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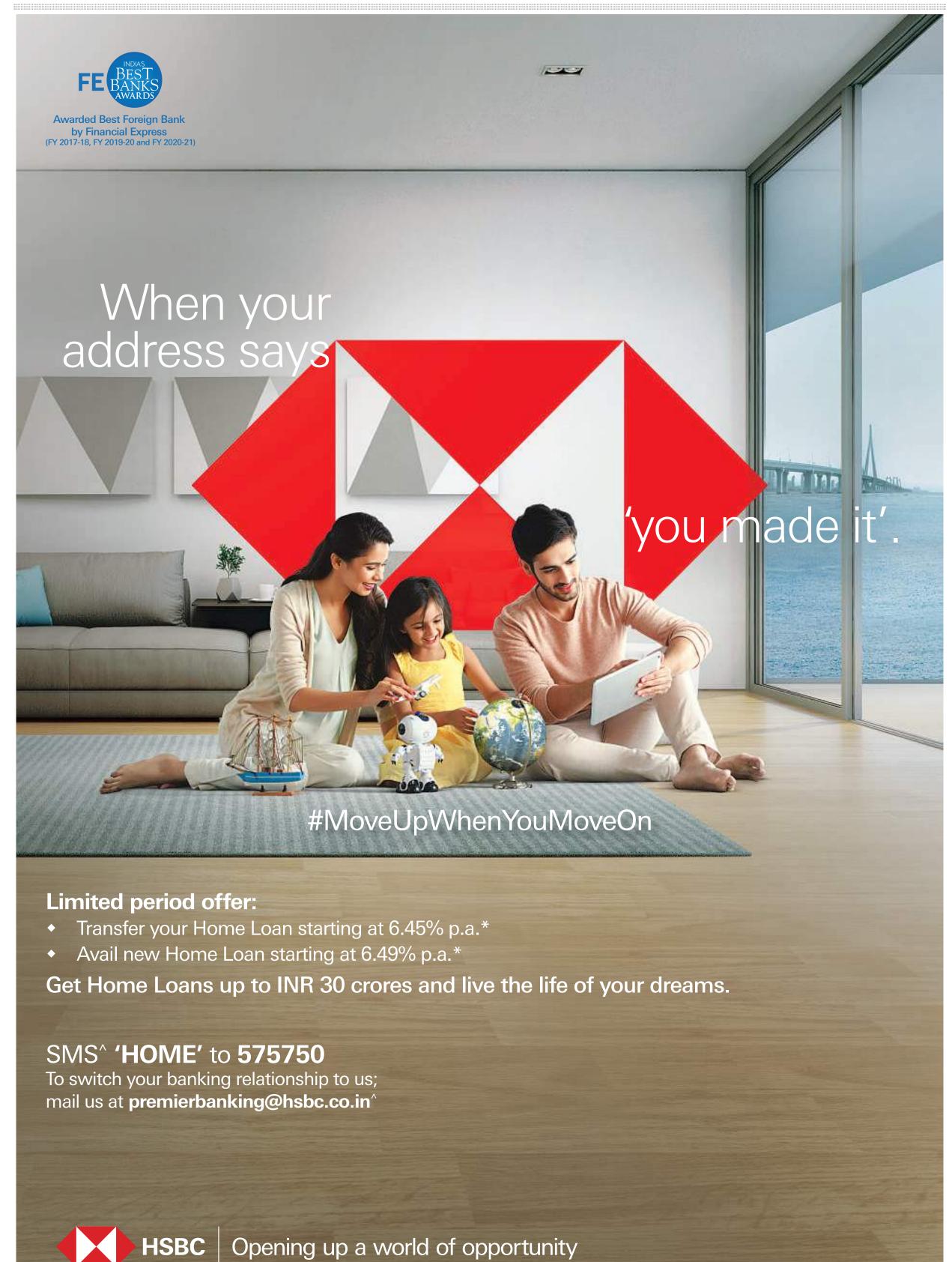
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Sr. No.	Tender No. & Due Date	Description	Qty.(NOS./ Sets)	EMD (₹)	
1.	14221035 16.05.2022	FIRE EXTINGUISHER WITH ANTI-THEFT SYSTEM	1000 Nos.	2,14,000/-	
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6.	05221176 12.05.2022	SET OF DOOR CUT OUT	183 Set	97,170/-	
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Drawings/specifications, wherever required can be downloaded from RCF Website http://www.rcf.indianrailways.gov.in. Class IIIb digital signature certificate required for on-line bidding, can be obtained from licensed certifying agencies listed at http://www.cce.gov.in. 2. Tenders will close at 14.25 Hrs. on due date and tender will be opened at 14.30 Hrs. Tenders Sr. No. 1 to 4 will be opened at RCF Kapurthala and Sr. No. 5 to 7 will be opened at Tilak Bridge, New Delhi. 3. For queries, contact IREPS helpdesk at 011-24102855,011-24105180 or RCF helpdesk at 011-23378658. Note: GST Number of RCF is 03AAAGM0289C1ZT. All the suppliers are advised to quote this in dispatch documents for the supplier made

by them.

 Tender No. 12221087 for procurement of Two Types Set of Seats with PU Foam for 3-Phase MEMU/DMC Coaches, **Due date to be read as 02.05.2022** instead of 25.04.2022. **2. Tender No. 12221053** for procurement of Set of Luggage Rack, Due date to be read as 28.04.2022 nstead of 25.04.2022. 3. Tender No. 12221063 for procurement of Luggage Rack Complete, Due date to be read as 28.04.2022 instead of 25.04.2022. **4. Tender No.17211691A** for the DESIGN, SUPPLY AND FITMENT OF COMPLETE FURNISHING OF LHB AC-3 TIER ECONOMY CLASS COACHES ON TURNKEY BASIS, Regarding: Para (i) of Scope of Annexure - B, to be read as (i) Cushioning material: MCF Spec MMDTS-19020 Rev-3 conforming to fire standard requirements to EN 45545 HL3 with suitable fire barrier cloth as per MMDTS-19021 Rev-2. Cushion may be directly moulded or fabricated from Slab. This shall supersede the note mentioned in reference drawings. The reference drawing EH61010 may be followed for Seat & Berths instead of (i) Cushioning material: MCF Spec MMDTS-19020 Rev-3 conforming to fire standard requirements to EN 45545 HL3 with suitable fire barrier cloth as per MMDTS-19021 Rev-2. PCMM Dated: 22.04.2022

प्रभाग समिती-एच त्रभागीय कार्यालय, नवघर माणिकपूर एस.टी.डेपोजवळ. वसर्डरोड (प.) ना. वसई, जि. पालघर, पिन ४०१२०२



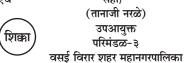
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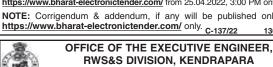
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### Modi has asked Putin what on earth he thinks he is doing, says Johnson

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**SHUBHAJIT ROY** NEW DELHI, APRIL 22

UNDERLINING THAT India and UK are together and confronting their "shared anxieties" on "autocratic coercion" around the world, visiting British Prime Minister Boris Johnson Friday said Prime Minister Narendra Modi has "intervened several times" with Russian President Vladimir Putin "to ask him what on earth he thinks he is doing, and where he thinks this is going". He said Indians want "peace" and the

> He also announced the CONTINUED ON PAGE 4

"Russians out (of Ukraine)".



Prime Minister Narendra Modi with UK PM Boris Johnson in New Delhi on Friday. Praveen Khanna



UNDERLINING THE importance of diplomacy and dialogue, India and Britain have called upon Russia to declare an immediate ceasefire in Ukraine. India has so far not criticised Russia's actions. The announcements, especially in the defence sector, suggest that Britain is trying to help reduce India's dependence on Russia for military needs.

### Rajiv Kumar steps down, Suman K Bery to be new NITI vice chairman

**ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU** NEW DELHI, APRIL 22

ANNOUNCING THE resignation of NITI Aayog Vice-Chairperson Rajiv Kumar, the Centre appointed economist Suman K Bery to the post on Friday. Kumar will step down on April 30, marking the second successive resignation from the post since the formation of the government

think-tank in 2014. Kumar had taken over in August 2017, replacing Arvind Panagariya who resigned from the post to return to academics. While Bery will join the or-

Koyna plant

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power demand

The plant can generate 1,983 MW of power. Yogesh Naik

AS MAHARASHTRA is facing a power shortage on account of rising demand and dip in power generation from thermal plants due to coal shortage, the Maharashtra State Power **Generation Company Limited** right (Mahagenco) is now heavily dependent on the Koyna hy-

dro-electric plant at Pophali near

The state has witnessed a sharp rise in demand leading to a shortage in power supply over the last couple of weeks. Vijay Singhal, CMD of Mahagenco, said that the current demand has gone past 28,800 MW as against a demand of 22,000 MW around

"Koyna has been very help-

The total generation capacity of Mahagenco is around 13,000 MW but at present, it can generate only about 8,000 MW. Koyna accounts for 1,800-2000 MW.

ful and it is a blessing in disguise. Demand in the state has gone up

and supply of coal is less," said

The rest of the electricity is pur-

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YOGESH NAIK MUMBAI, APRIL 22

this time last year.

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ganisation with immediate effect, he will assume the role of Vice-Chairperson from May 1, said a government order released late on Friday.

Bery is a former Director **CONTINUED ON PAGE 4** 

#### Faiz verses excluded from Class 10 book in CBSE tweak

SOURAV ROY BARMAN & SHEETAL BANCHARIYA NEW DELHI, APRIL 22

■ "We remain strangers even after so many meetings, blood stains remain even after so many

■ "Not enough to shed tears, to suffer anguish, not enough to nurse love in secret... Today, walk in the public square fettered in

FOR OVER a decade, CBSE students have read these translated excerpts from two poems in **CONTINUED ON PAGE 4** 

### Officials, cops connived to thwart Khwaja Yunus case: ex-public prosecutor

**OMKAR GOKHALE** MUMBAI, APRIL 22

IN AN email now part of Bombay High Court records, the former special public prosecutor in the custodial death case of Khwaja Yunus has said he was questioned by the government over his plea seeking that four more policemen be made to stand trial, and that he was removed

from the case on false grounds. The email was sent by Dhiraj U Mirajkar to Chetan Mali, the advocate representing Yunus's mother Asiya Begum, on February 21.



Died in 2003 in police custody

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Appointed as SPP in the 2003 death case in 2015, Mirajkar was removed in April 2018, soon after he submitted an application seeking that retired ACP Praful Bhosale and senior inspectors Rajaram Vhanmane, Ashok Khot and Hemant Desai be tried as accused. The government had earlier denied sanction to prosecute them. The trial has been on hold CONTINUED ON PAGE 4

### Two days before PM visit to J&K, two Pak terrorists with 'suicide vests' killed

**ARUN SHARMA** 

JAMMU, APRIL 22

WITH JUST two days to go for Prime Minister Narendra Modi's first official visit to Jammu & Kashmir since the state was split into two Union Territories in August 2019, police and security forces killed two suspected



encounter spot. PTI

Pakistani terrorists "wearing suicide vests" during a nearly fivehour encounter on Friday near the Sunjwan military station in the Jammu region, according to senior officials.

However, an Assistant Sub-Inspector of CISF, identified as S P Patel, also died as the terrorists fired at a bus carrying security CONTINUED ON PAGE 4

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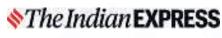
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#### 'Asked Putin...'

re-opening of the British embassy in Kyiv, which he had visited earlier this month.

Johnson, who spoke at a press conference organised by the British High Commission after the bilateral meeting with Modi, steered clear of criticising India for not condemning Russia's actions

Responding to questions, he said, "I think you have to recognise that Indians have actually and Narendra Modi in particular, have come out... very strong in their language about what has happened in Bucha. And talking to PM Narendra Modi today, it's clear that he has already intervened several times, and I am sure this is no secret from our Indian friends... he has intervened several times with Vladimir Putin to ask him what on earth he thinks he is doing, and where he thinks this is going. And what the Indians want is peace and they want the Russians out. And I totally agree with that.'

He said India has a "historic relationship with Russia" which "everybody understands and respects that goes back decades".

"But what was so interesting about the last couple of days has been the way in which Britain and India are being really encouraged, obliged, by the pressure of events today, as I say, autocratic coercion – whether it's in Russia or China – wherever to do more together".

He, however, did not mention Ukraine or Russia in the press statements after the talks, with Modi by his side. He merely said, "It was great to see you at the G7. But since then, the threats of autocratic coercion have grown even further."

Interacting with the media later, he chose New Delhi to announce the re-opening of the British embassy in Kyiv. "Next week, we will reopen our embassy in Ukraine's capital city. I want to pay tribute to those British diplomats who remained elsewhere in the region throughout this period.'

The United Kingdom and our allies will not watch passively as Putin carries on this onslaught and what I think we have seen here in New Delhi is, one of the world's oldest democracies, and the world's largest democracy, sticking together and confronting our shared anxieties about autocracies and autocratic coercion around the world and acting together to make our countries safer and more prosperous. "Our new and expanded de-

fence and security partnership will enable India to strengthen its own domestic defence industry as well as protecting vital shared interests in the Indo Pacific," he said. On Ukraine, Modi, in his

statement after the bilateral meeting, called for "immediate ceasefire" - a different formulation than the earlier language of "immediate cessation of hostilities and violence". As in the past, he advocated "dialogue and diplomacy", while mentioning the principle of "respect for territorial integrity and sovereignty".

"We stressed on dialogue and diplomacy for an immediate ceasefire and resolution of the problem in Ukraine. We also reiterated the importance of respect for the territorial integrity and sovereignty of all countries,"

Foreign Secretary Harsh Vardhan Shringla said there was "no pressure" (dabaav) from the UK during the talks on the Russia-Ukraine crisis. He said that the Prime Minister expressed "deep concern" over the situation and the "mounting humanitarian crisis" in Ukraine. Johnson, he said, provided "his perspective" and there was a "useful exchange of views" in

"convivial terms". In a bid to deepen defence cooperation, the UK will provide support for new Indian-designed and built fighter jets, offering the best of British knowhow on building battle-winning

The UK will also seek to support India's requirements for new technology to identify and respond to threats in the Indian

Johnson said that they discussed next-generation defence and security collaboration across the five domains - land, sea, air, space and cyber.

"We have agreed to work together to meet new threats across land, sea, air, space, and cyber including partnering on new fighter jet technology, maritime technologies to detect and respond to threats in the oceans," he said

Modi said, "We have also agreed to enhance cooperation in the defence sector. We welcome the UK's support for 'Atmanirbhar Bharat' in all sectors of manufacturing, technology, design and development in the defence sector.'

 $The \, British \, government \, also$ said that "to support greater defence and security collaboration with India over the coming decade, the UK will issue an Open General Export Licence (OGEL) to India, reducing bureaucracy and shortening delivery times for defence procurement. This is our first OGEL in the Indo-Pacific region."

On Khalistani groups and concerns about anti-India activities in the UK. Johnson said they have decided to form a new 'anti-extremist task force".

#### New NITI VC

General of the National Council of Applied Economic Research (NCAER), a position he held for a decade from 2001 to 2011. He also served as a member of the Prime Minister's Economic Advisory Council, the Reserve Bank of India's Technical Advisory Committee and the National Statistical Commission.

Prior to NCAER, Bery was with the World Bank in Washington DC and his areas included macroeconomy, financial markets and public debt management with a focus on Latin America. He did his undergraduate studies at Magdalen College, Oxford University, in Philosophy, Politics and Economics and holds a Master's in Public Affairs (MPA) degree from the Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs, Princeton University.

In a column in The Indian Express in March 2020, Bery had noted that the lockdowns being imposed across the world would have profound economic implications, and called for a "coherent policy response". Back in 2010, when Bery was a member of Manmohan Singh's Prime Minister's Economic Advisory Council, he had batted for the RBI to tighten its monetary policy to rein in the rising inflation.

In August 2017, days after he was named NITI Aayog Vice Chairman-designate, a column written by Rajiv Kumar appeared in Hindi daily Dainik Jagran, where he called out the foreign influence on Indian policy-making by Indian-American economists, and said this was fading at the time with the resignations of Raghuram Rajan as RBI Governor and Panagariya as NITI Aayog Vice-Chairman. He wrote that even as the love for foreign goods declined following the 1991 liberalisation of the economy, it took a long time for the country's policy-making establishment to get rid of the

"Macaulayist mentality".

In August 2019, taking cognizance of the bad liquidity situation in the financial sector and weak private investment in the economy, Kumar had said that since the government was faced with an "unprecedented issue", it needed to take steps that were "out of the ordinary". He said the government needed to take measures that eliminated the distrust in the private sector players and encouraged them to raise investments.

Kumar holds a DPhil in Economics from Oxford and a PhD from Lucknow University. He also served as the Chancellor of Gokhale Institute of Politics and Economics, Pune, and Chairman of the Board of Governors of the Giri Institute of Development Studies, Lucknow. He earlier served on the central boards of State Bank of India for two terms and on the central board of the RBI.

He was also the Chief Economist of the Confederation of Indian Industries (CII) during 2004-2006; Secretary General of the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI) during 2011-Director and Chief Executive of the Indian Council for Research on International Economic Relations (ICRIER): and held positions with the Asian Development Bank, Finance and Industries min-

#### Faiz verses

Urdu by Faiz Ahmed Faiz in the "Religion, Communalism and Politics – Communalism, Secular State" section of NCERT's Class 10 textbook "Democratic Politics II". The verses have been excluded from CBSE's 2022-23 academic curriculum, which was released on Thursday.

The portion of the curriculum document, which lists the Social Science course content for Class 10, states that the segment on religion, communalism and politics will continue to be part of the course content — "excluding image on page 46, 48, 49".

The images referred to are two posters and a political car-

One of the posters, illustrated with Faiz's verses, was issued by NGO ANHAD (Act Now for Harmony and Democracy), which has social activists Shabnam Hashmi and Harsh Mander among its co-founders.

The two posters and the cartoon are the only images to have been excluded from the course content. The CBSE did not respond to queries from The Indian Express on the reasons for the exclusion.

According to leading literary web portal Rekhta, the poem from which these verses were taken were composed by Faiz when he was being taken from a iail in Lahore, in chains, to a dentist's office in a tonga through lanes that were familiar to him.

The second poster, with excerpts of the other Faiz poem, was issued by Voluntary Health Association of India, which describes itself as a federation of 27 state associations. Rekhta savs Faiz had written this poem after

his visit to Dhaka in 1974. The cartoon by Ajith Ninan, which shows an empty chair adorned with religious symbols, was taken from The Times of India. It is accompanied by the caption: "This chair is for the CM-designate to prove his secular credentials...There will be

plenty of rocking! The textbook was developed by a committee chaired by the late Prof Hari Vasudevan of the University of Calcutta's Department of History following the revision of the National

Curriculum Framework in 2005. Also dropped from the course content in the book are

versity", which introduce students to the concept of social divisions and inequalities along the lines of race and caste across the world, including in India; "popular struggle and movements" with focus on Nepal and

chapters on "democracy and di-

ocratic politics. The "How to use this book" segment states that graphics, collages, photographs, posters and a wide range of political cartoons occupy a major portion.

Bolivia; and, "challenges to

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"These images provide visual relief and some fun. But you should not merely 'see' these images and turn the page. You are expected to 'read' the meaning of these images. Very often politics is carried out not through words but through images. The captions and questions that often accompany these images help you to read these images," it states.

Besides, a chapter on "Central Islamic Lands" is missing from the History course content for Class 11. It deals with the rise of Islamic empires in Afro-Asian territories and its implications for economy and society, according to the curriculum for

Among other Social Science themes to have faced the axe this time include "impact of globalization on agriculture" from a chapter on Food Security in the Class 10 curriculum. A chapter on "Cold war era and Non-aligned Movement" has been dropped from the Class 12 Political Science curriculum.

These apart, a unit on mathematical reasoning has been dropped from the Class 11 curriculum. Composite functions, inverse of a function, elementary properties of inverse trigonometric functions, mathematical formulation of linear programming problems, and binomial probability distribution have also been kept out.

As part of its decision to rationalise syllabus, the CBSE had announced that chapters on federalism, citizenship, nationalism, and secularism in the Class 11 Political Science textbook will not be considered while assessing students, triggering a major controversy. The topics were restored in the 2021-22 academic session and remain a part of the

In 2012, the NCERT had agreed to drop six cartoons from the Political Science textbooks of classes 9, 10, 11 and 12 following outrage over "anti-political class" content. In 2018, the NCERT had undertaken another round of revision of political commentary, including tweaking the captions under cartoons.

#### Terrorists killed personnel, they said. Nine others were injured in the gunbat-

tle, including police and security personnel. In two other incidents, officials said four suspected militants were killed in a security

operation at Baramulla in north Kashmir, and two migrant workers were shot at by suspected militants on the outskirts of Srinagar. The Jammu encounter took place barely a stone's throw from the rear outer boundary

wall of the military station in the Ialalabad area — the same direction from where militants had entered the installation for attacks in 2003 and in 2018 as well. Twelve soldiers were killed when two terrorists stormed the military station in 2003, and five soldiers were among nine killed

The Prime Minister is scheduled to visit the region on April 24 to launch several power and infrastructure projects, including the 8.45-km all-weather Banihal-Qazigund tunnel that

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will reduce the distance between Jammu and Srinagar by 16 km and travel time by almost two hours. Modi will be accompanied by Union Minister Giriraj Singh and industrialists from the

DGP Dilbagh Singh said the terrorists killed near the military station "hailed from Pakistan and owed allegiance to Jaish-e-Mohammad". "They were wearing suicide vests, which they would have exploded to cause more damage if they had exhausted their ammunition," he

"It looked like a recent infiltration operation, and they had come with the mission to launch an attack. It was a big conspiracy to disturb the peaceful atmosphere of Jammu. If they had been able to launch a successful attack, it would have had implications on the Prime Minister's visit," he said.

Singh, however, ruled out suggestions that the militants had planned to target the Prime Minister's rally on April 24 at Palli village in Samba district.

According to the DGP, security forces and police recovered a satellite phone, three AK 47 rifles along with ammunition, "a large number" of hand grenades, IEDs, a wireless set, food, energy drinks and medicines from the slain militants. "They had all the things that fidayeen carry with them," he said.

Senior officials said security personnel launched an operation in the Sunjwan area on Thursday night following information that two militants have been sent from Pakistan to carry out an attack on security forces or an Army camp in the Union Territory. "Around 3.40 am, the mili-

tants, who appeared to be hiding in a nullah near the house of a local PDP leader, climbed on the roof of a workshop and opened fire on a police party at a checkpost on the road leading to a colony outside the military station," a senior police officer said.

In the firing, the officer said, five policemen were injured. "In the meantime, a bus carrying CISF personnel, who were also part of the night-long operation to flush out militants, reached the spot and a bullet fired by the terrorists hit ASI Patil," the offi-

"Thereafter, the terrorists came down from the roof of the workshop and moved to the adjoining residence of the workshop owner, who was not there. His wife and two children, who were inside the house, did not open the doors and kept the lights off. The militants then hid themselves in a bathroom near the house," the officer said.

"Police and security forces strengthened their cordon and contacted the workshop owner who was staying at another home that he owned in the locality. Thereafter, the police shifted his wife and children to a safer location and zeroed in on

the bathroom where the militants were hiding and killed both of them, after a fierce exchange of fire, by 9.30 am," the officer said.

"Since the militants were hiding in a residential area, security forces asked local residents to move to safer locations before their final assault, During the exchange of fire, some bullets even hit the walls of the nearby house of local PDP leader Rashid Malik and his vehicle parked in the courtyard," the of-

Local residents said they mistook the sound of gunfire for firecrackers. "We woke up around 3.35 am and thought a tyre had burst. Then, we thought someone was bursting crackers," said Jamuna Prasad, a labourer from MP's Chattarpur, who has been staving in a rented one-room accommodation in the area along with his wife and two children for the past six

"But soon, we realised it was gunfire and that militants were in the area. We locked the room from inside. We opened the door only when the Armymen came and asked us to move to a safer location around 4.30 am." Prasad said. Apart from the attacks in

2003 and 2018, there have been at least five other "fidayeen attacks" in the Jammu region over the past 20 years:

**2016:** Three terrorists attacked an Army camp in Nagrota, nearly 3 km from the 16 Corps HQ. Two officers and five soldiers were killed. The terrorists also entered two buildings occupied by Army officers and their families, leading to a hostage-like situation. Army troops evacuated 12 soldiers, two women and two children, before killing the militants.

2004: Two terrorists attacked the Jammu railway station on January 2, killing four 2002: Three terrorists at-

tacked the Ragunath and Panjbakhtar temples in old Jammu, killing ten people. All the attackers were killed by police. 2002: Three terrorists at-

tacked the Kaluchak cantonment in Jammu, killing 36 peoincluding security personnel, their family members and civilians, before being gunned down by troops.

2002: Two terrorists killed three security personnel in an attack on Ragunath temple before being gunned down.

#### Khwaia Yunus since Mirajkar's removal.

His email communication is

part of the additional affidavit filed by Asiya in the High Court on March 24.

In his email, Mirajkar says he received no documents pertaining to the case from the government or prosecution, "The disturbing aspect of this case is that some faceless bureaucrat(s) actively connived with the police

personnel responsible for causing the death of a person in custody in order to thwart criminal proceedings, and they have successfully managed to cause fur-

Yunus's family, through a 2018 plea before the High Court, had demanded that Mirajkar be brought back as SPP. The government has taken the line, as submitted by Advocate General Ashutosh Kumbhakoni, that they could not appoint a replacement as long as the family's plea to bring back Mirajkar was being heard. Consequently, no SPP has been appointed, and the trial has been on hold for four years now. Mirajkar, meanwhile, as per his email, continues to work with the state Forest Department.

ther delay in an already inordi-

nately delayed trial," he says.

While repeated attempts to contact him failed, sources close to Mirajkar said he did not want to comment as he still holds brief for the government.

At a hearing Tuesday, the High Court said the names of three alternative lawyers for SPP suggested by Asiya were taken by the state government in a "positive way", but that it held the right to select someone else too. It asked the government to appoint one in two weeks and posted the matter to May 4.

Senior counsel Mihir Desai and advocate Chetan Mali, appearing for Asiya, had submitted before the court that it was only after the High Court's intervention that an FIR was filed, "despite stiff resistance from police and executive"

In the email. Miraikar says that after he filed the application in the trial court to implead four more policemen, he received a call from the Mantralaya asking who had instructed him.

Miraikar says he then received a call from an official of the state Law and Judiciary Department, requesting him to be present at Mantralaya to meet Additional Chief Secretary (Addl. CS). Home Department. He says that he waited for three hours, but the Addl. CS didn't meet him and finally he was told by the Principal Secretary, Law and Judiciary Department, that he need not have come.

Neeraj Dhote, Principal Secretary, Law and Judiciary Department, refused to comment on the matter, calling it "subjudice" and adding that he did not hold the post at the time. Mirajkar writes that after his

removal, he was asked to meet Advocate General Kumbhakoni regarding Asiya's plea against his removal. As per Mirajkar, Kumbhakoni asked him just one question, "whether, if reappointed as SPP in the case, he would withdraw the application". Mirajkar says he refused, 'without hesitation".

He was told that this was the reply expected of him, and nothing else was discussed, Mirajkar

Yunus, a 27-year-old soft-

#### The Jahangirpuri demolition drive, and

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ware engineer, had been arrested in December 2002 for questioning in the Ghatkopar blast case. He was last seen alive on January 6, 2003, when he was brutally assaulted in custody as per others arrested along with him. Police claimed Yunus had escaped from custody when being ferried by a team, led by Sachin Waze (now dismissed over the Ambani bomb scare),

leading to a fatal encounter. The CID had found the claim false and booked the four policemen who had accompanied

In January, the Supreme Court directed the trial court to decide the application moved by Mirajkar to implead four more policemen in the case. The trial court is likely to proceed with this once the SPP is appointed.

#### Koyna plant the national grid.

In the meantime, to aid power generation through this

plant, the water resources department that owns Koyna dam has already sanctioned an additional 10 TMC of water for hydro-electricity generation and has demanded five TMC more. "In the last rain year (June to

May), we generated 3,219 million units and this May, we will be generating 3,706 million units. This year, we got our plant serviced and it is operating in full capacity. We generate electricity as per the demand of the state load dispatch centre in Kalwa. Early Friday, we generated 1,883 MW," said Sanjay Chopade, the chief engineer of the Kovna project.

Koyna dam is one of the largest in the state and the plant can generate 1,983 MW of power. "There was heavy dependence on us during last September when water had entered coal mines and we ran our plant to the optimum capacity." said Rajesh Kumbhar, superintending engineer of the Koyna project. This year, we were allocated

67.5 TMC for generating electricity and exhausted it some days ago. We were granted another 10 TMC of water. This will be over by May 15-20. We have asked for an additional five TMC and this will have to be granted to feed the state's needs. At present, meetings at the highest level are being held for an additional five TMC of water.' Meanwhile, the power situa-

tion in the state slightly improved on Friday. While MahaGenco supplied nearly 6,800 MW of power and has promised to increase it to 7,500 MW. Adani Power has decided to increase supply from 1.700 MW to 2,250 MW. This additional supply will help the Maharashtra State Electricity Distribution Company Limited to reduce powercuts. The Mahadiscom has 2.8 crore customers and the power demand has suddenly shot up to 25,000 MW (excluding Mumbai).

#### **NATIONAL PANCHAYATI RAJ DAY**

### PM's April 24 event in J&K to be livestreamed

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** NEW DELHI, APRIL 22

PRIME MINISTER Narendra Modi is scheduled to attend the gram sabha meeting at Palli village of Samba district in Jammu and Kashmir on April 24, the National Panchayati Raj Day

(NPRD), it is learnt. The Prime Minister is also expected to address gram sabha across the country and interact with panchayat representatives, which will be telecast live. The Union Ministry of Panchayati Raj has asked all state governments to make arrangements so that people can watch the programme.

In a letter to the Chief Secretaries of all states, Panchayati Raj Secretary Sunil Kumar said, "This year, the national-level function of NPRD-2022 is proposed to be organised at Palli panchayat of Samba district in Jammu and Kashmir, which will be graced by the Prime Minister as the chief

"The Prime Minister will transfer the award money to the awardee panchayats in addition to his address to all the Panchavati Rai Institutions." Kumar wrote, adding, "wideranging arrangements are being made for nationwide coverage of this programme, which will be livestreamed from Palli".

### Five held for killing man during Khargone violence

**IRAM SIDDIQUE** BHOPAL, APRIL 22

Five persons have been arrested by the Khargone police in connection with the murder of 28year-old Ibraish Khan, the first reported death during the clashes that broke out on the evening of April 10 during a Ram

Navami procession. Those arrested have been identified as Deepak Pradhan, Ajay Karma, Ajay Solanki, Sandeep Verma and Dilip Gangle, all residents of Rahimpur and Anand Nagar. According to the police, Vicky Gangle's house in Anand Nagar was attacked on the evening of April 10 by a mob that hurled

stones and petrol bomb.

In retaliation, the group set out to chase them and caught hold of Ibraish Khan in Kapas Mandi, a gated compound around 300 metre from Anand Nagar on the other side of the road.

Ibraish was found grievously injured at 1.30 am on April 11 and rushed to the Khargone district hospital where he was declared dead on arrival. The police subsequently sent his body 126 km away to Indore's MY Hospital. According to police, his body was sent there as the hospital in Khargone lacked the facility.

Meanwhile, Ibraish's parents and brothers struggled to find him. Ibraish's mother Mumtaz would set out during the relaxation given during the curfew and look for her son in morgues, nallas, rivers and brick kilns.

On April 14, the family managed to reach the Kotwali police station and registered a missing complaint. The police registered a missing case after his name did not feature on the list of arrested persons.

Twelve hours later around 11.30 pm. based on the postmortem report of the unidentified body they had sent to Indore's MY hospital, the police registered a murder case against an unidentified person. But it was only on April 18 after the media highlighted the plight of a family looking for their missing son, the police swung into action and first took the family for identification to Indore.

### **Odisha: Police arrange** marriage of former Maoists

#### **AISHWARYA MOHANTY** BHUBANESWAR, APRIL 22

IT WAS a rare sight at the Kalahandi District Police Reserve campus on Friday. The usual foot stomping by armed policemen at the parade ground was replaced by tents and food stalls, decked up with flowers, to celebrate a wedding. What's more unusual: the groom and the bride were once Maoists and wanted by the police.

Both Ramdas, 29, and his wife Kalamdei, 25, were once associated with dreaded Maoist groups that are active in Chhattisgarh and Odisha, according to the police. Kalamdei, the eldest daughter in a family of



Couple tie the knot in presence of police personnel. Express

seven, was just 19 when she was allegedly abducted by Maoists and then worked for the BGN division. However, a year later in January 2016, she surrendered to the Kalahandi police. Though

Kalamdei carried a bounty of Rs 1 lakh, she was never involved in any major crime. That was unlike Ramdas, who was an active Maoist for 10 years but surrendered in February 2020.

# 5 THE CITY

# **Slight dip in Covid** cases after two days

Maharashtra reports 121 cases, tally over 78 lakh

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** MUMBAI, APRIL 22

AFTER TWO days, Mumbai on Friday recorded a slight drop in daily Covid-19 cases. Of the 8,700 tests conducted in the last 24 hours, 68 people tested positive. Among them, 65 or 96 per cent of the patients were asymptomatic.

Maharashtra, as a whole, reported 121 cases, taking the tally to 78,76,503, while the toll remained unchanged at 1,47,831. The number of cases stood at 179 on Thursday.

While three patients in Mumbai had to be hospitalised, none required oxygen support, said BMC. As of now, there are 474 infected patients in the city, of whom 12 are in the hospital. There are no sealed buildings and containment zones in the

Mumbai has recorded a sharp rise in daily cases since Monday. On Tuesday, 84 cases were reported, followed by 98



Vaccnition drive being held for special children in 12-14 age group at Belapur. Narendra Vaskar

on Wednesday and 91 on Thursday. The BMC has asked civic officials to increase the number of daily testis, ensure strict contact tracing and keep a vigil in their respective wards.

After recording a daily positivity rate above 1 per cent for the last two days, the daily test positivity ratio (TPR) dropped in Mumbai. Of the 8,700 tests conducted in the last 24 hours, 68

were found to be positive - a TPR of 0.7 per cent. A day earlier, the TPR was 1.07 per cent. On Wednesday, it was 1.03 per cent when 9,514 tests were con-

The toll due to Covid-19 in Mumbai remained unchanged at 19,562 as no deaths were reported in the last 24 hours. There are 817 active cases across

### Woman spots molester after three months at station, gets him arrested

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** MUMBAI, APRIL 22

A 21-YEAR-OLD woman, who was allegedly molested by a 52-year-old man on the pretext of helping her buy a long-distance train ticket in January, got him arrested on Thursday after spotting the accused near the ticket counter at a railway station.

The alleged molestation incident took place between 12.30 pm to 1.30 pm on January 14. The woman had come to the

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** 

MUMBAI, APRIL 22

Commuters suffer as

BEST drivers go on

flash strike over pay

THOUSANDS OF commuters in Mumbai suffered

on Friday morning as over 170 mini buses operated

by the Brihanmumbai Electric Supply and

Transport (BEST) remained off roads in the city fol-

lowing a flash strike by a section of drivers over non-

payment of salary issue. The BEST had to divert the

buses from other depots in the affected depots till

the strike ended around 5pm on Friday.

station to make reservation for a long-distance train. She met the accused at the booking centre, who convinced her that he can get her a ticket despite non availability of tickets.

