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ANJUM CHOPRA



In women's cricket, let's count the victories

I HAVE always maintained that the landscape of women's cricket is not going to change with the women's Indian Premier League (IPL). However, the landscape will change with continuous improvement for women's cricket in India. All-round improvement and consistent and positive results will definitely help change the landscape.

Playing a tournament like Women's IPL will propel the chances a lot more, and it's just one of the steps towards developing the women's game at the highest level. If you add another international tournament that allows international players to come into our country and exchange ideas with the Indian domestic and international players, they will learn quickly from each other. And because they are all playing in a competitive environment, you will know a lot about the game. You learn to absorb the pressure and know how to perform under pressure, and there are various other things to grasp. All this will go into the development of women's cricket.

But if one suggests that Women's IPL will change the course of women's cricket, then no, it won't. Women's IPL will not be the deciding factor. If the team consistently does well at the world level, things will automatically improve.

We won't get sudden results with the Women's IPL. In men's cricket, we are No. 2 in the Tests; we are the top team in the ODIs; we are one of the top teams in the T20Is. India held a Test mace for four or five years, but because they are not holding the World Test Championship title, it doesn't mean that they are not No.1. What defines a champion team: Is it just a world championship title? Yes, it is essential. The Australian men's team won a T20 World Cup last year; prior to that, for four years, they were struggling. Even six months before the tournament, they were struggling. It is not a small competition in which you have to be No.1 all the time. It's a world competition, and you are competing against the world's top teams.

> IPL has given a platform to many domestic and international cricketers. It has changed the way cricket was played. That will happen to women's cricket, but there's a difference

The IPL has given a platform to many domestic and international cricketers. It has changed the way cricket was played earlier. That is what will happen with women's cricket too, but there's a difference.



Supernovas players celebrate after winning the Women's T20 Challenge trophy in Pune last month. *Sportzpics*

It is a very early to say how many teams will be there in the inaugural Women's IPL. I will not be surprised if the present men's IPL team's franchises are keen on having a women's IPL team as well. Ten teams will be difficult, even eight teams will be difficult given the domestic depth we have, but a minimum of six teams should be there. Increasing the number of teams will not help. A lot will depend upon how the tournament will be played, whether it will be a round-robin, how the draft will be prepared, and how many international players will be available. Announcing a tournament is an entirely different from actually preparing for a big show.

Jhulan Goswami and Mithali Raj have retired from T20I cricket. But if they want to play franchise cricket, good for them, and if the teams are interested in picking them, it will be up to the franchise.

The Birmingham Commonwealth Games will have all the top teams from world cricket. I don't think it will be that easy because it will be a competitive tournament. West Indies will send the divided team; how they will do it that's their headache, but all the top cricket playing nations will be there to prove their mettle.

Every victory will contribute to the growth of women's cricket. Only the victories get noticed; losses don't get noticed. Only the 2017 World Cup final loss got noticed. We celebrated the 2017 World Cup like we had won the cup. Fine, that was a watershed moment, but I always believe it is the victories that should be counted.

Anjum Chopra is former captain of the Indian women's cricket team. She spoke to Pratyush Raj

National Editor Shalini Langer curates the 'She Said' column

Modern Love: When the stars align



ALAKA SAHANI

THERE was quite a flutter on social media over the visuals of Aamir Khan and Kiran Rao casually walking to Karan Johar's 50th birthday bash together. But if people got past their surprise over how comfortable the former couple looked, they would realise that Khan and Rao have remained true to their words. While announcing their divorce in a joint statement last year, they had spoken about beginning a new chapter in their lives — "no longer as husband and wife, but as co-parents and family for each other".

Khan and Rao continue to work together: apart from being co-producers of Khan's upcoming film *Laal Singh Chaddha*, they are associated with Paani Foundation. Rao was there at the pool party to ring in the birthday of Ira, Khan's daughter with his former spouse Reena Dutta. The actor and his extended family have established over the years that ties can outlast a marriage. In the past, Dutta and Rao have been seen sharing laughs at special occasions. This is perhaps how a family, which has learnt to accept others for who they are, looks like.

In fact, what these celebrities are doing is not an aberration. It's a reflection of how modern relationships have evolved. Many have chosen to get rid of toxicity for civility when a relationship does not work out. There can't be a better time to reiterate its virtues than now as lurid details of the defamation battle between Johnny Depp and Amber Heard have invaded all possible social media platforms.

The trial had created an unsavoury precedent even before the jury delivered its mixed verdict that favoured Depp. During the televised trial, their relationship was examined in detail and its clips were circulated as TikTok videos and Insta reels. Unfortunately, most of these posts show Heard in a poor light, which many fear may discourage victims from seeking justice.

For those looking for a palate cleanser after the Depp-Heard episode, there is Demi Moore posting photos of her "blended family". Closer home Deepika Padukone and Ranbir Kapoor have established that it's possible to work together after a break-up.

If more proof of some Indian celebrities navigating their relationships with maturity, at least in public, was needed, Johar's party rolled that out too. Twinning in black, Hrithik Roshan walked hand-in-hand with Saba Azad, as his ex-wife Sussanne Khan too came to the party with her rumoured boyfriend. Known to be a private person, Roshan has been at ease in public when spotted with Azad. The first time they were papped while coming out of an eatery, they made no effort to dodge photographers.

The couple have been open about their affection for each other on social media. Roshan once called her "an extraordinary human" while commenting on her post. Azad had called him "*Mon amour*" on a different occasion. Such expression is no longer uncommon among high-profile couples. The most heartening aspect of Roshan-Azad's relationship is perhaps Azad's rapport with Sussanne. The actor-singer also continues to perform with her band partner and ex-boyfriend Imaad Shah.

Until some years ago, gossip columns were filled with the stories of exes going the extra mile to avoid bumping into each other at events. Today, it's different. A section of Indian celebrities seems to have learnt to normalise divorce and break-up. They choose to move on without rancour, displaying a certain level of maturity. They now refuse to carry the burden of projecting a perfect image in public.

So, when Khan and Rao make an effort to be "family for each other", they inadvertently communicate to those inspired by popular culture that mutual love and respect can survive a broken marriage.

MARKET WATCH

CRYPTO SCAM VICTIMS LOSE OVER $1 BN

Bengaluru: More than 46,000 people reportedly lost over $1 billion in cryptocurrency scams since the start of 2021, the Federal Trade Commission has said. The craze for cryptos was at a fever pitch last year with Bitcoin hitting $69,000 in November. **REUTERS**

GLOBAL MARKET FOR RUBBER PRODUCTS AT $212 BILLION

Demand push: Rubber industry looks to double exports by '25

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MUMBAI, JUNE 4

THE $2-BILLION non-tyre rubber sector is aiming to double its exports by 2025, according to the All India Rubber Industries Association (AIRIA).

AIRIA president Sawar Dhanania said the global market for rubber products which is estimated at around $212 billion today is also expected to grow by 2025. "Because MSMEs are so important to India's economy and commerce, we believe that India's free trade agreements (FTAs) should include provisions to address the special concerns, demands and barriers that MSMEs may face while doing business in foreign markets," Dhanania said at a meeting of the association in Mumbai.

He said the government should take steps to ensure that the terms of the FTAs benefit the MSMEs for internalisation, with trade facilitation mainstreamed in MSME development goals. "MSMEs can work world-wide by creating a level playing export infrastructure, improving their financing conditions, educating them about suitable marketing channels and facilitating their working with trading companies," he said.



Rubber mat rolls, Tripura. *File*

Shashi Singh, senior vice president of AIRIA, said, "Indian Institute of Foreign Trade (IIFT) and the export promotion councils should educate MSMEs on export procedures, documentation requirements, and the finer points of export." "We expect IIFT and the EPCs should share export market intelligence and arrange specialist meets. It will be beneficial to individuals who are new to exports and wish to understand how to become export-ready," Singh said.

"In the last 1-1.5 years, the government released Rs 55,000 crore under MEIS incentives as a reward. There are 13 trade agreements under which 12 are already implemented. Under India and the UAE agreement, 97% of Indian products exported get the direct benefit," said Ramesh Holiachi, Joint Director General of Foreign Trade.

"The India and Australia agreement is yet to be notified by the Indian government. The Australian government has provided geo-duty concessions to India…. 91-97% of Indian products will get duty concession in the Australian market. Footwear, pharmaceuticals and textile industry in India will benefit from this agreement," said Holiachi.

AIRIA said the rubber industry has a huge potential for exporters as India is a labour-intensive market. "Due to Covid-19 and Ukraine war crisis, there have been a host of problems like availability of raw materials, increase in shipping prices and challenges to the cash flow. India has the highest cost in logistics at 17-18 per cent," AIRIA said.

EXPLAINED

Global demand

THE RUBBER industry has potential for exporters as India is a labour-intensive market. However, with the war in Ukraine, there have been some problems like availability of raw materials and rise in shipping costs. The global demand for its products are likely to rise in the near future.

Will settle creditors, script new chapter, says Siva Industries

SAJAN C KUMAR
CHENNAI, JUNE 4

An apex court Bench comprising Justices BR Gavai and Hima Kohli said the adjudicating authority (NCLT) or the appellate authority (NCLAT) cannot sit in an appeal over the CoC's commercial wisdom

ARMED WITH a Supreme Court order allowing the promoter's settlement plan to save the company from liquidation, the ailing Siva Industries and Holding Ltd (SIHL) said on Saturday the company will be placed under new management soon and will focus on settling its creditors as soon as possible.

Commenting on the SC order that quashed both the NCLT and NCLAT orders directing liquidation of the company, Vallal RCK, father of serial entrepreneur and company founder C Sivasankaran, told *FE*: "I am pleased and humbled by the judgment of the honourable Supreme Court. It has been a long journey to get here and I feel vindicated. In my twilight age of 94, this judgment has reaffirmed my faith in the fairness of the Indian judiciary. I thank everyone who has supported me in the journey to get here." At the same time, he looks forward to the company using artificial intelligence to find ways to tackle metabolic diseases.

Vallal RCK, a shareholder of the company, had challenged the NCLAT order upholding the NCLT's order to liquidate SIHL, despite the committee of creditors (CoC) accepting the settlement plan with a voting majority of 94.23%.

In its order on the appeal of Vallal RCK, the apex court bench comprising Justices BR Gavai and Hima Kohli said the adjudicating authority (NCLT) or the appellate authority (NCLAT) cannot sit in an appeal over the commercial wisdom of the CoC. The interference would be warranted only when the adjudicating authority or the appellate authority finds the decision of the CoC to be wholly capricious, arbitrary, irrational and dehors the statute or rules.

Through the order, the SC has permitted the lenders to go ahead with the SIHL promoter's settlement plan under Section 12A of the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code (IBC) that allows such a provision if 90% of the CoC supports it.

The court reiterated its own observation in Arun Kumar Jagatramka versus Jindal Steel and Power Ltd, wherein it had said the need for judicial intervention or innovation from the NCLT and the NCLAT should be kept at a bare minimum and should not disturb the foundational principles of the IBC. The commercial wisdom of the CoC has been given paramount status without any judicial intervention for ensuring completion of the stated processes within the timelines prescribed by the IBC, the court said.

The decision of the CoC was taken after the members deliberated on the pros and cons of the settlement plan and exercised their commercial wisdom. Neither the NCLT nor the NCLAT was justified in not giving due weight to the commercial wisdom of the CoC, the apex court said. **FE**

ITU Council: India to contest for re-election

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU
NEW DELHI, JUNE 4

INDIA WILL contest for re-election to International Telecommunications Union (ITU) Council, Ministry of Communications said in a statement on Saturday.

New Delhi has also underlined its firm commitment to the UN telecom body's goals and vision for a connected society, and enabling ICTs to achieve Sustainable Development Goals-2030, the statement quoted Minister of State for Communications Devusinh Chauhan as saying.

He was speaking during World Summit of Information Society (WSIS) 2022 held from May 31 to June 3 in Geneva, Switzerland.

He said India has been at the forefront of global digital transformation, achieving excellence in development, and use of information and communications technologies (ICT).

Speaking at the reception event for introducing India's Radio Regulations Board (RRB) candidate and ITU Council candidature of India for re-election, Chauhan said the country shares the vision of ITU for a connected society and enabling ICTs, to accomplish SDGs 2030. **WITH PTI**

BRIEFLY

Coal demand

New Delhi: To address the country's energy demand which is set to double by 2040, thermal coal requirement would go up to around 1,500 million tonnes in the next 18 years, Coal Minister Pralhad Joshi said on Saturday. The Minister added that there was a need to be conscious about the environment and keep in mind the sustainable mining goals.

Vedanta, NCDs

New Delhi: Vedanta Ltd on Saturday said a committee of directors has approved raising up to Rs 4,089 crore via debentures on a private placement basis.

TCPL MD-CEO

New Delhi: Terming the current macro environment as "highly volatile" due to geopolitical tensions, supply chain stress and inflation, Tata Consumer Products Ltd (TCPL) MD and CEO Sunil D'Souza said the company is closely monitoring the near-term trends to see how these economic headwinds affect consumer behaviour. **PTI**

'Global bond funds gain first weekly inflow in 2 months'

Global bond funds obtained inflows in the week to June 1 after eight weeks of outflows, lifted by strong demand as fears over aggressive monetary tightening and excessive price pressures eased, as per a Reuters report

INFLOWS

$1.19 bn HEALTHCARE

$445 mn METALS & MINING

$86 mn TECH FUNDS



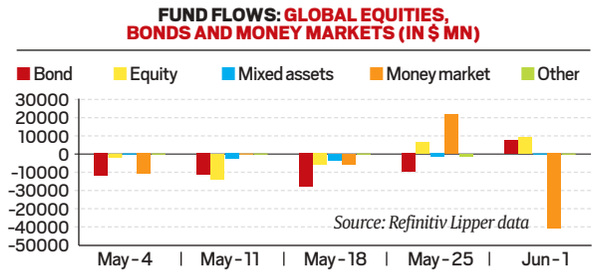
OUTFLOWS

$1.03 billion FINANCIALS



The New York Stock Exchange. Reuters file

FUND FLOWS: GLOBAL EQUITIES, BONDS AND MONEY MARKETS (IN $ MN)



$6.16 bn
Worth of global bond funds purchased by investors, in their first weekly net buying since Mar 30, marking the biggest weekly inflow since January 5, according to Refinitiv Lipper data

European and Asian funds received inflows of $1.15 billion and $0.08 billion, respectively

Global high yield bond funds drew $7.62 billion, the largest amount since at least July 2020, while government bond funds lured $4.54 billion

$7.09 bn
WORTH US BOND FUNDS BOUGHT

Global equity funds had purchases worth a net $9.38 billion, the biggest since February 9, amid robust demand for ETFs

Money market funds, meanwhile, saw net selling of $40.99 billion, the biggest since April 13

Investors exited gold and precious metal funds worth $521 billion after purchases of $1.33 billion in the previous week

***An analysis of 24,309** emerging market funds showed investors purchased equity funds worth $167 million after seven weeks of net selling, but sold bond funds of $194 million* *Source: Reuters*

Electric motorcycle roll out this month; next e-trucks: Kalyani

GEETA NAIR
PUNE, JUNE 4

IT TOOK forging company Bharat Forge 61 years to reach an annual turnover of Rs 10,000 crore. Chairman and MD Baba Kalyani is confident of the next Rs 10,000 crore coming at a faster pace, with the company set to double or triple turnover in the next 10 years.

Having joined the company started by his father Neelakanth Kalyani 50 years ago, Baba Kalyani, 73, says the past 10 years have been the busiest in his life. "If you have a passion to do something then many things can be done," he says as he completes 50 years at the helm of Bharat Forge. It is no longer just a forging or auto component manufacturing company, but a technology company, says Kalyani. With a presence in auto, defence, aerospace, oil and gas, electric mobility. railways and renewable energy, Kalyani says they are in the business of providing safety and security for mobility, energy and for the country.

The company is working vigorously in the electric vehicle business through a subsidiary company, Kalyani Powertrain. A new factory is all set to roll out the Tork electric motorcycles this month. Next will be an electric truck, says Kalyani. Technology centres in Detroit and Los Angeles are working on e-mobility.



Bharat Forge chairman and MD Baba Kalyani on Saturday. *Pavan Khengre*

Nobody is going to give you technology and especially not in the defence sector. This thought propelled him to invest in the Advanced Towed Artillery Gun System (ATAGs) programme eight years ago and tap the opportunities in the country's indigenisation programme. Armed with Bharat Forge's expertise in metallurgy, Kalyani built the full-Indian ATAGs (155mm X 52) caliber with the capability to fire 48 km compared to the existing 39-km range guns. Kalyani Strategic Systems, the defence arm of Bharat Forge, has completed multiple trials across the terrain. Kalyani is hopeful of getting his first order this year. The goal is to be the largest artillery player in 10 years. There is the armoured car, Kalyani M4, that is already operating at high altitudes (20,000 ft) and in the pipeline are drones and other products.

'Do things that others had not imagined and keep innovating' is the motto that has led to the company leading the industry and staying there unchallenged for two decades.

"By 2030, India will be a very different country from what it is now. Our GDP can be around $7-8 trillion," he says. Climate change and the shift to digital manufacturing would pose significant challenges, he adds. "The country historically has a talent pool that is based on analog technology and there is an immediate need to convert the existing talent pool to digital," adds Kalyani. The workforce at Bharat Forge has completed their training in Industry 4.0 and not many want to leave despite multiple rounds of VRS.

