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**Prime Minister Narendra Modi to meet US President Joe Biden on sidelines of Quad summit in Tokyo next month, P 11**

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## CCI carries out raids on Amazon, Flipkart sellers

The Competition Commission of India conducted raids on the premises of top sellers on Amazon and Flipkart — including Cloudfair and Appario Retail — over complaints of alleged anti-competitive practices, said three people briefed on the matter.

Amazon and Flipkart and the two sellers did not respond to queries. **P 19**

## Gold demand dips 18% in Jan-March

India's gold demand fell 18% to 135.5 tonnes as buyers shunned the yellow metal due to high prices with fewer auspicious days during January-March, making it one of the worst quarters in recent years. **P 19**

## K'taka to set up task force on hate speech

The Karnataka government will soon form a task force to control hate speech in accordance with the SC's instructions, CM Basavaraj Bommai said on Thursday, but did not set any deadline for it. **P 12**

## 4 lakh jobs created in Oct-Dec '21: Report

Formal sector employment in India rose by 4 lakh in the quarter ending December 2021, according to the third Quarterly Employment Survey report released by the labour ministry on Thursday. **P 11**

## Actor Salim Ghouse passes away at 70

Actor Salim Ghouse, known for his riveting roles in TV series Bharat Ek Khoj and films 'Manthan', 'Kalyug' and 'Saaransh', died following a cardiac arrest in Andheri on Thursday. He was 70. **P 14**

## Followed due process before eviction: Govt

Amid the row over eviction of eight artists, including a Padma awardee, from government accommodation at Asiad Village, housing & urban affairs ministry officials said the exercise followed due process. **P 22**

## A good samaritan, in life and death

Chitranjan Choudhary, 26, who died in a sewer in Delhi trying to save a ragpicker Wednesday, was always looking to help people, his family said. He lost his job as an accountant in 2020 after which he drove a tempo. **P 4**

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## Former Hizb activist now preaches peace

Sheikh Mudasar was a regular schoolboy in the early 2000s. Then he got carried away by separatist ideology. He dropped out of school, became a stone thrower, worked for the Pakistan-backed banned Hizbul Mujahideen terrorist group as an "overground" activist, and served time in jail thrice.

Today, the 35-year-old is almost bedridden with a growing brain tumour. But till very recently, Mudasar would go to madrasas to counsel youngsters against enlisting in terrorist outfits operating in J&K, reports Saleem Pandit. **FLAP OPP**

# PM: Centre wants AFSPA removed from entire NE

## Says Militant Violence Down 75% Over 8 Years

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**Guwahati:** The Centre is working "speedily" towards revoking the contentious Armed Forces (Special Powers) Act from the entire northeast in acknowledgement of a 75% decline in militant violence in the region over the past eight years, PM Narendra Modi said during a whistle-stop tour of Assam on Thursday that saw him inaugurate seven cancer hospitals and lay the foundation for another seven.

"AFSPA was first revoked in Tripura and then in Meghalaya," Modi said at a "peace, unity and development rally" in Karbi Anglong's Diphu, 250km from Guwahati. "Due to proper control of the situation, AFSPA has been removed from most parts of the state (Assam). We are trying to withdraw it from the remaining parts too. The Act is also in force in some areas of Nagaland and Manipur. We intend to revoke it completely."

The trigger for the latest campaign to withdraw the legislation, which vests powers on the armed forces to search, arrest and shoot anyone on suspicion of militant activity, was the botch-



PM Modi and Ratan Tata inaugurated South Asia's largest network of affordable cancer care hospitals in Dibrugarh on Thursday. The Tata Trusts chairman said he has dedicated his "last years to health" | **P 12**

ed Army special forces operation in Nagaland's Mon last December that led to 14 civilian deaths. Modi said the inclusion of outfits from Karbi Anglong in the peace process since last year was indicative of the Centre's roadmap. Karbi Anglong is among three hill districts of Assam with a majority tribal population.

► 'Meghalaya deal to spur others', P 12

## Need to be ready for both swift & long conflicts: IAF chief

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**New Delhi:** The current geopolitical situation dictates that India must be prepared for short swift wars as well as long-drawn standoffs like the ongoing one with China in eastern Ladakh, the IAF chief said on Thursday, while stressing the criticality of operational logistics for such contingencies.

Quoting Sun Tzu that "the line between disorder and order lies in logistics", **Air Chief Marshal V R Chaudhari** said during a seminar that only a commander who understands logistics can push the military machine to the limits without risking a total breakdown.

His comments come in the backdrop of Russia's invasion into Ukraine getting bogged down by poor logistics.

IAF's recent experiences as well as the evolving geopolitical scenario mandates the force to be operationally and logistically responsive at all times, Chaudhari said.

► 'Inventory vast', P 11

## Star war: Tweets by Devgn and Sudeep spark language row

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**Bengaluru:** Bollywood actor Ajay Devgn and Kannada actor Sudeep quickly defused their Twitter clash over the former's comment that Hindi is the national language, saying perhaps the message was lost in translation, but the interaction set off a fight over "Hindi imposition".

While Sudeep claimed his remarks were made in a different context and that it wasn't to "hurt, provoke or to start any debate", Devgn thanked him for "clearing up the misunderstanding".

While the actors' exchange ended on Wednesday, Karnataka CM Basavaraj Bommai said on Thursday: "Sudeep's statement is right and everyone should respect that. The mother tongue or

## 11 lakh regns for NEET, 4.7 lakh for CUET so far

With just over a week left for the last date of application, the total registrations for NEET (UG) has exceeded 11 lakh. For the first edition of CUET, close to 4.7 lakh candidates have registered even as NTA is expecting a significant jump in numbers as more universities come on board due to the extension of the last date for applications, reports **Manash Gohain**.

Meanwhile, 9.5 lakh aspirants have registered for JEE (Main) session 1. **P 14**

## Repeal sedition law: Pawar in affidavit to panel

Arguing that Section 124A of IPC (offence of sedition) is "often misused against people who criticise governments", NCP chief **Sharad Pawar** has filed an additional affidavit before the Koregaon Bhima probe commission suggesting certain "legal reforms". He proposed 124A "should be repealed" and Section 66A of the Information Technology Act reintroduced to ensure law enforcement agencies can maintain law and order and prevent riots. **P 22**

## Darul Uloom wants local intel to vet students

Islamic seminary **Darul Uloom Deoband** has decided to share documents of prospective students with the local intelligence unit of police for "verification and in-depth scrutiny" in what is being seen as a bid to stave off allegations of admitting students of suspicious antecedents. For admission, all students will furnish ID papers and for those coming from outside UP, details will be sought from the local police there, the Saharanpur SSP said. **P 12**

## Solved: Mystery of 160-year-old Punjab mass grave dug up in 2014

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**Hyderabad:** The shroud of mystery surrounding a mass grave of nearly 160-year-old human skeletons dug up at Ajnala in Punjab appears to be lifting, eight years after the discovery left scientists and anthropologists divided about their identity. The latest study reveals that the skeletons were of 246 soldiers from the Gangetic plains executed by the British for killing an officer during the 1857 uprising.

These soldiers were possibly attached to the 26th Native Bengal Infantry Battalion posted at Mian-Meer, now in Pakistan, according to CSIR's Centre For Cellular and Molecular

### EXECUTED IN 1857

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  - The soldiers were possibly with the 26th Native Bengal Infantry Battalion posted at Mian-Meer, now in Pakistan
  - The study cites **50 samples sent for DNA analysis and 85 for isotope analysis**
- Biology. The new thesis contradicts what some historians have claimed—that the skeletons excavated from a well in Ajnala town in 2014 could be of people

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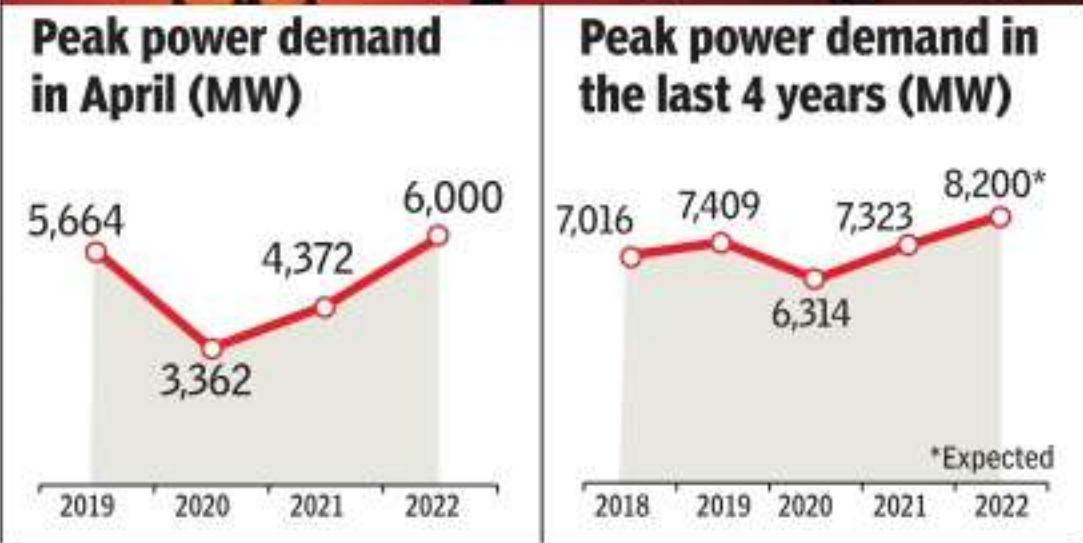
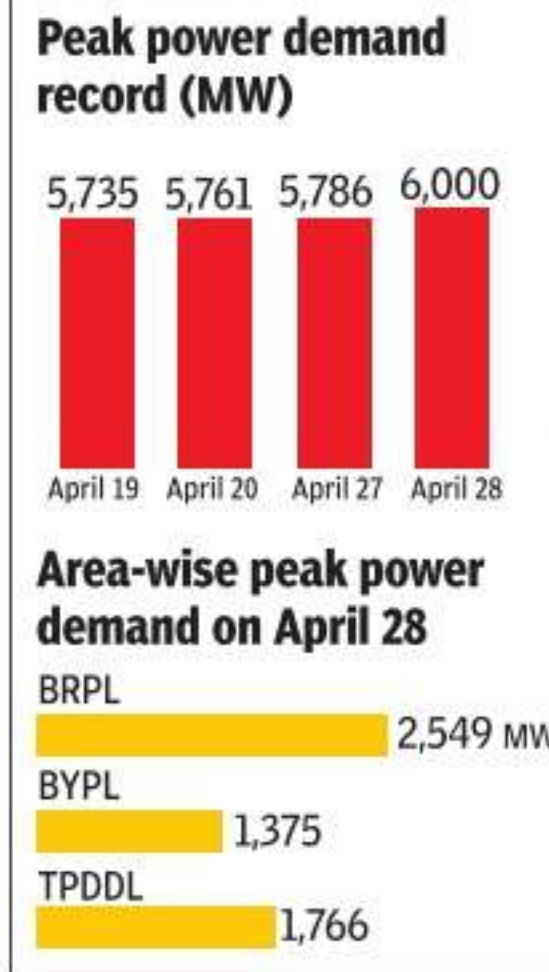
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# Power Demand Past 6k MW, Jain Sounds Alarm

Writes To Centre: Hospitals, Metro May Be Hit Delhi sizzles, to weather duststorms next

## CURRENT AFFAIRS



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New Delhi: At 43.5 degrees Celsius, the national capital on Thursday saw the second warmest April day in the past 52 years and the warmest day of the month since 2010. Severe heatwaves gripped the entire city, while at least one area sizzled at 46 degrees Celsius, the warmest in the country along with Hissar in Haryana. While heatwaves may continue till Saturday, duststorms on Friday, Sunday and Wednesday, as predicted by India Meteorological Department (IMD), are likely to worsen Delhi's air quality over the next few days. The air quality index (AQI) was 295 on Thursday, in the higher end of the "poor" category, compared with 285 on Wednesday.



**PARCHED:** Parts of Yamuna run dry as the temperatures soar in the capital and rain stays away

apportionment study by The Energy and Resources Institute and Automotive Research Association of India, dust — soil, road and construction — contributes 25% of PM10 and 17% of PM2.5 in Delhi's air pollution during the winter. However, during summers, the contribution is 42% in PM10 and 38% in PM2.5, it stated. A study conducted by SAFAR said that despite the lockdown, the daily average PM10 level increased from 65ug/m3 on May 22, 2021 to 684ug/m3 overnight due to large-scale dust transport. "Unlike previous summers, dust-raising winds have not travelled to Delhi this season so far," said R K Jenamani, a senior scientist at IMD. Gufran Beig, founder project director of SAFAR, said, "Delhi is experiencing double knock, the forthcoming impact of duststorm, which largely increases PM10 and dumpyard fires that largely contribute in PM2.5". Anumita Roychowdhury of Centre for Science and Environment said tackling this pollution would require extensive urban greening, protection of forests, and soil stabilisation along with greening to create a green barrier against wind-blown dust.

**New Delhi:** The relentless heatwave pushed peak power demand in Delhi to a record-breaking 6,000 MW on Thursday, a first for the month of April ever. The milestone comes at a time when many states are witnessing power outages caused by low coal inventories at thermal power plants. Power minister Satyendar Jain held an emergency meeting on Thursday and wrote to the Centre to make arrangements for supply of enough coal so that uninterrupted power supply remained available in the capital. Delhi government in a statement said Jain also wrote that due to disruption of power supply from Dadri-II and Unchahar power stations, there may be a problem in 24x7 supply to essential institutions like hospitals and Delhi Metro. Though Delhi has been able to meet the demand this summer and hasn't reported outages as such, there is an air of uncertainty as the state is dependent on thermal power plants in other states to meet its requirements. Sources said new records

of peak power demand were seen on April 19, 20, 27 and 28 when it clocked 5,735 MW, 5,761 MW, 5,786 MW and 6,000 MW, respectively. Expressing concern, Jain said Delhi government was monitoring the situation closely and making every possible effort to ensure there were no power outages. He added that 25-30% of Delhi's power needs were met through plants facing coal shortage. These plants, apart from Unchahar, Kahalgaon and Farakka, supply 1,751 MW daily to Delhi, including 728 MW from Dadri-II and 100 MW from Unchahar. According to the daily coal report of National Power Portal, there was an acute shortage of coal at Dadri-II and Unchahar plants of NTPC. The report also mentioned that NTPC was going to divert rakes to these plants. The government said availability of coal was comparatively low at other plants like Kahalgaon, Farakka, and Jhajjar (Aravali). Meanwhile, in the last 24 hours, Gurgaon witnessed multiple outages ranging

from 15 minutes to an hour because of shortage of supply. Urban consumers have been bearing the brunt of staggered power cuts of 4-6 hours daily, while industrial areas are seeing longer outages lasting from 8pm to 6am. Discom officials blamed the sudden increase in demand to extreme weather conditions and a disruption in supply. Haryana power minister Ranjit Singh said one power plant in Khedar wasn't operational due to a technical fault that required equipment from China. "The lockdown in China has held up the shipment of equipment. We are in talks with Adani Power. They are likely to start supplying 500 MW in the next few days," he added. A private company used to supply 1,400 MW to Haryana under a purchase agreement, but stopped following a price dispute. Singh said many industries from Delhi had shifted to Gurgaon, Faridabad, Rewari, Palwal and Sonapat. "A large number of group housing societies have also come up in Gurgaon. As a result, the power load has increased," he claimed.

The maximum temperature of 43.5 degrees Celsius at Delhi's base station, Safdarjung, was five notches above the season's average against 41.5 degrees on Wednesday. On April 18, 2010, Safdarjung recorded 43.7 degrees Celsius, which was the highest for April since 1969. According to IMD, the Commonwealth Games Village Sports Complex

recorded a maximum temperature of 46 degrees Celsius, followed by Mungeshpur at 45.8, Najafgarh at 45.4, Pitampura at 45.2 and the Ridge at 45.1 degrees Celsius. The minimum temperature was, however, a notch below the season's average at 23 degrees Celsius as against 22.2 degrees a day earlier. According to IMD, the maxi-

imum temperature is likely to hover around 44 degrees Celsius on Friday. "The heatwaves will continue despite strong gusty winds. Sunday may see some respite from heatwaves, but the mercury will soar again from Monday," said an official. Meanwhile, System of Air

Quality and Weather Forecasting and Research (SAFAR) predicted "very poor" AQI for the next three days. According to experts, dust becomes a major source of pollution during summer because high temperature makes the soil dry. According to a 2018 source

**295**  
AQI RECORDED ON THURSDAY — IN THE HIGHER END OF THE 'POOR' CATEGORY

## 1,000 MGD target to meet summer water demand

**New Delhi:** Water minister Satyendar Jain on Thursday assured Delhiites that the government was fully prepared to supply sufficient potable water this summer. According to the Summer Action Plan of Delhi Jal Board (DJB), to meet the water requirements of residents, especially considering the rising heat this year, Delhi government is targeting production of about 1,000 million gallons per day (MGD) of potable water. This additional

supply will mostly be done with the help of tubewells by extracting groundwater. Last summer, water production was around 935 MGD. "The system has been made efficient and robust so that people do not have to suffer due to water scarcity in summer. Strengthening of water treatment plants (WTP), repair and extension of supply pipelines, availability of tankers, and e-pi- a- os have been taken into account to ensure that supply in all areas remains unimpeded from April to July, which is the peak summer season," said Jain.

**WATER MINISTER SAYS**  
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A spike in ammonia levels in the Yamuna always causes problems for DJB and impacts water supply. For this, the government plans to keep a closer watch. According to the government, WTPs and associa-

ted pumping installations are being renovated keeping in mind the persistent ammonia release from Haryana. Continuous monitoring will be done to prevent the closure of WTPs due to managing high levels of ammonia in the water. "A new monitoring process has been prepared so that the crisis can be managed in an efficient way. The water minister is personally monitoring the situation to ensure that public service is up to the mark," said a statement issued by Delhi government. Jain also reviewed the

stock of consumables and other preparations to tackle issues during the summer months efficiently. All of DJB's tankers will be equipped with GPS to ensure real-time monitoring, including aspects like route and timing. "Water bills can now be checked online and people can pay instantly through payment gateways on the DJB portal. Meter readers have been given an Android-based tablet for on the spot reading, meter image capturing and bill generation," mentioned the statement.

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SHORT TAKES

'24 dams to help clean Yamuna'

Water minister Satyendar Jain on Thursday said the Kejriwal government was determined to clean the Yamuna and the work of cleaning the supplementary drain was going on in full swing. After it's done, there will be 80% reduction in the water pollution, he stated. Jain has directed irrigation and flood control department officials to expedite the cleaning of the river. "The minister directed them to only use natural materials like bamboo and koir for floating wetlands. The Delhi government has built 24 small dams in a natural way. This will help in reducing the flow of pollutants into the Yamuna," said the government in a statement. "Many more steps, including siltation of drains, installation of waste barriers, removal of garbage and other weeds, are being taken by the department to clean the river," Jain said. TNN

DCW seeks report on shelter homes

Delhi Commission for Women (DCW) on Thursday issued a notice to the women and child development department seeking a detailed report on the condition of shelter homes housing women and girls. DCW asked the department to inform it about the current status of all the shortcomings pointed out by the commission over the years along with a copy of the action taken report on the recommendations by Tata Institute of Social Science in 2019. In 2018-19, DCW had roped in an independent agency 'Koshish' (TISS) to conduct social audit of all shelter homes in Delhi housing women and girls. TNN

AAP, BJP spar over demolition

AAP on Thursday once again accused BJP of threatening residents for "ransom" in the name of bulldozers. In east Delhi's Kalyanpuri market, BJP demolished eight shops after it failed to get money, AAP alleged. BJP, however, rejected the claims and said that no shop was demolished in Kalyanpuri. Only a few stalls of tin sheets, which had encroached near the Delhi government-run Lal Bahadur Shastri Hospital, were removed after proper warning, it stated. TNN

Child rights body launches award

Delhi Commission for Protection of Child Rights (DCPCR) has decided to launch awards to recognise individuals and institutions who have contributed substantially to the cause of children. The awards will be pan-India and called 'children's champion awards'. TNN

# 12-Year-Old Wounds Resurface As Honour Killing Accused Flees

## Family Members Of Victims Say They Fear For Lives, Are Staying Indoors

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New Delhi: "For 12 years, we have been trying to lead a normal life and put the past behind us. Now, the horror has returned to haunt us again in such a manner that we keep ourselves locked inside our homes," said Amit Singh (40), Kuldeep Singh's elder brother.

Kuldeep and his wife Monika were allegedly killed by Ankit Choudhary and his associates in June 2010. The case is pending trial. While the family's security has been increased, fear is constantly on their minds.

"I have stopped sending my children to school. Our security has been increased, but when Ankit can escape from police custody deployed with him 24x7, he can harm us too. My aged parents, wife and two children reside in Wazirpur village. Our house is not very far from Ankit's," said Amit.

Kuldeep married Monika in a temple in 2006. "We lived in the same village. After they got married, Monika's family told them to move out of the village. I politely conveyed the same to the couple. They left and started living in different parts of the

### HOW THE TRAGEDY UNFOLDED

**The accused**  
Ankit Choudhary  
Mandeep Nagar  
Nakul Khari  
Rakesh (Choudhary's cousin)  
Ajay (arms supplier)

**The victims**  
Kuldeep Singh (26)  
Monika (24) | Kuldeep's wife and Ankit's sister  
Shobha (22) | Mandeep's sister

**Two FIRs** (one for Shobha's murder, and the other for Kuldeep and Monika) registered

### THE CASE

In the chargesheet, police said the three accused allegedly killed Monica and Kuldeep because Monica had married outside her caste  
Shobha, who had eloped with a man from a different caste, was also killed for the same reason  
The accused allegedly murdered them on June 20, 2010, in north-west Delhi's Ashok Vihar as they believed they had brought dishonour to their families  
According to the chargesheet, Choudhary, along with Khari and Nagar, shot Shobha (Nagar's sister) in their friend's car. They then abandoned the car with the body near a post office  
Choudhary then called up Kuldeep and asked him to bring



Kuldeep & Monika

his car. When Kuldeep reached the spot, Khari and Choudhary got into his car. Choudhary then fired at Kuldeep. Both of them fled, leaving the car and body on the spot  
The three accused went to Kuldeep's house where Choudhary murdered his sister, Monika  
The trio left the city and went to Rishikesh. They discarded the pistol used in the crime  
Police said they have seized the i10 in which Nagar had come

### HOW CHOUDHARY ESCAPED

Choudhary was granted interim bail for his brother's wedding on April 22, 2022  
He was released from jail on April 21; on April 22, he fled from his house located in the Wazirpur village  
The court then cancelled his interim bail and issued a non-bailable warrant against him  
Two constables were

deployed with him. But he managed to flee from the bathroom, the cops said  
A city court noted that Choudhary's escape seems more like a story from a Bollywood movie  
Joint commissioner of police was directed to initiate inquiry into the matter, disclosing lapses in the

conduct of the two constables, and submit an application by April 29  
Meanwhile, the DCP has been asked to file a detailed report as the surety of one of the bail bond was furnished by Chaman Kashyap, who is himself facing trial in a murder case at Bharat Nagar police station

# Murders most foul: Unhappy with sister's marriage, accused waited for four years

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It was in July 2006 that Kuldeep Singh had married his childhood sweetheart, Monika. The latter's family was against the match and had asked the couple to leave the village since they had sullied the family's "honour". Choudhary had pretended to have accepted their marriage but, according to the cops, was biding his time.

Four years later, after gaining the confidence of Singh and Monika, Choudhary roped in his friend, Mandeep, who too wanted his sister, Shobha, killed for having followed in the footsteps of Monika and eloped with her lover. Another friend, Nakul Khari, too, was allegedly part of the conspiracy. All three were killed the same day. Singh's body was found in his car while Monika's body was discovered at her residence. Two days later, Shobha's body was found in a decomposed state in a car.

Choudhary had been granted interim bail for



THE ACCUSED: Ankit (centre) roped in his friends Mandeep (extreme left) and Nakul for the murders

April 21-23 by a court to attend his brother's wedding and escaped from his residence on April 22 despite two police officers guarding him round the clock. Additional sessions judge Kiran Gupta at the Rohini court came down heavily on police saying that the manner in which the accused fled from the bathroom of his house early morning seemed like the story of a Bollywood movie.

The court has cancelled the interim bail of Choudhary and issued non-bailable warrants against him which are returnable on April 29, 2022.

The judge has directed the joint commissioner of police to conduct an inquiry and identify the lapses of the two constables who were with Choudhary. The senior cop has also been asked to look into the role of the investigating officer concerned and establish if there was any attempt to provide protection to the accused. The initial report of the joint CP has to be submitted on April 29.



Meanwhile, it has also



come to fore that the bail bond of Choudhary was furnished by a man who is facing trial in a murder case himself. The DCP has been asked to give an explanation in this regard too.

In the order dated April 25, 2022, the judge said: "The entire GD (general diary) entry is silent as to how the accused Ankit Choudhary, with whom two police officials were deputed 24 hours, ran away from the bathroom of his house. Whether or not there was any window in the

city. Four years later, in 2010, Monika's family said it was fine for them to shift to Ashok Vihar if they liked. The couple soon shifted and met a fatal end," said Amit.

"It's been around 12 years and we are still waiting for justice. The chargesheet, evidence and all aspects of the case have been worked on well by police. Despite that, the case is in the trial stage in 2022. My parents are hoping that before they leave this world, they can see the killers of his son and his wife punished for their crime," Amit added.

Amit further stated, "I did not fear anything when the murder took place as we all were residents of the same village. It was only when a family member of Monika threatened me that I approached the court to provide us security."

The 40-year-old stated that Choudhary's surety was furnished by Chaman Kashyap, who was facing trial in a murder case. "How can a criminal facing trial for an offence under IPC Section 302 be a surety in court for interim bail? Why didn't the public prosecutor oppose this? Why did police let Ankit flee?" he asked.



## 12 roads to be relaid in east Delhi, says Sisodia

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: Deputy chief minister Manish Sisodia on Thursday reviewed the road strengthening work at 12 locations in east Delhi. Sisodia, who is the Public Works Department minister and also the MLA from East Delhi, directed the engineers concerned to complete the road repair work in the stipulated time.

"Providing smooth roads and safe commuting experience to residents of Delhi is the priority of the Kejriwal government. For this, we are using the latest technology to strengthen our roads. New world-class roads of the national capital will reduce the travel time of our citizens and will be

sustainable," said the deputy CM.

Since taking over as the PWD minister, Sisodia has made inspection visits at various project sites where work related to strengthening of roads is going on.

According to the Delhi government, there are 12 roads in the area which are being redeveloped by PWD. The roads are being relaid using latest techniques at a cost of Rs 9.4 crore.

"Development of the roads with new-age technology will not only help in improving the traffic movement but also in checking the pollution," added Sisodia.

The redevelopment of these arterial roads will strengthen their capacity and make driving easier for commuters.

## Unavailability of cops hits demolition drive in south Delhi

New Delhi: An anti-encroachment drive of South Municipal Corporation could not take place in Jasola village on Thursday after Delhi Police could not provide force for it.

"Due to pre-engagement of police staff of police station Sarita Vihar in other law and order/investigation duties, it is not possible to provide sufficient staff to assist SDMC staff in carrying out encroachment-removal drive in ward no 101-S today," stated Delhi Police in a letter to the south corporation.

"It is requested that prior intimation of at least 10 days may be given to fix the date for encroachment-removal drive," the police added.

"The drive could not be held because we did not get the force. It will be conducted after we get the force," said mayor Mukesh Suryaan. TNN

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# His kind heart led him to his death in a sewer

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**New Delhi:** Chitranjan Choudhary died trying to rescue ragpicker Abdul Salam, who had got trapped in a sewer in Bawana on Wednesday. There was perhaps no other way he would have liked his life to end. As his elder brother, Manoranjan, revealed to TOI, "He always reached out to other people and wanted to help them in every way possible. It was while coming to the aid of another person that he lost his life."

Manoranjan revealed that his brother had made a phone call to his family in Muzaffarpur, Bihar, about coming home for his friend's wedding. "He called us in the morning saying he would be coming to Bihar," said Manoranjan.

But as fate would have it, Choudhary died responding to the cry for help from Salam's brother, Sahil, who, panicking when his brother did not emerge from the manhole raised an alarm. Choudhary entered the sewer, but was himself laid low by the toxic fumes.

Brijendra Kumar Yadav, DCP (Outer North), said police received information about the incident around 11.21pm. The cops discovered that 18-year-old Salam had removed the cover of the manhole and gone into the sewer



Chitranjan Choudhary (inset) had entered the sewer to rescue ragpicker Abdul Salam, but was himself laid low by the toxic fumes

to collect plastic waste items that he could sell. He fell unconscious after inhaling toxic gases. Sahil raised an alarm, and Choudhary, who was passing by, responded and entered the sewer, only to himself succumb to the gases.

"From a very young age, Chitranjan always looked out for others, be it monetary, physically, or emotionally," said Manoranjan. The brother said Chitranjan had wanted to become a chartered accountant and come to Delhi in 2015 from Bihar, where his father, 74, lives. He had got a job as an accountant at a shop and lived with relatives in the city.

Before coming to Delhi, Choudhary had gone to Mumbai and completed a course in accountancy. "In Delhi, ev-

rything went well till 2020. After that, he suffered liver and lung infections," said his relative, Ravinder. "For treatment, he returned to his village and then travelled to Mumbai. It took several months for him to recover and by then, his employer had hired another person in his place."

Dharmender, another relative, said, after losing the job, Choudhary went in search of employment but wasn't successful. "Eventually, he started driving a Tempo for Ashok," he disclosed. On the fateful day, Choudhary was driving from Bawana to Vikaspuri when he stopped at a shop. "In the month and a half he worked for me, I found him a very helpful man," testified Ashok.

## 3 held for graft during AIIMS entrance acquitted

**New Delhi:** A Delhi court has acquitted three people, accused of taking bribe for leaking the exam paper for the All India PG entrance examination for MD/MS/MDS conducted by AIIMS. They were booked under sections 120-B (criminal conspiracy), 420 (cheating) and 474 (forgery) of IPC.

Chief metropolitan magistrate Dinesh Kumar acquitted Pawan Thakur, Shreekant and Mukesh Kumar in the matter. The court said there was not even an iota of evidence that the accused were known to each other. "None of the public witnesses has deposed regarding any conspiracy between

the accused persons. The alleged disclosure statements made by the accused cannot be considered as evidence to prove the charge of conspiracy," it said in an order on April 20.

It said that the prosecution had failed to prove beyond reasonable doubt any charge against any of the accused. **TNN**

# Bhalswa Puts Firefighters To Test

## Ops Continue On Day 3 At Landfill As Personnel Brave Risks In Line Of Duty

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**New Delhi:** Firefighting operations at the Bhalswa landfill site, where a massive blaze erupted on Tuesday, continued for the third straight day on Thursday. Officials said it will take at least another day to douse the fire completely.

"Our personnel are working round-the-clock but the fire has spread to other mounds," said an officer.

At the landfill site, six fire tenders have been pressed into action, with 36 firefighters from Delhi Fire Services (DFS) working to bring down the flames.

"For the past three days, we have been trying to control the fire. We have been inhaling toxic gases and facing breathing issues. But for us, duty comes first and



**CHOKED:** This is the third fire this year at Bhalswa landfill. Last year, 12 such incidents took place, bringing residents in harm's way

we always put our lives at risk to save others," said a 52-year-old fireman.

The firefighters have been working in rotation and in

shifts of seven to eight hours. "We don't know what kind of waste is dumped at the landfill site. It might be biomedical waste or hazardous

objects. We have to inhale the toxic gases, which affects our respiratory system," another fireman said.

While the firefighters do have breathing apparatus, it can't be used for longer durations.

Another firefighter pointed out that their eyes often itch during these operations: "My eyes turned red and feel like they are burning. There's always a chance of infection."

Insects at the landfill site also pose another risk. "There is trash everywhere, which attracts insects. They can bite and transmit a disease," a firefighter said.

Another firefighter said while dousing the blaze, heaps of burning trash sometimes falls from the top. "In the past, our fire tender tur-

ned turtle after a heap of garbage landed on it," a senior DFS officer said.

Firefighters said they feared in such a scenario, they could be trapped in the heap of trash. "Dousing a fire from the top of the garbage hill is not an easy job. We have to be alert because the trash can cave in any time and firefighters or the vehicle could get stuck," a station officer said.

Another officer said they identify a place to stand at the top and douse the fire. DFS director Atul Garg said the firefighters always take a calculated risk. "During any operation, they also face health issues but they give their best to save others," he added.

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## Delhi govt fines N corp ₹50L for 'negligence'

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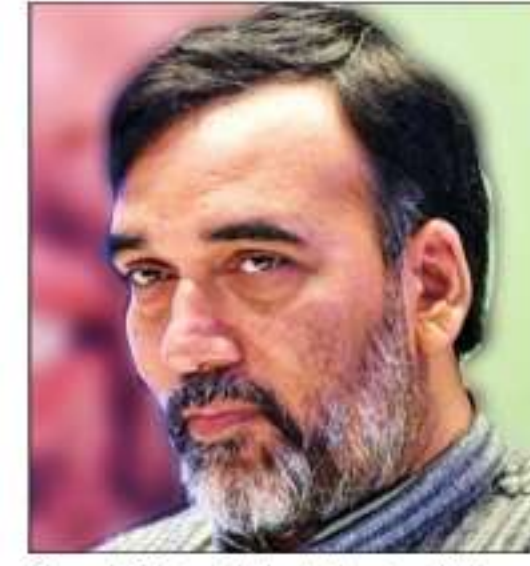
**New Delhi:** The Delhi government on Thursday imposed a fine of Rs 50 lakh on North Delhi Municipal Corporation for "negligence" in the case of the massive fire that erupted at the Bhalswa landfill site on Tuesday. The action was taken based on a report submitted by Delhi Pollution Control Committee (DPCC).

"The landfill site caught fire as a result of North MCD's negligence. The fire broke out at roughly 5.30pm on April 26, engulfing around one acre of ground due to limited availability of water tankers and negligence by MCD. Orders have also been given to DPCC to levy a fine of Rs 50 lakh on North MCD," Delhi environment minister Gopal Rai said.

Apart from the fine, the environment department has issued instructions to the north corporation to create permanent water tanker stations and increase field workers in light of the insufficient water supply at the Bhalswa landfill site in order to prevent such incidents in the future. The ministry has also issued orders to construct peripheral roads for easy transportation at the landfill sites so that quick action can be taken in case such events occur.

The environment minister has ordered DPCC and the corporation to adopt the gas sucking system that is installed in Mumbai.