"He took her in a taxi at the pretext of booking her a ticket and allegedly molested her in the vehicle. She started shouting following which the taxi driver stopped the vehicle. The accused then got down and ran away," said a police officer.

However, his luck ran out on Thursday when the 21-year-old victim spotted the man at the booking counter of the railway station and alerted her husband. Her husband then caught hold of the accused and handed him over to the police.

"He was arrested under Section 354 of IPC and will be produced before a court. We are checking if he has a prior criminal

record," said

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The bus drivers are employed by a private company called MP group which runs the buses for the BESR on a wet lease basis. A BEST official said that a total of 201 bus services were cancelled from Wadala, Bandra, Kurla and Vikroli bus depots. Thousands of daily commuters traveling on this route suffered due to the strike. The staffers staged protest claiming that they

didn't get salary of past three months from the private company. According to BEST officials, they have taken midi and minibuses on a wet lease basis and around 170 buses are operated by the private company called MP Group. However, the staffers alleged that the company has not paid their salaries for the past two-three months.

Owing to the non-payment of the salaries, the staffers staged a flash strike on Friday.

"To avoid inconvenience to the passengers, BEST launched its own 86 buses from other routes as well as from other depots. Appropriate action will be taken against the said contractor according to the terms and conditions of the contract," said an official, adding that the strike ended after the intervention of the company officials around 5 pm.

The BEST union leaders blamed it on the policy of privatisation of BEST.

#### MPA allows water taxi operators to use Gateway of India

Mumbai: After repeated requests from the water taxi operators, the Mumbai Port Authority (MPA) allowed them to use Gateway of India. Earlier, the operators got permission to operate domestic cruise terminal and were not making much businessespecially on the Mumbai Belapur sector. Rajiv Jalota Chairperson of MPA said that permissions were granted to the water taxis to operate from Gateway of India and an order was issued on Thursday. The MPA said that when a jetty comes up at Radio Club, all these water taxis will move there. Sohel Kazani, CEO of Infiniti Harbour Services LLP said, "We did not have much business at DCT. Hence, we asked them to have a shuttle from Gateway of India to DCT."



Kalpataru Point, 2<sup>rd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> floor, Opp. Cine Planet Cinema, Sion Circle, Sion (E), Mumbai-400 022; **Ph:** 022-2401 4701 / 2402 4068 Email: eic@mpcb.gov.in; Website: www.mpcb.gov.in **E-TENDER NOTICE** RFP NOTICE No.: 220422-FTS-0191

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### Google Maps collaborates with BMC to provide real-time updates on road closures, diversions

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** MUMBAI, APRIL 22

TO EASE commuting in the city, Google Maps in collaboration with the Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation (BMC) will now provide citizens with real-time updates on temporary road closures or diversions.

Currently, several works of road repairs, storm water drain improvements, footpath improvement, repairs of bridges are going on across the city that led to closure or diversion of several

According to the officials, the initiative will help commuters save time and plan their journey accordingly as now they will have access to the latest updates on road closures and available alternate routes on Google Maps. The pilot project conducted on this was successful, the civic body said. The information on ongoing works will be collected by the BMC and it will be shared with Google Maps. Following which the updated information will be visible on the map within 24-hours.

"With several infrastructure development projects being carried out across Mumbai, and with citizen centric approach, **BMC's Information Technology** department felt it was important to facilitate a seamless platform for its various teams at wards and

Officials said the initiative will help commuters save time as now they will have access to the latest updates on road closures and available alternate routes

departments such as roads, sewerage, storm water drain, etc. so that they can update the latest information on Google Maps itself. This will help in getting almost near real-time, and in easy and accurate updates," the BMC said in a statement issued on Friday.

"Google Maps are accordingly updated within a few minutes once information is shared from our designated Single Point Of Contact (SPOC)," an official from the IT department said.

Officials added that from the coming week, all teams across the organization will start sharing the required updates. The map will also show relevant details like the cause of temporary road closure or diversion, the expected duration, etc.

Besides BMC, this platform can be extended to include information from other authorities who carry out road related developmental and monitoring works in the city, such as MM-RDA, Traffic Police, etc.

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I. The Company has no overdue deposits other than unclaimed deposits

J. The Company declares as under:

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iv) The deposits solicited by the 0

 W) The Financial position of the Company as disclosed and the representations made in the deposit application form are true and correct. The Company and its Board o Directors are responsible for the correctness and veracity thereof. The financia activities of the Company are regulated by Reserve Bank of India. It must however, be distinctly understood that Reserve Bank of India does not undertake. any responsibility for the financial soundness of the Company or for the correctness of any of the statements or the representations made or opinior expressed by the Company and for repayment of deposits/ discharge of liabilities by the Company.

K.The deposits shall also be subject to the terms and conditions as per the deposi

L. Deposits may be withdrawn prior to the date of maturity subject to the regulations of the Reserve Bank of India in this regard. Please note that premature withdrawal of Deposit (including death cases) is subject to the following conditions a) Upto 3 months from date of deposit: Withdrawal is not permitted

b) After 3 months but before 6 months: Interest shall not be payable

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. Business carried on by the Company and its branches:

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#### HC grants 2-wk protection from arrest to Narayan Rane

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** MUMBAI. APRIL 22

THE BOMBAY High Court on Friday granted Union Minister and BJP leader Narayan Rane a two-week protection from arrest while hearing his plea to quash an FIR registered against him in Dhule over his remark against Maharashtra Chief Minister Uddhav Thackeray made in August, 2021.

A division bench of Justices Prasanna B Varale and Shriram M Modak on Thursday had observed that Rane "certainly did not use words respectably" against Thackeray and suggested that Rane can make a statement that "bygones be bygones" to ensure "no wrong signal is given to people" and hoped that "better sense prevails".

On August 23, 2021, Rane had said in Raigad that he would have slapped the chief minister for "not knowing how many years it has been since India gained independence". Besides Nashik, FIRs were registered against him at Mahad. Thane. Pune, Jalgaon and Ahmednagar. Rane was arrested on August 24, last year and later granted bail by the Mahad magistrate court.

Rane's lawvers on Thursday requested that his pleas against Dhule Police and Nashik cyber police FIRs, arising out of the same cause of action - be tagged together and till then, interim relief be granted to him.

The HC asked the state's lawyer to check with Advocate General Ashutosh Kumbhakoni and inform on Friday if there was any harm in making a statement in the Dhule FIR-similar to the one it made last September in relation to the Nashik FIR- assuring Rane protection from coercive action till next hearing.

On Friday, the state's lawyer refused to give an assurance of no coercive action against Rane pertaining to Dhule FIR, after which, the court granted interim protection from arrest to the BIP leader for two weeks.

HC is likely to hear Rane's pleas against Nashik and Dhule FIRs together after two weeks.

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MUMBAI, APRIL 22

A FACE-OFF between the Shiv Sena and Independent MLA Ravi Rana and his wife MP Navneet Rana is likely, as the Ranas on Friday reiterated that they would recite the Hanuman Chalisa outside Matoshree in Bandra (West) on Saturday to 'ward off the calamities that have been hitting the state ever since Uddhav Thackeray took over as chief minister".

Following this, Sena leaders dared the couple to recite Hanuman Chalisa, warning them that they would get a befitting reply from Shiv Sainiks.

Last week, the Ranas had asked Thackeray to recite Hanuman Chalisa on April 16 on Hanuman Jayanti while threatening that they would recite the same outside Matoshree if he did not do so.

On Friday afternoon, amid heavy deployment of police personnel outside Thackeray's residence Matoshree, and gathering of a large number of Shiv Sainiks, the CM – who has been residing at his official residence Varsha



Shiv Sena supporters in front of Matoshree on Friday afternoon. Amit Chakravarty

bungalow in south Mumbai - arrived at Matoshree along with his son Environment Minister Aaditya Thackeray and interacted with party workers.

In the evening, the CM left for Varsha, urging party workers to go home. "You please go home. Nobody has the guts to come here (at Matoshree). I request you to please go home. You have been here all day," Thackeray was heard urging party workers while leaving Matoshree.

Sources said that Thackeray had come to Matoshree since Shiv Sainiks had gathered in large numbers following Rana's

threat. The CM also held a meeting with Sena leaders to discuss the situation. Former mayor Kishori Pednekar said that Sena workers will guard Matoshree till Saturday evening.

Ravi Rana, MP wife say will recite Hanuman Chalisa

outside Matoshree today, face-off likely with Sena

Police deployment has also been increased outside Varsha and NCP chief Sharad Pawar's res-

#### Sena workers 'attack' Mohit Kamboj's car

Mumbai: BJP leader Mohit Kamboj's car was allegedly attacked by a group of Shiv Sainiks while he was passing through Matoshree. The police said the incident took place around 9.30 pm when Kamboj's car stopped at the signal at Kalanagar. An officer said, "The Shiv Sainiks saw that the vehicle was with a convoy and had bodyguards around it. After they saw Kamboj, they attacked his vehicle.' However, the Kherwadi police officers, stationed outside Matoshree. stopped the Sena workers and Kamboj's car left the spot.

idence Silver Oak in Malabar Hill. The issue of reciting Hanuman Chalisa has become a simmering issue in Maharashtra politics after

MNS chief Raj Thackeray on April

2 gave an ultimatum to the government to remove loudspeakers from mosques by May 3 and threatened to recite Hanuman Chalisa outside mosques if this was not done. Ravi Rana had supported the BJP-Shiv Sena government during 2014-19.

On Friday, as the couple arrived in the city, the Mumbai Police issued a notice to Ravi Rana at his Khar residence requesting him not to come to Matoshree on Saturday as it may create a law and order problem and traffic issues in the area. The notice issued by the senior Inspector of Kherwadi police station said that if Rana comes to Bandra (East) and there is a law and order problem, appropriate action will be taken against him and the notice will be used as evidence against him in court.

Unfazed by the police notice, the Ranas held a media interaction at their residence, reasserting their decision to recite Hanuman Chalisa outside Matoshree on Saturday. "We have not done anything wrong. Why should anybody object to our recitation of Hanuman Chalisa? We make an ardent appeal to CM also to join us in reciting the hymns of Lord Hanuman who is worshipped by

Navneet Rana added, "Why should anybody stop us from taking the name of Lord Hanuman? We have the right to chant Hanuman Chalisa. And we will exercise that right. We will recite Hanuman Chalisa outside Matoshree.'

Sena leaders accused the BJP of hatching a conspiracy with the Ranas to defame the party and destabilize the Maha Vikas Aghadi government, "If they want to recite Hanuman Chalisa, they should do so at their homes. But if they decide to do stunts, we will give them a befitting reply. Such attempts are deliberately being made by BJP's central leadership to defame the Shiv Sena and to destabilise the government," Sena's Vinayak Raut told mediapersons outside Matoshree.

Calling the Ranas "Bunty-Babli", Shiv MP Sanjay Raut said that they are engaging in stunts. "They are from the film world and are engaging in stunts. Sainiks are capable... Reciting Hanuman Chalisa or celebrating Ram Navami are matters of faith and religion. They are not issues of drama and stunts, but of late, the BJP has started stunts in the name of Hindutva," he said in Nagpur.

Pawar house

among 115 to

be granted bail

#### ELGAAR PARISHAD CASE: VARAVARA RAO PLEAS DISMISSED

### HC asks prison dept to adopt measures to improve medical facilities in prisons

**OMKAR GOKHALE** MUMBAI, APRIL 22

THE BOMBAY High Court, while dismissing pleas filed by Elgaar Parishad case accused Varavara Rao, who had sought permanent medical bail and permission to shift to Hyderabad citing ill health and high expenses in Mumbai, has directed that corrective measures be adopted to improve conditions and medical facilities at state prisons.

While Justice Sunil B Shukre

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and Justice Govinda A Sanap passed the verdict on April 13, the copy of the judgment was made available on Friday.

Senior advocate Anand Grover, representing Rao, who was arrested in August 2018, had contended that Rao's condition worsening due to Parkinson's and his health is incompatible with the environment of Taloja central jail.

"In our opinion, the submission advanced by Grover raising doubt about the clinical summary/opinion and medical papers is ill-founded. We have not come across iota of material to conclude that all the expert medical officers who have examined the accused have acted under the influence of NIA...," the bench observed.

"...It is a matter of record that the clinical opinion is against the accused. It does not suit the purpose of the accused. Therefore, it is but natural for the accused to

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find the ways and means to wriggle out of this report. The accused has, therefore, blamed the doctors and NIA officials...," it added.

Grover had also told the HC that if Rao is sent back to Taloja jail, then his chances of his survival would be minimal without proper aid. The court noted that NIA had not made any comment on it and the state is also silent about the matter.

To this, the HC said, "...There may be deficiencies. However, silence on the part of the state could not be a ground to extend benefit to the accused. The court can take cognizance of the deficiencies pointed out and issue necessary directions to take steps to remove the deficiencies. This issue cannot be left unattended..."

The bench went on to pass various directions to the state inspector general (Prisons), including collection of information from Taloja jail and all prisons on the appointment of medical officers, nurses and other staffers as per the Maharashtra Prisons Hospital Rules, 1970, and to give his opinion on the same.

It further asked the IG (Prisons) to file a compliance report on the steps taken by April 30. The court also asked the department to ensure that henceforth "there should not be scope for prisoners to make a grievance about lack of medical facilities and timely medical aid". The bench asked all principal district judges in the state to pay periodical visits to prisons and pay sufficient attention to the affairs of

Observing that except cataract surgery, no other problem was found to be serious to accept Rao's prayer seeking regular bail, the bench rejected the plea and extended his temporary medical bail for three months to undergo surgery.

### Man arrested for sodomy dies in police custody

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** MUMBAI, APRIL 22

IN AN alleged case of custodial death, a 30-year-old man, who had been arrested on charges of sodomy, died on Friday.

The accused, Arjun Vadmani, was in the custody of Shivaji Nagar police when the incident took place. The Crime Branch has been asked to conduct an inquiry into the matter.

An officer said that on April 19, Vadmani had been arrested on charges of sodomising a mentally-challenged man. He was produced before a local court, which remanded him to the custody of Shivaji Nagar police till April 25. Since then, he was kept in the lock-up of the police sta-

"On Friday, between 9.30-10.30 am, the accused told a constable that he was feeling unwell. He then fell unconscious and was rushed to the Raiawadi hospital... At the hospital, he was declared brought dead on arrival," the officer added. The police then called the

family members of the deceased. Following this, the local police registered an accidental death report. DCP (Zone VI) K Upadhyay said, "As per procedure, the Crime Branch will probe the death."

Sources from the police station said that the deceased was addicted to alcohol and as he did not get to drink in the last two days, he complained of feeling A family member of

Vadmani said, "We want to know the reason behind the death. A proper investigation should be conducted." An officer said that they are

awaiting the postmortem report to get clarity on the cause of death, "The case papers will be transferred to the Crime Branch. which will start recording statements of Shivaji Nagar police station officers. A team will also go through the footage of CCTV cameras installed at the police station," the officer added.

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** MUMBAI, APRIL 22

attack: Sadavarte

A SESSIONS court on Friday granted bail to lawyer Gunratna Sadavarte and 114 others, including striking employees of the Maharashtra State Road Transport Corporation (MSRTC),



Gunratna Sadavarte

Additional Sessions Judge R M Sadrani directed that

they be released on provisional cash bail. The conditions for their bail include that they cannot induce or threaten witnesses or

hamper probe. Sadavarte, who was representing the MSRTC workers in the petition on their strike before the Bombay High Court, was arrested for allegedly being the main conspirator of the protest

held at Pawar's house. The police, opposing his bail plea, said that while Sadavarte had claimed that he had not taken any professional fee from the striking workers, probe has revealed that he had received Rs 2 crore from the work-

ers to fight their case. Following interrogation by Mumbai Police, the Satara police had also taken Sadavarte's custody. Thus, he will remain in iail.

### PMLA case: SC turns down Malik's bail plea

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** NEW DELHI, APRIL 22

THE SUPREME Court Friday dismissed Maharashtra minister and Nationalist Congress Party (NCP) leader Nawab Malik's plea seeking bail in a money laundering case being probed by the Enforcement Directorate.

Rejecting his appeal against the March 15, 2022, Bombay

High Court order that had refused him the relief, a bench of Justices DY Chandrachud and Surya Kant said that the case is at an initial stage. "The matter is at a nascent stage. You may approach the special court for the bail," said the court.

"We are not inclined to exercise the jurisdiction under Article 136 of the Constitution. The observations of the High Court on merits, it is clarified, are

confined to the question of whether interim relief was to be granted. They shall not come in the way of parties taking recourse to their rights and remedies in accordance with law," the SC said in its order.

Appearing for Malik, senior advocate Kapil Sibal contended that he had been arrested in 2022 for something that happened in 1999. He contended that the Prevention of Money

therefore apply as there is no predicate offence. "There is no predicate offence. How does PMLA apply?" he asked. The ED had filed

chargesheet against Malik in connection with the probe into the money transactions over his land deal with underworld don Dawood Ibrahim's sister. Haseena Parkar, through her driver Salim Patel

### Munde, the NCP minister dogged by 'family fights'

#### Sister of Dhananjay Munde's former live-in partner was arrested for allegedly trying to extort money presented herself as a contender

**ZEESHAN SHAIKH** MUMBAI, APRIL 22

IT WAS a feud with his uncle and senior BJP leader Gopinath Munde that ultimately propelled Dhananjay Munde's rise in Maharashtra politics a decade

The 46-year-old who is now a senior Nationalist Congress Party (NCP) leader and minister of social justice in the Maha Vikas Aghadi (MVA) government finds himself involved in yet another family fight of sorts after his former live-in partner's sister was arrested on Thursday. The Mumbai crime branch arrested the woman for allegedly threatening and trying to extort money from Munde, who has two children with his former partner.

Born in Nathra in Parli district, Dhananjay was groomed by Gopinath Munde and he cut his political teeth as a BJP youth worker before being elevated as the Bhartiya Janata Yuva Morcha's state president in 2007.

Agood orator, Dhananjay was deemed as a close confidant of the senior Munde who gave him and his father Panditrao the responsibility of nurturing his Assembly constituency Parli and looking after the family's political

interests in Beed district. At the time, Dhananjay was seen by many as Gopinath Munde's political heir.

But the relationship between the two soured in 2009 when Gopinath chose his daughter Pankaja to represent Parli. While the BIP tried to placate Dhananjay by making him a member of the Maharashtra Legislative Council in 2010, the relationship between uncle and nephew started going downhill, leading to Dhananjay's alienation from the party.

The final straw, however, was Dhananjay's insistence on making one of his supporters the city council president in the Parli Municipal Council despite his uncle's opposition. The younger Munde, who managed to get his nominee elected, claimed that Gopinath was getting insecure about his growing influence in

But the party leadership sided with Gopinath. Left with no options, Dhananjay hedged his bets and invited NCP leader and his uncle's arch-rival Ajit Pawar to a rally in Parli in January 2012. At the event, Panditanna joined the

While Dhananjay cosied up to the NCP, he resigned from the BJP and as an MLC only in July 2013 and joined the Sharad Pawar-led



Dhananjay Munde. File

party. The NCP fielded him in the 2014 Assembly elections from Parli but Dhananjay lost to Pankaja by more than 25,000

Despite the loss, the NCP bet big on Munde and made him the Leader of Opposition in the Maharashtra Legislative Council in December 2014. The death of his uncle in an accident in June 2014 put Dhananjay in direct conflict with Pankaja as they both tried to assert their influence in Beed.

In the 2019 Assembly elections, Dhananjay managed to trump his cousin by winning Parli by more than 30,000 votes. While Dhananiay has his own power base in the constituency, the speculation in political circles at the time was that Pankaja's defeat was a result of the state BJP's internal power struggle as she had

for the chief minister's chair. Dhananjay was also believed to have had some secret backing from a section of the state BJP.

As Ajit Pawar manoeuvred to form a government with the BIP in November 2019, Dhananjay's old relationship with the saffron party suddenly made him the most important figure after Pawar. On the day of the swearing-in ceremony, all the rebel NCP MLAs were asked to arrive at Munde's home and from there they proceeded to the Raj Bhavan.

But the government lasted only three days and both Munde and Pawar found themselves back in the NCP within days. His close relationship with Pawar was instrumental in Munde's quick rehabilitation in the NCP and he was appointed the social justice minister in the MVA government.

#### Relationship that went sour

However, in January 2021, 13 months after taking over as minister. Munde found himself embroiled in a controversy when his former partner's sister accused him of rape.

Munde, who is married and has a young daughter, released a

statement stating that the accusations were part of a blackmail conspiracy. He, however, acknowledged that he was in a relationship with the complainant's sister and has two children with her. Days later, the complainant withdrew her accusations.

However, in February 2021 the complainant's sister, who claimed to be Munde's second wife, filed a complaint with the Mumbai police commissioner stating that her children were living with the NCP leader in his official bungalow in Chitrakoot and she had not been allowed to meet them for three months.

Last September, the woman held a press conference in Parli and claimed that she would speak against the alleged misdeeds of the minister. But she got into a verbal tiff with Munde's supporters and was arrested for allegedly hurling casteist abuses at them. She spent 16 days in prison.

Since that episode, Munde has maintained a low profile. He was admitted to a hospital in Mumbai this month after suffering a health scare. But the allegations have failed to dent Munde's political capital as he is still valued in the NCP for being one of the few Other Backward Class (OBC) leaders in the largely Maratha-dominated party.















#### **COMMUNAL CLASH**

#### Night curfew in Achalpur and Paratwada; all accused sent to judicial custody

**JAYPRAKASHS NAIDU** MUMBAI, APRIL 22

FOUR DAYS after members of

two communities clashed over the hoisting of a saffron flag, curfew was lifted in Achalpur city in Amravati on Friday

However, night curfew from 9 pm to 6 am - was imposed in Achalpur as well as its twin city Paratwada.

As a preventive measure, curfew was also imposed in Paratwada from Sunday evening till Thursday morning. Following this, a night curfew was imposed

Meanwhile, the court on Friday sent all the 27 people – including BJP city president Abhay Matne -- arrested in connection to the communal clash to judicial custody in Amravati Central Jail, where they will remain till they are granted bail

The communal clash had began after Matne, along with six to seven BJP workers, had gone to Dhula gate and hoisted a saffron flag on Sunday.

As a preventive measure, curfew was imposed in Paratwada from Sunday evening till Thursday morning

#### Gadkari lays foundation for two highways

Mumbai: Union Minister for Road Transport and Highways Nitin Gadkari on Friday laid the foundation for two national highways that would pass through Dhule and Nandurbar. Speaking at the function, Gadkari said that the Centre is committed to economic development of Dhule and Nandurbar and to provide employment opportunities to the local youth. "These roads projects of 261 km in length will be built for Rs 1.791 crore and completed in three to four years' Gadkari said as he laid the foundation stone for the projects at Khandesh in Nandurbar, **ENS** 

#### **AAP** national ioint secretary visits Mumbai

Mumbai: AAP's National Joint Secretary Ankush Narang has arrived on a three-day visit to interact with party workers to draw strategy for the coming BMC polls. Narang is also chairman of Delhi Consumer Cooperative Wholesale Stores Ltd. The AAP is on expansive drive buoyed by the Puniab victory where BIP and Congress were defeated. "Mumbaikars are tired of the corruption riddled BMC and look to AAP as the natural alternative," said Preeti Sharma Menon, AAP National Executive Member. Narang is working closely with AAP Mumbai leaders and volunteers in translating the party's success into a powerful alternative for the BMC.ENS

# Peaceful agitation fundamental right for citizens in a democracy: Court

Five women booked for blocking Eastern Freeway due to lack of water supply in their area

**SADAF MODAK** MUMBAI, APRIL 22

A MAGISTRATE'S court in a recent order said that in a democratic country peaceful agitation is the fundamental right of a citizen while acquitting five women booked for blocking the Eastern Freeway due to lack of

water supply in their area. The women, including two

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** 

THE BRIHANMUMBAI Municipal

Corporation's (BMC) Mission

Admission logged more than

11.500 admissions in a total of

1.150 Mumbai Public Schools

(MPS), in just five days since its

decided to launch the Mission

Admission initiative in 2022 to fo-

cus on increasing enrollment in

schools as they gear up to resume

a normal schedule post-lock-

down, from the upcoming aca-

demic year, which starts in June.

the initiative is to bring those chil-

dren who dropped out of the for-

mal school system following the

outbreak of the Covid-19 pan-

**PALLAVISMART** 

MUMBAI, APRIL 22

**EXAMS IN OFFLINE MODE** 

MUMBAI UNIVERSITY (MU) has asked all

the affiliated colleges to provide practice

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in offline mode. The colleges will also have

to help students find temporary accommo-

dation facilities during the duration of ex-

ams, in case they are not from Mumbai, said

the Director of Board of Examinations and

Evaluations Vinod Patil, refers to exams

for professional courses such as engineer-

exam, the colleges should provide ques-

colleges are expected to act accordingly to

"According to the paper pattern for the

ing, pharmacy, and law among others.

The circular, dated April 21, issued by

a circular issued by the university.

The basic idea underpinning

BMC's education department

MUMBAI, APRIL 22

**BMC'S MISSION ADMISSION** 

In 5 days, 11,500 students

admitted in public schools

senior citizens, were arrested by the RCF police station in 2015 on charges of unlawful assembly, wrongful restraint under IPC.

"In a democratic country, making peaceful agitation is a fundamental right of citizens. The women were making agitation as there was no water supply in their area for some days. They were sent by the police to their home by giving an understanding. Therefore, there was no reason for

the police to register F.I.R. against them and subsequently arrest them," the court said.

On September 18, 2015, over 30-40 women had assembled at the Eastern Freeway at Chembur and blocked traffic as a means of protesting the lack of water supply in their area.

Police told them that a prohibition order restricted assembly of more than five persons at a time and they should disperse. The women refused, following which they were moved by force. Later, an FIR was filed against them.

Among the witnesses examined were seven police officials and two panch witnesses who turned hostile. The court said that police officials who deposed were interested witnesses and not a single independent witness had deposed supporting the prosecution's case. The court also said that while 30-40 women had participated in the agitation, only one was arrested on that day and four others were arrested later.

The court also noted the FIR was filed five hours after the incident which was not explained by police creating doubt over genuineness of the action taken.

It also said that proceedings against others named as absconding accused be stopped as no steps were taken to secure their

According to IMD, heatwave

warnings are issued when the

temperature of any coastal sta-

tion reaches 37 degrees and the

departure from normal temper-

ature ranges between 4.5 to 6.4

are met for a coastal station like

Mumbai and when it persists for

two days at more than one sta-

tion then a heatwave is declared

for that region. If departures ex-

ceed 6.5 then warnings for se-

vere heatwave conditions are

recorded the highest maximum

temperature of 35.8 degrees.

The city's highest maximum

temperature for April was

recorded on April 14, 1952, when

the mercury rose to 42.2

Last year on April 7 Mumbai

When both these conditions

The police said the teen, a

His father said, "My son had

juring my son's leg."

report the matter to the local police station, which asked him to go to the hospital for examination on his own, the father alleged.

to leave," said his brother.

The police later asked the

kin claim harassed, threatened by man from neighbourhood

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** MUMBAI, APRIL 22

Teen dies by suicide,

A 17-YEAR-OLD boy, who was allegedly harassed and threatened of dire consequences by a man from the neighbourhood, ended his life by hanging himself at his house in Aurangabad last week.

His family members have alleged that inaction by the local police against the offender took the teen's life.

Class XII student, died by suicide around 11.50 pm on April 15.

gone to see a procession with his friend recently. While he was returning, a person who stays in the neighbourhood accosted them and started demanding money... As they did not have any money, the offender thrashed them and instructed them to drop him at a location."

'My son then told him that his bike was running low on petrol... the man got angry and started beating him up. He even threw a piece of tile on them, in-

The 17-year-old went on to

"As he returned to the police station, a non-cognisable offence was registered and he was asked

The police said the teen, a Class XII student, died by suicide around 11.50 pm on April 15

teen to come to the police station on April 15.

"He was made to sit for hours there. They refused to take action against the offender... as he was scared, he asked the officers to either drop him at his house or call me to take him home." said the father. "They denied his re-

Subsequently, when he left the police station, the offender spotted him, took him to his house and brutally assaulted him, the father said.

The boy then returned home and informed his family members, who decided to go to the police station the next day. However, the 17-year-old hanged himself at night.

"If the police had taken precautionary action against the offender, my son would have been alive. The police inaction led him to end his life," said the fa-

An officer from the local police station said claimed that the teen was a drug addict. The deceased was an addict.

During investigation, we learnt through his friend that he was being harassed by his family

### At 37.7 degs C, Mumbai records slight dip in day temperature

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** 

of students to the MPS, in addition AFTER A steep rise in daytime to existing students' enrollment. As per information provided by the civic body, Since the Mission Admission was launched on April 18, a total of 11.549 new students were admitted to MPS.

These students were admitted in the 1,150 schools run by BMC in eight different mediums with state-board curriculum. There are already 3 lakh students studying in these schools.

demic, and also to increase enroll-

ments. The BMC team is working

with an objective to admit a lakh

Under the program, BMC is trying to create awareness through social media. Teachers too are given the tasks to dedicate two hours a day until April end to look for eligible children from nearby areas who are currently

Provide practice question

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courses: MU to colleges

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temperature in Mumbai, the city recorded a slight dip in the maximum temperature. However, the maximum temperature was still above normal.

On Friday, the India Meteorological Department's (IMD) Santacruz observatory recorded a maximum temperature of 37.7 degrees, which was 4.1 degrees above normal. Meanwhile, the IMD Colaba observatory recorded maximum temperatures of 34.5 degrees which were 1.7 degrees above

The city has been witnessing heatwave 'like' conditions with maximum temperatures rising

to 38.9 degrees, the highest daytime temperature for the season this month and also the secondhighest in a decade.

The nighttime temperatures recorded on Friday were also above normal with the India Meteorological Department's Santacruz observatory recording a minimum temperature of 27 degrees while the Colaba observatory recorded a minimum temperature of 27.2 degrees.

The relative humidity recorded by IMD's Colaba and Santacruz observatory was 81 per cent and 42 per cent respec-

According to the weather department, for the next 24 hours, Mumbai's maximum temperature is expected to remain around 37 degrees coupled with dry weather conditions.

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#### **FIXED DEPOSIT SCHEMES**

'FAAA/Stable' rating by CRISIL AND 'MAAA (Stable)' rating by ICRA.

The abovementioned ratings indicate highest degree of safety with regard to timely payment of interest and principal on the instrument.

#### Rate of Interest per annum valid up to ₹5 Crores per deposit (w.e.f. 25th April 2022)

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Period (except	Cumulative	Γ	Non-Cumulative			
	At Maturity		Monthly	Quarterly	Half Yearly	Annual
12 - 23 months	5.75%		5.60%	5.63%	5.67%	5.75%
24 - 35 months	6.40%		6.22%	6.25%	6.30%	6.40%
36 - 60 months	6.90%		6.69%	6.73%	6.79%	6.90%

a) Minimum amount for opening a Fixed Deposit ("hereinafter referred as NAME "Deposit") with BFL, is ₹25000/

"Deposit") with BFL, is ₹25000/b) For the locations mentioned in point M(2)below, the minimum amount for opening a Deposit) is ₹5000/-(not eligible for online investment).
c) Individual depositor or primary depositor, falling under special category of Senior citizens (i.e. persons more than 60 years of age, subject to provision of proof of age) will be eligible for additional interest at the rate upto 0.25% p.a. per Deposit Shri Anami Narayan

vary from the published card rate and will be decided on case to case basis but

vary from the published card rate and will be decided on case to case basis but within the cap on Rate of Interest specified by the Reserve Bank of Interest per life by the Reserve Bank of Interest will be booked upon receipt of the funds by the Company from the customer and hence the Deposit will be booked within 5 days from date of the application. Subject to approval of Application by BFL, interest payable on a Deposit will be calculated from (f) the date of application made through BFL portal and associate partner portals, where payment gateway/payment aggregator enabled by BFL, is used for making payment by the Customer; (fi) the date receipt of the funds by BFL where the deposit is placed through associate partner portal and payment gateway/payment aggregator enabled by what associate partners are used, and (iii) the date of realization of amount by BFL, where the payment is made by cheque or any other mode.

1) The Company will make repayment of Deposit on the date of muturity of such

f) The Company will make repayment of Deposit on the date of maturity of such Deposit unless it receives any request for renewal within the prescribed period before the date of maturity. The payment will be made through NEFT or RTGS or account payee cheque (in case of rejection of transfer by NEFT/RTGS) to the bank account of the depositor mentioned in the Deposit application form.

account of the depositor mentioned in the Deposit application form.

g) The request for renewal of the Deposit signed or consented by all the deposit holders shall reach the Company either through physical application or through BFL Online portal at least 3 business days before maturity date of deposit. The written request can be submitted at nearest branch of the Company or sending by post/ courier to the Company or to the independent financial advisors or national distributors empaneled with the Company, No requests for renewal of Deposits will be subject to the rate of interest and other terms & conditions prevailing on the date of renewal Fixed Deposit Receipt (\*PRP\*) of the existing Deposit may not be required at the time of renewal of deposits as it stands null & void post its maturity date.

h) in case where the depositor(s) has opted for renewal of Deposit through Deposit.

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Total assets depositor(s) should submit a specific written request so as to reach the Company LIABILITIES AND EQUITY atleast 3 (three) business days prior to maturity date of the Deposit. The written request can be submitted at nearest branch of the Company or sending by post/ courier to the Company or to the independent financial advisors or national distributors empaneled with the Company. No requests shall be accepted post Pavables

the above-mentioned period.

Particulars to be furnished as per the Non-Banking Financial Companies of Miscellaneous Non-Banking Companies (Advertisement) Rules, 1977 as amended.

A. Name of the Company: BAJAJ FINANCE ITD.

B. Date of Incorporation: 25th March, 1987

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Profits of the Company before and after making provisions for tax, for the three dividends declared by the Company in respect of the said years Profit (Standalone)

D. Brief particulars of the management of the Company:

The Company is managed by the Managing Director, subject to the control and supervision of the Board of Directors. The Managing Director is entrusted with necessary powers for managing the business and affairs of the Company.

E. Names, addresses and occupations of Directors: NAME ADDRESS OCCUPATION Shri Sanjiv Bajaj Bajaj Vihar Colony, Mumbai-Pune Road, D-2, Ivy Glen, Marigold Premises, Kalyani Nagar, Pune 411014.

Bungalow No. 3, Bajaj Vihar Colony, Mumbai-Pune Road, Akurdi, Shri Rajiv Bajaj 34/35, Yog Koregaon Park, Lane No. 2, Flat No. 21, Mistry Court, 4th Floor, Dinshaw Vachha Road, Opp. CCI Club, Churchgate, Mumbai 400 020. D-103 Adarsh Residency, 47th Cross, Shri D J Balaji Rao (Independent Director) 8th Block, Jayanagar, Bangalore 560082.