Kalyani was felicitated in Pune on Saturday and conferred the 'Punyabhushan' award to celebrate his achievements. **FE**

Inflation war: 'Greedflation' vs supply-demand

LYDIA DEPILLIS
NEW YORK, JUNE 4

THERE ARE few good things about living through a period with the highest inflation in four decades, but here's one: It's a chance to re-examine what happens in an economy that's gone haywire. Since prices started to escalate a year ago, politicians and economists have seized on inflation to tell their preferred story about what went wrong and what policies would bring it back into line. Some say it's very straightforward: Supply and demand, Economics 101.

The White House and progressive organisations, however, say wait a minute: This time is different. In a time of extraordinary disruption, they contend, increasingly dominant corporations are taking the opportunity to jack up prices more than they otherwise could, which is squeezing consumers and supercharging inflation. Or "greedflation," as the hypothesis has come to be known.

The argument comports with the Biden administration's focus on the ills of economic concentration. Congressional Democrats have run with the idea, introducing bills that would impose a temporary "excess profits tax" on companies that charge prices they deem unreasonably high, or simply ban those high prices altogether. Critics, including the nation's largest business lobby, deride these efforts as based on a "conspiracy theory" and a "flimsy argument."So what's really going on? It's hard to tease out. A pandemic, a trade war, a land war, huge government spending and a global economy that has become vastly more integrated might be too complex for traditional macroeconomic theory to explain.



US President Joe Biden (centre) with Federal Reserve Chair Jerome Powell and US Treasury Secretary Janet Yellen at the White House, in Washington DC recently. *Reuters file*

Josh Bivens, research director at the Economic Policy Institute, thinks that's a good reason to revisit what the discipline thought it had figured out."When I hear stories about an overheating labor market, I don't think about falling real wages, and yet we have falling real wages," Bivens said.

Nor is the rise in profits typical when unemployment is so low. "The idea that 'There's nothing to see here' — there's everything to see here! It's totally different." When thinking about greedflation, it's helpful to break it down into three questions: Are companies charging more than necessary to cover their rising costs? If so, is that enough to meaningfully accelerate inflation? And is all this happening because large companies have market power they didn't decades ago? Productive Profits, or Gouging? There is not much disagreement that many companies have marked up goods in excess of their own rising costs. Across the US economy, profit margins surged during the pandemic and remained elevated.

When all prices are rising, consumers lose track of how much is reasonable to pay. "In the inflationary environment, everybody knows that prices are increasing," said Z John Zhang, a professor of marketing at the Wharton School at the University of Pennsylvania who has studied pricing strategy.

"Obviously, that's a great opportunity for every firm to realign their prices as much as they can. You're not going to have an opportunity again like this for a long time." The real disagreement is over whether higher profits are natural and good. Basic economic theory teaches that charging what the market can bear will prompt companies to produce more, constraining prices and ensuring that more people have access to the good that's in short supply.

The question of whether profit margins are speeding inflation is harder to figure out. The Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco found that fiscal stimulus programmes accounted for 3 percentage points, for example, while the St. Louis Fed estimated that manufacturing sector inflation would have been 20 percentage points lower without supply chain bottlenecks.

If you think that's complicated, try establishing whether market power is playing a role in any of this. It is well established that the American economy has grown more concentrated. On a fundamental level, domination by a few companies may have made supply chains more brittle.

The relationship of profits, inflation and market power will be tough for economists to nail down. High-quality government data will take time to produce.

Lindsay Owens, an economic sociologist who has championed the greedflation argument, emphasises how different the economy looked during America's last bout with inflation: Labour was far more powerful, and investors less so.

Jan De Loecker, a professor at KU Leuven in Belgium who co-authored a seminal paper on the pernicious effects of rising market concentration, doubts that concentration worsens price increases across the board. "Just think about US health care and the oil market — the stories there are so radically different," De Loecker said. "But inflation is a basket of goods that consumers draw from. So the idea that there's one story that explains rising prices in both is not a good way to think about it." **NYT**

Amazon delivery architect set to leave after 23 yrs

REUTERS
BENGALURU, JUNE 4

DAVE CLARK, the executive who made Amazon.com Inc into a worldwide delivery behemoth, is stepping down as chief executive of the online retailer's consumer business to pursue other opportunities, the company said on Friday.

Amazon CEO Andy Jassy said he expects to name a replacement in the next few weeks and that the company has work ahead "to get to where we ultimately want to be" in the division Clark ran. Clark's last day will be July 1, after 23 years with the company.

The departure further solidifies a changing of the guard at Amazon, which for years had veteran ranks under founder Jeff Bezos. A string of management departures including vice presidents and Bezos himself have shaken up the e-commerce and cloud company, though executives have aimed to maintain the customer focus and startup mentality of their founder.



Dave Clark *Reuters file*

The online retailer is also girding for economic challenges, recently reporting a $2 billion hit from having built too much warehousing and transportation capacity, vowing now to reduce the costs of fulfilling orders.

In a statement on Twitter, Clark said he wanted to get back to building. "It's what drives me," he said, adding he leaves Amazon with "a solid multi-year plan to fight the inflationary challenges we are facing in 2022."



MEANWHILE

SHAKIRA CONFIRMS SPLIT WITH PIQUÉ

Colombian pop star Shakira and her partner, Spanish soccer player Gerard Piqué, are splitting up, the pair said on Saturday. "We regret to confirm that we are separating," the two said in a statement released by Shakira's public relations firm. "For the well-being of our children, we ask that you respect our privacy. Thank you for your understanding."

TOP OF THE WORLD



Bill Cosby . *AP*

USA

Woman testifies Cosby forcibly kissed her when she was 14

Santa Monica: A woman testified on Friday that she was 14 when Bill Cosby took her into a trailer on a movie set in 1975, grabbed her so she couldn't move her arms, and kissed her. "I was struggling to get away," she said. "It was shocking." The woman, now 61, told her story in a public venue for the first time during a Los Angeles County civil trial over the lawsuit of Judy Huth, who alleges Cosby sexually assaulted her at Playboy Mansion when she was 16 at around the same time, in the spring of 1975. **AP**

US

Bezos's Blue Origin ends fifth crewed flight launch

Washington: Jeff Bezos' space tourism venture Blue Origin completed its fifth crewed launch on Saturday after a New Shepard rocket's back-up system that had not met expectations delayed the voyage last month. "It was an honour to fly this crew of explorers today," said Phil Joyce, senior vice-president, New Shepard. **REUTERS**

CHINA

Beijing to launch next crewed mission today

Beijing: China is preparing to launch a new three-person mission to complete work on its permanent orbiting space station, the China Manned Space Agency said. Their spaceship is due to blast off from the Jiuquan Satellite Launch Centre at 10.44am Sunday, the agency said. **AP**

RUSSIA FACES STIFF RESISTANCE IN EAST: UKRAINE

NATO chief speaks with Erdogan about Finland and Sweden joining

AP & REUTERS
BRUSSELS, JUNE 4

NATO SECRETARY-GENERAL Jens Stoltenberg has met with Finland's Prime Minister and spoken to Turkey's president as he seeks to overcome Turkish resistance to Finland and Sweden joining the alliance.

Stoltenberg tweeted that he met with Finnish PM Sanna Marin while there and discussed "the need to address Turkey's concerns and move forward" with the Finnish and Swedish membership applications.

Stoltenberg said he had a "constructive phone call" with Erdogan, calling Turkey a "valued ally" and praising Turkish efforts to broker a deal to ensure the safe transportation of grain supplies from Ukraine amid global food shortages caused by Russia's invasion. Stoltenberg tweeted that he and Erdogan would continue their dialogue, without elaborating.

Erdogan's office released a statement in which it said the president had emphasised that Sweden and Finland should "make it clear that they have stopped supporting terrorism," have lifted defence export restrictions on Turkey and are "ready to show alliance solidarity."

A NATO summit in Madrid at the end of June is not a deadline for a decision on Sweden and Finland's membership bids, the Turkish president's spokesman said.

Kyiv said on Saturday it was pushing back Russian troops in Sievierodonetsk as intense fighting raged around the industrial city. Serhiy Gaidai, governor of Luhansk province, said Russian forces had suffered severe defeats and were blowing up bridges across the Siverskyi Donets river to prevent Ukraine bringing in military reinforcements and delivering aid to civilians in Sievierodonetsk. The governor said Ukrainian forces had recaptured around one-fifth of the territory they had lost in the city.

Russian anti-aircraft forces have shot down dozens of Ukrainian weapons and are "cracking them like nuts," President Putin said on Saturday. "Our anti-aircraft systems are crunching them like nuts. Dozens have been destroyed," Putin said.



US Ambassador to Ukraine Bridget Brink and Ukraine's Prosecutor General Iryna Venediktova during their visit to Borodianka, Ukraine, on Saturday. *Reuters*

Macron: Russia must not be humiliated despite Putin's historic mistake

REUTERS
PARIS, JUNE 4

FRENCH PRESIDENT Emmanuel Macron said it is vital that Russia is not humiliated so that when the fighting stops in Ukraine a diplomatic solution can be found, adding that he believed Paris would play a mediating role to end the conflict.

Macron has sought to maintain a dialogue with Russian President Vladimir Putin since Moscow's invasion of Ukraine in February. His stance has been repeatedly criticised by some eastern and Baltic partners in Europe, as they see it as undermining efforts to pressure Putin to the negotiating table.

"We must not humiliate Russia so that the day when the fighting stops we can build an exit ramp through diplomatic means," Macron said in an interview to regional newspapers published on Saturday. "I am convinced that it is France's role to be a mediating power."



France President Emmanuel Macron

Macron has spoken with Putin regularly since the invasion. "I think, and I told him, that he is making a historic and fundamental mistake for his people, for himself and for history," Macron said.

France has supported Ukraine militarily and financially, but until now Macron has not been to Kyiv to offer symbolic political support like other EU leaders, something Ukraine has wanted him to do. Macron said he had not ruled out going.

COURT EXTENDS BAIL TO PM

Pakistan FIA seeks arrests of Shehbaz, son in fraud case

M ZULQERNAIN
LAHORE, JUNE 4

PAKISTAN'S FEDERAL Investigation Agency, which is probing Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif and his son and Punjab Chief Minister Hamza Shehbaz in a multi-billion rupees money laundering case, on Saturday requested the court to allow their arrest for further investigation. The court, however, extended their pre-arrest bail until June 11.

The FIA also filed an interim investigation report against the premier and other suspects in the Rs 14 billion money laundering case against them. Shehbaz and Hamza appeared before the Special Court amid high security.

"An FIA prosecutor submitted an interim investigation report in the court and sought arrest of prime suspects – Prime Minister Shehbaz and Punjab Chief Minister Hamza — arguing that their custody is needed for further probe in the case as they have not joined the investigation and cooperated with investigators," a court official told PTI.

The prime minister's counsel Advocate Amjad Pervez strongly objected to the FIA's plea and termed it a "false assertion of the agency". **PTI**



Pakistan PM Shehbaz Sharif

TTP, council of Pak tribal leaders reach 3-month truce deal

Peshawar: A three-month ceasefire deal facilitated by the Taliban government in Afghanistan has been struck between the banned Tehrik-i-Taliban Pakistan (TTP) and tribal leaders from Pakistan's restive Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province bordering Afghanistan, as per media report on Saturday.

The agreement was made during the first round of talks between the outlawed TTP and a 53-member jirga consisting of prominent Pakistani tribal jirga (council), which concluded in Kabul on Friday, according to the News International newspaper.

During the talks, both sides agreed to three-month ceasefire and continuation of dialogue , a member of the jirga told local media on return from Kabul. **PTI**

Enemies out to overthrow Islamic Republic: Khamenei

REUTERS & AP
JUNE 4

IRANIAN SUPREME Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei on Saturday blamed recent protests in Iran on foreign "enemies" seeking to overthrow the Islamic Republic. He also said the US and its allies were waging a "psychological war" against Iran by accusing it of piracy for seizing two Greek ships after the US confiscated Iranian oil from a tanker.

"Today, the enemies' most important hope for striking a blow at the country is based on popular protests," Khamenei said, referring to week-long protests over the collapse of a building in southwestern Iran last month that killed 37 people.

"They hope to turn the people against the Islamic establishment and the Islamic Republic through psychological work, activities on the internet and cyberspace ... and by spending money and recruiting mercenaries."



Ayatollah Ali Khamenei

"But the 'enemies' calculation is as wrong as many earlier ones," he said in a televised speech on the 33rd anniversary of the death of the leader of Iran's 1979 Islamic revolution, Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini.

Khamenei also acknowledged that Iran took the oil from two Greek tankers last month in helicopter-launched raids in the Persian Gulf. The confiscations were retaliation for Greece's role in the US seizure of crude oil from an Iranian-flagged tanker the same week in Mediterranean Sea over violating Washington's harsh sanctions on Islamic Republic.

"They steal Iranian oil off the Greek coast, then our brave men who don't fear death respond and seized the enemy's oil tanker," Khamenei said.



33 YEARS OF TIANANMEN

Heavy police force patrolled Hong Kong's Victoria Park on Saturday after authorities for a third consecutive year banned public commemoration of the anniversary of the deadly Tiananmen Square crackdown in 1989. In Taiwan, people took photos of 'Pillar of Shame' (above) in Taipei, Taiwan, on Saturday. *Reuters*

At 83, Japanese man becomes oldest to sail solo across Pacific

MARI YAMAGUCHI
TOKYO, JUNE 4

AN 83-YEAR-OLD Japanese adventurer returned home Saturday after successfully completing his solo, nonstop voyage across the Pacific, becoming the oldest person to reach the milestone.

Kenichi Horie arrived in the Kii Strait off Japan's western coast, completing his trans-Pacific voyage in 69 days after leaving a yacht harbor in San Francisco in March. It was the latest achievement for the octogenarian adventurer, who in 1962 became the first person in the world to complete a solo nonstop voyage across Pacific from Japan to San Francisco.

Sixty years later, he traveled the opposite route. "I just crossed the finish line. I'm tired," he wrote in his blog after reaching Japan in the early hours of Saturday.



Japan's Kenichi Horie

He said his sailing boat, Suntory Mermaid III, was to be toed after the sunrise for an expected arrival at his home port of Shin Nishinomiya yacht harbor in the evening. Reports said a welcome event will be held Sunday.

His achievement came after three days of struggle with the pushback from a strong tide. He wrote in his blog Friday that he succeeded but was exhausted and took a nap after feeling assured that his yacht was now on the right track to the finish line. Horie's return to Japan makes him the world's oldest person to complete a solo, nonstop crossing of Pacific, as per his sponsors. **AP**

Report: Suspect in Kremlin critic poisoning dies of Covid

DMITRY KOVTUN, one of two Russian men accused by Britain of poisoning Kremlin critic Alexander Litvinenko in London in 2006, has died of Covid-19 in a Moscow hospital, TASS news said on Saturday. Litvinenko died weeks after drinking green tea laced with radioactive polonium-210 at London's Millennium Hotel, where he met Kovtun and other suspect, Andrei Lugovoy.

British investigators found traces of polonium at sites across London where the two men had been, including in offices, hotels, planes and the Arsenal soccer stadium. They denied carrying out the poisoning, and Russia refused to extradite them to face trial. Litvinenko, a British citizen, was a former KGB officer who had become an outspoken opponent of Russian President Putin. From his deathbed, he accused Putin of ordering his killing, but Kremlin has always denied any role. **REUTERS**

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CRITICS SAY PLAN NURTURES GLOBAL INEQUALITIES

UK's 'brightest and best' visa leaves out Africa, India and Latin America

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WHEN BRITAIN started a programme this week offering a two-year visa to graduates from some top global universities, Nikhil Mane, an Indian computer science student at New York University, welcomed the news. "I was happy," said Mane, 23, whose university was on the list. "It's a good way to pursue our dreams."

More than 5,000 miles away, Adeola Adepoju, 22, a biochemistry student at Olabisi Onabanjo University in Nigeria, also read the announcement with great interest. But he had the opposite reaction. "I couldn't believe my eyes," Adepoju said. "No university from the Third World is ranked."

Britain's "High Potential Individual" visa programme allows graduates from 37 top-rated world universities in Australia, Canada, China, Europe, Hong Kong, Japan, Singapore and the US to come to the country for two years even if they do not have a job offer. A majority of universities on the list are in the US, including Harvard University, the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and the University of California, San Diego.

The government said the plan would attract the world's "brightest and best" and benefit the British economy. Critics, however, say the plan nurtures global inequalities and discriminates against most developing nations.



Harvard is one of the 37 universities eligible for the visa programme, the majority of which are in the US. *NYT*

The purpose of the policy is to create "a highly desirable and able pool of mobile talent from which UK employers can recruit" and drive economic growth and technological advances, the government said in its announcement. It did not put a cap on the number of applicants who would be accepted and said that graduates with doctorates would be allowed to stay for three years.

"We want the businesses of tomorrow to be built here today," Rishi Sunak, the British chancellor of the Exchequer, said in a statement. "Come and join in!"

The programme is in line with Britain's post-Brexit visa policy, which has made entry easier for high-skilled workers and harder for those considered low-skilled ones, as well as asylum-seekers. Visa pathways include a skilled-worker visa for people who have received a job offer in Britain, a visa for people considered a "leader or potential leader" in certain fields, and a program to allow international students who graduated from British universities to stay for at least two years.