"According to the report submitted by DPCC, constant discharge of methane gas from the landfills, rising temperatures in Delhi and a dry



Gopal Rai said that the landfill site caught fire as a result of north corporation's negligence

atmosphere are main reasons behind the regular fires at the sites. To regulate the continuously emitted methane gas, the ministry has issued orders to use Mumbai's gas sucking mechanism as a permanent solution. A four-member team of DPCC and east and north

## Bioremediation of legacy waste at Bhalswa landfill to resume today

The north corporation plans to resume bioremediation of legacy waste through trommel machines at Bhalswa landfill from Friday. "Forty trommel machines can process 300 tonnes of waste daily and four can process 900 tonnes," said a North DMC official.

The official said all preventive steps were taken to douse the flames, including diversion of 35 sprinklers and jetting machines for the operation. However, he added, factors like temperature and wind speed play a major role. "During sprinkling of water, dumping of inert or levelling of garbage, methane gas at times releases and turns into flames when it comes in contact with oxygen. We can't put an excess layer of C&D or inert waste as it would make the surface slippery and heavy," said the official. **TNN**

corporation will visit Mumbai on May 2 for a field visit and data collection," Rai said.

Rai urged the corporation, DPCC and related agencies to make all necessary efforts to prevent such fire incidents in the future. The minister said such incidents not

only add to Delhi's pollution problem, but also endanger the residents' health.

When contacted, a north corporation official said, "We haven't seen the copy of the order. We will check it and reply officially and will follow the rules as per the law."

## Pathak takes stock of Bhalswa situation, BJP objects to visit

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**New Delhi:** AAP functionary and MCD in-charge Durgesh Pathak on Thursday visited the Bhalswa landfill site, where a massive fire broke out. However, the move drew flak from the Delhi BJP, which termed it 'political tourism' and questioned the capacity in which Pathak visited the site.

At the site, Pathak told reporters that toxic smoke from the fire was making it difficult to breathe for people living in nearby areas and children were feeling suffocated.

"There is a residential colony in close proximity of this landfill, including a school, and the entire area is now engulfed in smoke as a result of this blazing fire, which has been burning for the past three days now," he said.

Pathak claimed no BJP leader or councillor had visited the area since the fire broke out. "The BJP-led MCD has simply left the people of Delhi to suffer and succumb to these fumes and put their lives in grave danger," he said. "All that the BJP has given to the people of Delhi as

a result of its flagrant corruption and misgovernance is this Bhalswa landfill," he added.

Slamming Pathak's remarks, Delhi BJP spokesperson Praveen Shankar Kapoor said, "No doubt whenever a fire breaks out at a landfill site, the smoke makes life tough for those living in vicinity, but unfortunately Pathak uses human problems to score political points without making any contribution to resolve the issue."

"Pathak is neither an elected representative nor in any government post, so one fails to understand in what capacity he visited the Bhalswa landfill site," Kapoor said.

Pathak alleged that MCD has 'squandered' all funds that were allocated for waste management at the landfill and its disposal process, causing its height only to rise further and making it susceptible to catching fire.

Kapoor claimed that Pathak's statement that the Delhi government issued funds for disposal was a "blatant lie". "During the past seven years, the Delhi government has not issued a penny for landfill site disposal," he said.

## SC to soon decide on Centre's plea in services row

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**New Delhi:** The Supreme Court on Thursday reserved its verdict on whether to set up a five-judge constitution bench to decide who, the Centre or the Delhi government, should control the bureaucracy and services pertaining to the governance of the capital.

Before conclusion of arguments on the strength of the bench that should adjudicate this festering dispute, a bench of Chief Justice N V Ramana and Justices Surya Kant and Hima Kohli asked solicitor general Tushar Mehta and senior advocate A M Singhvi, who appeared for Delhi government, "In case we are constituting a five-judge bench, how much time each of you would require to place your arguments?"

"We will decide the Centre's plea for putting the matter before a five-judge bench as soon as possible. In case we decide to entrust it to a five-judge bench, we would like both sides, the Centre and the Delhi government, to conclude their arguments before May 15," the CJI said. The SC will go on a nearly two-month summer break after May 20.

"If both sides can conclude the arguments before May 15, then we can put the vacation to better use in writing the judgment," the bench said. While the SG said he would take a maximum of two hours, Singhvi said one hour each to both sides would be sufficient.

The Delhi government through Singhvi dissuaded the bench from referring the dispute over 'services' again to a five-judge bench and said that once a five-judge bench has examined the whole gamut of issues surrounding Article 239AA and rendered its findings, mere deficiency of language of overlooking of a small aspect should not warrant reference back to five-judge bench.

"This will then become an endless practice. The issue is already delayed by eight years. The Centre wants to delay the matter through reference. In the garb of reference it actually is seeking review of the 2018 judgment by the five-judge bench. This court should not permit something implicitly, indirectly or subterfugally to dilute the five-judge bench judgement. This three-judge bench is competent to decide the issue," Singhvi said.

Mehta said it is not a question of what Centre or Delhi feels about the issue. One of the judges in the two-judge bench, in his judgment on February 14, 2019, had categorically stated that the five-judge bench had not considered a vital phrase in Article 239AA, interpretation of which would be crucial to deciding whether Centre or Delhi government should legislate on 'services'.

Since the judge himself has found that the constitution bench did not decide this crucial issue, it becomes imperative that the dispute is settled by a five-judge bench, the SG said.

## HC asks IIT-D for structural audit of Regal building in CP

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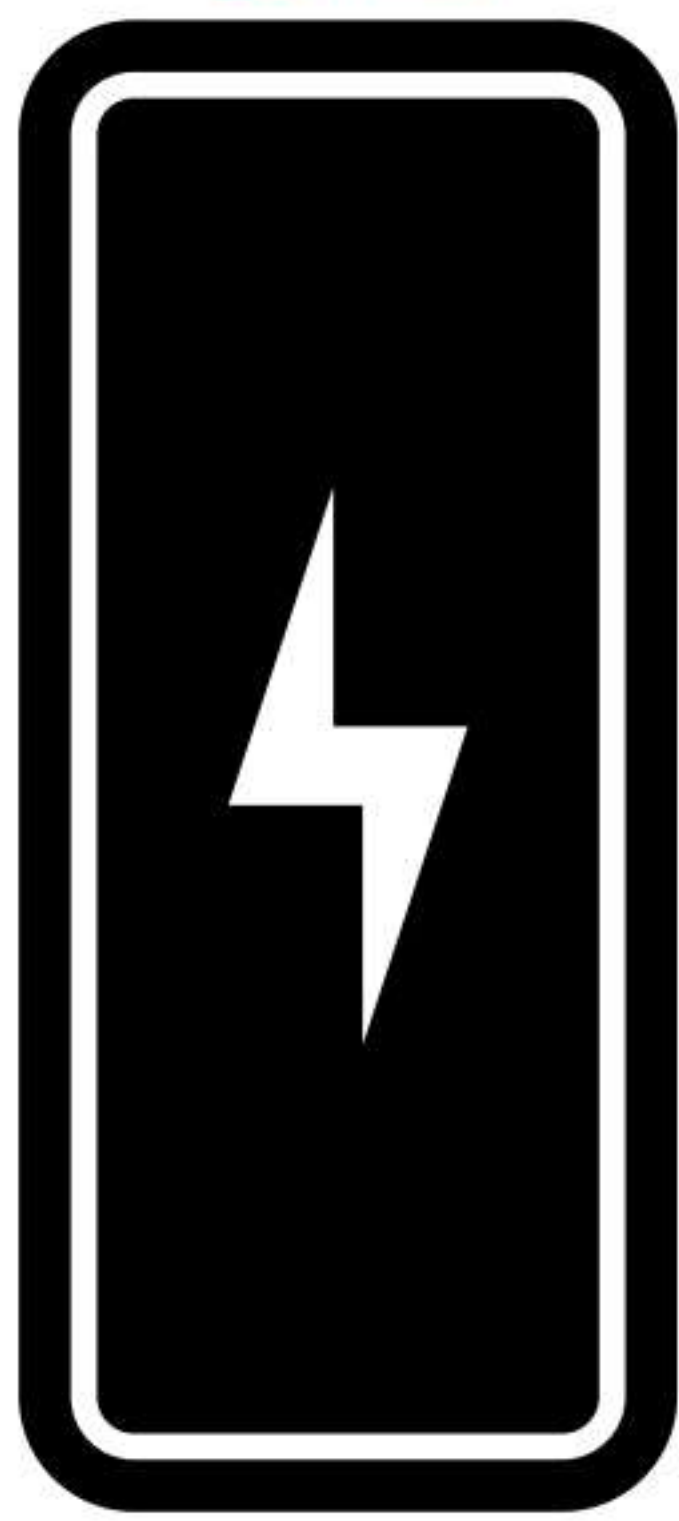
**New Delhi:** The Delhi high court has asked IIT Delhi to undertake a detailed structural audit of the iconic Regal building at Connaught Place.

Justice Sanjeev Sachdeva, earlier this week, asked the director of IIT Delhi to indicate the "charges that would be required to be paid for a complete structural audit of the subject portion of the building."

The court's reminder to IIT came after the New Delhi Municipal Council (NDMC) informed the court that it awaits a response from IIT. Appearing for NDMC, additional standing counsel Karan Sharma and advocate Tushar Sannu apprised the bench that the agency has sent a communication to IIT Delhi, requesting them to inform the tentative charges required for a complete structural audit of the building.

NDMC has said the structure is a grade 2 heritage building and is almost over 80 years old, needing major repairs.

The high court had earlier taken note of the preliminary report prepared by IIT, which said that a survey of the building structure is required to be carried out. The report suggested that the ad-hoc modification or repair is not to be encouraged while pointing out that additions, alterations and modifications have been carried out to the structure over the year and further that the normal expected life of 50 to 75 years is over as the building is approximately 80 years old.



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# 3 More Held For Jahangirpuri Violence

## One Of The Accused, A History Sheeter, Arrested Near Kolkata By Special Cell

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New Delhi: Delhi Police has arrested three more suspects alleged to be involved in the communal violence in Jahangirpuri on April 16. One of those arrested is Mohammad Fareed alias Neetu, a history-sheeter and a listed "bad character", who was arrested from near Kolkata by the Special Cell on Thursday.

The other two arrested, Zafar and Babuddin, are brothers and associates of Mohammad Ansar, one of the prime conspirators, already in the police net. The duo, holding swords aloft, was caught on CCTV hurling petrol bombs at the Hanuman Jayanti procession. In all, 31 suspects, including three juveniles, have been apprehended till now.

Fareed, the cops disclosed, was identified after being spot-



THE ACCUSED: (From left) Babuddin, Farid and Zafar

ted in CCTV footage. The 35-year-old not only indulged in violence, but also instigated others to run amok and attack the procession at Jahangirpuri.

A court issued a non-bailable warrant against Fareed and a technical probe and door-to-door inquiry revealed that the suspect had fled to West Bengal after the violence on April 16. He had also placed his family members in different places. He is a native of Midnapore in West

Bengal and was hiding near Kolkata after fleeing Jahangirpuri.

The cops dug out Fareed's antecedents and discovered the CR Park resident was an "active criminal" and involved in half a dozen cases of robberies and snatchings. "CCTV footage and interrogation of suspects established that Fareed was one of the prime conspirators as well as abettor and executor of the violence along with Ansar," said a police official.

### OFFICIAL SAYS

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A multi-city chase lasting 11 days resulted in the cops raiding at least a dozen suspected hideouts in western UP and West Bengal in pursuit of Fareed. On at least four occasions, the fugitive evaded the cops before he was finally tracked to east Midnapore on April 28.

Fareed has been brought to Delhi and will be confronted with Ansar while police try to unravel the conspiracy. Ansar is also being probed by the Enforcement Directorate, which initia-

ted an investigation into his illegally accumulated wealth after Delhi Police commissioner Rakesh Asthana wrote to the agency last Thursday.

Ansar, against whom the police chief invoked the National Security Act last week, had been running an illegal gambling (satta) racket apart from a smack and bootlegging syndicate for years and was booked and arrested several times in the past.

On Thursday, the cops had arrested arms supplier Ghulam Rasool alias Gulli for providing weapons to the accused. Two of the arrested men had revealed having received pistols from him.

In all, the special investigating team probing the violence has taken nine accused into its custody and they are being examined to ascertain the identity and specific role of rioters.

# BJP: Rename 40 villages after national heroes

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New Delhi: A day after it renamed Mohammadpur village in south Delhi to Madhavpuram, Delhi BJP prepared a list of 40 villages with "Mughal-era names" and sent it to chief minister Arvind Kejriwal demanding their renaming after freedom fighters, artists and "martyrs".

In a letter to Kejriwal, Delhi BJP chief Adesh Gupta urged him to also rename two villages after Ankit Sharma and Ratan Lal, who were kil-

led during the northeast Delhi riots in 2020. Gupta also suggested the names of Delhi Police officer Mohan Chandra Sharma who was killed in Batla House encounter, and Kargil War hero Captain Vikram Batra. The names of Maharshi Valmiki, Lata Mangeshkar, Mohammad Rafi, Yashpal Sharma, Milkha Singh, Bismillah Khan and Ashfaqullah were also proposed.

No immediate reaction was available from AAP. "People want to know abo-

### ADESH GUPTA SAYS

**The villagers, including youths, do not want their villages to be identified with any symbol of slavery**

ut such personalities... People want the Mughal-era names to be changed," Gupta claimed. He added that the 40 villages, including Begumpur, Said-ul Ajaib, Fatehpur Beri, Sheikh Sarai, Neb Sa-

rai, Adchini, Zafarpur Kalan, Kazipur, Naseerpur, Hassanpur, Ghalibpur, Tajpur Khurd and Najafgarh, had names "associated with the Mughals" and "symbolise the slave mentality".

"Delhi is no longer a sarai (inn). It is the national capital. The villagers, including youths, do not want their villages to be identified with any symbol of slavery," Gupta said. He claimed that villagers had approached BJP with the request of renaming their villages.

# What's in a name-change? 'Hassles of documentation, communal tension'

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New Delhi: While Bhagat Singh Tokas, BJP area councillor, put up a plaque changing the name of Mohammadpur village in south Delhi to Madhavpuram on Wednesday, saying that the villagers desired the renaming, the residents of the urban village are actually worried about the implications — from the hassles they may face changing the address in their official documents to dealing with communal tension.

The residents, who claim the village has existed for around 325 years, have conflicting views about the name change. While some insisted it was necessary to honour their forefathers who founded the village, others said there were bigger problems than nomenclature facing the locality.

Dharamvati, a 70-year-old woman who has been living in the village for 50 years, said it didn't matter whether it was Mohammadpur or Madhavpuram so long as the local politicians did something about the civic woes. "The roads are potholed. The drainage system is not working properly. How does a name matter?" she sighed.

Kuldeep Singh Tomar, treasurer of the local RWA, claimed that the village name was changed after getting the feed-



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back of the residents. "A panchayat was called and it was unanimously resolved that the name should be changed as our forefathers were not Muslim but farmers who came from nearby Munirka. There are no Muslim families living in the village," Tomar claimed. "There is nothing communal about this."

Tomar is hopeful that Delhi government, which holds the final authority on naming or renaming places in the capital, will give its approval to the change soon.

But Karan, another resident, contested Tomar's claims and said the opinion of the 1,200 villagers was neither elicited nor a panchayat held on the matter. "We

weren't informed about the name change," Karan claimed. "We only came to know about it when the local politicians put up the name plaques."

Abdullah Zafar, who has run a leather business in the village for 25 years, quietly asked, "What's in a name?" But Sakil Khan, who has lived as a tenant there for 15 years, interjected, "The name Mohammadpur signifies the relevance of the village in the map of Delhi. This village has a rich history going back to before the Mughal era."

While Zafar hadn't been aware of the change, Ajit Singh Chauhan was already worried about the money it would cost him to change his visiting cards and the nameboard of his shop. "Changing the board will cost me at least Rs 1,500. And there are my visiting cards, YouTube channel address too," Chauhan said. "I don't know how much time and money I will have to waste."

Bhupendra Singh, a tailor, added that they not only had to amend their ID papers, including their voter IDs and Aadhaar card, but also perhaps suffer communal tension. Yogesh Kumar, a village resident for five decades, however, pointed out that giving the name currency wasn't so simple. "It is easy to change a name, but it takes a long, long time for every person to have it on the tip of their tongue," Kumar said.

# Ajay Devgn's aviation drama lands well within the runway

## CINEMA OF THE WEEK

**Runway 34 (Drama, Mystery)**

★★★★  
Cast: Ajay Devgn, Amitabh Bachchan, Boman Irani, Rakul Preet Singh, Angira Dhar, Aakanksha Singh  
Direction: Ajay Devgn  
Duration: 2 hours 28 minutes  
Language: Hindi (U/A)



■ Captain Vikrant and first officer Tanya Alburquerque find themselves riled in an investigation following a Mayday call before landing an aircraft in testing conditions. Do the pilots aptly justify their actions and make their way back into the cockpit?

Runway 34 is loosely based on the story of the narrow escape that a flight from Doha to Kochi had a few years ago due to unclear visibility and bad weather conditions. Captain Vikrant Khanna (Ajay Devgn, also the director and producer here) is a high-flying pilot who is confident and borderline arrogant about his abilities, especially to handle turbulence and crisis 35,000 feet above sea-level. He's employed with an airline company.

On what starts off as a routine trip from Dubai to Cochin, he encounters torrid weather conditions. Much against the suggestions of his first officer Tanya Alburquerque (Rakul Preet Singh), not only does he change the flight's alternate destination but eventually sends out the Mayday message just before landing the flight, a few inches shy of a crash. How the investigation in the matter pans out forms a considerable part of the narrative.

Even though there are precedents of similar dramatic films like Sully and Flight in Hollywood, Ajay Devgn's

directorial is a first in many ways for Hindi cinema, and a clear and pleasant departure from his previous attempts to helm the megaphone. His growth as a storyteller is hard to miss. The cutting-edge visual treatment of the narrative, a crisp story (Sandeep Kewlani) and screenplay (Sandeep and Aamil Keayan Khan) with no undue romantic and dramatic digressions or interludes, smart utilisation of VFX, moments of thrill that bring one to the closure of the first half, the sound and production design of the film are just some of the undebatable plus points of the movie.

Even though its runtime is about two hours and 28 minutes, it doesn't feel that long, and is engaging in both thrill and drama departments in equal measures. Performances by Amitabh Bachchan, Boman Irani and Ajay are well-composed and on-point with their characters. The music interspersed with the story also lends itself well to the proceedings.

However, there could have been more drama and layering to the trial-led second half. To begin with, even as the screenplay continues to closely examine whether it was the weather conditions or the mindspace of the pilot

that led to the Mayday call, it misses addressing a few crucial questions. One of them, for instance, is why the pilot chose not to divert to the flight's designated alternate destination despite being prompted by his first officer? And why was this angle not prodded sufficiently in the course of a closed-door trial?

Smaller supporting characters like the aviation journalist, the irate businessman and the guy recording videos on his phone in the flight felt like they would have more purpose in the trial portions. Sadly, they didn't. Also, though Boman Irani makes his presence felt he doesn't have much scope to perform. Rakul performs her part with complete honesty, striking a fine balance between a gamut of emotions, but one would have liked to see her part etched out a little more. Angira and Aakanksha could have done with chunkier parts to play and contribute more to the narrative, too.

However, Runway 34 should be experienced for the way it depicts one of the scariest, and a near-disastrous aviation mishap in recent times with engaging characters, thrill and drama. Although there have been films shot in large and small chunks inside aircrafts, this one plays wonderfully on the audience's psyche showing them exactly what may just go wrong if the weather doesn't support a flight's landing and when decisions have to be made running against a clock. Overall, the film doesn't spend too much time taxiing on the runway; it takes off quickly and keeps you hooked till you disembark from the theatre's aisles.

— Rachana Dubey

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# Not registered any realty project under land-pooling: RERA

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New Delhi: Real Estate Regulatory Authority of Delhi on Thursday said it had not registered any real estate project under the land-pooling policy of DDA. It also asked people to be "extremely careful" and not to get misled by builders and developers who, in the form of societies, companies or trusts, had been collecting money on the pretext of providing apartments under the policy.

In a public notice, the regulator said all housing and commercial projects, which were being developed on more than 500 square metres of land, would require compulsory registration with it. Those projects where the number of flats or apartments or blocks exceeds eight in all phases will also have to be compulsorily registered irrespective of the plot size, it said.

This advisory comes at a time when a lot of people, including government employees, have already made payments to different cooperative societies with the promise that they would get houses in residential sectors that would come up under the ambitious policy, which is yet to take off.

The regulator said, "It is noticed that some of the societies registered under the Societies Registration Act (which cannot undertake housing as an activity), Multi-state Cooperative Societies registered under the Multi-state Cooperative Societies Act, Companies registered under the Companies Act and Trusts formed under the Indian Trust Act have collected money from homebuyers and general public on the pretext of providing flats/apartments under the Land Pooling Policy of DDA as per MPD-2021 in various zones of Delhi."

It said the notice was being issued after receiving complaints from buyers that many builders and developers were avoiding registration under RERA on various pretexts. Various developers have expressed doubt on whether they are required to register with RERA if their plot area exceeds 500 square metres but the number of apartments remains below nine. "These impressions are not correct," the notice said.

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### Delhi reports 1,490 new cases, Jain cites vaccination for low hosp admission rate

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

**New Delhi:** The city recorded 1,490 fresh Covid-19 cases and two fatalities, while the positivity rate stood at 4.62% on Thursday. It is the seventh consecutive day when over 1,000 new cases have been reported in a day. The infection tally stands at 18,79,948 and the death toll has reached 26,172.

In all, 32,248 Covid-19 tests were conducted, according to Delhi government's health bulletin. There are 9,390 designated beds across public and private hospitals in the city for Covid-19 patients. Currently, 151 (1.61%) are occupied by Covid-positive patients as well as those awaiting test results. Among them, 37 patients are in the ICU, 44 on oxygen beds and two on ventilator support.

Lok Nayak Hospital medical director Dr Suresh Kumar said, "We have got only six Covid-19 patients and all of them are doing fine. They have got mild to moderate symptoms."

"Though cases are witnessing a spike, the admission of infected patients at hospitals remains low," said health minister **Satyendra Jain**. "At present, there are around 5,000 active cases. Earlier, when there were the same number of infected cases, then at least 1,000 people were admitted in hospitals. Now, very few people are required to be taken to hospitals," he added.

Jain further noted that a reason for low admission was because a majority of the population was fully vaccinated. Delhi government said if there was a need to increase beds for Covid patients, it had the required infrastructure to add them within a short span.

"Delhi Government is closely monitoring the situation. Our healthcare infrastructure has been completely revamped. We have set aside 10,000 beds for Corona patients. We are fully prepared to deal with any situation that may arise. I urge people to get vaccinated as soon as possible as prevention is always better than cure," said the minister.

On Thursday, Jain met the families of Dr Mithlesh Kumar Singh and Munish Devi, who lost their lives while serving those infected with Covid-19. Singh was on duty at Maharaja Agrasra Hospital and Munish Devi worked at a government dispensary. The minister handed over a cheque of Rs 1 crore to each of the families as ex gratia assistance, while promising a job to Dr Sangita, Singh's wife, as a doctor in a mohalla clinic.



### GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL

FOOD & SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT  
DIRECTORATE OF DDP&S  
Indicative advertisement for FPS(Ration) Dealership

Applications are invited from eligible applicants for filling up the following vacancies of Fair Price Shop Dealers on the terms and conditions mentioned in the respective notifications duly published in the Official Gazette on 29.03.2022 :

Table with columns: Sl. No., Notification no. and date, District, Sub-Division, Block/Municipality/Municipal Corporation, GP/ Ward No, Location of vacancy. Contains 30 entries for various districts like North 24 Parganas, Basirhat, Barasat, South 24 Parganas, Nadia, Krishnanagar, Alipore, and Chhota Jagulia.

Applications in prescribed proforma (Form C) along with other requisite documents and receipt of deposit of application fee of Rs. 1,000/- should be submitted to the office of the concerned Sub-Divisional Controller (F&S) or by online through the official website (https://food.wb.gov.in) within 21 days from today. For details please visit official website of the Department (https://food.wb.gov.in) or contact the office of the concerned Sub-Divisional Controller (F&S).

Sd/-  
Director of DDP&S,  
Food & Supplies Department  
West Bengal  
ICA-N187(2)/2022

### GOVERNMENT OF NCT OF DELHI TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT 5/9, UNDER HILL ROAD, DELHI - 110054

#### PUBLIC NOTICE

#### Attention: Owners / Drivers of Transport Vehicles (Public Service Vehicles, Goods Carriage vehicles, Educational Institute Buses, School Cabs and other Transport Vehicles etc.)

It is to bring to the notice of owners/drivers of transport/commercial vehicles that as per section 56 of the Motor Vehicles Act, 1988, a transport vehicle is not deemed to be validly registered for the purposes of section 39 of the said Act, unless it carries a valid Certificate of Fitness (CoF) issued by the Transport Department, Government of NCT of Delhi. The said transport vehicle is not eligible to ply on the roads till the "CoF" is obtained.

As per rule 62 of the Central Motor Vehicles Rules, 1989, the "CoF" is valid for a period of two years for vehicles upto 8 years old and one year for vehicles older than 8 years. The validity of "CoF" in respect of E-rickshaws and E-carts is for a period of 3 years.

Further, as per rule 81 of Central Motor Vehicles Rules, 1989, there is provision for additional levy of Rs. 50/- for each day of delay after expiry of "CoF". In addition, as per sub-rule (4) of rule 52 of the Central Motor Vehicles Rules, 1989, fee for renewal of certificate of registration is also required to be paid by the owner of such vehicles, as the vehicle is not deemed to be registered on account of expiry of "CoF".

It has been observed by the Transport Department, Government of NCT of Delhi that many owners/drivers (including transport vehicles belonging to Government departments / Local Bodies / PSUs) are plying their transport vehicles without valid "CoF", which is gross violation of The Motor Vehicles Act, 1988 and rules framed their under.

The owners and drivers plying their transport vehicles on the roads, without valid "CoF" attracts a severe punitive action under section 192 of Motor Vehicles Act, 1988, which stipulates for a fine of Rs. 2000/- to Rs. 5000/- for first offence and Rs. 5000/- to Rs. 10000/- for second and any subsequent offence. In such cases, there is also a provision of imprisonment of owner/driver.

All the owners / drivers of transport vehicles (including Government Vehicles) are hereby advised to obtain their "CoF", within the stipulated time, to avoid payment of renewal fee for certificate of registration, late penalty/fine and prosecution against such vehicles.

(C.S. Nawani)  
Deputy Commissioner (VIU)

DIP/Shabdarth/0058/22-23 Lane Driving-Sane Driving

### Govt. of Bihar

#### Bihar Museum, Patna (An Autonomous Society under the Department of Art Culture & Youth, Government of Bihar) Nehru Path (Bailey Road), Patna-800001 Notice Inviting Short Tender INVITATION OF BIDS FOR

A short tender in two bid system (Technical and Price bid) is invited from Internet Service Providers from any Public Sector units (Government Undertakings) or an Agency of National or International repute for the "Selection of an Internet Service Provider for providing all-encompassing turnkey solution for Campus Wi-Fi and LAN Up gradation at the Bihar Museum, Nehru Path, Patna."

- 1. Detailed information of the Tender Document can be downloaded from the website http://biharmuseum.org or http://prdbihar.gov.in. The bidders shall submit bids in two separate envelopes clearly marked Technical Bid and Financial Bid with the name and address of bidders and the name of works clearly mentioned on the envelopes. Both the bids to be enclosed in a large envelop with name and address of bidders and the name of works clearly mentioned. Tender Document complete in all respects in a sealed envelope to be submitted by Speed Post/Registered Post/Courier or by hand only at the Office of the Director General, Bihar Museum, Nehru Path (Bailey Road), Patna - 800001. The tenders received late/Tenders without Processing Fee/Bid Security Fee/Conditional tenders/Incomplete tenders in any respect shall be rejected. The Director General, Bihar Museum, Patna reserves the right to accept or reject any or all tenders without assigning any reason.

Table with columns: Sl. No., Name of work, Estimated cost (In Rs.), Earnest Money (In Rs.), Cost of Tender Doc. (In Rs.), Time of completion of work. Contains 1 entry for internet service provider selection.

- 3. Security deposit - 10% of final contract value. Internet Service Providers from any Public Sector units (Government Undertakings) or an Agency of National or International repute may tender. Any contractor debarred from work or blacklisted will not be allotted the work.
- 4. The cost of tender document is non-refundable, and it should be in the shape of Demand draft from any scheduled bank, payable in favor of "Bihar Museum Society, Patna" payable at Patna. Original Bank Draft along with signed bids and EMD (in original) shall be submitted at the office of the Director General, Bihar Museum, Patna till date and time of submission of the tender.
- 5. Earnest money shall be in the form as explained in the Bidding Document available at the website. Original EMD along with signed bids shall be submitted at the office of the Director General, Bihar Museum, Patna till date and time of submission of the tender.
- 6. The Successful bidder must have to deposit 05% (Five) percent of the Annual Contract Value Part (B) plus Contract Value of Part (A) as Performance Security before signing of the contract. Five percent (05%) will be deducted from the running bills.
- 7. Deduction at source from running bill will be done per month for income tax, GST, Security deposit etc. as per Bihar Government rule. Rate quoted by bidder shall be all inclusive of taxes etc.
- 8. Regarding any information of the proposed work, bidder should contact office of the Director General, Bihar Museum, Patna on any working day, before submission of bid. Queries can be emailed at [btmatna2014@gmail.com](mailto:btmatna2014@gmail.com)
- 9. The undersigned has right to extend or cancel the Bids without declaring any reason.
- 10. Other information can be obtained and downloaded from the website <http://biharmuseum.org> or [www.state.bihar.gov.in/prdbihar](http://www.state.bihar.gov.in/prdbihar)

(Additional Director-Admin)  
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GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL  
Directorate of Agriculture, West Bengal  
Office of the Economic Botanist-IX, ZARS, Krishnagar  
Notice Inviting Tender  
No. 01/RKVY/2022-23 & Office  
Memo no. 400, dated: 21.04.2022  
The Economic Botanist IX invites tender for renovation of store room to Tissue Culture Room at ZARS, Krishnagar, Dist. Nadia, Pin-741101 as per specification given in tender form. Last date & time for receiving of application on: 20.05.22 upto 2.00 PM, at the office of the undersigned. The tender will be open on: 20.05.2022 at 04:00 P.M. EMD Rs. 7000/- (Seven thousand only) to be deposited in the form of Bank Draft/ Bankers Cheque/ Post Office Order/ Call Deposit in favour of the Economic Botanist IX, Sayantan Dey, Economic Botanist IX. ICA-T7534(2)/2022

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL  
CMOH cum Member Secretary  
District Health & Family Welfare Samiti  
Nandigram Health District  
Notice Inviting Tender  
No. CMOH/NdgM/NTEP/e-Tender/2022/234 dated: 25.04.2022  
Sub-e-Tender for "Transportation of Specimen" Scheme as per Partnership Guideline-2019  
Ref: e-Tender ID: 2022\_HFW\_378063\_1  
E-Tender are invited for "Transportation of Specimen" under NGO-PP Scheme as per Partnership Guideline-2019, Nandigram Health District vide NIT No. CMOH (NdgM)/NTEP/e-Tender/2022/234 Dated: 25.04.2022 and Tender ID No. 2022\_HFW\_378063\_1. Details are available with the office of the undersigned. Please visit: <https://wbenders.gov.in> and <https://www.wbhealth.gov.in> Last date of bid submission (online): 18.05.2022. ICA-T7505(2)/2022

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL  
Notice Inviting Tender  
eNIT No. 01 of 2022-23 of the E.E., NH Division No-III  
Executive Engineer, N. H. Division No. III, P.W. (Roads) Directorate, Patna. Online e-Tender for the work of "Road Safety Measures at Dhaladanga more, Heavy more, Gandeshwari Bridge, Chhowta more, Deshbamra more, Ramsagar more, Tibelia more, BDO Office more, Debra and Derua more of NH-60 in the district of Bankura under National Highway Division No. III during the year 2022-23." eNIT No. 01 of 2022-23 of E.E., NH Division-III. Tender ID: 2022\_WBPWD\_378058\_1. Bid submission start date (online): 05.05.2022 at 11.00 A.M. Bid submission closing date (online): 14.05.2022 upto 11.00 A.M. Corrigendum if any will be published in website only. Details of eNIT and Tender documents may be downloaded from: <http://wbenders.gov.in> Sd/- E.E., NHD-III, P.W.D., GOVT. OF W.B. ICA-T7475(3)/2022

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL  
Directorate of Public Health Engineering  
Office of the Executive Engineer,  
RESOURCES DIVISION  
P-16, India Exchange Place, 1st floor, C.I.T. Annex Bldg., Kolkata - 700 073.  
CORRIGENDUM FOR  
Notice Inviting Tender  
No. WBPHE/ET/RS/16/2021-22 (2ND CALL)  
Tender ID: 2022\_PHE/372071\_1  
"Surveying, Designing, Supplying and Laying of Distribution System for 12 nos Zones including construction of all pipe supporting structure under Uluberia-I & Part of Shyampur-I Block of Howrah District including 6 months trial run & Operation & Maintenance of all the works for a period of 3 (Three) years under Surface Based W/S scheme for Shyampur-I & II, Uluberia-I and Part of Baganari-I & II Block Contract Package-2" detail description of work is available at <http://wbenders.gov.in> Bid submission closing date: 06/05/2022 upto 2:00 pm instead of 27/04/2022 upto 2:00 pm. Date of opening of Tender date: 10/05/2022 at 2:00 pm instead of 29/04/2022 at 2:00 pm. For details Log on to : [www.etender.wb.nic.in](http://www.etender.wb.nic.in) Sd/- Executive Engineer, Resources Division, Public Health Engineering Directorate, Govt. of West Bengal. ICA-T7490(3)/2022

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL  
Abridged e-NIT  
The Executive Engineer-II, Jyongnar Irrigation Division, I&W Dte. Has invited tender notice against e-NIT No. WBIW/EE/JYON/NIT-04(e)/2022-23 on behalf of the Governor of West Bengal for 01 (One) no. Rehabilitation work of 5 Nos H.P. Sluice at Kuernari (I) Sub-Division (2nd Canal) under his jurisdiction from the eligible outside bonafide contractors. Estimated costs put to Tender is Rs. 82,41,200.00 only. Last date of bid submission online-13.05.2022 upto 17:30 hrs. Date of Technical Bid opening: 17.05.2022 after 15:00 hrs. Other details may be available from the office of the undersigned during office hours on any working days & websites : [www.wbtenders.gov.in](http://www.wbtenders.gov.in) & [www.wbiwd.gov.in](http://www.wbiwd.gov.in) Sd/- (P.S. Das), Executive Engineer-II, Jyongnar Irrigation Division, Baruiipur, South 24 Parganas. ICA-T7500(3)/2022