 
 Monthly
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74 Koregaon Park, Lane No. 3, Pune 411001 21C Woodlands Peddar Road, Shri Pramit Jhaveri

F. Summarised Financial Position of the Company (standalone) as appearing in (₹in Crore) Bank halances other than cash and cash

Total financial assets 1,35,852.25 1,35,623.87 Total non-financial assets 2,486.64 2,379.70

Financial liabilities 137.87 0.27 676.62 Dividend % borrowings (other than debt securities) Deposits 43,071.71

> Total financial liabilities 101,615.33 105,692.36 Non-financial liabilities Total non-financial liabilities Total assets 35,938.74 31,813.21

Total liabilities and equity Contingent Liabilities (Standalo Particulars 31 March 2021 Disputed claims against the Company not acknowledged as debts 51.98 44.18 VAT matters under appeal ESI matters under appeal 5.14

1,905.44

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ncome tax matters

b) The aggregate of deposits actually held as on 31.03.2021: ₹25,803.43 Crore

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Business J. The Company declares as under i) The Company has complied with the provisions of the directions applicable to it

The compliance with the directions does not imply that the repayment of Deposit is guaranteed by the Reserve Bank of India.

by The Equation Stortice by the Company as disclosed and the representations made in the deposit application form are true and correct. The Company and its Board of Directors are responsible for the correctness and vertacity thereof. The financial activities of the Company are regulated by Reserve Bank of India. In must, however, be distinctly understood that Reserve Bank of India does not undertake any responsibility for the financial soundness of the Company or for the correctness of any of the statements or the representations made or opinion expressed by the Company and for repayment of deposits // discharge of liabilities by the Company and the representations.

K. The deposits shall also be subject to the terms and conditions as per the deposit application form. approximation form.

Appears the withdrawn prior to the date of maturity subject to the regulations of the Reserve Bank of India in this regard. Please note that premature withdrawal of Deposit (including death cases) is subject to the following conditions:

a) Upto 3 months from date of deposit: Withdrawal is not permitted b) After 3 months but before 6 months: Interest shall not be payable

c) After 6 months but before the date of maturity: The rate of interest shall be 2% lower than the rate specified for the period during which the scheme has run. In case of no rate being specified for the deposit period, interest rate payable shall be 3% lower than the lowest rate offered by BFL.

M.The Business carried on by the Company and its subsidiaries with details of branches or units if any: Business carried on by the Company and its branches

Providing consumer finance ranging from vehicle loans, consumer durable financing, personal loans, loan against property, Home Loans, construction equipment financing, small business loans, loan against securities and equipment financing, small business loans, loan against securities and infrastructure financing, Imel Dusiness loans, loan against securities and infrastructure financing. The Company is having its Branches at Agra, Ahmedabad, Abaruch, Bhatinda, Bhavangar, Bhilai, Bhiwandi, Bhopal, Bhubaneshwar, Bhuj, Bidar, Bijapur, Bikaner, Bilasyur, Bokare, Bolpur, Borsad, Calleary, Bhadras, Bhary, Bhadra, Bharyur, Bokare, Bolpur, Borsad, Calleary, Bhadras, Bhuj, Chindigarh, Chandrapur, Chennai, Chihindwara, Chikhli, Chiplun, Chitradurga, Chitadnigarh, Chopda, Cochin, Combatore, Cuddalore, Cuttack, Dabhol, Dahod, Davangere, Dehradun, Dewas, Dhanbad, Dharapuram, Dharwad, Dhule, Dindigul, Durgapur, Blurz, Eode, Gandhidham, Goa, Gokak, Gilberga, Guna, Guntur, Gwallor, Laldia, Halol, Hassan, Haveri, Himatnagar, Hoshangabad, Hoshiarpur, Hospet, Hubil, Hyderabad, Indore, Jabalpur, Jagadhri, Jaipur, Jalandhar, Jalgaon, Jalpaiguri, Jammu, Jammagar, Janmer, Jamshedpur, Jodhyur, Lungagdh, Kadi, Kaithal, Kakimada, Kalika, Kannur, Kanpur, Kapurthala, Karak, Karaikudi, Karnal, Karunagappally, Karur, Karvar, Katni, Khamgaon, Khandwa, Kharaghur, Kolaik, Koliat, Kollar, Machilipatama, Madurai, Mandway, Amangalore, Mapusa, Margaon, Mehsana, Moga, Mehsana, Moga, Mehsuas, Magas, Margaon, Mandalini, Mandwa, Mangalore, Mapusa, Margaon, Mehsana, Moga Kopergaon, Korba, Kota, Kottayam, Kurnool, Kurukshetra, Latur, Lucknow, Ludhiana, Machilipatnam, Madurai, Mandya, Mangalore, Mapusa, Margao, Mehsana, Moga, Morbi, Mumbai, Mysore, Nabha, Nadiad Nagarcoil, Nagpur, Namakkal, Nanded, Nandurbar, Nashik, Navasri, Nellore, New Delhi, Palanpur, Pandharpur, Panipat, Patiala, Patna, Pen, Phagwada, Pimpalgaon, Pollachi, Pondicherry, Pune, Puttur, Raichur, Raipur, Raipurnagar, Rajkot, Rajnandangaon, Raipura, Ranaghat, Ranchi, Ratlam, Ratnagiri, Rewa, Rohtak, Ropar, Rourkela, Salem, Sangli, Satara, Satha, Sehore, Shimla, Shimoga, Siliguri, Sirsa, Solapur, Surat, Surendranagar, Tenali, Thiruyalla, Tirunelveli, Tirupur, Tirchur, Trichy, Tiriyandrum, Turakuru, Tutiron, Udainur, Udioli, Udiainur, Valida, Udiainur, Kalida, Udiainur, Valida, Udiainur, Kalida, Ud

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1,971.65 The above text of advertisement has been issued on the authority and in the name of the Board of Directors and has been approved by the Board of Directors at its Meeting held on 20 July 2021 and copy of the same signed by Shri Rajeev Jain, Managing

Shri Rajeev Jain

#### tions to students for practice. Students, Students Union of India (NSUI). who come from outside Mumbai should He also shared about students' worries be helped in getting temporary accommoabout appearing for exams offline after dation in hostels either run by the colleges studying online for a full semester. "The practice questions will help students preor those available in the nearby area. The

GST officials seize over Rs 9 cr in cash,

19 kg of silver bricks from firm's premises Mumbai: GST officials have seized Rs 9.78 crore in cash and silver bricks weighing 19 kg worth Rs 13 lakh during a recent raid at the premises of M/s Chamunda Bullion. Officials from the state GST department said that while analysing the accounts of the firm, the department noticed a sudden spike in gross turnover from Rs 22.83 lakh during the financial year 2019-20 to Rs 652 crore in 2020-21. A similar trend was observed in the next financial year where the

gross turnover reached Rs 1,764 crore.

Thereafter an investigation visit was con-

ducted at various business premises of M/s Chamunda Bullion in Zaveri Bazaar on April 16, 2022, by a team of Maharashtra State GST, Investigation-B, Mumbai. Most of the places were not disclosed as a place of business in registration with the GST department. During a search at one of such undisclosed premises Rs 9.78 crore in cash and silver bricks weighing 19 kg worth Rs 13 lakh were found hidden inside walls and the floor of the premises measuring 35 sq ft, an official statement said. YOGESH NAIK

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sion exams for professional courses are to

be held in offline mode. Even though the

question paper pattern is a combination

of objective and subjective questions, stu-

dents were apprehensive about appear-

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commodation is becoming a major issue.

Not only is it expensive here in the city but

also there are no suitable options for a

short period of exams. After many such

students approached us, we reached out

to the university," shared Faisal Shaikh,

State General Secretary of the National

"Most worried are the students who

Post-pandemic as the education sec-

students," the circular says.

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### Survey finds 1,435 smooth-coated otters and 245 crocodiles in Ratnagiri district

**SANJANA BHALERAO** 

MUMBAI. APRIL 22

A SURVEY has found 1,435 smoothcoated otters across all 10 rivers, creeks, and irrigation tanks in Maharashtra's Ratnagiri district. The study has also found 245 crocodiles in the district.

This is the second census of the rarely studied mammal conducted by the Maharashtra Mangrove Cell and a Pune-based Non-Government Organisation(NGO)Ela Foundation.The first one was conducted in 2017 which covered 12 creeks in Sindhudurg district and found 591 smooth-coated otters.

Smooth-coated Otters are classified as endangered species under Schedule II of the Wildlife Protection Act, 1972, and as 'vulnerable' by the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN).

The study found that the highest number of crocodiles were recorded



Smooth-coated otter. Mangrove Cell

across Jaitapur (107 in the Gad and Vashishthi Rivers). Crocodiles have been included in Schedule-I of the Wildlife Act, which ensures maximum legal protection for wild animals. It classifies those species as being either extirpated, endangered, threatened, or special concern.

The data from the study was recently published as a part of a research paper and a report titled-Survey of Otter and Crocodile Species in Mangrove Habitats of Ratnagiri, Maharashtra.

The survey, which was carried out between April 2019 and July 2021, found that climate change, habitat loss and human disturbance in natural habitats are primary threats to otters and crocodiles in Ratnagiri.

Using camera-trap technology, river boats, modified scent-station surveys, under-bridge, and local information in creeks, rivers, backwaters, and irrigation tanks, the survey was conducted to determine the status of otters and crocodiles in this region, their food habits and habitat preference.

While no countrywide estimate is available, the rarely sighted smoothcoated otters are found along the Konkan coast, near mangroves, and creeks. "Otters are poorly studied. No

comprehensive data was available for the Ratnagiri district so far," said Virendra Tiwari, Chief Conservator of Forest (Mangrove Cell).

#### नवी मुंबई महानगरपालिका घनकचरा व्यवस्थापन विभाग निविदा सूचना क्र.03/2022

नवी मुंबई महानगरपालिका कार्यक्षेत्रातील निवासी क्षेत्रातील (एम आय डी सी क्षेत्रासह) पावसाळापूर्व नैसर्गिक नाले तसेच चॅनल इत्यादीमधील गवत, छोट झुडुपे, मातीची बेटे व अडथळे काढून दोषदुरूस्ती कालावधी (1 मे 2022 ते 30 एप्रिल 2023) पर्यंत पाणी प्रवाहीत ठेवणेकरीता व पावसाळा कालावधी संपुष्टात . नाल्यानंतर हि नैसर्गिक नाले वर्षभर स्वच्छठेवणे करिता,महाराष्ट्र शासनाच्या सार्वजनिक बांधकाम खाते, सिडको अथवा महाराष्ट्र जीवन प्राधिकरण तसेच नमुमपाच्य वविध विभागात कार्यरत असलेल्या कंत्राटदाराकडून मा.आयुक्त नवी मुंबई महानगरपालिका स्पर्धात्मक निविदा प्रत्येक गटनिहाय कामासाठी स्वतंत्ररित्या मागविण्या ात आहे. तरी इच्छुक निविदाकारांनी प्रत्येक गटासाठी स्वतंत्र निविदा व EMD भरणे आवश्यक आहे.

नवी मुंबई महानगरपालिकेत सर्व विभागातील विविध कामांच्या निविदा प्रक्रियेत अधिक पारदर्शकता व तत्परता आणण्यासाठीhttp://nmmc.etenders.in -टेडरिंग प्रणाली कार्यान्वीत करण्यात आली आहे. नवी मुंबई महानगरपालिकेत online निविदेकरीता नमुमपाच्या ई-टेंडरिंग संगणक प्रणाली http://nmmc.etenders.in ग संकेतस्थळावर (E-tendering) कार्यान्वीत करण्यात आलेली आहे. सर्व कंत्राटदार यांना ई- टेंडरिंग संगणक प्रणालीमधूनच (इंटरनेटद्वारे) गटीनहाय निविदा <u>बरेदी करावयाच्या व भरावयाच्या आहेत</u>

नवी मुंबई महानगरपालिकेच्या http://nmmc.etenders.in ई-टेंडिरॅग संगणक प्रणाली (E-tendering) कार्यान्वीत करण्यात आलेली आहे. सर्व कंत्राटदार/

अ.	विभागाचे नाव	गले सफाई कामाच्या 77 गटांची संक्षिप्त माहिती खालील तक्त्यात गट निहाय नमुद केलेली उ कामाचे नाव	एकुण अंदाजपत्रकीर
яħ.			रक्कम
2	ओ विभाग बेलापुर ओ विभाग बेलापुर	किल्ले गावटाणचा नाला डिडेशन पॉईट से.8 ते पिपल्स स्कुल संभाजी नगर (रमाबाई नगर) ते पिपल्स स्कुल से.8 बी	₹.4,29,735/-
3	अ विभाग बेलापुर ओ विभाग बेलापुर	रेल्वे ट्रॅक शहाबाज ते दिवाळेगांव से.15	₹.9,98,057/- ₹.7,90,751/-
4	ओ विभाग बेलापुर	पिपल्स एज्युकेशन सोसायटी से8 बी 4 पंप हाऊस से12	₹.8,13,455/-
5	ओ विभाग बेलापुर	सेक्टर 26 व 28 चा नाला	₹.4,12,695/-
6	ओ विभाग बेलापुर	सेक्टर 9 एन ते ऑरेजा कॉम्पलेक्स से6 फायर स्टेशन लगतचा नाला	₹.7,78,484/-
7	अे विभाग बेलापुर	करावे गांवदेवी मंदिर ते भानुदास यांचे घरापर्यत	₹.2,97,958/-
8	ओ विभाग बेलापुर बी विभाग नेरुळ	से.8 ए चा नाला बी विभाग नेरुळ कार्यक्षेत्रातील से.2 व 4	₹.4,29,905/-
9	बी विभाग नेरुळ बी विभाग नेरुळ	बा विभाग नरुळ कायक्षत्राताल स.2 व 4 बी विभाग नेरुळ कार्यक्षेत्रातील नेरुळ से.19 से.19ए	₹.2,72,289/-
11	बी विभाग नेरुळ	बी विभाग नेरळ कार्यक्षेत्रातील शिरवणे रेल्वे पटरी ते एस.टी.पी कॉर्नर (नर्सरी नाला)	₹.6,19,541/- ₹.3,85,197/-
2	बी विभाग नेरुळ	बी विभाग नेरुळ कार्यक्षेत्रातील डी ब्लॉक पेप्सी गोडाऊन ते ठाणे बेलापुर रोड	₹.6,75,783/-
3	बी विभाग नेरुळ	बी विभाग नेरुळ कार्यक्षेत्रातील डी ब्लॉक महात्मा गांधी नगर ते ठाणे बेलापुर रोड	₹.6,79,455/-
4	बी विभाग नेरुळ	बी विभाग नेरुळ कार्यक्षेत्रातील डी ब्लॉक कच्चा नाला इंडियन ऑर्डल प्रभात डेरी अलकली-2 उरण फाटा हार्डीलिया सायन पनवेल हायवे	₹.4,73,175/-
5	बी विभाग नेरुळ	बी विभाग नेरुळ कार्यक्षेत्रातील डी ब्लॉक हार्डिलिया ते ठाणे बेलापुर रोड	₹.7,25,658/-
6	सी विभाग वाशी	सी विभाग वाशी कार्यक्षेत्रातील कोपरी सिग्नल से.29 ते से.12 हॉर्ल्डींग पाँड	₹.8,45,611/-
7	सी विभाग वाशी	सी विभाग वाशी कार्यक्षेत्रातील मध्यवर्ती नाला आय.डी.बी.आय. बॅक	₹.9,90,632/-
	सी विभाग वाशी	सिग्नल ते सायन पनवेल हायवे (375 ते 750 मी.) भाग-2 सी विभाग वाशी कार्यक्षेत्रातील मध्यवर्ती नाला अरेंजा कॉर्नर	T 0 T0 005/
8	સા ાવમાગ વાશા	सा विभाग वीशा कथिक्षत्रातील मध्यवता नाला अरजा कानर ते आय.डी.बी.आय. बॅक सिग्नल (०० ते 375 मी.) भाग-1	₹.9,79,985/-
9	सी विभाग वाशी	सी विभाग वाशी कार्यक्षेत्रातील सेक्टर 7 ते सेक्टर 1 (सायन-पनवेल हायवे)	₹.8,36,485/-
0	सी विभाग वाशी	सी विभाग वाशी कार्यक्षेत्रातील अरेंजा कॉर्नर से.16ए ते कोपरी सिग्नल	₹.9,79,138/-
1	सी विभाग वाशी	सी विभाग वाशी कार्यक्षेत्रातील वाशीगांव नाला से.31 वाशी	₹.9,14,995/-
2	डी विभाग तुर्भे	हावरे मॉल से.30	₹.4,71,572/-
3 4	डी विभाग तुर्भे डी विभाग तुर्भे	कोपरी गाव नाल्यातील अडथळे काढणे व साफसफाई करणे डी विभाग तुर्भे क्षेत्रातील से.19	₹.4,35,674/-
4 5	डा विभाग तुभ डी विभाग तुर्भे	डा विभाग तुभ क्षेत्राताल स.19 डी विभाग तुभें क्षेत्रातील से.11 सानपाडा	₹.5,80,526/- ₹.5,26,679/-
5 — 6	डा विभाग तुर्भ डी विभाग तुर्भे	डा विभाग तुभै बत्राताल स.।। सानपाडा डी विभाग तुभैं जुईनगर रेल्वे स्टेशन समोरील हार्डीलिया समोरील	₹.5,44,628/-
0 7	डी विभाग तुर्भे	डी विभाग तुमें क्षेत्रातील ठाणे बेलापुर रोड हायबे आनंद नगर ते	₹.5,20,952/-
,	ા પ્રમામ પુ <b>મ</b>	RCC टॉयलेट तुर्भे रेल्वे आणि सविता कंपनी लगत नाला	V.3,20,932/-
8	डी विभाग तुर्भे	डी विभाग तुर्भे रॅलीज कंपनी ते सविता कंपनी जंक्शन पर्यत ठाणे बेलापुर रोड येथील नाला	₹.4,17,725/-
9	डी विभाग तुर्भे	डी विभाग तुर्भे क्षेत्रातील एमआयडीसी क्षेत्रातील प्लॉट नं.सी 55 ते सी-7/6 सी ब्लॉक येथील नाला	₹.5,62,577/-
0	डी विभाग तुर्भे	डी विभाग तुर्भे क्षेत्रातील एव्हरेडी तुर्भे पोलीस स्टेशन डी-27 परिसर येथील नाला	₹.5,44,628/-
1	डी विभाग तुर्भे	डी विभाग तुर्भे क्षेत्रातील से.18 सायन प नवेल हायवे लगतचे नाला	₹.2,63,438/-
2 3	डी विभाग तुर्भे डी विभाग तुर्भे	डी विभाग तुर्भे क्षेत्रातील सानपाडा अंडरपास जुईनगर रेल्वे स्टेशन येथील नाला डी विभाग तुर्भे क्षेत्रातील इंदिरानगरच्या बाजुचे अमृत डेअरी डी-72 बाजुच्या क्षेत्रातील नाला	₹.5,62,577/- ₹.5,44,628/-
4	ई विभाग कोपरखैरणे	ई विभाग कोपरखैरणे से.14 नैसर्गिक नाला	₹.6,06,171/-
5	ई विभाग कोपरखैरणे	ई विभाग कोपरखैरणे से.1A 4A नैसर्गिक नाला	रु.5,97,578/-
6	ई विभाग कोपरखैरणे	ई विभाग कोपरखैरणे से 910 नैसर्गिक नाला	₹.7,89,182/-
7	ई विभाग कोपरखैरणे	ई विभाग कोपरखैरणे पावणेश्वर नैसर्गिक नाला	₹.5,53,723/-
8	ई विभाग कोपरखैरणे ई विभाग कोपरखैरणे	ई विभाग कोपरखैरणे यश हॉटेल CETP ELF Com. A Block कोपरखैरणे ई विभाग कोपरखैरणे सी ब्लॉक कृष्णा स्टीलए A-205 बावखळेश्वर	₹.8,18,028/-
9	इ।वभाग कापरखरण ई विभाग कोपरखैरणे	इ विभाग कापरखरण सा ब्लाक कृष्णा स्टालाए A-205 बावखळश्वर ई विभाग कोपरखैरणे जेम्स ॲण्ड ज्वेलरी A-461 A-319A419 TTC Industrial area	₹.7,03,598/- ₹.7,62,248/-
1	ई विभाग कोपरखैरणे	ई विभाग कोपरखैरणे Electronic Zone प्लॉट नं.EL-87 ते पारकर कंपनी	₹.7,81,852/-
2	ई विभाग कोपरखैरणे	ं ई विभाग कोपरखैरणे RPG  कंपनी महापे ते पावणे	₹.5,10,866/-
3	ई विभाग कोपरखैरणे	ई विभाग कोपरखैरणे से.11 नैसर्गिक नाला	₹.7,37,442/-
4	ई विभाग कोपरखैरणे	ई विभाग कोपरखैरणे कच्चा नाला कोपरखैरणे विभाग	₹.2,64,480/-
5	ई विभाग कोपरखैरणे	ई विभाग कोपरखैरणे A Block TTC Industrial Area नैसर्गिक नाला	₹.4,06,651/-
6	एफ विभाग घणसोली	आर ब्लॉक रबाळे (MIDC) येथील उत्तरेकडील एमटीएनएल एक्सचेंज ते तेलवणे कंपनी अल्ट्राटेक कंपनी ते डोंगरापर्यंत	₹.8,93,295/-
7	एफ विभाग घणसोली	आर ब्लॉक रबाळे (MIDC) येथील साऊथकॉस्ट हॉटेल ते दक्षिणेडील एमटीएनएल	₹.9,11,934/-
_		एक्सचेंज ते अल्फालेवल विस्टाईन हॉटेल ते गवळीदेव डोंगरापर्यत	(.5,11,55 1)
8	एफ विभाग घणसोली	आर ब्लॉक रबाळे (MIDC) येथील मिड डे प्लॉट 709 R-537 R-770	₹.7,89,033/-
9	एफ विभाग घणसोली	टाणे-बेलापुर रोड 2900 ते 5700 रबाले तलावाजवळील नर्सरी पर्यत	₹.7,55,604/-
0	एफ विभाग घणसोली	चॅनेल 5700 ते 100000 ठाणे-बेलापुर रोड साऊट कॉस्ट हॉटेल ते नोसील नाका सी-गेट ते महापे ब्रीजपर्यत	₹.8,93,706/-
1	एफ विभाग घणसोली	नाका सा-गट त महाप ब्राजपयत परुळेकर वाडी ते दिवा नाका	₹.2,91,541/-
2	एफ विभाग घणसोली	सेक्टर १ ब्रिज पामिबच रोड ते रेल्वे पटरी पर्यंत घणसोली येथील नाला	₹.7,35,945/-
3	एफ विभाग घणसोली	सेक्टर ९ सिध्दीविनायक सो. ते कोपरखैरणे लिंक रोड	₹.7,93,997/-
4	एफ विभाग घणसोली	से.7 रिध्दी सिध्दी सो. ते गुरुदत्त सो.से.7 ब्रिजपर्यतचा नाला	₹.5,16,615/-
5	एफ विभाग घणसोली	से.6 रेल्वे पटरी ते महिला सक्षमीकरण केंद्र पर्यतचा नाला	₹.5,78,712/-
6	एफ विभाग घणसोली	नोसिलनाका अंडरपास ते रिध्दी सिध्दी सो. से.7 ब्रिजपर्यत	₹.5,18,636/-
7	एफ विभाग घणसोली	तलावपाली तलाव ते क्रिक घणसोली	₹.4,95,368/-
8 9	एफ विभाग घणसोली एफ विभाग घणसोली	गोठीवली व तळवली येथील कच्चा नाला म्हसेश्वरनगर ते सदगुरु हॉस्पीटल व द्वारकानाथ भोईर येथील तीन नाले	₹.4,28,487/- ₹.5,07,252/-
0	जी विभाग ऐरोली	राबाडा स्मशान भुमी ते से.8 अ खाडी	₹.7,29,179/-
1	जी विभाग ऐरोली	भारत बिजली अंडरपास ते दिवा अंडरपास ऐरोली	₹.6,20,840/-
2	जी विभाग ऐरोली	ऐरोली से.8 अ 10 अ 1013 व 14	₹.7,16,193/-
3	जी विभाग ऐरोली	MSEB कंपाऊड ते पटनी रोड	₹.9,45,374/-
4	जी विभाग ऐरोली	MIDC रोड आश्विन क्वॉरों ते गवतेवाडी कच्चा नाला	₹.4,44,390/-
5	जी विभाग ऐरोली जी विभाग ऐरोली	ऐरोली विभागातील पावसाचे पाणी वाहते करून देणेसाठी कच्चे नाले काढणे	₹.4,16,418/-
6 7	जा विभाग एराला जी विभाग ऐरोली	MSEB कंपाऊड साई नाथवाडी बाजुला खाडी यादवनगर कंन्टेनर शोचालय ते MIDC रोड	₹.4,56,657/-
	जा विभाग एराला जी विभाग ऐरोली	यादवनगर कन्टनर शाचालय त MIDC राड MIDC रोड चिंचपाडा ते रिलायबल टेक पार्क ठाणे-बेलापुर रोड	₹.6,54,954/-
	ा । प्रमाग एराला	MIDU राड चिचपाडा त रिलायबल टक पाक ठाण-बलापुर राड चिचपाडा पाण्याच्या टाकी जवळ शौचालय ते टाईम्स ऑफ इंडिया पर्यंत	₹.5,20,421/-
8	्ची विशास रोगेन्स		₹.6,80,893/-
8	जी विभाग ऐरोली जी विभाग ऐरोली	मेंटल नाला मे 03 ते खाड़ी पर्यंत गत्नील गांशी गार्नज गामज ने ज्वाली पर्यंच	
9	जी विभाग ऐरोली	सेंट्रल नाला से.03 ते खाडी पर्यंत राजीव गांधी गार्डन पासुन ते खाली पर्यंत एच विभाग दिघा कार्यक्षेत्रातील के ब्लॉक सेंच्यरी लगतचा नाला पोयशा कंपनी	₹.7,98,686/- ₹.9,29,572/-
9		एच विभाग दिघा कार्यक्षेत्रातील के ब्लॉक सेंच्युरी लगतचा नाला पोयशा कंपनी लगतचा नाला गणपतीपाडा पेट्रोल पंप सर्व्हिसरोड लगतचा नाला	₹.9,29,572/-
7 8 9 0 11	जी विभाग ऐरोली	एच विभाग दिघा कार्यक्षेत्रातील के ब्लॉक सेंच्युरी लगतचा नाला पोयशा कंपनी लगतचा नाला गणपतीपाडा पेट्रोल पंप सर्व्हिसरोड लगतचा नाला एच विभाग दिघा कार्यक्षेत्रातील संजय गांधीनगर नाला ते आंबेडकर नगर रेल्वे	<del>†</del>
8 9 0 '1	जी विभाग ऐरोली एच विभाग दिघा एच विभाग दिघा	एच विभाग दिघा कार्यक्षेत्रातील के ब्लॉक सेंच्युरी लगतचा नाला पोयशा कंपनी लगतचा नाला गणपतीपाडा पेट्रोल पंप सर्व्हिसेरोड लगतचा नाला एच विभाग दिघा कार्यक्षेत्रातील संजय गांधीनगर नाला ते आंबेडकर नगर रेल्वे लाईन लगतचा कच्चा नाला	₹.9,29,572/- ₹.6,34,502/-
8 9 0 1 2	जी विभाग ऐरोली एच विभाग दिघा एच विभाग दिघा एच विभाग दिघा	एच विभाग दिघा कार्यक्षेत्रातील के ब्लॉक सेंच्युरी लगतचा नाला पोयशा कंपनी लगतचा नाला गणपतीपाडा पेट्रोल पंप सिव्हंसेरोड लगतचा नाला एच विभाग दिघा कार्यक्षेत्रातील संजय गांधीनगर नाला ते आंबेडकर नगर रेल्वे लाईन लगतचा कच्चा नाला एच विभाग दिघा कार्यक्षेत्रातील आंबेडकरनगर नाला ते ऐरोली नॉलेज पार्क	₹.9,29,572/- ₹.6,34,502/- ₹.7,63,423/-
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8 9 0	जी विभाग ऐरोली एच विभाग दिघा एच विभाग दिघा एच विभाग दिघा	एच विभाग दिघा कार्यक्षेत्रातील के ब्लॉक सेंच्युरी लगतचा नाला पोयशा कंपनी लगतचा नाला गणपतीपाडा पेट्रोल पंप सिव्हंसेरोड लगतचा नाला एच विभाग दिघा कार्यक्षेत्रातील संजय गांधीनगर नाला ते आंबेडकर नगर रेल्वे लाईन लगतचा कच्चा नाला एच विभाग दिघा कार्यक्षेत्रातील आंबेडकरनगर नाला ते ऐरोली नॉलेज पार्क	₹.9,29,572/- ₹.6,34,502/- ₹.7,63,423/-

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निविदाकारांनी प्रत्येक परिमंडळ करिता स्वतंत्र कोरी निविदा फॉर्म फी (ऋळसह), इसारा अनामत खकम व सेवा शुल्क ऑनलाईन पेमेंट द्वारे भरावयाचे आहेत गॅनलाईन पेमेंट केल्याची पावती ऑनलाईन तांत्रीक लिफाफयात सादर करण्यात यावी. वरील नमुद सर्व शुल्क कोणत्याही बँकेचे डेबिट कार्ड, क्रेडिट कार्ड अथवा नेट बँकींग द्वारा भरणा करता येईल. निविदा फॉर्म फी शुल्क नमुंमपाच्या लेखा विभागात स्विकारले जाणार नाही, याची निविदाकारांनी नोंद घ्यावी. कोणतेही निविदा स्विकारणे अथवा नाकारण्याचे अधिकार मा.आयुक्त,नवी मुंबई महानगरपालिका यांनी राखून ठेवलेला आहे.

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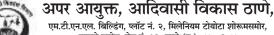
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SI. No.	Name of Work	Estimated Contract Value (ECV)/ Amount put to tender	Earnest Money (EMD)	Tender Fee	Date of Release of tender in e- Procurement Solution & Tender ID	Last Date /Time of receipt of tender E-Procurement Solution				
1.	Providing & laying 600 mm dia D.I. pipe for supply of treated effluent from Okhla Ph. VI STP to NTPC Ecopark Rederpur, under ACE [58M].	for civil work and	Rs. 22,50,000/-	Rs. 1,500/-	22.04.2022 2022_DJB_220927_1	29.04.2022 at 3.05 PM				

Further details in this regard can be seen at <a href="https://govtprocurement.delhi.gov.in">https://govtprocurement.delhi.gov.in</a>. Rakesh Kum S.V. 55 (2022-23)

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#### जाहिरात/आवेदन पत्र

एकलव्य मॉडेल रेसिडेंशियल स्कूल प्रवेश सन २०२२-२३

केंद्रशासनाच्या योजनेंतर्गत CBSE अभ्यासक्रमावर आधारित इ. ६वी ते इ. १२ वी पर्यंतच्या शिक्षणासाठी इंग्रजी माध्यमाच्या निवासी शाळा

अपर आयुक्त, आदिवासी विकास, ठाणे अंतर्गत सुरू असलेल्या एकलव्य आदर्श निवासी शाळांमध्ये सन २०२२-२३ मधील इ. ६ वी व इ. ७ वी ते इ. ९वी वर्गातील अनुशेष प्रवेशाकरिता अनुसूचित जमाती आणि आदिम जमातीच्या विद्यार्थ्यांकरिता प्रवेशपूर्व परीक्षेसाठी आवेदन पत्र भरणेबाबत. ठाणे विभागातील एकलव्य आदर्श निवासी शाळाः

- १. एकलव्य आदर्श निवासी शाळा, कांबळगांव, ता. पालघर, जि. पालघर
- २. एकलव्य आदर्श निवासी शाळा, शेंडेगांव, ता. शहापूर, जि. ठाणे
- ३. एकलव्य आदर्श निवासी शाळा, पळसुंडे, ता. मोखाडा, जि. पालघर ४. एकलव्य आदर्श निवासी शाळा, मोखाडा, ता. मोखाडा, जि. पालघर
- ५. एकलव्य आदर्श निवासी शाळा, सवणे, ता. तलासरी, जि. पालघर
- ६. एकलव्य आदर्श निवासी शाळा, डहाणू, ता. डहाणू, जि. पालघर प्रवेश पूर्व स्पर्धा परीक्षेस पात्र विद्यार्थी
- शासकीय/अनुदानित आश्रमशाळा, जिल्हा परिषद, नगरपालिका व इतर शासनमान्य प्राप्त प्राथमिक/मार्ध्यमिक शाळेतील सन २०२१-२२ या शैक्षणिक वर्षात इ. ५ वी चे वर्गात शिक्षण घेत असलेले अनुसूचित जमाती/आदिम जमातीचे विद्यार्थी
- > पालकांचे उत्पन्न वार्षिक रु. ६ लक्ष (रु. ६,००,०००/-) पेक्षा कमी असावे.
- ▶ इ. ७ वी ते इ. ९ वीच्या वर्गातील अनुशेष भरून काढण्यासाठी सन २०२१-२२ मध्ये इ.६ वी ते ८ वी मध्ये शिकत असलेले विद्यार्थी प्रवेश परीक्षेसाठी पात्र ठरतील.

स्पर्धा परीक्षा दि. ०५ जून २०२२ रोजी सकाळी ११.०० ते १३.०० या वेळेत एकात्मिक आदिवासी विकास प्रकल्प, शहापूर, डहाणू, जव्हार, पेण, जव्हार, सोलापूर यांच्या कार्यक्षेत्रात नियोजित स्पर्धा परीक्षा केंद्रांवर घेतली जाईल.

प्रवेशपूर्व स्पर्धा परीक्षेचे आवेदन पत्र सोबत जोडले आहे. आवेदन पत्रासोबत सक्षम प्राधिकाऱ्याने दिलेला जातीचा दाखला आणि उत्पन्नाचा दाखला जोडणे आवश्यक आहे.

विद्यार्थ्यांची आवेदनपत्रे संबंधित एकात्मिक आदिवासी विकास प्रकल्प कार्यालयात जमा करणे

अपर आयुक्त, आदिवासी विकास, ठाणे कार्यालय हे कोणत्याही कारणाशिवाय कोणतेही आवेदनपत्र स्वीकारण्यास/ नाकारण्याचे अधिकार राखन ठेवत आहे.

ठिकाण : ठाणे दि. १८.०४.२०२२

स्वाक्षरी/-अपर आयक्त आदिवासी विकास, ठाणे

एकलव्य निवासी शाळा प्रवेशपूर्व स्पर्धा परीक्षेसाठी अनुसूचित जमाती/आदिम जमातीच्या इयत्ता ५वी ते ८ वीच्या वर्गात शिक्षण घेत असलेल्या विद्यार्थ्यांच्या शाळेच्या मुख्याध्यापकांमार्फत संबंधीत प्रकल्प अधिकारी एकात्मिक आदिवासी विकास प्रकल्प यांचे कार्यालयास सादर करावयाच्या आवेदन पत्राचा नम्ना.