The new British visa has been praised in some academic circles in the US as one to emulate. But many academics, students and politicians in Britain, Africa and India have spoken out against it, saying that the universities that students attend are largely influenced by their social and geographical circumstances and that the new scheme rewards those who are already more privileged.

"I would not be eligible," said Deepti Gurdasani, a clinical public health researcher and a senior lecturer in machine learning at Queen Mary University of London, who went to a university in India that is not on the list. "It is hurtful to find that you're devalued and that people within your community are devalued because of arbitrary thresholds."

Madeleine Sumption, director of the University of Oxford's Migration Observatory, which tracks immigration patterns, said the new policy was an innovative idea, but with drawbacks.

"How do you decide who the highly skilled people are?" she asked, adding that the current policy would admit someone who just scraped through Harvard but not the highest-achieving students at a top Indian university. Britain's Home Office said the list had been compiled from leading global university ranking lists and that new international institutions could move up the ranks and later join the list.

However, university rankings are widely criticised in many quarters, with critics saying they often fail to grasp the quality of teaching and often overemphasise research over instruction. **NYT**

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STRAIGHT OUTTA BRAMPTON

Be it Sidhu Moosewala or Deep Jandu, this East Coast town of Ontario, Canada, has primed the rising stars of Punjabi music



Manraj Grewal Sharma

"THIS IS Brampton, where anything and everything can happen," crooned Sidhu Moosewala in *B-Town* (2019) as a tribute to the city that built him. It was here in 2017 that the 23-year-old student from Mansa village first made music that shot him to fame and he joined the A-listers of Punjabi rap and pop. Today, Brampton, a city in the Greater Toronto Area, has become a global powerhouse of Punjabi music. From Deep Jandu and Fateh Doe, Noyz to Selena Dhillon and Jonita Gandhi, the latest stars on the Punjabi music scene, write, compose, shoot and perform here.

Once known as the Flower Town of Ontario — it used to be a major exporter of roses in the 1870s — the East Coast city of 600,000, most of them immigrants, has now become a nursery of young musicians who learn the strings in high school and are globally celebrated veterans by the time they cross 30. Ikky Singh, the newest star on the horizon, who dreams of taking Punjabi music "everywhere", was just 20 years old when he signed a deal with Warner Music Canada last year after *Magical love* got half a billion views on YouTube. Jandu, considered the father of the city's distinctive style of music, mix of hip-hop and rap, with Punjabi lyrics and *desi* themes, is all of 32, while freelance videographer Rupen Bhardwaj was just 18 when he was discovered by Moosewala in 2018.

Everyone in Brampton knows how Moosewala, who was then the most-heard artiste on Spotify, walked into Bhardwaj's house, watched his videos and was floored. Bhardwaj dropped out of school to pursue his passion and has an impressive list of celebrity clients including Diljit Dosanjh. Bhardwaj has directed six videos for Moosewala, including *Legend*, which was shot in Brampton.

With people of South-Asian descent forming over 40 per cent of the population, there aren't many barriers to entering the Punjabi indie scene in the city, also called "Singhdale", "Browntown," or "Bramladesh". Over 20 per cent of the town speaks Punjabi, while Urdu, Gujarati and Hindi can also be heard on the streets.

Moosewala's release of his breakthrough track *So High* in September 2017 coincided with the city's music renaissance. Historically, Vancouver (West Coast) was the hub of Punjabi cinema and music. Punjab-born Jazzy B, who was raised in Surrey, and considered the crown prince of bhangra music was inducted into BC Entertainment's Hall of Fame, for his significant contribution to the British Columbia entertainment industry. It earned him a star on Vancouver's Granville Street in 2016. JC Dhanoa, a video producer based in Vancouver, says Surrey took the lead in Punjabi music and singer-actors such as Gippy Grewal, late Manmohan Waris, Sarbjit Cheema, Amrinder Gill, all have homes there.

Moosewala's runaway success with millions of views on YouTube and collaborations with some of the world's leading musicians became an inspiration for countless youngsters in Brampton. For a while, his music producer Byg Byrd was much sought after by aspirants.

Arun Sharma, the music producer who had launched the late Surjit Binjdrakhia, says Brampton is becoming a magnet for musicians because of the string of hits coming out of its studios. Gurmoh, an upcoming singer from Mohali, attributes it to the continuing flight of artistes from Punjab to Canada. "Earlier, Jalandhar was the hub of Punjabi music industry, then it shifted to Mohali. But for the last few years, most of our top singers have bought a second home or taken permanent residency in Canada. It's a push factor."

Prabhjot Sohal, a Brampton-based radio host with Red FM Toronto, says the city welcomes new talent with open arms. "If you are a newcomer and you want to launch your music, you can get everything, be it lyrics, music direction, or videography. Most of these services, offered since the last five to six years, are run by new immigrants; often, they are Punjabis who came as international students to Canada."

Despite the pandemic in 2019-20, the enrolment of international students in Canadian colleges, most of them coming from India in general and Punjab in particular, has soared to 2.2 million. They also turn out to be the biggest consumers of the local music industry. "Five out of 10 students from Punjab try their luck in the music industry, some succeed, some don't," says Dhanoa. Jandu, one of the pioneers of the Brampton music scene, says his only advice to youngsters is to work hard. "We don't tell people that we will make a star out of them," he says.

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While singers from India head westwards, musicians in Brampton and Surrey look towards Punjab and Bollywood, for both numbers and critical acclaim. Doe, who was picked up by Dr Zeus in 2012, caught the ears of seniors among the diaspora in Brampton when he sang *Lovely* in the Shah Rukh Khan film *Happy New Year* (2014). Jandu says he began to be taken seriously only when the listeners in Punjab applauded him.

Listeners in Punjab are the main target audience because of their sheer numbers. "We even tailor our Instagram feed to suit Indian time," says Dhanoa. In Spotify's Punjabi 101 list, 20 per cent songs stream from outside India, mainly Canada, and 80 per cent from India. In 2020, Punjabi pop was the sixth-most consumed genre on the platform in India.

When Jandu started DJing in high school in 2005, there was no music scene in Brampton, even though the Punjabi diaspora made sure every event was celebrated with a big dose of music and bhangra. Youngsters enjoyed jamming in the evenings, but it stopped at that. Jandu did a stint as a musician in the UK before returning to release *Gaddi* at Brampton. Later in 2017, he made a splash with *Aa giya ni ohi billo time*.

Singers in the early 1990s like Raj Ghuman, arguably the first Punjabi woman to release a cassette in Canada, didn't have it easy. Ghuman had to rely on gurdwaras, weddings and theatre performances for word-of-mouth publicity. Aspiring singers would use banquet halls built by Indians as performance venues.

The rise of YouTube and platforms such as Spotify and Apple Music took independent music to a new high, and gave singers a new audience. Sohal says now the trend is to get EPs produced and launched on Spotify and other online platforms. "Marketing is done through a mix of social media, influencers and events," she says.

Brampton is not just making music, it's also featuring in it. If Moosewala paid his homage with *B-Town*, Elly Mangat has also written *Brampton* (2020), Kamal Grewal calls his ode *Sada pind Brampton* (2019). Two years ago, *Brampton jatti* by Romey Maan was followed by Adhiraj and Gur Sidhu's muscular *Brampton anthem*. The latest is the rap *Brampton wale jatt* by Almeet Sandhu and RB Khera, released last year.



HUSTLE & FLOW

(Clockwise from top) Deep Jandu; video still from Romey Maan's *Brampton jatti*; rapper AP Dhillon of *Brown munde* fame; Sidhu Moosewala

A common thread in all these songs is the brawny tone and lyrics lionising guns and violence. Brampton music is greatly influenced by American rappers and the hip-hop movement. One of Moosewala's first hits *So high* was an out and out gangsta rap. Sharma calls it an old phenomenon. "It's the articulation and glamorisation of dissent and it's been part of Punjabi folk for a long time. The trick is to enjoy it and not imbibe it," says Arun Sharma. Artistes in Brampton have done a great job of mixing genres such as rap, hip hop, and pop with the Punjabi idiom, he adds.

In an essay "Migration Shaping Media: Punjabi Popular Music in a Global Historical Perspective," Gibb Schreffler, an associate professor of music at Pamona College, California, blames the machismo in their music on globalisation and patriarchy of Punjabi culture. "Through processes of globalisation, Western patriarchy has infiltrated the Punjabi imagination and the patriarchy of Punjabi culture in turn, has moved into diasporic populations. This interplay is quite candidly on display in the world of Punjabi pop music," he writes.

The singers also have to contend with the subterranean racial tensions. Many like Noyz and Ikky Singh, who sport turbans, have spoken of the challenges of looking different. Brampton has seen a flight of older settlers. Called "White flight", many White families have left town, leading to Brampton being labelled a ghetto. Kristin Good, an associate professor of political science at Dalhousie University, Nova Scotia, Canada, blames it on the perception that the immigrant group doesn't want to integrate, that there could be a cultural takeover and the fear of not being in the majority could be other reasons.

Both Brampton and Surrey are now staring at the menace of gun violence and gangs in real life, too. Sometimes, singers get caught in the crossfire. Public safety is a concern during concerts. In 2019, the Royal Canadian Mounted Police asked organisers to drop Moosewala's performance at Surrey. In 2019, musician Karan Aujla was attacked in Surrey. Later, Interpol arrested gangster Sukhpreet Budda, who had taken responsibility for the attack, from Armenia. Soon after Moosewala's murder, Canadian singer AP Dhillon wrote an Insta post on how a Punjabi artiste has to contend with threats and hate-filled comments on a daily basis. In Punjab, Mankirt Aulakh has now sought security from the police, citing threats from the Bambiha gang. Industry insiders blame extortion and death threats by gangsters.

This may explain why some young musicians are making a concerted effort to widen the appeal of Punjabi music by making it more wholesome. That its allure transcends the Punjabi-speaking diaspora is evident from the YouTube Top 40 for Canada, which is always handsomely populated by Punjabi tracks.

In Surrey, rappers AP Dhillon, Gurinder Gill and Shinda Kahlon are doing their bit to celebrate South-Asian identity with their *Brown munde* (Brown Boys), which became Spotify India's biggest hit in 2021. In an interview, the singers said it is an unifying anthem. Bobby Friction, a London-based DJ, said, "It refers to all the Bangladeshi kids and the Pakistani kids and the Tamil and the Sri Lankan kids, the Sikh kids and the Hindu kids across the West."

Back in Brampton, Ikky Singh, also a music producer, has tied up with Warner Music to help Punjabi artistes create songs that appeal to everyone, across the boundaries of culture.

In a press statement, Steve Kane, president of Warner Music Canada, said, "We are so excited to partner with Ikky, and 4N Records. His creativity and passion are unrivaled, and we're endlessly impressed by his ability to create hit songs that span cultural boundaries."

Brand Brampton is all set to go global.

DOWN IN JUNGLELAND



Ranjit Lal

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Truth About Birds & Bears

Be it watching over their young or claiming the skies, the animal kingdom has much to teach us

PARENTING PLAYS a vital role in the lives of most living creatures and here again, even the casual observer will note the similarities between us and animals and birds. There are doting parents on both sides, where both parents share the duties of child-rearing equitably. Single-parent families are hugely popular in the animal kingdom and it's usually the mother who brings up her babies single-handedly or with the help of her sisters and female cousins. Some animal dads (such as lions) may not partake of the daily diaper-changing, but will be around to keep a glinting eye on his harem and its cubs and occasionally help bring down a big kill.

The amount of TLC lavished on the young also depends on the species: many animals — especially reptiles and insects and some birds — leave this either to Mother Nature to deal with or with foster parents. A king cobra mom leaves after laying her eggs because she knows she would instinctively eat the babies when they hatch. Sea turtles lovingly bury their eggs on a moonlit beach and then return to the ocean. Cuckoos are famous for laying their eggs in the nests of tiny warblers. Even the big mamas — tigers and lions — will turn out their young, once they graduate to independent killing. In raptor families, during tough times, the first-born chick will often kill its younger sibling with its mom's tacit acceptance.

But, usually, animal moms make the fiercest most ferocious protectors of their babies: no one dare come between a mama bear and her cubs not even a dada bear twice her size. Thankfully, most human moms behave in a similar fashion (often defending the indefensible in their children). Also, we can tell — say by the way an elephant mama gently urges her clumsy baby to its feet, or a lioness lavishes attention on her cubs — that in their world as in ours, moms would rather spend time with their babies than their partners. Of course, there are some moms who would rather be clubbing or playing rummy and the children pay the price. Joint families also exist in the animal kingdom in hyenas and elephants, for instance, where they are led by the matriarch.



RANJIT LAL

IN SAFE HANDS
A suckling infant with its mother

And hallelujah, just like in rare human cases, it is the single dad that brings up the kids, in several species of fish (and the seahorse) and birds (like the painted snipe, for instance). Even macho tigers have been known to do this — if misfortune befalls the mother of his cubs. A dada gorilla (or was it a chimpanzee?) was shown in a documentary gently taking care of an orphaned baby.

One thing we desperately need to pick up from the animal kingdom is that fat animals (unlike people) are exceedingly rare and usually only found in zoos. Chasing prey or avoiding becoming it — be it under water, in the sky or on the land — has to be undertaken regularly — and burns up calories. So does keeping warm. Oh sure, hunters (tigers and lions) may seem healthy, but not in the way aunties tell you, ('so healthy no!?') while pinching cheeks! And have you ever seen a fat, waddling cheetah?

Skill accomplishment is another area you can watch and be inspired by. Watch the easy lank way a black kite or eagle flies — with the minimum expenditure of energy — a lazy flick of the tail doing the work of a rudder: Until of course, the prey is targeted wherein the afterburners are switched on. Or admire the sinuous way fish move through the water or a cheetah gives chase. Watch the precision with which a seemingly drunken butterfly lands on a bloom. Yes, most of these skills are instinctive — but many, like bird flight come after long practice.

You might think that there are some things that animals could pick up from us: table manners for example. Wild dogs, wolves, big cats, owls and sharks gobble their food in great gulps — not like one should eat at a French restaurant. But alas, they have to, or else be in danger of being robbed — just like a four-year-old will gobble down a bar of chocolate before an elder sibling arrives on the scene! Besides, a mighty lion gnawing blissfully on a femur with its eyes closed is a happy customer and can make your own mouth water! And horses, gently cropping grass in green fields, can be watched forever.

But yes, pigs, dogs, cows and crows rooting and snuffling through festering garbage heaps can put you off your food. But then, remember, those garbage heaps are our handiwork! In the animal kingdom nothing is wasted: leftover bones are cleaned by vultures, crunched up by hyenas and jackals, the huge dung bombs of herbivores are cleaned up by dung-beetles... Parrots and monkeys are wasteful eaters, but they have a clean-up crew of waiting deer right beneath their dining areas that instantly takes care of the mess.

Being President for 35 Days

During his brief stint at the Rashtrapati Bhavan, Chief Justice Mohammad Hidayatullah even hosted US President Richard Nixon

Praveen Siddharth



RASHTRAPATI BHAVAN ARCHIVE



A SET OF strange incidents took place in 1779. The *zamindar* of Kasijura (in present-day Odisha) Raja Sunder owed money to Narain Kashinath, a prominent merchant of Calcutta. After having exhausted several avenues to recover his money, he finally approached the Supreme Court. The first Supreme Court of Judicature at Fort William in Calcutta, was the highest-level of judiciary in those days. Under the Regulating Act of 1773 was formed the highest-level of the executive, the Governor-General and his council of five members, referred to as the Supreme Council.

After hearing his pleas, the Supreme Court issued a warrant for the *zamindar* to be produced before it. However, when the court bailiff went to serve the orders, he was physically prevented by the collector of Midnapore, acting on the orders of the Governor-General Warren Hastings. What followed next was a series of curious actions by both the Supreme Court and Supreme Council. The court proceeded to issue an order seizing all the assets of the *zamindar* but when the bailiff went to carry out these actions, the army commander at Midnapore, Colonel Ahmuty, arrested the officers of the court and detained them. Meanwhile, Kashinath, the merchant, filed a lawsuit against the Governor-General and all the members of his Council but army officials prevented service of these writs, too. Enraged, the Supreme Court arrested the attorney general in the case and committed him to prison without bail.

A clash of this kind was not due to personal egos. Lord Elijah Impey, the Chief Justice, and Hastings were said to be the thickest of friends. Rather, what took place was a conflict of institutions. Both the Supreme Council and the Supreme Court were jostling with each other because their jurisdictions were not clearly delineated.

Living History
AN INDIAN EXPRESS COLLABORATION WITH THE RASHTRAPATI BHAVAN

Indeed, for a long time, the executive head in our country continued to possess judicial powers. In ancient India, too, judicial functions were *sine qua non* to the responsibilities of the king. A good king was considered to be one who is also a "just" king.

Today, of course, such conflicts are unthinkable thanks to the clear separation of powers spelt out in our Constitution. Although the functions of legislature, executive and judiciary are clearly divided, they are at the same time also joined together through the institution of the president. The three wings of the state are like the three lions united together in the national emblem that symbolises our country and our President.

The President, on the one hand, is the head of the executive as all actions of the government are performed in his name. He is also part of Parliament, and at the same time, he is also the sole authority for appointing as well as dismissing the chief justice and judges of the Supreme Court and high courts.