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL  
PWD TENDER NOTICE  
Executive Engineer, PWD, Kolkata South Division invites Tenders for the work of i) Repair and renovation work to the inside and outside of the old addition building of WBSMA campus. ii) Addition, Alteration work for Fitter Shop for a new provision of instructor room and Toilet block at the ground floor of Annex Building at ITI, Tollygunge. iii) Flee lifting along with the work of polishing of marble flooring of common areas with ancillary work at Block-B at 135/C, S.P. Mukherjee Road, iv) Vertical Extension with light weight structure at 3rd floor Annex building of Vijaygarh Jyotish Raj College. Estimated Amount i) Rs. 13,01,293.00 ii) Rs. 6,60,459.00 iii) Rs. 11,91,486.00 iv) Rs. 44,66,055.00. NIT No: EE/KSD/NIT-01E/2022-23 Technical & financial bid proposal Submission end date (Online) 17.05.2022 upto 3.00 P.M. (For Sl. No. i, ii & iii) and 24.05.2022 (For Sl. No. iv). Details of NIT and other documents may be downloaded from <https://wbenders.gov.in> Executive, if any will be published in the said newspaper website only. Sd/- Executive Engineer, P.W.D. Kolkata South Division. ICA-T7484(3)/2022

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL  
Notice Inviting Tender  
CMOH, Alipurduar hereby invites e-Tender Notice for Construction of new building for setting up Birpara-II HWC, Fokadanga HWC, Paropor HWC under Alipurduar-I Block, Chandigarh HWC, Kohinora HWC, Boragar HWC under Alipurduar-II Block Kadambini TG Under Falakata Block and Dakshin Rampur HWC under Kumargram Block in the district of Alipurduar vide Tender ref. no. DHWS/APD/CONST/NieT/22-23/01/01(2nd call) (Tender id- 2022\_HFW\_378028\_1), DHWS/APD/CONST/NieT/22-23/01/02(2nd call) (Tender id- 2022\_HFW\_378028\_2), DHWS/APD/CONST/NieT/22-23/01/03(2nd call) (Tender id- 2022\_HFW\_378028\_3), DHWS/APD/CONST/NieT/22-23/01/04(2nd call) (Tender id- 2022\_HFW\_378028\_4), DHWS/APD/CONST/NieT/22-23/01/05(2nd call) (Tender id- 2022\_HFW\_378028\_5), DHWS/APD/CONST/NieT/22-23/01/06(2nd call) (Tender id- 2022\_HFW\_378028\_6), DHWS/APD/CONST/NieT/22-23/01/07(2nd call) (Tender id- 2022\_HFW\_378028\_7), DHWS/APD/CONST/NieT/22-23/01/08(2nd call) (Tender id- 2022\_HFW\_378028\_8). Corrigendum if any will be published in website only. For details visit [www.alipurduar.gov.in](http://www.alipurduar.gov.in), [www.wbhealth.gov.in](http://www.wbhealth.gov.in) & [www.apdhealth.in](http://www.apdhealth.in) Sd/- CMOH, Alipurduar. ICA-T7509(4)/2022

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL  
KMDA QUOTATION NOTICE  
e-NIQ NO. 01/SE/R&B/C-1/KMDA OF 2022-2023  
Online e-Quotation is invited by the Superintending Engineer, Circle-I, R&B Sector, KMDA, Unnayan Bhaban, 5th Floor, Block-A, Salt Lake City, Kolkata-700091, on bona fide, eligible, reliable, resourceful firms and experienced contractors, for the work, Description of Job, UOM, Rate inclusive of GST and other duties, Approximate value of works, Earnest Money, Time of Completion, Sheet piling U-Type along with allied works behind Miranmala, U.S. To be quoted online in BOQ format, Rs.42,15,175/- , Rs.84,303/- , 30 days from the day of issuance of LOI, Last date & time of online Bid Submission: 15.05.2022 upto 12:30 hrs., for details contact the above office or visit both websites : [www.kmdaonline.org](http://www.kmdaonline.org) (KMDA-075) [www.wbtenders.gov.in](http://www.wbtenders.gov.in) ICA-T7523(3)/2022

मध्य प्रदेश राज्य सहकारी विपणन संघ मर्यादित  
मुख्यालय जहंगीराबाद, भोपाल  
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(A Govt. of West Bengal Enterprise)  
Corporate Identity No. U40104WB1985SGC039154  
Kolkata Thermal Power Station  
P.O. Mecheda, Dist. Purba Medinipur, Pin - 721137  
Notice Inviting E-Tender  
Ref. No.: WBPDDL/Tend-Adv/22-23/BKTPS/CC-524 Date: 25.04.2022  
NIT No.: WBPDDL/KBTPS/NIT/E2119/22-23  
E-Tenders in prescribed form are invited at <https://wbenders.gov.in> by General Manager, KBTPS, WBPDDL from eligible Agencies/Companies in 2 Part bid system for "Manpower supply for cleaning under mechanical Maintenance Deptt. at CHP" Tender Document Download Start Date: 29.04.2022 at 11:00 AM. Bid Submission End Date: 24.05.2022 at 04:00 PM. Contact Person: Mr. P. Pal, Sr. Manager (PS) (Contract Cell), KBTPS. Mobile No.: 8339907128 E-mail: [p.pal@wbddl.co.in](mailto:p.pal@wbddl.co.in) For details please visit: <https://wbenders.gov.in> ICA-T7519(3)/2022

The West Bengal Power Development Corporation Limited  
(A Govt. of West Bengal Enterprise)  
Corporate Identity No. U40104WB1985SGC039154  
Bakreswar Thermal Power Project  
P.O. BKTPP, Dist. - Birbhum, Pin - 731104  
Notice Inviting E-Tender  
Ref. No.: WBPDDL/Tend-Adv/22-23/BKTPS/CC-528 Date: 25.04.2022  
NIT No.: WBPDDL/KBTPP/NIT/E2099/22-23  
E-Tenders in prescribed form are invited at <https://wbenders.gov.in> by General Manager - BKTPP, WBPDDL from eligible Agencies / Companies in 2 Part bid system for "Boring of Drinking Water Arrangement at Ash Pond 1 BKTPS". Tender Document Download Start Date: 29.04.2022 at 09:00 AM. Bid Submission End Date: 06.05.2022 at 03:00 PM. Contact Person: Mr. Indrani Chakraborty, Sr. Manager - CC, BKTPP, WBPDDL. Mobile: 8373055604. E-mail: [cc\\_bktps@wbddl.co.in](mailto:cc_bktps@wbddl.co.in) For details please visit: <https://wbenders.gov.in> ICA-T7516(3)/2022

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL  
West Bengal Health Recruitment Board  
BENFISH TOWER, 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor,  
GN 31 Sector-V, Salt Lake, Kolkata-700091  
The West Bengal Health Recruitment Board invites online applications from eligible candidates for recruitment to the following posts:  
1) 01 (One) Director of Ayurveda,  
2) 26 (Twenty Six) Lecturer under WBAES,  
3) 01 (One) General Service Junior Scientific Assistant,  
4) 01 (One) General Service Senior Scientific Officer,  
5) 01 (One) Public Analyst  
6) 44 (Forty Four) General Service Food Safety Officer  
Full Advertisements regarding above posts will be available on the website: [www.wbhrb.in](http://www.wbhrb.in) on 29/04/2022. Period for application and uploading documents for the above mentioned posts: 29.04.2022 to 13.05.2022  
The eligible candidates care requested to follow detail advertisement and the notice regarding the above mentioned posts in the WBHRB website. ([www.wbhrb.in](http://www.wbhrb.in)).



## Khalid's bail plea hearing adjourned for want of docus

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

**New Delhi:** Delhi High Court on Thursday adjourned hearing on the bail plea of JNU student Umar Khalid after it found that some documents filed on his behalf explaining his alleged "offensive speech" have not come on record.

Khalid had approached the high court with his appeal challenging a trial court order, which denied him bail in connection with the larger conspiracy behind northeast Delhi riots.

The court posted the matter for Friday, when it is also likely to hear bail plea of co-accused Sharjeel Imam, in a separate case.

During the brief hearing, the counsel for Khalid submitted that documents including court judgments aiding his arguments on why the term 'krantikari' and 'inquila-bi' were used in a speech, have been filed. However, a bench of justices Siddharth Mridul and Rajneesh Bhatnagar noted that the documents had not come on record.

डॉ. बी. आर. अंबेडकर विश्वविद्यालय दिल्ली
Dr. B.R. Ambedkar University Delhi

Established by Govt of NCT of Delhi vide Dr. B. R. Ambedkar University Act, 2007 (Delhi Act 9 of 2007)

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**No. AUD/16/2022/Acad. Ser./** **Dated: 22.04.2022**

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# Eco-Park To Help Clean Up Electronic Waste

## LG Reviews Progress, Project Aims At Recycling In Organised Manner

Priyangi Agarwal  
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**New Delhi:** The country's first eco-park for recycling, refurbishing and dismantling electronic waste in an environmentally sound manner will come up in Narela.

### Times View

Planning an eco-park is a welcome move in a city plagued by pollution. Hopefully, the project will not only provide for creative use of waste but become a go-to place for practical environmental education for lakhs of students.

As experts have estimated that the majority of the e-waste is currently recycled by the informal sector in the city, officials said these operators, having a sufficient knowledge base in the collection network, would be involved in the formal sector after giving training to their workers.

"The purpose of setting up the park is e-waste management in Delhi through formal recycling and ensuring that all electronic and electrical equipment waste are collected, stored, dismantled and recycled in an environmentally safe manner," an environment department official said.

"One of the key objectives is to provide infrastructure, training and tools to operators in the informal sector and groom them to be formal recyclers, and reduce the adverse impact on environment and health due to the polluting technologies used in the unorganised sector," said another official.

On Thursday, lieutenant governor Anil Baijal reviewed the progress of the project. He asked officials to evaluate various technologies prevalent globally and study international best practices. Sources said Baijal also told officials to engage not-for-profit organisations working with ragpickers to promote organised handling of e-waste.

The decision to build the eco-park was taken at a meeting co-chaired by the LG and the then principal scientific adviser to the Prime Minister, K S Raghavan, on March 11, 2021. A steering and technical committee has been constituted to finalise a consultant to oversee the entire process till the park in northwest Delhi's Holambi Kalan is made operational in a time-bound manner.

A study by Toxics Link in

## TAKING THE GREEN ROUTE

Delhi currently generates about **2,00,000 tonnes** of e-waste per year

Majority of the e-waste is handled and recycled by informal recyclers

### Informal e-waste recycling

- > Over 5,000 informal e-waste processing units in city; directly or indirectly engaging more than 50,000 people
- > These units have no health or environmental protection measures in place
- > The workers were mostly unaware of E-waste (Management) Rules, 2016, and its provisions

2018, which tracked informal e-waste hotspots in Delhi, estimated involvement of 5,000 units with over 50,000 workers in collection, international and regional trading, dismantling, segregation of components, repairing, refurbishing and metal recovery.

The city will soon get an eco-park for recycling, refurbishing and dismantling of e-waste in a scientific and environmentally safe manner at Narela

E-waste eco-park will engage informal recyclers after training them

Eco-park will raise awareness on e-waste recycling among the informal sectors

### Informal e-waste processing hotspots in Delhi

Map showing hotspots in Narela, Brijpuri, Mustafabad, Mandoli, Seemapuri, Shastri Park, Mata Surdri Road, New Seelampur, Jafrabad, Old Seelampur, Mayapuri, Turkman Gate, Saeed Nagar, Daryaganj.

"Most of the practices of dismantling were rudimentary and manual. Generally, these processes show low recovery efficiency and do not abate environmental emissions," the study emphasised. While recycling precious metals, the efficiency of recycling and extraction of metals in the informal sector is poor, it added. "Recycling efficiency of gold, silver, platinum, palladium and lead in the informal sector is approximately 20-30%. Also, none of these units had health and environment

protection measures." The 21-acre park will have an authorised refurbishing market as a secondary product sale facility for electronic goods, batteries, chargers, laptops, desktops and mobiles. "Cooperation with the informal sector will ensure availability of e-waste for processing and contribute in making formal units economically viable," said an official.

According to the proposal, there will be end-to-end processing of e-waste and zero landfill deposit. Rare earth metals and precious metals like copper, silver, gold, aluminium and reusable plastic extracted in the park will be transferred to the mainstream production line. The facility will fix rate contracts, in consultation with producers and retail markets, to buy back used electronic goods and rates for selling electronic components to a refurbisher.

Thursday's meeting was attended, among others, by the chief secretary, DDA vice-chairman, additional chief secretary (environment) and the divisional commissioner. The LG asked all stakeholders to stick to the timelines and accomplish their preparatory work simultaneously for expediting the whole process," said an official, adding that all senior officials had agreed to meet monthly to review the status of the project.

# NCB busts global drug cartel, seizes ₹350-crore heroin

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**New Delhi:** A major international drug cartel operating out of Shaheen Bagh in southeast Delhi's Jamia Nagar was busted by Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB) and grade-A Afghan heroin worth Rs 350 crore was seized during a raid on Wednesday. The drug ring was being run in the garb of a printing press in a flat.



The drug ring was being run in the garb of a printing press

While one of the suspects, Raja (40) from Okhla, is in custody, NCB sleuths are looking for six others, including Afghans. At least two members of the cartel might be from Punjab, while the kingpin is based in Dubai, say sources.

In 2019, Delhi Police's Special Cell had seized 150kg heroin worth Rs 600 crore during a raid in a flat in the same locality and arrested five traffickers, including two Afghans. Last year, two Kashmiris and three Afghans were arrested with over 50kg of heroin worth Rs 250 crore after a "drug factory" was unearthed in Batla House. "The busting of three drug trafficking modules in the same area has led cops to probe a common link. Initial probe suggests that the source based in Afghanistan might be the same.

NCB on Thursday claimed that the operation had exposed interstate gangs assisting Pakistani drug traffickers. The drugs were being trafficked in the garb of transport of textiles, spices and other goods.

"The investigation shows that an Indo-Afghan syndicate manufactured heroin locally and smuggled them across international borders through sea and land. The seizure included 50kg heroin, 47kg suspected narcotics, Rs 30 lakh cash, money counting machines and other incriminating materials," said Sanjay Singh, deputy director general (ops).

The contraband was stored in travel bags, backpacks and jute sacks. The seized heroin had originated from Afghanistan and was stored in the packaging of an e-commerce company. The cash was to be channelled through hawala.

"The syndicate smuggled drugs along with various legitimate goods. The heroin was later extracted from the goods by the Indian counterparts with the help of some Afghans, who were called chemical experts of the cartel. The operation is at an initial stage and more details will be revealed in the coming days. The syndicate was found connected with drug traffickers based in Punjab, Haryana, UP, Uttarakhand and Delhi," said Singh.

**In Loving Memory Of Saurabh Sethi**  
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#### DEATH ANNIVERSARY

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In Loving Memory of  
**Jaswinder Singh Dhanoa**  
12 Sep 1972 - 29 Apr 2021  
Your beautiful smile and memories will always stay alive in our hearts. You are our strength. Sorely missed and Fondly remembered by Family and Friends

**IN LOVING MEMORY OF HIS FIRST DEATH ANNIVERSARY**  
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**Office of The Executive Engineer Cum Member Secretary,  
Project Implementation Unit No. 01,  
Chhattisgarh Rural Road Development Agency, Jagdalpur, Bastar (CG)**

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SHORT NOTICE INVITING BIDS**

NIT No. 03/543/TS / CGRRDA / 2022 Jagdalpur, Date 27/04/2022

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	Darbha	Construction of road Chindgur Nala to Chandameta			
2	Darbha	Construction of High Level Solid Slab Bridge across Chindgur Nala on Chindgur to Chandameta road at RD 2550 mtr.	115.28	2 <sup>nd</sup> Call	SOR of CGRRDA w.e.f.22.02.2018 and SOR of PWD w.e.f.01.01.2015

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No. IADB/ENGG/ETND-E-Service2/1322/2022-23 Date: 25.04.2022

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Sr. No.	Event	Date & Time
1	E-tender Document Sale & Bid Submission End Date and Time	04.05.2022 from 10.00 hrs. to 18.05.2022 upto 18.15 hrs.
2	Place, Date & Time of Pre-bid Meeting	In the office of the Chief Engineer, P.W. Region, Central Building, Pune on or before dt. 10.05.2022 at 12.00 hrs.
3	Place, Date & Time of Bid Opening of Technical & Financial Bid	Dt. 20.05.2022 at 11.00 hrs. in the Office of the Superintending Engineer, P.W. Circle, Pune (if Possible)

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DGIPR 2022-2023/344

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Procurement Officer	Bid identification No	No. of bridge works	Availability of tender online for bidding	
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# From tomorrow, take driving skill tests in evening too at three tracks

**Sidhartha.Roy@timesgroup.com**

New Delhi: From Saturday, applicants for permanent driving licence will be able to appear for a test in the evening too. The facility is to start from the automated driving test tracks at Mayur Vihar, Vishwas Nagar and Shakurpur.

TOI was the first to report last year that from 2022, the transport department of the Delhi government plans to start 12-hour shifts (8am to 8pm) for driving tests. The move is aimed at reducing the waiting period to get a slot for a test and help applicants take it after office hours.

In an order issued on Wednesday, the department said

that following public feedback that a lot of applicants could not turn up for the test as the slot coincided with their working hours, the timings were extended.

From April 30, appointment schedules between 5pm and 7pm will be available. The district transport officers (DTO) in charge of the three automated tracks have been directed to make arrangements to ensure that tests can be carried out in the evening and in darkness at night without any impediment.

The department has also directed the private entity managing the tests to ensure

availability of manpower from 8am to 8pm. The DTOs have been asked to keep a vigil by carrying out random checks of skill testing, apart from ensuring proper functioning of testing software and hardware.

The department has installed 12.5-metre-tall highest lights with 350-watt LED floodlight fixtures to carry out driving tests in darkness. "Powerful lights are required to ensure that the cameras are able to capture images as efficiently as they do in daylight," an official said.

Sources said there were plans to extend the time to 10pm in future, if possible.

# 'Centenary chance' at DU: Police remove 358 loudspeakers from Registrations from May 1 religious & public places in NCR dists

**TIMES NEWS NETWORK**

New Delhi: Delhi University on Thursday announced that the registration portal for those interested in the 'centenary chance' being offered by the varsity, will be made available from May 1. Those who have completed their coursework and were unable to clear their final examinations will be eligible for the chance.

In a notification issued, DU registrar Vikas Gupta said, "The undergraduate and postgraduate students who have completed their coursework and statutory requirement prescribed for completion of the course and have an 'essential repeat' or failed as per the final year mark sheet,

shall be considered for this centenary chance."

Gupta further added that students pursuing professional courses, who have completed their coursework and have an ER or failed in their final year mark sheet, will also be considered for the centenary chance, subject to permissibility of their regulatory body governing the respective professional courses.

Those interested can appear for a maximum of four papers for the annual mode and up to eight papers under the semester scheme. The exams will be held offline. The students will have to pay Rs 2,000 per paper. MPhil and PhD students will not be considered for the centenary chance, the notification stated.

**Advitya.Bahl@timesgroup.com**

Noida: Police have taken down 358 loudspeakers installed at places of worship and public areas in UP's two big NCR districts over the past week after the government initiated statewide checks.

The volume levels of scores of other loudspeakers were also tweaked for compliance with rules, police officers involved in the drive said. The state had asked police and administrations across districts to ensure compliance with sound amplification norms of the UP Pollution Control Board by April 30.

In a meeting held in the wake of communal violence at Delhi's Jahangirpuri on April 16,

chief minister Yogi Adityanath had asked officials to remain vigilant about use of loudspeakers and religious processions. He told officials the volume of speakers should be within permissible limits (not to be heard outside the compound of the place it is installed in). No religious procession without permission and no new installation of mics were among other directions given by the CM.

"The drive was carried out impartially. It was smooth and peaceful, and our officials did not face any objection," Love Kumar, joint commissioner of police, Gautam Budh Nagar, told TOI on Thursday. He said police teams had met and spoken with religious leaders in the district earlier.

Manush Pareek, the SHO of Bhojpur police station, the area in Ghaziabad where several loudspeakers were removed, said police had been interacting with leaders of temples, mosques and other religious heads over the past few days. "We held meetings with community leaders both separately and jointly. We conveyed the directions of the court and the state government on loudspeakers and told them the drive is impartial. They said they will maintain peace," Pareek said.

Police said 142 loudspeakers were removed from religious places and other locations in GB Nagar and 216 in Ghaziabad. (With inputs from Avishkekumar in Ghaziabad)

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**Govt rule tweak hits pvt hosps, HC asks about SII buyback plan**

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**Mumbai:** The Bombay high court on Thursday directed Serum Institute of India (SII) to inform if it has a policy to buy back surplus Covishield vaccine vials.

The direction followed the plea by five hospitals — three from Pune and two from Ahmednagar — which moved HC to direct the state and the Centre to reimburse private Covid vaccination centres (PCVCs) in Maharashtra for the amount spent on unutilised vials.

The petition said PCVCs are "aggrieved because of the state's diagonally opposite policies" that the vaccines cannot be taken back or replaced. The hospitals had purchased Covishield for Rs 630 per dose. Thereafter, the Central government changed its

**26 more test +ve at IIT-M, total 171**

The cluster tally at IIT-M rose to 171 on Thursday after 26 more students tested Covid positive. "The cumulative test positivity rate at IIT is 2.6%. The condition of patients on campus is stable," health secretary J Radhakrishnan said.

policy and made vaccines free for all citizens. "Resultantly, nobody turned up to pay the petitioners and get themselves vaccinated. This has resulted in huge financial losses," the petition said. It stated SII had made it a must to buy a minimum of 3,000 doses and supplied the vaccines to them belatedly and "by then a substantial period of validity had already expired".

The hospitals' advocate Nitin Deshpande argued, "The state government said the vaccines are a national asset but has not allowed exchange of vials between private and government hospitals." The hospitals have urged quashing the state's February 24 direction.

**4L jobs created in Q3 of 2021; at 39%, mfg largest employer**

3.14Cr Jobs In 9 Sectors, Higher Than Estimates Of 3.1Cr In July-Sept

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**New Delhi:** Formal sector employment in India rose by 4 lakh in the quarter ending December 2021, with the manufacturing sector emerging as the largest employer, according to the third Quarterly Employment Survey report released by the labour ministry on Thursday.

The third Quarterly Employment Survey (QES), which captured employment data from establishments with 10 or more workers spanning manufacturing, construction, trade, transport, education, health, accommodation and restaurants, IT/ BPOs and financial services sectors, accounted for about 85% of the total employment in units with 10 or more workers.

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- QES captures employment data for establishments with 10 or more workers across the manufacturing, construction, trade, transport, education, health, accommodation and restaurants, IT/ BPOs and financial services sectors
- The 9 sectors account for nearly 85% of total employment in units with 10 or more workers
- Report indicates increasing trend in employment in organised segment, employing 10 or more workers
- 'Manufacturing' sector emerges as largest employer accounting for 39% of estimated total number of workers, followed by education sector (22%)
- Nearly 23.5% of units provided on-the-job training to workers
- 34.9% units in health sector provided on-job training, followed by IT/ BPOs at 31.1%
- About 1.8 lakh vacancies reported across the 9 sectors
- 85.3% workers were regular workers and 8.9% were contractual workers

(Data as per report of third quarter of quarterly employment survey (QES) for the period October-December, 2021)

ment grew to 3.14 crore, higher than the employment estimates of 3.1 crore recorded in the second QES during July-September 2021, and 3.08 crore as per the first round of QES during October-December, 2020. "Happy to inform the re-

port on 3rd Round (Oct-Dec, 2021) of Quarterly Employment Survey shows a rising trend in employment in organised sector, employing 10 or more workers, of the selected 9 sectors," labour and employment minister Bhupendra Yadav said in a tweet.

According to the report, the manufacturing sector accounted for around 39% of the estimated total number of workers, followed by the education sector at 22%.

The IT/ BPOs sector followed with 11% employees, health with 10.4%, trade accounting for 5.3%, and transport for 4.2% employees. The financial services accounted for 2.8% of the employment pie, accommodation and restaurants for 2.6% of the share, and construction, the lowest contributor, at 2% of the workforce.

**Biden to woo PM in Tokyo to make India ditch Russia**

Chidanand Rajghatta | TNN

**Washington:** The relentless US effort to cajole New Delhi into its sphere of influence will continue with yet another meeting between President Joe Biden and Prime Minister Narendra Modi at the Quad summit in Tokyo in May.

The White House confirmed on Wednesday that Biden will travel to South Korea and Japan on May 20-24 for a bilateral visit to the former followed by the Quad in Japan, during which he will also meet Modi. "This trip will advance the Biden-Harris administration's rock-solid commitment to a free and open Indo-Pacific," White House press secretary Jen Psaki said.

Biden has met Modi several times, most recently in a virtual setting, but has been unable to budget him from a fiercely independent foreign policy stand that does not always align itself with Washington's outlook or goals. Both during their previous Quad meeting in Australia and the virtual bilateral exchanges on April 11, there was daylight between the two sides on the Russia-Ukraine war, with the US and its



Joe Biden during a virtual meet with PM Modi on April 11. The White House confirmed that Biden will travel to South Korea and Japan on May 20-24, during which he will also meet Modi

Hagerty said, hoping that in the long-term, "the strategic partnership that we have poses the opportunity to do more good in the 21st century".

Blinken said, "there is a growing strategic convergence between the US and India", and the partnership has the potential to be "one of the most important and foundational partnerships...". China, he said, was a big part of the make-over. "We have energised Quad that brings India together with Australia and Japan and us. This has been a very important vehicle for strengthening our collaboration across a whole variety of fronts with India," Blinken said.

But for now, Russia remains front and central in US concerns, and despite New Delhi's insistence that the Russia-Ukraine scrap be kept out of Quad deliberations, Washington is intent on bringing it up, with the support of Japan and Australia. Despite New Delhi's reluctance to bail out on Russia, Blinken suggested the US was now in a position to weaken the ties, saying for India, Moscow "was out of necessity a partner of choice when we were not in a position to be a partner".

**India 1st in Asia-Pacific to use satnav to land aircraft**

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**Mumbai:** Satellites have been helping motorists navigate their way to destinations for decades now, but on Thursday, for the first time in Asia-Pacific, the very same constellation of satellites that offers GPS teamed up with three ISRO satellites to provide navigation guidance to pilots who landed their aircraft safely on to the Ajmer airport runway in a successful trial flight.

The Airports Authority of India said the successful trial was a major "air navigation services" milestone in India's civil aviation history. Currently, air navigation services are provided by ground-based systems.



IndiGo carried out the test flight

ing system. The one difference though was that the said ground-based system called CAT-I ILS has a "decision height" of 200 feet. It's the height at which pilots should discontinue the descent to land if they have not yet spotted the runway. But the decision height for the trial flight was set higher, at 250 feet.

The IndiGo pilots used the 'Localiser Performance with Vertical Guidance (LPV)' approach — essentially carrying out a descent and landing with vertical and lateral navigational guidance from GAGAN satellites, that is, IndiGo said: "After the final approval by DGCA, the procedure will be available for usage of commercial flights".

**Kamal Nath steps down as MP CLP leader**

**Bhopal:** With 18 months to go for assembly elections in Madhya Pradesh, former CM Kamal Nath on Thursday stepped down as leader of the Congress legislature party (CLP), reports Suchandana Gupta.

AICC president Sonia Gandhi appointed former minister and senior party MLA from Lahar Govind Singh — who was recommended by Nath — as Leader of Opposition. Singh, 70, is a seasoned leader from the crucial Gwalior-Chambal region and is an arch rival of Jyotiraditya Scindia, whose rebellion had toppled the Kamal Nath government in March 2020. Nath is believed to have apprised Sonia two months ago of his intention to step down as LOP and focus on getting the party battle-ready for the election.

**At meet with Jaishankar, Hasina offers NE Chittagong port access**

Dhaka: External affairs minister S Jaishankar on Thursday called on Bangladesh PM Sheikh Hasina, who underlined the importance of connectivity between the two neighbours and offered her country's main seaport — Chittagong Port — to India's landlocked northeastern states like Assam and Tripura.

Jaishankar, who arrived here on Thursday, handed over an invitation to Hasina on her Indian counterpart Narendra Modi's behalf to visit New Delhi.

"Thank Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina for her warm reception. Conveyed personal greetings of PM @narendramodi. Our bilateral relations are moving from strength to strength under the guidance of the two leaders," Jaishankar tweeted.

During the meeting, PM Hasina said the two countries have to increase the connectivity further, her press secretary Ihsanul Karim said.

She told Jaishankar that the enhanced connectivity was needed for mutual bene-

fit while it would particularly benefit India's northeastern region in using Bangladesh's southeastern Chittagong port, Karim said. She noted that initiatives were taken to resume cross-border routes between Bangladesh and India which were stopped during the 1965 India-Pakistan war, when Bangladesh was eastern wing of Pakistan.

Karim said a number of bilateral and international issues were discussed during PM Hasina's more than half an hour long meeting with Jaishankar.

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## Darul Uloom to admit students only after police give clearance

Mohd Dilshad | TNN

**Muzaffarnagar:** In what is believed to be one of the first instances of an institution having prospective students vetted by police before offering them admission, Islamic seminary Darul Uloom Deoband has decided to share documents of aspiring students with the local intelligence unit for "verification and an in-depth scrutiny of their antecedents". The seminary will also make other aspects of its admission process more stringent, guidelines issued by the officiating vice-chancellor of the seminary, Abdul Khaliq Madrasai, said.

The move, as per those familiar with the matter, came about as the seminary has often come under criticism for "harbouring suspicious elements". Deoband-based cleric and founder of Jamiat Dawatul-Muslimeen, Maulana Ishaq Gora, said, "It is a very important decision. The seminary has been targeted by communal forces for the past several years. Verification of students by local intelligence will help thwart baseless allegations."

Maulana Hussain Ahmed Haridwari, the education department in-charge of the seminary, speaking about the move, said, "The documents submitted by the students to the institution will be investigated by the intelligence department. If they are found erroneous, legal action would be taken."

## Students chant Chalisa; posters put up in BHU as VC attends iftar

**Varanasi:** Several attempts were made to disturb peace on the Banaras Hindu University (BHU) campus since Wednesday night, as a group of students burnt a symbolic effigy of the vice-chancellor for attending an iftar party at Mahila Mahavidyalaya on Wednesday and objectionable posters were seen on the walls of the campus on Thursday. The university administration has lodged an FIR with the Lanka police in this connection, reports Rajeev Dikshit.

On Thursday morning, many wall writings and posters containing provocative slogans came up on walls on the campus. Taking note of it, the varsity administration held a meeting with police officers after which an FIR was lodged with the Lanka police in the poster and wall writing episode against unidentified persons.

Also, one group of students gathered near the VC's residence on Thursday late afternoon and recited Hanuman Chalisa to mark their protest against his participation in the iftar party.

Bhelupur ACP Pravin Kumar Singh said, "On the complaint of BHU chief proctor, an FIR has been lodged under sections 153A (wanton vilification or attacks upon the religion, race) and 505(1) (intent to incite) of IPC against unidentified persons in the case of wall writing and displaying posters with provocative messages and slogans."

## Aisha suicide case: Husband gets 10 yrs' jail

**Ahmedabad:** The husband of Aisha Makrani, the 23-year-old woman who ended her life in the Sabarmati river in Gujarat last year after recording a last video message, has been declared guilty of abetting her suicide. On Thursday, a sessions court sentenced 25-year-old Arif Khan to 10 years in jail. The short, distressing video had triggered angry outbursts across the country.

After being driven out of Arif's home, Aisha had begun working in a private bank to support her parents. However, on February 25 last year, the emotionally-devastated woman headed to the Sabarmati riverfront and then shot a video addressing her estranged husband. "If he wants freedom, let him be free. My life is destined to end here. I want to go peacefully," she said in the video.

The video elicited strong reactions from across the political spectrum, with leaders like Asaduddin Owaisi appealing to the community to shun dowry. The All-India Muslim Personal Law Board also introduced a prohibitory clause in its nikahnama format. TNN

# K'taka to set up task force to curb hate speech, posts: CM

J Abbas Mulla | TNN

**Hubballi:** The Karnataka government will soon form a task force to control hate speech in accordance with instructions from the Supreme Court. CM Basavaraj Bommai said on Thursday. Bommai said hate speech is on the rise all over India, especially on social media platforms.

On Tuesday, the SC turned the heat on Uttarakhand and Himachal to take "corrective measures" against communal hate at "dharma sansad" events and asked them to take steps to stop hate crimes by taking preventive measures.

The Supreme Court has directed all state governments to form special task forces to prevent hate crimes and "procure intelligence reports about the people who are likely to commit such crimes or who are involved in spreading hate speeches, provocative statements, and fake news".

**Times View:** It is great that a task force is being set up to monitor hate speech as per the apex court's directive. It is equally important that the scrutiny is carried out without fear or favour and nobody, no matter how highly placed, is left out of its purview. That, hopefully, will put a check on those trying to incite communal passion and bring down the state's political temperature.

The court had held that it was the "duty of the central government as well as the state governments to take steps to curb and stop the dissemination of irresponsible and explosive messages, videos, and other material on social media platforms which have a tendency to incite mob violence and lynching of any kind." Any failure on the part of the authorities would be viewed as an "act of deliberate negligence and/or misconduct", the apex court said.

Bommai did not set any deadline for setting up the special task force.

## Use clear language in Eid sermon: Muslim bodies

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

**New Delhi:** The All India Muslim Personal Law Board and prominent minority organisations representing the community have appealed to the Muslim community ahead of Eid-ul-Fitr to celebrate peacefully and cautioned them to watch out for disruptive anti-social elements and report such people to the authorities. The appeal also recommends that the Masjids and Eidgahs must carefully choose their words and use clear language in the Eid sermon so that nothing is distorted by anyone.

"As you know, communal harmony is currently severely affected in most of the states of our country. Evil and anti-social elements are openly seeking to destabilise our peace and harmony. Unpleasant news is coming from some or the other

part of the country almost daily. Religious festivals that provide an opportunity to foster mutual brotherhood, love and unity have been turned into a means of spreading hatred and furthering vested political interests by the anti-social and evil elements," said the appeal. "Muslims should celebrate Eid-ul-Fitr by sharing their joys with their compatriots,

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making it an occasion for developing cordial relations with all and establishing peace and amity. No anti-social and evil element should get a chance to create mischief," it stated. The appeal was endorsed by Jamiat Ulema-i-Hind factions, Jamaat-e-Islami Hind, Sharia Council, Darul Uloom and Imam of Shia Jamia Masjid Kashmiri Gate among others.