सन :२०२२-२३ या शैक्षणिक वर्षात एकलव्य निवासी शाळेत इयत्ता ६वी/ ७वी/ ८वी/ ९वीचे वर्गासाठी प्रवेश पूर्व स्पर्धा परीक्षेचे आवेदन पत्र

दिनांक : / /२०२३ मा. सदस्य सचिव महाराष्ट्र ट्रायबल पब्लिक स्कूल सोसायटी नाशिक तथा आयुक्त, आदिवासी विकास विभाग, महाराष्ट्र राज्य, नाशिक

महाराष्ट्र ट्रायबल पब्लिक स्कूल सोसायटी नाशिक संचालित एकलव्य रेसिडेंशियल स्कूलमध्ये सन २०२२-२०२३ या शैक्षणिक वर्षात इयत्ता ६वी/ ७वी/ ८वी/ ९वी चे वर्गात प्रवेश घेऊ इच्छिणाऱ्या आमचे शाळेतील विद्यार्थी/विद्यार्थिनीची माहिती पुढीलप्रमाणे असून सदर विद्यार्थ्यास/ विद्यार्थिनीस प्रविष्ठ होण्यास परवानगी मिळावी ही विनंती.

१) परीक्षार्थी विद्यार्थी/ विद्यार्थीनीचे पूर्ण : ------

७) विद्यार्थी ज्या शाळेत इयत्ता ५ वी

त्या शाळेचे नाव व पत्ता

ते ८वीचे वर्गात शिक्षण घेत आहे.

८) इयत्ता ५ वी ते ८वी चे वर्गात दाखल

	नाव (आडनाव प्रथम लिहावे)		
२)	विद्यार्थ्याच्या/ विद्यार्थिनीच्या	:	
	वडिलांचे/पालकाचे पूर्ण नाव व		
	पूर्ण पत्ता		
3)	विद्यार्थ्याचा जन्मदिनांक (अंकात)	:	
	अक्षरी (शालेय रजिस्टरमधील	:	
	नोंदीनुसार)		
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विद्यार्थ्यांची स्वाक्षरी

#### प्रमाणपत्र

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१) आवेदन पत्र छाननी दिनांक :

२) आवेदन पत्राबाबत निर्णय : पात्र/अपात्र दिनांक :

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Corrigendum
Short Notice Tender No. 6/ACE(M10)/EE(T)M-10/2022-23

Tender ID:- 2022\_DJB\_220666 Item No. 1 to 4
With reference to circular No. DJB/CEO/2022/D-1338 dated 21.4.2022 in the matter of unworkable rates. Following incorporation hereby made in the additional information of NIT. "It has been decided by the competent authority that if L-I bidder quotes more than 25% below then the justified rates, the bid will be considered as a bid on unworkable rates. In such cases, L-1, bidder shall have to submit the difference between the 25% less amount of justified rates and his quoted rate as additional Performance Guarantee to Delhi Jal Board and only after the additional Performance Guarantee is submitted, the contract would be executed."

Subsequently, it will be adjusted in all R.A bills against Performance Guarantee.

nerefore, all bidders are requested for its compliance. the other terms & Conditions of the aforesaid NIT will remain same

ISSUED BY P.R.O. (WATER) Advt. No. J.S.V. 54 (2022-23) (B.N. Gupta) **EXECUTIVE ENGINEER (T) M-1** STOP CORONA: "Wear Mask, Follow Physical Distancing, Maintain Hand Hygiene'



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**BRUHAT BENGALURU MAHANAGARA PALIKE** Office of the Executive Engineer, SWD-West Zone BBMP, 9th Floor, 4th Block, Jayanagara, Bengaluru - 560 011

No: EE/SWD/WZ/TEND/01/2022-23 Date: 22.04.2022 INVITATION FOR SHORT TERM TENDER (IFT) - 2nd Call

(Through GOK e-Procurement Portal only) (STD-KW-2, 3) The Executive Engineer, SWD, West Zone, BBMF Bengaluru invites tenders from eligible contractors registered in Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike or

equivalent registration with CPWD/KPWD/Railways/

MES/National Highway or any State Government Organizations for the construction of works detailed in the table below.

S N	l lo.	Name of the Works	Approx. Amount Put to Tender (₹. in Lakhs)	EMD (in ₹.)
		Remodeling of Damaged Culvert on 9th Main 3rd Stage of Basave- shwaranagara in Ward No.100 (Call-2)	30.00	60,000
2	2.	Construction of U Shaped drain & Other development works in Chamarajapete Assembly Constituency (Call-2)	100.00	2,00,000

Calendar of Events: (1) Tender documents may be downloaded from the e-procurement portal of Government of Karnataka from 25.04.2022. (2) Tenders must be submitted online through e-procurement portal on or before 07.05.2022 upto 4:00 pm. (3) Pre-Bid Meeting will be held on 28.04.2022 at 4:30 pm in the office of the Executive Engineer (SWD-West Zone) (4) Bids will be opened on 09.05.2022 after 4:30 pm (5) Date of Opening of Financial Bid after Approval of Technical Bids through e-Procurement. Further details may be obtained from the above office during office hours on working days or the website: https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in Sd/- Executive Engineer SWD (West Zone)

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NOTICE UNDER CLAUSE (a) OF SUB-SECTION (5) OF

SECTION 15 OF THE ELECTRICITY ACT, 2003

An application under sub-section (1) of Section 15 of the Electricity Act, 2003 (the Act) has been made by Powergrid Sikar Transmission Limited (Formerly Sikar New Transmission Limited), B-9, Qutab Institutional Area, Katwaria Sarai, New Delhi-110016 to establish \*Transmission System Strengthening Scheme for Evacuation of Power from Solar Energy Zones in Rajasthan (8.1 GW) under Phase II (Part C)\*, on Build, Own, Operate and Maintain (BOOM) basis (hereinafter referred to as "the Project") consisting of the following elements:

> cheduled COD from

18 months

S. No.	Name of the Transmission Element	EII
1.	Establishment of 765/400 kV, 2x1500 MVA at Sikar - II with 400kV (1x125 MVAR) and 765 kV (2x330 MVAr) bus reactor, 765/400 kV, 1500 MVA ICT - 2 765/400 kV, 500 MVA spare single-phase ICT-1 765 kV ICT bays - 2 765 kV ICT bays - 2 765 kV Ime bays - 2 125 MVAr, 420 kV bus reactor-1 420 kV reactor bay - 1 330 MVAr, 765 kV bus reactor-2 (6x110 MVAR) 765 kV reactor bay - 2 110 MVAR, 765 kV, 1 ph Reactor (spare unit) -1 (common spare unit for banks of Bus Reactor & Line Reactor) Future Provision Space for 765/400kV ICT along with bays - 2 765kV Imp Reactor state of the bays along with suitable in the second of the spare along with suitable in the second of th	

switchable line reactor- 6 400kV bus reactor- 2 2. Bhadla-II PS - Sikar-II 765kV D/c line 3. 2 no. of 765 kV line bays at Bhadla-II for Bhadla-II

reactors- 10 400kV line bays along with

PS - Sikar-II 765 kV D/cline -765 kV line bays -2 4, 1x330 MVAr switchable line reactor for each circuit at Sikar-II end of Bhadla-II PS - Sikar-II REMY DAY THE STRANGE THE MY Switching equipment for 765 kV reactor - 2

1x240MVAr switchable line reactor for each circuit at Bhadla-II end of Bhadla-II PS - Sikar-II 765kV D/c line -240 MVAr, 765 kV reactor-2 -Switching equipment for 765 kV reactor - 2

6. Sikar-II - Neemrana 400kV D/cline (Twin HTLS") 7, 2 no. of 400 kV line bays at Neemrana for Sikar-II Neemrana 400kV D/c line (Twin HTLS\*) 400 kV line bays - 2

Neemrana.

with minimum capacity of 2100 MVA on each circuit at numinal voltage

POWERGRID to provide space for 2 no of 765 kV bays at Bhadla-II and space for 2 no of switchable line reactors at

Bhadla-II substation. POWERGRID to provide space for 2 no of 400 kV bays at

TSP shall install the 765kV Line Reactor banks at Bhadla II PS under each of the schemes (Part-B, Part-C and Part-E) and all the associated equipment required for switching arrangement viz isolators, circuit breakers, 765kV & 145kV (neutral) auxiliary buses etc., so that spare 1-ph unit, whenever provided in future is able to replace any of the faulty unit without its physical movement. Respective TSP shall provide the equipment/facilities at Bhadla II PS such that only supply & installation of 1x80 MVAR spare unit of Reactor, associated LA 1-Ph Circuit Breaker and extension of 765kV & 145kV buses will

be required for completion of switching arrangement in future. The spare unit of 765kV, 1x110 MVAR Reactor being provided at Sikar-II PS under 'Transmission system strengthening for evacuation of power from solar energy zones in Rajasthan (8.1 GW) under Phase II -Part C' shall be utilized as common spare for 6x110 MVAR Switchable Line Reactors to be provided at Sikar-II PS each under 'Transmission system strengthening for evacuation of power from solar energy zones in Rajasthan (8. GW) under Phase II —Part D' and 'Transmission system strengthening for evacuation of power from solar energy zones in

Rajasthan (8.1 GW) under Phase II - Part E. The applicant has been selected as the Transmission Service Provider with the lowest levelized transmission charges of ₹1637.05 million per annum on the basis of the competitive bidding carried out by Power Grid Corporation of India Limited in accordance with the Guidelines issued by the Central

Government under Section 63 of the Act. The Central Transmission Utility has recommended for grant of transmission licence to the applicant to establish the proposed

transmission system. Based on material available on record, the Commission has, vide order dated 16.4.2022 in Petition No. 48/TL/2022, proposed to

issue transmission licence to the applicant for establishing the transmission system as noted in para 1 above. A copy of the application, along with its annexures and

enclosures, made by the applicant for grant of inter-State transmission licence to Powergrid Sikar Transmission Limited before the Commission can be accessed at the website www.powergrid.in or inspected by any person in the Commission's office by following the laid down procedure.

Notice is hereby given in pursuance of clause (a) of sub-section (5) of Section 15 of the Act that suggestions or objections, if any, to the Commission's proposal to grant transmission ficence to the applicant, as aforesaid, be sent to the undersigned by 4.5.2022 at the above noted address. The suggestions or objections received after the specified date shall not be considered.

The application shall be taken up for further hearing by the Commission in due course. Any person who files suggestions or objections may in his/her discretion attend the hearing, for which no TA/DA shall be paid by the Commission.

(Harpreet Singh Pruthi)

#### **COAL CRISIS**

# Cornered by Opp, Stalin seeks full quota from PM

**ARUN JANARDHANAN** CHENNAL APRIL 22

ATA time when the Opposition is attacking the DMK government over the frequent power cuts across the state, Tamil Nadu Chief Minister MK Stalin wrote to Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Friday. demanding his intervention to ensure the supply of 72,000 MTs coal per day at Paradip and Visakhapatnam ports as per the FSA (Fuel Supply Agreement).

Urging PM Modi to direct the Ministry of Coal, Stalin's letter said the state was seeking his urgent assistance to ensure adequate availability of coal for the powergeneration units in Tamil Nadu. "Provision of sufficient coal from Talcher mines in Odisha is vital for the units in our state. In this regard, the current daily receipt of coal for Tamil Nadu's units is only 50.000 MTs, against the requirement of 72.000 MTs." Stalin's letter said.

Even though the coal production is sufficient to meet the increased summer demand for power, the letter said, the same is not getting transported to ports due to the short supply of rakes by railways. "This, in turn, has resulted in the coal stocks of our state's generation plants reaching critical levels. In the case of Nadu TANGEDCO (Tamil Generation and Distribution Corporation Limited), 22 railway rakes per day are required for moving 72,000 MTs of daily allotted coal to Paradip and Visakhapatnam ports. However, on an average, only 14 rakes per day are currently being provided



POWER SHORTAGE has for long been a key issue in Tamil Nadu's politics. It was one of the many issues that made the DMK regime (2006-11) unpopular. One of the main poll promises of late JJayalalithaa in 2011 polls was that she will make the state power surplus in three years' time, a promise that was more or less kept even as there was criticism that the coal and power were purchased at exorbitant rates.

by the railways," Stalin said.

The letter said TANGEDCO has to resort to importing coal at historically high prices. "Further, the shortfall in generation is also being filled by buying power at high rates exchanges. energy Unfortunately, enough power is not available in energy exchanges to meet the requirement of all buying utilities. This serious situation would significantly impact the nascent post-Covid economic recovery and needs to be immediately addressed." Stalin's letter said. In the state Assembly, Opposition AIADMK staged a walkout on Friday in protest against the alleged indifference of the government to the emerging power crisis.

**FULL REPORT ON** www.indianexpress.com

#### Two Bengal labourers shot at by militants in Srinagar

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** SRINAGAR. APRIL 22

TWO LABOURERS from West Bengal were shot at on the outskirts of Srinagar on Friday evening. According to the I&K Police, both are reported to be stable at the Shri Maharaja Hari Singh Hospital in the city.

The incident took place around 7.50 pm at Nougat. The police said: "Militants fired at the two labourers identified as Najamul-Islam and Anikul-Islam, both residents of West Bengal's Suthsoo Kalan area in Nowgam. Both of them received gunshot injuries and were immediately shifted to the hospital for treatment." The area had been cordoned off and the police were carrying out searches in the area.

Meanwhile, the Baramulla encounter, which began on Thursday, ended late on Friday night. The police said three bodies of militants were recovered from the encounter site and they had been identified as Yousuf Dar, alias Kantru: Hilal Sheikh alias Hanzalla: and Faisal Dar - all linked to Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT). "Arms and ammunition have been recovered. Operation is over," the police said.

The encounter took place at the Malwah area of Baramulla in North Kashmir. Four soldiers, including an officer and an official of the J&K police, were also injured in the operation.

IGP (Kashmir) Vijay Kumar said the killed militants included Kantru – one of the top 10 mostwanted militants.

Acting on specific information by the Budgam police, a special police team, along with the Army (62 RR), had launched a joint cordon and search operation.

### 'BJP has declared a war on Muslims... AAP, Cong ... no ideological moorings left' AIMIM president **Asaduddin** Owaisi speaks to Manoj CG about

recent incidents of communal violence across the country, the BJP, and Opposition parties such as the AAP and the Congress.

There have been reports of communal flare-ups in the country this month. How do you see these incidents?

The BJP, wherever they are in power, there is no pretence left. They are openly claiming that they will be biased against the Muslim community. They have declared a war on the Muslim community. Secondly, because of the competing politics of who is a bigger Hindu between the Congress, the AAP and the Shiv Sena, you see all these issues have cropped up. What happened in Karauli in Rajasthan, what happened in Jharkhand, and what is happening with regard to the controversies in Maharashtra. It is a never-ending cycle now. Because every other political party has no ideological moorings left anymore. So they are trying to say that we are a bigger and better party to practise the politics of Hindutva... What has happened in Sendhwa

Unfortunately, the media has not reported the ground reality. It is far worse than what happened in Khargone. There are Muslim families who have not eaten for three to four days because their houses have been demolished on the suspicion that stones were pelted from those houses. The BJP is now indulging in what I call vigilante justice... The whole edifice of rule of law and fundamental freedoms, which are guaranteed in the Constitution, is at stake.

#### You also visited Jahangirpuri on April 20, the day the

demolitions happened... In Jahangirpuri, the authorities violated the Delhi Municipal Corporation Act, 1957, Section 343, Delhi Development Authority Act, 1947. Then, your newspaper reported that a woman named Mansura was stuck on the second floor because the staircase was demolished. Your report itself says there is a valid electricity meter. Now, if the BJP is so hellbent on demolishing all encroachments, in 2019, the Ministry of Housing and Urban Development said there were 1,797 unauthorised colonies in Delhi. I challenge the BJP gov-



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AIMIM PRESIDENT. HYDERABAD MP ernment. Will you go and demolish Sainik Farms, Vasant Kunj en-

clave. Chhattarpur enclave, and Saidulaiab Extension? Remember. this is the capital of our country and not some far-flung or mofussil area. It is controlled by the Union Home Minister. This is the fourth violent incident that has happened under the auspices of Amit Shah – the first was the lawyers' agitation, pogrom, then the farmers' agitation, and now this.

#### What about the stance taken by other parties?

The AAP supported the demolition that happened because the PWD(Public Works Department) comes under the Delhi government. The hypocrisy of the AAP is they are fighting a case in the Supreme Court saying the Union government has taken away their (Delhi government's) rights... At the end of the day, it is Muslims and Christians who are suffering.

#### What is the choice before minority communities?

What is the choice? We cannot blink, we cannot act as cowards or be afraid of such hate politics. We have to democratically fight back, we have to take our cases to courts of law, and we will have to stand firm. We cannot hide and close our doors and windows. When history is written it will mention that there were a few people who stood up to auto-

Are Muslims losing faith in the secular parties?

cratic and fascist governments.

olition was taking place? The AAP has over 60 MLAs and even Muslims have voted for them. You have a chief minister who is on a maun vrat (vow of silence). When the 2020 riots and pogrom were taking place, the chief minister went and sat at Gandhi samadhi. Why don't you open your mouth? Because you are competing with the BJP in Hindutva politics. And what about the Congress? You wake up after I go over there. You have ruled Delhi for years and years. You had MPs from that area. But you do not even react on that day. You don't even have the courage to go that day itself.

#### And you are often called the 'B team' of the BIP.

It doesn't matter. You can use more adjectives, expletives and allegations whatever the English language allows you to use. The fact of the matter is where is the Congress party in Madhya Pradesh? In Khargone and Sendhwa, you are not there. You are not there in Karauli. In Jharkhand, you are sharing power but you are not to be seen.

**FULL INTERVIEW ON** www.indianexpress.com

### Rajasthan Class 12 Board paper has 6 questions on Cong, BJP cries foul

**DEEP MUKHERJEE** 

JAIPUR, APRIL 22

A POLITICAL row has erupted in Rajasthan after it came to light that the Class 12 political science examination of the Raiasthan Board of Secondary Education (RBSE) held on Thursday had six questions on the Congress, leading the opposi-

tion BJP to accuse the Ashok

Gehlot-led government in the

state of "politicising education". These were some of the questions asked: 'Discuss in brief the Congress as a Social and Ideological Alliance.' 'Which party dominated the first three general elections in India?' 'How many seats did the Congress win in the 1984 Lok Sabha Election?' 'Who gave the slogan 'Garibi Hatao'?' The General Election of 1971 proved to be an election for restoration of Congress, Explain

the statement.' 'Under what circumstances did the Congress contest the 1967 General Election and what mandate did it get? Explain'. The paper also included ques-

tions about the Bahujan Samaj Party, notable personalities, world affairs, the 2004 Lok Sabha election and the 1989 National Front government.

"The ruling Congress party in Rajasthan has ensured the politicisation of education. It appears from the political science question paper of Class 12 that the Congress party will make the student who knows much about the Congress, the party's permanent national president. Since now the party has a working president, it seems the permanent president will be made based on answers in this paper," BJP MLA and chief

spokesperson Ramlal Sharma said, taking a jibe at the Congress. The BIP also demanded that

those who were given the responsibility of setting the question paper be suspended.

RBSE Public Relations Officer Rajendra Gupta said that the question paper was made as per the NCERT syllabus and a panel of subject matter experts had prepared it. The experts' panel decides the structure of the question papers, Gupta said.

**FULL REPORT ON** www.indianexpress.com

#### IFTAR TIME

Bihar CM Nitish Kumar at a party hosted by RJD leader Tejashwi Yadav in Patna on Friday, PTI

### Jharkhand HC grants bail to Lalu in case related to fodder scam

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** RANCHI. APRIL 22

THE JHARKHAND High Court on Friday granted bail to Rashtriya Janata

Dal (RJD) president Lalu Prasad in the Doranda Treasury case, related to the fodder scam, in which a CBI special court had sentenced him to five years in prison. Prasad's lawyer Prabhat Kumar said, "The Jharkhand High court on Friday granted bail to Lalu Prasad as he had al- Lalu Yadav. File ready served 41 months in custody, which more than half the

The court on February 21 this year had sentenced Prasad for fodder scam case pertaining to illegal withdrawal of Rs

139.35 crore from Doranda treasury in 1995-1996. A fine of Rs 60 lakh was also slapped on Prasad.

Special Judge SK Shashi had also

stated that ED may confiscate assets gathered from the proceeds of crime and launch an investigation. His lawyer Prabhat Kumar had then said that Prasad has already undergone more than three years in custody and he would apply for bail on this particular ground. The former Bihar Chief Minister has already been convicted in the

previous four fodder scam

cases - related to Dumka, Deoghar, Chaibasa and Banka-Bhagalpur period already served in this case." treasuries. He is currently out on bail in the former three cases on grounds that he has undergone half the sentence.

GUWAHATI, APRIL 22 A PANEL formed by the BJP-led Assam government has recom-

Panel seeks

Muslims'

distinct group tag

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for 'Assamese

mended that "Assamese Muslims" be issued identity cards or certifications after a census, and a notification be issued to identify them as a distinct group.

The panel was formed after Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma last July had met with Muslim representatives to discuss the community's socio-economic

The panel submitted the report on Thursday after months of discussion. The report also made suggestions on matters related to community's education, political representation, health and women empowerment.

Under the umbrella of the indigenous Assamese Muslim community fall three main groups: the Goriyas, the Moriyas (from Upper Assam) and the Deshis (from Lower Assam). While the Deshis are 13th-century converts from indigenous communities such as Koch Rajbongshi and Mech, the Goriyas and Moriyas trace their lineage to converts as well as soldiers, artisans, etc. who came to the region during the Ahom rule. Smaller groups such as Julha Muslims also fall under this category.

These groups consider themselves distinct from the Bengalispeaking Muslims who migrated from East Bengal or Bangladesh.

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Systematic Deposit Plan (SDP) (for Resident Individuals only): Rate of Interest per annum valid up to ₹5 Crores per deposit (w.e.f. 25<sup>th</sup> April 2022)

Table 1				
	Cumulative rates of i	nterest		
Period (except table 2)	For Depositors other than Senior Citizens	For senior citizens		
12 - 23 months	5.75%	6.00%		
24 - 35 months	6.40%	6.65%		
36 - 60 months	6.90%	7.15%		

) The SDP is offered only to Indian residents.

In SDP, each fixed Deposit (Fered as "Deposit") will be treated as separate Deposit and separate fixed Deposit (Receipt ("FDR") will be issued with tenure that will be computed from the date of such respective Deposit.

In case of Monthly Maturity Scheme, the Depositor will have option to choose between 6 to 48 number of monthly Deposits underly.

In case of Single Maturity Scheme, the Depositor will have option to choose between 6 to 47 (Managing) Direction.

e) in case of Single Maturity Scheme, the Depositor will have option to choose between 6 to 47 number of monthly Deposits under 50P.

1) The maturity period of each monthly deposit created under Monthly Maturity Scheme of 50P shall be for a minimum period of 150 months.

3) In case of Single Maturity Scheme of 150P, the 50P Fenure shall be for a minimum of 19 months to maximum of 60 months. All poposits under the said Single Maturity Scheme of 50P will mature on a same date. Accordingly, the tenure of first Deposit under the said Single Maturity Scheme will be aspert the 50P Fenure selected by the deposit or and the tenure of each Deposit pade and the first Deposit under the first Deposit under the 50P will be booked with gradually reduce in order to match the same towards foed maturity date.

1) Bajaji Finance Left ("Company") will book Deposit at the rate of interest prevailing on the date of each Deposit as per the tenor selected under the 50P will be booked upon actual receipt of the funds by the Company from third party payment gateway and hence the first Deposit will be booked with 5 days from date of the applications. Subject to approval of Application by 8FL, interest payable on a Deposit will be calculated from (1) the date of application made through 8FL portal and associate partner portals, where payment gateway/payment aggregator enabled by such associate partner portals, where the payment is made by cheepe or any other mode. The rest of Deposit under the SDP will be booked from the date of receipt of funds by the company. The interest will be application from date of booking of Deposit. be applicable from date of booking of Deposit.

Dr. Naushad Forbes
(Independent Director)
maturity only.

ry. I towards the first Deposit under the SDP shall be made through internet banking, e- Shri Anami Narayan

The amount towards the first Deposit under the SDP shall be made through internet banking, e-mandate or account payee cheep. The subsequent deposits will have to be made by issuing National Automated Clearing House (NACH) mandate duly registered with depositor's Bank, which will be presented once in a month on the date specified by the depositor. However, until successful registration of NACH mandate, no subsequent Deposit shall be booked by the Company under the SDP.

For the sake of Clarity, any subsequent Deposit after the first deposit is not acceptable through any other payment mode, except through NACH mandate.

(a) Individual depositor or primary depositor, falling under special category of Senior citizens (Lepersons more than 60 years of age, subject to provision of proof of age) will be eligible for additional interest at the rate upto 0.25% p.a. per Deposit amount of up to % (Five) core. If the about category the provision at the proof interest at the rate upto 0.25% p.a. per Deposit amount of up to % (Five) core. If the applicant becomes a senior citizen subsequent to placing of first Deposit, the applicant win not be eligible for the senior citizen benefit for subsequent monthly deposits made under the same SDP.

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The Depositor category will not change during the SDP and will remain same as on the date of poting for SDP. The same category will be applicable throughout the SDP tenure.

The State of interest for deposits for more than DS crore per Deposit may vary from the published card state and will be decided on case to case basis but within the cap not Rate of Interest specified by the Reserve Bank of India.

The Company will make repayment of Deposit on the date of maturity of such Deposit unless it receives any request for renewal within the prescribed period before the date of maturity. The symmetry will be made through NFIFO of RTGS or account papec cheque (not case of rejection transfer by NETF/RTGS) to the bank account of the depositor mentioned in the deposit application, in case of dishorn or IAACH mandate, Deposit will not be booked for such month and NACH stood dishonerd.

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Apposit(s) will be governed by the terms and condition at applicable for regular deposits education Indians. No nerwal sip permitted for peopists created under Single Hauturity Scheme case where the depositor(s) has opped for renewal of Deposit created under Monthly Maturity Scheme through renewal application from however, which to cancel the neewal expectation of the terms and conditions applicable to a second the neewal permitted in the proposition of the Company or to the submissed skip prior to maturity date of the Deposit. The written requests can be submitted an enerses branch of the Company or sending by post, Courier to the Company or to the independent financial advisors or national distributions empanded with the Company, No requests shall be accepted post the above-mentioned period. In case of death of the individual primary depositor, the SDP will come to an end and NACH will not be presented for further creation of deposits after receipt of such information about the death. The death claims will be settled in accordance with the terms and conditions applicable to Fined Deposit.

Fixed Deposit.

Particulars to be furnished as per the Non-Banking Financial Companies & Miscellaneous Non
Ankino Companies (Advertisement) Rules, 1977 as amended. Banking Companies (Advertisement) Rules, 1977 as amended.

A. Name of the Company: BAJA (FINANCE ITD.

B. Date of Incorporation: 25th March, 1987

C. Profits/Dividends:

Profits of the Company before and after making provisions for tax, for the three financial years immediately preceding the date of the advertisement and the dividends declared by the Company in respect of the Soid years.

D. Brief particulars of the management of the Company:

The Company is managed by the Managing Director, subject to the control and supervision of the Board of Directors. The Managing Director is entrusted with necessary powers for managing the business and affairs of the Company.

6.25% 6.65% ADDRESS OCCUPATION Bungalow No. 3, Bajaj Vihar Colony, Mumbai-Pune Road, Akurdi, Pune 411035. 34/35, Yog Koregaon Park, Lane No. 2, Pune 411001. Flat No. 21, Mistry Court, 4th Floor Dinshaw Vachha Road, Opp. CCI Club, Churchgate, Mumbai 400 020. D-103 Adarsh Residency, 47th Cross Piramal House, 61, Pochkhanwala Road, 74 Koregaon Park, Lane No. 3,

(Independent Director)	Mumbai 400030.	Servani	
Shri Pramit Jhaveri (Independent Director)	21C Woodlands Pedo Mumbai - 400 026	dar Road,	Business
F. Summarised Financial two latest audited bal		npany (standalone) a	s appearing in the (₹in Crore)
		As at 31 March 2021	As at 31 March 2020
ASSETS			
Financial assets			
Cash and cash equivalen	ts	1,383.63	674.53
Bank balances other than equivalents	n cash and cash	2.13	4.83
Derivative financial instru	uments	0.00	171.76
Trade receivables		720.10	867.18

62 Sagar Tarang, Khan Abdul Gaffar Khan Road, Worli Sea Face,

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micro enterprises and small enterprises  Debt securities  Borrowings (other than debt securities)  Deposits  27,092.09  Deposits	-	micro enterprises and small enterprises	0/0.02
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Non-financial liabilities Current tax liabilities (net) 172.78 Provisions 136.56	)	Borrowings (other than debt securities) Deposits Subordinated debts	27,092.09 25,803.43 3,898.61
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Equity		
Equity share capital	120.32	119
Other equity	35,818.42	31,693
Total assets	35,938.74	31,813
Total liabilities and equity	1,38,338.89	1,38,003
Contingent Liabilities (Standalone)		
Particulars	As at 31 March 2021	As 31 March 20
Disputed claims against the Company not acknowledged as debts	51.98	44
VAT matters under appeal	4.29	4
ESI matters under appeal	5.14	5
Service tax matters under appeal		
- On interest subsidy	1,905.44	1,971
- On penal interest/ charges	237.25	223
- On others	6.42	6
Income tax matters:		
- Appeals by the Company	0.00	0
<ul> <li>Appeals by the Income tax department</li> </ul>	0.28	0

Industrialist G. a) Amount which the Company can raise by way of Deposits as per Non Banking Financial Companies Acceptance of Public Deposits (Reserve Bank) Directions, 2016: ₹49,257.75 b) The aggregate of deposits actually held as on 31.03.2021 : ₹25,803.43 Crore

H. The aggregate dues from the facilities, both fund and non-fund based, extended to, the companies in the same group or other entities or business ventures in which the Director/Company are holding substantial interest are ₹ 25.55 (cine (Baja) flourising finance t.td. – ₹ 3.50 (c. Baja) filal to the insurance Company t.d. – ₹ 4.51 (c. Baja) filal to finance company t.d. – ₹ 4.51 (c. Baja) filal to filal finance company t.d. – ₹ 3.62 (c. Baja) finiser Vinet t.d. – ₹ 0.25 (c. Baja) finiser Vinet filal fila

The Company has no overdue deposits other than unclaimed deposits

J. The Company declares as under i) The Company has complied with the RBI directions applicable to it The compliance with the RBI directions does not imply that the repayment of Deposits is guaranteed by the Reserve Bank of India.

iii) The deposits accepted by the Company are unsecured and rank pari passu with other unsecured liabilities. unsecured liabilities.

iy The deposits solited by the Company are not insured.

y) The Financial position of the Company as disclosed and the representations made in the deposit application form are true and correct. The Company and its Board of Directors are responsible for the correctness and veracity thereof. The financial activities of the Company are regulated by Reserve Bank of India. It must, however, be distinctly understood that Reserve Bank of India does not undertake any responsibility for the financial soundness of the

Company or for the correctness of any of the statements or the representations mappinion expressed by the Company and for repayment of deposits / discharge of liability K. The deposits shall also be subject to the terms and conditions as per the denosit annication form Deposits may be withdrawn prior to the date of maturity subject to the regulations of the Reservet Bank of India in this regard. Please note that premature withdrawal of Deposit (including death cases) is subject to the following conditions:

a) Upto 3 months from date of deposit: Withdrawal is not permitted

b) After 3 months but before 6 months: Interest shall not be payable.

c) After 6 months but before the date of maturity: The rate of interest shall be 2% lower than the rate specified for the period during which the scheme has run. In case of no rate being specified for the deposit period, interest rate payable shall be 3% lower than the lowest rate offered by 9ET. M. The Business carried on by the Company and its subsidiaries with details of branches or units if any

offered by BFL.

The Business carried on by the Company and its subsidiaries with details of branches or units if any:

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Providing consumer finance ranging from vehicle loans, consumer durable financing, personal loans, loan against property, Home Loans, construction equipment financing, small business loans, loan against property, Home Loans, construction equipment financing, small business loans, loan against securities and infrastructure financing. The Company is having its Branches at Agia, Almedabad, Ammorayd, Ajmer, Aloa, Ako, Alappupha, Allahabad, Armibad, Armiavatt, Armeli, Armistar, Anand, Anantpur, and Ankalestway, Asansol, Aurangabad, Bagalkot, Bangajoke, Baranaja, Bardol, Barulle, Bados, Barth, Belgam, Bellay, Bhandra, Bharuch, Bhatinda, Bharvanga, Bhilai, Bhiwandi, Bhopal, Brubbaneshwa, Bhij, Bidka, Bighay, Bidkane, Bilbsyng, Bokad, Bolpur, Bosad, Calleut, Chalispan, Chandrajar, Chandrayur, Chennai, Chhindwara, Chihili, Chiplun, Chitradurya, Chittaranjan, Chopda, Cochin, Coimbatoe, Cuddalore, Cuttack, Dabbo, Daho, Davangere, Derhadun, Dewas, Dhanbad, Dharapuram, Dharwad, Dhule, Dindigul, Durgapur, Buru, Erode, Gandhilham, Goa, Gokak, Gulbergo, Guna, Guntut, Gwalot, Palida, Halol, Hassan, Haver, Himarlagar, Hoshangabad, Hoshappur, Hospet, Hubbl, Hyderabad, Indore, Jabalpur, Japadh, Japur, Jalandhar, Jalgaon, Jalpaigur, Jammu, Jammaya, Jamma, Jamma

Sr. No.	Name of subsidiary	Address of registered office	Activity
1.	Bajaj Housing Finance Limited	Bajaj Auto Ltd complex, Mumbai-Pune Road, Akurdi, Pune 411035	Housing Finance Business
2.	Bajaj Financial Securities Limited	Bajaj Auto Ltd complex, Mumbai-Pune Road, Akurdi, Pune 411035	Stock broking and depository participant

Total non-financial liabilities 498.00 The above text of advertisement has been issued on the authority and in the name of the Board of Directors and has been approved by the Board of Directors at its Meeting held on 20 July 2021 and copy of the same signed by Shri Rajeev Jain, Managing Director, who is

HOW TO INVEST Applications can be made online by visiting www.bajajfinserv.in/fixed-deposit or Bajaj Finance branches or any of our affiliated partner websites or apps or offices. The amount should be deposited only by net-banking or cheque. Cheques should be payable to Bajaj Finance Ltd. A/c 00070350006738' and crossed 'Account Payee only'. The cheques should be payable at par and CTs compliant. Application Form along with the necessary remittance should be sent to the Distributors of the Fixed Deposit Schemes of BFI or be submitted at any of the BFI branches. For NHF/RTGS, please use the following details. Beneficiary Name: Bajaj Finance Ltd, Bank acro. 2EAJAJPD founderical account number is replaced by CMS Collection coder- ZBAJAPD, Account type: current account, Bank Name: Industnd Bank Ltd, IFSC: INDB0000006, Bank branch: Nariman Point, Mumbai. For any investment queries or information about our affiliated partner websites, write to us at Wecare@bajajfinserv.in or call us on +918698010101

### Passenger flags 'blatantly propagandist' paper distributed on train, IRCTC warns licensee

**AVISHEK G DASTIDAR** NEW DELHI, APRIL 22

RAILWAY PASSENGERS from Bengaluru Friday found copies of an unauthorised publication with controversial articles on the Shatabdi Express to Chennai, prompting the Indian Railway Catering and Tourism Corporation (IRCTC) to issue a warning to its onboard services li-

The Bengaluru-based publication, Aryavarth Express, carried articles titled "Genocide of Hindus, Sikhs, Buddhists, under Islamic rule needs to be recognised" and "UN should label Aurangzeb as perpetuator of holocaust like Hitler on its front page, among others.