THE GREAT AND THE GOOD
(Top) US President Richard Nixon with acting President M Hidayatullah at the Rashtrapati Bhavan on July 31,1969; Justice NV Ramana sworn in as the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of India at the Rashtrapati Bhavan on April 24, 2021

The relationship of the President of India with the judiciary is a special one. It starts right from the time he enters office when the oath of office is administered by the Chief Justice of India. The form of the oaths of the President and the Chief Justice of India are similar. Under article 60, the primary duty of the president is to preserve, protect and defend the Constitution and the laws of India. The Chief Justice of India likewise takes oath to "uphold the Constitution and the laws".

The President, whenever he desires, can seek the opinion of the Supreme Court under article 143 of the Constitution in questions of law and matters of public importance. Till date, this provision has been used 12 times by various presidents — Rajendra Prasad referred the Delhi Laws Act, 1912, for advice of the Supreme Court in 1951. However, the opinion of the Supreme Court is not binding on the president, and, also, the Supreme Court is also not bound to give its opinion in all cases. On January 7, 1993, president Shankar Dayal Sharma had made a presidential reference seeking the Supreme Court's opinion on a question "whether a Hindu temple or any Hindu religious structure existed prior to the construction of the Ram Janmabhoomi-Babri Masjid in the area on which the structure stood?" By its majority decision of October 24, 1994, it refused to answer on the ground that the question was opposed to secularism and favoured one religious community.

The relationship between the president and the judiciary is also a personal one. Out of the 14 presidents so far, there have been four who were practising lawyers. Our first president Rajendra Prasad practised at Bhagalpur in Bihar, VV Giri in Madras High court, R Venkatraman in Madras high court and the Supreme Court and the current President Ram Nath Kovind was practising law, both in the Delhi High Court as well as the Supreme Court.

There has also been a unique instance when a serving chief justice of India has become a president, albeit an acting one. When President Zakir Hussain died on May 3, 1969, vice-president Giri took over as the acting president. However, Giri was also contesting the consequent presidential elections and, hence, had to resign from both his offices. The next in line was the chief justice, and so Justice Mohammad Hidayatullah became the president for 35 days from July 20 to August 24, 1969. Interestingly, during this period he even hosted US President Richard Nixon!

President Kovind holds a rare distinction of having served in all wings of the state. He has been a member of Parliament, a practising lawyer and a central government standing counsel. But all presidents, irrespective of their backgrounds, have had one thing in common — they have all been the bridge to connect the judiciary with the other organs of the state.

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Words are all we have

They become the salve that heal us and help us live better lives

SLICE OF LIFE



Suvir Saran

Suvir Saran is a chef, author, educator and world traveller

THE JAIPUR Literature Festival (JLF) story is a story of a festival celebrating words that celebrate all that life is about. It is a most-inspired gathering, planned to ensure that those entrusted with words and those reading them present and understand them in ways that they remain most inspiring.

Orchestrating such a task is no easy matter. And that is where Sanjoy Roy comes in. A man of modest physical presence but beyond gargantuan in vision, he is one of three festival founders and the head of Teamwork Arts, the production arm of the festival. Namita Gokhale, co-founder and co-director, is also a prolific writer, with many awards and books under her belt. She gives Sanjoy's grandiose vision her literary heft and depth as well as her hunger to discover, share and inspire. William Dalrymple, another founder and co-director, is a Scottish historian, curator, photographer, art historian and critic. Encyclopedic in Indian history, he leaves one spellbound by his passion and knowledge.

With such inspired custodians behind the festival, it is easy to appreciate how the JLF has become known as the greatest literary festival on the planet. It was my privilege to have been in conversation with the executive chef of American Masala, Vardaan Marwah, at the first post-Covid festival in Jaipur this March. Under the shimmer of the stars and in the cool of the desert night, we gathered on the rooftop of the Clarks Hotel in Jaipur. Authors from India and abroad were regaling attendees at the hotel grounds all day and into the evening. The excitement was as palpable as bees to a honeypot. The nectar of the festival was the power and persuasion of the written word.

I am not built for the tropics, but it was the quality of the roster of presenters and the passion of the attendees that had me readily agree to be part of the first-ever JLF in Maldives at Soneva Fushi last month. Soneva, like JLF, needs no introduction. It is part of the empire curated with utmost attention to detail by Indian-British hotelier Sonu Shivdasani and his wife, Eva. Guests at their island properties can rest assured, knowing that sustainable luxury will provide environs at once most luxe and green, lush and plush, with deeply delicious foods that leave the least harmful footprint. Knowing that Shivdasani's principled approach to hospitality was the venue made me supplicant and ready to embrace the tropics. I came with a hunger for discovery and a commitment to share my story and my words.

Our arrival at the island was made most-memorable by a warm welcome from our personal barefoot butler, who prompted us to give up our shoes and become accustomed to connecting with the earth in ways we hadn't before. Reluctant as I was, something about the setting, the virgin beauty of the island, the smiles of the Soneva team members, and the circumspection with which the island was maintained — all gave me the confidence I needed to go with the flow.



SUVIR SARAN

ISLAND TALES
Pristine sandy beaches with turquoise water and a night sky most shockingly bursting with an abundance of stars and shimmering brilliance made for a one-of-a-kind experience

Now that I had set my fears at rest, I was immersed rather quickly into the energy and feel of this island that was committed to celebrating itself, indulging its guests, and doing this while being sustainable and kind to nature. Morning to night, the foods we ate found inspiration from across the globe, and the books and authors being feted had similarly global reach. The best thing was the island's isolation. Authors and attendees, festival directors and puppeteers, Shivdasani and his team — we had one another and none other to go to for that which we were wanting, or to connect with as humans.

Thirty world-renowned speakers, performers and authors took part in this vibrant programme: A keynote session by best-selling author Peter Frankopan; Gopalkrishna Gandhi, the grandson of Mahatma Gandhi, in a most honest conversation with author and former diplomat Pavan Varma; Matthew Syed in conversation with mathematician extraordinaire Marcus du Sautoy on the power of diverse thinking; Sonam Kalra singing her Sufi Gospel and taking us beyond the stars and back; Gilles Chuyen freeing our soul with his dance lessons that are at once about rhythm and catharsis; Shashi Tharoor and Shobha De regaling us with their masterful communication and writings; Navdeep Suri presenting the writings of his grandfather with the help of his wife, Mani, and a vocalist friend, and many others. And, of course, it was my good fortune to have been in conversation with Anandita De, a first-time interviewer at the festival. The festival celebrated the theme of "Slow Life," and covered a fascinating spectrum of topics: from nation-building to the natural world, politics to poetry, fiction and filmmaking to journalism, and spirituality to scientific discovery.

Every morning, the festival began with a choice of enlightening sessions that focused on expanding guests' horizons before breakfast, including meditation with the gentle healing soul Puneeta Roy; snorkeling with Soneva Fushi's resident marine biologist, and glassblowing at the Soneva Art & Glass studio.

Miles of pristine sandy beaches with turquoise water and a night sky most shockingly bursting with an abundance of stars and shimmering brilliance made for a one-of-a-kind experience that created memories for a lifetime for attendees and presenters.

With Vardaan Marwah by my side, I demonstrated three of my recipes, each from a different community and region, and in doing so I shared the syncretic majesty of India and its cultural heritage. I was privileged to be able to join over a million book lovers from across India and the globe and to be part of a non-aligned platform with free and open access to some of the greatest writers, thinkers, humanitarians, politicians, business leaders and entertainers on one stage to champion the freedom to express and engage in thoughtful debate and dialogue.

It was an honour to be part of a palaver where words reveal the worst that is gripping our human mindscape and where they become the salve that heals us into better living and being, both in our communities and as a human fraternity.

The Search for Lost Time

A polyphony of voices traces a storied past and the futility of borders through the transformative journey of the protagonist in the International Booker Prize-winning *Tomb of Sand*

Shah Alam Khan



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THIS WORLD OF OURS

Daisy Rockwell (left) and Geetanjali Shree after their recent International Booker Prize win

ON THE very first page of *Tomb of Sand*, the translation of Geetanjali Shree's *Ret Samadhi* (2018) by Daisy Rockwell that won this year's International Booker Prize, Shree writes that the book is a story of two women and one death. But it isn't merely that. It is a tale told across the vanishing leap of time, across borders, genders and relationships, across the insurmountable hopelessness that men generate and the sea of hope they populate. "Women are stories themselves," writes Shree. As the novel progresses, the many storied lives of her female protagonists hold the universe of her novel together.

Critics have variously tried to classify the book into a genre. It belongs to the genre of Partition novels, they said. Yes, it does but no, it doesn't. It belongs to the genre of romances. Yes, it does or maybe no, it doesn't. It can be classified as a feminist novel, they said. Yes, surely it can, but no it can't. Just like the sky — vast and borderless — its canvas stretches beyond genres. That's the power of this book and its quintessential *je ne sais quoi*.

Eighty-year-old Ma is the protagonist of the novel. Well, even that may not be true, because protagonists are the stabilising force in a story. Ma destabilises the tale. She is the one who brings in chaos. Every page that she appears in is enthralling madness — a madness that makes you fall in love with her character, that gives so much stability to the story that you want the tale to never end, quite like the night of love which Shree creates almost at the end of the book, a night of ragas and memories.



TOMB OF SAND
BY GEETANJALI SHREE; Translated into English BY DAISY ROCKWELL
Penguin Random House
696 pages
₹699

Just like people in our lives, there are other characters, too, in the novel — the good, the bad, the beautiful, the ugly and most importantly, the undefinable ones. There's Bade, the man of the house (strange that 'Man Of The House' can be abbreviated as MOTH, meaning 'death' in Hindi); there's his wife, Bahu, and their two sons. Bahu and Bade refer to each other with 'D'. It stood for Darling after their marriage, but (de) metamorphosed into Duffer as years went by. Then there is Ma's daughter, Beti, the bohemian who challenges both MOTH and family traditions and who is the second woman in this tale. And, finally, there is Rosie *bua*, the undefinable one. She-He. Rosie-Raza. The character who brings Ma to life. She, too, adds madness to the tale. These characters from a wide stratum of society that Shree has populated the *Tomb of Sand* with, fuel the storyline and reflect her impeccable depiction of the chasm between caste and class.

Ma is a perfect fictional representation of the vicissitudes and shades of life she lives. She has a bit of Ammu from Arundhati Roy's *The God of Small Things* (1997), a touch of Gabriel Garcia Marquez's Úrsula Iguarán from *One Hundred Years of Solitude* (1967), a hint of Krishna Sobti's Ammi from *Aai Ladki* (1991), and an air of Sethe from Toni Morrison's *Beloved* (1987). She makes you laugh gregariously and sob incessantly. She can love and hate with equal zest. She becomes a wall one moment and a door the very next, as much invisible as she's visible. She's the kind of character whom generations will love and relate to.

Ma subverts this story one last time when she decides to go to Pakistan. That's the moment in the book when the reader is faced with the futility of a border. Shree exposes the ineptness of borders against the will of people in search of love and hope. She writes, "A border is a horizon. Where two worlds meet. And embrace. A border is love..."

Shree's ability to describe the indescribable is the other hallmark of *Tomb of Sand*. She repeats what she did effectively in *Mai* (1993) and *Humara Sheher Us Baras* (1998), becoming in turn all those that many ignore — walls, doors, chrysanthemums, cane and even dust. She employs surrealism to propel the story. A man called Anwar appears on page 225 of the book, disappears and reappears again on page 584, but all this while, the reader keeps looking for him. He's the silent charm of the book and just one example of Shree's sheer mastery in making us wait in anticipation for a character who never utters a word and who cannot move.

It is in the moments of magic realism, a genre in which the book can fit in snugly, that the literary genius of Shree is revealed. The Solomon moments wherein Shree weaves the language of the crows and partridges into a beautiful tapestry of words act as the *sutradharas* in the tale, drawing us closer to the narrative. And then the moment where she collects the writers of Partition at the Wagah border — Khushwant Singh, Krishna Sobti, Saadat Hasan Manto, Intizar Hussain, Rahi Masoom Raza and others, all with their stories, characters and words, pierce the soul. What more would anyone want than Bishan Singh from "Toba Tek Singh" (1955) saddleless through the change of guard ceremony at the Wagah border?

If beautiful language enslaves one, translations set you free. This translation of *Tomb of Sand* by Daisy Rockwell sets *Ret Samadhi* free for a global audience. A good translation is like a revolution. It gives language, culture and identity a new perception and a new freedom. For *Tomb of Sand*, I can believe what Ngugi wa Thiong'o had said in *Dreams in a Time of War* (2010) — "Written words can also sing".

Do I regret anything in the book? Yes, I do. I regret not reading it in 2018 when it was first published in Hindi. And most importantly, I regret being a man in the land of fabulous women like Ma, Beti and Rosie — women who are an antitheses to all the wisdom men offer them relentlessly. *Tomb of Sand* is a mausoleum to their hope and happiness.

In *The Art of the Novel* (1986), Milan Kundera says, "The stupidity of people comes from having an answer for everything. The wisdom of the novel comes from having a question for everything." In *Tomb of Sand*, Geetanjali Shree has a question for everything that we have in today's broken world — hate, hopelessness, myth and identity. She effectively proves that in the age of disbelief, love continues to be a belief for some.

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The Breadth of a Life

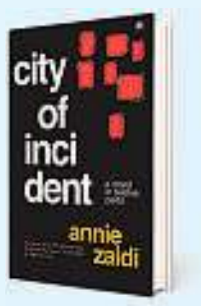
In Annie Zaidi's new novel, 12 small lives flicker bravely against the vast dimensions of the city

Devapriya Roy

"WHO CAN refuse to live his own life?" the great Russian poet Anna Akhmatova had once written in a letter to a friend. As I was reading Annie Zaidi's new book *City of Incident*, a slim little novel, in which we meet — briefly, burningly — six men and six women as they navigate life, these words, long buried in the mound of memory, emerged from somewhere.

But who can refuse to live *her* own life? What happens when they try? I ask myself this softly, as I turn the pages and revisit the chapters again, pausing upon their intriguing titles: "A Housewife Walks Out with her Children but Fails to Board the Train"; "An Adulterous Man Revisits the Truth After His Lover Falls to Her Death"; "A Bank Teller Sees a Happy Baby on the Street, and Wants to Die".

Somewhat reminiscent of the structure of her award-winning previous novel *Prelude to a Riot* (2019), where the main characters had one soliloquy each, to tell their story and advance the novel as a whole, here, too, we find each character as the protagonist of a single chapter. All but one of the chapters is told via an unblinking over-the-shoulder camera that captures, almost tersely, every tic, every lament or every cry of hope from its subject — "this man" or "this woman". The silences in the noisy, never-sleeping city are teased out. The lonelinesses of men and women fan out against the smoky skies, whether issuing from 16th-floor apartments or from the "bare earth, under the new elevated rail".



CITY OF INCIDENT: A NOVEL IN TWELVE PARTS
BY ANNIE ZAIDI
Aleph
144 pages
₹499

However, this is where the similarities end. Although the cast of characters in *Prelude...* was introduced at the outset, much as the *dramatis personae* in a play are, and there was a chorus commenting on the turn of events, it was more recognisably a novel, set in a self-contained small town, with the characters all part of one overarching story, clever little sidebars notwithstanding.

In *City of Incident*, the canvas — the eponymous city — is staggeringly vast (Though it stays unnamed, it is instantly recognisable as Mumbai). Against its impossible dimensions, the 12 small lives flicker bravely under the razor-gaze of the author's lens. It begins with a moment, an image, a mood that flowers into a story. One life is linked to another, seeds are sown in an early chapter that will sprout in a later one. Sometimes, it is a vague intersection, the sort of thing that is natural in a metropolis, sometimes, a deep connection is forged. But mostly each is returned to their own life — *who can refuse to live it*?! — by the metronome of their circumstances.

Prelude... was urgent and political; *City...* is restrained and almost entirely focused on the individual. We are to know no names; identities are linked mostly to class. As in Greek tragedy, the moments of greatest drama are all conducted off-stage and we get to hear of it only through the chance words of others. In my view, it is the economy of this stylistic choice that makes *City* so compelling.

In an age when novelists are — sadly — forced to compete with Netflix, not only for their readers' time and attention spans, but also in the overarching tilt towards a certain kind of storytelling, with its long, hyper-detailed episodes, backstories-within-backstories, how can the novel fight back to stay relevant? This is perhaps a question that novelists must confront increasingly today.

It is safe to say that Zaidi, one of the most talented writers of our generation, has successfully addressed this thorny problem in the book. As the chapter titles — "A Policeman Reflects on Accidents, Careless Women, and Infanticide"; "A Manager Picks Up Scraps of Other People's Lives, and Attempts to Restore Her Own" — sum up the chapter with tweet-like conciseness, the reader, cheated out of the familiar high of "hooks", has no option but to look beyond the "what" to the "how". We are reminded that the author's voice, shining through the illuminating prose, is what keeps the novel vital and alive. While binge-watching leaves us exhausted and glazed-eyed, when we dive into the quiet, transformative pool of powerful prose, we emerge renewed.

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FLASHBACK

Why Stephen King let his novel *Rage* lapse in the Nineties

And its connection with gun violence in the US

Udbhav Seth

ON MAY 24, an 18-year-old boy in Texas, USA, fatally shot 19 children and two teachers at Robb Elementary School and wounded 17 others in the premises. The shooting is the worst gun attack on an elementary school in the US since the Sandy Hook Elementary School shooting in 2012, that left 20 children and six adults dead.