## Pilots' pay rant on emergency frequency lands them in soup

**New Delhi:** At least seven IndiGo pilots were allegedly found using offensive language over salary issues on a frequency used for emergency communications, sources said on Thursday.

On April 19, these pilots were allegedly found venting their ire over low salaries by using offensive language on 121.5 MHz frequency, which is used for emergency communications only for the aircraft in distress. The Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) has launched a probe in the matter. IndiGo is yet to issue a statement on the development, the sources said. Frequency 121.5 MHz, used for emergency communications, has to be compulsorily monitored by the air traffic controllers who are in the vicinity of the aircraft.

For air-to-air communication among the pilots of different aircraft, 123.45 MHz frequency is used, which is not monitored by the air traffic controllers. PTI

## PM: Meghalaya border deal to spur others

**Guwahati:** Referring to the recent agreement between Assam and Meghalaya to resolve part of their five-decade-old boundary dispute, PM Narendra Modi said on Thursday that solutions are being sought in the spirit of "sabka saath sabka vikas".

"The agreement reached between Assam and Meghalaya will encourage resolution of other disputes and give an impetus to the development process," he said.

Addressing a rally in Karbi Anglong's Diphu, he said, "The 2020 Bodo Accord opened the door to permanent peace. Similarly, in Tripura, NLFT has taken steps towards peace. The two-and-half-decade-old Bru-Reang (crisis) has also been solved." Ethnic conflict had forced the Bru-Reang tribe to flee Mizoram and live in relief camps across Tripura for years before a quadripartite peace accord happened. The Centre and the Assam government have since signed a memorandum of settlement with six Karbi militant outfits. TNN

# No one can use fraud to convert: India to EU team

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

**New Delhi:** Minority affairs minister Mukhtar Abbas Naqvi on Thursday told a visiting European Union delegation, including its special representative for human rights Eamon Gilmore, that constitutional and religious rights of every community are absolutely safe in India, but "nobody has the right to indulge in forceful and fraudulent religious conversion".

Naqvi is learnt to have told the delegation that some people have been constantly trying to "defame" Prime Minister Narendra Modi and India as part of a "conspiracy". According to sources, he also said that "sometimes they write letters, while at other times they raise the 'bogey of Islamophobia'. The six-member delegation, which included Gilmore and EU Ambassador to India Ugo Astuto, met Naqvi at his residence in Delhi.

The minister told the delegation that terrorist organisations such as al-Qaida and IS had been successful in their nefarious designs in European and other countries but they never succeeded in India. Sources said, the minister is learnt to have emphasised that this was so "only because of India's strength of cultural co-existence and unity in diversity". Naqvi also shared with



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## 7 held for bid to create trouble

**The Aayodhya police on Thursday busted a gang of conspirators who made a well-planned attempt to trigger communal riots in Aayodhya just before the Eid festival in order to "avenge the incidents at Delhi's Jahangirpuri".** The miscreants had dumped some objectionable items outside four mosques in the district on Wednesday.

the delegation that the Modi government in the last eight years has given scholarships to over five crore minority students. He also told the delegation that the percentage of minorities in central government jobs, which was below 4% in 2014, has now significantly increased to above 10%.

# Blackouts states' own making, says power minister

## UNPAID FUEL BILLS

State Gencos/SEBs	Coal Dues* (₹ Cr)
Maharashtra	2,608
West Bengal	1,509.3
Jharkhand	1,018.2
Tamil Nadu	823.9
Madhya Pradesh	531.4
Rajasthan	429.5
Andhra Pradesh	271
Uttar Pradesh	213.8
Chhattisgarh	202.8
Karnataka	134.6

\* As of April 18, 2022  
Source: Govt data

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**New Delhi:** Power outages in some states, mostly opposition-ruled, are of their own making and there is enough capacity in the system to meet demand, power minister R K Singh said, even as maximum demand hit 204 gigawatts late Thursday afternoon to scale a new peak.

Singh said Coal India is "trapped" as the states resorting to load shedding have huge unpaid fuel (coal) bills but are still getting coal. "These states were opting to shed load instead of procuring power." "The system has capacity to meet demand as is evident from the peak demand met. Power is available on the exchanges with a tariff cap of Rs 12 per unit (in the day ahead market). Still they are not buying and resorting to load shedding," he said.

Power secretary Alok Kumar said there was still 4,000-5,000 MW available from the central pool. So if any state wants, we can allocate capacity. "But we haven't received any de-

mand," he said. On coal shortage at power plants, Singh said there are issues with some power plants due to logistics issues but there is enough fuel.

"We have 21 million tonne of coal in reserve stocks at power plants, which is enough for 10 days. We don't draw from it every day, only when supply is less than consumption. Stocks are being replenished daily, rising to 400 rakes," he said. Pointing to coal supply rising to 662 million tonnes in 2021-22 from 569 million tonnes in 2019-20, Singh described the situation as a demand-supply imbalance caused by a sudden demand spike. "Coal supply is up 16%, while demand has risen 20% over pre-Covid levels."

Singh said the governments in states resorting to load-sheddings are taking people for granted.

Admitting that energy shortage also has risen to 70 million units in April, Singh said we asked states to import coal for 10% blending with domestic coal to ease supply pressure.

## Airlift from LoC to help jawan reach in time for his wedding

**Srinagar:** The BSF flew a special helicopter sortie on Thursday to airlift a jawan deployed at a remote post along the Line of Control (LoC) in Jammu & Kashmir so that he could get home, about 2,500 km away in Odisha, in time for his wedding.

Posted at a high-altitude post in the Machil sector along the LoC, 30-year-old Constable Narayana Behera's wedding is scheduled to take place on May 2, a senior Border Security Force officer said.

As the LoC post is snow-bound and its road link with the Kashmir Valley is currently inaccessible, a military air sortie is the only available mode of transportation for troops deployed at these locations, he said.

The parents of the jawan recently got in touch with his unit commanders, expressing apprehension that their son might not be able to make it for his wedding. They were worried as all the arrangements had been made for the said date, the officer said.

The matter was brought to the knowledge of BSF Inspector General (Kashmir frontier) Raja Babu Singh. He ordered that a Cheetah helicopter of the force stationed in Srinagar should airlift Behera immediately, he said.

The helicopter picked up Behera early Thursday and brought him to Srinagar. He is now on the way to his home in Adipur village in Dhenkanal district of Odisha.

IG Singh said he approved the air sortie as the welfare of troops was his "first and foremost priority." PTI

## Union minister junks claim KCR asked to keep off Modi event

**New Delhi:** Union minister Jitendra Singh on Thursday rejected claims made by Telangana CM's son, state IT minister and TRS working president K T Rama Rao (KTR) that state chief minister K Chandrashekar Rao (KCR) was not present at the inauguration of the statue of equality and did not receive Prime Minister Narendra Modi because the latter's office sent a clear message saying that KCR "should not come."

## Yechury: It's up to KCR to decide move

**A** day after TRS chief K Chandrashekar Rao signalled a shift in stance as he claimed to have "rejected" the Left parties' proposal to unify non-BJP, non-Congress groups against the BJP government at the Centre, CPM general secretary Sitaram Yechury said it was up to KCR to decide what he wants to do, reports Swati Mathur.

Singh, who is minister of state (independent charge) science & tech, PMO, said, "According to some media reports, the son of Telangana CM has claimed that PMO sent a message that Shri KCR should not be a part of PM's programs when he visited Hyderabad. This is patently untrue. No such message was sent by the PMO."

The Union minister further said, "It was the CM's office which informed the PMO that the CM was not feeling well and hence would not be attending."

## We are with BJP just to run govt in Bihar: JD(U)

**Patna:** Even as BJP has set its eyes on introducing Uniform Civil Code (UCC) in the states where it is in power, the party might find it difficult to implement it in Bihar, as its alliance partner JD(U) has a different ideological stand on it, reports Abhay Singh.

Articulating his party's position over likely introduction of the UCC in the state, senior JD(U) minister Bijendra Prasad Yadav on Thursday said, "The BJP has its own ideology and we have our own. We are coalition partner of BJP in the state to run a government." Yadav told the media in the backdrop of possible proximity between the JD(U) and opposition RJD led by Lalu Prasad.

Earlier, another JD(U) minister, Vijay Kumar Choudhary, had said his party would make its stand clear on the issue.

Former Bihar deputy CM Sushil Kumar Modi, clarified he had never said the UCC would be introduced in Bihar.

## OWL'S NOT WELL IN THIS HEAT



**MISSION HYDRATION:** Experts treat a mottled wood owl recovering from dehydration on a hot summer day at a rehabilitation centre for animals in Ahmedabad on Thursday. Neighbouring Rajasthan too reeled under severe heat wave and the temperature soared above 45°C in seven districts in the last 24 hours. Steps should be taken to protect animals from heat wave, the met department advised

# 'Hope they stay empty': PM inaugurates 7 cancer hosps

Rajib Dutta | TNN

**Dibrugarh:** Ushering in a new horizon in the field of cancer care treatment in the Northeast region, PM Modi dedicated seven state-of-the-art cancer hospitals to the people of Assam during a programme in Dibrugarh on Thursday. The PM also laid the foundation stone of seven more cancer hospitals in the state. Upon his arrival in Dibrugarh, the PM first visited the Assam Medical College and Hospital (AMCH) where he inaugurated the cancer care facility in the presence of Assam governor Prof Jagdish Mukhi, CM Himanta Biswa Sarma and Union minister Sarbananda Sonowal.

Modi later addressed a public rally at Khanikar from where he virtually inaugurated six more cancer hospitals and laid the foundation of seven more newly-sanctioned cancer hospitals in the state that are being set up under Assam Cancer Care Foundation (ACCF) — a joint initiative of the Assam government and Tata Trusts. The initiative has been projected as South Asia's single largest affordable cancer care network of 17 cancer care hospitals spread across the state.

"Today, seven new cancer hospitals have been inaugurated in Assam. There was a

## I dedicate my last years to health, hope Assam is recognised by all: Ratan Tata

**T**ata Trusts chairman Ratan Tata on Thursday said he has dedicated his "last years to health" at a function at Dibrugarh in Assam where PM Narendra Modi inaugurated South Asia's largest network of affordable cancer care hospitals set up by Assam government and Tata Trusts in a joint venture in the state, reports Prabin Kalita. Modi, while acknowledging the octogenarian industrialist's presence at the function, said, "His association with Assam which started with chah (tea) has grown to chahat (love) and today he has come here to be amidst us for your good health."

Tata, in his speech said, "Today it is a very important day for Assam. The state can now tell the world that India's one of the smallest states has been equipped with world-class cancer treatment facilities. I dedicate my last years to health and make Assam a state that recognizes and is recognized by all," Tata said. "It really is a day when Assam is being equipped to

serve and treat millions of people who are suffering from cancer, which is not a rich man's disease. It is a day which raises Assam to a higher level in terms of healthcare and treatment of cancer that has not been experienced by any other state in the country," he said.

He said his government was ensuring that the poorest free treatment in the best hospitals. He said that in order to address the shortfall in the number of doctors, more than 70,000 new medical seats have been added for MBBS and postgraduate students in the last seven years.

# When Madame Menaka took Kathak to Berlin

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**T**he little skipping steps with which she shows her joy, the little trembling steps with which she goes to meet her man, the playing with the tip of the veil that can register all the shades of resistance and surrender, the way in which one hand lies in another, all that is of a richness, of a significance, refined through the ages... That's how Dutch poet Vermeus Buning beheld Kathak dancer Leila Sokhey aka Madame Menaka in pre-war Europe when this half-British, half-Bengali contemporary of legends Uday Shankar and Rukmini Devi Arundale, was among barefooted Indians to win medals at the 1936 Berlin Olympics. That July, when hockey

legend Dhyana Chand had played without shoes to lead India to its third Olympic gold and when 25 bare-chested pehewans from Amravati had wowed Adolf Hitler with their demonstrations of native martial art forms such as Mallakhamb, "The Indian Ballet of Menaka", as then Parel-based Menaka's classical dance troupe was called in the West, had lapped up three out of 13 prizes at the International Dance Olympiad, a first-of-its-kind competition boasting noted modern, folk and ballet dancers from 15 countries.

Soon after lapping up solo and group prizes and titles such as 'Master of the Dance' at the event that had been held alongside the Games in Germany chiefly as part of Nazi propaganda to draw attention



to domestic talents such as pioneering expressionist dancer Mary Wigman. Menaka's Kathak-based ballet dance troupe had, in turn, performed what a TOI report calls a "great culture propaganda, in the best sense of the term, for India". The team, including star students Gowrishanker and Ramnarayan, had hopped on to a motor bus with a car trailer to put up over 600 stereotypical-shattering Indian classical dance shows across Europe.

The troupe rehearsed inside a dance studio at Parel's Haffkine's Institute where Menaka's biochemist husband Sahib Singh Sokhey worked as assistant general manager. Born of a British mother and a Calcutta-based London-trained Bengali lawyer, Leila, who studied music in London and gravitated towards classical dance later in Bengal, took on the profes-

sional alias Menaka after training under a series of gurus including Pandit Sitaram Prasad, who came to Bombay to teach her. Newspapers in the West would greet her with exotic nicknames like "The Chocolate Lily" and "Temple Bayadere" that amused Menaka, whose troupe had sailed from Bombay to Eu-

rope in January 1936 and performed 175 shows in countries by the time the competition that had a 14-member jury with Germany's foremost dancer-director Rudolf Von Laban, rolled around. "Bulgarians, Rumanians, and other European countries also focused on the folk genre, as did Indians by showcasing a Hindu myth based on their classical dance tradition," says a paper by Elizabeth Hesley on the 1936 Berlin Olympics where Menaka's troupe won first place for India for its performance of Deva Vijaya Nritya.

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from Berlin's culture ministry to participate in the Dance Olympiad citing persecution of artists she admired in Germany.

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## Bar on prayers at Srinagar's Jamia Masjid sets off protests

Srinagar: Authorities in Kashmir have decided to not allow 'Shab-e-Qadr' and 'Jummat-ul-Vida' congregational prayers at the historic Jamia Masjid here, a move denounced by mainstream and separatist parties.

The decision to not hold the congregational prayers was conveyed to the Anjuman Auqaf Jamia Masjid — the managing body of the grand mosque on Wednesday night.

"The government and police officials headed by a magistrate visited the Jamia Masjid premises after iftar and conveyed to the Auqaf members that authorities have decided to not allow Jummat-ul-Vida congregational prayers to be held in Jamia Masjid on the last Friday of Ramadan, as well as no prayers or Shab (night-long prayers) to be allowed on Shab-e-Qadr at the historic mosque," a statement issued by the Auqaf said.

It said the managing body "strongly denounces this decision of the authorities".

The People's Alliance for Gupkar Declaration (PAGD) termed the directive as highly deplorable. "The move will bar thousands of people from

## 2 Al-Badr militants involved in attack on migrant workers killed in J&K encounter

Two local terrorists of Al-Badr, the outfit responsible for the recent attacks on migrant labourers in Kashmir, were killed in an encounter with security forces in Pulwama district late on Wednesday, reports Saleem Pandit. Inspector general of police, Kashmir, Vijay Kumar said a soldier was also injured during the initial exchange of fire. The two local terrorists were identified as Aijaz Hafiz of Dalipora and Shahid Ayub of Dheeri Murran. A police spokesperson said Hafiz was involved in firing upon migrant labourers, namely Sonu Sharma, a native of Pathankot, at Yadder Pulwama, Mohammad Akram from UP's Bijnor at Arihal Pulwama, and Vishwajeet Kumar of Banka in Bihar at Circular Road Gangoo, Pulwama. The spokesperson said Ayub was involved in firing upon two migrant labourers namely Patlashwar Kumar and Joko Choudhary — both natives of Bihar — at Lajora Pulwama.

offering congregational prayers inside the historic mosque," alliance spokesperson MY Tarigami said.

Since it amounts to "direct interference" in the people's religious matters, the move is "unacceptable and reprehensible", he said.

Tarigami said the PAGD urges the administration to reconsider its decision forthwith and allow the people to offer prayers. He said Jamia Masjid is a historic place and people have deep devotion with it. "Such moves tantamount to hurting religious

sentiments" he said. Hurriyat Conference led by Mirwaiz Umar Farooq also denounced "the repeated closure" of the Jamia Masjid.

National Conference vice president Omar Abdullah termed the ban unfortunate. "Normalcy does not come by way of tourism only. The proof of normalcy is by having people live normal lives. Not having the prayers is evidence of an abnormal situation, and not normalcy. The government is proving that the situation in Kashmir is far from normal," Abdullah said.

## Centre, states to hold meeting to boost affordable healthcare

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New Delhi: In a move to push affordable healthcare for all, the Centre is likely to host a major brainstorming session with states and union territories in the first week of May to discuss key proposals and programme implementation with a focus on making health services accessible to all, sources said.

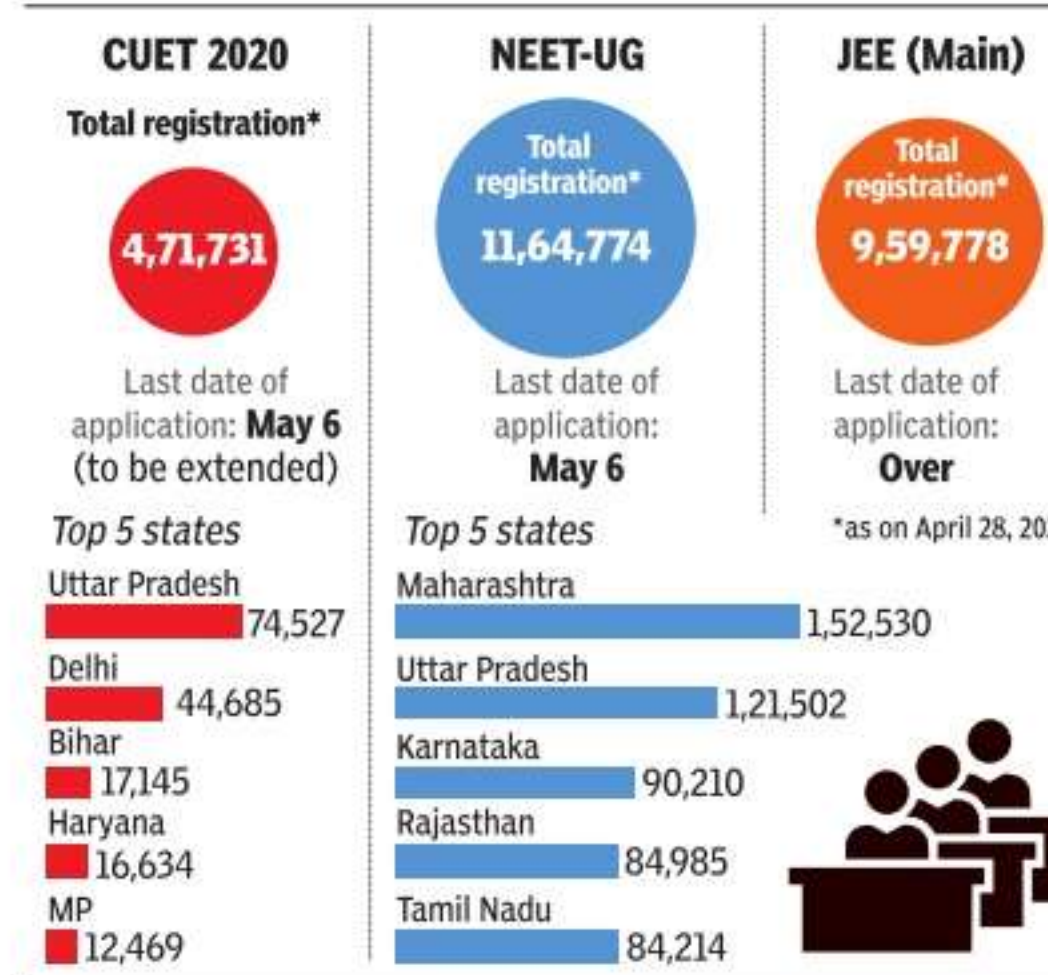
The health ministry has called for a three-day meeting of the central council for health and family welfare, which will take place in Gujarat's Kevadia, after a break of over two years.

The meeting, to be chaired by health minister Mansukh Mandaviya, is likely to deliberate on key proposals that were discussed during the recent 'chintan shivir' of the health ministry in New Delhi. Apart from affordable health schemes, the agenda is likely to include medical tourism and the push to popularise tele-consultations.

Health ministers and senior officials are expected to attend the meeting scheduled from May 5 to 7.

# 11L students register for NEET, 4.7L for inaugural CUET so far

## MAHA TOPS IN NEET REGISTRATION



New Delhi: With just over a week left for the last date of application, the total registrations for the National Eligibility cum Entrance Test (Undergraduate) has exceeded 11 lakh. Meanwhile, 9.5 lakh aspirants have registered for the JEE (main) session 1. For the first edition of Common University Entrance Test (CUET), close to 4.7 lakh candidates have registered, even as National Testing Agency (NTA) is expecting a significant jump in numbers as more universities come on board due to the extension of the last date for applications.

For CUET, the big numbers are coming from Uttar Pradesh (74,527), followed by Delhi (44,685) and Bihar (17,145). Haryana too recorded over 15,000 registrations. Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan and West Bengal are the other states with high registrations.

CUET, which started with 44 central universities on board, is now an admission test for 72 universities in the country as on April 28, 2022.

This includes eight universities, eight deemed-to-be universities and 12 private universities. The state universities include Dr BR Ambedkar University, Delhi, Jiwaji University and Sardar Patel University of Police Security and Criminal Justice, while the deemed universities include The

Gandhigram Rural Institute, Tata Institute of Social Sciences and National Rail and Transportation Institute. The private universities include Bennett University, BML Munjal University and SRM University, among others.

"The registration for CUET has picked up signifi-

cantly in the last week as more universities are joining the league. There are others that may actually accept CUET scores at the time of admissions without officially joining the test this year due to paucity of time. However, the numbers are going to cross 150 government universities from 2023 as CUET is going to get bigger and will be conducted twice," said a senior official at the ministry of education.

The registration for JEE (Main) Session 1, which was rescheduled to June, was reopened for a week, and nearly 1.5 lakh registrations were received during this period.

According to NTA sources, the application for NEET-UG is likely to cross 17 lakh mark this year which will be the highest for any competitive exam in the country. Last year a little over 16 lakh candidates had registered. As per the registration data as on April 28, 2022, the largest number of applicants are from Maharashtra, Uttar Pradesh, Karnataka, Rajasthan and Tamil Nadu, while Kota (29,700) as a district has the largest number of applications.

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Proposal for "Selection of Vendor for Mess Management Services" for the Bihar Institute of Public Administration and Rural Development (BIPARD).

For further details bid documents with all timeline are available on the website: <https://eproc2.bihar.gov.in>. Last date of submission of bid is 14/05/2022 till 3:00 PM.

The important information about the Bid are as under:

- Any contract that may result from this Government procurement competition will be issued for provisional term of three years.
- The Bihar Institute of Public Administration and Rural Development (BIPARD) / Government of Bihar reserves the right to extend the Term for a period of up to one year with a maximum of two years, such extension or extensions on the same terms and conditions, are subjected to the BIPARD's obligations at law.
- Proposals must be received not later than time, date and venue mentioned in the Fact Sheet. Proposals that are received late WILL NOT be considered in this procurement process.

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1.	RFP No. and Date	Mess/BIPARD/2022/03 Dated 28/04/2022
2.	Bid Submission Start Date and Time	28/04/2022 3:00 PM
3.	Bid Submission End Date and Time	14/05/2022 till 3:00PM
4.	Bid validity period	180 days from the bid submission date.
5.	Tender Processing Fee (TPF) (Non-Refundable)	INR 590 + Taxes (GST @ 18%) /- payable online through e-Procurement.
6.	Tender Fee / Cost of BOQ (Non-Refundable)	INR. 5000/- only (Rupees Five thousand only) payable online through e-Procurement
7.	Earnest Money Deposit (EMD)	INR 2,00,000 only (Rupees Two Lakhs only) paid through either e-Payment mode (i.e. NEFT / RTGS, Net Banking, Credit / Debit Card) or Manual mode (BG). In case of Manual Mode, EMD has to be submitted in the form of Bank Guarantee in favour of BIPARD - AT, Bank of Baroda, Account Number- 2623010006425, IFSC Code:- BARB0WALMEC, Branch name:-Walmi Campus, Phulwari Sharif payable at Patna before last date & time of tender submission. Note: Bank Guarantee issued by a Nationalized / Scheduled Bank, in favor of "Joint Director, BIPARD" payable at Patna
8.	Pre-Bid Meeting	05/05/2022 4:00 PM at WALMI Campus, Phulwari Sharif, Patna, Bihar 801505 Zoom meeting: <a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7409312919?pwd=cHFsOVZkdW5uZWV0VjV0QW5uS2N0Q09">https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7409312919?pwd=cHFsOVZkdW5uZWV0VjV0QW5uS2N0Q09</a> Meeting ID: 740 931 2919 Passcode: 590052
9.	Opening of Technical Bids	14/05/2022 3:30 PM
10.	Opening of Financial Bids	To be intimated
11.	Contact person for queries	Sri Shivendu Ranjan Assistant Director, BIPARD, Patna Email id:- <a href="mailto:ad-bipard-admin@bihar.gov.in">ad-bipard-admin@bihar.gov.in</a>

- The document should be purchased and submitted online via e-Proc portal (<https://eproc2.bihar.gov.in/>).
- In the event of the date specified for receipt and opening of bid being declared as a holiday for Bihar Institute of Public Administration and Rural Development (BIPARD) office the due date for submission of bids and opening of bids will be the following working day at the appointed times.
- Financial bids of only those bidders who qualify on the basis of evaluation of technical bids will be opened.
- The bidders are expected to examine all instructions, forms, terms, project requirements and other information mentioned in the RFP documents and Bid Response Checklist. Failure to furnish all information required as mentioned in the RFP documents or submission of a proposal not substantially responsive to the RFP documents in every respect will be at the Bidder's risk and may result in rejection of the proposal and forfeiture of the Bid Security (EMD).
- Bids along with necessary online payments must be submitted through e-procurement portal <https://eproc2.bihar.gov.in/> before the date and time specified in the NIT.
- The department doesn't take the responsibility for the delay/non-submission of tender/non-reconciliation of online payment caused due to non-availability of internet connection, network traffic/holidays or any other reasons.
- All further notifications/Corrigendum/Addendum, if any shall be posted on e-Procurement Portal ([www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in/](http://www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in/)).
- For registration log in to <https://eproc2.bihar.gov.in/>.

e-Procurement Help Desk

Toll Free Number: 1800 572 6571

Email Id: [eproc2support@bihar.gov.in](mailto:eproc2support@bihar.gov.in)

Working Hours: 8AM to 7PM (All days in week except few selected state holidays)

For further details please visit website [state.bihar.gov.in/prdbipard](http://state.bihar.gov.in/prdbipard)

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Joint Director, BIPARD

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(Bihar, Patna)

## 'Bharat Ek Khoj' actor Salim Ghouse dies at 70

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Mumbai: Actor Salim Ghouse, known for his imperial baritone and piercing eyes, passed away following a cardiac arrest in Andheri on Thursday. He was 70.

Ghouse's most remembered and riveting roles happened on the small screen, notably in Shyam Benegal's Bharat Ek Khoj where he acted as Ram (Ramayan), Krishna (Mahabharat) and Tipu Sultan. He was equally impressive in the 1980s serial, Subah, which dealt with drug addiction. "...a powerhouse of talent and style. His performance in Subah on DD is forever etched on my mind," posted actor Ranvir Shorey on social media.

Ghouse was vastly underutilised in the world of Hindi films. He was always the actor you wanted to see more of. Those who watched him in 'Manthan', 'Kalyug', 'Chakra', 'Saaransh',

'Mohan Joshi Hazir Ho', 'Trikaal', 'Drohi', 'Koyla', 'Soldier', 'Indian' and 'Well Done Abba' know that he deserved bigger and better roles. He was downright menacing as the villain in the Govinda-starrer 'Maharaja'. Ghouse also played a senior Left-ideologue in 'Aghaat'. He delivered one of the film's most telling lines. "Warg sangharsh koi chai party nahi hai (Class struggle is no tea party)." The multi-talented artiste also choreographed a mask dance sequence in the Govind Nihalani film.

Born in Chennai to a Kerala Christian mother and a Hyderabad Muslim father, Ghouse graduated from FTII Pune before making his way to Mumbai. He made a name for himself in Tamil, Telugu and Malayalam cinema as well.

Film directors Shyam Benegal, Govind Nihalani and actor Naseeruddin Shah visited his Yari Road residence to offer their condolences.

## Ex-defence secy Sharma granted bail in Agusta chopper case

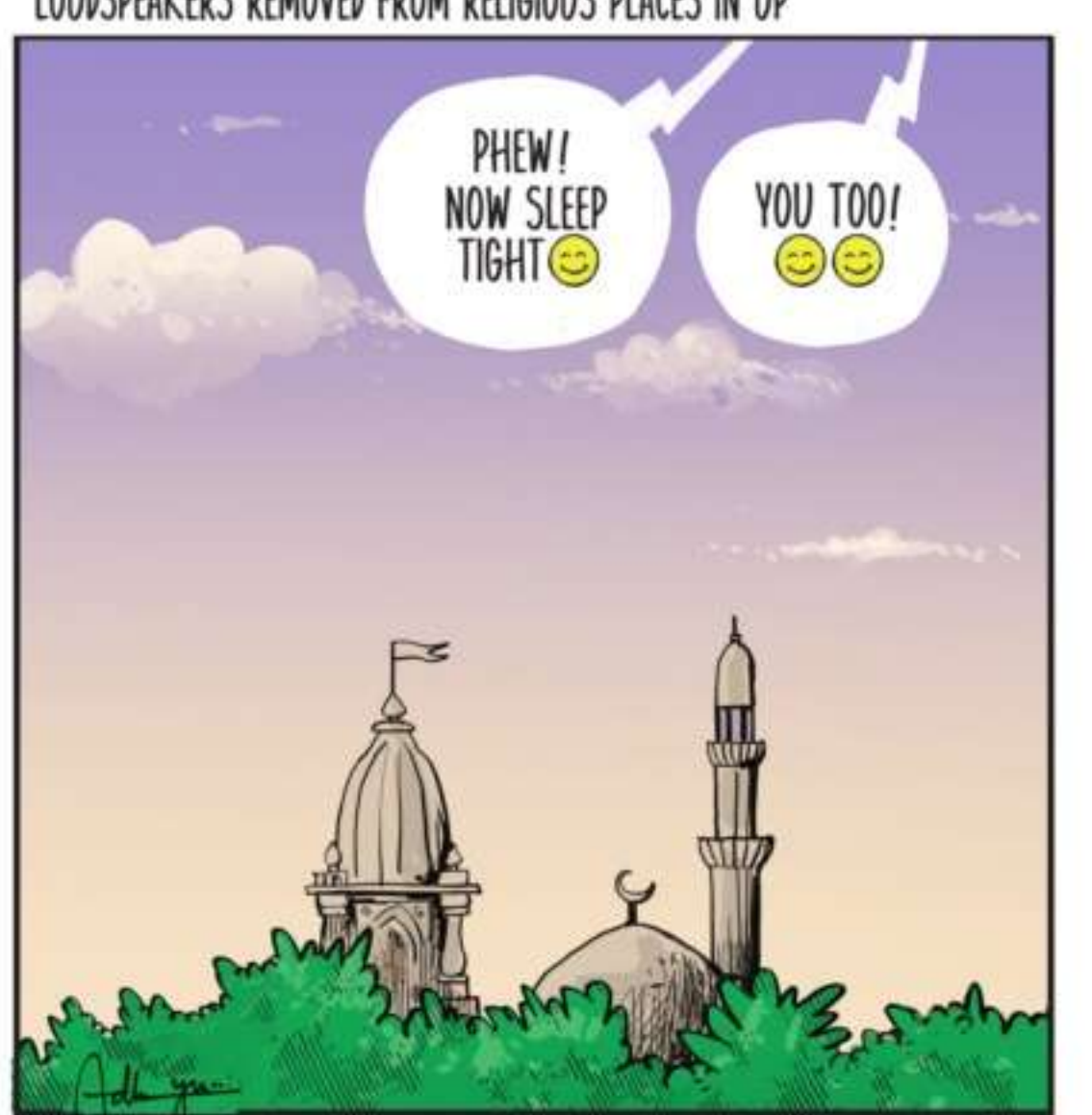
New Delhi: A Delhi court on Thursday granted bail to former defence secretary Shashi Kant Sharma in the Agusta Westland VVIP chopper scam case after the CBI did not object to it.

Special judge Arvind Kumar granted the relief to Sharma on furnishing a bail bond of Rs 2 lakh, with one surety of the like amount. The court directed him to not tamper with evidence or try to influence witnesses. It further ordered him to not leave the country without its permission.

Sharma's counsel argued he had cooperated with the investigation and had appeared before the CBI. It was submitted that Sharma was a pensioner, who was suffering from old age-related ailments. **TNN**

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## Govt to make public 'mandate document' on Nat'l Curriculum Frameworks today

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New Delhi: The National Council for Educational Research and Training (NCERT), which is in the final leg of designing the new National Curriculum Frameworks (NCFs), has issued the 'mandate document' for conducting district-level consultations by national focus groups to prepare the final 25 position papers. The papers are likely to be ready by May 15.

Apart from the mandate, the ministry of education has also written to other ministries and departments under the Centre for their inputs. The mandate will be made public by the ministry of education on Friday.

Several aspects — how to make home language the medium of instruction; challenges faced while organizing online education during Covid-19; which subjects should be added in social sciences to widen the choice of subjects for greater flexibility at the secondary stage; should there be separate textbooks for the social science subjects; and ways and means to integrate knowledge of India — will form the basis of the new NCFs in the making, which will finally be used in the development of textbooks and teaching methodologies for school, early childhood, teacher and adult education.

The mandate and guidelines, accessed exclusively by TOI, and the consultations and reports will be focused on a set of questions which will form the basis of the 25 'position papers' to be finalized by the national steering committee headed by K Kasturirangan.

The mandate document has 70 open-ended questions, of which 40 are from school education and 10 each from early childhood, teacher and adult education. The participants include teachers, parents, anganwadi workers, community members, experts, students (school and higher education), neo-literates and non-literates. As per the mandate, making it one of the largest consultations on education, all these groups need to take care of the contexts of districts and the state/UTs while presenting their views.

## PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF A PERSON ACCUSED

(See Section U/S 82 Cr.P.C.)