The licensee for the train, PK Shefi,

told The Indian Express that the paper

got circulated as a supplement inserted by the vendor into the approved newspapers. But a passenger who found the paper tweeted that it was not an "insert".

"Our boys on board who distributed

the newspapers did not understand that the newspapers contained this supplement. In any case they don't really read the content of the newspapers they distribute," Shefi said. "I have instructed them to not distribute any supplements or pamphlets and just distribute the main paper from now on."

"We have warned the licensee. As per contract, the licensee is to provide only complimentary copies of Deccan Herald and a Kannada paper. He should stick to the contract conditions," Rajni Hasija, Chairman and Managing Director of IRCTC, told The Indian Express.

The "newspaper" was flagged Friday morning by a Twitter user, Gopika Bashi, who was on the train.

"This morning I boarded the Bangalore-Chennai Shatabdi Express only to be greeted by this blatantly propagandist publication on every other seat-The Arvavarth Express, Had never even heard of it. How is @IRCTCofficial allowing this???," she tweeted along

with a photograph of the publication. Other users, too, raised questions on whether it was being officially circulated by the Railways-controlled company. In response to the tweets, IRCTC said

it has taken action. "The mentioned 'Arvavarth Express' was found inside the regular approved newspaper as insert. The newspaper vendor has been strictly advised to avoid any such inserts in future," it tweeted. "Onboard monitoring staff will keep

a strict vigil of the same. The licensee of the train has also been counselled." it The passenger, Bashi, tweeted: 'Thank you for the response but it was

definitely not an insert. It was on my seat

and many other seats when I arrived."

IRCTC subsequently deleted its tweets. When asked about this, a spokesman cited the use of the word "counselled" which did not convey the right meaning. He also said the company is looking into how the newspapers got inserted into the approved papers.

The Divisional Railway Manager of Bengaluru also instructed his team to take action on the matter.

# 10 Express Network

### 7 electoral trusts got Rs 258 cr in donation, gave 82% to BJP: ADR report

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** NEW DELHI, APRIL 22

SEVEN ELECTORAL Trusts, which declared receiving contributions during 2020-21, said they had received a total amount of Rs 258.4915 crore from corporates and individuals and distributed Rs 258.4301 crore to various political parties, according to an analysis by the Association for Democratic Reforms (ADR).

Out of these, the BJP received Rs 212.05 crore or 82.05 per cent of the total donations received by all parties from Electoral Trusts, the report noted

Prudent Electoral Trust, among the largest Electoral Trusts, donated Rs 209.00 crore to the BJP, in contrast to Rs 217.75 crore it contributed in 2019-20, while Iavbharath Electoral Trust donated Rs 2 crore of its total income to the BJP in 2020-21. Prudent Electoral Trust donated to seven political parties - BJP, JDU, INC, NCP, RJD, AAP and LJP.

Among corporates, Future Gaming & Hotel Services contributed the highest amount worth Rs 100 crore among all donors of the Electoral Trusts, followed by Haldia Energy India Ltd with Rs 25 crore and Megha Engineering and Infrastructures Limited, which contributed Rs 22 crore to various Trusts.

"As many as 159 individuals have contributed to Electoral Trusts in 2020-21. Two individuals contributed Rs 3.50 crore to Prudent Electoral Trust, 153 individuals contributed Rs 3.202 crore  $to Small \, Donations \, Electoral \, Trust$ and three gave a total of Rs 5 lakh to Einzigartig Electoral Trust," the report noted. Top 10 donors have donated Rs 223 crore to Electoral

Trusts, which forms 86.27 per cent of the total donations received by the trusts during 2020-21.

Small Donations Electoral Trust donated Rs 3.31 crore to the Congress. JDU received Rs 27 crore or 10.45 per cent of the total donations received by all parties from all seven Electoral Trusts.

Other 10 political parties INC, NCP, AIADMK, DMK, RJD, AAP, LJP, CPM, CPI and Lok Thanthrik Iantha Dal — received a total of Rs 19.23 crore collectively. In its recommendations, ADR

said: "Details of donors to these six Electoral Trusts remain unknown, thereby leading to speculation on whether donations to these trusts were only a means of getting tax exemption or a way to convert black money stashed in tax havens to white in India. Therefore, details of donors to these Electoral Trusts, which were formed before the CBDT rules came into existence, should also be disclosed. Also, the same rules which apply to those trusts formed after January 31, 2013, should also apply to the abovementioned trusts so as to improve transparency.'

"The names of Electoral Trusts currently do not indicate the name of the company/ group of companies which set up the Trusts. In order to have greater transparency regarding details of corporations which fund political parties, it would be ideal to include the name of the parent company in the name of the Electoral Trust. Those Electoral Trusts, which have not responded to and complied with the guidelines circulated by the Election Commission should be heavily penalised as indicated in the notification issued by the EC to the

### MP: Shah gives cheques to tendu leaf collectors

IRAM SIDDIOUE BHOPAL, APRIL 22

IN HIS second visit to Madhya Pradesh in seven months, Union Home Minister Amit Shah arrived in Bhopal on Friday morning to continue the party's tribal outreach ahead of next year's

Assembly elections. Shah on Friday set in motion the processof distributing Rs 125 cores worth cheques among 22.6-lakh tendu patta collectors for the year 2020-21 after inaugurating the Forest Produce Collectors' Convention in the city's Jamburi Maidan.

The tendu patta is the biggest source of livelihood for tribals in

In his address at the convention, Shah said 827 forest villages in 26 districts have been transformed to revenue villages. Spelling out the details, he further said that 827 out of 925 forest villages will start getting facilities like revenue villages. Delimitation will be possible here, loans for hous-



Union Home Minister Amit Shah

ing will be available and all the rights of revenue will be provided to the forest dwellers, he said. "The representatives of the forest dwellers who came to the conference will go back today with a sense of self-respect. Works can be done on priority through forest committees in more than 15,600 gram sabhas in the state," Shah said. Madhya Pradesh has the highest tribal population of 21% in the country. "Chief Minister Chouhan made Madhya Pradesh a developed state from a bimaru state," Shah added.

Chouhan said that a campaign is underway to "change the lives of vanvasi brothers and sisters". He also announced that in Madhva Pradesh, instead of Rs 250 per hundred bundles, Rs 300 will be given to the tendu patta

about the extradition of fugitives Nirav Modi and Vijay Mallya,

Johnson said, "I think there are legal technicalities that have made it very, very difficult but what I can tell you is that the UK government has ordered their extradition and we have said that from our point of view, we want them to be taken back to 'We welcome people who

**SHUBHAJIT ROY** 

NEW DELHI, APRIL 22

the United Kingdom.

**BRITISH PRIME Minister Boris** 

Johnson said on Friday that eco-

nomic offenders who want to use

the UK's legal system to evade the

law in India are not welcome in

On the question of human

rights issues in India, the British

PM said that the UK raises these

issues "privately" and "in a

friendly way". But he also said

that India is a "great democracy",

where there are "constitutional

Responding to questions

protections for communities".

have talent and brilliance coming from India to the UK, we don't welcome – I want to make it absolutely clear now - we don't welcome people who want to use our legal system to evade the law in India. So, let me be absolutely clear about that," he said.



Prime Minister Narendra Modi with his British counterpart Boris Johnson at Rashtrpati Bhavan on Friday. Praveen Khanna

Johnson: Fugitives not welcome,

External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar talks to Union Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal during the joint statement of PM Narendra Modi and UK PM Boris Johnson in New Delhi on Friday. Praveen Khanno

Foreign Secretary Harsh Vardhan Shringla said, "On the issue of economic offenders, we have been pursuing this matter for some time at different levels with the UK. Our objective is to bring back those economic fugitives wanted in India to face justice in the country, and the matter did come up...it was conveyed that this is high priority...".

On the human rights issues in India, Johnson said, "How we deal with questions about human rights or democratic values, of course, we have these conversations, but the advantage of our friendship is we can have them in a friendly and private way." "And I just want to say it is

very important to realise that India has constitutional protections for communities, they are part of its Constitution, India is a very, very different country from autocracies around the world. It is a great, great democracy...that doesn't mean I'm not going to raise tough, consular questions as I have today, and other difficult questions. Of course, we do that, we do that as friends," PM Johnson said.

On Afghanistan, the joint statement said that both sides expressed their serious concern

about the humanitarian situation, violations of human rights and the hampered access of girls and women to education. "Both Prime Ministers called upon the Taliban to allow girls to return to secondary school," the statement said. The statement said that

Prime Minister Modi acknowledged the role of the UK in cohosting the UN Afghanistan Conference for the humanitarian response on March 31. Prime Minister Johnson acknowledged the role played by India in providing medical and food grain assistance to the people of Afghanistan, it added.

The leaders reaffirmed the importance of United Nations Security Council (UNSC) Resolution 2593 (2021) which unequivocally demands that Afghan territory not be used for sheltering, training, planning or financing terrorist acts and called for concerted action against all terrorist groups, including those sanctioned by the UNSC. Both sides agreed to continue to provide immediate humanitarian assistance to the people of Afghanistan and reiterated the need for a representative and inclusive political system in support of a peaceful, secure and stable Afghanistan,"

### Boris calls Modi his 'khaas dost', they ask negotiators to wrap up FTA by Diwali

SHUBHAJIT ROY NEW DELHI, APRIL 22

PRIME Minister Narendra Modi his "khaas dost" (special friend), visiting British Prime Minister Boris Johnson said Friday that they have asked negotiators to reach an agreement on a Free Trade Agreement "by Diwali" this year.

"As the next round of talks begins here next week, we are telling our negotiators to get it done by Diwali in October... this could douole our trade and investment by the end of the decade," Johnson

Stating that the two sides are working closely and are making "good progress", Modi hoped they will be able to conclude the pact by the end of this year.

"Teams of both countries are working on the subject of the Free Trade Agreement. Good progress is being made in the negotiations. And we have decided to make full efforts towards the conclusion of the FTA by the end of this year."

"In the last few months, India has concluded Free Trade Agreements with UAE and Australia. At the same pace, with the same commitment, we would like to move forward on the FTA with the UK as well," Modi said. The joint statement said the

two leaders welcomed the launch of Free Trade Agreement (FTA) negotiations in January 2022 in New Delhi. "They noted with satisfaction that good progress had been made already, and that the agreement of an FTA would unlock the full potential of the trade and commercial relationship, boosting jobs, investment and exports. They set a target to conclude the majority of talks on a comprehensive and balanced Free Trade Agreement by the end of October 2022," the statement said.

It said that both leaders welcomed the finalisation of the India-UK Global Innovation Partnership (GIP) implementation arrangements in the field of trilateral development cooperation, wherein India and UK will co-finance up to USD 100 million over 14 years to support the transfer and scale up of climate-smart inclusive innovations from India to third countries in Asia, Africa and the Indo-Pacific and accelerate the delivery of the Sustainable Development Goals. Modi said: "Today, the conclu-

sion of the implementation arrangements of the Global Innovation Partnership between us will prove to be a very important initiative. This will further strengthen our development partnership with other countries. Under this, India and the UK will co-finance up to \$100 million for transfer and scaling-up of "Made in India" innovations to third countries. These will also help in achieving sustainable development goals, and in efforts to tackle climate change. This will prove to be very useful for our start-ups and MSME sector in exploring new markets, and in making their innovations global."

He also welcomed UK's commitment to public finance to the tune of USD 1 billion investment through British International Investment (BII) (previously CDC Group), the UK's Development Finance Institution, into climate related projects in India over the period 2022-2026.

"They expressed satisfaction at the success of India-UK Green Growth Equity Fund anchored by India's National Investment & Infrastructure Fund (NIIF) and UK Foreign Commonwealth and Development Office (FCDO), in mobilising additional USD 425 million to support green infrastructure projects in India, and agreed to build on ten years of successful collaboration under India-UK development capital investment partnerships. Prime Minister Modi welcomed the UK's guarantee for USD 1 billion World Bank lending to support India to develop green infrastructure," the

The leaders welcomed the strong resilience shown by economies of India and the UK and the positive growth in bilateral trade showcasing the potential to double trade by 2030, as envisaged in the Roadmap 2030.

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NEW DELHI, APRIL 22

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### Hardik praises BJP, says no plans to quit Cong

Mevani arrest **VAIBHAVJHA** AHMEDABAD, APRIL 22

**TORA AGARWALA** GUWAHATI, APRIL 22

Assam Cong

leaders protest

THE ASSAM Congress held a demonstration outside the Kokrajhar police station on Friday to protest the arrest of Gujarat MLA lignesh Mevani.  $Mevani, an independent\,MLA$ 

who had in September last pledged support to the Congress, was arrested in Gujarat by the Assam Police on Thursday and flown to Assam where a court remanded him in three-day police custody. The arrest followed an Assam BJP leader's complaint over an allegedly defamatory tweet by Mevani against PM Narendra Modi.

Assam Congress spokesperson Apurba Kumar Bhattacharjee called the arrest "illegal". "The entire process is unconstitutional..."

DAYS AFTER criticising the functioning of the Gujarat Congress, Hardik Patel set off more tremors within the party Friday, suggesting that his options were "open", and lavishly praising the ruling BJF for its "terrific decision-taking" leadership. At the same time, he denied any plans to quit the

In an interview given to Divya Bhaskar newspaper, that appeared on Friday, Patel praised the BIP over decisions such as abrogation of Article 370 in Jammu and Kashmir and building of Ram Temple in Ayodhya, adding that he was also "a proud Hindu". He told The Indian Express

Friday that a year after he first

voiced his grievances against the

party's state leadership (while also

speaking to this paper), the party

had done nothing to redress them,

Hardik Patel

"except change the PCC chief". At a media interaction in Ahmedabad on Friday morning,

Hardik said: "Instead of fulfilling its responsibility towards the welfare of people, I see the state leadership stuck in conflicts. If someone speaks up for the welfare of the party, they start making predictions about the person, whether he intends to leave the party. They should rather sit down with that person and try to understand his problems, his thinking and vision for the party."

He added that he was proud of his Hindu identity. "I come from Raghuvanshi clan, I am from the Luv-Kush lineage and I believe in Ram, Shiv and Kuldevi... On April 28, on the death anniversary of my father, I am going to distribute 4,000 copies of the Gita. I am proud to be a Hindu," Hardik said.

In the interview to Divya Bhaskar, he said: "The BJP has a leadership with terrific decisiontaking ability. I am not saying this because I am upset with the Congress. They work a lot on their organisation, making regular changes in the role chart...

Asked specifically whether he would defect to the BJP, Hardik said: "Iam very clear on my stance that I will be doing what I can to take Gujarat forward, Many people link me with (Arvind) Keiriwal The Congress, AAP, BJP... I have all options open.'

However, in the media inter-

action, he denied any recent communication with the BJP, while adding that its political strategies were better than the Congress's.

Asked whether he feared action for having defied the orders of the Gujarat party in-charge, Hardik said: "Political loss should worry those who have concerns for their future. My only concern is the people of Gujarat..."

Reacting to Hardik's statements, Gujarat BJP president CR Paatil said, "The entire country is influenced by the ideology of the BJP... It is natural that many leaders of the Congress are also influenced by the same, not just Hardik Patel. But the other leaders cannot say it openly."

The recent developments come in the wake of the

Supreme Court staying Hardik's conviction by a court in Gujarat in violence during the 2015 Patidar agitation. Hardik can hence contest the 2022 Gujarat

Khalid's speech at Amravati in February 2020, which forms a part of the chargesheet against him in the 'larger conspiracy' case of Northeast Delhi riots, was offensive and obnoxious. "This is offensive, obnoxious Don't you think? These expres-

THE DELHI High Court Friday

said student activist Umar

sions being used, don't you think they incite people? You say things like aapke purvaj angrezon ki dalali kar rahe the, you don't think it is offensive. It is offensive per se. This is not the first time that you said so in this speech. You said this at least five times. It is almost as if we distinctly get the impression that it was only one particular community that fought for India's independence," said the division bench of Justice Siddharth Mridul and Justice Rajnish Bhatnagar after Khalid's lawyers read the contents of his speech before the

The court made the observation when the counsel representing Khalid was reading the portion where he is reported to have said Mahatma Gandhi had launched a non-cooperation movement against the British in 1920, and Jamia Millia Islamia University was one of the first educational institutes to be established after Gandhi's call. Khalid in the speech is further stated to have said that the same varsity was now facing bullets, being maligned and called a den of anti-na-

'We want to remind them of the history. When your ancestors were brokering for the British, the Jamia Millia Islamia students, its teachers were fighting the British government)," Khalid was quoted as having said in the

#### From party to party, Prashant Kishor, the man in a hurry blood of last year apparently foris engaging with him, unlike

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FROM PLAYING a key role in Narendra Modi's prime ministerial campaign in the 2014 Lok Sabha elections, to taking a political plunge four years later by joining the JD(U) and leaving it in a huff, to negotiating with the Congress for an entry now, Prashant Kishor a.k.a PK has covered a long distance in Indian politics in the last eight years.

But unpredictability, or rather inconsistency, driven by ambition has been his hallmark. And many political leaders who have engaged with the sharp tactician in the last eight years can vouch for that. Some say he is full of contradictions.

Prashant Kishor's Congress saga is a case in point; it took another twist on Thursday as a

presentation he had reportedly made for the party last year where he suggested a non-Gandhi president was leaked.

On Friday, Kishor had a oneon-one meeting with Congress president Sonia Gandhi. Sources in the party said it was ready to induct him and he was also open to the idea. He could join in the next two weeks, sources said.

In May 2021, Kishor had his first serious set of talks with the Congress. He met Sonia even while he and his political consultancy firm I-PAC were working with the Congress's rival Trinamool Congress in the West Bengal Assembly polls. He gave her a presentation a month later on how to revive the Congress. The Gandhis engaged with him and both Rahul Gandhi and Priyanka Gandhi Vadra met him

But around the same time,

Kishor also met NCP president Sharad Pawar, and if sources in the NCP are to be believed, suggested a grand plan -- merger of the NCP and Trinamool Congress. He is said to have promised the NCP that he could get several "disgruntled" leaders from the Congress and some from the BJP, including two Lok Sabha MPs, to the new entity, which could replace the Congress and pose a challenge to the BJP and Narendra Modi.

discussing with the Congress a plan for its revival. He had shared with us some other plans," an NCP leader said. Meanwhile, at that time, his

"I don't know how he is now

talks with the Congress did not fructify. Neither did his NCP-TMC

Soon, Kishor publicly turned against the Gandhis. He was also said to be behind the increas-



Kishor had a one-on-one meeting with Congress president Sonia Gandhi on Friday

ingly vocal idea that a non-Congress leader take over as UPA chairperson. Sonia currently

After signing up with the TMC for the 2022 Goa Assembly elections – a state where the Congress had deep stakes -Prashant Kishor tweeted in December last year that leadership of the Opposition was not "the divine right of an individual, especially when the party has lost more than 90 per cent elections in the last 10 years". Let Opposition leadership be decided "democratically", he

The disastrous Goa foray of the TMC was another turning point in the career of Kishor. His role in designing the party's campaign and hyping up its chances there soon came under question, even in a party where Mamata Banerjee's writ reigns

It was against this background that Kishor reopened talks with the Congress, the bad

gotten.

Kishor is also said to be keen on joining the Congress – a point that remained unresolved last time too. Apart from working out a role for him in the grand old party with its traditional set ways, there are other issues with this. Kishor's firm I-PAC has lucrative contracts as of now with the YSRCP in Andhra Pradesh and the TRS in Telangana - both states where the Congress has

Kishor is also said to nurse hopes of launching a political outfit in Bihar. His joining the JD(U) was a way of testing the Were Prashant Kishor to join

the Congress, I-PAC working for its rivals would give rise to conflict of interest. It is interesting in this context that the Congress has cleverly made it public that it

when it held talks with other election consultants. In an interaction with the media last week, AICC general secretary in-charge of organisation K C Venugopal said: "Prashant Kishor has made a detailed presentation for the 2024 election strategy. It needs some detailed discussions and the Congress president will set up a small group to talk about this entire presentation. That group will submit a report within a week's time for a final decision.'

Some voices considered close to the high command have also talked favourably of Kishor joining the Congress. Other party leaders also say there is no hurdle in his joining the party, despite huge reservations from a section who fear they will be left redundant in this new direction the Congress is taking.

SC upholds validity of

Maharashtra law,

says attachment

against firm valid

The Supreme Court on Friday up-

held the constitutional validity of

the Maharashtra Protection of

Interest of Depositors (in

Financial Establishments)(MPID) Act of 1999 enacted to protect the

public from the increasing men-

ace of financial establishments

grabbing money from the public

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der the MPID Act for attaching

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Technologies Ltd which holds

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A bench of Justices DY

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NEW DELHI, APR 21

# in hijab, two Karnataka petitioners walk out

DARSHAN DEVAIAH B P BENGALURU, APRIL 22

AS THE second-vear pre-university examinations started Friday amid tight security, two students of the Government Pre-University (PU) Girls' College in Udupi district, who had moved court over the hijab row, were stopped from taking their tests while wearing the head dress.

Aliya Assadi and Resham walked out of their examination centre at Vidyodaya PU College after they were told they would have to remove the hijab if they wanted to sit for the test.

The two students are part of the group of five Muslim girls that had challenged the government's ban on wearing of hijab inside classrooms in the High Court. The court last month dismissed their plea saying the headgear did not constitute an essential religious practice in Islam.

Ahead of the exam, the students had yet again asked the education department to allow them to appear in the tests while wearing hijab, but were denied



**Petitioners and students** Aliya and Resham leave the Udupi centre on Friday. PTI

Nearly 7 lakh students will write the exam at 1,076 centres across the state. The exams will go on until May 18.

Some colleges in Bengaluru and Hanagal that The Indian Express visited Friday had designated a special room for girls to remove their hijab before entering the exam hall, in line with the directions of the PU department.

While Aliya Assadi and Resham left without taking the Business Studies test, Aliya Banu, another student who was part of the petitioners' group, did not

The remaining two, Almas A H and Hazra Shifa, are Science students whose exams are due

Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai said Aliya Assadi and Resham not being allowed to take the test was "only one incident". The education minister, he said, will take care of such issues.

Education Minister B C Nagesh said the two students "have ego issues" in following the HC verdict.

"This is their ego and time is the only solution for their ego issues. Many Muslim religious leaders have told their community students that education is important, not hijab," Nagesh told reporters Chikkamagaluru.

Meanwhile, general secretary of the BJP National OBC Morcha Yashpal Anand Suvarna warned that "in future, hijab will be banned in public places as

"European countries are mulling it and we, who are dreaming of 'Hindu Rashtra', must be the ones to implement it first," Suvarna, who is also the vice-president Development Committee of the Udupi Government PU Girls'

### Not allowed to take exam Police exam: Invigilators at former BJP leader's school under CID lens

**JOHNSON TA** 

THE ALLEGED role of six teachers who were invigilators at a private school operated by a former BJP functionary - it was among the centres for a written examination to recruit 545 police sub-inspectors for Karnataka Police in October 2021 — has come under close scrutiny of the state Criminal Investigation Department on account of extraordinary performances by a few candidates who took the

BENGALURU, APRIL 22

exam at the centre. Three teachers from the Jnana Jyothi English Medium School in Kalaburagi — the school is owned and operated by Divya Hagaragi, former president of the women's unit of the BJP in Kalaburagi, and her husband Rajesh Hagaragi — have been arrested by the CID for their alleged role in what is now known as the PSI recruitment scam.

The bail pleas of the three teachers were rejected by a magistrate's court Friday. Three more teachers from the school and a secretary of the school have approached court, seeking anticipatory bail. While Rajesh Hagaragi has been arrested, Divya Hagaragi too has sought

According to police, constable Rudragouda Patil, who is among 11 arrested so far in the case, is a central figure in the scam along with the officials of the Jnana Jyothi school.

Among others arrested is Hayyali Desai, a police gunman who reportedly secured a top rank in the written examination, and Chetana Nandagaon, a jail warden at Raichur. On Friday, the CID also arrested Afzalpur block Congress president, Mahantesh D Patil, in the case.

Eleven of nearly 500 candidates who wrote the police subinspector recruitment examination last year with the Jnana Jyoti school as their examination centre were chosen for recruitment to the police department earlier

However, alleged irregularities in the recruitment process emerged after a few candidates who wrote the exam discovered that some of those chosen for recruitment from Kalburagi had answered as few as 21 questions in the objective portion of the test but ended up scoring as much as 100 marks in the objective portion of the test.

The post of police sub-inspectors are highly coveted among young serving policemen ing position without having to wait for promotions as well as rural youths who are freshers. As many as 54,051 out of a total of over 1.5 lakh applicants wrote

the PSI exam across Karnataka. A PSI post aspirant, who had failed to gain admission, obtained access to the copy of the original OMR (Optical Mark Recognition) answer sheet of another aspirant.

It was found that according to the copy of the original OMR sheet for the objective portion of the test -- which the candidate was given at the exam centre for his own record after the test -he answered only 21 questions out of a total of 100, but obtained seventh rank in the exam. This resulted in many aspirants who did not make the cut petitioning the government.

Karnataka Home Minister Araga Inanendra, who initially told the Karnataka legislature in March that there was no scam in the police recruitment, ordered a CID probe earlier this month.

The CID FIR in the case states: 'When the coded OMR sheet of the candidate... received at the police recruitment cell was compared with the OMR sheet that was provided for the candidate by members of the public it was

swered only 21 questions in the exam hall. The OMR sheet received at the police recruitment cell showed that he had answered all the 100 questions."

Each question carried 1.5 marks and the total available marks in the objective section was 150 marks.

"This candidate... answered only 21 questions but he got a total of 120 marks in the test and got selected and this is a cause for suspicion. Prima facie it seems that the candidate... joined hands with others and filled answers for questions that had been left blank in the OMR sheet," the CID said.

A case of forgery, fraud, cheating and criminal conspiracy against the candidate and unknown associates has been registered.

The CID has now called for all 545 candidates, who were chosen through the PSI exam to join the police force, to appear before it for interrogation along with copies of their OMR sheets. Police sources said that the scam at the moment seemed restricted to Jnana Jyothi school in Kalaburagi but a full picture would emerge after analysing the performance of all the 545

Ltd (NSEL). The bench set aside the Bombay High Court order dated August 22, 2019, quashing the notifications for attaching the properties of 63 Moons Technologies Ltd.

The top court passed the verdict on the appeal filed by the Maharashtra government against the High Court verdict.

It said. "For the reasons recorded in this judgement, we allow the appeals and set aside the impugned judgment of the Bombay High Court dated August 22, 2019. The impugned notifications issued under Section 4 of the MPID Act attachmeeting with Azam, Shivpal ing the properties of the respon-Yadav said: "Despite him being dent are valid", the bench said.

The bench said that the validity of the MPID Act was specifically dealt with in two decisions of this Court in 2012 and in both the decisions; this Court had upheld the constitutional validity of the MPID Act in view of the earlier decision in its 2011 verdict of KK Bhaskaran versus State.

"This Court has held that the MPID Act is constitutionally valid on the grounds of legislative competence and when tested against the provisions of Part III of the Constitution", the bench said.

### BJP ex-MLAs who joined SP face demolition

**ASAD REHMAN** 

LUCKNOW APRIL 22

APART FROM former BJP MLA Roshan Lal Verma, whose daughter-in-law's commercial complex was razed by the Shahjahanpur district administration for allegedly being built illegally, two other former BJP legislators who had joined the Samajwadi Party earlier this year are facing demolition proceedings against properties owned by them over charges of unauthorised construction.

The two other politicians who are facing proceedings are former state minister for Avush and Nakur MLA Dharam Singh

The four leaders contested assembly elections on SP tickets, but lost to BIP candidates

Saini and former Tindwari legislator Brajesh Kumar Prajapati. The three former MLAs joined the SP along with former Uttar Pradesh Labour Minister Swami Prasad Maurya in January. The four leaders had contested the assembly elections on SP tickets, but lost to BIP candidates in their respec-

tive constituencies. In Saharanpur, the district ad-

ministration has claimed that 12 persons who own 24 shops, including Saini, in Chilkana area have been served notices for "illegal encroachment".

Speaking to The Indian Express on Friday, Saharanpur District Magistrate Akhilesh Singh said, "As per a preliminary probe, some shops in Chilkana were constructed illegally last year. It was found the road in the area should have been broader, but shops were built on the land meant for the road. Some of the shops were also built over a veterinarian hospital which was there earlier. We will take action as per rules and regulations. We have served notices from Nagar

Panchayat-level to people whose shops are encroaching government land as per the report of the primary probe."

Saini on Friday said he has the required documents for the two shops that he owns, and he will submit a reply to the notice soon. "There are some shops under the Chilkana police station limits. I bought the land for two shops a few years ago. All shopkeepers in the area have been served notices that claim that the construction is illegal. We are challenging the notice. I have all the required papers. I still haven't received the notice personally as it is coming by post," said Saini. Despite repeated attempts. Praiapati could not be reached for comment.

### Sulking SP leaders take another step closer, Shivpal meets, backs Azam

**ASAD REHMAN** 

LUCKNOW. APRIL 22

FROM BEHIND bars, Azam Khan continues to dog Samajwadi Party chief Akhilesh Yadav. In the latest instance, Pragatisheel Samajwadi Party president and his estranged uncle Shivpal Yadav turned up at the Sitapur jail on Friday to meet Azam, and said the party should have led "a struggle in support of one of its tallest leaders".

Shivpal appeared to also take a swipe at his brother and SP supremo Mulayam Singh Yadav for not leading such a struggle.

**INAUGURAL FUNCTION** 

A worried Samajwadi Party is said to be lining up a visit by one of its senior leaders to Azam to pacify

Lately, Azam Khan has added his political heft to the growing clamour of Muslim disenchantment with Akhilesh. Recently, Azam's close aide Fasahat Ali Khan accused Akhilesh of ignoring him since he was jailed two years ago, as well as not raising Muslim concerns despite having done well in the recent Assembly elections "due to the Muslim vote".

Speaking to reporters outside Sitapur jail after his hour-long such a senior leader and a founder member of the SP, no help has reached Azam bhai. There are such frivolous cases against him, which are false. Now, only one case is left (where bail is pending). It has been six months since arguments happened."

Shivpal added: "See, I am with him and he is with me." Asked if he would join the BJP or float a new party and if Azam would leave the SP, Shivpal said: "First, he should come out of jail...'

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**ADVERTORIAL NES-SVB GROUP, YEAR-LONG DIAMOND JUBILEE CELEBRATION - 2022-2023** 



### NES-SVB Group of 69 Institutions sets the ball rolling for their year-

The NES-SVB Group of Institutions founded by legendary educationist Dr. R. Varadarajan ushered in their year-long Diamond Jubilee Celebrations on Saturday, April 16, 2022 with great pomp and show. The star-studded event saw eminent personalities from various walks of life - from politics to Bollywood.

The Chief Guest of the grand event, Shri Shripad Y. Naik, Union Minister of State for Tourism and Ports, Shipping and Waterways of India, unveiled the ISRO Rocket; and laid the Foundation Stone to the NES-ISRO Space Science Pavilion at the onset of the programme, giving the event a boost like never before. It was followed by the unveiling of the NES-SVB flag, the unveiling of the Diamond Jubilee Celebration Emblem by the Guest of Honour, Shri Shripad Naik; and the release of the NES-SVB souvenir commemorating 60 glorious years of educational service to the country.

In his Welcome Address, Dr. V. Balasubramanian, Director of NES-SVB, said, "Never let circumstances stop you in your endeavours." He explained how change was the only constant in life and how all the stakeholders must make the best of it by acknowledging it and striving to achieve goals.



Lifetime Achievement Awardee in 2022 for his relentless service in the field of education, Dr. R. Varadarajan, Founder-President of NES-SVB Group, reminisced how he overcame all obstacles in his journey to help students receive better education, emphasizing on nurturing God-gifted abilities of students. As in 2022, the NES-SVB group of institutions caters to the educational needs of more than 48000 students, having started off with just seven students from neighbouring Bhandup city in Mumbai in the year 1963. "The universe always conspires to help the dreamer," he was quoted saying.

A short film produced on Birth & Growth of NES & SVB Group of 69 Educational Institutions was released by Mr. Anil Sharma, Managing Director, Education Today.

World renowned singer Shrimati Asha Bhosale, said, "I am elated to be present at an event of this stature. The knowledge and talents of the students can be seen through their performances tonight." She applauded Dr. R. Varadarajan's dedication towards student empowerment and enrichment, wishing him all the success in his endeavours to

The event also saw Shrimati Padmini Kolhapure, famous Indian actress and singer, who expressed her joy thus: "You (Dr. R. Varadarajan) had this wonderful dream that came true, and what we see today is all of you - the roots of this beautiful tree."

Shri Shripad Naik commended the fact that Dr. R. Varadarajan worked towards the betterment of the underprivileged children of Bhandup city and in other areas around Mumbai saying, "It is not easy to run educational institutions, it needs dedication and sincerity; and Dr Varadarajan has handled his responsibility very well throughout."

Towards the end, a list of NES-SVB employees were presented with the Diamond Jubilee Awards for their long service to the institution and dedication to the cause of educating children over the years. The event was brought to its conclusion by a continuum of cultural performances showcasing different parts of the country. But even as the evening came to an end, Dr. R Varadarajan, in his presidential address, reiterated that this was just the beginning of the beautiful journey towards the betterment of the student community. He informed the gathering about plans of a National University in the making.

"You must impart education with quality and discipline, thereby making our students peace ambassadors in the world of tomorrow", he concluded. The first to organize World Peace Congress in India, Dr. R. Varadarajan insisted that all students be prepared for tomorrow, for "walking into space" and becoming assets to their class, the school, the community, the city, the nation and the world.







# 12 REVIEWS CINEMA



### Portrait of an artist

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#### THE UNBEARABLE WEIGHT OF **MASSIVE TALENT**

**Director:** Tim Gormican Cast: Nicolas Cage, Pedro Pascal, Tiffany Haddish, Sharon Hogan, Neil Patrick Harris

#### **SHALINI LANGER**

AS FAR as titles go, this is a smart one. So is the choice of Nicolas Cage to play himself as

the protagonist - an actor who is as actively admired by some fans as derided by others, and who finds himself having to accost filmmakers at parking lots now for roles. Plus, there is a mounting debt, an unhappy family, a disgruntled 16vear-old daughter... you get the picture.

Or, you don't. For, having established this basic portrait of the artist as an older

man, Gormican — both the film's director and co-writer — is confused about the tone of the rest of the film.

So, while seeking in a way the actor Cage, he keeps tapping into the star Cage. He is flown in a private jet to Mallorca, Spain, to please a slightly fishy millionaire on his birthday, and there he falls into es-

Yesterday,

not again

**SONIC THE HEDGEHOG 2** 

Cast: James Marsden, Jim Carrey, and

voices of Ben Schwartz, Idris Elba and

**Director:** Jeff Fowler

Colleen O'Shaughnessey

capades of the kind that involve the CIA, secret weapons, security cameras, kidnappings and the like, that belong to only the movies.