A year after the 2012 tragedy, acclaimed American writer Stephen King wrote an essay *Guns*, published as a Kindle single, in which he deconstructed the issue of gun violence in the US. He recounted letting his novel *Rage* (1977), published under his pseudonym Richard Bachman, go out of print after four young school shooters in the '80s and '90s were found to have owned the book.



GONE WITH THE WIND

The cover of the first edition of Stephen King's *Rage*, now out of print

What was *Rage* about?

Charlie Decker, a high school student with an abusive father and overprotective mother, loses his temper at his principal one day, retrieves a gun from his locker and forces the school to evacuate — with the exception of his algebra class, whom he holds hostage. The entire day, he tells his classmates stories of his troubled family life and soon they begin relating to him. Winning their sympathy, he eventually lets them all go, but is shot at by the police before being remanded to a psychiatric hospital. Today, *Rage* is out of print.

How was the book connected to real-life gun violence?

■ In April 1988, a California high school student held his classmates hostage with a gun and later backed out, but told police he got the idea from an airline hijacking and from King's *Rage*.

■ In September 1989, a 17-year-old boy in Kentucky held 11 classmates hostage for hours and demanded to speak to his father whom he hadn't seen for years. Later, he surrendered himself without incident but a copy of *Rage* was found in his bedroom, with a hostage negotiator remarking on how the boy seemed to be playing out a scenario he had been reading about.

■ In February 1996, a 14-year-old boy in Washington state shot and killed his teacher and two classmates, quoting Decker from *Rage* during the siege: "This sure beats algebra, doesn't it?"

■ In December 1997, a 14-year-old boy with paranoid schizophrenia fatally shot three and wounded five at his school's prayer group. A copy of *Rage* was in his locker.

What did King say about the incidents?

In *Guns*, King wrote that he had only known of the 1996 and 1997 incidents when he decided to let it fall out of print in the United States. Detailing the four boys' easy access to guns, histories of mental illness, parental abuse and bullying in school, he wrote, "It took more than one slim novel to cause [those boys] to do what they did. These were unhappy boys with deep psychological problems... My book did not break [them] or turn them into killers... Yet I did see *Rage* as a possible accelerant, which is why I pulled it from sale." In a footnote to the preface of a 2007 novel, he wrote of *Rage*, "Now out of print, and a good thing."

In a 1999 speech at the Vermont Library Conference Annual Meeting, King stood by his decision to pull the novel but argued for the artiste's right to depict society as it was: "If accused of being part of the problem, my response is the time-honoured reporter's answer: 'Hey, man, I don't make the news, I just report it.'"

A Large-hearted Chameleon

Despite his faith in his party's Hindutva line, once in power, Atal Bihari Vajpayee remained in thrall to Jawaharlal Nehru's idea of a pluralistic India

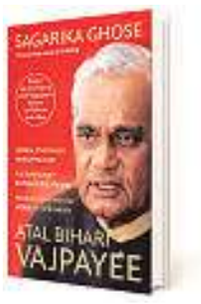
Mani Shankar Aiyar

SAGARIKA GHOSE, author of a celebrated biography of Indira Gandhi, has done it again — this time with Indira's rival and successor at several removes: Atal Bihari Vajpayee. Her writing technique is very similar to that of a first-class cine camera. She zooms in and out of her narrative, now highlighting the intimate and personal, now panoramically surveying the larger picture. The reader thus ends with a vivid portrait of the personality painted against the background of his times.

Ghose's Vajpayee is a large-hearted chameleon, ensuring that his colours change synchronically with changes in the political environment. But the story also emphasises that chameleon he may be, but he is a "large-hearted" one. He wanted power and could sing any tune or present any face that would get him that power, but, once ensconced on the throne, another Vajpayee would surface: generous; abounding in good humour; kind to his friends but, more importantly, also to his rivals (with the sole exception of his party challenger, Balraj Madhok); faithful to his origins as a *swayamsevak* but absorbing like a sponge the nuances of a parliamentary democracy, abandoning along the way the fascist tendencies of his parent organisation; paying lip service to the likes of VD Savarkar, MS Golwalkar and Deen Dayal Upadhyaya (whose wooly philosophy of "integral humanism" he genuinely admired) but, after entering Parliament in 1957 when he was not quite 32, remaining through his life in thrall to Jawaharlal Nehru's idea of India; profound in his understanding of unity in diversity and unprejudiced in his dealings with minority communities and the neighbouring Islamic Republic of Pakistan.

Hindutva rhetoric was reserved for public meetings when his party was climbing out of a hole; once in office, his tone became dulcet and it is difficult to recall any act of discrimination in thought or deed attributable to Vajpayee. The one great and unforgivable exception was his *volte face* over the pogrom in Gujarat on Narendra Modi's watch. So divided was the *sangh parivar* over the happenings there that it took Vajpayee well over a month to visit Ahmedabad. There, he publicly thundered, "My one message to the Chief Minister is that he should follow Raj Dharma... A ruler should not practise any discrimination between his subjects on the basis of birth, caste or religion." Modi feebly butted in, "I am also doing that, sir". Vajpayee, says Ghose, "after one of his long pauses, said, 'I am sure Narendra*bhai* is doing this'". Having said this, Vajpayee continued, in at least six private political confabulations, to press for Modi's resignation, but could not have his way. The die had been cast: it was now Modi v/s Vajpayee and Moditva was clearly prevailing, with Vajpayee "risking the volcanic wrath of Hindutva cadres". At this, Vajpayee promptly changed his tune, trying to turn the tide against their "implacably anti-Vajpayee mood". Returning from his visit to South-east Asia in time for the BJP plenary in Goa in April 13-15, 2002, he tried to rescue his standing in the eyes of the hard-core RSS-BJP element by a grim bout of uncharacteristic Muslim-bashing: "wherever Muslims live, they don't like to live in co-existence with others... instead of propagating their ideas in a peaceful manner, they want to spread their faith by resorting to terror and threats." It could have been Golwalkar speaking. But it did not help Vajpayee the "*mukhauta*", as Govindacharya damned him. The communal tiger had been unleashed: "the rise of Narendra Modi spelled the fall of Atal Bihari Vajpayee".

More true to the real Vajpayee was his "reach-out to Muslims, to Pakistan and to Jammu and Kashmir". While Ghose has chosen to describe Vajpayee, somewhat doubtfully as "India's best-loved Prime Minister", there can be no doubt that in Pakistan he has certainly remained Pakistan's best-loved Indian Prime Minister! I confess to having been deeply upset at Morarji Desai naming him Foreign Minister because I imagined he would make Pakistan-bashing the theme of his foreign policy. Instead, whether as PM or EAM, he consistently remained determined to work out a viable *modus vivendi* with Pakistan despite more than one setback. Some of the setbacks he faced — the terrorist attack on Parliament, Kargil — would have made most others run for cover. He remained convinced and consistent, grimly determined and untiringly persistent, laying the foundations for the huge progress made on the backchannel in his successor, Dr Manmohan Singh's time, with none other than the Butcher of Kargil, General Pervez Musharraf.



ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE
BY SAGARIKA GHOSE
Juggernaut
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₹799

Vajpayee's fault was that he thought foreign policy was about grand personal gestures — such as jumping on the first bus to Pakistan — and soaring Urdu rhetoric in place of dull banquet speeches. He never recognised the need for carefully planned Sherpa work to make the final climb to the summit. In consequence, while the Pak PM recited Vajpayee's, "*Jang naa hone denge*" (or, at any rate, its opening line), and Vajpayee responded with Ali Sardar Jafri's, "*Phir uske baad yeh poochein ki kaun dushman hain*", Kargil was being planned with the full knowledge of the Pak PM (as his foreign minister, Sartaj Aziz, has revealed). Mujahideen terrorists were assembling on the heights overlooking the vital Srinagar-Leh highway, backed heavily by Pakistani troops and high-level Pakistani planning and logistical support, even as Vajpayee visited the Minar-e-Pakistan, site of the Lahore resolution that signalled Partition, and wrote in the visitors' book, "A strong, stable, and prosperous Pakistan is in India's interest. Let no one in Pakistan be in doubt. India sincerely wishes Pakistan well". "Akhand Bharat" was buried at the Minar-e-Pakistan. The Pakistanis have never forgotten that.

Vajpayee also clearly understood the connection between Pakistan and Kashmir. "He offered warm-hearted peace to Pakistan at a rally in Srinagar". It was also in Srinagar that he came up with his famous formula of "*insaniyat*, "*jamhooriyat*" and "*kashmiriyat*" instead of only the "framework of the Constitution" within which to find the answer to continuing discontent in the Valley. This on the eve of his proceeding to Islamabad in January 2004 to kick off a new and promising round of dialogue with our "distant neighbour".

Mani Shankar Aiyar, a former Union minister, is an MP and a social commentator

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NAME CHANGE

I, Bhawna Sarpal W/o Gurpreet Singh Dhillon R/o H.No.C-1202, ACE Platinum Zeta-1, Sakipur, G.B.Nagar, have changed my name to Bhawna Sarpal Dhillon for all purposes. 0040617244-1

I, Harshpreet Singh S/o Gurmeet Singh Sethi, R/o B-71-B F.F Fateh Nagar Delhi, have changed my name to Harshpreet Singh Sethi. 0040617328-10

I, Kusum W/o Rishi Vallabh residence-67A, Sector-1, Kamna Vaishali, Ghaziabad, have changed my name from Kusum to Kusum Ghildiyal for all future purpose. Kusum and Kusum Ghildiyal Both are same person. 0070788954-1

I, Nikhil Sawanriya S/o Lalit Sanwariya R/o Flat No.5, ACP Complex, Shivaji Park, Punjabi Bagh, N.Delhi-110026, have changed my name to Nikhil Sanwariya. 0040617336-4

It is for general information that I,Rajiv Kumar,S/o shri MAHAVIR,R/o C-633, Block-C,Dakshin Puri,Dr.Ambedkar Nagar,South-Delhi,Delhi-110062,declare that the name of mine has been wrongly written as Rajeev in School-Record of my minor son Jagdish aged about-13-years. The actual name of mine is Rajiv Kumar. 0040617336-10

I,Vikas Bahl S/o Sunil Kumar Bahl,R/o k-1/123,3rd-Floor C.R.park,New Delhi 110019, Have Changed my name to Vikaashs Bahl,for all purposes 0040617324-1

I,Shweta Singla,D/o-Praveen Kumar,R/o-101,Near-Mata Mandir, Arjun Nagar, Safdarjung-Enclave,Delhi-110029,name of my father has been written as Parveen Kumar in my Passport. Correct-name is Praveen Kumar. 0040617324-6

I,Shikha Prabhakar,D/o Mr.Majan Prabhakar,R/o 49B, 2nd Floor, Sham Nath Apartments,12 Sham Nath Marg,Civil Lines,Delhi-110054, have changed my name as Shikha Sharma after my marriage solomonised on 29.06.2020 with Mr.Shitiz Sharma. 0040617166-8

I,SUSHIL KUMAR GUPTA,S/o-LAKHPAT LAL GUPTA R/o-FLAT. NO.T-4 TOP-FLOOR PLOT.NO-666,SHAKTI.KHAND-3,OPP-BALA JI MANDIR INDIRAPURAM GHAZIABAD UP-201014,changed my name to SUSHIL GUPTA. 0040617324-2

I,SUKHBEER SINGH LOTUS,S/O MAN MOHAN SINGH,R/O WZ-92/1,ROADNO.1,GURUNANAK-NAGAR,TILAK-NAGAR,DELHI-110018.CHANGED MY NAME TO SUKHBEER SINGH. 0040617328-4

I,No.15572240H,Rank: Hav Yadav Sandip Pandharinath, S/o Pandharinath Yadav, Resident,Village & PO Shirasgaon,Tehsil Shrirampur, Dist-Ahmednagar State-Maharashtra PIN-413739, declare that my son has been erroneously recorded as Om Yadav in my service-record but his correct-name is Om Sandip Yadav affidavit No.IN-DL421429200841 86U. 0040617336-7

I,Kailash Chander,S/o-Gyan Dev,R/o-RZ-29A, Gali.no-7,Durga park,Nasirpur, NewDelhi-110045,so here by solemnly affirm,and declare, that my son's SHIVANKAR DHOUNDIYAL correct,D.O.B is,13/04/2004, and my correct name,is Kailash Chandra not Kailash Chand dhoundiyal, which,is wrongly,mentioned in,my son's school-records. 0040617328-2

I, Rishi Vallabh S/o Shri Dharma Nand Ghildiyal residence-67A, Sector-1, Kamna Vaishali, Ghaziabad, have changed my name from Rishi Ballabh to Rishi Ghildiyal for all future purpose. Rishi Vallabh and Rishi Ghildiyal both are same person. 0070788952-1

I, Soumen Bose, S/O Arun Kumar Bose, R/o D-831, 8th Floor, 10th Avenue, Gaur City 2, Greater Noida West, Gautam Budha Nagar, UP-201309 have changed my name to Soumen Kumar Bose. 0070788877-1

I, Sudhir S/o Upendra Nath Bhardwaj R/o C-1202, 12th Floor, Paramount Emotions, Plot.no.-GH05A, Sector-1, Greater Noida West, Gautam Buddha Nagar, Uttar Pradesh-201318 have changed my name to SUDHIR BHARDWAJ for all purposes. 0070788911-1

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I,ANJANA BHALLA,D/O BALDEV RAJ KWATRA R/O HNO.3, NORTH-AVENUE ROAD,WEST PUNJABI-BAGH,DELHI-110026. HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO ANJANA,FOR ALL PURPOSES. 0040617324-10

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I,Kuldeep Kumar,S/o Pawan Kumar Verma,R/o G-13/37,3rd-Floor,Block-G, Sector-15,Rohini,Delhi-110089,have changed my name Kuldeep Kumar Verma,for all purposes. 0040617336-6

I,Piyush Tandon S/o Neeraj Tandan,R/o H.No.164/23, Laxmi Garden Tikona-Park, Gurgaon(Haryana),have changed my name to Piyush Tandan,for all Purposes. 0040617336-5

I Ashok Odak S/o Bhalchandra Odak R/o Flat No-82, Anandvan A-6, Paschim Vihar, Delhi - 110063, have changed my name to Ashok Bhalchandra Odak 0070788910-1

I Gaurav Yadav S/o Sanjeev Yadav R/o Patti Ahiran, Khekra District-Baghpat, Uttar Pradesh-250101 have changed my name to Gaurab Yadav for all purposes. 0040617260-2

I Sajan Gupta S/o Late Sh. Bhagwat Kishore Gupta R/o D-116, Sector-41, Noida, Gautam Buddha Nagar, Uttar Pradesh-201303 have changed my name to Sajan Kumar Gupta for all purposes. 0040617260-1

I Shakuntala Mani D/o Gopaliyer Ramachandran and W/o S.B.S. Mani R/o A-567, Sarita Vihar, Near Apollo Hospital, South Delhi - 110076, have changed my name to Shakuntala Balasubramanian 0070788909-1

I Tajendra Kaur W/o Gurmeet Singh Sethi,R/o B-71-B (FF) Fateh-Nagar Delhi,have changed my name to Tajender Kaur. 0040617328-1

I, Shivaji Singh S/o Jagpal Singh R/o-F-001, Vrinda City, Sector-Phi-4, Greater Noida U.P., have changed my name to Shivaji Singh Solanki for all future purposes. 0070788912-1

I,Neeraj Arora S/o Devi Dutta R/o B-3/5, Rajouri Garden, N.Delhi-110027 have changed my name to Neeraj Kumar Arora. 0040617336-1

I,Ram Prasad Vishvakarma S/o hardas Sharma,R/o 44 Gali No.1 Arya-Nagar Karkardooma Delhi-110092,changed my name to Ram Parsad Sharma. 0040617324-9

I,Rekha Nijhawan W/o Pradeep Nijhawan R/o-BW-60B SFS Flat,Shalimar Bagh Delhi-110088,have changed my name to Bhawna Nijhawan. 0040617336-8

I,SANA RASHID ANSARI W/O MOHD SAMRAN R/o-2706,MOHALLA NIYARIYAN AJMERI GATE DELHI-6,HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TOSANA ANSARI. 0040617324-5

I,SAQIB AMEEN,S/O LATE, GHAYASUDDIN,R/o.N-168 ABUL-FAZAL ENCLAVE. 1. JAMIA-NAGAR OKHLA NEW DELHI.25.DECLARE.THAT THE CORRECT NAME OF my FATHER IS GHAYAS UDDIN NOT GHAVASUDDIN. 0040617324-4

I,SHASHI W/O SHRI.RAJENDER PRASAD, R/O,A-6/81,AIR INDIA COLONY,VASANT VIHAR,NEW DELHI-110057,Have change my name,from SHASHI to SHASHI THAPLIYAL,for all future purposes. 0040617324-7

I,SHITIZ GUPTA S/O-BALE GUPTA R/O-A-2/3 FIRST-FLOOR RANA PRATAP BAGH DELHI-110007,HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO KSHITIZ GUPTA FOR ALL FUTURE PURPOSES. 0040617336-2

I,Ram Kripal S/o Ram Parsad Sharma R/o.44 Gali No.1 Arya Nagar Karkardooma,Delhi-110092,changed my name to Ram Kripal Sharma. 0040617324-8

I,REEBA,W/o-SYED ZEESHAN MEHDI R/o-B-159 ZEHRA MANZIL UTTARANCHAL-VIHAR BEHTA,HAZIPUR LONI-DEHAT,LONI GHAZIABAD-201102, Changed my name to REEVA. 0040617324-3

I,Nikhil S/o Ishwar Singh, R/o.VPO.Rattanthal,Tehsil Kosli,Rattan Thal (180),Rewari (Haryana)-123301,have changed my name to Nikhil Singh,for all Purposes. 0040617336-3

I,Moris S/o-Kitab Singh R/o-1093/49 St.jhon Church Compound Mehrauli,New Delhi have changed my name to Moris Singh for all purposes. 0040617263-1

I,Manjulata Mishra W/o Late sh Sudhakar Mishra R/o-13B,DDA Janta Flats,Mangla Puri,Palam Colony,New Delhi-110045,have changed the name of my minor son from Lakshya Agnihotri to Lakshya Mishra for all future purposes 0040617323-1

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It is to inform to the public at large that I client Irshad Ahmad S/o Shahid Hussain and Smt Nayab Jahan W/o-Irshad Ahmed R/o M-10,Gali No-6/6, Joga Bai Ext, Jamia Nagar, Okhla New Delhi 110025, hereby wish not to keep any relationship with his son Namely Muhammed Eshan Irshad Age- 21 years from his all movable and immovable properties due to their behavior, conduct, and attitude which is prejudicial and detrimental to the reputation of my client and his family. Now on wards anybody dealing with them shall do at his/her own risk and consequences and my client shall not be responsible for same, nor shall my client be responsible for any act/s or omission of said persons in future in any manner whatsoever.