Whereas complaint has been made before me that accused **Islam Ansari @ Islamuddin @ Wahid S/o Abdul Khan @ Abdullah R/o H.No. 117 (Old No. 17), Mohalla Ali, Prem Garden, Pasonda, Sahibabad, Ghaziabad, UP** has committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence in case **FIR No. 384/2018 U/S 354/354 D IPC, P.S. Sunlight Colony, Delhi** and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest thereupon issued that the said **Sawinder Singh @ Rinku** cannot be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said **Sawinder Singh @ Rinku** has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant).

Proclamation is hereby made that the said accused **Sawinder Singh @ Rinku of FIR No. 384/2018 U/S 354/354 D IPC, P.S. Sunlight Colony, Delhi** is required to appear before this Court to answer the said complaint on or before **04.06.2022**.

By Order  
**Ms. Samiksha Gupta**  
Ld. Metropolitan Magistrate Mahilla Court-01,  
Room No. 506, South East District  
Saket Court, Delhi  
DP/78/SE/2022(Court Matter)

## PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF A PERSON ACCUSED

(See Section 82 Cr.P.C.)

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Proclamation is hereby made that the said accused **Islam Ansari @ Islamuddin @ Wahid of FIR No. 38/16 Dated: 24.06.2016 U/s 21 & 29 NDPS Act, P.S. Special Cell, Delhi** is required to appear before this court to answer the said complaint on 31.05.2022.

By Order  
**Ajay Kumar Jain,**  
Spl. Judge, NDPS Act,  
Room No. P-1, P Building,  
Patiala House Courts, New Delhi  
DP/014/Spl.Cell/2022

## SEARCH FOR MISSING GIRL

General public is hereby informed that this girl namely **Bhawana D/o Deepak R/o D-242, Karan Vihar, Delhi Age : 16 years, Height : 5'4", Complexion : Fair, Face : Round, Built : Medium,** wearing blue colour suit and salwar and chocolate colour kolanghori chappal in feet, has been missing since 01.04.2022 from her house. In this regard FIR No. 355 dated 02.04.2022 u/s 363 IPC has been registered at P.S. Aman 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](mailto:cic@cbi.gov.in) SHO : P.S. Aman Vihar, Delhi  
Website: <http://cbi.nic.in> Ph. : 8750870321, 9870127024  
Fax: 24368639, 7206701288  
Tel.: 24368638/24368641

DP/1411/RD/22

## SEARCH FOR MISSING

General public is hereby informed that this girl (depicted in the photo) namely: **Palak D/o Shiv Ram R/o H. No. 377, Mandir Wali Gali, Baba Haridass Colony, Tikri Kalan, Delhi** has been missing/kidnapped from the area of PS Mundka, Delhi since 16.04.2022. In this regard FIR No. 428/22, dated 16.04.2022 has been registered at PS. Mundka, Delhi. Sincere efforts have been made by local police to trace out the person but no clue has come to light so far.

Her physical description is as under:-  
Sex: Female, Age: 10 years, Height: 4' Feet Complexion: Shallow, Face: Round, Wearing: Black T-shirt and Black half Pant.  
Any person is having information or clue about this missing/kidnapped girl may kindly inform to the following:-  
SHO  
P.S. Mundka, Delhi  
Ph. No.: 011-28342010  
Mob. No. 7065036126  
DP/1750/OD/2022

Website: <http://cbi.nic.in>  
E-mail: [cic@cbi.gov.in](mailto:cic@cbi.gov.in)  
Tel. No.: 011-24368638/24368641  
Fax No.: 011-24368639

## SEARCH FOR MISSING MALE

General Public is hereby informed that a male (depicted in the photo) namely **Rajesh Kumar S/o Lt. Sh. Gian Chand R/o H.No. BL-53, 3rd Floor, L-Block Anand Vihar, Hari Nagar, Delhi Age - 53 Years** has been reported missing since 14.04.2022, from his home. In this regard a DD No.111-A, Dated 17.04.2022 has been lodged at Police Station-Hari Nagar, Delhi. His physical description is as

under:- Complexion: Wheatish, Height: 5'6" Face: Oval, Physique/Build : Slim, Hair: Black, Clothing: Blue Colour T-Shirt and Brown Colour Slippers in feet.  
Any person having any information/Clue about this missing male, may inform SHO, Hari Nagar, Delhi on following Telephones/e-mails:-  
E-mail : [cic@cbi.gov.in](mailto:cic@cbi.gov.in) or SHO  
website : <http://cbi.nic.in> P.S., Hari Nagar, Delhi  
Tele No. : 11-24368638 or 24368641 Ph. : 011-28125719  
Fax No. : 11-24368639 8750871128  
DP/827/WD/22

## SEARCH FOR MISSING PERSON

General public is hereby informed that this person namely **Shokin S/o Sakil R/o H.No. C-381, Meer Vihar Madanpur Dabbas, Delhi Age : 24 years, Height : 6', Complexion : Fair, Face : Long, Build : Thin, wearing green colour T-shirt, Black colour jeans & Hawai Chappal in his feet** has been missing since 11.04.2022 from his house. In this regard DD No. 50A dated 12.04.2022 has been registered at P.S. Kanjhawala, Delhi.

Any person having any information or clue about this missing person may kindly inform to the following.  
E-mail: [cic@cbi.gov.in](mailto:cic@cbi.gov.in) SHO : P.S. Khanjhawala, Delhi  
Website: <http://cbi.nic.in> Ph. : 011-25951486, 25951485  
Fax: 24368639, Tel.: 24368638/24368641

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## Kanpur City Transport Services Limited

No. MD/KCTSL/2022/338 Date-27-04-2022

E-Tender Invitation for Operation and Repair & Maintenance on KCTSL Buses

Re-Tender Notice

Refer to our tender notice no:MD/KCTSL/2022/338 dated 27.04.2022 for service provider for Operation and Repair & Maintenance of 146 KCTSL (CNG) Bus operation. Last date 06-05-2022. Pre Bid queries can be uploaded on or before Dt. 16-05-2022. More details available on website [etender.up.nic.in](http://etender.up.nic.in) Managing Director, KCTSL

## Kanpur City Transport Services Limited

No. MD/KCTSL/2022/339 Date-27-04-2022

E-Tender Invitation for E.T.M. on KCTSL Buses

Re-Tender Notice

Refer to our tender notice no:MD/KCTSL/2022/337 dated 27.04.2022 for service provider to supply and maintenance of Electronic Ticket Machines on 146 KCTSL (CNG) Bus operation. Last date: Dt. 10-05-2022. More details available on website [etender.up.nic.in](http://etender.up.nic.in) Managing Director, KCTSL



**JAMMU & KASHMIR UNION TERRITORY**  
HOUSING & URBAN DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT  
J & K LAKE CONSERVATION & MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY SRINAGAR

Head Office,  
Vice Chairman,  
J & K Lake Conservation & Management  
Authority Miskeen Bagh Srinagar.  
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Implementing Agency  
Executive Engineer, Lake Division 1st  
Email: xenlakedy1st@gmail.com

**Cancellation Notice**

**Subject :** Engagement of Consultant for providing of comprehensive Project Management Service (DPR, Tendering, Project Management Consultancy and Technical Assistance) for Implementation of Lake Conservation, Beautification & Development Works of Dal Nigeen Lakes Srinagar (PMC) for a Period of 03 Years.

Reference : This office e- N.I.T No. :- 62 of 2021-22 Dated :- 15.03.2022.

Due to Administrative reasons the tenders invited vide this office NIT No. cited above are hereby cancelled.

Sd/-  
Executive Engineer,  
Lake Division 1st, JKLCMA

No.LD-I/422-48  
Dated: 25-04-2022  
DIP No: DPK-NB-51822

**OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER**  
JAL SHAKTI (PHE) DIVISION, PULWAMA  
email : xenphepulwama@gmail.com

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**CORRIGENDUM - II**

Sub - E-NIT S. No. 03/PHEP of 2022-23  
Reference :- Published under this office No. PHEP/216-26 Dated. 19-04-2022  
Due to typical error the works published at S. No. 3 & 4 under Annexure-I of the above-mentioned E-NIT are hereby retendered with the following details.

S. No.	Name of Water Supply Scheme	Description of work	Jal Shakti (PHE) Division	Estimated cost (in Lacs)	Time of completion (Days)	Class of Contractor
1.	Achgoza Khaidar	Construction of intake works, 0.15 lac gallons capacity clear water sump, chain link fencing around structures, Skidoo Chamber Construction of 0.25 lac gallons RCC S.R. Approach path, laying and fitting of G.I.D.I pipes, including installation of 209 FHTCs for WSS Achgoza Khaidar (JMM).	Pulwama	94.23	180	AAY
2.	Tenghar	Construction of 0.60 lac gallons RCC S.R. Chain link fencing around structures, Approach path, Development of premises, laying and fitting of G.I.D.I pipes, installation of 143 FHTCs for WSS Tenghar Payer (JMM).	Pulwama	98.58	180	AAY

Rest will remain unchanged

No. :- PHEP/352-62  
Dated :- 25-04-2022  
DIP No. :- DPK-1138/22

Sd/-  
Executive Engineer,  
Jal Shakti (PHE) Division,  
Pulwama.

**OFFICE OF EXECUTIVE ENGINEER**  
CONSTRUCTION DIVISION-1, P.W.D MATHURA  
Short Time E-Tender Inviting Notice

Letter No.: 585/A-9/2022-23 Date: 20.04.2022

1- The Executive Engineer, Construction Division-1, P.W.D, Mathura on behalf of Governor of Uttar Pradesh invites the Percentage rate bids from the eligible and approved Contractors registered with UP, PWD, road work. The Bidder may submit bids for any or all of the works. Bidders are advised to note the minimum qualification criteria specified in Clause 4 of the Instructions to Bidders to qualify for the award of the contract.

Sl. No	Dist.	Name of Work	Esti- mated cost (Rs. in lacs)	Bid Security (Rs. in lacs)	Cost of bid Documents	Times of Completion	Address of Executive Engineer Executing the work	Address of Superin- tending Engineer	Address of Chief Engineer	Cate gory of Con tractor
1	Mathura	Patch Repair work of Various Roads in Nauheel Block	25.00	2.50	860.00	Three Months	Ex.Er. Constru- ction Division-1 PWD Mathura	Superin- tending Engineer Circle PWD Agra	Chief Engineer Zone PWD Agra	Class A to D

2. Time allowed for completion of above works is including Rainy Season.  
3. Bid document with detailed terms and conditions will be available online on website <http://etender.up.nic.in> from 30.04.2022 to 06.05.2022 upto 12:30 Hours. Bids must be submitted online only at e-tendering portal of <http://etender.up.nic.in> on or before 12:30 Hours 06.05.2022. Technical Bid received online will be opened on 07.05.2022 at 12:30 Hours.  
4. The prospective bidders who do not possess Digital Signature Certificate (DSC) must get the same issued from approved agencies before submission of bids.  
5. Contractor should Quote their rates without GST, which shall be paid extra as per applicable at the time of payment.  
6. The bidders are required to submit Original receipt of Internet Banking of E-tender portal Account as per G.O. No.-742/78-2-2018-42 I.T./2017 T.C., I.T. & Electronics Section-2 Dated- 03.12.2018 follows as: (1) Online Tender Cost towards the cost of bid document (As per Column 6) by Internet Banking of E-tender portal Account (Non Refundable). (2) Online Bid Security (As per Column 5) in favour of designation of Column 8 by Internet Banking E-tender portal Account. (3) Original affidavit regarding correctness of information furnished with bid document as per provisions of Clause 4.4 B (ii) of ITB as per G.O. No. 3070/78-2-2018-42 I.T./2017(22) I.T. and Electronics Anubhag-2 Lucknow Dt. 03.01.2018.  
7. The Defect liability period will be Two Years Calculated from the Completion date.

(Brijesh Kumar Deepak)  
Executive Engineer  
Construction Division-1, PWD,  
Mathura

UPID 175440 dt 27.04.2022  
[www.upgov.nic.in](http://www.upgov.nic.in)

**UNION TERRITORY OF JAMMU AND KASHMIR,**  
**OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER**  
JAL SHAKTI (PHE) DIVISION KULGAM

**Standard Bidding Document**

For  
Laying & Fitting of Delivery and Distribution Pipe network of GMS Tubes and Ductile Iron Pipes of different Nominal Bore along with pipe fittings and control valves  
Construction of Service Reservoirs (SRs), Slow Sand Filtration Plants,  
at various Water Supply Schemes of PHE Division Kulgam of Kashmir Province of UT of J&K, under Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM)

**NOTICE INVITING TENDER**  
e-NIT No. 04 OF 2022-23 Dated : 20-04-2022

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

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

Sr. No.	Particulars of the work	Estimated cost (in Lacs)	Tender fee (in Rs.)	Earnest money Deposit	Bid Validity	Time of Completion of work (days)
1.	Construction of 0.15 & 0.1 Lac Gallons S.R. & allied Structures, laying & fitting of Pipes WSS Avil GB under JJM	58.96			90	
2.	Construction of 0.25 Lac Gallons S.R. and Allied works and Laying and Fitting of Pipes WSS Yaroo wattang under jjm programme	90.69			90	
3.	Laying fitting of pipes, Construction of chain link fencing Anchor blocks, Approach path and Toilet Block Lanke Pombal under JJM	55.65	500/-	02% of the estimated cost	90	As per ANNEXURE-I to this bid document.
4.	Construction of S.R. chowkidar Quarter, chain link fencing and laying and fitting WSS OWGAM ZAZRIPORA under JJM	96.44			90	
5.	Construction of 0.3 Lac Gallons S.R. 02 No. Sluice Chambers, Chain Link Fencing Protection works, anchor blocks Chowkidar Quarter and Laying and Fitting of pipes WSS chogalpora Bathipora	152.62			90	
6.	Laying and fitting of pipes, Construction of 0.2 lac gallons S.R. RCC Jacketing/ construction of dome for existing masonry S.R. and Construction of Chowkidar quarter WSS boh dragdan	109.00			90	
7.	Laying Fitting of pipes, Construction of 0.1 lac gallons S.R. RCC Jacketing/ construction of dome for existing masonry S.R. and Construction of Chowkidar quarter WSS RATHER under JJM	77.97			90	

Position of funds : Approved Under Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM)  
The tender inviting authority is Executive Engineer, Jal Shakti (PHE) Division Kulgam  
The awarding authority is District Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM).

**Critical Dates:**

Sr.	Particulars	Date
i.	Publish Date	20-04-2022
ii.	Document Download/sale start Date	24-04-2022
iii.	Date of Pre-bid meeting	30-04-2022
iv.	Bid submission start date	24-04-2022
v.	Bid submission end date	17-05-2022
vi.	Date and time of Bid opening	18-05-2022

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

No. :- PHEK/428-440  
Date : 25-04-2022  
DIP No. :- DPK-1092/22

Executive Engineer  
Jal Shakti (PHE) Division Kulgam

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**CORRIGENDUM**

Sub - E-NIT S. No. 03/PHEP of 2022-23  
Reference :- Published under this office No. PHEP/216-26 Dated. 19-04-2022  
Please read the tender opening authority "Superintending Engineer Hydraulic Circle, Shopian/Pulwama HQ : Shopian" in respect of Serial No. (2) for WSS Sathergund Kazigund.

Rest will remain unchanged

Sd/-  
Executive Engineer,  
Jal Shakti (PHE) Division, Pulwama.

No. :- PHEP/341-51  
Dated:- 25-04-2022  
DIP No. :- DPK-1134/22

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JAL SHAKTI (PHE) DIVISION KULGAM

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at various Water Supply schemes of PHE Division Kulgam of Kashmir Province of UT of J&K, under Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM)

**NOTICE INVITING TENDER**  
e-NIT No. 05 OF 2022-23 Dated : 26-04-2022

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

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

Sr.No	Particulars of the work	Est(Lacs)	Tender fee (in Rs)	Earnest money Deposit	Bid Validity	Time of Completion of work (days)
1.	Laying Fitting of pipes, Construction of 0.45 lac gallons S.R. Sluice chamber, chain link fencing, Chowkidar Quarter and Road restoration WSS Yanahander JJM	144.68			90	
2.	Laying Fitting of pipes, Construction of 0.3 lac gallons S.R. Collection chamber, 02 no. sluice chambers, chain link fencing, Saddle Anchor blocks Chowkidar Quarter and Road restoration WSS Badjhallan under/jm programme	124.00			90	As per ANNEXURE-I to this bid document.
3.	Laying Fitting of pipes, Construction of 0.25 and 0.2 lac gallons S.R. 03 no. sluice chambers, chain link fencing, Inspection hut, Saddle Anchor blocks and Collection Chamber WSS Humpat/Sarbat, under JJM	130.00	500/-	02% of the estimated cost	90	
4.	Laying and fitting of pipes, Construction of 0.15 Lac Gallons capacity RCC Service reservoir, 02 no. sluice chambers, Chain link fencing and spring protection works for WSS NAGNARD under JJM	48.22			90	
5.	Laying & fitting of pipes including installation of consumer water meters for Retrofitting of WSS MANAGERPORA under JJM	18.09			90	
6.	Laying Fitting of pipes, Construction of 0.3 lac gallons SR, sluice chamber, chain link fencing and road restoration WSS H. M. GUR under JJM	85.60			90	
7.	Laying Fitting of pipes, Construction of 0.4 & 0.2 lac gallons SRs, 4 no. sluice chambers, collection chamber repair, chain link fencing, WSS NAGAM SAILKANAN under JJM	168.00			90	
8.	Laying Fitting of pipes, Construction of 0.55 lac gallons S.R. collection chamber, 3no. sluice chambers, chain link fencing, Chowkidar quarter, retaining wall bridge over naaf, bridge crossing and Road restoration WSS Keppora Tichmer	177.69			90	
9.	Laying Fitting of pipes, Construction of 0.4 lac gallons SSFP 0.2 lac gallons S.R. 0.15 LAC GALLONS PST, Collection chamber, 04 no. sluice chambers, chain link fencing and Road restoration WSS SANAN KANEN	152.49			90	
10.	Laying Fitting of pipes, Construction of 0.5 lac gallons SSFP 0.2 lac gallons S.R. 0.15 LAC GALLONS PST, 03 no. sluice chambers, chain link fencing, Saddle Anchor blocks and Road restoration WSS gantara kromat	168.18			90	
11.	Laying Fitting of pipes, Construction of 0.5 lac gallons SSFP 0.2 lac gallons S.R. 0.15 LAC GALLONS PST, Anchor Blocks, Chain Link Fencing, sluice chambers & Road restoration WSS Sigpora Dhamora	143.84			90	
12.	Laying Fitting of pipes, Construction of 0.6 lac gallons SSFP 0.2 lac gallons S.R. 0.15 LAC GALLONS PST, Collection chamber, 03 no. sluice chambers & chain link fencing WSS ADAN	154.43			90	

Position of funds : Approved Under Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM)  
The tender inviting authority is Executive Engineer, Jal Shakti (PHE) Division Kulgam  
The awarding authority is District Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM).

**Critical Dates:**

Sr.	Particulars	Date
i.	Publish Date	26-04-2022
ii.	Document Download/sale start Date	26-04-2022
iii.	Date of Pre-bid meeting	01-05-2022
iv.	Bid submission start date	26-04-2022
v.	Bid submission end date	19-05-2022
vi.	Date and time of Bid opening	21-05-2022

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3. The valid bids received shall be opened online in the office of the Executive Engineer PHE Division Kulgam. Bids must be accompanied by bid security and cost of Tender Document as specified in column 4 & 5 of the table and shall be payable at Srinagar.  
4. The cost of tender documents should be in form of DD/TR/Challan in favour of Executive Engineer PHE Division Kulgam.  
5. The hard copies of cost of tender document in shape of TR/Challan, Earnest money in shape of CDR/FDR/BG and other relevant documents shall be obtained from the bidder who is declared as L1 after opening of financial cover.  
6. The bid shall remain valid for a period of 90 days from the last date of submission of bids. If any bidder withdraws his bid before the said period or makes any modifications in the terms and conditions of the bid, the same shall be considered to be in violation of bid security declaration and shall be dealt with accordingly and the bid shall be declared non-responsive.  
7. Other details can be seen in the bidding documents from the website [www.jktenders.gov.in](http://www.jktenders.gov.in).  
8. Queries by email if any should be made at [phedivisionkulgam@gmail.com](mailto:phedivisionkulgam@gmail.com)

No. :- PHEK/454-66  
Date : 26-04-2022  
DIP No. :- DPK-1165/22

Executive Engineer  
Jal Shakti (PHE) Division Kulgam.

**NOTICE INVITING TENDER**  
e-NIT No. 04 OF 2022-23 Dated : 20-04-2022

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

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

Sr. No.	Name of Water Supply Scheme	Description of work	Jal Shakti (PHE) Division	Estimated cost (in Lacs)	Time of completion (Days)	Class of Contractor
1.	WSS Changan	Laying and fitting of pipes, Construction of chowkidar quarter sun Chamber head, Headworks, RB walls, approach road and Development of site including Construction of 0.44 LG SR and Chain-link fencing for WSS Changan	Budgam	134.54	60 Days	A
2.	WSS Rasoo Khalsa Razven	Laying/ fitting of pipes, construction of chowkidar quarter, dome to 2 no. SRs and construction of Chain Link Fence for WSS Rasoo Khalsa Razven	Budgam	117.85	60 Days	A
3.	WSS Magam Agritalan	Laying/ fitting of pipes, Construction of chowkidar quarter, Revamping of 0.50MGD RSFP, Head works and Dome to old SR for WSS Magam Agritalan under JJM	Budgam	112.95	60 Days	A
4.	WSS YARIGUND LOHARICHECK	Laying and fitting of pipes, construction of chainlink fencing, chowkidar quarter sun chamber head, development of site including construction of approach road for WSS YARIGUND LOHARICHECK under JJM	Budgam	111.76	60 Days	A
5.	WSS Anva Arpanthan	Laying and Fitting of pipes and Construction of chain link fencing around structures including Construction of SR 0.305 G and 0.20 G and Construction of sluice chamber for WSS Anva Arpanthan under JJM	Budgam	106.35	60 Days	A
6.	WSS WATAMAGAM	Laying and fitting of pipes, construction of 0.45 LG SR, construction of Chainlink fencing and approach road for WSS WATAMAGAM under JJM	Budgam	105.04	60 Days	A
7.	WSS Hanjigora Peithkot	LF of pipes for WSS Hanjigora Peithkot	Budgam	104.81	60 Days	A
8.	WSS Isanderpora Rawatpora	Laying and fitting of pipes and construction of SSFP 0.20 LG SR for WSS Isanderpora Rawatpora under JJM	Budgam	102.26	60 Days	A
9.	WSS Dasan Rankipora	Laying and fitting of pipes for WSS Dasan Rankipora	Budgam	99.65	60 Days	A
10.	WSS Archanderhama	Laying and fitting of pipes, construction of chainlink fencing, chowkidar quarter sun chamber head, construction of approach road for WSS Archanderhama under JJM	Budgam	96.38	60 Days	A
11.	WSS Beerna Arpanthan	Laying and fitting of pipes, construction of 2 no SR, Spring protection, and Chainlink Fencing for WSS Beerna Arpanthan under JJM	Budgam	96.37	60 Days	A
12.	WSS Peth Makhama	Laying and fitting of pipes, construction of 0.40 LG SR, construction of Chainlink fencing and approach road for WSS Peth Makhama	Budgam	93.07	60 Days	A
13.	WSS Ratsun Selpora	Laying and fitting of pipes, construction of approach road operator quarter and Development of site for WSS Ratsun Selpora under JJM	Budgam	92.02	60 Days	A
14.	WSS Mazahama	LF of pipes and Development of site for WSS Mazahama	Budgam	88.65	60 Days	A
15.	WSS Magam Agritalan	LF of pipes for WSS Magam Agritalan	Budgam	73.94	60 Days	A
16.	WSS Peth Makhama	Construction of 0.60LG SR, Construction of dome to old SR and Construction of Chainlink Fencing for WSS Peth Makhama	Budgam	69.2	60 Days	A
17.	WSS Chawdara Wanhama	Construction of 0.8 no. spring protection CLF, Sump, SR of 0.10LG Cap for WSS Chawdara Wanhama under JJM	Budgam	64.22	60 Days	A
18.	WSS Mazahama	Construction of Chainlink for WSS Mazahama	Budgam	62.74	60 Days	A
19.	WSS Kokerbagh	Laying and fitting of pipes and construction of intake works and CLF for WSS Kokerbagh under JJM	Budgam	62.67	60 Days	A
20.	WSS Ratsun Selpora	Construction of 0.52 LG SR, including construction of chainlink fencing around structures, and construction of headworks for WSS Ratsun Selpora under JJM	Budgam	59.58	50 Days	A
21.	WSS Gonpora	Laying Fitting of Pipes, Construction of 0.40 LG SR, Laying and fitting of pipes, construction of 0.20 LG SR, 0.10 LG SR, spring protection and construction of CLF for WSS Khag under JJM	Budgam	56.29	50 Days	A
22.	WSS Khag	Laying and fitting of pipes, construction of 0.20 LG SR, 0.10 LG SR, spring protection and construction of CLF for WSS Khag under JJM	Budgam	56.05	50 Days	A
23.	WSS Peth Kanhama	Laying and fitting of pipes, construction of 0.20 LG SR, sluice chamber and spring protection for WSS Peth Kanhama under JJM	Budgam	43.51	40 Days	A/B
24.	WSS Nasserpora	Laying and fitting of pipes, construction of 0.30 LG SR and chainlink fencing around structures for WSS Nasserpora under JJM	Budgam	43.34	40 Days	A/B
25.	WSS NEW COLONEY MALPORA	Laying and fitting of pipes, construction of 0.10 LG SR, 0.10 LG SR, including construction of chainlink fencing around structures, and construction of headworks for WSS NEW COLONEY MALPORA under JJM	Budgam	29.76	30 Days	A/B
26.	WSS Nengerpore Roshanbagh	Laying and fitting of pipes for WSS Nengerpore Roshanbagh under JJM	Budgam	27.02	30 Days	A/B
27.	WSS Gandipora	Laying and fitting of pipes for WSS Gandipora under JJM	Budgam	26.02	30 Days	A/B

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**Critical Dates:**

Sr.	Particulars	Date
i.	Publish Date	21-04-2022 at
ii.	Document Download Start Date	21-04-2022 at
iii.	Classification Start Date	23-04-2022 from 10 A.M
iv.	Classification End date	24-04-2022 up to 6 P.M
v.	Bid submission Start date	30-04-2022 from 10 A.M
vi.	Bid submission End date	13-05-2022 at 4:00 P.M
vii.	Date of Bid opening	14-05-2022 at 4:00 P.M

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No. :- 303-313  
Date : 20-04-2022  
DIP No. :- DPK-1101/22

Executive Engineer  
Jal Shakti (PHE) Division Budgam

**NORTHERN RAILWAY**  
E-TENDERING  
OPEN TENDER NOTICE No. NIT-03/UMB-2022-23 DATED 28.04.2022

Open tenders through E-tendering are invited by Sr. Divisional Engineer/Coordination, Northern Railway, Ambala from the willing contractors for following work upto 15.00 hrs. on the date of closing shown against the work and will be opened thereafter.

S. No.	Name of work	Approx. Cost (Rs.)	Earnest Money (Rs.)	Period of Completion	Date of closing & opening
1.	Provision of Shunter room at SRE station in c/w DFCCIL works in the section of SSE/WL/SRE under ADEN/SRE	2319604	46400	03 Months	20.05.2022
2.	Supply of 4820 Cum 65 mm gauge Machine crushed stone ballast on KALKA - SHIMLA Section in the section of ADEN/SM/L	5751251	115000	08 Months	20.05.2022
3.	Protection of slopes and track against rock/boulder falling etc. at KM. 6/0-1, 13/14-15, 22/4-5, 37/10-13, 50/2-3, 64/4-5, 65/12-13, 70/11-12 on KLR-SML Section under ADEN/SM/L	4432676	88700	06 Months	20.05.2022
4.	Construction of 8 units staff quarters (Type-II & III) railway residential buildings at village Dolag near Kandahat Railway station in lieu of quarters to be demolished coming in the NHA's four lining alignment in the section of SSE/WL/SML under ADEN/SM/L	15033901	225200	05 Months	20.05.2022
5.	Replacement of steel girder of bridge of Br. No. 61-A (2X3.66m) at Km 16/13-14 with PSC slab between NGWN-NMDA on SIR-DLPC section under ADEN/SIR.	5232576	104700	03 Months	20.05.2022

NOTE : 1. Tenderers are required to upload scanned copies of all related eligibility documents including PAN/TIN/GST as per conditions. 2. The required Earnest Money will be as acceptable on-line payment through Net Banking/ Payment Gateway payment only well before & upto 15.00 hrs. of closing date & time of tender. 3. Tenderers should have Class-III Digital Signature Certificate to participate in E-tendering of works tenders. 4. For detail, please log on IREPS website [www.ireps.gov.in](http://www.ireps.gov.in) 4. GST will be levied as per GST Act, 2017.

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**उत्तर प्रदेश शासन,**  
**गृह (पुलिस) अनुभाग-9**  
**संख्या-1096/छ-पु0-9-22-21(2)/2013 टी0सौ0**  
**लखनऊ : दिनांक: 25 अप्रैल, 2022**

**विज्ञप्ति**

उत्तर प्रदेश विधि विज्ञान प्रयोगशाला, तकनीकी अधिकारी सेवा (प्रथम संशोधन) नियमावली, 2021 जो गृह (पुलिस) अनुभाग-9 की अधिसूचना संख्या-4563/छ-पु0-9-21-2(2)/2013 दिनांक 15.11.2021 द्वारा प्रख्यापित की गयी है, में निदेशक, विधि विज्ञान प्रयोगशाला, उत्तर प्रदेश लखनऊ के पद पर भर्ती हेतु उक्त नियमावली के नियम-8(1) में विहित अर्हताओं को धारित करने वाले उपयुक्त अभ्यर्थियों में से छानबीन समिति द्वारा यथाविहित निबन्धनों एवं शर्तों पर छानबीन समिति द्वारा सेवा स्थानान्तरण/प्रतिनियुक्ति पर नियुक्त किये जाने का प्राविधान किया गया है।

2. उक्त नियमावली के नियम-8(1)(ख) में निदेशक के लिए शैक्षिक अर्हता, भौतिक विज्ञान/रसायन विज्ञान/वनस्पति विज्ञान/जन्तु विज्ञान/जैव रसायन/जैव प्रौद्योगिकी/सूक्ष्म जीव विज्ञान/विधि विज्ञान/कम्प्यूटर विज्ञान/सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी/डिजिटल फॉरेंसिक में से किसी विषय में मान्यता प्राप्त विश्वविद्यालय से डॉक्टरेट (पीएचडी) निर्धारित है तथा उक्त नियमावली के नियम-8(1)(क) में सेवा स्थानान्तरण/प्रतिनियुक्ति हेतु अभ्यर्थी को केन्द्र सरकार/राज्य सरकार/संघ राज्य क्षेत्र के अधीन विधि विज्ञान प्रयोगशाला अथवा वैज्ञानिक संस्थान/विश्वविद्यालय में काम करने का न्यूनतम 20 वर्ष का अनुभव, जिसमें से वेतन स्तर-12 या उससे अधिक स्तर के वेतन में कार्य करने का अनुभव हो, का प्राविधान किया गया है तथा निदेशक के पद पर नियुक्ति हेतु न्यूनतम आयु जिस कलेण्डर वर्ष में रिक्रूटमेंट विज्ञापित की जायेगी की पहली जुलाई को 50 वर्ष न्यूनतम तथा अधिकतम 57 वर्ष होगी, का प्राविधान है। निदेशक के पद पर चयन हेतु विचार किये जाने के लिए आवेदन छानबीन समिति/आयोग द्वारा जारी विज्ञापन में प्रकाशित प्रपत्र में छानबीन समिति/आयोग द्वारा आमंत्रित किये जायेंगे। निदेशक को वेतन बैंड-4 (₹ 37400 से 67000, ग्रेड वेतन 8700) (पैट्रिक्स लेवल-13 ₹ 123100 से 215900) में नियुक्त किया जायेगा। निदेशक, विधि विज्ञान प्रयोगशाला का एक पद लखनऊ में रिक्त है, जिसके सापेक्ष चयन किया जाना है।

3. उक्त विधि विज्ञान प्रयोगशाला, उत्तर प्रदेश लखनऊ के एक रिक्त पद पर सेवा स्थानान्तरण/प्रतिनियुक्ति के आधार पर नियुक्ति हेतु, उक्त संशोधित नियमावली के प्राविधानानुसार छानबीन समिति के समक्ष विचारण किये जाने हेतु, वेतन स्तर-12 या उससे अधिक स्तर के वेतन में कार्य करने वाले केन्द्र सरकार/राज्य सरकार/संघ राज्य क्षेत्र के अधीन विधि विज्ञान प्रयोगशाला/संस्थान/विश्वविद्यालय में न्यूनतम 20 वर्ष का अनुभव रखने वाले तथा नियमावली में उल्लिखित विषयों में पी0एच0डी0 धारक अभ्यर्थी, जिसकी आयु विज्ञापन के कलेण्डर वर्ष की पहली जुलाई को 50 वर्ष न्यूनतम एवं अधिकतम 57 वर्ष हो से एतद्वारा आवेदन आमंत्रित किये जाते हैं।

4. आवेदन पत्र प्राप्त करने की अंतिम तिथि 30.06.2022 सायं 5.00 बजे तक है। इच्छुक पात्र अभ्यर्थी संलग्न प्रारूप पर उक्त पद हेतु अपनी 10 वर्षों की वार्षिक गोपनीय प्रविष्टियों एवं अनुभवों का विवरण, ई-मेल एवं पोस्टल पता सहित अपना आवेदन-पत्र रजिस्टर्ड डाक/स्वयं के माध्यम से अपर मुख्य सचिव, गृह विभाग (गृह-पुलिस-9), लोक भवन, उत्तर प्रदेश शासन, लखनऊ के पते पर दिनांक 30.06.2022 की सायं 5.00 बजे तक प्राप्त करा सकते हैं। दिनांक 30.06.2022 की सायं 5.00 बजे के उपरान्त प्राप्त आवेदन पत्रों पर विचार नहीं किया जायेगा।

**संलग्नक-सम्बन्धित प्रारूप।**

(अवनीश कुमार अवस्थी)  
अपर मुख्य सचिव,  
गृह विभाग, उ0प्र0 शासन।

● **निदेशक, विधि विज्ञान प्रयोगशाला, उत्तर प्रदेश, लखनऊ के एक रिक्त पद पर नियुक्ति हेतु आवेदन पत्र का प्रारूप**

- नाम
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- स्थायी एवं अस्थायी पता
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- केन्द्र सरकार/राज्य सरकार/संघ राज्य क्षेत्र के अधीन विधि विज्ञान प्रयोगशाला/संस्थान/विश्वविद्यालय में की गयी सेवा का विवरण वेतनमान सहित
- सेवा स्थानान्तरण / प्रतिनियुक्ति पर नियुक्ति हेतु विगत 10 वर्षों की वार्षिक गोपनीय प्रविष्टियों का विवरण
- अनुभवों / महत्वपूर्ण कार्यों का विवरण

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**Office of The Executive Engineer, P.W.D Dn. No. 1, Narmadapuram [MP]**  
**Tender Notice**  
**NIT No. 12/2022/e-Tender/N.Puram** Date 20/04/2022

Online Tender for mentioned above are being invited. The Tender have been uploaded on the e-Procurement system of Public Works Department on the Portal <https://mptenders.gov.in> Tender details are as below:-

S. No.	Tender No.	District	Nature of work	Name of work	Call No.	Cost of Project (PAC) (Rs. in Lacs)	Earnest Money [EMD]
1	2022 PWDRB 198233	N'Puram	B.T. Renewal	B.T. Renewal work of Long Circle road, Rajendragiri road, Jaystambh to Hawaii Partii, Total length 14.60 Km. under Sub Division, Pachmarhi.	1st	184.23	184230/-
2	2022 PWDRB 198234	N'Puram	B.T. Renewal	B.T. Renewal work of Residential and Non Residential station circular road, Nalanda School to Forest office, Amanar to forest Office, Garden to Altac Bungalow, Children Garden to Palkithai, New Hotel to PDS colony, Babuline app. road, Madhuvan approach road, Jaystambh to Company garden, Dhoopgarh chouraha to Futil Marg, Rajendra Giri road, total length 14.90 Km. under Sub Division, Pachmarhi.	1st	188.02	188020/-
3	2022 PWDRB 198235	N'Puram	B.T. Renewal	B.T. Renewal work of Residential and Non Residential Short Circle road, Rajbhawan, Old Hotel to VIP Circuit House, PWD Office road, Jaystambh to Gate No. 1, Church to Short Circle road, Rustom Cottage to Brigadier bungalow, Petrol pump Pandav Cave section Grev Yard, Chhindwada Bareil road to Tekapur road, Chhindwada Bareil road to Chirai road, Singanama Rest House app. road, total length 15.40 Km. under Sub Division, Pachmarhi.	1st	194.33	194330/-
4	2022 PWDRB 198237	N'Puram	B.T. Patch repair	B.T. Patch repairs on different roads of Makhan Nagar Section, Sub Division Narmadapuram.	1st	19.81	39620/-
5	2022 PWDRB 198462	N'Puram	W.W. C.W Work	Distemping, Painting Work of Non Residential Buildings in H.Q. 1, Narmadapuram.	1st	10.00	20000/-
<b>TOTAL RS.</b>						<b>596.39</b>	

The document can only be purchased online from the above website after making online payment. The last date & time for purchase of document online is Dated 06/05/2022 up to 17.30 P.M. Detailed NIT and other details can be viewed on the above mentioned portal. Amendments to NIT, if any, would be published on website only, and not in newspaper.