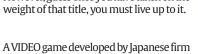
The writing is very basic, and the plot strains credulity, but for Cage putting into the role all he has got, The Unbearable Weight of Massive Talent would collapse un-

der the weight of its own pretensions. A better movie embedded within the trappings of a regular Hollywood potboiler in the film is the friendship that develops between Cage as Cage and the millionaire

Javi (Pascal) who has flown him to Mallorca. They are essentially two lonely men straying towards the wrong side of middle age, and it's nice to see them connect at that level, with hearts hanging Preposterous as their meeting be, Pascal and Cage lend a deep vulnerability and depth to their characters.

There are many odes to Cage the real-life star's tri-

als, tribulations and box-office hits and failures, through actual scenes from the same, and through a shrine fan Javi has built for him. Javi and Nick (as Cage is referred to) don't really need to keep falling back on movie talk to have us hooked either. However, guess once you have taken on the



2020. However, the film about an anthropomorphic hedgehog with superpowers can't be a gift that keeps on giving. So right from the word go, the blue ball of fur that has much too many powers for

Sega and released in 1991 did well in the

action-adventure comedy movie format in

a guy who is that small and who is that keenly looking forward to his guardians leaving for a trip, barely catches any steam. Carrey turns up as Robotnik, formerly known as Eggman, and again does not hold

back on making his character as outlandish

as possible to fit the general all-round tone of absurdity. However, the film never travels too far or for too long away from its hero hedgehog Sonic (Schwartz), and despite all the flying Sonic does with new-found friend Tails, all the full-throttle fight scenes,

and all the things that are blown apart, the story barely plods along. They are all after a 'Big Emerald' that can give powers and

inter-galactic control. Robotnik has with him another anthropomorphic wonder called Knuckles (Elba). This means twice the screaming

and the blasting. It also means half the need for any real plot development.





# Off his own bat

#### **SHUBHRA GUPTA**

A WILDLY talented cricketer, dealing with a flatlined career and an uncertain future. His wife, at the end of her tether, trying her best to keep everything going. Their young son, who sees the father as an idol, the recipient of unshakeable faith. And the secret which spills out, lighting up a loser who is, in reality, a winner, not just for his family, but for his friends and fellow-players.

The world of Arjun Talwar (Shahid Kapoor) revolves around Vidya (Mrunal Thakur) and Kittu (Ronit Kamra). It's your average middle-class family, based in Chandigarh, dealing with dripping walls and unpaid electricity bills, and the weight of the man of the house who is struggling to find a path for himself.

Jersey, an official remake of the 2019 Telugu hit of the same name and by the same director, has all the elements of an inspirational sports drama. A leading man nursing a crucial secret which curbs his sporting ambitions. Authentic cricketing action in the inter-state Ranji matches, minor skirmishes between players, politics among selectors of the Indian team. And the insistence on keeping it low-key, which instantly makes everything relatable. But the film is too stretched at 172 minutes, and the hero is too hangdog: Jersey needed to be a little more rousing to keep us engaged all the way.

În the original, the leading man is 40, and the key relationship between the father and son (Kamra was also in the Telugu film) is more contentious. In the Hindi remake, Arjun Talwar is younger, at 35. And the hero-worship between him and his son doesn't shift, despite everything. It would have been interesting to have more texture in the interactions between Talwar Sr and Jr, like there is in the arc between Arjun and Vidya, which starts from youthful giddiness to the sober realisation that life cannot be lived on love and fresh air alone.

The film comes alive in the sequences between Shahid and his real-life father who plays his never-say-die coach and mentor. Pankaj Kapur delivers a lovely, relaxed performance, which shows up the constriction of the son, who appears much more in command when he is smashing fours and sixes on the field, and is too morose off it. The reason for his sliding off the scale is left as a big reveal in the remake, but it comes too late: the original version had given us an early hint, and that had helped us understand the depth of the hero's pain. Here, the plot provides Shahid too few moments to let his guard down and show us his vulnerable side; more of those would have left a decided impact.

An emotional end, even if it feels very last-minute, provides the essential drama that a movie like this needs. That, and the message that it's never too late to make your dreams come true. Overall, though, Jersey comes off sincere but lacklustre.

### A promising start, but...

#### **LONDON FILES**

**Director:** Sachin Pathak Cast: Arjun Rampal, Purab Kohli, Gopal Datt Streaming on: Voot Select

A COP with a dark past is one of the oldest tropes in detective-crime thrillers. Arjun Rampal's morose Om Singh is one of London's finest, and is senior enough to be assigned choice cases. But there's something weighing him down.

A dead girl turns up, with a horribly mutilated face: is she the missing daughter of a man (Purab Kohli) behind the anti-immigration act that has so riled people who



hope to find a home and dignity in the UK? The six-episode London Files sets up a brisk pace from the get-go. The rise of feeling against potential immigrants is a hot-button subject, and gives the series a sense of immediacy. Add to that a slew of characters who have more going on than they are willing to let on, plus an unusual setting, and you have the makings of an intriguing mystery.

The suspense is sustained for a bit. And then we see a group struggling for those very same privileges, up against opposing elements in the government. Soon, everything begins to unravel.

The introduction of a robed character (Gopal Datt) who holds magnetic sway over his flock of followers, vanks the series into a never-never-land. Seemingly profound lines are found scribbled on walls. Strange marks are seen on bodies. Believers find arms and storm public spaces. The way to make us believe in bizarre situations is to push for believability, but that crucial quotient goes missing.

when they are not arguing their 'matters'.

There's romance and sex, without putting

too fine a point on it, and that's good. There's

jealousy and green eyes. Faintly, the place-

ment of these elements may remind you of

their Western counterparts, but no matter,

the plots are desi enough: the overriding de-

sire to have a male child, greedy medical

practitioners, and firms which conduct clan-

destine sex determination tests, is so very fa-

miliar. An old-school Bollywood composer,

played by a terrific Shakti Kapoor is deeply

upset by a dhun chor; said thief is equally up-

set that his contraption is not being taken as

seriously as it should. Who, really, is the pla-

giarist, when the OG is god himself? Or her-

self? The gender politics is mostly spot on

### STREAMING WATCH



#### **RUSSIAN DOLL SEASON 2 NETFLIX**

This acclaimed thrilling time-loop comedy returns with a new season after three years with more twists. The first season of this series had Nadia (Natasha Lyonne), a hardpartying New Yorker, reliving her 36th birthday when she meets an untimely end and finds herself back at the party that her friends threw for her. In its new episodes, which dropped this week, Nadia is planning to celebrate her 40th birthday quietly. However, something really strange happens upending her plans.



#### **KUTHIRAIVAAL NETFLIX**

In this psychological Tamil drama, a man wakes up from a strange dream with a horse tail attached to his body and begins a mindbending journey to disentangle the real from the imagined. The film with touches of magical realism features Kalaiyarasan and Anjali Patil in the lead. The film, inspired by Franz Kafka's The Metamorphosis, released in theatres last month to mixed reviews.



#### THE TALE OF KING CRAB

Set in an Italian village in the last 19th century, the story revolves around wandering drunkard Luciano (Gabriele Silli) and his love for the fiery Emma. When exiled to the distant and hostile Tierra del Fuego, there he might find his way towards salvation in a quest for a mythical treasure. The first feature film by Italian director duo Alessio Rigo de RIghi and Matteo Zoppis premiered as part of Director's Fortnight at Cannes Film Festival last year.



#### KING RICHARD AMAZON PRIME VIDEO

Based on the life of Richard Williams, father of legendary tennis players Venus and Serena Williams, this Reinaldo Marcus Green-directed sports drama shows how parental perseverance can help achieve incredible success. Training them on tennis courts in California, Richard shapes his daughters' unyielding commitment and keen intuition. As Richard, Will Smith delivers a terrific Oscar-winning performance which was clouded by him slapping comedian Chris Rock.

#### **OHMY DOG**

AMAZON PRIME VIDEO In this feel-good Tamil entertainer, three generations of a family train Simba, a blind husky puppy, for a competition. Interestingly, the Sarov Shanmugam-directed film bring together on screen reallife grandfather Vijaykumar, father Arun Vijay and son Arnav Vijay to tell a moving story of unconditional love and unusual friendship.

### A courtroom drama, sans all the judging

#### **GUILTY MINDS**

Directors: Shefali Bhushan and Jayant Digambar Somalkar Cast: Shriya Pilgaonkar, Varun Mitra, Karishma Tanna, Sugandha Garg Streaming on: Amazon Prime Video

IF YOU'VE been wondering when we will have our own version of iconic legal drama shows as The Practice, and the Law And Order franchise, here comes the all-desi, hugely entertaining and thought-provoking Guilty Minds.

What's most striking about the show, which runs 10 episodes, is how real it feels despite the dollops of drama inherent in its stories. All those thundering verbal duels and colourful speeches between rival lawyers, and jousting presiding judges that we've seen in so many of our mainstream movies are replaced by matter-of-fact cross-examination of witnesses, or a straight-forward presentation of facts. Where, oh where are all those dhai kilo ka haath, and mi-laard type of dialogues, and witnesses who are khao-ing Geeta ki kasam galore? Where are all the rattling sabres? I almost fell upon lines featuring mere kaabil dost and 'my learned friend', with relief. Not everything about those movies was a lie. Phew.

Seriously, though, Guilty Minds proves that it is entirely possible for a show to be contemporary and sharp, reflective of societal mores and biases, and manage to insert

a welcome liberal attitude towards both  $criminals \, and \, perpetrators. \, Why \, do \, people$ do what they do? What are their compulsions? No one is born evil. What makes some people fling all niceties to the wind, and go down a path of no return? Even the strongest humans have weak spots, and can't those who live in glass houses throw stones when provoked? While, of course, the judges deliver judgements, what's notable is we aren't invited to judge the characters. Instead, we are presented with details, and the extenuating circumstances, and left to make up our minds. Not all the episodes, written by Manav

Bhushan, Deeksha Gujral and the two directors, are equally successful in hitting all these marks. But again, a clear attempt has been made to include diverse issues and sections of society, even if there's a clearly a fan of futurism and artificial intelligence in the writer's room, giving us plots in which machines nearly best men. One features a driverless car (yes, really), another an aggregator of popular tunes leading to a 'brand new' one, and yet another a dating app programmed to cheat desirous young men. But clearly again, not even the most intelligent machine can outwit smart legal eagles: Shefali Bhushan, who comes from a family of well-known lawyers, knows that that is the order of nature.

Speaking of clever vakeels, Guilty Minds is chock full of them. Shriya Pilgaonkar plays



Kashaf Quaze, who with her partner Vandana Kathpalia aka Vandu (Sugandha Garg), takes up cases on behalf of the meek. Up against these fiesty ladies is the very smart Deepak Rana (Varun Mitra), an outsider who has made a mark for himself in a reputed family-run law firm, headed by the formidable 'Your Honour' LN Khanna (Kulbhushan Kharbanda). The younger Khannas comprising brother-sister duo Shubhrat and Shubhangi (Pranay Pachauri and Namrata Sheth) are determined to create a niche for themselves. Benjamin Gilani, nearly unrecognisable, shows up as a

morally upright judge who has to deal with a blot on his escutcheon. Satish Kaushik is present as a dodgy, loud self-made businessman who runs a sharaab ka dhanda: Deepak Kalra plays his son, a coarse, carelessly goodnatured coke-snorter, with the swag of a very specific Delhi species, a guy able to carry off printed twin-sets and man-buns, and demand: momos, mayo ke saath.

too, except by now I'm wondering how im-

It's an interesting ensemble, with many more actors appearing in each episode, which meshes well with each other. Work has been done to make all these characters appear fleshed-out, with lives they lead

portant is it for a character to necessarily be lesbian to claim cred: is it already becoming a trope, or is it just my imagination? This is a well-done, well-acted show. My only quibble is the banal title Guilty Minds, which feels un-nuanced for a show which says everyone is innocent until they are proved guilty, and maybe not even then. Just by virtue of the fact that one of the lead characters is Muslim, whose unresolved childhood trauma can belong to anyone - religion, caste, creed no bar — makes it a big win, given our times. And this line by a character goes right to the top of the class. "Pehle, sawaal poochhne par humein vidrohi kehte

thay, aur ab deshdrohi". More, more.

If there are questions of current or contemporary relevance that you would like explained, please write to explained@indianexpress.com

### Common drug found effective against mild & moderate Covid

A COMMON anti-inflammatory drug has been found to be an effective antiviral agent in the treatment of mild and moderate Covid-19 patients. The drug, indomethacin, is widely used to treat various types of inflammation-related conditions. The study on Covid patients, by IIT Madras, has been published in Nature Scientific Reports.

THE DRUG: Indomethacin is a nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drug available as capsules and a liquid suspension, to be

taken orally. According to the US National Library of Medicine, indomethacin works by stopping the body's production of a substance that causes pain, fever, and inflammation. It is used to relieve moderate to severe pain, tenderness, swelling, and stiffness caused by various kinds of arthritis, and pain in the shoulder caused by inflammation. THE FINDINGS: A ran-

domised clinical trial was conducted by IIT Madras researchers at Panimalar Medical College and Research Institute, Chennai. Out of 210 patients admitted, 107 were randomly allocated to a control group and treated with paracetamol and standard care, while 103 patients were administered indomethacin along with standard care of treatment, a media release from IIT Madras said.

None of the 103 patients who received indomethacin developed oxygen desaturation, while 20 patients in the control group were desaturated (saturation levels below 93%). Indomethacin group patients recovered from all symptoms in three to four days, while it took twice that time for the control group, the release said.

Liver and kidney function tests showed no adverse reaction. A 14th-day follow-up showed that nearly half the control group patients had several discomforts while a few indomethacin patients complained only of tiredness, the release said.

**EARLIER FINDINGS:** In an

earlier study by the same team in the Journal of the Indian Medical Association, 72 patients were given indomethacin and 72 other patients, paracetamol. Only one patient under indomethacin treatment developed hypoxia, compared to 28 in the paracetamol group. Administration of indomethacin to patients with Covid symptoms prevented

the need for ventilation, the release said. "Indomethacin works with all variants We had done two trials, one in the first wave and the other in the second wave. The results were the same," researcher Professor Raian Rayichandran was quoted as saying

**STUDY:** 'An open label randomized clinical trial of Indomethacin for mild and moderate hospitalised Covid-19 patients', Rajan Ravichandran et al, Nature Scientific

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NEW RESEARCH

APRIL 22: EARTH DAY

### ANNUAL REMINDER ON ENVIRONMENT TO LIVE A MORE SUSTAINABLE LIFE

ON FRIDAY, Prime Minister Narendra Modi posted on Twitter: "#EarthDay is about expressing gratitude to Mother Earth for her kindness and reiterating our commitment to care for our planet." Earth Day, which is celebrated annually on April 22, is a reminder to protect the environment, restore damaged ecosystems, and to live a more sustainable life.

SINCE 1970: Earth Day has been celebrated since 1970. It was first observed in the United States, when people took to the streets to protest against the 1969 Santa Barbara oil spill, which killed thousands of sea birds, dolphins, seals, and sea lions.

Earth Day celebrations have played an important role in raising awareness around environmental issues ever since. According to earthday.org, the world's largest recruiter to the environmental movement, the Earth Day mission is to "diversify, educate and activate the environmental movement worldwide". The landmark Paris Agreement was signed on Earth Day in 2016.

THE UNITED NATIONS designated April 22 as International Mother Earth Day in 2009. It is intended to be a reminder that "the healthier our ecosystems are, the healthier the planet – and its people". The

UN links the designation of April 22 with a series of previous global climate actions that started with the UN Conference on the Human Environment 1972 in Stockholm and the establishment that year of World Environment Day on June 5. In 1992, Agenda 21, the Rio Declaration on Environment and Development was adopted at the Rio de Janeiro Earth Summit.

The UN celebrates International Mother Earth Day through the Harmony with Nature initiative, a platform for global sustainable development that celebrates annually an interactive dialogue on topics such as promoting a holistic approach to harmony with nature, and an exchange of national experiences regarding criteria and indicators to measure sustainable development in harmony with nature.

THIS YEAR, earthday.org selected the theme, 'Invest In Our Planet'. "This is the moment to change it all — the business climate, the political climate, and how we take action on climate. Now is the time for the unstoppable courage to preserve and protect our health, our families, our livelihoods... together, we must 'Invest In Our Planet'." it said.

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# Rules for tapping a phone

Shiv Sena's Sanjay Raut has accused the Centre of protecting IPS officer Rashmi Shukla, under probe for tapping the phones of political leaders in 2019. What laws govern tapping; what are the checks in place?

**DEEPTIMANTIWARY** 

NEW DELHI, APRIL 22

ON WEDNESDAY, Shiv Sena leader Sanjay Raut claimed that the Centre is protecting IPS officer Rashmi Shukla, now posted with the CRPF. Shukla is facing an FIR in Mumbai and is being probed for allegedly tapping the phones of Rajya Sabha MP Raut and NCP leader Eknath Khadse in 2019, when she was heading the State Intelligence Department in Maharashtra.

#### How are phones tapped in India?

In the era of fixed-line phones, mechanical exchanges would link circuits together to route the audio signal from the call. When exchanges went digital, tapping was done through a computer. Today, when most conversations happen through mobile phones, authorities make a request to the service provider, which is bound by law to record the conversations on the given number and provide these in real time through a connected computer.

#### Who can tap phones?

In the states, police have the powers to tap phones. At the Centre, 10 agencies are authorised to do so: Intelligence Bureau, CBI, **Enforcement Directorate, Narcotics Control** Bureau, Central Board of Direct Taxes, Directorate of Revenue Intelligence, National Investigation Agency, R&AW, Directorate of Signal Intelligence, and the Delhi Police Commissioner. Tapping by any other agency would be considered illegal.

#### What laws govern this?

Phone tapping in India is governed by the The Indian Telegraph Act, 1885.

Section 5(2) says that "on the occurrence of any public emergency, or in the interest of the public safety", phone tapping can be done by the Centre or states if they are satisfied it is necessary in the interest of "public safety", "sovereignty and integrity of India, the security of the State, friendly relations with foreign States or public order or for preventing incitement to the commission of an offence".

There is an exception for the press: "press messages intended to be published in India of correspondents accredited to the Central Government or a State Government shall not



be intercepted or detained, unless their transmission has been prohibited under this

The competent authority must record reasons for tapping in writing.

#### Who authorises phone tapping?

Rule 419A of the Indian Telegraph (Amendment) Rules, 2007, says phone tapping orders "shall not be issued except by an order made by the Secretary to the Government of India in the Ministry of Home Affairs in the case of Government of India and by the Secretary to the State Government in-charge of the Home Department in the case of a State Government". The order has to conveyed to the service provider in writing; only then can the tapping begin.

#### What happens in an emergency? In unavoidable circumstances, such an or-

der may be issued by an officer, not below the rank of a Joint Secretary to the Government of India, who has been authorised by the Union Home Secretary, or the State Home Secretary.

In remote areas or for operational reasons, if it is not feasible to get prior directions, a call can be intercepted with the prior approval of the head or the second senior-most officer of the authorised law enforcement agency at the central level, and by authorised officers, not below the rank of Inspector General of Police, at the state level.

The order has to be communicated within three days to the competent authority, who has to approve or disapprove it within seven working days. "If the confirmation from the

Eknath Khadse (NCP). File photos competent authority is not received within the

stipulated seven days, such interception shall

cease," the rule says.

Rashmi

Shukla (left) is

under probe

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Sanjay Raut

(right) and

For example, during the 26/11 attacks in Mumbai, the authorities had no time to follow the complete procedure, and so a mail was sent to the service provider by the Intelligence Bureau, and phones of terrorists were put under surveillance. "The proper procedure was followed later. Many times, in grave situations such as terror attacks, service providers are approached with even verbal requests, which they honour in the interest of the nation's security," an intelligence official said.

#### What are the checks against misuse? The law is clear that interception must be

ordered only if there is no other way of getting the information.

"While issuing directions under sub-rule (1) the officer shall consider possibility of acquiring the necessary information by other means and the directions under sub-rule (1) shall be issued only when it is not possible to acquire the information by any other reasonable means," Rule 419A says.

The directions for interception remain in force, unless revoked earlier, for a period not exceeding 60 days. They may be renewed, but not beyond a total of 180 days.

Any order issued by the competent authority has to contain reasons, and a copy is to be forwarded to a review committee within seven working days. At the Centre, the committee is headed by the Cabinet Secretary with the Law and Telecom Secretaries as members. In states. it is headed by the Chief Secretary with the Law

The committee is expected to meet at least once in two months to review all interception requests. "When the Review Committee is of the opinion that the directions are not in accordance with the provisions referred to above it may set aside the directions and orders for destruction of the copies of the intercepted message or class of messages," the law says.

Under the rules, records pertaining to such directions shall be destroyed every six months unless these are, or are likely to be, required for functional requirements. Service providers too are required to destroy records pertaining to directions for interception within two months of discontinuance of the interception.

#### Is the process transparent?

There are multiple provisions aimed at eeping the process transparent.

Directions for interception are to specify the name and designation of the officer or the authority to whom the intercepted call is to be disclosed, and also specify that the use of intercepted call shall be subject to provisions of Section 5(2) of the Telegraph Act.

The directions have to be conveyed to designated officers of the service providers in writing by an officer not below the rank of SP or Additional SP or equivalent. The officer is expected to maintain records with details of the intercepted call, the person whose message has been intercepted, the authority to whom the intercepted calls have been disclosed, date of destruction of copies etc.

The designated nodal officers of the service providers are supposed to issue acknowledgment letters to the security/law enforcement agency within two hours on receipt of an intimation. They are to forward every 15 days a list of interception authorisations received to the nodal officers of the security and law enforcement agencies for confirmation of authenticity.

"The service providers shall put in place adequate and effective internal checks to ensure that unauthorised interception of messages does not take place and extreme secrecy is maintained...," the rule says.

It makes the service providers responsible for actions of their employees. In case of unauthorised interception, the service provider may

### Joint & dual degrees from Indian, foreign univs

SHEETAL BANCHARIYA& **SOURAV ROY BARMAN** 

NEW DELHI, APRIL 22

ON TUESDAY, University Grants Commission chairperson Prof M Jagadesh Kumar announced that the UGC has approved an amended set of regulations. These are on tieups between Indian and foreign universities. first issued in 2012 and amended in 2016.

The University Grants Commission (Academic Collaboration between Indian and Foreign Higher Education Institutions to offer Joint Degree, Dual Degree, and Twinning Programmes) Regulations, 2022 will govern twinning programmes, joint degree, and dual degree programmes to be offered jointly by Indian and foreign universities.

The regulations allow only full-time courses, and only offline.

#### Twinning programmes

Students will be enrolled in a degree programme at an Indian institute and will get

an opportunity to take up an exchange programme with the partner foreign university. They will have to complete up to 30% of the course's credits at the foreign institution by means. The same rule will be applicable to foreign students enrolling in a similar programme. The degree will be awarded by the Indian institution.

#### **Dual degrees**

Introduced for the first time, these will enable a student to earn two degrees for a course of the same discipline, and at the same level. For example, a student enrolled in a BA English programme in an Indian university can pursue 30% of her course at a foreign institution. At the end of the course, the student will be awarded two degrees, separately and simultaneously, by the Indian and foreign institutions. This shall not be construed as two degree programmes in separate disciplines or subject areas at two different levels, the UGC has clarified - a dual degree in BA English and BSc Physics, or BSc Maths and MSc Biology, will not be allowed.

#### Joint degree For these, there will be one degree cer-

tificate, bearing the names of both institutions, which will jointly design the curricuthe foreign institution. In the case of joint doctoral programmes, they will have a supervisor at both institutes and will have to spend at least a semester at the collaborating institutes.

#### Which institutions

Any Indian higher educational institution accredited by the National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC) with a minimum score of 3.01 on a 4-point scale. or featuring in the top 1,000 of Times Higher Education (THE) or QS World University Rankings, will be eligible to participate. For Indian institutes, being in the top 100 list of the National Institutional Ranking Framework (NIRF) is also an acceptable cri-

The previous regulations gave the UGC extensive powers to monitor the entire

process of collaboration, from examining MoUs to issuing letters of approval or rejection. The proposed amendments do away with the need for institutes to seek the UGC's lum. Students from India will be required approval. However, in the case of profesto complete at least 30% of their credits at sional programmes in disciplines such as engineering, medicine and law, the approval of statutory bodies such as the AICTE will still be needed. Indian institutes will need clearance from their in-house bodies such as board of governors or executive council.

#### Admission criteria, fees

For twinning, dual degree and joint degree programmes, the fees will be made public during the time of admission. For twinning and joint degree programmes, the student may not have to apply separately to each Indian and foreign higher educational institutions. For dual degrees, she will have to apply and be admitted separately to both institutions. The UGC has not vet released the fee structure of any of the courses, but has said it would be reasonable to make quality higher education accessible and affordable to all sections of society.

# Presidential election in France: Marine Le Pen and the stakes for Europe

**MIRA PATEL** MUMBAI, APRIL 22

FRANCE'S PRESIDENT Emmanuel Macron

will face far-right challenger Marine Le Pen in the presidential election run-off on Sunday. This will be the second straight fight between the two politicians and Le Pen's third shot at the presidency, and it is her best chance at winning the office so far.

She has rejected allegations of racism and xenophobia, and positioned herself as a "patriotic moderate" with populist credentials who aims to free France from the clutches of a privileged minority. In the first round of the presidential elec-

tion held on April 10, Macron, of the La République En Marche! (LREM) party won 27.8% of the vote, Le Pen of the National Rally 23.15%, and Jean-Luc Mélenchon from the far-left France Unbowed a little under 22%. For a candidate to win an election in the first round itself, they must secure over 50%, a feat that has never achieved since the system was established in 1958.

#### Issues in election

French voters have traditionally cared more about the cost of living than any other

issue. Amid a crippling power shortage, the  $cost \, of \, energy \, rose \, dramatically \, in \, 2021, food \,$ and commodity prices are currently at their highest levels in decades, and the decline in purchasing power is the most pressing concern for a large number of voters. Long before the coronavirus and Ukraine crises, Macron, a private-school-educated former banker, had felt the heat from protests over economic inequality as 'yellow vest' demonstrators took to the streets across the country in 2018.

Immigration became a flashpoint in French politics following the European migrant crisis of 2015. The waves of migrants arriving primarily from Africa and the Middle East are often alleged to have altered the ethno-cultural dimensions of French society, with many citizens decrying the loss of jobs and social stability. Migrant arrivals are also blamed for a spike in incidents of terrorism, and concerns over national security have been a key election issue.

Macron has lost the temporary boost he got from his efforts to find a diplomatic solution as the war in Ukraine approached. Le Pen has voiced support for Russia" President Vladimir Putin in the past, but polls suggest that has not impacted voter preferences negatively. Macron's handling of the pandemic and climate change are also in play



Marine Le Pen on Friday, the last day of campaigning. Reuters

#### Could Le Pen win?

As campaigning ended on Friday, opinion polls showed Macron pulling away from Le Pen, widening his lead to 57.5% against the 42.5% support for his rival in an Ipsos survey. Some analysts, however, feel the race could be much closer — some earlier polls have put a Le Pen victory within the margin of error.

Despite Macron's attempts to persuade voters that he has capped energy prices, reduced inflation, and lowered unemployment, Le Pen remains popular in France's industrial heartland. While Macron has pledged to curb illegal immigration, Le Pen has proposed a referendum to impose major limits on immigration. She has also said

Muslim headscarves would be banned in public, and promised to raise the bar high for foreigners to benefit from France's generous social services. These pledges appeal to her low-income, industrial-worker base.

It is often said that the French vote with their heart in the first round and with their head in the second, meaning they choose their ideal candidate first and then go with the lesser of two evils in the run-off. Macron's supporters hope Le Pen's extreme views towards immigrants and Muslims will repel more thoughtful voters.

Le Pen on the other hand could benefit from voter apathy. Mélenchon has urged his supporters to not vote for Le Pen, but has not backed Macron either. If Mélenchon's base deems neither candidate deserving, Le Pen's prospects could improve.

#### Has Le Pen changed?

Her father, Jean-Marie Le Pen, who founded the anti-globalist, anti-immigrant National Front party in 1972, held openly racist and anti-Semitic views and was called le diable (the devil) by his critics; Le Pen, who was herself given to making provocative and controversial remarks, was referred to as la fille du diable, or 'the devil's daughter'.

In recent years, Le Pen has worked to distance herself from her father, expelling him from the party in 2015, and rebranding it in her image. She has dismissed much of the old guard and modernised the party, improving its social media outreach and making its narrative more palatable to moderates. In 2018, she changed the name of the National Front to National Rally. She has also worked to change her own image, focusing more on bread-and-butter issues, and softening her stance on issues such as gay rights. During the campaign, she has refrained from mak-

ing openly Islamophobic comments. Despite all this, she is in essence a politician of a nativist bent, and many of her extreme policy proposals remain unchanged.

#### What if Le Pen wins?

That is a remote possibility, based on current opinion polls. But if she does win the presidency, it could mark profound changes in France and its relationship with Europe.

Le Pen wants to take France out of NATO's integrated military command structure, wrecking the unity that has been the West's showpiece achievement against Putin's aggression. She has a history of strong ties with the Kremlin, and has spoken against send-

ing weapons to Ukraine. For Le Pen, France comes ahead of the EU at all times, and while she is no longer calling for her country to leave the union, many of her policies are incompatible with EU principles. In particular, she has declared an intent to unilaterally reduce France's contributions to the EU budget, to restrict the freedom of movement across borders, and to prioritise French law over EU law.

Victory for Le Pen could accelerate Europe's march towards populism, embolden autocrats across the continent, and perhaps tip the scales in their favour in countries like Italy and Poland. But even if she fails to capture the presidency, she has already catapulted the far right into the French and European mainstream — and that, some would argue, is in itself a victory.

# THE EDITORIAL PAGE

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THERE IS NO SUCH THING AS 'AWAY'. WHEN WE THROW ANYTHING AWAY IT MUST GO SOMEWHERE.

— ANNIE LEONARD

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BECAUSE THE TRUTH INVOLVES US ALL

### LIVING BRIDGES

In unfolding era of strategic convergence, India and Britain are exploring shared possibilities, deepening engagement

N MODERN DIPLOMACY, optics may not always reflect the substance of the negotiations between leaders. But the public bonhomie that marked talks between Prime Minister Narendra Modi and his British counterpart, Boris Johnson, is in tune with . the expansive ambition that marks bilateral engagement and the rapid progress on a range of issues including trade, defence, advanced technologies, clean energy, climate change, and regional collaboration. Modi noted the special personal contribution of Johnson to the modernisation of bilateral relations. Johnson called the Indian PM a "khas dost" or a dear friend. Persistent prickliness marked the post colonial ties between the two governments until recently. But in the 75th year of independence, the unprecedented comfort level between the top leaders underlines the growing convergence of interests between Delhi and London and a serious political commitment to translate the shared interests into concrete outcomes. In the run-up to Johnson's twice postponed visit, the international chatter was all about the differences on the war in Ukraine sinking the British PM's visit. While the two leaders briefed each other on their respective views on the crisis, Indian officials say there was no pressure from Britain. In the joint press conference, Johnson did not refer to Ukraine; nor did he criticise India in his separate presser. While Modi did not condemn the Russian invasion, he reiterated India's call for an immediate ceasefire and underlined its emphasis on respect for the principles of territorial integrity and sovereignty of nations.

The two leaders had more on their plate than Ukraine. At the top of the agenda is the effort to conclude an agreement on Enhanced Trade Partnership (ETP). Johnson wants to get the deal done by Diwali and Modi promised that India will demonstrate the same speed and urgency that it did in concluding recent free trade agreements with the UAE and Australia in recent months. Complementing the political push for a historic trade liberalisation agreement is the decision by the two leaders to deepen bilateral defence and security cooperation. While India welcomed Britain's Indo-Pacific tilt, Britain has announced the decision to ease the transfer of defence equipment and technology for India. The two sides are also determined to begin joint research, development and production of advanced weapons and related technologies. Modi and Johnson also issued a statement on strengthening their partnership in the cyber domain to deliver results on governance, deterrence, resilience and capacity building. Beyond defence, security and advanced technologies, they announced plans to boost cooperation on mitigating climate change and promoting clean energy.

Tying all these initiatives across a broad spectrum is the determination to strengthen the "living bridge" between the two nations — marked not only by a large Indian diaspora in Britain but also the immense possibilities for collaboration between various sectors of the two civil societies. These possibilities never disappeared in the immediate decades after India's independence from Britain 75 years ago; but they could not be harnessed because of major political differences between the two nations. But in the unfolding era of strategic convergence, the massive bridge between India and Britain is coming alive.

### Power shock

Measures to ease supply-side constraints will only address immediate stress. Larger issues in distribution segment remain

VER THE PAST few weeks, several states — Punjab, Uttar Pradesh, Haryana, Maharashtra and Andhra Pradesh — have been witnessing power outages. While governments, both at the central and state level, are taking steps to address the problem, this is not an unusual situation. Last year too, several states had raised concerns over inadequate coal supplies to thermal power plants. This indicates a systemic inability to predict demand accurately and manage supply-side constraints.

The current crisis can be traced to both demand and supply factors. Power demand is rising as the economic recovery from the lows of the pandemic gathers momentum. Demand is only likely to rise further as the country heads into peak summer season, deepening the existing mismatch. On the supply side, the low level of coal stocks at thermal power plants is a matter of concern. As per a recent report by Nomura, during mid April, power plants held only about nine days' worth of coal stocks, significantly below the average stocks held by them over the past few years. In fact, a large section of thermal power plants across the country are currently at "critically" low level of stocks. This, as analysts have pointed out, is due to a combination of factors — notably, the lower availability of railway rakes to transport the coal to the thermal power plants, and high prices adversely impacting coal imports. As reported in this paper, with a sharp spurt in international coal prices, Indian thermal plants, which rely on imports, have cut back — of the 16.6 GW of thermal power generation capacity based on imported coal, 6.7 GW or around 40 per cent is currently not operational.

Considering that coal supplies tend to get disrupted during the monsoon season, unless these supply-side issues are tackled urgently — there are reports of some states, namely, Maharashtra, Gujarat and Tamil Nadu, planning to import 10.5 million tonnes of coal over the coming few months to address the deficit — the mismatch is likely to worsen. This will exacerbate the power shock across the country, forcing states to either buy power at significantly higher rates or face outages. However, initiatives by the Centre and the states aimed at tackling these constraints will only address the immediate stress. The larger issues of the weakness in the distribution segment, may well linger on.

#### Treasure in trash

A South Korean researcher has gleaned insights from what other people throw away

OT EVERY SPY is James Bond, and espionage hardly ever involves sipping martinis in glamorous settings. More often, it is slow, painstaking work, full of the drudgery common to most professions, in the hope that some useful information might present itself and provide insight and leverage. Kang Dong Wan, a South Korean researcher, is no spy. But, given the dedication with which he has collected and studied the garbage that washes up on the shores from North Korea, he probably should be.