WAQAR A. KHAN (Advocate)
En. Nu. D/2445/11

PUBLIC NOTICE

"It is notified for the information of General Public that my clients SMT. RAJ KUMARI UPPAL W/O SHRI DEV RAJ UPPAL & her daughter-in-law SMT. RAMA UPPAL W/O LATE PANKAJ UPPAL BOTH R/O B-1A/50-A, JANAK PURI, NEW DELHI-110058 have severed all their relations and connections with their Grand Son & Grand Daughter-in-Law & SON & DAUGHTER-IN-LAW respectively SHRI RISHI UPPAL S/O SHRI PANKAJ UPPAL & SMT. SAMRIDHI GOSAIN W/O SHRI RISHI UPPAL because they are out of control of my clients and have debared them from their all movable and immovable properties"
"Any body deals with them at his/her/their own risk, cost and expenses. My clients shall neither liable and responsible for their acts, deeds and things under any circumstances".

Sd/-
DAYA NAND
Advocate
Enrolment No. D-2183/1999
Distt. Court Dwarka

PUBLIC NOTICE

It is informed to the public at large that my clients, Ramesh and his wife Smt. Seema R/o Jhuggi No.N-77 C/552, Behind Kulachi Hansraj Model School, Sawan park Extn., Ashok Vihar, Phase-3, Delhi-52 hereby declaring/ debarring/ disowning their son. Pawan and his wife Smt. Ishwari and their child from their properties (moveable or immoveable) situated at Delhi or outside of Delhi because they are not under the control of my clients. My clients and their family members have also severed all their relations with them and they are not be responsible/liable for any act, deed and thing done by them since today.

Sd/- HARGUN SINGH KALRA
D/4858/2019 (ADVOCATE)
CHAMBER NO. L-10-A, NEAR TEHSIL BUILDING, TIS HAZARI COURTS, DELHI-110054
Moblie No. 8826643151

PUBLIC NOTICE

My clients Karim S/o Bundu & Samina Bano W/o Karim both R/o 65, Gali No.3, Khureji Khas, Krishna Nagar, East Delhi, Delhi-110051, has disowned, debarred and severed all their relations and ties with their elder son Rizwan his wife Ruksar, younger son- Amir and his wife Tarrannum, Whosoever deals with him shall be doing so in his/her/their own capacity, risk and my clients shall not be responsible for any acts/ deeds of abovesaid person and consequences thereupon.

Mohit Bhardwaj (Advocate)
G-513, KKD, Court

PUBLIC NOTICE

Public at large is hereby informed that my clients Sh. Narender Kumar Gupta S/o Late Sh. Duli Chand Gupta and his wife Smt. Savita Gupta both residents of C-36, Rohit Kunj, Pitampura, Delhi-110034 had severed their relations with their son Rohit Gupta daughter-in-law Pooja Gupta W/o Rohit Gupta and grand daughter Aashna Gupta and also debarred/disowned them from their entire movable and immovable properties vide Public Notices which were got published in two Newspapers namely 'JANSATTA' and "THE INDIAN EXPRESS" both dated 06.07.2018. Now the abovenamed son and daughter-in-law of my clients have tendered apology before my clients. Hence my clients are Withdrawing their aforesaid public notices dated 06.07.2018 from both the abovesaid newspapers. Now my clients have no ill-will against their abovenamed son, daughter-in-law and grand daughter and they are residing separately peacefully.

Sd/-
(N.K. JAIN & GIRISH GAUR ASSOCIATES)
ADVOCATES
CHAMBERS NO.773 & 591, WESTERN WING,
TIS HAZARI COURTS,
DELHI-110054

PUBLIC NOTICE

It is Notified For The Information That I MERAG BANO W/O KAZIMKHAN R/O, 44 MOHALLA NIYAZIYAN AMROHA UTTARPARDESH 244221 Have Lost MY Original Possession Letter, Site Permission Slip, NOC of Electricity & Water Paper of Property NO 89B GULABI BAGH LIG DDA FLATS NEW DELHI 110007 NAME MERAJ BANO.

सार्वजनिक सूचना

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KAMAL SINGH (Advocate)
Enrl.No.D-748/2014

PUBLIC NOTICE

Byers beware, any buyers of property in respect to the Flat No. 133, Property plot 18 S, of land area measuring 63 Sq.yrds. (out of total area measuring 126 Sq.yrds) Situated in the area of village Basai Darapur colony Known as Sudarshan Park(Mandirwali Gali) New Delhi-110015. The said property is in the name of Swati Singh W/o Mintoo Kumar Singh and taken housing loan from India Bull Housing Finance and the ECS of EMI has been going from the account of Mintoo kumar singh. Be It known to all through this public notice that my above named client do hereby inform the public at large that my client has share in aforesaid property being dispute between husband and wife and the said property is pending before Sh. Vijay Kumar Dahiya, Ld.ADJ, Dwarka Court. If any persons/ bodies has/have/was/were /shall/will entered with respect to the aforesaid property from anyone then deemed to be null and void. That anybody dealing with them shall do the same on his /her own risk and consequences & my client will not be responsible for any act, deal & commission & omission on their behalf.

Sd/-
AVDHESH KUMAR SINGH
ADVOCATE
Enrll. NO D-1462/2005 A-107, R.G COMPLEX, D.B. GUPTA ROAD, NEW DELHI-110055

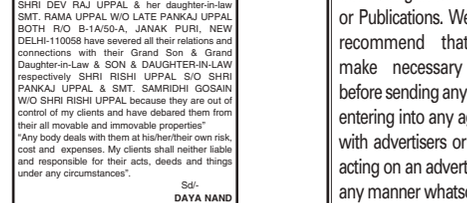
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Ref.: Property No. F-6, Green Park Main, New Delhi-110016
Be it known to all that, Original General Power of Attorney, in respect of the said property has been lost/misplaced somewhere and not traceable till today.
That I have lodged/filed an information report for the same at Station House Officer, Crime Branch, Delhi SO No. 430/2014, Delhi Police, vide LR No. 464144/2022, dated 03.06.2022.
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Ref.No. NFL/NGL/Materials/2022 Date: 04.06.2022

NOTICE INVITING E-TENDER

Online bids in two part bid system on open tender basis are invited through e-tendering for the following:

Sr. No	Item Description	EMD Amount	Estimated Cost (Rs.)	Last date & time of on-line submission of tenders.	Date & time for opening of on-line tenders (Part-1).
1.	Procurement of Complete Boiler Feed Water Pump along with Steam Turbine, Lube Oil System and Accessories.	Rs. 1.00 Lakh	7.10 Crore	20.06.2022 up to 14.30 Hrs.	21.06.2022 15.00 Hrs Onwards

For further details please visit our website www.nationalfertilizers.com https://etenders.gov.in/eprocure/app. Vendors are requested to visit our website regularly. Any further amendment / corrigendum to the above will be displayed only on aforesaid website.

Senior Manager (Materials)

U.P. RAJYA VIDYUT UTPADAN NIGAM LTD.

Anpara Thermal power project

E-Tender Notice

1. Short Term E-Tender Notice No.: 338/PD-III/BTPS/2022-23, Online e-Bids are invited for the "Supply of Hi-Chrome liner sets for M/s Stein, France make BBD 4772 Ball mills of 2x500MW, BTPS, Anpara. E-Tender has been up loaded on **02.06.2022** on http://etender.up.nic.in. Estimated cost**: Rs. 3,60,00,000.00** only, E.M.D cost**: Rs. 5,40,000.00,** Last date of E-tender**: 20.06.2022 at 16:00 hrs.**

Total quality of work/supply, Tender specification and other term & condition is as per tender document available on the E-tender portal. Concerned Officer reserves the right to cancel the e-bids without assigning any reason. Corrigendum, Addendum, Extension if any shall be uploaded only on the above website. Bidders are advised to visit the website regularly for updated information from time to time.

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SEARCH FOR MISSING/KIDNAPPED



FARDEEN

General public is hereby informed that one boy Namely **Fardeen S/o Sh. Guddu** R/o H.No. B-74, Gali No 5, Budh Vihar, Delhi has been missing/kidnapped from his house since 17.05.2022. In this regard, a case **FIR No. 288/22 dated 19.05.2022 has been registered at P.S. Harsh Vihar, Delhi.** The description of the missing / kidnapped boy is as under.

Age: about 16 years, **Height:** 5'2", **Complexion:** Shallow, **Built:** Thin, **Face:** Long, **Wearing**: White T-Shirt, Black Pant and Hawai chappal in feet. Sincere efforts have been made by the local police to trace out him but no clue has come to light so far. If anyone has any information about the kidnapped/missing boy then please inform P.S. Harsh Vihar, Delhi at following Tel No./e-mail: cic@cbi.gov.in and Website: http://cbi.nic.in, providing clue about the person.

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Fax No. 011- 24368639

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DP/1640/NE/2022

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BRIEF TENDER NOTIFICATION (Through e-procurement portal)

The Chief Engineer, (Ele), Bengaluru Rural Area Zone, BESCOM, Bengaluru invites Tender for **Enquiry No. CEE/BRAZ/CIVIL/2021-22/23,Dtd: 14.03.2022 for the work of Providing Mechanised House Keeping Services, Security Services and Other Allied Services to BESCOM Training Centre and Research Institute at Ramanagara (For a period of One Year) (2nd Call) Est. Amount Put to Tender in ₹. in Lakhs (Appx.) 108.84 Lakhs** (For a period of One Year) **EMD (in ₹.) 2,00,000.00** through e-Procurement Portal in Two Cover System from the Eligible Agencies / Firm having GST registration with previous experience.

The details regarding participation in the Tender can be obtained through e-procurement by visiting Website **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in** on or after **07.06.2022.** For any clarification contact e-Procurement Helps desk **080-23500117/23500116** or e-mail to **hphelpdesk.blr@intarvo.com**

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Himachal Pradesh Public Works Department

e-Procurement Notice

The Superintending Engineer, 7th Circle, HPPWD, Dalhousie on behalf of Governor of Himachal Pradesh invites the item rate bids in electronic tendering system for the followingwork under National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD WORK) in the District Chamba for one number of package with estimated cost totaling to Rs.631.74 Lakh including maintenance for five years from the eligible contractors registered with HPPWD and HP Jal Shakti Vibhag (Contractors of HP Jal Shakti Vibhag are eligible to participate for the works having amount put to tender above Rs. 100.00 Lakh). Non registered contractors may submit the bids; however successful bidder has to register himself in appropriate class before signing the contract with appropriate authority in HPPWD.

Division	RIDF	Name of Work	Estimated Cost (Rs. Lacs)		Total Cost (Rs. Lacs)	Period of Completion (Months)	Bid Security (Rs.) Lacs)
			Construction	Maintenance			
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Chamba	XXVII	Improvement/Widening and M/T of Kohlari to Talai road km 0/0 to 7/0 under RIDF-XXVII (SH:- Improvement, Cross drainage work, M/T, C/o drain and parapets).	586.82	44.92	631.74	18 Months	12.64

Other details can be seen in the bidding document. The Employer shall not be held liable for any delays due to system failure beyond its control. Even though the system will attempt to notify the bidders of any bid updates, the Employer shall not be liable for any information not received by the bidder. It is the bidders' responsibility to verify the website for the latest information related to the tender.

Submission of all physical documents will be accepted only up to or before the time and date of submission of bids. No physical documents will be accepted after the closing date and time of submission of bids.

Last Date/ Time and place for receipt of bids through e-procurement:-

Bids can be submitted online from **Date 09 Month06 Year 2022** to **Date 24 Month 06 Year 2022** upto**1100 Hours** and will be opened on **Date 24 Month 06 Year 2022** at 1130 Hoursin the office of **Superintending Engineer, 7th Circle, HPPWD, Dalhousie.**

For further details please log on to **https://hptenders.gov.in**

The undersigned has right to extend or cancel the bids without declaring any reasons thereof.

Superintending Engineer,
7th Circle, HPPWD,
Dalhousie-176304.
Fax: 01899-242177 Tel: 01899-240606

1490/HP

SEARCH FOR MISSING GIRL



Deepika
@ Nandini

General public is here by informed that this girl namely Deepika @ Nandini D/o Ram Babu Singh R/o H.No. C-2/45, Gali No. 02, Near Ram Lila Ground, Harsh Vihar, Delhi **Age :** About 19 years, **Complexion :** Fair, **Height :** 5'1", **Build :** Normal, **Face :** Round, wearing black colout T-shirt, pant and black colour shoes in feet, has been missing since 08.05.2022 from her house. In this regard DD No. 08-A dated 09.05.2022 has been lodged at P.S. Harsh Vihar, Delhi.

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

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

SHO :
P.S. Harsh Vihar, Delhi
Tel. No. : 011-22342073, 22342074

DP/1613/NE/22

KARNATAKA POWER CORPORATION LIMITED

CIN : U85110KA1970SGC001919

No.: KPCL/IBOCM/2022-2023 dated 17.03.2022/Call-2 Date: 04.06.2022

ABSTRACT BID NOTIFICATION

(Two Cover System) (Through e-procurement Portal Only)

Name of Work: Appointment of Independent Engineer for Integrated Baranj Open Cast Mines at Chandrapur District, Maharastra State.

Tenders are invited from experienced and reputed consulting engineering firms with relevant technical experience and managerial competence to review, inspect and monitor the work of Mine Operator (MO) substantially in accordance with the scope of work mentioned in the Coal Mining Agreement (CMA) of Baranj I-IV, Manoradeep and Kiloni Coal Block situated in Chandrapur District of Maharastra State, in the open tender for appointment of an Independent Engineer for Baranj I-IV, Manoradeep and Kiloni Coal Block of KPCL, under Article 26 of the CMA. The last date for receipt of the completed bids is on **14.06.2022 upto 17.00Hrs.** The brief bid notification can be accessed from GoK e-procurement portal, website: **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in.** Further details can be had from The **Superintending Engineer (Mines), KPCL, # 82, Shakthi Bhavan, 3rd Floor, Race Course Road, Bengaluru - 560001.** E-mail: **semineskpcl@gmail.com,** Telefax: **080-22203894,** Mobile: **94495 98901.** Website: **www.kpcl.karnataka.gov.in.** e-portal helpdesk: **080 2301 0900 ; 080 2301 0901.**

BRUHAT BENGALURU MAHANAGARA PALIKE

Office of the Executive Engineer-3 (Lakes), 3rd Floor, Annex-3 Building, N.R. Square, Bengaluru-560 002.

No:EE-3(Lakes)/TEND/02/2022-23 Date: 03.06.2022

INVITATION FOR TENDER (IFT)

(Through **GOK e-Procurement Portal** only)

The Executive Engineer-3 (Lakes), BBMP invites Tenders from eligible tenderers for the construction of works detailed in the table below.

Name of the Work	Estimate Value of Work (₹. in Lakhs)	EMD (in ₹)
Improvements to Mathikere Lake (J.P Park).	475.00	7.15 Lakhs

Calendar of Events : (1) Tender documents may be downloaded from the e-procurement portal of GOK from **07.06.2022** (2) Tenders must be submitted online through e-procurement portal on or before **02.07.2022** upto **4:00** pm. (3) Pre-Bid meeting will be held on **27.06.2022** at **4:00** pm (4) Technical Bids will be opened on **04.07.2022** at **4:30** pm. (5) Finance bid will be opened after approval of technical bid. Further details may be obtained from the above office during office hours on working days or from website: **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in**

Sd/-
Executive Engineer-3 (Lakes)

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CEO- Satral Chemicals Pvt. ltd.