The EMD & other required documents will be received through online only.  
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P.W.D. Dn. Narmadapuram

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**Press Notice Tender**

S. No.	Name of Work	Amount put to Tender/ Estimated cost	EMD/ Tender Fee	Date of release of tender procurement solution/D.No.	Last date/time of receipt of bid through e-procurement solution
1.	P/L 900 mm dia MS water main for making interconnection from G.T.Road near Singhola Red Light to DDA Command Tank No.-1, Sector A-6, Pocket-11, Narela in AC-01 Narela under EE (NW)-II (Presently under ACE (M)-3) (Re-invite)	Rs. 10,71,26,326/-	Rs. 21,42,600/- Rs. 1500/-	28.04.2022 2022_DJB_221238_1	13.05.2022 Upto 3.00 PM

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02	Fresh Fruits, Juice/ Cold Drink/Tea & Coffee	253.50	1,75,000/-	31.05.22 at 5.00 PM	01.06.22 by 12.00 Noon	01.06.22 at 3.00 PM
05	Super Market (The firm can run Franchisee as part of super market)	552.62	4,00,000/-	02.06.22 at 5.00 PM	03.06.22 by 12.00 Noon	03.06.22 at 3.00 PM
07	Barber	230.12	20,000/-	06.06.22 at 5.00 PM	07.06.22 by 12.00 Noon	07.06.22 at 3.00 PM
08	Stationery/ Gift Items/ Photostat	235.55	4,00,000/-	08.06.22 at 5.00 PM	09.06.22 by 12.00 Noon	09.06.22 at 3.00 PM
09	Confectionary	239.25	2,50,000/-	26.05.22 at 5.00 PM	27.05.22 by 12.00 Noon	27.05.22 at 3.00 PM

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**KARNATAKA INDUSTRIAL AREAS DEVELOPMENT BOARD**  
(A Government of Karnataka Undertaking)  
# 49, East Wing, 4th & 5th Floor, Khanija Bhavan Race Course Road  
Bengaluru - 560 001. website : [www.kiadb.in](http://www.kiadb.in), e-Mail: [cdocet@kiadb.in](mailto:cdocet@kiadb.in)  
No. IADB/ENGG/ETND-E-Service1/1322/2022-23 Date: 25.04.2022

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The last date and time of receipt of tender is : **16.05.2022 upto 04:00 pm**

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S.N.	Short Description of Item	Quantity	T.O.D.
162	Yoke For Upgraded High Tensile CBC	200 Nos	13.05.22
163	Oil Cooler Radiator	5 Nos	18.05.22
164	High Reach Pantograph	40 Sets	18.05.22
165	Electric Point Machine 143mm	229 Nos	19.05.22
166	Air Brake Hose Coupling	17374 Nos	23.05.22
167	Set of Labyrinth and Bearing Cap	114 Sets	23.05.22
168	Set of Rubber Components For Combined EP Brake	380 Sets	24.05.22
169	Welding Cable With Copper Conductor 70 sq.mm.	9237 MTR	26.05.22
170	Cochlear Implant	13 Nos	26.05.22
171	L-TYPE Composition Brake Block	9007 Nos	27.05.22
172	Large Span Wire 130 Sqmm	5234 MTR	01.06.22

**Reverse Auction**

S.N.	Short Description of Item	Quantity	T.O.D.
7	Supply, Transportation, Installation, Testing and Connection of Multi Section Digital Axle Counter (MSDAC)	24 Nos	25.05.22
8	Single Phase to Three Phase 2 x 130 KVA Converter	80 Nos	27.05.22

Corrigendum : The Due Date for Tender No. 09215018 for procurement of "Electronic Talk Back System" has been further extended from 27.04.22 to 09.05.2022. **Tender notice no. S/03/2022 dated 02.02.2022 at Sr. No. 38.**

Regarding detailed notice, EMD, Purchase restrictions and detailed tender conditions, please visit website [www.ireps.gov.in](http://www.ireps.gov.in) and [www.wr.indianrailways.gov.in](http://www.wr.indianrailways.gov.in)

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## Russia plans fake independence votes in seized Ukraine areas: US

**Biden Seeks \$33bn From Congress For Military, Economic Aid For Kyiv**

The US accused Russia on Thursday of planning to stage fake independence votes to justify its conquest of territory in Ukraine, as Russian forces stepped up the major offensive in the east. Responding to repeated Ukrainian pleas to Western leaders for supplies of heavier weaponry and equipment, US President Joe Biden asked Congress on Thursday for \$33 billion to support Kyiv, including over \$20 billion for weapons and ammunition and other military aid. The package, also entailing \$8.5 billion in economic assistance and \$3 billion in humanitarian and food security aid, are part of US efforts to isolate and punish Russia for its invasion.



**BLASTS IN KYIV AFTER UN CHIEF MEETING:** UN chief Antonio Guterres and Ukraine President Zelensky at a joint news conference in Kyiv. Guterres on Thursday visited sites of alleged Russian war crimes in Ukraine, decrying war as 'an absurdity in the 21st century' and urging Russia to cooperate with an international probe into atrocities. Shortly after, at least two explosions were heard in the capital. The explosions caused fires in at least two high-rise buildings. Authorities said Guterres and his team were safe.

### German House OKs heavy weapons for Kyiv

The German parliament on Thursday voted in favour of providing Ukraine with heavy weapons, backing a shift in policy that came with the decision to send tanks to Kyiv earlier this week. The Bundestag voted with a large majority for a motion put forward jointly by the three ruling coalition parties — the SPD, Greens and liberal FDP — and the opposition conservatives. The document calls for the "acceleration of the delivery of effective, including heavy, weapons and complex systems by Germany". Zelensky's adviser welcomed the vote: "This vote will go down in history as one of the last nails in the coffin of Putin's lobbying in Europe and as the return of German leadership." Defence minister Christine Lambrecht had said on Tuesday that Germany would send Gepard anti-aircraft tanks to Ukraine. AFP

The OSCE security body, meanwhile, said the Kremlin might attempt "sham referenda" in southern and eastern areas it had captured since the February 24 invasion, using "a well-worn playbook that steals from history's darkest chapters". "These falsified, illegitimate referenda will undoubtedly be accompanied by a wave of abuses against those who seek to oppose or undermine Moscow's plans," the US mission said. "The international community must make clear that any such referendum will never be recognised as legitimate."

Ukraine reported explosions overnight in the southern city of Kherson, the only regional capital Russia has captured so far. Russian troops there had used tear gas and stun grenades on Wednesday to suppress pro-Ukrainian crowds, and were now shelling the entire surrounding region and attacking towards Mykolaiv and Kryvyi Rih, Ukrainian officials said. Russian state media quoted an official from a self-styled pro-Russian "military-civilian commission" in Kherson on Thursday as saying the area would start using Russia's rouble currency from May 1. Ukraine's general staff said Russia was also stepping up military assault in the east. It identified Russia's main attack as near the towns of Slobzhanske and Donets, along a strategic frontline highway linking Kharkiv with the Russian-occupied city of Izyum. AGENCIES

## Europe struggles for clarity on Russia's roubles-for-gas scheme

Brussels: The European Commission on Thursday warned buyers of Russian gas they could breach sanctions if they converted gas payments into roubles, as officials struggled to clarify the EU's stance on Moscow's payments scheme, which has sowed confusion in the bloc. Russian gas giant Gazprom cut supplies to Poland and Bulgaria on Wednesday after they refused to pay for gas in roubles. The escalation follows a decree issued by President Putin last month requiring that countries Moscow deems "unfriendly" must pay for gas in roubles under a new payment scheme. Under the mechanism, buyers are obliged to deposit euros or dollars into an account at Gazprombank, which has then to convert them into roubles, place the proceeds in another account owned by the foreign buyer and transfer the payment in Russian currency to Gazprom.

### Russia warns West: Don't test our patience

Russia on Thursday warned the West that there would be a tough military response to any further attack on Russian territory, accusing the US and its key allies of undermining European security by openly inciting Ukraine to assault Russia. Russia has in recent days reported what it says are a series of attacks by Ukrainian forces on Russian regions. Russia has taken umbrage at statements from Britain that it is legitimate for Ukraine to target Russian logistics. "In the West, they are openly calling on Kyiv to attack Russia including with the use of weapons received from Nato countries," Russian foreign ministry spokeswoman Maria Zakharova said. "I don't advise you to test our patience further." The Kremlin said Western bids to supply heavy weapons to Ukraine threatened the security of Europe. Sergei Naryshkin, the chief of Russia's foreign intelligence service, accused the US and Poland of plotting to gain a sphere of influence in Ukraine, the strongest signal from Moscow that the war could end with forced partition of Ukraine between the West and Russia. REUTERS

The clarifications followed demand from EU country ambassadors for clearer advice on the issue. Poland and Bulgaria said EU guidance was confusing, while Denmark, Finland, Greece, Slovakia and Spain said more clarity was needed. Hungary has said it plans to pay for Russian gas in euros through Gazprombank. Greece also said it plans to pay Gazprom next month in a way that will not breach EU sanctions. Finnish utility Fortum said its German subsidiary Uniper would continue to pay in euros for gas from Russia's Gazprom via the new payment mechanism. Germany has warned that it could go into recession if it were cut off from all Russian energy. REUTERS

### Nato: Finland, Sweden could join quickly

Nato secretary-general Jens Stoltenberg said on Thursday that Finland and Sweden would be embraced with open arms should they decide to join the 30-nation military organisation and could become members quite quickly. Stoltenberg's remarks came as public support in Finland and Sweden for Nato membership mounts in response to Russia's war in Ukraine. Media speculation in the two countries suggest the two might apply in mid-May. "It's their decision," Stoltenberg said. "But if they decide to apply, Finland and Sweden will be warmly welcomed, and I expect that process to go quickly." He gave no precise time frame, but did say that the two could expect some protection should Russia try to intimidate them from the time their membership applications are made until they formally join. AP

### 8,000+ 'war crime' cases identified: Kyiv

Ukrainian investigators have identified more than 8,000 cases of suspected war crimes since Russia's invasion, Ukraine prosecutor general Iryna Venediktova told a German TV channel on Thursday. "It's actually 8,000 cases only about war crimes, and more than 4,000 cases that are connected with war crimes," Venediktova said, adding over 8,000 investigators, including foreign ones, are involved gathering evidence on the ground. AFP

## Beijing shuts schools in tightening of virus rules



A man gets a bag of vegetables while standing behind barriers sealing off a residential compound under lockdown in Beijing

Beijing: Beijing is closing all city schools in a further tightening of Covid-19 restrictions, as China's capital seeks to prevent a wider outbreak. The city of 21 million has already ordered three rounds of mass testing this week, with the third coming on Friday. On Thursday, the city's Education Bureau ordered all schools to end classes from Friday and said it hadn't determined when they would resume. It also wasn't clear whether schools would be able to offer classes online or allow students facing crucial exams to return to class.

Beijing announced 50 new cases on Thursday, two of them asymptomatic, bringing its total in the latest wave of infections to around 150. Students make up more than 30% of total cases, with clusters linked to six schools and two kindergartens in Chaoyang. Also on Thursday, residents of two housing compounds in Beijing's Chaoyang district were ordered to stay inside and some clinics and businesses shut down.

Beijing has moved more swiftly than many Chinese cities to impose curbs while case numbers remain low and the scale of the outbreak is still manageable. The goal is to avoid the sort of sweeping measures imposed on Shanghai, where the highly transmissible omicron variant has torn through the city of 25 million. Restrictions confining many Shanghai residents to their homes are now in their fourth week and all schools have been online since last month. The National Health Commission on Thursday reported 11,285 new cases across mainland China, most of them asymptomatic and majority in Shanghai, where 47 deaths were reported. AP

## Workers go on nationwide strike to pressure SL prez to step down

**Shops & Offices Shut, Teachers Absent, Public Transport Halted**

Colombo: Millions of workers staged a crippling strike in Sri Lanka on Thursday, adding to pressure on President Gotabaya Rajapaksa and his ruling family to quit over the country's worst-ever economic crisis. The island nation has been hit by months of acute shortages of food, fuel and medicines, prompting widespread protests. But Thursday's nationwide strike was the first time the entire country had been brought to a standstill since the demonstrations began, with both state and private sector employees taking part. Public transport was stopped, teachers were absent from schools while shops and offices closed, police and regional officials said.



Stalks of bananas at a deserted vegetable market in Colombo. The one-day general strike was called by trade unions, and they issued a weekly deadline to Rajapaksa to step down or face a continuous strike

Rajapaksa invited leaders of his party to discuss the crisis on Friday, but former coalition partner the Sri Lanka Freedom Party (SLFP) said they will not attend and instead told him to step down. PM Mahinda Rajapaksa, Gotabaya's elder brother and a former two-term president, has said he is confident he will not be fired over the crisis.

In Colombo's main commercial area of Pettah, wholesale trading shops were shut and workers joined a march chanting: "Go home Gota. Go home Gota," referring to the president. More than 100 trade

unions, some even affiliated with the Rajapaksa's ruling Sri Lanka Podujana Peramuna (SLPP) party, joined the general strike, demanding the president, prime minister and other senior officials resign. "Today is like a public holiday in the country," a police official monitoring the situation, said. "Hospitals are treating only emergency cases."

Across the nation, vegetable markets were closed, while tea plantations, a main export earner, were also shut, residents and local media said. Tens of thousands of workers in the country's free trade zones came out of their factories and staged protests demanding the powerful Rajapaksa family step down. Most banks were closed while a few provided reduced hours of service. On the brighter side, a daily power cut that has become a feature of the crisis was not implemented Thursday as electricity employees took part in the work stoppage.

## Elon Musk jokes about buying Coca-Cola to 'put cocaine back in'

Emboldened by his successful \$44 billion bid to buy Twitter Inc., Elon Musk took to the platform to joke about a new potential takeover target — but even the world's richest man may find this one a bit too pricey. "Next I'm buying Coca-Cola to put the cocaine back in," he tweeted, referring to the drink's original recipe when it was launched in 1886 as a tonic for various ailments. He also shared a screenshot that said: "Now I'm going to buy McDonald's and fix all of the ice cream machines." But the soft drinks' compa-

ny makes Twitter look like small fry, with its market cap of \$284 billion. Musk's own fortune currently stands at \$253 billion — way ahead of his nearest rival Jeff Bezos, who's currently worth \$162 billion. Still, it could be best not to write off the man who created the world's biggest electric car company from scratch and is potentially on his way to putting people on Mars. He first joked about buying Twitter in 2017 in an exchange with comedian Dave Smith. Musk's tweet on Coca-Cola was an apparent dig at the company's history with cocaine. Coca-Cola's eponymous trademark soft drink is named after two of its primary ingredients: coca leaves and kola nuts. Kola nuts are a source of caffeine, and coca leaves are the base from which the psychoactive drug cocaine is extracted. Back in the 19th century, cocaine-laden coca leaves used to be a primary component of the soft drink's formula when the substance was still categorised as medicinal. However, the drug was declared illegal and cocaine was removed from the formula and replaced with decaffeinated coca leaves. BLOOMBERG & INDIATIMES

### NEWS IN PIX



**WEALTH FOR CHARITY**

### Billionaire couple's kids won't inherit \$27bn Oz fortune

An Australian billionaire family has announced that their children wouldn't inherit their properties worth billions of dollars. Andrew "Twiggy" Forrest and his wife Nicola own Australia's second-biggest fortune of \$27 billion and they have decided that it will be distributed to a range of charities, including Indigenous support and cancer research. Nicola told ABC that she didn't want their children — Grace, Sophia, and Sydney — to be "burdened" by such an immense wealth. "The things that are most important in life... money doesn't buy that. Children don't benefit from thinking they're going to inherit a huge amount of money". Her husband Andrew agreed. "The decision to give away everything but the personal things was easy. You know, let's not die wealthy. What's the point of that?" he said.

## Americans increasingly see China as threat: Pew survey

Beijing: Americans are increasingly seeing China as a world superpower and a threat, though growing numbers perceive it more as a competitor than an enemy, according to a survey released on Thursday. The Washington-based Pew Research Center said that negative views of China reached a new high, with 82% of Americans having either somewhat unfavourable or very unfavourable views of the country, a 6 percentage point increase from last year. About two-thirds of US adults said that China's influence in the world is getting stronger, and two-thirds also consider China's influence a major threat. At the same time, the proportion of respondents who saw China as an enemy has dropped since January. In the March poll, 62% of Americans see China as a competitor and 25% as an enemy, while in January 54% chose competitor and 35% said enemy — almost exactly the same as the prior year. The shift may be a temporary one influenced by Russia's invasion of Ukraine. The opposite shift occurred in the share of Americans who called Russia an enemy. Some 70% of Americans now see Russia as an enemy, up from 41% in January, according to Pew. AP

## Friend of Pak ex-PM's wife to be probed for graft

Islamabad: Pakistan's anti-corruption watchdog on Thursday ordered an inquiry against Farah Khan, a close friend of former PM Imran Khan's wife, Bushra Bibi, on allegations of accumulating "illegal assets beyond known sources of income, money laundering, and maintaining various accounts in the name of businesses", reports Omer Farooq Khan. Farah left Pakistan for the UAE immediately after a no-trust motion was submitted against Khan. She, along with her husband and previous husband of Bushra Bibi were alleged to be involved in postings and transfers of officers in lieu of money.

## Israel PM's family gets death threat, bullet in mail

Jerusalem: The family of Israeli PM Naftali Bennett has received a death threat and bullet in the mail for the second time this week, the police said on Thursday. According to an Israeli official familiar with the matter, the target of the threats was Bennett's 17-year-old son. The official spoke on condition of anonymity in line with regulations. Officials have not said who might be behind the threats. Bennett, who leads a small nationalist party, has come under heavy criticism from Israeli hardliners who accuse him of abandoning his ideology. In 1995, PM Yitzhak Ra-

## 2 blasts in Af kill 9

Two explosions, within minutes of each other, killed at least nine people and wounded 13 in northern Afghanistan on Thursday, a spokesman for a Taliban-appointed police chief said. The blasts targeted two separate vehicles in Mazar-e-Sharif. The source of the blasts was not immediately clear. No one claimed responsibility for the attack. Residents in the area said members of the Shia minority Hazara ethnic group appeared to be the target. AP

### AROUND THE WORLD



**FINDING JOY:** An entertainer poses with kids in Lviv in war-hit Ukraine

## Trump once testified that he feared being killed by pineapples, tomatoes, bananas

Former US president Donald Trump testified under oath that he feared protesters would pelt him with "very dangerous" fruit like pineapples, tomatoes, and bananas saying: "You can get killed with those things". The comments were revealed in court documents made public on Tuesday which included a transcript of a deposition Trump gave last October as part of an ongoing civil lawsuit in New York. The case was brought by several activists of Mexican descent who say they were attacked by his security guards outside Trump Tower in Manhattan in 2015. "I wanted to have people be ready because we were put on alert that they were going to do fruit," Trump

said. He added that "tomatoes are bad, by the way" but that "some fruit is a lot worse". "I think that they have to be aggressive in stopping somebody from throwing pineapples, tomatoes, bananas, stuff like that, yeah, it's dangerous stuff."

**German city allows women to bathe topless in pools**  
A German city will allow women and men alike to bathe topless, becoming the first in Germany to enable female swimmers to go bare-breasted in the pool following a gender identity dispute. The sports committee of Goettingen in central Germany has recommended to the city's indoor and outdoor pools that all swimmers be allowed to bathe "oben-ohne" (without top) at weekends from May 1. The decision came after an ostensibly female swimmer was asked to cover up at a pool, only to protest that they identified as male.

## China's Weibo shows user locations to combat 'bad behaviour'

Beijing: Weibo, China's equivalent of Twitter, told users on Thursday it would start to publish their IP locations on their account pages and when they post comments, in a bid to combat "bad behaviour" online. The move, posted on Weibo's official account, garnered over 200 million views and was widely discussed, with some users rattled by the perceived reduction in their online anonymity. "Every IP address seems to be whispering in your ear: 'You be careful,'" wrote



**ONLINE POLICING:** The new settings are designed to "reduce bad behaviour" such as impersonating parties involved in hot topic issues, malicious disinformation and traffic scraping, and to ensure the authenticity and transparency of the content shared

Thursday and cannot be turned off by users. For users in China, the platform will display the province or municipality where they are posting from, it said. For those using Weibo overseas, the country of users' IP addresses will be displayed. The settings are designed to "reduce bad behaviour" such as impersonating parties involved in hot topic issues, malicious disinformation and traffic scraping, and to ensure the authenticity and transparency of the content disseminated," it

said in a notice. "Weibo has always been committed to maintaining a healthy and orderly atmosphere of discussion," the notice read. Last month, Weibo said it would begin testing these settings on some users in response to misinformation relating to the Ukraine-Russia war. It has not publicly addressed, however, instances of accounts being suspended or banned for merely expressing dissenting opinions, such as supporting Ukraine or criticising Russia over the war. REUTERS



## Countries Committing Most Of GDP As Aid To Ukraine

Countries in Europe and the United States have been contributing humanitarian and military aid to Ukraine. As on March 27, US was the largest contributor of 7.6 billion euros



\*Financial, humanitarian and military aid from Feb 24 to March 27, 2022. Source: Statista

# Amazon top sellers Cloutail, Appario Retail face CCI raid

### Action After Complaints Of Alleged Anti-Competitive Practices

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New Delhi: The Competition Commission of India (CCI) has conducted raids on premises of top sellers on Amazon, including Cloutail and Appario Retail, over complaints of alleged anti-competitive practices on these online marketplaces, said three people briefed on the matter. CCI has also raided some sellers of Flipkart, sources said.

The investigations by the CCI come against the backdrop of complaints made in 2020 by local trader bodies. They had alleged that Amazon and Flipkart engaged in inventory-led business models, deep discounting and preferential treatment of sellers on their platforms — practices that are prohibited under India's FDI rules for the e-commerce industry.

## 'ENGAGED IN DEEP DISCOUNTING'

Amazon and Flipkart are engaged in deep discounting and preferential treatment of sellers, say local trader bodies. These practices are not allowed under e-commerce FDI norms. Amazon and Flipkart deny any wrongdoings, local trader

bodies welcome probe. CCI raid will cause damage to MSMEs wishing to go or already online, says Vinod Kumar, president, India SME Forum. Amazon is shutting down operations of Cloutail after acquiring 76% stake of Catamaran Ventures

The development comes even as Amazon is shutting down operations of Cloutail after acquiring Catamaran Ventures's 76% stake. Cloutail, a joint venture between the Seattle-headquartered e-tailer and Infosys co-founder Narayana Murthy's Catamaran Ventures, is expected to cease operations by May 19.

While Amazon and Flipkart did not respond to TOI's

queries on the matter, Vinod Kumar, president at India SME Forum, said the raid by CCI on sellers on e-commerce platforms such as Amazon and Flipkart will set a dangerous precedent and cause damage to MSMEs wishing to go online or already are.

"The regulators must desist from singling out online sellers in an arbitrary manner. Level playing field must

be ensured among all retail players, offline as well as online," said Kumar.

Amazon sellers Cloutail and Appario Retail did not respond to queries from TOI. This, however, is not the first time the foreign e-tailers operating in India have come under the scanner.

In November last year, top Amazon executives were summoned by the Enforcement Directorate (ED) for alleged Foreign Exchange Management Act (FEMA) violations in relation to the e-tailer's investment in an unlisted Future Group company. Based on that deal, Amazon has been trying to block Kishore Biyani-led Future Retail's Rs 24,700-crore asset sale to Reliance Retail and remains entangled in litigation with the debt-ridden Big Bazaar parent.

## Incorporate, list in India: Goyal tells startups

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: Amid a series of scandals, commerce and industry minister Piyush Goyal on Thursday asked startups to focus on strengthening ethics and corporate governance, while also suggesting that they should be incorporated and listed in India, instead of leaving the country "just for a few dollars more".

"A little tougher ask probably. But I would once again urge all of you to incorporate in India and list in India. If you have an issue or problem, please tell us about it. We will...make every effort to resolve them," Goyal said at a CII event.

The minister also advocated creating some standards through self-regulation. "One area that of late I am finding in the pink papers almost every day is ethics and corporate governance standards. I think we need to strengthen that even in our startup ecosystems. The kind of reports we are reading of late about revenue, data frauds, tax evasion, these kinds of malpractices need to be clipped at an early stage, otherwise they will earn a bad name for our startup world," he said.

Twitter CEO Parag Agrawal has responded to another user's concerns about his job after Elon Musk takes over the company. When 'Suhail' tweeted about feeling sorry for the CEO, Agrawal replied, "Thank you but don't feel for me. What matters most is the service and the people improving it." Interestingly, when a parody account named 'not Parag Agrawal' responded with, "I thought we were fired", the Twitter CEO replied to that too with, "nope! we're still here" (sic). AGENCIES

## ICICI opens MSME platform to all

Mumbai: ICICI Bank on Thursday launched its open-for-all digital platform for micro, small and medium enterprises (MSMEs).

According to the bank, the platform brings to even small proprietorship firms value-added services that were hitherto available to corporates. TNN

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# Twitter admits to overstating user numbers

### Says Error Introduced 3 Yrs Ago Led to Overstatement

Twitter, in the middle of a \$44-billion acquisition by Elon Musk, has said that an error introduced three years ago resulted in a miscalculation of its average monetisable daily active users (mDAU) metric.

"In March of 2019, we launched a feature that allowed people to link multiple separate accounts together in order to conveniently switch between accounts," the company said in a statement. "An error was made at that time, such that actions taken via the primary account resulted in all linked accounts being counted as mDAU."

For example, in Q4 of 2021, Twitter said it had 216.6 million users worldwide. However, after a recalculation, the figure was actually 214.7 million users. In one of its last earnings reports before Musk takes the company private, Twitter reported revenue that missed analysts' estimates, reflecting a slowdown in advertising.

The company also reported 12 million new users in the quarter, its highest rise in users since the height of

## Gold demand dips by 18% in Jan-March

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Chennai: India's gold demand fell 18% as buyers shunned the yellow metal due to high prices with fewer auspicious days during January-March making it one of the worst quarters in recent years. Data released by the World Gold Council showed demand fell to 135.5 tonnes in January-March from 165.8 tonnes during the year-ago period. Jewellery demand fell 26% to 94.2 tonnes.

"Since 2010 and barring the pandemic, this is only the third time the first quarter has been below 100 tonnes," WGC's regional CEO Somasundaram P R said.

## India, China still on USTR's watch list

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: The US Trade Representative (USTR) has retained India, along with China, Russia and Indonesia, on the priority watch list, citing insufficient intellectual property protection and enforcement.

"Seven countries — Argentina, Chile, China, India, Indonesia, Russia, and Venezuela — are on the Priority Watch List. These countries will be the subject of particularly intense bilateral engagement during the coming year," the USTR said.

# ONDC pilots start today, want small biz on board

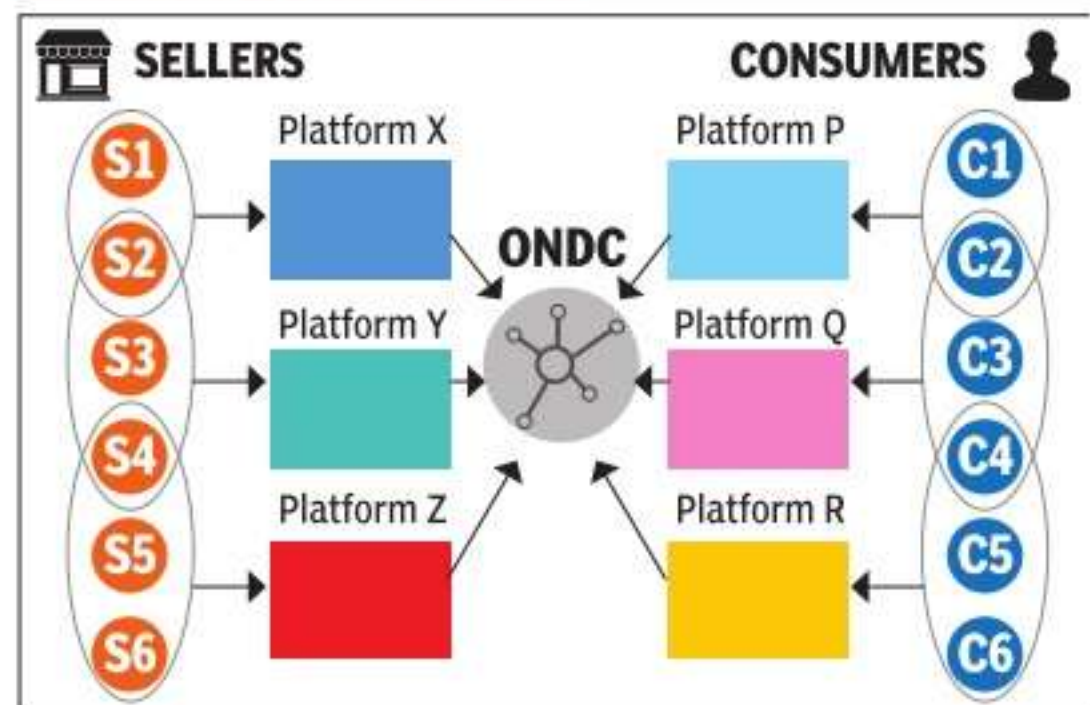
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New Delhi: Open Network Digital Commerce (ONDC), the UPI-type protocol to counter the influence of e-commerce players such as Amazon and Flipkart, is set to begin pilots in five cities from Friday with over half-a-dozen entities.

ONDC has roped in eSamuday, ERP player Gofrugal, digital business platform for enterprise business Digit, digital marketing outfit Growth Falcon and automation and data insights outfit sellerapp to work with sellers, while Paytm will be on the buyers. The platform seeks to board 150 sellers in Delhi NCR, Bangalore, Coimbatore, Bhopal and Shillong during the test run.

"We have mandated certain minimum features for participation and more companies are attempting to complete the IT processes so that they can join the platform. The idea is to get kirana stores as well as local paanwallas and chaat sellers online so that people can order," said an officer, closely working with the project, that has been conceived in the department for promotion of industry and internal trade.

## Transactions Across Platforms



ONDC has been in the making for the last several months, with the registry and gateway ready to go live. While the established players had initially dismissed it, some of the top e-tailers, homegrown as well as those with overseas funding, have approached the government as have the top FMCG companies, that are keen to come on board.

Unlike Amazon or Flipkart where the e-tailer lists the top sellers using an algorithm and payment of commission, here it will be based on what the consumer wants and could be based on parameters, such as

the price, location of the seller or the delivery time. Besides, setting up the store front is going to be much easier with virtually no cost involved as the products will be listed in a catalogue and the seller can simply opt to draw from them to create its own catalogue.

Apart from sellers and buyers, logistics players and payment gateways will be part of ONDC, which has Infosys co-founder Nandan Nilekani, former McKinsey India head Adil Zainulbhai and National Health Authority CEO R S Sharma, among others, as key advisers.

# 5G auctions by June, will roll out by Sept: Vaishnaw

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New Delhi: 5G will roll out in India by August-September this year as the government plans to conduct auctions for the high-speed airwaves by June, even as it takes stock of the telecom industry's concerns over high reserve prices.

Communications minister Ashwini Vaishnaw said DoT is moving ahead in line with previously decided timelines for 5G auctions after it received recommendations from regulator Trai on spectrum reserve prices and the quantum of airwaves to be sold. "We are in sync with our timelines to conduct auctions."

Trai's recommendations will now be looked into by the high-powered Digital Communications Commission (DCC), following which it would be sent to the regulator once again for a review. Once back, the matter will be considered by the Cabinet, before start of auctions.

To factor in the industry's concerns over spectrum prices, Trai had recommended a cut of around 40% in minimum bid prices when compared to previous auctions. However, telecom industry players, including Airtel chief Sunil Mittal, said prices are still high, adding that they were "disappointed" by Trai's decision.