Kang has found — as so many private eyes searching for clues do — that what people throw away can, with the right interpretation, yield a treasure trove of information. From discarded packets of fast food, to candy wrappers, the rubbish from the North has provided him with a sketch of changes taking place in the notoriously isolationist dictatorship. For example, the increasing amount of fast-food waste indicates that Kim Jong-un has been forced to cater to the desire for market-based consumerism. That the packaging of the unhealthy delectables often mimics South Korean counterparts provides hope that, despite a hard border and ideological differences, in their tastes, people remain the same.

Kang was forced to comb the shoreline for garbage as a result of the pandemic: He lost access to goods and people from North Korea in Chinese border towns due to strict lockdowns. He was often stranded on a beach if a ferry didn't arrive and forced to spend the night in inclement weather. Local residents often complained to the police about a strange man eagerly collecting and sifting through trash. The results of his investigations, though, are no secret and he aims to understand his neighbours, sundered from the common community by a history of violence and suspicion. Now that's a goal worth spending time in the dirt for.

# The difference this time



Processions rarely connected to riots are now creating them. Neutrality of state governments is eroding

ASHUTOSH VARSHNEY

INDIA HAS A long history of communal violence. Just how similar or different are the recent episodes? And what kind of dangers do they pose to the polity and society?

Let me begin with religious processions. It should first be noted that such processions have historically been some of the largest triggers for communal riots. In the dataset I cocreated with Steven Wilkinson (Yale University) on communal violence for the period 1950-95, the reported cause of roughly every fourth riot was a religious procession.

Participation in religious processions is not about collective prayer and piety, spiritual restoration, mourning of loss, mending broken lives, extending compassion and seeking forgiveness. Such processions can be, and have been, intensely political, often morphing from the religious to the communal. Communalism in South Asia has always been distinguished from religiosity. It has signified a highly political and often violent use of religion. Religiosity may be about deeper meanings of life, but communalism is about a coercive assertion of power or a bloody search for retribution, often historically construed and presented. If in the Middle Ages some Muslim rulers were repressive or violent towards the Hindus, the modern Hindu communalist would like to take revenge by targeting even poor Muslims, who had nothing to do with the Muslim rulers or aristocrats of the pre-modern era.

Thus, it is not the coexistence of religious processions and riots that is surprising today. The novelty lies elsewhere and is two-fold. First, in our dataset, Ram Navami and Hanuman Jayanti are not the principal religious processions touching off riots. Barely three per cent of riots are linked to Ram Navami and only one riot — in Chaibasa, Bihar, in 1970 — has Hanuman Jayanti as its precipitant. Ganesh, Moharram, Dussehra and Durga processions have the highest incidence. Along with Holi, they lead by a huge margin.

The larger implication ought to be obvious. Processions that were rarely connected to riots are now being used for creating them. Mahatma Gandhi's devotion to Ram was encapsulated in the saying "nirbal ke bal Ram" ("a helper of the weak"). Gandhi also thought of Ram as "maryada purushottam" ("an epitome of ethical conduct)". For the communalists, Ram is not about helping the weak or eth-

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ical behaviour. For them, Ram is about exacting revenge and inflicting humiliation.

The second difference is both more important and infinitely more dangerous. In the past, processions might have caused riots, but the state rarely gave up the principle of neutrality in dealing with them. In many riots, there were doubts about whether the state behaved in an equidistant manner, but neutrality vis-à-vis religious communities was not openly abandoned as a mode of state conduct and intervention. The anti-Sikh riots of Delhi in 1984 and the anti-Muslim riots of Gujarat in 2002 were the two clearest exceptions to this larger principle.

Conceptually speaking, when a state either explicitly favours a community or looks away when a particular community is hounded, intimidated and attacked, it is no longer a riot, but a pogrom. Unleashing bull-dozers on any given community without proper process is not simply illegal, it also qualifies as the beginning of a pogrom if the community is ethnically, religiously or racially defined. Had the court not intervened, the devastation of Muslims in Jahangirpuri would have been incomparably greater.

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Consider some other instances of such behaviour. In recent months, we have witnessed the spectacle of calls to murder in *Dharam Sansads* (religious assemblies). Some Hindu religious leaders have openly urged the Hindu community to acquire weapons and kill Muslims. Such speech is criminally liable. India's Constitution prohibits speech that endangers "public order". But, instead of applying the law correctly, the state has

basically looked the other way, and when arrests have been made, the weak prosecutorial cases have been unable to withstand judicial scrutiny.

While I was doing full-time research on Hindu-Muslim relations in the 1990s, it was invariably hard to find clear evidence of who led the riots. The riot instigators or organisers would almost always be hidden in the shadows of ambiguity. Inferences could be drawn, but no clear-cut evidence would normally be available. The riot leaders now openly proclaim "desh ke gaddaron ko, goli maro saalon ko (kill the bloody traitors)". Such leaders are either not punished, or are merely given a slap on the wrist. Worse, dramatically reflecting the temper of the times, some of them are even celebrated as heroes and rewarded with high office.

These trends are coming dangerously together in the notable growth of vigilante violence, especially in BJP-ruled states. Muslim fruit sellers can be openly harassed and their carts overturned. Muslim traders selling sweets and flowers near Hindu temples can be prevented from doing business. Muslim girls can be stopped from going to school if they cover their heads, but Sikh boys can wear turbans and Hindu boys can wear a *tilak*.

New research on vigilantism makes it clear that vigilantism, especially lynchings, cannot flourish unless the state provides impunity to vigilante groups. By enacting anti-Muslim laws and issuing anti-Muslim decrees, BJP-ruled polities today are providing the impunity that vigilantism needs for its success. The effect is to terrorise Muslims, who are simply doing their regular business, traveling in buses and trains, attending schools, going to government offices for permissions and clearances.

An enduring belief of Hindu nationalism has been that Muslims only listen to the language of force, not to the language of persuasion. To them, force means combining state power above with street power below. Research shows that this kind of belief can easily lead to conditions for a large-scale anti-Muslim pogrom. If that happens, the consequences will be unpredictable.

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### THE DIGITAL TAX CHALLENGE

India must calibrate response to OECD formula, assess compromises it must make

Suranjali Tandon

OVERTHE PAST four years, 137 countries have engaged intensively with the OECD to find a solution to the tax challenges arising from digitalisation. Like any international agreement, finding a middle ground has been difficult and a series of compromises have been made. It was agreed initially that the unique features of the digital economy - firms can operate seamlessly across borders and users and their data contribute to their profits — made it harder to tax such an economy. It was not clear how profits were to be pinned down to any jurisdiction. This became a political issue because the largest technology firms are tax residents of developed countries and redefining digital presence as the basis of taxation would potentially allow large markets like India more right to tax.

The OECD's work reflected the divergence in expectations among countries about the ideal solution. Developing countries wanted that profits from digital operations should be fractionally apportioned to markets while developed countries believe that a fraction of residual profit, mainly arising from marketing functions, should be taxed in markets. Such divergence compelled countries to implement unilateral measures. India was the first country to implement a gross equalisation levy on turnover. This is not covered by tax treaties. So, while the income tax act does not apply to the levy, credit is available for the tax paid by the company in its home country. Similarly, several other countries have announced or impleThe collections of the equalisation levy are now close to Rs 4,000 crore. One way to assess the relative gain is to compare the revenue from equalisation levy with the receipts under Pillar One. I estimate that India may gain only Rs 1,000 crore in the best case scenario. In fact, the EL may apply to companies that are not covered by the OECD proposal, leaving one to wonder whether it will truly address the tax challenges from digitalisation.

mented a digital services tax (DST). In 2021, India expanded the scope of the

equalisation levy. This pressured the US and OECD to respond. The US initiated the US Trade Representative investigations which found DST to be discriminatory, and then announced retaliatory tariffs. While the tariffs were to be levied on less significant items of the US-India trade, the DSTs encouraged the US to actively participate in finding a consensus-based solution. As talks progressed, the OECD announced that the issue of allocation of taxing rights would be actively considered and adopted a two-pillar approach.

The first pillar was to define the rules for taxing digital companies. After a change in the administration, the US agreed to back the proposal. However, Pillar One was to go beyond digital companies and apply to large companies with annual revenue over € 20 billion. To ensure certainty to taxpayers, the solution will require excessive global coordination. For this, an entirely different process of dispute resolution panels is being created. Whether this will undermine sovereignty, remains to be seen.

Therefore, it is important to consider if the consensus approach is worth pursuing. The collections of the equalisation levy are now close to Rs 4,000 crore. One way to assess the relative gain is to compare the revenue from equalisation levy with the receipts under Pillar One. My estimate is that India may gain only Rs 1,000 crore in the best case scenario. In fact,

the EL may apply to companies that are not covered by the OECD proposal, leaving one to wonder whether it will truly address the tax challenges from digitalisation. In such a case, India's stance on OECD's approach must be calibrated. Current tax collections indicate that the EL can level the playing field between digital and brick and mortar firms through behavioural change or higher taxes. Corporations that argue in favour of simplicity must also consider the potential benefits from an EL like tax that sets aside the complications of attributing profits to complex functions.

As per an estimate of the US Treasury, 72 per cent of the companies covered by EL in India are US companies. Therefore, unless countries negotiate with the US, tax challenges will persist. There is no unanimous support for the Pillar One proposal in the US as well. A reason for this may be that the US could lose about 0.1 per cent of its tax revenues. To compensate for that, the global minimum tax is being proposed as a package deal. In effect, the OECD approach creates a fiction of reallocation, where the profits reallocated through Pillar One could in fact be compensated for by taxing back global profits taxed below 15 per cent. As per Pillar One proposal, DSTs will be removed once the OECD approach is ratified in 2023. It is imperative therefore that countries assess the price of compromise.

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#### APRIL 23, 1982, FORTY YEARS AGO

#### TAX RELIEF

FINANCE MINISTER PRANAB Mukherjee announced a number of minor tax concessions amounting to Rs 15.73 crore in the Lok Sabha. Moving the Finance BUI, which gives effect to his taxation proposals contained in the 1932-83 budget, Mukherjee announced reliefs in direct taxes totaling Rs 11.23 crore and a number of concessions in indirect taxes which are aimed at reducing the burden on small manufacturers. The total taxation effort made by the Finance Minister while presenting his budget amounted to Rs 589.33 crore. Prominent among the concessions is the increase in exemption limit for those who

avail of leave encashment and extension of excise duty concession scheme to small assemblers of cassette tapes, parts of pens and ball-point pens.

#### ROCKET THEFT

A COURT OF Inquiry into the theft of some rockets belonging to the Air Force from a goods wagon and their subsequent appearance at the Bokaro steel plant and other places has been ordered by the Air Headquarters. Defence Minister R Venkataraman told the Lok Sabha. Members were, however, dissatisfied with Venkataraman's statement that the rockets

might have found their way to Bokaro because they were dumped in limestone wagons by the looters. It appears that those who looted the wagon containing the rockets were in search of valuables.

#### CHAIRMAN AGAIN

CHINA ANNOUNCED THAT a proposed new constitution would re-establish the post of state chairman or president, abolished during the Maoist cultural revolution. The official New China News Agency said the draft of the new constitution was put to a meeting of the standing committee of the National People's Congress .

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# THE IDEAS PAGE

# Interrogating violence

It is in Gandhi's vision of modernity that we can find an antidote to state-sponsored violence

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K P Shankaran

EVEN THOUGH ALL of us know that violence in any form — be it in war, intimidation of people, communal discord, police brutality, rape — is essentially horrific, we remain largely indifferent to it as long as we are not affected directly. At times, even when it does directly impact us, we either choose to respond equally violently or helplessly undergo its gruesomeness without taking any steps to stop its recurrence. This is the normal pattern of human behaviour or, perhaps, all animal behaviour. This is because we, like other animals, function within the framework of self-interests. Unlike other animals, humans are endowed with the ability not only to perceive violence as such but to also raise issues about it because of our capacity to use language. Many individuals have, in fact, interrogated violence and tried to figure out how to control its occurrence in human societies. Yet, violence continues to remain a recurrent phenomenon.

As long as humans function from the point of view of self-interest, violence is inevitable. If we think about violence within a framework of economic well-being and human self-interest, it will never get challenged. Normally, we only try to subdue and postpone its recurrence through other violent methods such as the use of police/military force – we try to counter violence with violence. We may also analyse such occurrences and write sociological treatises about such events, their cause and effects but we keep believing in its inevitability.

Since life feeds on life, some form of violence is necessary. But when we are talking about violence, we are talking about avoidable violence. What is required is to put an end to all forms of violence that are not necessary. To my mind, the only person who has given us an overall solution to the problem of violence is Gandhi. In its broadest sense, Gandhi's solution is the idea of learning to function within a framework of Satya, Ahimsa, Sarvodaya (concern for the well-being of all) and aparigraha (non-possession). Gandhi's political philosophy is embodied in his Hind Swaraj. But when we look at this broad framework carefully, we notice that Gandhi's solution demands among other things, a stateless society. In fact, the absence of centralised authority is a minimum requirement. Gandhi perceived, and perhaps correctly so, the state as the embodiment of all avoidable violence. But can a stateless human world ever be achieved? Gandhi thought that getting rid of the idea of a state was necessary to live in a violence-free world; a position that is diametrically opposed to all the theories of social contract propounded by Hobbes, Locke, Rousseau. Rawls et al. From Gandhi's point of view, the inevitability of the state that we take for granted is a product of our orientation towards a metaphysics-led way of life and thought process. Gandhi, like the Buddha, Socrates and Socrates' admirer Zeno, advocated an ethics-led way of life in place of the conventional metaphysics-led one. When viewed from within the prism of an ethicsled way of life, the state with all its institutions would appear, to use Gandhi's expression, "Satanic"

A metaphysics-led way of life always enshrines a notion of some Ultimate Truth, whether it is religiously, scientifically or philosophically conceived. The Buddha, Socrates and Gandhi argued that man's disposition to hold on to this belief in an Ultimate Truth is the result of his existential insecurity and the existential angst that ensues from it. Instead of rejecting the idea of an ultimate truth, Gandhi, like the Buddha and Socrates before him, invited us to ground such an idea in ethics. That is, he is requesting us to make ethics our primary concern. Once ethics takes over our orientation, we would become less selfish and our concerns would become other-centred instead of self-centred. With this shift of concern from the self to the other, through the cultivation of Satya, Ahimsa, Sarvodaya and aparigraha, Gandhi thought

"Swaraj" to name such a political scenario. Let me explain. Even though Gandhi was not a religious person in any ordinary sense of that term, his vocabulary was Vaishnavite. He used the Vaishnava vocabulary (his parental vocabulary) deliberately in order to avoid the European Enlightenment vocabulary, which he thought was used to justify the British Raj's criminal activities. When he was talking to a predominantly Hindu audience he used "Ram Raj" to designate his version of a stateless society called "Swaraj". If his audience was mostly Muslim he used the phrase "Khuda Raj" and for a Christian audience it was "the kingdom of God on Earth" to designate "Swaraj" or the  $stateless\,society\,that\,Gandhi\,envisioned. Two$ of Gandhi's booklets — Hind Swaraj and the

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lence (Ahimsa), a concern for the well-being of all (Sarvodaya) and justice (niti). It rejects the ideas of a nation-state, capitalism and parliamentary democracy. In Gandhian modernity, direct democracy replaces the parliamentary system. The use of heavy technology is taboo but there is no objection to theoretical science. Instead of heavy technology, it advocates the use of appropriate technology and sustainable development. Development, in a larger context, means the development of freedoms, such as the freedom to eat enough food, drink pure water, breathe pure air, cure curable diseases, freedom from patriarchy,

> The European concept of modernity is a criminal idea; in the past, it justified the European nations' enslavement of the world and the destruction of civilisations. "Exploitation", in fact, is the other name of European modernity/enlightenment. Even today, under the guise of modernity, the resources of the world continue to be exploited by a few wealthy countries thereby enabling them to remain inordinately rich at the cost of the others. This unsustainable resource extraction threatens the very existence of life on this planet. If animal life has to continue on earth for a longer period, Gandhian

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C R Sasikumar

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#### WHAT THE OTHERS SAY

"Unfortunately, Pakistan's political parties do not have much of a record in executing long-term governance and economic reforms. If the economic experiments of the previous government teach us anything, it is that quick

### Change in Churachandpur

In a region that has emphasised ethnicity, elections are imagined as a form of ethnic dominance and assertion. This may be changing



Suanmuanlian TONSING AND SANGMUAN HANGSING

LAMKA, CHURACHANDPUR TODAY is predominantly a town inhabited by the indigenous Zo kindred tribes. It is multi-ethnic, multi-lingual and has a cosmopolitan worldview. Inter-ethnic clashes on June 27, 1997, had led to the breakdown of trust among communities and encouraged patronisation of ethnic affiliations. These tensions can be traced to the time of the merger of the princely state of Manipur with the Indian Union or even before to the colonial era. The Khul Union, formed in 1947, which comprises all the hill people in Manipur except the Nagas, to protect their interests and political future, was disrupted due to the assertion of linguistic dominance by the numerically larger ethnic groups. More recently, the anti-tribal bill movement in Manipur in August, 2015 widened the ethnic divide and disrupted communal harmony, especially in Churachandpur. The anti-tribal bill passed by the Manipur legislative assembly was opposed by the hill people of Manipur and a Joint Action Committee against the Anti-Tribal Bills (JACAATB) was formed to articulate the opposition. The subsequent protests led to attacks on the houses of MLAs from the hill areas and nine persons, including a 10-year-old boy, were killed in police firing. However, the ethnic divide came into play and the outcome was the withdrawal of some tribes from the JACAATB.

The ethnic and political divides impact everyday life, sometimes in a subtle manner and at other times in an explicit fashion. It triggers conflict and fuels violence. During elections, ethnic, institutional, money, gun, and muscle power become prevalent. In a region that has historically emphasised ethnicity, elections are not seen as an opportunity for electing lawmakers but imagined as a form of ethnic and geopolitical dominance and assertion. One's candidature in an election is perceived as a representation of one's community socio-culturally and politically. The outcome is that only a minuscule amount of space is provided to minority tribes like the Simtes, Gangte, Vaipheis, Mizos, Zous, and others to articulate their rights in a democratic manner.

Thangkhangin Ngaihte, the president of Lok Janshakti Party in Manipur and a member of the Simte community, has lost eight elections to the assembly and Parliament. He says, "Ethnic organisations govern our land, and our votes are cast on ethnic grounds. For a minority tribe like the Simtes, come a thousand years, the chances of getting their representative elected are still futile. Considering ethnicity as the ground for vote casting, a qualified candidate's chances

to get elected are nullified."

This convoluted state of ethnic politics is further complicated by money, guns, and muscle power. It was alleged that Rs 16 crore was paid to Manipur militant groups ahead of elections to influence voters in the assembly election held in February. Congress leader Jairam Ramesh alleged that elections in Churachandpur and Kangpokpi districts in the first phase on February 28 were undemocratic because payments had been made. Demands were made for a repoll in 30 polling stations across Churachandpur and Kangpokpi districts.

The entry of James Khuma Hauzel, an independent candidate in 58 AC Churachandpur, into the electoral fray became interesting because he refused to follow the dominant pattern of political discourse. He sought to break the symbolic, social, and cultural norms ascribed to political elites during his campaign. He attacked corruption, gun power, kinship, and institutional politics from a position that combined the Zo worldview and Christian ethics and morality. On the day of the election, Khuma and his wife, Ing Borang, visited several polling stations, exposing the redundancy of the security provided to the candidates.

Churachandpur 58 AC recorded the lowest voter turnout in the state with 71.53 per cent. However, this is still the highest voter turnout for the district after several decades of public disinterest in politics. The turnouts in 2012 and 2017 were 64.13 per cent and 62.56 per cent respectively. Khuma secured only 2,244 votes while the leading candidate, LM Khaute of JD(U), secured 18,321 votes. However, Khuma's campaign against corruption, money and muscle power, kinship, and institutional politics had a resonance among young people, who desperately yearn for a change in the political discourse. This is how a supporter put it: "Khuma paved the way for new ways of seeing politics. Winning or losing doesn't matter." On March 26, 2022, a month after the Manipur assembly election, the town held a "Pakhuma Night" at Lamka public ground with a large young crowd in attendance to take forward the issues Khuma highlighted in the campaign. Addressing the crowd, Mang Taithul, a journalist from the Zou community who hosted the event, said: "Tonight, a Gangte artist sings, a Zou hosts the event. If only all the tribes in our town came together like this, why wouldn't Lamka be a convivial place?... There is no reason for Thadou, Paite, or Zou (tribes) to segregate... The Church, tribe and ethnicity have failed to bring Lamka together. Only Pakhum and music can bring us together..."

Although Khuma lost, the election has become a catalyst to unite people of different political persuasions in Churachandpur, a region that has been riven by divisive ethnic politics. Hopefully, these non-ethnic mobilisations driven by the belief in the power of democracy to transform the society and end corruption in public life will not dissipate.

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### Correcting a wrong, belatedly

Fervour over HC verdict on divorced Muslim women's rights is misplaced

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ON APRIL 18, the Lucknow Bench of the Allahabad High Court rightly overruled an appellate court's decision on the maintenance right of a divorced Muslim woman. The case was a routine one but, strangely, it is being blown out of proportion and enthusiastically commented upon in a section of

the media as if it were a novel judicial ruling. To the well-known legal maxim "ignorance of the law is no excuse", the late Justice VR Krishna Iyer had once jokingly suffixed the words "except for the lower courts" since their decisions in disputed cases often go against the relevant law and are overruled by higher courts. The truth of what Justice Iyer had said in a lighter vein is particularly evident in cases under Muslim law. Remarkably, even high court decisions in such cases sometimes show half-baked knowledge, if not total ignorance, of the settled law and the apex court of the country has to set them aside in the final appeals.

In the case under comment, a divorced Muslim woman of Uttar Pradesh's Pratapgarh district had approached a lower court seeking a maintenance order against her husband under the provisions of the Criminal Procedure Code of 1973 (CrPC). The trial court rightly ruled in her favour. But this decision was appealed against before an additional sessions judge who superseded it, holding that the CrPC law was no more applicable to her and the case should have been decided only under, and in accordance with, the provisions of the Muslim Women (Protection of Rights on Divorce) Act, 1986. This decision was then appealed against before the Lucknow Bench of the state high court. Deciding the appeal, Justice KS Pawar observed that "in view of the judgment of Bano vs Imran Khan rendered by the Supreme Court in 2009 I have no hesitation in holding that the view taken by the revisional court is contrary to the law laid down by the Supreme Court. The revisionist wife, being a divorced Muslim woman, was entitled to claim maintenance under Section 125

Justice Pawar was referring to the Shabana Bano v Imran Khan case. Details of the case can be found in the law reports of 2010. This was neither the first nor the last apex court decision affirming the continued application of the CrPC law on providing maintenance to divorced Muslim women, irrespective of the Muslim Women Act of 1986. In fact, the main issue in this case was the jurisdiction of family courts to entertain and decide cases under the said Act which mentions a magistrate's court as the forum for its purposes. Justice Dipak Misra said in his judgment that "the basic and foremost question that arises for consideration is whether a Muslim divorced wife would be entitled to receive the amount of maintenance from her divorced husband under Section 125 of the CrPC and, if yes, then through which forum."

Before this appeal was decided, the law on the maintenance liability of Muslim men towards their divorced wives had been already settled by the apex court in several verdicts. Hence in Shabana Bano, Justice Misra just said that "a cumulative reading of the relevant portions of judgments of this Court in Danial Latifi (2001) and Iqbal Bano (2007) makes it crystal clear that a divorced Muslim woman would be entitled to claim maintenance from her divorced husband as long as she does not remarry. This being a beneficial piece of legislation, the benefit thereof must accrue to the divorced Muslim women." The last sentence in this observation in Shabana Bano is being ignorantly attributed in the media to the Lucknow judge, Justice KS Pawar. On the other point mentioned in the prefatory observation in Shabana Bano, Justice Misra had held that "a bare perusal of Section 20 of the Family Courts Act makes it crystal clear that the provisions of this Act shall have an overriding effect on all other enactments in force dealing with this issue' – and he was absolutely right. All family law statutes originally mentioned district courts as the forum for entertaining and deciding the cases arising under their provisions. By virtue of the Family Courts Act 1984, their jurisdiction automatically got transferred to

In the Lucknow case we are discussing here, a lower-level appellate court's incorrect decision had been appealed against in 2008. It was disposed of by the high court a good 14 years later. The case thus also bears testimony to the saying, "justice delayed is justice denied", which remains the order of the day in judicial settlement of family disputes. The fervour over the case in media reports is misplaced.

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#### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

WORK IN PROGRESS

THIS REFERS TO the article, 'A high-res-

olution tool' (IE, April 22). It focuses on the relatively faster speed of the resolution process compared to the IBC's predecessors but avoids the more serious issues of low resolution and low recovery rates. Most cases referred end up in liquidation, yielding meagre recoveries for banks and creditors, defeating the purpose of the Code. In terms of speed of disposal, too, it falls well short of the stipulated time. The resolution process needs critical attention if there are such few successful turnarounds, especially the role of re-solvency professionals, who are key participants in the resolution process. The IBC is a useful instrument for creditors and should be made more effective by removing procedural infirmities in the resolution process.

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#### A SENSE OF DOOM

THIS REFERS TO the article, 'With eyes wide open' (IE, April 21). India's political discourse and its collective consciousness appear to be suffering from a dissociative disorder. Bigotry and targeting of minorities — as well as dissenters — is being done through contorting the spirit of the law and Constitution, with an ideological zeal that is plain to see. On the other hand, mouthpieces of the powers that be utter, with almost no one challenging them, that the current regime functions through "sabka saath". Its leaders make the vilest statements on the campaign trail, then try to appear saintly.

Unfortunately, the sense of foreboding and doom in the article seems prophetic. Biswadeep Chatterjee, via email

#### PLAY THE FIELD

THIS REFERS TO the editorial, 'Wheat worries' (IE, April 22). India now faces a two-pronged challenge in the wheat crop domain. One is to ensure a close-to-normal harvest and the second is to explore the export potential. While the former is pertinent for the country's food security in uncertain times, the latter is an opportunity in the war-hit global market. We cannot afford to overlook either. Inking bilateral agreements with nations by banking on the comparative advantage theory, like a wheat-for-fertiliser deal, is a possible way forward. Care should also be taken in procurement, storage and transportation domains to ensure efficient utilisation of the rabi crop.

Anjali Bhavana, Thiruvananthapuram

#### A LAPSE

 $THIS\,REFERS\,TO\,the\,report, `Corbevax\,for$ 5-11 years: Panel seeks nod for emergency use' (IE, April 22). The expert panel recommending the use of the Corbevax vaccine for the age group 5-11 years is a major step forward. It's worrying to see, once again, the gradually increasing number of Covid-19 cases across the country. With the opening of almost all the economic activities, the public may have become carefree, resulting in a lapse vis a vis the pandemic.

Vandana Chopra, Chandigarh

A Vatican investigation into allegations that the former top aide to St. John Paul II was negligent in handling sex abuse claims in his native Poland has cleared him of wrongdoing, the Vatican's embassy in Poland said Friday. A statement from the embassy said the investigation conducted by a Holy See envoy determined that Cardinal Stanislaw Dziwisz's actions were "correct, and therefore, the Holy See decided not to proceed any further".

**Blast in Afghan mosque** 

leaves 33 dead: Taliban



Jong Un in 2018. Reuters

**ASIA** 

#### Leaders of 2 Koreas exchange letters of hope amid tensions

THE LEADERS of the rival Koreas exchanged letters expressing hope for improved bilateral relations. which plummeted in the past three years amid a freeze in nuclear negotiations and North Korea's accelerating weapons development. North Korea's state media said leader Kim Jong Un on Wednesday received a personal letter from outgoing South Korean President Moon Jae-in and replied on Thursday with his own letter appreciating Moon's peace efforts during his term. Pyongyang's official Korean Central News Agency said Friday their exchange of letters showed their "deep trust".

### General says Russia wants to seize all of southern, eastern Ukraine

Satellite images suggest freshly dug mass graves on outskirts of Mariupol

PAVEL POLITYUK KYIV, MARIUPOL, APRIL 22

A RUSSIAN general said on Friday that Moscow wants to seize all of southern and eastern Ukraine, far wider war aims than it had acknowledged as it presses on with a new offensive after its campaign to capture the capital Kyiv

collapsed last month. Rustam Minnekayev, deputy commander of Russia's central military district, was quoted by Russian state news agencies as saying Moscow aimed to seize the entire eastern Donbas region, link up with the Crimea peninsula, and capture Ukraine's entire south as far as a breakaway, Russian-occupied region of Moldova.

That would mean pushing hundreds of miles beyond current lines, past the major Ukrainian cities of Mykolaiv and Odesa.

Ukraine said his comments had given the lie to Russia's previous assertions that it has no territorial ambitions. "They stopped hiding it," Ukraine's defence ministry said on Twitter. Russia had "acknowledged that the goal of the 'second phase' of the war is not victory over the mythical Nazis, but simply the occupation of eastern and southern Ukraine, Imperialism as it is."

Ukraine's general staff said Russian forces had increased at-



Experts remove bombs amid Russian attacks, in Chernihiv, Ukraine, on Thursday. Reuters

tacks along the whole frontline in the east and were trying to mount an offensive in the Kharkiv region, north of Russia's main target, the Donbas.

In Kharkiv city, Russian shellfire hit the main Barabashovo market. Ambulance services said there had been casualties but no details were available yet. A wedding hall and a residential building were also struck.

In Geneva, the United Nations human rights office said there was growing evidence of Russian war crimes in Ukraine, including indiscriminate shelling and summary executions. It said Ukraine also appeared to have used weapons with indiscriminate effects.

Russia denies targeting civilians and says signs of atrocities committed by its soldiers were faked.

Russia said on Thursday it had won the war's biggest fight - the battle for the main port of the Donbas, Mariupol – after a nearly two-month siege. President Vladimir Putin said he had decided not to try to root out thousands of Ukrainian troops still holed up in a huge steel works there, but to barricade them inside instead.

Washington dismissed the announcement.

"We still assess that Mariupol is contested, that it hasn't been taken by the Russians and that there's still an active Ukrainian resistance," Pentagon press secretary John Kirby told CNN.

In a Russian-held section of

#### **AUSTRALIA SANCTIONS PUTIN'S DAUGHTERS**

Sydney: The Australian government said it has imposed sanctions and travel bans on two daughters of Russian President Vladimir Putin and Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov's daughter. It follows similar moves by other Western nations including US and UK. Putin is known to have two adult daughters, Katerina Tikhonova and Maria Vorontsova. REUTERS

the city, the guns had largely fallen silent and dazed looking residents ventured out on streets Thursday to a background of charred apartment blocks and wrecked cars. Some carried suitcases.

Volunteers in white hazmat suits and masks roved the ruins, collecting bodies from inside apartments and loading them on to a truck marked with the letter "Z", symbol of Russia's invasion.

Maxar, a commercial satelite company, said images from space showed freshly dug mass graves on the city's outskirts. Ukraine estimates tens of thousands of civilians have died in the city during Russia's bombardment and siege.

Kyiv says 100,000 civilians are still inside the city, and need full evacuation. REUTERS

JOE MCDONALD

BEIJING, APRIL 22

its outbreak fades.

neighborhoods.

OFFICIALS IN Shanghai prom-

ised Friday to ease anti-virus

controls on truck drivers that

are hampering food supplies

and trade, while Hong Kong's

government announced the

end of a 2-year-old ban on non-

residents flying into the city as

largely empty despite an easing

of restrictions that confined

most of its 25 million people to

their homes. Many residents still

were barred from leaving their

Streets in Shanghai were

### Students of religious school among casualties of bombing

KATHY GANNON & MOHAMMAD SHAOB AMIN

KABUL, APRIL 22

A TALIBAN official says a bombing at a mosque and religious school in northern Afghanistan on Friday killed at least 33 people, including students of a religious school.

Zabihullah Mujahid, the Taliban's deputy culture and information minister, said the bombing in the town of Imam Saheb, in Kunduz Province, also wounded another 43 people, many of them students.

No one immediately claimed responsibility, but Afghanistan's Islamic State affiliate on Friday claimed a series of bombings that happened a day earlier, the worst of which was an attack on a Shia mosque in northern Mazar-e-Sharif that killed at least 12 worshippers and wounded scores more.

Earlier, the Kunduz provincial police spokesman put the death toll at the mosque and madrassa compound in Imam Saheb at two dead and six injured. Mujahid later tweeted the higher casualty numbers tweeting "we condemn this crime... and express our deepest condolences to the victims".

HINT OF RELIEF AMID TIGHT COVID-19 CONTROLS IN CHINA

No one immediately claimed responsibility, but Afghanistan's IS affiliate earlier claimed a series of blasts that happened on Thursday

Friday's bombing is the latest in a series of deadly attacks across Afghanistan. Mujahid called the perpetrator's of the Kunduz attack "seditionists and evil elements".

Since sweeping to power last August, the Taliban have been battling the upstart Islamic State affiliate known as Islamic State in Khorasan Province or IS-K which is proving to be an intractable security challenge for Afghanistan's religiously driven government. Last November the Taliban's intelligence unit carried out sweeping attacks on suspected IS-K hideouts in eastern Nangarhar province.

In a statement Friday, the IS-K said the explosive devise that devastated Mazar-e-Sharif's Sai Doken mosque was hidden in a bag left inside among scores of worshippers. As they knelt in

"When the mosque was filled with prayers, the explosives were detonated remotely," the IS statement said, claiming that 100 people were injured.

The Taliban say they have arrested a former IS-K leader in northern Balkh province, of which Mazar-e-Sharif is the capital. Zabihullah Noorani, information and culture department chief in Balkh province, said Abdul Hamid Sangaryar was arrested in connection with Thursday's mosque attack.

The IS-K had been relatively inactive in Afghanistan since last November, but in recent weeks have stepped up its attacks in Afghanistan and in neighboring Pakistan, taking aim at Shiite Muslim communities reviled by Sunni radicals.

Earlier this month two bombs exploded in Kabul's Shia neighborhood of Dasht-e-Barchi, killing at least seven students and wounding several others.

The IS-K established its headquarters in eastern Afghanistan in 2014 and have been blamed for some of the worst attacks in Afghanistan, including a vicious assault on a maternity hospital and at a school that killed more than 80 girls in 2021, months before the Taliban took power. AP

most 9,000 appeared to be fad-

ing. Hong Kong Disneyland and

museums reopened this week

and restaurants resumed

evening dining as new daily case

leaders are scrambling to ease

the impact of a "zero-Covid"

strategy that shut down most

mained closed despite changes

Most factories and offices re-

businesses starting March 28.

On the mainland, Shanghai

numbers fell.