EAST CENTRAL RAILWAY

E - Tender Notice No. CE/2022/03, Date: 02.06.2022

Item No. 01, SN.-(01) Name of the work:- Particulars : Supply of 10125 mm curved switches with ZU-1-60/60E1A1 thick web Grade 880 class A tongue rails and UIC 60kg/m Grade-880, class A/B stock rails with elastic fasteners and spring operated setting device (RDSO-T/6216 read along with alterations), complete with all fittings for 1 in12, BG 60 kg turnout for fan shaped layout on PSC sleepers i.e. all fittings for switch portion as per sub assembly Drg. No. RDSO/T-6155 (along with latest alterations) in accordance with RDSO's standard drawing No.T- 6154 (read along with latest alterations) excluding standard fish plates, fish bolts and nuts, ERC & insulating liners. **Quantity to be Supplied :** 350 Sets, **E-Open tender No.:** 02/22/6485/SP, **Approx. Cost:** Rs. 30,01,93,614.00, **Earnest Money:** Rs. 20,00,000.00. **Item No. 02, SN.-(01) Name of the work:- Particulars :** Supply of Elastic Rail Clips MK-III to RDSO's Drawing. No: T- 3701 for 60/52 Kg Rail and PSC Sleepers with Specification: IRS/T-31-2021 (Fifth Revision) as amended upto date of closing of tender. **Quantity to be Supplied :** 66,00,000 Nos., **E-Open tender No.:** 02/22/6488/SP, **Approx. Cost:** Rs. 61,36,68,000.00, **Earnest Money:** Rs. 50,00,000.00 **Item No. 03, SN.-(01) Name of the work:- Particulars :** (i) Supply of 10125 mm Over-Riding curved Switch for 1 in 12 T/Out BG (1673 mm) for 60 Kg on PSC Sleeper to RDSO's Drg. No. T-4219/Alteration-6 with amendment upto date of closing of e-tender. (ii) Supply of 6400 mm Over-Riding curved Switch for 1 in 8.5 T/Out BG (1673 mm) for 60 Kg on PSC Sleeper to RDSO's Drg. No. T-4966/Alteration-4 with amendment upto date of closing of e-tender. **Quantity to be Supplied :** (i) 300 Sets & (ii) 100 Sets, **E-Open tender No.:** 02/22/6489/SP, **Approx. Cost:** Rs. 18,91,41,589.00, **Earnest Money:** Rs. 20,00,000.00, **(04) Location:** Office of Principal Chief Engineer, East Central Railway, Hajipur. **(05) Date & Time for closing and opening of tender :** 11.30 Hrs. on 23.06.2022 **(06) Website particulars where complete details of tenders can be seen :** Related tender documents can be seen or downloaded from websites: **http://www.ireps.gov.in.**

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Depay double sees Dutch thump hosts Belgium

REUTERS
JUNE 4

MEMPHIS DEPAY scored a double as the Netherlands ended 25 years without success against neighbours Belgium with a 4-1 thumping of their hosts in the Nations League in Brussels on Friday.

Steven Bergwijn and Denzel Dumfries netted the other two goals as the Dutch ended Belgium's almost six-year unbeaten home record in a stark reversal for the team, who had topped the FIFA rankings for three years until being recently deposed.

Bergwijn hammered home from outside the box in the 40th minute to give the Dutch a deserved halftime lead before Depay and Dumfries added more in the second half in a decisive performance.

Belgium, who lost Romelu Lukaku to injury early on, scored a consolation three minutes into stoppage time through Michy Batshuayi but were badly exposed at the back and the result will come as a serious setback as the prepare for the World Cup later this year.

The Dutch, who last beat Belgium in 1997 and had gone eight derbies without success since, ripped apart the home defence in the second half as Depay added the second in the 51st minute on a counter attack after a midfield steal from Davy Klaassen and a quick pass down the middle from Steven Berghuis.

Fullback Daley Blind reacted quickest to a rebound off a save from a Berghuis shot 11 minutes later to set up the third goal with a pass across the face of the goal that Dumfries tucked in at the back post.

Blind then provided another assist three minutes after that with a header into the path of Depay, who skilfully took the ball down off with his thigh before thumping it past Simon Mignolet from close range.

Belgium last lost a home game in friendly against Spain in September 2016 when coach Roberto Martinez took charge of his first game.

SCORELINE

Belgium	Netherlands
1	4
M Batshuayi 90'	S Bergwijn 40'
	M Depay 51', 65'
	D Dumfries 61'

SPORTLINE

After their Thomas Cup heroics, Satwiksairaj Rankireddy reflects on his journey with doubles partner Chirag Shetty, and how they have evolved into an elite pairing at the world stage

Badminton's partnership firm

SHIVANI NAIK
MUMBAI, JUNE 4

Satwiksairaj Rankireddy oozes a rapper's vibe when he declares: "*Tum* Denmark *se hai, toh main* Amalapuram *se hoo* (If you are from Denmark, I'm from Amalapuram)" in the softest, most matter-of-fact of Andhra drawls.

This is Godavari rap against the gushing River Gudena, albeit on a doubles badminton court, with buddy and fellow Thomas Cup champion Chirag Shetty in tow.

The object of his affable affliction is Anders Skaarup Rasmussen, one half of the Danish pairing with Kim Astrup, whom the Indians tossed aside in the semifinals of the Thomas Cup triumph last month.

Recalling the Danes' semis shenanigans, Satwik speaks of how his Amalapuram swag uncoiled. "Anders has this habit of interrupting my rhythm when I'm serving, to say, 'Hey Ranki, just wait.' *Ab main pehle hi ruk jaata hoo* (Now I pause on my own and throw him off). I mean, all these mental games, I've seen them at my Amalapuram district meets. Earlier, in previous close losses, we would get nervous, desperately searching for rhythm. This time, under pressure, we didn't get tense," he says.

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Satwik remembers watching 'Saina *didi*' as a pre-teen, but not much of international men's doubles. "I wasn't a badminton lover as a child and there were no Telugu doubles pairings' names I heard of growing up in Amalapuram," he says.

His father though was a certified national umpire, and made the trip to Hyderabad to officiate at the 2009 World Championships. After his linesman's duties were over on semis day, Kasi Viswanath would go and sit amongst Chinese supporters in the stands, as the shuttle superpower romped to four of the five gold medals. "It's when Chinese men's doubles world champion Fu Haifeng, considered one of the greatest of all time (two Olympic gold and four World titles), with the best attacking game, threw his racquet into the stands after winning. My father, who's as tall as me (very tall), jumped and caught the racquet."

Seekers are keepers. So, while other parents hobnobbed with Indian officials to find funding for their children, Kasi out-jumped the Chinese fan contingent for the southpaw's precious sabre – a Li Ning Turbo Charging N9. "My father believed, you don't need money to play badminton, as much as you need a racquet."



From managing injuries to communicating better, Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty have levelled up their game. *BAI*

It all started there

The triumph in Thailand was a milestone, but Bangkok was also a starting point for Satwik. The Indian combination won its first Super 500 in Thailand beating China, in 2019, to announce their arrival.

Satwik remembers the tragi-comical backroom scenes of winning that title. "We almost conceded in the quarters after my shoulder was hurt playing mixed doubles. I told Chirag, '*bhai, aaj thoda dard hai, toh mujhe cover kar de* (Brother, there's a bit of pain, please cover for me).' He told me, '*mera bhi abdomen toot raha hai, tu handle kar le* (my abdomen is huirting, please handle it).' We wanted to concede in the semis also, but the physios did the job and taped us up. And we won."

> **"You need a good heart to play doubles. It's like making a good marriage. You have to adjust every day. It's not like singles, where you can just change your team around you. Here you have to take your partner along and go through that journey of tough losses**
> **— SATWIKSAIRAJ**

This time, everyone fetched up relatively fit though the Chinese Taipei tie India lost 3-2 had been a jolt for the Satwik-Chirag pairing after they got to 21-19 against the Olympic champions before going down.

It was the night Chirag went missing for three whole hours, according to Satwik.

"We made lots of errors, and went totally blank under pressure, and were very disappointed. Chirag was really upset and kept saying, 'sorry, I couldn't win, *maine kuchh khela hi nahi, bohot mistake kiya* (I couldn't play, made a lot of mistakes).' Then he disappeared at 10 pm till 1 am, and no one knew where he disappeared. Later he said he was speaking to his psychologist," he says.

In the quarters, Satwik had riffed Virat Kohli's "racquet does the talking" celebration, and in the semis, he leaned on Surya Kumar Yadav's "keep calm, I'll get this done," gesture.

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While his mother had prayed to Lord Venkateswara 'who got the shuttle shifted *thoda sa idhar udhar* (little bit this way and that) over net-cords' as Satwik half-jokes, another mummy – Chirag's – had earlier rustled up a prawn curry and mutton biryani when the duo trained for a few weeks in Mumbai, under Mathias Boe.

Satwik needs food to keep his game in good shape. It was this concern that had him worried, when Shetty requested him to travel to Mumbai for Boe, who then wasn't formally the Indian coach. "Food matters big-time to me. I see food as my main recovery. And when I have good food, my game goes well. If I eat junk, everything goes wrong," says India's non-green Hulk. "In Hyderabad, I have my physios, my comfort, my food. I was very worried how I'd adjust in Mumbai," he recalls of the months before the Thomas Cup.

All his worries were unfounded, as Shetty's family hosted him and a bunch of sparring juniors at their hotel. "There were A/C courts, the reception we got was extraordinary. We had a jacuzzi for recovery. His family sent down juices and fruits and Chirag's mother made us prawn curry," he recalls. A well-fed Satwik is a happy Satwik and the trip opened his mind to training outside his comfort zone.

Language barrier

As leviathan as Satwik can get on the court for opponents, the young man can also be a hibernating, defanged coiled monster, out of sheer painful shyness.

"Personally, it was very difficult for me because I had a communication problem," he says of a debilitating issue that gave him jitters. "Doubles is about talking to the partner, and initially I needed to talk a lot of Telugu which my partners didn't understand. With Chirag bhai, I needed 1-2 seconds to think and convey what I was thinking after translating. I was petrified I'd come across as rude for saying something wrong so I'd shut up. I just wouldn't talk, which caused problems."

It was in watching the Indonesian legends – Hendra Setiawan and Mohammed Ahsan - that Satwik would glean important lessons. "You need a good heart to play doubles. It's like making a good marriage. You have to adjust every day. It's not like singles, where you can just change your team around you. Here you have to take your partner along and go through that journey of tough losses. Hendra and Ahsan are very kind to each other, they never react to mistakes," he says.

The Thomas Cup triumph was also the cue to slay some mental demons, built over sustained trolling of most of the players when they weren't the hot property they have now become.

"Deep inside, trolling affects us. I wish fans understood, we go through injuries, have personal issues, and saying things like 'you should stop playing badminton' really hurts us," Satwik muses.

Unsolicited advice from trolls? "They say, smash *nahi maar raha hai aajkal* (You are not hitting smashes nowadays). They don't realise I'm adding variations. Or that I'm not a robot to send down 1,000 smashes per match," he roars. At 22-21 in the second game against Indonesia, Satwik sent down a steep smash that bisected the Indonesians. "That one was too good," raps Satwik, needing no social media validation.

BRIDGE

Dealer: South Vulnerable: None

NORTH
♠ 4
❤ QJ10
♦ A8642
♣ J763
SOUTH
♠ AJ762
❤ 43
♦ KQ753
♣ A

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
	1S		
Pass	1NT	Pass	2D
Pass	3D	Pass	5D
Pass	Pass	Pass	

South plays in 5D and gets the nine of diamonds lead, East following. What should South's plan be?

The West Hand: S-KQ1095H-K85D-9C-9854
The East Hand: S-83H-A9762 D-J10C-KQ102

Here is what South did do. He won the lead in his hand and played the ace of spades and ruffed a spade. He came to his hand with the ace of clubs and ruffed a spade. East overruffed the spade and South was down one. Unlucky?

South can claim bad luck. There is another word for it but it is not allowed in these BridgeClues hands. How should South have played the hand?

South should have done some counting. Count with me. How many diamond tricks do you have? You have five. How many spade tricks do you have? Just the ace. How many club tricks do you have? Again just the ace. Can you get a heart trick? Easily. How many top tricks is that? You have eight top tricks and you need eleven in total. How many spade ruffs do you need? Since you have eight top tricks, all you need is three spade ruffs in dummy. Your last spade goes on the heart.

All South has to do is draw a second round of trumps and start leading hearts now. He can not be stopped from taking eleven tricks unless he stops himself.

Dealer: South Vulnerable: East/West

NORTH	SOUTH
♠ 873	♠ J95
❤ 543	❤ AQ
♦ 87	♦ AQJ103
♣ K8754	♣ Q62

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
	1NT		
dbl	Pass	Pass	Pass

South opened 1NT and got doubled by West. The auction stopped here and West led the jack of hearts. This does not have to be a disaster because South can set up the diamonds for four winners and will go down just one. Not too bad since they can surely make some heart contract of their own.East puts up the king of hearts and you win the trick. What card do you play to trick two?

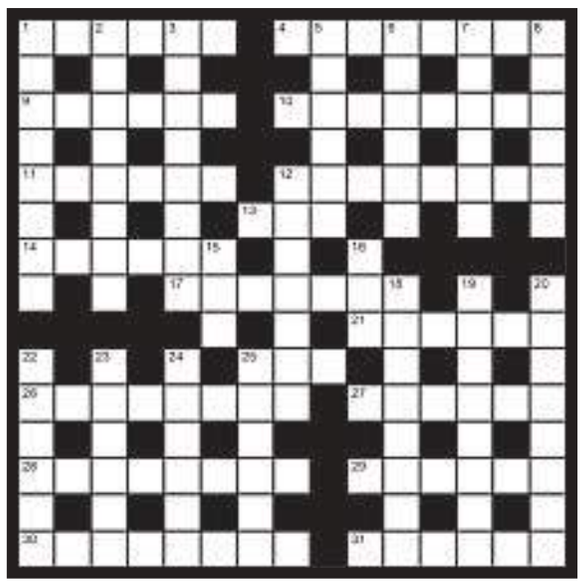
SUNDAY CROSSWORD 2376

QUICK CLUES
ACROSS
1. Small dome on roof (6)
4. Sunk (8)
9. Verb form (6)
10. Accommodating (8)
11. Chinese religion (6)
12. Shiner (5-3)
13. Small spot (3)
14. Native African drum (3-3)
17. Relied on; had faith in (7)
21. ___ __ to : venerate or respect ? (4,2)
25. Showed the way (3)
26. Infancy (8)
27. Post (6)
28. Corner or free kick in football (3,5)
29. Chinese tree bearing edible fruit (6)
30. Vary in opinion (8)
31. Place of worship (6)

DOWN
1. Ponder, meditate (8)
2. Acts (8)
3. Venture unlikely to succeed (4,4)
5. Blue metal ? (6)
6. Sudden jerky movement (6)
7. Linger aimlessly (6)
8. University honour (6)
12. Augmented (7)
15. The __ : The better half (3)
16. Animator's unit (3)
18. Permanent legal residence (8)
19. Yarmulke (8)
20. Playful (8)
22. Reviled (6)
23. Diminishes (6)
24. Starting suddenly, as from fight (6)
25. Disreputable (6)

CRYPTIC CLUES
ACROSS
1. Authority for income tax deduction when caught doing wrong (6)
4. Give a disarming performance? (8)
9. Vegetable to stick in a fish's back (6)
10. Crafty stone-cutter (8)
11. Reptiles head off antelopes (6)
12. But it's different from mal-de-mer (3,5)
13. Your pithy end! (3)
14. In the spoon there's one that won't do you any good (6)
17. Shut up about objective being hanging (7)
21. Start up attack (4,2)
25. Call for help when the vessel's empty (3)
26. Impel to give Tim a vote for a change (8)
27. Where AE had a frightful comeback (2,4)
28. Free English composer in nude play (8)
29. A few had debts, it's maintained (6)
30. Edit clueing device to cope with temporary problem (4,4)
31. Extremely ragged (6)

DOWN
1. Organ that tipped oil in a wild place (8)
2. Opinionated setter, perhaps, starts to moan about themes in crosswords (8)
3. REM do well during sleep to be on nodding terms with the stars? (4-4)
5. Funny mouse or sleepy Finn ? (6)
6. Give one a rise and cheer him up (6)
7. Doing a lot with this entertainment I have (6)
8. Fears taking time off would be wrong (6)
12. Piscine delicacy for a medico in footwear (4,3)
15. Modern novel (3)
16. What a blow backwards and forwards this can deliver! (3)
18. Total business reverse (4-4)
19. The Chunnel is in operation (5,3)
20. Old priest thrown into confusion when ten gate-crashed the celebration (8)
22. A peak quantity (6)
23. Show up a tad worried (6)
24. Extremely clever somewhat in part (4,2)
25. One might wriggle into an eccentric set as a writer (6)



Solutions to 2375

QUICK CLUES Across: 8 Mona Lisa, 9 Losses, 10 Ibis, 11 Plane, 12 Scat, 13 Get rid of, 16 Tuck in, 18 Puli, 20 Muggy, 21 Eons, 22 Jenson, 23 Tall tale, 26 Adds, 28 Tramp, 30 Flag, 31 Ensign, 32 Eloquent. **Down:** 1 Foible, 2 Yaws, 3 Tipped, 4 Ta-ta, 5 Fluently, 6 As is, 7 Negation, 14 Ruins, 15 Fight, 17 Cleft, 19 Unending, 20 Monotony, 24 Lapdog, 25 Learns, 27 Spin, 29 Axes, 30 Feud. **CRYPTIC CLUES Across:** 8 Imperial, 9 Undoes, 10 Junk, 11 Dandy, 12 Sake, 13 Peddlers, 16 Ring-in, 18 Baba, 20 Terse, 21 Oaks, 22 Slayed, 23 Suspense, 26 Hint, 28 Luxor, 30 Moon, 31 Shaken, 32 Adam Bede. **Down:** 1 Immure, 2 Leak, 3 Girdle, 4 Plan, 5 Duty-free, 6 Ida's, 7 Weak link, 14 Diary, 15 Sires, 17 No-one, 19 All right, 20 Tideland, 24 Sircar, 25 Swords, 27 Take, 29 X-ray, 30 Mobs.