Vaishnaw said the average revenue per user (ARPU) — a key metric to measure profitability of telecom companies — remains one of the lowest in India at around \$2 against \$20-40 in many other countries across the world. The minister said companies need financial muscle to make heavy investments and improve quality of services.

The minister said that he still expects robust bidding by industry players who were accorded a mega financial bailout and package by the government in September last year. Companies such as Reliance Jio, Bharti Airtel and Vodafone Idea will be looking to beef up their spectrum holdings.

## Axis Bank Q4 net rises 54% to ₹4,118 crore

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

Mumbai: Axis Bank reported a net profit of Rs 4,118 crore for the quarter ended March 2022 — an increase of 54% over Rs 2,677 crore in the corresponding quarter of the previous year. The bank's deposit base stood at Rs 8.2 lakh crore at the end of the fiscal, an increase of 17% over Rs 7 lakh crore at end of March 2021. The bank's advances at Rs 7 lakh crore were up 14% from Rs 6.1 lakh crore in the year-ago period.

On the Citibank deal announced in March, Axis Bank MD & CEO Amitabh Chaudhry said, "The deal should pivot us into a premium franchise in line with our strategic objectives. We look forward to further building on our performance in the new financial year."

## Vedanta posts ₹7,570cr profit in Q4

New Delhi: Mining major Vedanta on Thursday reported a consolidated profit after tax of Rs 7,570 crore for the January-March quarter of 2021-22 on the back of higher sales volume, supportive commodity prices and operational efficiencies. The company had posted a profit after tax of Rs 5,105 crore in the year-ago period.

The exceptional items at Rs 336 crore in last quarter primarily relate to a Rs 2,697-crore gain from impairment reversal in oil & gas, which was partially offset by exploration cost written off in Cairn. PTI

# 'Chip demand may hit \$110bn by '30'

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New Delhi: India will be the fastest-growing semiconductor consumption market in the world with annual domestic demand expected in excess of \$110 billion by the end of the decade, minister of state for IT & electronics Rajeev Chandrasekhar has said, adding that top global chipmakers have evinced "serious interest" in bringing in large-scale investments into the category.

Chandrasekhar — who recently met Intel global CEO Pat Gelsinger and top functionaries of other semiconductor giants — said that "advanced discussions" are on to attract investments for India.

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"We are in advanced discussions, but please remember that this is not like instant coffee. The companies have been positive in their conversations around semiconductor investments in India, but will carry out their own feasibility and due diligence before committing confirmed investments," Chandrasekhar told TOI. The minister's comments come a day before the first Seicon India conference that will be inaugurated by PM Narendra Modi and will be held in Bangalore from Friday. India had in December last year announced a \$10-billion (Rs 76,000 crore) incentive package for kick-starting semiconductor production in the country. The move came at a time when shortages of chips have hit industrial production across automobiles, electronics and other technology-led sectors.

Chandrasekhar said demand for semiconductor will come from sectors such as consumer electronics & mobile phones, automobiles, computers & data centres, IoT devices and the upcoming 5G ecosystem. "India will provide a massive captive consumption market for semiconductor companies, and against the current \$24 billion, local demand will be to the tune of \$80 billion by 2025, and over \$110 billion by 2030. Apart from domestic needs, the companies can also target exports, giving them huge economies of scale and strong business opportunities."

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## A thought for today

Governments are political institutions and hence fiscal policy both represents and measures the role of these political institutions in the economy

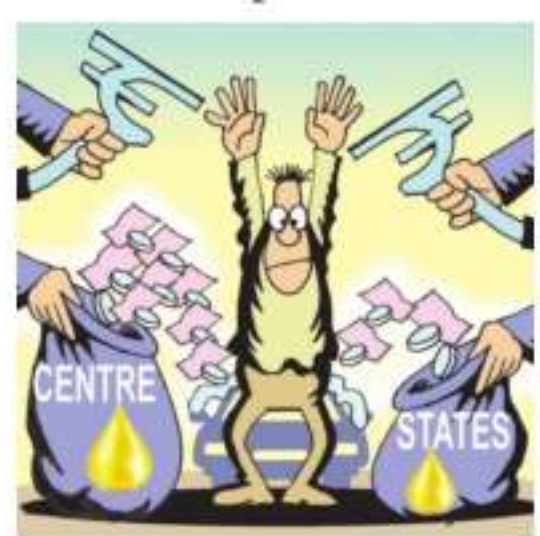
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## Just Cut It

GoI was the main beneficiary of earlier fuel tax hikes. Now, it should take lead in lowering them

The political argument over India's tax policy of petroleum products is an essential one. However, it requires unpacking to reach a meaningful conclusion. GoI and states independently tax petrol and diesel, the two most important products. GoI's taxes are to be shared with states according to a formula recommended by the Finance Commission. However, there's a catch here. The Constitution's Article 270 allows GoI to completely retain taxes classified as cess and surcharge. Effectively, GoI has the power over classification to decide how much it will share with states. This is the root cause of friction with opposition-administered states.

The backstory for the current argument began in March 2020. As the pandemic swept across the world, lockdowns kicked in and oil prices collapsed. At that point, GoI increased its taxes on petrol and diesel. Between March 14, 2020 and May 6, 2020, central excise on unbranded petrol and diesel increased by 44% and 69% respectively.



The incremental tax was collected in the form of cess, which meant it was not shared with states. Consequently, even as crude oil price fell from around \$65/barrel in early January 2020 to about \$20 in April 2020, the pump price of diesel increased from Rs 67.96 per litre in Delhi to Rs 69.39 in May.

India's GDP contracted by 6.6% in FY 2020-21, which adversely impacted tax collections. However, GoI's fuel taxes were the exception to this trend. Driven by higher fuel taxes, GoI's FY 2020-21 revenue from the petroleum sector was Rs 4.5 lakh crore, an annual increase of 36%. What about states? Collectively, their FY 2020-21 revenue from petroleum shrank by 1.5% to Rs 2.2 lakh crore. About 68% of the Rs 6.72 lakh crore of revenue generated by the petroleum sector in FY21 went to GoI.

As crude prices began to rise in 2021, public pressure for tax relief mounted. In August 2021, Tamil Nadu lowered tax on petrol. In November, GoI cut taxes on both petrol and diesel, which catalysed reductions by more than 20 states. However, taxes remain high when located in the current economic context where elevated inflation is cutting into discretionary spending of a large section of the population. GoI, with superior revenue-raising powers and as the main beneficiary of tax increases in FY21, should take the lead and engage in one more round of fuel tax reductions. This will put pressure on states to follow suit. In all, it's the appropriate fiscal adjustment.

## Good News @ 150 kmph

Umran Malik's IPL fireworks are another demonstration of sport's power to unify

The one youngster who has taken this IPL by storm is Sunrisers Hyderabad speedster Umran Malik. The J&K-born 22-year-old has been turning heads and shattering stumps, picking up 15 wickets in the eight matches he has played so far in the tournament. What has wowed fans and seasoned cricketers alike is Malik's sheer pace and accuracy. He has consistently bowled some of the fastest deliveries of the matches he has played, clocking speeds of 150 kmph and above. In fact, the recent match between Sunrisers Hyderabad and Gujarat Titans saw Malik bowl a scorching spell that delivered a five-wicket haul. The highlight was Malik's 153 kmph yorker to a well-set Wriddhiman Saha that sent the stumps flying.



But what was truly heart-warming was the crowd at Mumbai's Wankhede stadium giving Malik a standing ovation at the end of his dream spell. Calls have been growing for Malik to be fast-tracked into the Indian team, with former batting great Sunil Gavaskar insisting that the speedster should play in the upcoming tour of England. This again goes to show that sports – particularly cricket in

India – can transcend ethnicity, religion and politics of polarisation in ways that most other public activities can't.

It doesn't matter who you are or what your background is, once you don the Team India jersey, all divisions melt away. It's also to the credit of BCCI that cricket in India has evolved into a strong market-driven sport. This has attracted youngsters, many of them trained in private cricket coaching centres across the country. And the IPL has certainly made a career in cricket financially viable. This is precisely why the son of a fruit-seller from Srinagar is today being hailed as the next big thing in Indian cricket. Plus, if Malik does make it to Team India he will inspire countless young people in J&K to take up the sport. That will certainly be a great Indian success story.

## Rebranding India

As several countries officially change their names, some feel that we too should do the same

Jug Suraiya



Two pracharakas returning from a shakha, talking about the past, present and future of the country.

1st pracharak: India's got to stop sitting on the fence.

2nd pracharak: You mean sitting on the fence regarding Russia's invasion of Ukraine, and how we refuse to take sides on an issue that's got the whole world all het up?

1st pracharak: Oof, oh! Never mind Russia, Ukraine, and all those vedeshi goings-on. I'm talking about sitting on the fence regarding ourselves.

2nd pracharak: How are we sitting on the fence regarding ourselves?

1st pracharak: We are sitting on the fence regarding ourselves by letting people call our country India, and call us Indians. Who gave us the name of India? Foreigners did! We should give ourselves our own Indian – sorry, indigenous – name which reflects our new national image. As advertising and marketing people say, we should rebrand ourselves, by officially changing our name by deed poll or whatever, like a lot of other countries have done. Such as Burma becoming Myanmar, and the Czech Republic becoming Czechia, and Swaziland becoming Eswatini. Likewise, we too should become something else, nominally speaking.

2nd pracharak: But haven't we already done a lot of name-changing, by not only calling streets and roads by new names, but also by renaming entire cities where these streets and roads are? Hasn't Allahabad become Prayagraj, and Mughal-sarai junction become Aen Dayal Upadhyaya junction?

1st pracharak: Piecemeal stuff, which is neither here nor there, wherever there is, and whatever it's called. We need to go the whole kit and caboodle, or the full bor-i-bistar as we say, and name the entire country something else.

2nd pracharak: You mean turn the nation into a new notion? But doesn't India already have another name, as in India that is Bharat?

1st pracharak: Very true. But the world doesn't call it Bharat, or call us Bharatyas. So in the spirit of atmanirbharta, self-reliance, we should all call ourselves as Bharatyas Janata People, whose symbol is the Lotus, and who live in a country called...

2nd pracharak (interrupting): Lotustan? What a blooming good idea...  
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## Congress's Bloated Middle

Plans like Kishor's will fail because weak Gandhis & entrenched party managers are in mutual dependence

Asim Ali



The collapse of the Prashant Kishor plan is merely the latest missed opportunity for Congress. How do we understand the puzzle of Congress's inertia in the face of a clear existential crisis, and what remains of the future of Congress?

Congress's decline was not inevitable. Sure, as a party with a centrist platform and an umbrella social coalition, it got caught by the growing political fragmentation. Yet the problem is not external change but the failure to adapt to it. Or, more precisely, there are structures within Congress that have consciously sabotaged any attempts at course correction.

The broad outline of Kishor's plan makes obvious and familiar points – strengthen grassroots, give tickets on merit rather than favouritism, hold organisational elections, overhaul communication strategies. The puzzle is why Congress doesn't take these steps?

The answer is the bureaucratisation of Congress – the party is controlled by a permanent power structure of self-serving and rootless managers. With their cushy positions in the party hierarchy based on little else than seniority or loyalty to Gandhis, these party managers are completely divorced from the normal political processes of popular mobilisation on the ground.

A key aspect of Congress's crisis is its inability to produce leaders of note at state or local levels, owing to the absence of healthy internal party competition and conventional channels of upward mobility. The incentives of party leaders have changed from expanding their bases of support, or taking political initiatives towards mass mobilisation, to cultivating the loyalty of the high command.

The lack of talent incubation could be gauged from the fact that until earlier this year, three state presidents of the party – Navjot Sidhu, Revanth Reddy, Nana Patole – were imports from BJP and TDP.

Consider the committee of senior leaders tasked to negotiate with Kishor – P Chidambaram, Ambika Soni, Jairam Ramesh, Mukul Wasnik, Priyanka Gandhi Vadra, KC Venugopal and Randeep Surjewala. None of them, barring Surjewala, has contested an assembly or Lok Sabha



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election since 2014. Surjewala, meanwhile, lost his own assembly seat in 2019. As disgruntled party leader Sandeep Dikshit commented – "Those responsible for the mess in the party were given the task of negotiating with Kishor."

But Congress's problem is not a powerful high command. Most successful political parties in India have a powerful high command and an effective machinery at the grassroots. They are characteristically thin in the middle, with grassroots controlled by local leaders connected to the top leadership under a clear chain of command. This is broadly the centralised model of regional parties such as TMC, SP, RJD, YSRCP or TRS.

In fact, Congress's problem is that it is feckless at the top, bloated in the middle with an array of party managers, and absent at the grassroots. The trio of Gandhis at the top is not as powerful as it seems. Which other party with an all-powerful high command would have tolerated the existence of a dissident group like G23? Indeed, Sonia Gandhi has been coaxing G23 leaders with personal meetings and appointments to key committees. It is this very weakness of the Gandhi

family that has strengthened the party bureaucracy, in a relationship of mutual dependence. As early as 1985, Rajiv Gandhi had called out "brokers of powers and influence" who had marginalised millions of ordinary Congress workers. These "self-perpetuating cliques" had managed to "convert a mass movement into a feudal oligarchy", Rajiv had charged.

**For Congress to revive, it needs to dismantle the insular and self-contained party bureaucracy and redevelop organisational roots through internal political competition. It also needs to develop a Congress brand distinctive from the Gandhi brand. Gandhis' appeal beyond the Congress base is ever-shrinking**

This was a pretty accurate diagnosis of the rot that had set in under Indira Gandhi, who had methodically disempowered state and district units by institutionalising the principle of nomination over election, patronage over competition.

But what did Rajiv do with this diagnosis? Nothing. After losing a string of assembly elections, a jaded Rajiv quickly reverted to the old politics of patronage, reinstating RK Dhawan – the personification of "Congress power broker" – at the helm of party affairs.

This state of party stasis further intensified under the long reign of Sonia, a leader with a more limited mass base than either Indira or Rajiv, and who instituted resolute "status quoism" – not disturbing entrenched party structures.

In return, the party bureaucracy perpetuated the "Gandhi myth" as the cornerstone of Congress.

This Gandhi myth has three elements: one, Gandhis are the repository of Congress values; two, the 'sacrifice' and 'legacy' of the Gandhi family constitutes the distinctive part of Congress identity; and three, there can be no leadership of Congress without the guidance of the Gandhi family.

The perpetuation of this myth is not only key to the survival of the Gandhi family at the top, but also the preservation of the party bureaucracy itself.

Meanwhile, the party has embarked on another round of 'chintan shivir' meetings to deliberate the future course of action, forming a raft of committees with the same old party managers. The average age of convenors of five of these committees is 72. Congress's committee culture, a mechanism of periodically kicking the can down the road, is itself symptomatic of its bureaucratic corrosion.

For Congress to revive, it needs to dismantle the insular and self-contained party bureaucracy and redevelop organisational roots through internal political competition. It also needs to develop a Congress brand distinctive from the Gandhi brand. Gandhis' appeal beyond the Congress base is ever-shrinking.

The old politics of patronage could work when Congress had access to state resources and the influence to shape media narratives. In a fundamentally changed India, an unchanged Congress has no future.

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## From Bihar, The Good News On Banking

How Jan Dhan has deepened financial literacy among poor women, and in rural areas

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The Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana, launched in 2014, is a national mission on financial inclusion that aims to ensure that all Indians, particularly low-income groups and weaker sections, have access to financial services, including a basic savings bank account, need-based credit, remittances, low-cost life and general insurance and pension. The scheme also envisages a robust financial literacy programme, with a key objective being to enable the beneficiaries to leverage digital technology and internet-based banking.

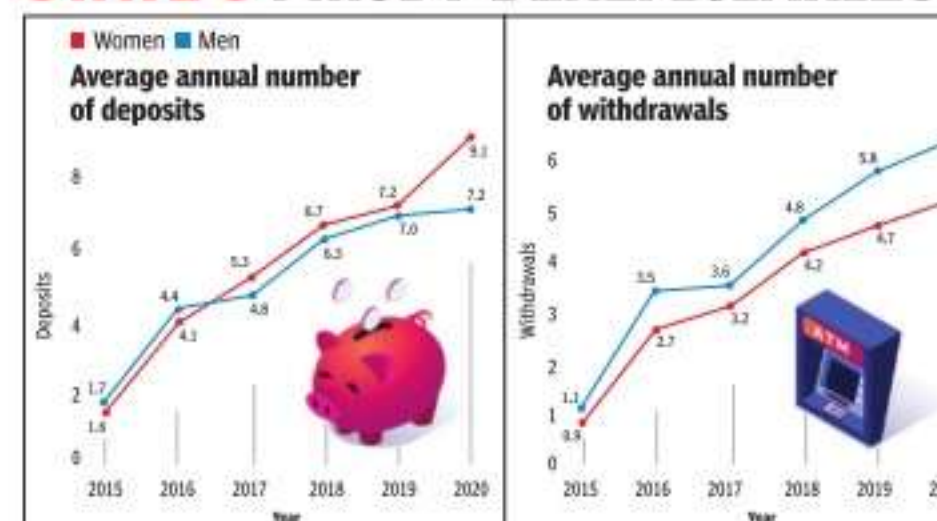
In Bihar, PMJDY has covered more than 5 crore beneficiaries, of whom more than 3.67 crore are in rural areas. Since 2015, more than 3.8 crore RuPay debit cards have been issued in the state. The reach of this scheme is indeed impressive.

However, two key questions need to be asked: 1) Has increased and relatively easy access to banking channels resulted in a corresponding increase in the utilisation of banking services, including among the women? 2) Has financial literacy under PMJDY contributed to increased utilisation of digital banking?

We examined the account level data provided by 12 public sector banks for over 73 lakh out of 82 lakh beneficiaries, whose accounts were opened in 2015. We analysed the financial behaviour of these 73 lakh account holders from 2015 to early 2020 (till March). Almost 53% of these beneficiaries were women, and 45% were men. Approximately 47% hailed from rural areas. While providing this data, the banks de-identified the accounts.

In answering our first question we examined trends in the average number of deposits and withdrawals undertaken per account per year between 2015-20. To address the second question we examined 1) the average number of debit card transactions per account per year; and 2) the number of digital transactions as a percentage of total number of

## STATE'S PMJDY BENEFICIARIES



transactions undertaken by PMJDY beneficiaries.

## Banking the unbanked

The basic banking services – deposits and withdrawals – have witnessed a significant increase among women. The number of deposits per account per year among women was less than two in 2015 across all 38 districts of Bihar. By 2020, it increased to more than eight deposits per account per year in 26 districts. From 2017 through 2020, women have outnumbered men in the average number of deposits per year (see figure).

These trends are across both rural and urban areas, and could be partly attributed to central and state government initiatives to make women the primary recipients of various development schemes.

There has also been an increase in the per capita number of withdrawals by women beneficiaries of PMJDY. While this figure stood at less than one in 29 districts of Bihar in 2015, it rose to between four and six in 24 districts by 2020. Begusarai, East and West Champaran, and Samastipur witnessed a relatively higher (>6) per capita number of withdrawals among women compared to other districts. There has been an average annual increase of approximately 59% over the preceding year in the average number of withdrawals among women in rural areas. The increase in withdrawals is particularly signifi-

cant as it indicates a deeper engagement with banking services. Women are not just passive recipients of benefits from the government but are actively utilising their bank accounts in their day-to-day lives. It is worth noting that the percentage of women-held accounts with one or more withdrawals witnessed a jump of 30 percentage points from 24% in 2015 to 54% in 2020.

## Leveraging digital technology

Perhaps the most interesting finding from this study is the increase in the uptake of digital banking services by all genders. This outcome points to the efficacy of the financial literacy efforts as part of the PMJDY.

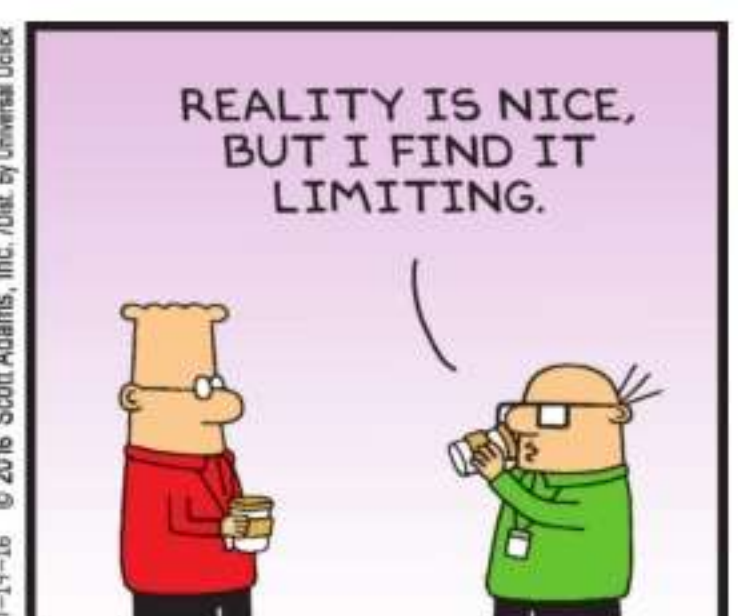
In 29 out of 38 districts, digital transactions represented only 10% of all transactions in 2015. By 2020, 40% of the transactions undertaken by women across all districts in Bihar were digital. Interestingly, it is not the urbanised districts like Patna and Gaya which witnessed the highest increase in the uptake of digital banking but predominantly rural districts like Sitamarhi, Buxar, Madhubani and Samastipur.

The proportion of accounts undertaking one or more digital transactions has also shown an upward trend. Whereas only about 5% of the accounts held by women in Bihar saw some digital transactions in 2015, this figure nearly tripled to more than 15% by 2020.

Precise reasons for this encouraging trend in the uptake of digital banking services among women, including those in rural areas, merit further granular studies. However, there is a strong likelihood that the systematic mapping of each district into sub-service areas and the large-scale deployment of bank mitras have contributed to the increase in the utilisation of banking services across demographic segments. These combined strategies ensured that households could find banking services within a short distance or even at their doorsteps, even as financial literacy was enhanced among previously unbanked or under-banked communities.

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## Holy Days Can Build Bridges For Harmony

AK Merchant

Every major religion has its own special calendar, which organises and charts activities of its adherents during the year. In the Indian subcontinent, with its alluring and mind-boggling diversity, observance of holy days and festivals is rooted in the social aspects of our relationship with the Divine.

The better part of our country's history talks about the Ganga-Yamuni tehzeeb, culture of harmony. But nowadays, whenever two or more festivals of different religious communities occur on the same date, instead of celebrating the diversity, chances are that followers of different religions might resort to violence. This is contrary to the spirit of Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam, the world is a family.

It has also become a major problem for law enforcement agencies and governments.

As devotees, regardless of our religious identity, we need to keep in mind that every holy day we celebrate is supposed to be an offering to an All-Benevolent Creator.

For this reason, from ancient times, while performing yajnas, participants would chant, 'Idam agnaye, swaha, idam agnaye, idam na mama,' meaning, 'Not for me, but for You [God]!' Such was the attitude not only in havan ceremonies but also in every action of one's life. Everything must be done as an offering to Him.

This year, sandwiched between Good Friday and Easter Sunday, there was

Hanuman Jayanti. On April 14, Baisakhi coincided with Mahavir Jayanti. On May 3, depending upon sighting of the moon, chances are that Eid-ul-Fitr, which is celebrated at the end of Ramzan, might coincide with Akshaya Tritiya and just before that, the 12-day Bahai festival called Ridwan, pronounced Rezvan, meaning paradise, that started on April 21, will conclude on May 2.

Ridwan is celebrated a month after the festival of Navroz, the spring equinox in the northern hemisphere, considered the first day of a New Year. It is observed in dozens of countries in Central Asia as well as by the Zoroastrians and the Bahá'is. It was during the period of Ridwan

that Baha'u'llah announced the commencement of a new era in human history. He declared that the cycle of prophecy was over, and the cycle of fulfilment had begun. He characterised the festival of Ridwan as 'days of supreme felicity' whereon 'all humanity was immersed in a sea of purification'.

If the world must survive its present-day derangement and hastening extinction, it will have to undergo a complete reconceptualisation of relationships that sustain society. This is where a poignant appeal voiced by Baha'u'llah long ago, about the leaders and arbiters of human affairs needs to be echoed: "Let them take counsel together and, through anxious and full deliberation, administer to a diseased and sorely afflicted world the remedy it requireth."



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**STEPHEN CURRY POURS IN 30 POINTS AS WARRIORS KNOCK OUT NUGGETS 102-98**



**'I'M DONE': HEAVYWEIGHT CHAMPION TYSON FURY STICKS TO RETIREMENT PLAN**

## KULDEEP TORMENTS KNIGHTS

**Spinner's 4/14 Sets Up 4-Wkt Win For Delhi As KKR Freefall Continues**

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Kuldeep Yadav's comeback story gets rosier by the day. He had managed to take just five wickets in 14 matches for Kolkata Knight Riders in 2019 and 2020 before he was benched for good in 2021.

In the two games he played against KKR this season, Kuldeep now has eight wickets. On Thursday night, he picked up 4/14 to back up his 4/35 in the previous game. As he broke the back of the KKR batting for the second time this season, he offered Delhi Capitals an opening to storm back into the competition by restricting KKR to 146/9. His spell set up the game for a nervy Capitals batting lineup to chase down the target with six balls and four wickets to spare. Rovman Powell's unbeaten 16-ball 33 calmed the nerves in the Capitals dugout once the chase started to wobble with David Warner's dismissal for a 26-ball 42 and Rishabh Pant getting out for 2 in the 12th over. KKR's freefall under new captain Shreyas Iyer looks far from over. Kuldeep has been vocal about the

**4/14**

Kuldeep Yadav has produced his best bowling performance in the IPL, bettering the 4/20 against Rajasthan in Kolkata on May 15, 2018.

**ON TARGET:** Kuldeep Yadav gestures after dismissing Baba Indrajith on Thursday



confidence Capitals' Rishabh Pant has given him through the tournament. He delivered again at Wankhede stadium. Coming on to bowl after Mustafizur Rahman, Chetan Sakariya, Axar Patel and Shardul Thakur had applied the choke in the powerplay, Kuldeep ran through the middle order, claiming the wickets of IPL debutant Baba Indrajith and Sunil Narine with the second and third ball of his spell to reduce KKR to 35/4.

Just as it seemed Iyer was gaining some momentum on 42 off 37, Pant miraculously caught an under-edge off a square cut off Kuldeep. Kuldeep deceived the dangerous Andre Russell three balls later and had him stumped for a duck. The pitch seemed dual-paced and Kuldeep's guile was too much to handle for the indecisive KKR batting lineup, which was reeling at 83/6 in the 14th over.

For all the talk about Pant's confidence in Kuldeep, he didn't let Kuldeep finish his full quota of four overs. Perhaps KKR found a window to break free and Nitish Rana capitalized on Lalit Yadav bowling the 17th over by taking 18 runs. Rana looked like the only steady thing in the chaotic KKR camp, which has heavily chopped and changed its playing XI. The team doesn't even resemble the one they started with in the tournament.

Rana threatened to hurt Capitals with his 34-ball 57. During the course of his partnership of 62 off 34 balls with Rinku Singh for the seventh wicket, Rana was exposing Capitals' vulnerable death bowling. Mustafizur turned on his magic in the last over, though, conceding just two runs and picking up three wickets, to finish with figures of 3/18. Kuldeep, however, was the star of the show.

**SCOREBOARD**

**Kolkata Knight Riders:** A Finch b Sakariya 3, V Iyer c Sakariya b Patel 6, S Iyer c Pant b Kuldeep 42, B Indrajith c Powell b Kuldeep 6, S Narine lbw b Kuldeep 0, N Rana c Sakariya b Mustafizur 57, A Russell st Pant b Kuldeep 0, R Singh c Powell b Mustafizur 23, U Yadav not out 0, T Southee b Mustafizur 0, H Rana not out 0; Extras: (lb5, nb1, w3) 9; Total: (9 wickets) 146; FoW: 1-4, 2-22, 3-35, 4-35, 5-83, 6-83, 7-145, 8-146, 9-146; Bowling: Mustafizur 4-0-18-3, Sakariya

3-0-17-1, Thakur 3-0-32-0, Axar 4-0-28-1, Kuldeep 3-0-14-4, Lalit 3-0-32-0.

**Delhi Capitals:** P Shaw c & b Umesh 0, D Warner c Narine b Umesh 42, M Marsh c V Iyer b Harshit 13, L Yadav lbw b Narine 22, R Pant c Indrajith b Umesh 2, R Powell not out 33, A Patel run out 24, S Thakur not out 8; Extras: (lb3, nb1, w2) 6; Total: (6 wickets) 150; FoW: 1-0, 2-17, 3-82, 4-84, 5-84, 6-113; Bowling: Umesh 4-0-24-3, Harshit 3-0-24-1, Southee 4-0-31-0, Narine 4-0-19-1, Nitish 1-0-14-0, Russell 1-0-14-0, V Iyer 1-0-14-0, S Iyer 0-6-0-7-0.

## Battle of smarts between Rahul, Agarwal

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Childhood buddies Mayank Agarwal and KL Rahul will look to outsmart each other when Punjab Kings take the field against Lucknow Super Giants in their first-ever IPL meeting in Pune on Friday.

Over the past couple of seasons, the duo have formed a formidable opening combo for the Punjab franchise before Rahul was signed by Lucknow Super Giants ahead of the 2022 IPL mega auction, leaving his best friend to lead the red and gold brigade under the guidance of Anil Kumble.

Having played eight matches each, Punjab find themselves at the seventh spot with four wins while Lucknow are in fourth place with five wins. Both teams walk into the encounter on the back of thrilling wins in their previous outings. The subplot of the contest will certainly be the hot-and-



**1** Lokesh Rahul remains the only batsman to post two centuries as well as two golden ducks in this IPL - 0 vs Gujarat Titans on March 28; 0 vs Rajasthan on April 10 (both at the Wankhede); 103\* at Brabourne on April 16 & 103\* on April 24 at Wankhede - both against MI.

cold form of the opening combinations on either side. After parting ways with Rahul, Punjab found a perfect replacement in Shikhar Dhawan. In Dhawan, Punjab not only can boast of a left-right combination with Mayank, but also a dependable batter.

Punjab, however, will be a bit concerned with the form of Mayank, who has scored only 136 runs, with one half century in seven matches.

The return of southpaw Bhanuka Rajapaksa at the No.3 slot has bolstered Punjab's batting, and the top three will be expected to set the platform for power-hitters Liam Livingstone and Jonny Bairstow.

Similarly for Lucknow, Rahul stands only behind Rajasthan's Jos Buttler in the race to the Orange Cap. But his opening partner Quinton De Kock (225 runs) is yet to reach his peak.

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## Sunny wants Umran in England

**New Delhi:** Speed demon Umran Malik is being backed to win a place in India's bowling attack after lighting up the IPL with deliveries of more than 150kph and wickets galore.

Sunrisers Hyderabad pacer Malik's rise from the Jammu region to the IPL has been nothing short of a fairy-tale. The son of a fruit vendor rattled Gujarat's big guns including Hardik Pandya, Wriddhiman Saha and David Miller on Sunday to earn rich praise from cricketing greats.

Former Test captain Sunil Gavaskar had already predicted Malik would play for India and, after the express bowler's five-wicket haul, said India should "take him to England for the one-off Test and the limited-overs (in July)."

Former England batsman Kevin Pietersen said on Star Sports: "I think what was more exciting than these five wickets is the way Sunny



Umran Malik celebrates one of his wickets on Sunday

**65** God willing, if I have to bowl 155kph, I will do it one day. But at the moment, all I want to do is bowl well. -Umran Malik

roof at the Wankhede Stadium. "The idea was just to bowl as fast as I can. The ground is slightly on the smaller side so the idea is to stay on the stumps, mix the pace and try to keep the ball within the stumps," Malik said. "God willing, if I have to bowl 155kph, I will do it one day. But at the moment, all I want to do is bowl well."

Malik is now under the tutelage of South Africa fast-bowling great Dale Steyn, Hyderabad's bowling coach. "Umran is growing in confidence as the tournament unfolds. He bowled exceptionally well tonight," said Hyderabad coach Tom Moody. "The most pleasing thing with Umran is he is constantly wanting to learn and improve." AGENCIES

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**Satwik-Chirag, Sindhu in last eight; Srikanth, Saina bow out**

PV Sindhu and the men's doubles pair of Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty entered the quarterfinals of the Badminton Asia Championships while the rest of the Indians exited the tournament in Manila on Thursday. Sindhu made short work of world No.100 Yue Yann Jaslyn Hooi of Singapore 21-16, 21-16 and third-seeded Satwik-Chirag defeated the Japanese duo of Akira Kogo and Taichi Saito 21-17, 21-15, reports Manne Ratnakar.

**Swiatek ready to deal with success, says her psychologist: Preparing for success is as important as learning to deal with setbacks and it has helped Iga Swiatek seamlessly establish herself as the new world number one with a 23-match winning run, the Pole's sports psychologist Daria Abramowicz has said. "Iga has more and more resources to be able to tackle more challenges that will come with being in this position," Abramowicz said.**

**F1 race directors test positive for Covid ahead of Miami GP:** Formula One race directors Eduardo Freitas and Niels Wittich have tested positive for Covid-19, raising questions about who will take charge of next week's inaugural Miami Grand Prix.

**Barca to play away from Camp Nou in 2023-24:** Barcelona will play home games away from Camp Nou during the 2023-24 season while the stadium is being redeveloped, the club has confirmed. AGENCIES

**ACTION TODAY**

**BADMINTON:** Asian Championships, Quarter-finals, 1.30 pm (Sony Ten 2); **CRICKET:** IPL: Punjab vs Lucknow, 7.30 pm (Star Network); **KHELO INDIA:** 9.30 am (Sony Six)

## ADVANTAGE, REDS

**Liverpool Expose Villarreal's Limitations In First-Leg Win**

Liverpool: There is no dispute that Villarreal deserve their place in the semi-final of the Champions League but Wednesday's 2-0 defeat at Anfield against Liverpool exposed their limitations and limited options when faced with key injuries.

Spanish coach Unai Emery has rightly won plaudits for the way he has turned a collection of relatively modest and low-cost players into a last-four team in Europe's top club competition.

By knocking out Juventus and Bayern Munich in the previous rounds, Emery showed that his side's smart defending and effective counter-attacking could cause problems for clubs with far more illustrious histories.

Plenty of teams in Spain and Europe can attest to how frustrating it can be to play against a defence so expertly marshalled by Pau Torres with a deep three-man



**RIGHT ON THE MANE:** Mane toe-poked past Rulli for the second goal.

midfield providing a line of protection to the back four. For the opening 45 minutes at Anfield, there were indications that the approach might work but what was missing was the counter-attacking threat that is such a vital part of the gameplan.