If it's your Birthday

Sunday June 5
You've survived this far, and that is no mean feat. The only cloud on the horizon is a partner's ability to make you jealous, but that's nothing to worry about.You can afford to press ahead with confidence.

Monday June 6
You need to explore new pastures, whether they're emotional, spiritual or intellectual, or if you're about to spend your time somewhere new.

Tuesday June 7
If you are ready for total change, be prepared. Actually, you can steer events very much to your favour by choosing those changes which suit you.

Wednesday June 8
There are no less than two intense undercurrents this week. One is cool, calculating and secretive. The other is volatile and inclined to explode. Partners will appreciate your new maturity.

Thursday June 9
You don't have to take every offer which comes your way but you can choose those which provide the greatest prospects for you and for loved ones.

Friday June 10
Mars is pounding its way through your chart, upping your energy level and generally lending you that extra bit of oomph necessary if you are to succeed.

Saturday June 11
You've just emerged from a period of all-round opportunity, and your task now is to work out how to make the most of any recent gains, and to pay for them.

YOUR WEEK AHEAD

ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr 20)
It will be all too easy to upset the apple-cart at home. If this is your intention, fine. Otherwise, consider the consequences of your actions carefully. In love you stand in danger of misunderstanding others' innocent messages, so be alert to subtle signals.

TAURUS (Apr 21 - May 21)
The focus is still on money, and a bout of shopping therapy is now in order. If spending whatever cash is left in your vaults is the best way to lift your spirits, then there can be no better time. The background to your current actions is heavily-coloured by a need to do your own thing, and others must respect this.

GEMINI (May 22 - June 21)
A wild Moon means that, as a true Geminian, you will find it difficult to achieve very much without the support of close partners. Don't try to go it alone, especially if personal finances are involved. In matters of the heart, you should be looking far afield.

CANCER (June 22 - July 23)
There's a pronounced planetary shift taking place which could see you paying much more attention to partners over the coming days. You may not have much choice in the matter for, if family members don't get what they want, they will undoubtedly start stamping their feet. It's time for you to act with wisdom and maturity.

LEO (July 24 - Aug 23)
As the Sun curves through your chart, it reminds you of the need to put that extra little effort into everything that you do. Rather than getting your fair share of relaxation over the coming week, you might actually be performing obligations that enable others to put their feet up. Your reward for such selfless behaviour will come later.

VIRGO (Aug 24 - Sep 23)
The reasons are as yet unclear, but it does seem that you may find it difficult to get a grip on domestic affairs. You would therefore be well-advised to accomplish as much as you can, as soon as you can, concentrating on the broader picture without becoming too bogged down in all the trivial details.

LIBRA (Sep 24 - Oct 23)
That magnificent Jupiter is now on your side, and offers a traditional indicator of what once would have been considered 'good luck'. Seen through a modern perspective, however, it makes more sense to say that you yourself should concentrate as hard as you can on creating opportunities wherever possible.

SCORPIO (Oct 24 - Nov 22)
Money matters rise up your agenda. The emphasis is on cash, partly on making it, but mainly on spending it. The indications are not unduly important, so you may relax and enjoy yourself. However, when making firm promises and undertakings for the next few weeks, you should exercise great caution. Don't be rash.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov 23 - Dec 22)
When the Moon is so helpful, it's as if you hold all the trump cards. You can therefore afford to take a few risks, but please bear in mind that, if you are hatching financial schemes, all the important factors should be finalised by the end of the week.

CAPRICORN (Dec 23 - Jan 20)
One of the most positive things you can do is spend a little time by yourself, recharging your emotional and psychological batteries. It's also, as a matter of interest, a perfect moment to work out just what makes someone else tick.

AQUARIUS (Jan 21 - Feb 19)
Your personal relationships are shaped partly by how other people see you, and right now they are likely to imagine that you offer a safe port in a storm, a haven of security in a turbulent world. Understand this, and you'll realise how to deal with their deeper needs and desires.

PISCES (Feb 20 - Mar 20)
It's a grand time for clearing the decks and for establishing just what is necessary if you are to appreciate the next few weeks' worth of social possibilities. Press on with a treasured ambition and let nothing stand in your way, at least not until the end of the week.

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.
Spring is nature's way of saying, '____!' - Robin Williams (4,5)

TYAER
AISVLT
IQUST
AERRPY

SOLUTION: TEARY, QUITS, VITALS, PRAYER
Answer: Spring is nature's way of saying, **'Let's party!'** - Robin Williams

SUDOKU 4856

Difficulty Level 3s
Instructions
To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every digit from 1 to 9 must appear in each of the nine vertical columns, in each of the nine horizontal rows and in each of the nine boxes.

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

	6				1			
	8		4		2		3	
	2			8			9	
5			6		9			4
	9			5			6	
6			2		7			9
	6			2			7	
	1		7		3		8	
		7				2		

SOLUTION SUDOKU 4855

3	6	7	8	4	5	9	2	1
5	2	9	6	7	1	3	4	8
4	1	8	3	9	2	6	5	7
2	7	6	5	1	8	4	3	9
9	3	4	2	6	7	1	8	5
8	5	1	4	3	9	7	6	2
7	4	5	9	2	3	8	1	6
6	9	2	1	8	4	5	7	3
1	8	3	7	5	6	2	9	4



"If you like what you are doing, you keep going, because, for example, if you like to go and play golf, you keep going to play golf. If I like to play tennis and if I can and I can handle to keep playing, I keep playing because I like what I do. So that's it."

RAFAEL NADAL

Swiatek's tour de force

Poland's World No.1 sweeps aside Coco Gauff 6-1, 6-3 to claim her 2nd French Open title

HOWARD FENDRICH
PARIS, MAY 4

IGA SWIATEK is so efficient, so smooth, with a racket in her hand, seemingly never flustered a bit and, for months now, never beaten. The only time she looked even the slightest bit shaken Saturday at Court Philippe Chatrier was after her 6-1, 6-3 victory against Coco Gauff in the final was finished, pushing the No. 1-ranked Swiatek's winning streak to 35 matches and her French Open title count to two. That's when the tears flowed, first during the Polish national anthem _ Swiatek is the only player from that nation to win a Grand Slam singles title _ and, again, during the trophy ceremony. "I just told Coco, 'Don't cry,'" said Swiatek, who claimed the 2020 French Open while still a teen and ranked outside the top 50, "and what am I doing right now?"

She interrupted herself a few times during her victory speech, at one point admonishing, "Oh, my God. It seems like I still need some experience."

But Swiatek also gathered her thoughts well enough to offer support and wishes of hope for Ukraine, which Russia invaded in February. "Stay strong, because the world is still there," Swiatek told Ukrainians, whose blue-and-yellow flag is represented by a ribbon of those colors she has been wearing on her white cap during matches.

Gauff, an American appearing in her first major final at age 18, and just weeks removed from celebrating her high school graduation with cap-and-gown photos near the Eiffel Tower, never stood much of a chance _ like most opponents against Swiatek lately.

Swiatek's unbeaten run stretches back to February and equals one by Venus Williams in 2000 as the longest this century.

"The past couple months have truly been amazing and you totally deserve it," said the 18th-seeded Gauff, now 0-3 against Swiatek, told her 21-year-old opponent, then added with a chuckle: "Hopefully we can play each other in more finals, and maybe I can get a win on you one of these days."

Having won her past six tournaments, improving to 42-3 this season, Swiatek has emerged as a dominant figure in tennis, with 23-time Grand Slam champion Serena Williams out of action for nearly a year and three-time major champ Ash Barty announcing in March she would retire at age 25 and relinquish the No. 1 ranking. That allowed Swiatek to move up to the top of the WTA, and she's shown she is a deserving resident there. "Two years ago, winning this title was something amazing. Honestly, I wouldn't expect it, ever," Swiatek said. "But this time, I feel like I worked hard and did everything to get here, even though it was pretty tough." On the warmest day of the tournament, with the temperature at 82 degrees Fahrenheit (28 Celsius), just a few puffs of white in the blue sky at the outset turned into thick, foreboding gray clouds by the second set, accompanied by a thunderclap.Gauff did not get off to the best of starts, perhaps reflecting early jitters that would be understandable coming from any player in a debut on this stage. The player on the other side of the net certainly had a lot to do with the way things went over the final's 1 hour, 8 minutes.

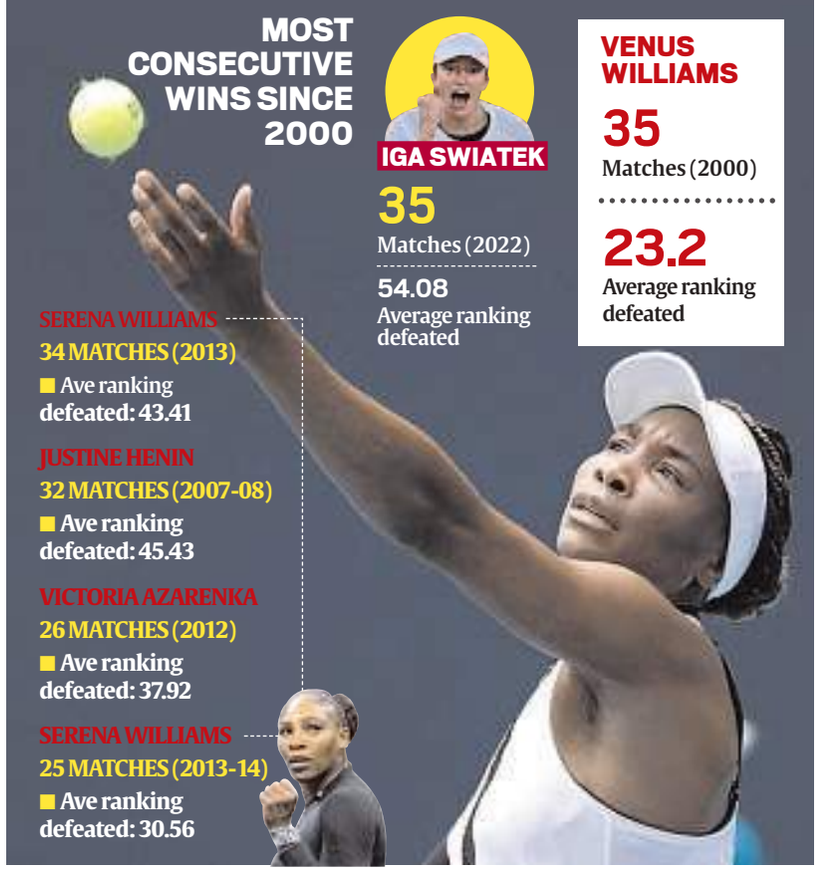
Swiatek broke serve right from the get-go, with plenty of help from Gauff, who put a forehand into the net, double-faulted _ eliciting some sighs of "Awwwww" from the crowd _ dumped a forehand into the net, and pushed another forehand long. When Gauff's work-in-progress forehand betrayed her again, it was 3-0 after just 15 minutes. Soon, it was 4-0 in Swiatek's favor. **AP**



Iga Swiatek's unbeaten run stretches back to February. *Reuters*

Swiatek catches up with Venus

French Open winner Iga Swiatek matched Venus Williams' modern-era record of most consecutive match wins after Saturday's victory



BRIEFLY

Sakshi wins gold at Ranking Series

Almaty: Sakshi Malik's struggles were nowhere to be seen as a fearless and aggressive Rio Olympics bronze medallist grabbed her first international gold medal in almost five years at the UWW Ranking Series event here on Friday. India's Mansi (57kg) and Divya Kakran (68kg) too earned top of the podium finishes. **PTI**

Anand loses to So in fourth round

Stavanger: India legend Viswanathan Anand's winning run in the Classical event of the Norway Chess tournament came to an end after suffering a loss against American Wesley So in the fourth round. The 52-year-old former world champion now shares the lead with Magnus Carlsen on 8.5 points each. The regular Classical game between Anand and So ended in a draw in 28 moves. **PTI**

Swapnil-Ashi win 50m rifle 3P gold

New Delhi: Swapnil Kusale and Ashi Chouksey drew curtains on India's campaign at the ISSF World Cup Rifle/Pistol/Shotgun in Baku, Azerbaijan with a gold medal in the 50m rifle 3 positions (3P) mixed team competition, here on Saturday. The pair of Swapnil and Ashi beat Ukranian's Serhiy Kulish and Daria Tykhova 16-12 in the gold medal match. **PTI**

Ruud: The former Rafa academy trainee with a sledgehammer forehand

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CASPER RUUD has won six titles on tour – five of them on clay and two of them this year. He is ranked as high as World No.8, becoming the first player from Norway to win to make the top 10 of the world rankings. The 23-year-old has quickly become one of the most reliable claycourters around at the moment, but despite all of that, few would have picked him to make the final at Roland Garros this year.



Ruud navigated multiple tricky assignments on his way to the final. He first had to overcome French tennis legend Jo-Wilfried Tsonga – who was playing the final event of his career – in a supremely emotional encounter. His quarterfinal was against 19-year-old Holger Rune, who dumped one of the tournament favourites Stefanos Tsitsipas out of the fourth round; and he later took on Marin Cilic, who defeated fellow Russians and top 10 seeds Andrey Rublev and Daniil Medvedev. Each of these victories were in four sets, and for a player who has little best-of-five experience, this illustrates how his claycourt consistency on tour – last year, he became the first man in 10 years to win three consecutive titles in as many weeks – has translated to success at Majors.

Success on clay

For much of his career, Ruud has been considered a specialist on the red dirt. While he did win a hardcourt title at last year's San Diego Open, so much of his game is tailormade for clay. Ruud's footspeed and court coverage is solid, and the depth of his groundstrokes allow him to dictate the longer baseline exchanges.

But, the Norwegian's most distinct threat is a sledgehammer of a forehand, which he employs with a ton of spin allowing the ball to bounce very high and push his opponent to the back of the court. The shot's adaptability and versatility have a huge role to play, and it is what sets him apart from other claycourt specialists, perhaps also explaining his solid results on other surfaces.

When needed, the 23-year-old is able to flatten his forehand and chase more precise angle. When he runs around his backhand to hit the shot inside-out, he is able to find the depth and low net clearance to consistently hit winners.

Rain is forecasted in Paris on Sunday, and in that case, with the roof going up and the humid conditions kicking in, Ruud's ability to flatten his forehand when required may well give him an edge.

Student vs Master

The fact that Ruud's biggest weapon is his forehand may have something to do with his childhood idol – the man he will be going toe-to-toe with for the very first time at Court Philippe Chatrier on Sunday."It was worth the wait (to play Nadal). As a Grand Slam final, it will be a special moment for me, and hopefully for him as well," Ruud said on court after his semifinal win.

Every time Nadal takes on one of the better young claycourters on tour, the headlines are invariably dominated by the long-drawn-out narrative of the master taking on the latest upstart. The unprecedented king of clay taking on the latest prince in waiting - be it Dominic Thiem, Stefanos Tsitsipas, or Carlos Alcaraz. This time around, however, it will be hard to stray away from that storyline, given that Ruud is actually a disciple of the Spaniard. Since before he broke into the top 100 on tour, the 23-year-old had been to the Rafa Nadal Academy in Mallorca, run by the Spaniard's former coach and uncle Toni, as well as other members of his team and family.

Ruud is yet to face Nadal on tour, but back at the academy, the duo frequently play practice matches and as the Norwegian jokingly admitted following his semifinal win, Ruud hardly ever wins. "He has played many Grand Slam finals but at least he is playing a student from his academy this time, so it is hopefully going to be a fun one," he said.

A record-extending 22nd Grand Slam and 14th Roland Garros title is at stake for Nadal on Sunday. If Ruud - the massive underdog - is to spoil the party, he will become the first Norwegian player to lift a singles Major trophy. Either way, those back at the academy in Mallorca will have their heads held high.

Men's final, Live on Sony/Ten network, 5:30 pm onwards



Root's unbeaten 77 steers England closer to win

London: Joe Root hit an unbeaten 77 to steer England to within 61 runs of victory in the first Test while New Zealand require five wickets as the contest remained intriguingly poised at the end of a tense third day at Lords.

England were 216-5 at close, chasing a target of 277 after dismissing New Zealand for 285 before lunch on Saturday.

Root, no longer incumbered by the captaincy, was at his imperious best as he took away the early advantage from the tourists, who had England teetering at 69-4 before tea when seamer Kyle Jamieson made early breakthroughs.

Root and his successor Ben Stokes put together a 90-run partnership to turn the tide with the new skipper scoring 54 before being caught behind – the only wicket to fall after tea.

But there was good fortune for Stokes on his 31st birthday. He was bowled by Colin de Grandhomme for one run, only to be called back to the crease after a belated no ball call from the third umpire that was greeted by an approving roar from the partisan crowd.

He took advantage of the let-off and is now in a strong position to win his first test as England captain. Jamieson snagged four wickets, bowling opener Alex Lees (20) and Jonny Bairstow (16) and having Zak Crawley (9) caught behind before snagging Stokes.

BRIEF SCORES: New Zealand 132 & 285 versus England 141 & 216/5 (Joe Root 77 batting, Ben Stokes 54; Kylie Jamieson 4/59).



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