Without key striker Gerard Moreno to partner him, Dutch forward Arnaut Danjuma was less of a danger than he has shown with his six goals in the competition this season. After the break, Liverpool clearly

upped the tempo, their midfield pushing higher and the Spanish resistance finally, with some inevitability, crumbled. The problem for Emery is that Liverpool play the same way away from the noise and colour of Anfield.

**Klopp signs new Liverpool contract until 2026** Liverpool manager Jurgen Klopp has signed a new contract that will keep him at Anfield until 2026. REUTERS

**14** Mane's goal was his 14th in the CL KO stages, the joint-most of any African player along with Drogba.

**4** Klopp has won all four of his Champions League semifinal home matches in his managerial career.

**1** Villarreal have won only one of their ten away matches against English clubs in UEFA club competition (D3 L6).

**“The match next week will be very different. It is very important in our home to change something, maybe tactically. They are going to suffer more than tonight.” —Unai Emery, Villarreal coach**

**“It is now halftime (in the tie), no more, no less. There is still a full job to do. You play a game and it's 2-0 at halftime. You have to be completely on alert in the second half and have to be 100% in the right mood. They could play the second half like you played the first half, and if they do that then all the advantages we have go away.” —Jurgen Klopp, Liverpool manager**

**INTER FAIL TO SEIZE TOP SPOT FROM MILAN**

**Milan:** Inter Milan failed to claim top spot in Serie A after an incredible howler from reserve goalkeeper Ionut Radu consigned his team to a 2-1 defeat at Bologna. The match was Inter's game in hand on their local rivals AC Milan. Raiola angered at media reports of his death: "Super agent" Mino Raiola shot back at media claims that he had died at the age of 54. Gazzetta Dello Sport even published an obituary.

## J&K football fires stinker to AIFF

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**New Delhi:** Close on the heels of the Kerala State Football Association's official complaint to the All India Football Federation (AIFF) last Friday over being bypassed in conducting the ongoing Santosh Trophy in the state's Malappuram district, it's now the Jammu and Kashmir Football Association (JKFA) that has spoken out.

Earlier this month, the association lodged an official protest over the AIFF organising and conducting the May 10-19th AFC Pro Diploma Course (Module 1) at Srinagar without its knowledge or consent. The JKFA had further demanded that the module be deferred or cancelled.

This latest embarrassment to the AIFF caused by its office bearers at Football House

led them to hastily shift the venue of the course to Chandigarh, but not before it faced more egg on its face with the 'resignation' of AIFF Technical Director and Head of Coach Education, Savio Medeira over the issue last week. As part of the damage control, on Sunday, the media wing of the AIFF swiftly tweeted an official communication that the former 1990-2000s India midfielder and SAFF Cup-winning coach had not put in his papers and was still in his job but federation insiders claim that Medeira, miffed at being made the scapegoat for the officials' goof up, had indeed mailed his official resignation to Football House. Medeira has been silent on the issue. The AIFF's high-handedness towards their member associations can be gauged by the fact that ZA Thakur, president of the JKFA, is also the treasurer of the AIFF.

## Ben Stokes succeeds Joe Root as England Test captain

**London:** Star all-rounder Ben Stokes was named as England's new Test captain on Thursday, replacing Joe Root, who stood down earlier this month after a string of painful defeats. The 30-year-old, who served as Root's deputy, was the overwhelming favourite to take charge of a struggling team that have won just one of their past 17 matches.

Stokes, whose career is peppered with staggering performances with bat and ball, has been a loyal lieutenant to Root and made a point of praising his friend and predecessor in a short statement. "I am honoured to be given the chance to lead the England Test team," he said. "This is a real privilege and I'm excited about getting started this summer."

"I want to thank Joe for



**NEW DAWN:** Stokes (left) & Root

everything he has done for English cricket and for always being a great ambassador for the sport all across the world. He has been a massive part of my development as a leader in the dressing room and he will continue to be a key ally for me in this role."

Root resigned after five years in charge following a 1-0 series loss in the Caribbean, which came hot on the heels

of a humiliating 4-0 Ashes defeat in Australia. New managing director of England men's cricket Rob Key told Sky Sports that Stokes was the "obvious choice".

"I just think the time is right for him," Key said. "He's been a leader in that dressing room for a long, long time. He's been the one that people turned to a lot of the time. He's a strong leader, he's got a good cricketing brain. Everything he's done has got him to this point."

The former England batsman added: "He's got a hell of a lot of empathy as well... All of those traits, as well as an outstanding cricket brain, make him the obvious choice." Stokes, who made his Test debut in 2013, has scored more than 5,000 Test runs and taken 174 wickets in 79 matches. AFP

**Ranji Trophy knockouts from June 4**

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**Bengaluru:** Five days after the Indian Premier League on May 29, the Ranji Trophy season will resume with the knockouts scheduled in three venues here. The quarterfinals begin on June 4 and the final is slated for June 20. With the IPL in April and May, the BCCI was forced to hold the premier red-ball competition in two phases. The league phase ended on March 6, days before the Indian players were to join their franchises for the IPL, which began on March 26 in Mumbai.

The tournaments over the past two seasons have been held in a bio-bubble and the same will be followed for the business end of the Ranji Trophy. The only change is that the Indian cricket board has done away with the mandatory five-day quarantine.

**The schedule:** Quarterfinals (June 4-8): Bengal vs Jharkhand; Mumbai vs Uttarakhand; Karnataka vs Uttar Pradesh; Punjab vs Madhya Pradesh. June 12-16: Semifinals; June 20-24: Final.

## Jain Univ continue dominance in pool

**Rutuja Clinches Gold; Srihari Sets Two New Records**

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**Bengaluru:** Olympian Virdhawal Khade's wife Rutuja won the gold in women's 100m freestyle even as Jain University completed their domination in the pool with a rich haul of 14 gold medals powered by Srihari Nataraj

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Siva (six gold, 1 silver) and Siva Sridhar who ended with seven gold and two silver. With 85 points, the Jain men claimed the team championship, while University of Mumbai bagged the women's honour.

Rutuja, representing Shivaji University, won in a new meet record time of 1:00.81s, erasing Sadhvi Dhuri's record set in 2020. On Thursday, Sadhvi (Savitribai Phule Pune University) settled for the second place in 1:01.93 while Aarti Patil of Mumbai won the bronze medal.

"This is my first and last KIUG and I'm happy with my

performance. As my first competition of the year, this was a like a trial for as I prepare to make the team for the Asian Games." Rutuja, an MCom student trained by Vardhawal Khade told TOI. For the Asian, Rutuja said she would focus on the 50m butterfly and 4x100m freestyle relay.

Olympian Nataraj added two more gold medals in the 100m freestyle and 50m backstroke setting new records. In 50m backstroke, he beat back the challenge from teammate Siva. In boxing, Muskan continued her fine run in the final as he pummeled Rekha of Indira Gandhi University for a 5-0 verdict in the women's 57-60kg final. World Youth C'ship gold medalist Vinika bagged the bronze.

**Select results: Hockey:**

Men: Pool A: Bangalore University 1 (Shamant CS 28) bt Savitribai Phule University 0. Pool B: Bangalore City University 3 (Harish Mutagar 29, 32, 36) bt VBS Purvanchal University, Jaunpur 2 (Vijendra Singh 18, Nitish Neupane 40).

**Swimming:** Women: 100m FS: 1. Rutuja Khade.



## MEA cites Covid cases to defend denial of tourist visas to Chinese

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: India defended its decision to not resume tourist or e-tourist visa for Chinese nationals saying it's not "an opportune moment" to talk about resumption of issuance of tourist visas given the pandemic situation in Chinese cities.

TOI had reported on April 24 that India had not resumed tourist visas for China and that Beijing, since November 2020, had not been issuing any type of visa to Indian nationals except diplomatic and official ones. India is still giving business, employment, diplomatic and official visas to the Chinese.

"You're all aware of the Covid situation in Chinese cities like Shanghai. I don't think this is an opportune moment to discuss the resumption of issuance of tourist visas from China. You're also aware that China has suspended issue of most types of visas to Indians since November 2020," said MEA spokesperson Arindam Bagchi.

The government also expressed hope that Beijing will soon allow Indian students to return to China. Close to 23,000 Indian students who had to return because of Covid are awaiting approval from Beijing to rejoin classes in China.

Foreign minister S Jaishankar had taken up the issue with his counterpart Wang Yi when the latter was here last month. "We have requested them to look at the difficulties that students in India are facing," Bagchi said.

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# Followed due process, says govt on eviction of artists

## 'They Didn't Leave Despite Many Notices'

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: Amid the row over eviction of eight eminent artists from government accommodation, housing and urban affairs ministry officials on Thursday said the exercise followed due process and after giving the allottees enough time to vacate the houses. The government had allowed these artists to retain the government accommodation up to July, 2014 and subsequently regularised their overstay in these premises till September, 2020.

Officials said they were further allowed to retain the houses for three more months so that they could make alternative arrangements.

They said the artists filed a petition before the Delhi



Out of 27 artists, there were around eight who had not moved out of their government accommodation, officials said

high court last year and in its judgment of February 25, the court dismissed the applications and gave two months' grace period to hand over houses to the government. Subsequently, the Directorate of Estates under the ministry started eviction proceedings on Monday. But the artists again filed a petition before the HC and it was dismissed and the court imposed a cost of Rs 50,000. Once again, an appeal was filed before the HC and it was also dismissed on Thursday. The court also imposed a cost of

## Gurus, dancers slam Centre on eviction

Gurus and dancers across Odisha have condemned the Centre for evicting Odissi dance exponent and Padma Shri awardee Guru Mayadhar Raut (91) from his government-allotted accommodation in New Delhi's Asian Games Village on Tuesday, reports **Minati Singha**. Raut's daughter and Odissi dancer Madhumita alleged that they were not given any prior notice to vacate the house. The artist has taken shelter at one of his students' house. "Guru Kelucharan Mohapatra, Guru Pankaj Charan Das, Guru Deba Prasad Das and Guru Mayadhar Raut are the four legendary exponents of classical Odissi dance. Raut, whose contributions to Odissi dance is huge, has been insulted by the Centre. I strongly condemn this unacceptable behaviour meted out to guruji," said noted Odissi dance guru Gajendra Panda

**Times View:** it is distressing to see a 91-year-old cultural icon in such a sorry state. The government should take a sensitive and sympathetic relook at this entire issue of eviction of artists.

Rs 25,000 on the petitioners.

Officials said out of 27 artists, there were around eight who had not moved out of their government accommodation despite multiple notices. Now they have assured the ministry to vacate the houses in the next few days. The government won't

take any action during the agreed period. As per the government's policy, up to 40 artists can be allotted accommodation under a special quota in the General Pool Residential Accommodation on the recommendation of the culture ministry if they earned under Rs 20,000 a month.

## MEA asked BB to act on WHO suspension? Officials refute claim

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: The MEA was reported to have called upon Bharat Biotech to immediately address the issue of WHO's suspension of the supply of Covaxin through UN procurement agencies. It is important, said foreign secretary Harsh Shringla in a communication to vaccination empowered group convenor Dr V K Paul, to avoid cancellation of WHO's emergency use approval for the vaccine, according to an agency report.

Government sources, however, later said the communication referred to an internal document circulated to members of the Empowered Group-5, which looks at all issues related to vaccines. "Selective parts of the communication have been

highlighted out of context to portray an incorrect picture. The note only lists issues in a factual manner for consideration of the Empowered Group and does not indicate MEA's position or comment on any issue under consideration," said a source.

Shringla reportedly said many issues about vaccines and international travel by Indians have arisen and these must be addressed immediately. "The issues pertain to m-RNA based booster dose requirement by countries which, in effect, negates our effort to obtain recognition of Covishield and Covaxin, suspension of supply of Covaxin by WHO and international travel by Indians vaccinated with Sputnik-V," Shringla was quoted as saying in an agency report.

## Fuel prices row rages: Kerala, TN CMs slam PM, Puri hits back

Chennai/New Delhi: The political slugfest over Prime Minister Narendra Modi flagging higher fuel prices in many opposition-led states escalated on Thursday with Tamil Nadu chief minister M K Stalin saying it was like hiding a whole pumpkin in a plate of rice, and his Kerala counterpart Pinarayi Vijayan asserting that people's suffering cannot be mitigated by blaming the states.

As opposition chief ministers launched a fresh offensive against the PM on the issue of tax cuts on petroleum products, petroleum minister **Hardeep Singh Puri** blamed high taxes imposed by opposition-governed states on aviation turbine fuel for air ticket prices not coming down.

He also accused them of "hypocrisy" for targeting the central government over the issue.

Raising the issue of higher fuel prices in many opposition-ruled states, the PM on Wednesday called it "injustice" to people living there and urged the governments to reduce VAT in "national interest" to benefit the common man.

While Congress MP Rahul Gandhi alleged that Modi's federalism "wasn't cooperative but coercive", his party colleague Veerappa Moily, an ex-petroleum minister, said the PM's call amounts to "travesty of justice".

Stalin said people were aware of the fact behind the issue and pointed to his government cutting petrol price by Rs 3 a litre earlier. PTI

## Pak has no locus standi to talk about PM's J&K visit: MEA

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: Pakistan has no locus standi to talk about J&K and India's approach to Pakistan has not changed as the onus remained on Islamabad to create an atmosphere free of terrorism for any engagement between the two countries, the government said on Thursday.

The ministry of external affairs said the terror attack in Karachi only underlined the need for all countries to take an "undifferentiated" position against terrorism. "Our stance against all forms of terrorism anywhere has been steadfast and consistent," said an MEA spokesperson. Pakistan PM Shehbaz Sharif tweeted about PM Narendra Modi's visit to J&K, saying India is trying to create false normalcy there. "It's clear with the reception that he got, the visuals you saw and the development projects that he inaugurated and changes that have happened on the ground, it is a very clear answer to any questions that may be raised about the PM's visit," said MEA spokesperson Arindam Bagchi. "In any case, Pakistan has no locus to talk about it from this perspective on what's happening in J&K."

## 'Ukraine war shows need for def self-reliance'

New Delhi: The ongoing Russia-Ukraine conflict has reinforced the need for India to become self-reliant without depending on arms imports, defence minister **Rajnath Singh** said on Thursday, even as he called for synergy in land, air and sea operations.

Addressing the naval commanders' conference, Singh stressed that "jointness in operations" would be critical in any future war. He said it was heartening to note that 39 of the 41 warships and submarines currently on order were being built in Indian shipyards. He noted the Navy has re-invested over 64% of its capital budget into the country's own economy. TNN

## Repeal sedition law, bring back Sec 66A of IT Act, says Pawar

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## MVA used Sec 124A against Ranans

Mumbai: NCP president Sharad Pawar filed an additional affidavit before the Koregaon Bhima inquiry commission to suggest "legal reforms" that include "repeal" of Section 124A of Indian Penal Code (offence of sedition) and reintroduction of Section 66A of the Information Technology Act to ensure law enforcement agencies can maintain law and order and prevent riots. Pawar said Section 124A is "often misused against people who criticise the government, suppressing their liberty and tends to stifle any voice of dissent raised in a peaceful and democratic way" and "should be repealed."

The commission, comprising retired Chief Justice J N Patel and Sumit Mullick, summoned Pawar to appear before it on May 5-6 in Mumbai, where the commission's counsel Ashish Satpute would examine him. Pawar filed the additional affidavit on April 11 to "suggest certain reforms to the Criminal Procedure Code and IPC." Pawar reiterated that he has "no personal knowledge or information about the se-

Even as NCP president Sharad Pawar has submitted before the Koregaon Bhima inquiry commission that misuse of Section 124A pertaining to sedition should be repealed, four days ago, the MVA government had booked Amravati MP Navneet Rana and her legislator husband Ravi Rana under the same IPC section, reports **Prafulla Marpakwar**. Pawar is the architect of the MVA government led by CM Uddhav Thackeray. A week ago, when the Ranans reached Mumbai for reciting Hanuman Chalisa outside Matoshree, the private residence of the CM, law-enforcing agencies restrained them from reaching there. Later, they were booked under Section 124A for challenging the authority of the government.

quence of events leading to the unfortunate incident at Koregaon Bhima (Pune district) on January 1, 2018." His first affidavit was filed last September.

He also said he was making "no allegation" against any "political agenda or motive behind such an incident".

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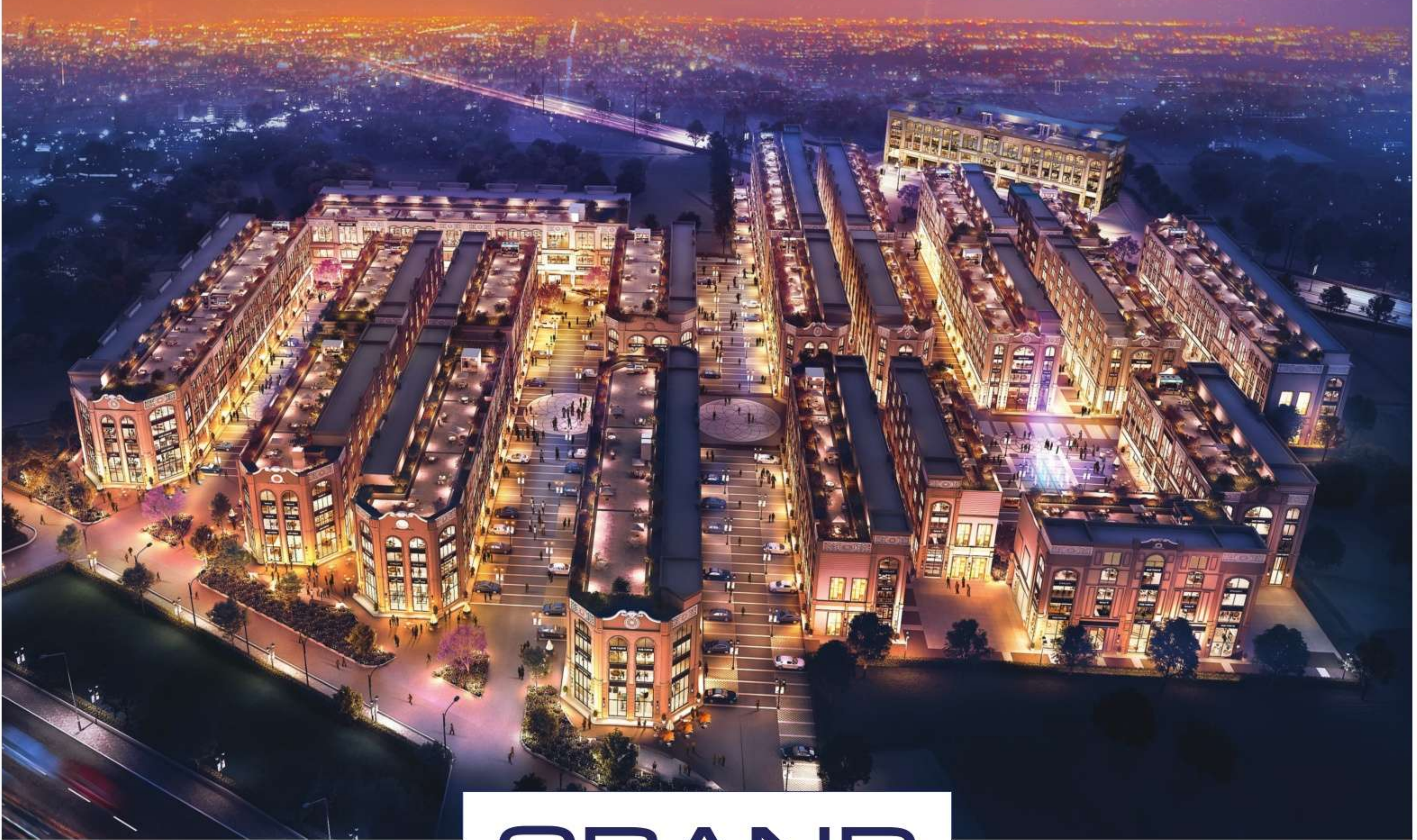
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## Heat wave for next 4 days, Apr set to be among hottest ever

IMD: Day Temps To Rise By 2°C In North India

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This April is on course to be among the hottest ever experienced in India, with the met department on Thursday issuing another heat wave warning for north and central India for the next four days.

Day temperatures were "very likely" to rise by 2 degrees Celsius over most parts of northwest India during the next two days, the India Meteorological Department said, issuing "orange" alert for extreme heat over the next four

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- 45.9 Patiala (Punjab)
- 45.9 Allahabad (UP)
- 45.8 Chandrapur (Maha)
- DELHI-NCR
- 46\* Sports Complex (C'wealth Games Village)
- 45.8 Mungeshpur
- 45.6 Gurgaon

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days in west Rajasthan, MP (east and west) and Vidarbha. The rest of northwest India and parts of central India are on "yellow" alert.

► 'Absence of rain', P 16

### City to Centre: Ensure coal to keep hosps, Metro going

For the first time in April, Delhi's peak power demand touched 6,000 Mega-Watt (MW) on Thursday, even as neighbouring cities continued to suffer long outages caused by low coal inventories at thermal power plants.

After an emergency meeting, Delhi power minister Satyendar Jain wrote to the Centre asking it to arrange for supply of adequate coal for uninterrupted power supply in the capital, the Delhi government said. Jain added that any disruption in supply from Dadri-II and Unchahar power stations was likely to hit essential services such as government ho-

spitals and Delhi Metro.

Although Delhi has not reported power outages so far this season, there is an air of uncertainty over supply from thermal power plants. This month saw highest ever peak power demand (for April) on April 19 (5,735MW), April 20 (5,761MW), April 27 (5,786MW) and April 28 (6,000MW).

Meanwhile, Gurgaon residents continued to suffer outages of up to six hours, with industrial areas seeing longer cuts, from 8pm to 6am. Scrambling for more power, Haryana is likely to sign pacts for the purchase of an additional 500MW. P 2

### Delhi row: SC to soon decide on Centre's plea

The Supreme Court on Thursday reserved its verdict on whether to set up a five-judge Constitution bench to decide if the Centre or the Delhi government should control the bureaucracy and services pertaining to the governance of the capital, reports Dhananjay Mahapatra.

"We will decide on the Centre's plea for putting the matter before a five-judge bench as soon as possible. In case we decide to entrust it to a five-judge bench, we would like the Centre and the Delhi government to conclude their arguments before May 15," CJIN V Ramana said. P 4

### On bail, 'honour' killing accused flees from house

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New Delhi: A man who was undergoing trial for allegedly killing his sister and brother-in-law because he didn't approve of their marriage—he is a Gurjar while his brother-in-law was a Rajput—has escaped from the bathroom of his house while on interim bail. The brother-in-law's family is now living in fear. The accused had on the same day in 2010 allegedly killed the sister of a friend, too, who had married without the approval of her family. They were all neighbours in Wazirpur village in north-west Delhi.

The accused, Ankit Choudhary, 33, had killed his sis-

### 1 DAY, 3 MURDERS

► Ankit Choudhary killed his sister Monika, and her husband Kuldeep Singh in 2010, 4 years after they got married

► Monika's family opposed union, told them to leave village

► After gaining confidence of Singh and Monika, Choudhary roped in his friend, Mandeep, who too wanted his sister, Shobha, killed for having eloped. All three were murdered the same day

ter Monika and brother-in-law Kuldeep Singh on June 20, 2010 in Ashok Vihar. They were shot in cold blood, four years after they tied the knot.

► Murders most foul, P 3

### Jahangirpuri violence: 3 more suspects held

Delhi Police has arrested three more suspects involved in the April 16 Jahangirpuri violence. One is Mohammad Fareed (35) alias Neetu, a local "bad character", who has been arrested by Delhi Police near Kolkata. The other two, Zafar and Babuddin, are brothers and were allegedly caught on CCTV brandishing swords and hurling Molotov cocktails, reports Rajshekhar Jha. The two are also associates of Mohammad Ansar, one of the prime conspirators police have arrested. In all, 31 suspects, including three juveniles, have been apprehended till now. P 5

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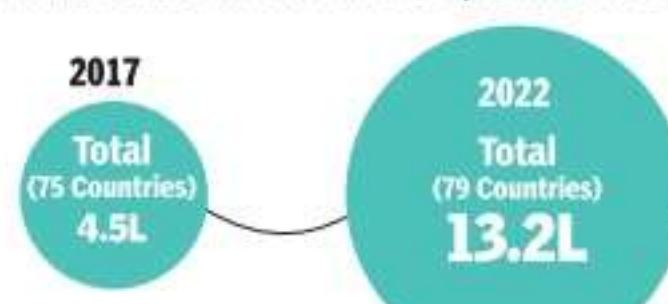
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# UKRAINE, US AND EVERYWHERE IN BETWEEN: WHERE INDIANS TRAVEL FOR FOREIGN DEGREES

The Centre has discouraged Indian students from seeking degrees in Pakistan, saying they will not be eligible for further studies or jobs in India. The move comes on the heels of an advisory against studying in China. In their quest for better career prospects, Indian students are drawn to not only the top destinations but also to places that are outliers on the global academics and jobs map. Amid the evacuation of Indians from Ukraine as Russia invaded the country, Bihar CM Nitish Kumar had even expressed surprise at the big presence of Indian students there. In fact, a look at the countries to which Indian students flock throws up some not-so-expected destinations.

**US Leads The Chart; Kyrgyzstan, Georgia Among Top Draws**

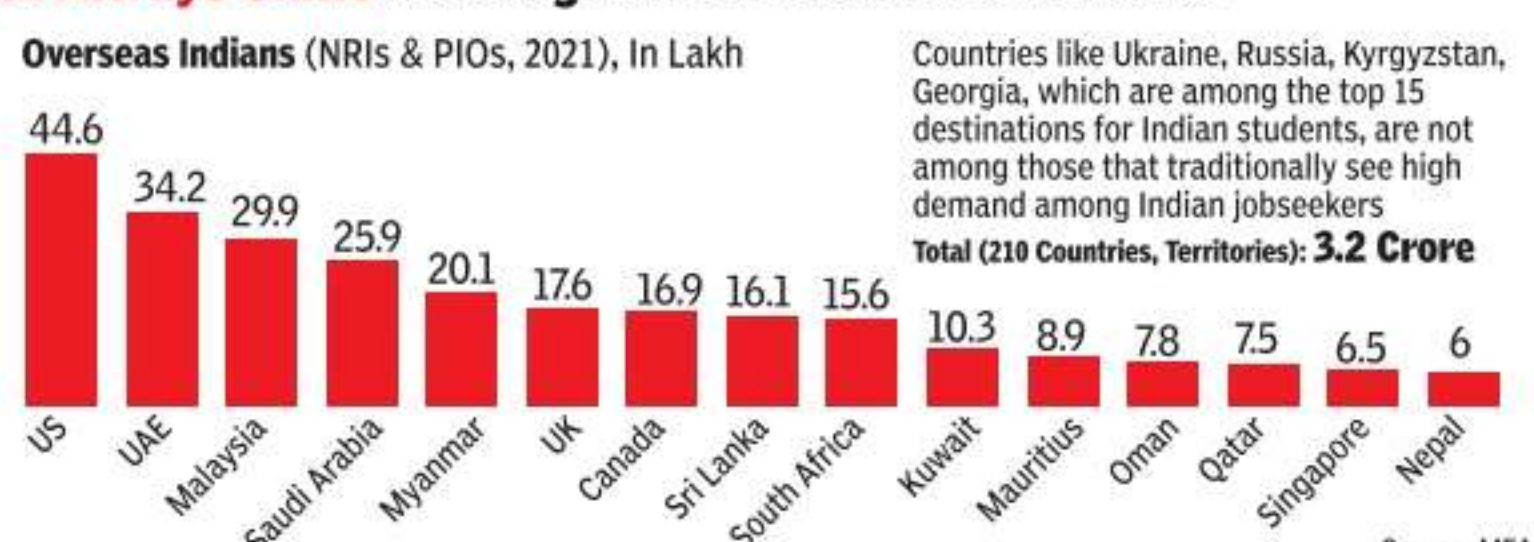


(Top 15)	Students From India, 2017	(Top 15)**	Students From India, 2022
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Australia	66,886	Canada	1,83,310
Canada	50,000	UAE	1,64,000
New Zealand	32,000	Australia	1,00,009
Bahrain	27,000	Saudi Arabia	65,800
UK*	16,715	UK	55,465
China	16,694	Qatar	46,000
Ukraine	7,963	Oman	39,550
Russia	6,500	Germany	34,864
Philippines	6,500	Russia	18,039
UAE	5,500	Philippines	15,000
France	5,000	Kyrgyzstan	14,500
Kyrgyzstan	4,686	Georgia	14,000
Nepal	3,000	France	10,003
Poland	2,500	Singapore	10,000

While the West has been, and remains, the preferred destination for study abroad, countries that were not prominent on the overseas education radar have started seeing a rise in Indian footfall. But experts point out that in some cases, especially with the Middle-East, the jump in student numbers may also be due to children of expat workers enrolling in institutions there. Consulting firm RedSeer says 1.8 million Indian students will be studying abroad by 2024, up from 770,000 in 2019. Spending by such students is set to go from about \$28 billion at present to \$80 billion by 2024.

## Key Study Destinations Not Always Same As Sought-After Countries For Jobs

While it would seem that the heaviest movement of students is to the countries that are the most attractive for Indian jobseekers, that is not always the case as among the top draws for Indian students are several that account for low Indian expat presence. Among the countries with the highest number of Indian-origin people are quite a few that have historical, ethnic and cultural ties with India.



# Rlys to cancel 670 passenger train trips to rush coal rakes

## 16 Trains Are Being Pulled Off Track Daily

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New Delhi: The spike in coal requirement due to the steep increase in electricity demand has forced Indian Railways to cancel around 16 mail/express and passenger trains daily in the past couple of weeks to create extra paths for rakes carrying the key ingredient to power plants located across the country. The railway ministry has notified the cancellation of nearly 670 trips of passenger trains till May 24. Over 500 of these trips are for long-distance mail and express trains.

The Railways has also increased the average daily loading of coal rakes to more than 400, which is the highest ever in the past five years.

Sources said the national transporter has committed to provide 415 coal rakes daily, each carrying around 3,500 tonnes, to meet the pre-

## Rakes loaded by coal companies per day



sent demand. They added that this drill will continue for at least two more months to improve stocks at power plants and avoid any crisis in

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July-August when coal mining is least due to rain.

"There are protests against cancellation of passenger trains in different states, but we have no option left with us as the immediate need is to ensure that there is no coal shortage at power plants and there is no black

out. It's a catch 22 situation for us. We hope to get over this temporary phase," said a railway ministry official. The official added that since the power plants are located across the country, the Railways have to run long distance trains and so a large number of coal rakes are in transit for 3-4 days. A large share of domestic coal is transported from the eastern sector to the northern, central and western parts of India.

According to official data, the Railways loaded barely

269 coal rakes daily in 2016-17. It was ramped up in 2017-18 and 2018-19. But during the next two years, the loading fell to 267 rakes per day. Last year, this was increased to 347 per day and till Thursday the number of rakes loaded with coal stood around 400-405 per day. Officials added that there is an unprecedented increase in coal demand this year and rail remains the preferred mode of transport for this.

Coal is used for generating about 70% of India's electricity. The Railways has also taken several steps to increase the loading and transport of coal including running of long-haul trains on both the Indian Railways and dedicated freight corridor networks, intense monitoring of detention of all coal rakes at loading and unloading points and also of their movement by senior functionaries. In case of asset failure on coal routes, the railways has made it mandatory for senior officers to rush to the site for restoration of defects "on priority".

It has also imposed loading restrictions for Kisan rails and parcels on select routes.

# Don't ruin your lives like I did, says ex-Hizb man now preaching peace

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Srinagar: Sheikh Mudasar was a normal schoolboy in the early 2000s, undergoing the usual upheavals of adolescence. Then he got carried away by the separatist ideology which, in his words, was "metastasising like a cancer" in the Valley.

He dropped out of school, became a hardcore stone thrower during protests in his native Old Baramulla town of north Kashmir, worked for the Pakistan-backed banned Hizbul Mujahideen terrorist group as an "overground" activist, and served time in jail thrice. That was then. Now, Mudasar, 35, is almost bedridden with a growing brain tumour and little money or help for the expensive surgery that can save his life.

And yet, until doctors advised him not to move about, he never tired of going to madrassas in his hometown to counsel youngsters, especially orphans, against enlisting in terrorist groups operating in J&K. He used to dig out nuggets from his own experi-



Sheikh Mudasar, 35, has a brain tumour and little money for the life-saving expensive surgery

ence to tell them about the futility of taking up arms. "Don't ruin your lives like I did," he exhorted them.

Isn't he scared? "No. I have been threatened by Lashkar-e-Taiba and the like for my effort to wean kids away from militancy. They can shoot me. So what? I am dying anyway," he says, vowing to keep spreading Allah's message of peace.

Sheikh Mudasar used to be a bright student. Then, a series of bad choices pushed him down a dark path. "I was in Class XII in 2006 when I became a stone-pelter and came in touch with Hizbul terror-

ists. I dropped out of school and became an overground worker for the outfit. I gave private tuitions to kids to earn some money," he recalls.

In 2007, he was arrested for throwing stones at security forces and spent six months in jail. "I was released, but I went back to Hizb and started throwing stones again. I was arrested for a second time in 2008". He was picked up again in 2010 under the Public Safety Act. This time, he was sent to Udhampur jail for a year. "There I saw how privileged political prisoners of Hurriyat Conference were. People like us wallowed in dank, stinking cells, whereas they stayed in luxurious rooms. They got Rs 5,000 a month through their conduits inside the jail as pocket money," Mudasar said.

The turning point came when jail superintendent Rajni Sehgal, an IPS officer, counselled him to give up the path he had chosen. "She told me Pakistan is using us as fodder and our leaders are enjoying a king-size life outside and inside jails," Mudasar said. "I saw it myself."

He was released after his father's death in late 2010. Around that time he developed a headache that doctors diagnosed as a growing brain tumour. His responsibilities grew too. "Being the eldest child, I realised that my mother, two sisters and two brothers needed my support. I worked as an agent helping people make their passports and other official documents."

His earnings were hardly enough to feed a family of six. He couldn't save any for his treatment. "I went to Srinagar to meet Hurriyat's Ali Shah Geelani and Mirwaiz Umar Farooq. Each of them gave me Rs 2,000 and took my medical papers, promising to help. No help came. I went to meet them again. Guards at the gate shooed me away," claims Mudasar. With little money and hope, he started visiting madrassas to tell kids not to waste their lives chasing "fanciful promises made by leaders of the separatist movement". According to doctors, a cyberknife robotic treatment available at NIMHANS, Bengaluru, might save him. "But how can I afford it?" Mudasar wonders.