#### **PAKISTAN** Imran calls for early election

PAKISTAN'S OUSTED prime minister, Imran Khan, on Thursday demanded fresh elections amid political turmoil after a new government took over and warned it faces an enormous challenge to revive a battered economy. Khan along with his over 100 lawmakers in the lower house of the parliament resigned after he lost a vote of confidence moved by a united opposition. "Whoever has made a mistake, there's only one way to correct it that hold elections as soon as possible," Khan told a large rally in Lahore. **REUTERS** 

#### Former Honduras president to

**USA** 

### appear in US court

FORMER HONDURAN President Juan Orlando Hernandez is expected to make an initial appearance in a federal court in Manhattan on Friday, one day after being extradited to the US on drug and weapons charges. US prosecutors said Hernandez, once a Washington ally, got millions of dollars from drug traffickers including Mexico's Joaquin 'El Chapo' Guzman while leading Honduras from 2014 to early 2022. Hernandez used the money to enrich himself and finance his political campaigns, in return for protecting traffickers from arrest, according to the indictment, REUTERS

# Firefighters at work after Israeli security forces and Palestinian protesters clash at the

compound that houses Al-Aqsa Mosque, in Jerusalem's Old City on Friday. Reuters

### Israeli police storm Jerusalem holy site after rock-throwing

**AN HOUR AGO** 

JERUSALEM, APRIL 22

ISRAELI POLICE in full riot gear stormed a sensitive Jerusalem holy site sacred to Jews and Muslims on Friday after Palestinian youths hurled stones at a gate where they were stationed.

The renewed violence at the site, which is sacred to Jews and Muslims, came despite Israel temporarily halting Jewish visits, which are seen by the Palestinians as a provocation. Medics said more than two dozen Palestinians were wounded before the clashes subsided hours later.

Tens of thousands of Muslims took part in the main Friday prayers at midday, which were held as planned.

Palestinians and Israeli police have regularly clashed at the site over the last week at a time of

### Bangladeshis protest Al-Aqsa clash, Sweden far-right unrest

Dhaka: Thousands of members of an Islamist group rallied in Bangladesh's capital on Friday to protest recent violence in Sweden involving an anti-Muslim far-right group and fresh clashes at Jerusalem's Al-Aqsa Mosque. Protesters from the conser-

heightened tensions following a string of deadly attacks inside Israel and arrest raids in the occupied West Bank. Three rockets

have been fired into Israel from the Gaza Strip, which is controlled by the militant group Hamas. The string of events has raised fears of a repeat of last year, when protests and violence

in Jerusalem eventually boiled

vative Islami Andolon Bangladesh group, which supports the introduction of Îslamic law in the Muslim-majority secular country, carried banners and placards reading "Sweden Police, Shame, Shame!" and "Stop Brutality in Aqsa Mosque".

over, helping to ignite an 11-day war between Israel and Hamas, and communal violence in Israel's mixed cities.

Palestinian youths hurled stones toward police at a gate leading into the compound, according to two Palestinian witnesses. Police then entered the compound, firing rubber bullets

THE AIRCRAFT WAS A BELOVED SYMBOL FOR ALL OF UKRAINE, BUT PERHAPS NO ONE MISSES IT MORE THAN ITS FIRST PILOT

One Ukrainian war casualty: Mriya, the world's largest airplane

Shanghai to ease rules, HK to end entry ban

A man gets a Covid-19 test in Shanghai on Friday. Reuters

and fears the shutdown of China's most populous city might disrupt global trade.

A deputy mayor, Zhang Wei, Meanwhile, the Hong Kong government said non-residents promised "every effort" to resolve problems that prompted who are vaccinated and have a

lowed to fly in again starting May 1. That eases one of the world's most stringent travel bans, imposed in March 2020.

An outbreak that infected some 1.2 million people in the on China's mainland, of which negative virus test will be al- city of 7.4 million and killed al-

in anti-virus curbs since last week that have allowed 12.3 million people out of their homes. On Friday, the government reported 11 coronavirus deaths and 17,529 new cases in

Shanghai. All but 1,931 had no symptoms. Shanghai accounted for 95% of the 18,598 new cases

Large Hadron

Collider restarts

operations after

three-year break

#### **SURVEYS SHOW MACRON LEADING LE PEN**

### France winds up election campaign

**ELIZABETH PINEAU** ETAPLES, APRIL 22

FRENCH PRESIDENT Emmanuel Macron and far-right challenger Marine Le Pen were on Friday due to make final appeals to undecided voters weighing their fears of what a Le Pen presidency could bring against their anger at Macron's record.

According to the latest surveys for Sunday's run-off, fear may win the day over loathing: Macron the centrist, pro-European incumbent leads his anti-immigration, eurosceptic challenger by between 10-14 points, well outside margins of error.

In recent days, Macron has toned down his often abrasive style with acknowledgments that his attempts at economic

tire families, happiness and se-

terial things that mean a lot -

homes burned to the ground;

supermarkets that fed commu-

nities smashed by shelling; toys

and prized possessions scorched

took a direct hit during the piv-

otal battle at that airport, the

damage to the aircraft has stirred

an incredible outpouring of

In the case of Mriya, which

beyond recognition.

But it has also destroyed ma-

curity for countless people.

Prospect of upset worries France's allies

OPINION POLLS show that centrist Macron is on course to defeat farright leader Le Pen in the presidential run-off, but the prospect of an unlikely victory by Le Pen has, nevertheless, worried France's Western allies. They fear that a France under far-right leadership could deal a blow to the

Ukraine. This has prompted leaders of Germany, Portugal and Spain to write a joint op-ed this week to warn the French against electing Le Pen, and Canada's

unity of EU and NATO.

of Russia's invasion of

especially in the context

Justin Trudeau has publicly endorsed Macron.

and social reform had left many French angry and dissatisfied. "She (Le Pen) has managed to

draw on some of what we did not manage to do, on some of the things I did not manage to do to pacify some of the anger," Macron told France Inter radio on Friday,

But there may be no one as

citing the concerns of some voters about law and order or hits to their livelihoods. Four separate surveys published Thursday and Friday after a tense TV debate showed Macron's score either stable or slightly rising to reach be-

rockets were made hundreds of

#### **EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** PUNE, APRIL 22 THE WORLD'S largest and most

powerful particle accelerator, the Large Hadron Collider (LHC), restarted for experiments on Friday after remaining shut for three years for maintenance.

The LHC, built by the European Organisation for Nuclear Research (CERN) and located under a Swiss-French border area near Geneva, will commence full-scale operations in summer 2022.

Upon restarting on Friday, two beams of protons circulating in opposite directions at their injection energy of 450 billion electronvolts, went around the LHC's 27-kilometre ring.

"The LHC itself has undergone an extensive consolidation programme and will now operate at an even higher energy and with the major improvements in the injector complex, it will deliver significantly more data to the upgraded LHC experiments," said Mike Lamont, Director for Accelerators and Technology, CERN, in a statement on Friday.

It is the collider's third run. A first round of experiments took place from 2010 to 2012, and a second from 2015 to 2018. This round is likely to go on till 2026.

A new experiment named the Forward Search Experiment (FSE) will be performed at the

what can only be described as the American space shuttle.

broken up as Halunenko, 76, who miles away and the launchpad was in Kazakhstan. The only feacomes from a generation where emotions are not so easily shared. sible way to get everything in the "If I were not a man," he said, same place was to fly the shuttle and the rockets on the back of a "I would cry." At boarding school in southplane, a really big one.

And so, at the Antonov aviaeastern Ukraine, he took flying lessons and discovered he had a gift. tion company production plant He became a MiG-21 fighter pilot in Kyiv, Ukraine's capital, Mriya and then an elite Soviet test pilot. was born. It made its first flight in In the 1980s, the Soviet lead-

1988. Halunenko at the controls. ership was eager to get back into At 276 feet long and six stothe space race. Engineers designed a reusable spacecraft called the Buran that looked like

But the components were spread all around — the shuttle

ries high, the plane, designated AN-225, was bigger than any other in the sky. It boasted 32 landing wheels and a wingspan of 290 feet. Its maximum takeoff weight stood at a staggering 1.4 million pounds.

#### upgraded LHC. "... The FSE could solve some of the biggest puzzles involving particles in physics, like neutrino masses, nature of dark matter and the imbalance between the matter and the antimatter in the present-day universe," the CERN statement read. - WITH AGENCY INPUTS

#### BUCHA, APRIL 22 THE DAY war broke out, one of

**JEFFREY GETTLEMAN** 

Ukraine's most decorated pilots stepped onto the balcony of his home and felt a pain in his heart. A battle was raging at a

nearby airport, and from where he was standing, the pilot, Oleksandr Halunenko, could see the explosions and feel the shudders. The Russians were invading his country and something very specific was worrying him. Mriya. The plane.

In a hangar a few miles away rested the world's largest airplane, so special that only one was ever built. Its name is Mriya, pronounced Mer-EE-ah, which in Ukrainian means The Dream. With its six jet engines, twin tail fins and a wingspan nearly as long as a football field, Mriya hauled gargantuan amounts of cargo across the world, mesmerizing crowds wherever it landed. It was an airplane celebrity, aviation enthusiasts say, and widely beloved. It was also a cherished symbol of Ukraine. Halunenko was Mriya's first

pilot and loved it like a child. He has turned his home into a Mriya shrine — pictures and paintings and models of the aircraft hang



The Antonov AN-225 Mriya in 2014. NYT

But that morning, he had a terrible feeling.

"I saw so many bombs and so much smoke," he said. "I knew

The war in Ukraine, not even two months old, has destroyed

Mriva could not survive.'

grief. Heartbroken airplane buffs around the world are getting Mriya tattoos. A sad cartoon has been circulating, with tears streaming out of Mriya's eyes.

was constructed in Moscow, the

**⊘** 76.48/USD Note: Gold, silver rates at Delhi spot market, gold per 10g, silver per 1 kg; Crude oil (Indian basket) as of April 21

**S** \$106.14

SENSEX: 57,197.15 ▼ 714.53 (1.23%) NIFTY: 17,171.95 ▼ 220.65 (1.27%) NIKKEI: 27,105.26 ▼ 447.80 HANG SENG: 20,638.52 ▼ 43.70 FTSE: 7,568.25 ▼ 59.70 DAX: 14,246.34 ▼ 256.07

### MARKETS WATCH

FOREIGN PORTFOLIO INVESTORS

### 'FPI ownership in stocks falls below pre-Covid levels'

**ENSECONOMIC BUREAU** MUMBAI, APRIL 22

WITH FOREIGN portfolio investors(FPIs)on a selling spree, the ownership of FPIs in Indian stocks has fallen by around two percentage points in the last two years to 19.5 per cent as of March 2022 based on data reported by NSE500 companies.

"FPI ownership levels fell below Covid lows at 19.5 per cent on the back of sustained outflows," Bank of America (BoFA) Securities said in a report. The month of March 2022 marked the 6th consecutive month of FPI outflows (\$5.4 billion, most severe since March 2020) on the back of continued geopolitical risks, sustained elevated inflation led by supply side issues, rising commodity costs, BoFA Securities said. In 2022, India saw heavy outflows, second only to Taiwan, while Brazil led inflows (\$12.5 billion). While EM funds have steadily increased allocation to India (19 per cent in March 2022 as

necessitate

policy action'

Mumbai: Reserve Bank of India

(RBI) Governor Shaktikanta Das

has cautioned that the estimates

now point to inflation remaining

above the upper tolerance band in

the near-term even as growth pro-

jections have undergone down-

ward revisions, according to min-

utes of the RBI Monetary Policy

Committee meet held on April 8.

sheer magnitude of the adverse

exogenous supply and price

shocks. While the risks to domes-

tic growth call for continued ac-

flationary pressures necessitate

monetary policy action," Das said The circumstances warrant

prioritising inflation and anchor-

ing of inflation expectations in the

sequence of objectives to safeguard

macroeconomic and financial sta-

bility, while being mindful of the

ongoing growth recovery," Das

said. "The situation is dynamic...

and we should constantly reassess

the situation and tailor our actions

**BRIEFLY** —

DFSSecy, PSBs

New Delhi: Financial Services

Secretary Sanjay Malhotra, at

a Manthan 2022 meeting,

asked top executive of pub-

lic sector banks (PSBs) to

boost balance sheets and

raise capital from markets.

BoB home loan

Mumbai: Bank of Baroda

(BoB) has cut interest rate on

home loans to 6.5% per an-

num from 6.75% till June 20.

Mistry on merger

Mumbai: HDFC vice-chair-

man and CEO Keki Mistry

said fall in HDFC and HDFC

Bank shares after merger

announcement was due to

lack of "clear" communica-

Dow drops 2%

Washington: The Dow fell

2.2% to 34,012 on Friday (as

of 2:42 pm ET) amid cer-

tainty around rate rises.

Brent was down \$2, or 1.85%,

at \$106.32 by 1:40 pm ET.

Yellen on tariffs

Mumbai: Low tariffs on Chi-

na goods was worth consid-

ering, US Treasury Secretary

Janet Yellen said. **REUTERS** 

tion on its merits.

Full report on

www.indianexpress.com

accordingly." ENS

"These are indicative of the

2021) versus China (34.6 per cent in March 2022 against 42.2 per cent in January 2021), India's overweight position is currently near multi-year lows, with outflows potentially stemming/reversing, this could turn around.

In April, however, Indian markets saw outflows slow down (\$1.2 billion), indicating potential stemming or reversal of FII outflows. In the calendar year 2022, flows stood at \$15.7 billion

Domestic institutional investors (DIIs), on the other hand, remain upbeat with monthly flows touching new highs at \$6 billion (19 per cent rise month-on-month), crossing \$5 billion mark for the second consecutive month. DII inflows were \$ 14.6 billion up to the year ended March 2022.

"We expect markets to be sideways near term given inflation impacting volume growth and margins across several sectors...," BoFA Securities said. Full report on

www.indianexpress.com

#### INTER-MINISTERIAL PANEL TO HOLD REVIEW MEETING

# To ease supply strain on coal stocks, Rlys to boost rakes

**KARUNJITSINGH** NEW DELHI, APRIL 22

THE RAILWAYS is set to boost the number of rakes for transporting coal to thermal plants, which are reeling under pressure from high power demand during the summer season and low coal stocks.

A government official told *The* Indian Express that Railways will increase the number of rakes for transporting coal to powerhouses to 415 per day from about 380 in the first half of April, after a review meeting by the Ministers of Home, Power, Railways, and Coal.

Coal-based thermal power meets about 75 per cent of the country's requirements. Several states, including Punjab, Maharashtra, Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan, Haryana and Andhra Pradesh, have faced power outages due to low coal inventories.

The official added the Railways was attempting to increase the rakes to 445 per day, using "all sources and all means."

The total rakes of domestic and imported coal dispatched to power houses fell to about 380 per day in the first half of April

Govt tweaks norms for pvt New Delhi: The Power

A thermal plant in Patiala district. File

from about 409 per day in March. The lack of adequate rakes has thus far been a key bottleneck to boosting stock levels, with officials saying that the domestic coal supply chain was not geared to meet the current demand level, given the lower supply of imported coal.

A spike in the international prices has led to a number of thermal plants, which use imported coal, stopping supply, and thereby putting increasing pressure on domestic coal-fired plants. India has about 16.7 GW

power producers

Ministry said it has allowed private power generating stations to secure coal supplies for up to 3 years instead of 1 year. It has tweaked the methodology for the use of coal by Independent Power Producers wherein the timeline for the bidding process has been reduced to 37 days from current 67 days. PTI

of imported coal-based thermal power generation capacity, of which around 6.1 GW is currently not operational, according to government data.

Of the total 150 thermal plants, which utilise domestic coal, 89 had critically low levels of coal stock on Thursday – with a total stock of about 20.5 million tonnes, equating to about 8 days worth of coal, as against normative levels of 61.1 million tonnes, which equates to about 24 days worth of stock.

Experts said low levels of coal

inventory during this period could indicate a power crisis later in the year, as stocks at power stations often fall during the monsoon season due to supply issues.

"Couple of months prior to monsoon is the period in which typically power plants accumulate coal so that when there is actual supply disruption due to rains, they have adequate coal in their stock. On the demand side, we are expecting a new system peak will happen soon due to hot weather conditions and reviving economic activities coming together, "said Debasish Mishra. partner at Deloitte India.

"It's possible that we may see a worse power crisis than in October 2021, given the current coal situation," he added.

Separately, the national grid operator has called out Gujarat and Maharashtra for overdrawing power from the national grid, which could impact grid stability and potentially lead to grid failure.

A government official said Power System Operation Corporation had petitioned the Central Electricity Regulatory Commission to give a showcause notice to states that are drawing power beyond set schedules.

### FRL asset sale to Reliance Retail: Creditors reject but shareholders okay

**ENSECONOMIC BUREAU** MUMBAI, APRIL 22

FUTURE RETAIL'S Rs 24,713-crore deal to sell its assets to Reliance Retail Ventures Ltd, a subsidiary of Reliance Industries, has run into a roadblock with majority of lenders rejecting the asset sale plan in the creditors meeting. However, shareholders of the company promoted by Kishore Biyani approved the sale proposal in a separate meeting.

According to an exchange filing, in the secured creditors e-voting, 69.29 per cent of the votes of 11 lenders were against the proposal to sell the assets to the RIL subsidiary. However, 30.71 per cent of the votes of 34 lenders favoured the sale of assets.

In the shareholders meeting, 85.94 per cent of the votes supported the sale of assets to RIL and 14.05 per cent of votes were against the proposal. However, 78.22 per cent of FRL's unsecured creditors voted in favour of the proposal, the company said in a regulatory update. About 82.75 per cent of Future Lifestyle Fashion's (FLF) secured creditors rejected the proposal, while 81.91 per cent of shareholders supported the move, company said.

Future Supply Chain Solutions, another group company, received 81.63 per cent of votes of secured creditors in favour, while 18.37 per cent rejected the move. Nearly 50.35 per cent shareholders approved the move, it added.

Some leading banks were not in favour of the proposal stating there's ambiguity on debt recovery. "If top banks are opposing the sale to RIL, the deal is likely to fall through. The next option is to take the IBC route," said a banking source.

While FRL has proposed that over Rs 12,000 crore debt will be transferred to RIL, banks are not convinced about it.

In February, Reliance began taking over the rental leases of hundreds of stores once run by FRL and Future Lifestyle Fashions Ltd amid lawsuits and arbitration across India and Singapore. Banks have already questioned the RIL takeover of some of the Future stores and stated that anybody pany said in an exchange filing.

#### **LEADING BANKS NOT IN FAVOUR**

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dealing in the company's assets should keep in mind that these are subject at all times to the charge of the lenders. US retail giant Amazon has op-

posed the FRL's deal with RRVL. Amazon last week had said the meetings were "illegal" and such a step would not only breach the 2019 agreements when it made investments into FRL's promoter firm but also violate a Singapore arbitral tribunal's injunction on the sale of retail assets to Reliance. FRL had rejected the Amazon's

allegations and said the meetings are "in compliance" with the directions issued by the NCLT on February 28, 2022, to consider and approve the Scheme of Arrangement filed by various entities which are part of the deal.

In a regulatory update on April 16, FRL said "the said order has been issued by the NCLT, after considering all the facts and information submitted by the parties and specific objections filed by Amazon.Com NV Investment Holdings LLC vide an intervening application and the order dated February 15, 2022 issued by Supreme Court on the same subiect matter"

On April 1, Future Retail said it failed to infuse Rs 3,900 crore by way of equity in the company before the due date of March 31, 2022. Further, considering the infusion of capital, there was an obligation on the company to pay an aggregate amount of Rs 5,322.32 crore — as defined in the one-time restructuring(OTR)plan – to various consortium banks and lenders before March 31, the com

#### **MPC MINUTES** 'LIC valuation down **'Inflationary** by half ahead of IPO' pressures

PRASANTA SAHU& **RUCHIT PUROHIT** NEW DELHI/MUMBAI, APRIL 22

THE CENTRE has reconciled to a  $much \, lower \, valuation \, of \, around \, Rs$ 6 trillion for LIC ahead of its initial public offering (IPO) though its budget estimate for FY22 indicated the state-run insurer was seen as worth around twice that amount

The valuation of the insurance behemoth is "veering towards 1.1 times its embedded value (of Rs 5.4 trillion)," a senior official said.

offer document next week if we are able to solve all these issues by the end of this week." the officia said. The Centre would also ap-

"We are planning to file a final 'Telcos' fear

misplaced; pvt

5G networks to

raise efficiency'

New Delhi: Private 5G networks

would drive better revenues for

telecom operators as well as in-

crease efficiency and productivity

of enterprises, Broadband India

Forum (BIF) said, dismissing alle-

gations by telcos, that such net-

works would result in a revenue

Telecommunications (DoT) Secre-

tary K Rajaraman on Friday, the fo-

rum, whose members include

Amazon, Meta, Microsoft and

Google, made a case for private 5G

networks saying that telcos would

derive a majority of the revenues

from external network services.

Private 5G networks allow enter-

prises and institutions to build

their own exclusive networks that

can be used exclusively for devices

and machines at factory premises,

of India had this month said non-

telecom enterprises would be al-

located a 5G spectrum for build-

ing their private networks. **ENS** 

Telecom Regulatory Authority

an educational institute etc.

In a letter to Department of

loss for them, as "misplaced".



proach Sebi for cutting the IPO size to less than 5 per cent, though it reckons a 15 per cent green shoe higher. The move follows feedback from institutional investors, who cited how similar entities were valby a sustained trend of capital out-



option to be exercised if the issue is over-subscribed would take the sale to 5 per cent or even slightly ued globally, but is also influenced flows following the war. FE

#### RBI open to let NBFCs in credit card biz

Mumbai: The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has hinted at the possibility of allowing non-banking financial companies (NBFCs), including non-deposit taking ones, to undertake credit card business.

However, in its Master direction on cards, the RBI said, "NBFCs registered with the Reserve Bank shall not undertake credit card business without prior approval of the Reserve Bank." This means NBFCs can issue credit cards if they secure the regulator's nod.

The pre-requisite for this is a minimum net owned fund of Rs 100 crore and subject to such terms and conditions as the Reserve Bank may specify in this regard from time to time, the RB master direction said. ENS

### 'Infra credit by NBFC-IFCs, banks up 6% in Apr-Dec 2021'

Total infrastructure credit by banks and NBFC-IFCs saw a slower growth of 6% to ₹25.7 lakh cr during April-December 2021, an Icra Ratings report said

Share of NBFC-IFCs (NBFC infrastructure finance

companies) in total infrastructure credit rose to 54% as of December 31, 2021 from about 42% five years ago

#### **Tepidness in infrastructure**

■ Stagnation in banking sector credit to infrastructure seament ■ Moderation in portfolio growth of IFCs

IFCs' aggregate portfolio in FY21 continued to grow at a

and 3/2020 stands cancelled.

For details refer www.ncra.tifr.res.in



strong pace led by disbursements related to the liquidity package for distribution companies with PFC and REC as lending partners

**Chief Engineer (KSTPS** 

#### KERALA WATER AUTHORITY e-Tender Notice Tender No.: 3/22-23/SE/PHC/PKD

JJM - 2021-22 - Street Main extension and providing FHTCs (250 Nos) in

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### FM's investment pitch to US Inc: Financial inclusion, upskilling



Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman with FedEx president & CEO-elect Raj Subramaniam, via Twitter @FinMinIndia

New Delhi: Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman on Thursday discussed with CEOs of major American companies various investment opportunities in India.

In Washington DC, she met FedEx president & CEO-elect Raj Subramaniam, who said he is positive about India and has significant expansion plans, including in skilling. She also met Accenture chair & CEO Julie Sweet. In a meeting with Mastercard CEO Miebach Michael, Sitharaman told him about the government's commitment to digital financial inclusion. Separately at the FATF ministerial meeting, Sitharaman reaffirmed India's political commitment to fight money laundering, terrorist financing and proliferation financing. At the Ministerial Dinner for Development Committee members, she said it was nec-

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### **UPI in UAE: How will it work?**

**PRANAV MUKUL** NEW DELHI, APRIL 22

TOURISTS OR migrants to the UAE with Indian bank accounts will be able to make UPI payments at shops, retail establish-

EXPLAINED ments and other merchants in the gulf nation, as a result of the tie-up of the National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) and the UAEbased Mashreq Bank's NEOPAY going live.

How will users make payments? It will be mandatory for users to have

an Indian bank account with a UPI activated on their accounts. They will also need an app to make UPI payments, such as BHIM.

'With the acceptance of BHIM UPI in the UAE, Indian tourists can now make seamless payments through BHIM UPI across NEO-PAY enabled shops and merchant stores," NPCI International Payments Ltd (NIPL) said.

Will UPI be accepted everywhere?

cepted at those merchants and shops, which have NEOPAY terminals. Full report on www.indianexpress.com

No, payments using UPI will only be ac-

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The date of submission of tender paper published vide NIT No. Tech/NIT/2022-23/01 dated 07.04.2022 has been extended up to 29.04.2022 till 4:00 P.M and will be opened on 02.05.2022 at 3:30 P.M. Submission of hard copy is on 02.05.2022 upto 3.00 PM and the date of opening of price bid is on 04.05.2022 at 3.00 P.M. All other terms and conditions will remain same as per original tender. Kindly visit institute's website.

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# Anshu bags Asian silver, with a reality check to boot

20-year-old is outclassed by Japan's Tsugumi Sakurai in the final (57 kg) of the Asian C'ship

MIHIR VASAVDA

ONLY 25 seconds had passed in the final of the Asian Championship when Tsugumi Sakurai, upper body tangled with Anshu Malik's, mustered all the strength she could to wrench her opponent's arms and throw her on the mat.

Ten seconds later, she caught hold of the Indian's right ankle. Then, she executed the armbar - taking hold of Anshu's arm and twisting it, thus putting immense pressure on her shoulder and elbow. And before Anshu could even realize what was happening, she was pinned.

It took just 54 seconds for Sakurai to settle the matter. Not long enough, perhaps, for Anshu to comprehend what had struck her but good enough to appreciate what awaits her going forward in the 57kg weight class. The 20-year-old from Nidani, Haryana, has so far hardly put a foot wrong. The silver medal she won on Friday meant Anshu now has medals of all colours in the Asian Championship, having won the gold last year and bronze the year before that. In her maiden appearance at the Worlds last October, she finished runner-up, becoming the first Indian woman to reach the final of the Championship.

At the national level, there's daylight between her and the rest. In a very quick period, Anshu has grown from being a promising junior to Indian women's wrestling's biggest star, leading the contingent in absence of Vinesh Phogat, who hasn't returned to competitive wrestling after the Tokyo

Her rise, however, has been accompanied by an asterisk.

Before Friday, a majority of her medals in the senior tournaments came in events that wrestlers from Japan, China and North Korea the powerhouses in women's wrestling had skipped, largely because of the pandemic. This doesn't diminish any of her medals, especially since as a rookie she had to often navigate through tricky draws.

Friday's final, however, was a reminder of how tough it will get for Anshu going forward. The Indian, competing in her first international tournament since the Worlds last October, was hardly troubled en route to the final, beating her three opponents -Uzbekistan's Shokida Akhmedova, Singapore's Danielle Lim and Bolortuya Khurelkhuu of Mongolia - by technical superiority, that is a difference of 10 points.



Anshu Malik had won the gold in Asian Championship last year. File

#### Outdone by speed

In the final against Sakurai, a muchanticipated affair between two wrestlers of the same age, Anshu, known for her brute strength, got undone by the Japanese wrestler's speed. There isn't any shame in losing to the Japanese, who are considered to be the gold standard in women's wrestling.

To put their dominance at these Championships in perspective, they won seven out of the 10 gold medals on offer in women's wrestling. For many of them, who are still in their late teens, this was the maiden appearance at the senior Asian Championship; a frightful prospect for those who will face off against them in the coming years. In 53kg category for instance, where Phogat competes, 18-year-old Akari Fujinami, the reigning world champion, won the gold medal without conceding even a single point.

In 62kg, a category in which Anshu's close friend and national champion Sonam Malik, who is out injured, usually competes. Nonoka Ozaki blitzed past the field to finish on top of the podium. One of Ozaki's scalps was the eventual bronze medalist from

Manisha, who had qualified after defeating Rio Olympics bronze winner Sakshi Malik in the trials. In Anshu's case, she was up against a prodigious talent who won the world championship gold last year in the 55kg category. Sakurai is now trying to displace the legendary Risako Kawai - twice Olympic gold medalist, three-time world champion and four-time Asian champion – from the Japanese team.

If anything, this indicates the depth of talent in Japan. There's an air of invincibility around them but Anshu's coach Jagdish Sheoran isn't too concerned. "Anshu has beaten the Japanese girls in the past, in the junior and cadet events," he says. "In her mind, they aren't unbeatable.'

Sheoran talks about one incident four years ago, when Anshu had defeated Japan's Natami Ruka in the final of the Asian Cadet Championship to underline his point. "After the final, the Japanese girl asked Anshu about her training methods. That shows how good she is," Sheoran says.

Since winning the World Championship silver last October, Anshu and Sheoran virtually have been living at their akhara inside a sports school in Nidani, spotting every tiny flaw in her game and ironing it out in time for September's Asian Games.

Sheoran doesn't give away much about their strategy but says it's designed to make her an even more attacking wrestler. It took 54 seconds for their plan to unravel on

"But we'll learn from this and come back stronger at the Asian Games," Sheoran says.

### Tennis world divided on Wimbledon banning Russians, Belarusians

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** 

SOME OF tennis' best players, past and previous, and its member bodies like the ATP and WTA, rose in unison against Wimbledon's decision to bar players from Russia and Belarus due to their countries' waging war against Ukraine. The ongoing war waged on Ukraine has prompted sporting bodies to ban Russian and Belarusian athletes and organisations. Even the idea of allowing these athletes to compete under a neutral flag has been shot down across multiple sports.

#### Wimbledon's statement

The organisers of Wimbledon set events in motion when they said that due to Britain's sanctions across 'industry, sporting and creative institutions to limit Russia's global influence', they would be forced to ensure that no entries from Russian or Belarusian players would be accepted in 2022.

Chairman of All England Club Ian Hewitt said. "We recognise that this is hard on the individuals affected, and it is with sadness that they will suffer for the actions of the leaders of the Russian regime.'

#### **Lone Grand Slam**

As of now, Wimbledon remains the only Grand Slam to make the decision to ban Russian and Belarusian players. 17 of the Top 100 in the world, including Men's World No. 2 Daniil Medvedev and Women's World No. 4 Aryna Sabalenka are either Russian or Belarusian. The initial French Open entry lists have the names of players from both these countries. According to BBC, there could possibly be changes to this after the second round of the French presidential elections. The United States Tennis Association announced on Wednesday that no decision had been made with regard to players from both countries. The US Open will be held in New York in late August and early September. The ATP has said that players from both countries will still be able to represent themselves in tour-level tournaments as long as they play under a neutral flag.

#### Russia, Belarus flay decision

Representatives from both Russia and Belarus were quick in denouncing Wimbledon's actions. Kremlin spokesperson Dmitry Peskov said that given the strong standing of his nation and its players in the tennis world, it would be the Wimbledon tournament that would eventually suffer. He also told BBC Sport that it was unacceptable to make athletes hostages to 'political prejudices and hostile actions' towards his coun-

The Belarusian Tennis Federation said it would consider legal action against the

### PLAYERS UNITE IN PROTEST

**PLAYERS FROM** past and present condemned Wimbledon's ruling. Be it Martina Navratilova ('In the days of apartheid, South African players would compete but South Africa could not be represented, and that regime was no better than what's happening now') or Novak Djokovic ('I cannot support the decision of Wimbledon, I think it is crazy. When politics interferes with sport, the result is not good.') a large part of the tennis community chose not to support Wimbledon's decision.

Novak Djokovic has termed the decision as crazy. File

**RUSSIAN WORLD** No. 8 Andry Rublev had in February become synonymous with certain Russian sportspersons' defiance against their Dubai Tennis Championship, Rublev signed a camera lens with 'No war

own government. After a match at the

**BUT AFTER** coming to know that he would not be allowed to play at Wimbledon, Rubley questioned the decision, calling it discriminatory and said that the tournament's logic was questionable. He said that when discussions on how to move forward in this politically-sensitive climate were going on, he had urged Wimbledon to consider making Russian and Belarusian players sign a statement to give away all prize money earned to 'humanitarian

Wimbledon organisers due to the damage caused to its players. "Such destructive actions in no way contribute to the resolution of conflicts, but only incite hatred and intolerance on ethnic grounds," said the top Belarus tennis body.

#### ATP, WTA not in agreement

Both the Association of Tennis Professionals (ATP) and the Women's Tennis Association (WTA) condemned Wimbledon's decision and said that it was unfair on the players from both countries. The ATP said that the decision had 'the potential to set a damaging precedent for the game'. The WTA too came out with a similar

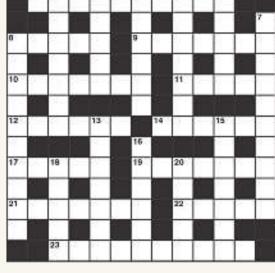
"Individual athletes should not be penalised or prevented from competing due to where they are from, or the decisions made by the governments of their countries," the WTA said, according to The New York Times. "Discrimination, and the decision to focus such discrimination against athletes competing on their own as individuals, is neither fair nor justified."

#### Ukrainian players in support

Current as well as former Ukrainian players supported Wimbledon's decision. Current World No. 25 and Ukrainian player Elina Svitolina called on tennis' ruling bodies to take harsher stances on Russian and Belarusian players. In a statement on her Instagram account, Svitolina said that 'there comes a time when silence is betraval'.

She also said that the WTA, ATP and ITF should only allow players from both the countries to play if they actively denounce their respective countries' actions.

#### **CROSSWORD 4722**



#### **ACROSS**

- 1 It's one live form of broadcasting (10)
- 8 Put up with the Italian in bar
- 9 A lot more complicated musical effect (7) 10 A fisherman's actual profit?
- 11 Factor eliminated by direct dealing(5)
- 12 Strip of sheepskin 14 Here indeed is one man of
- genius (6) 17 Old woman is little credit to
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- 22 Stick in a sculptor as the answer(5)
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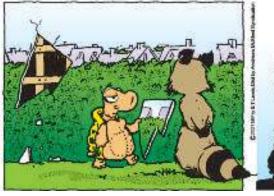
- Unusual spite shown to the French in a letter
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- 5 I'd learn about part of the British Isles (7) A ring in the nose for a halter
- 7 Satisfied I raise no argument
- 8 He does well with his money
- 13 United yet divided
- 15 A land is devastated by a  $Moslem\,warrior(7)$
- 16 Get on a bit perhaps 18 External route maybe
- 20 Strain of the present day

Solutions Crossword 4721: Across: 1 Come by, 4 Stoops, 9 Arousal, 10 Rider, 11 Style, 12 Waylaid, 13 Fashionable, 18 Asphalt, 20 Oasis, 22 Torso, 23 Outline, 24 Models, 25 Merlin. Down: 1 Clause, 2 Moody, 3 Beseech, 5 Tarry, 6 Oddball, 7 Stride, 8 Slow foxtrot, 14 Aspired, 15 Apostle, 16 Bantam, 17 Astern, 19 Atoll, 21 Still.

#### **OVER THE HEDGE** by Michael Fry & T Lewis

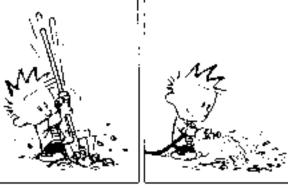








#### **CALVIN & HOBBES** by Bill Watterson









#### MARVIN by Tom Armstrong







#### JUMBLED WORDS

Given below are four jumbled words. Solve the jumbles to make proper words and move them to the answer for the given quip Guilt is a\_\_that wears\_\_.-Ayn Rand (4,.,4)



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Answer: Guilt is a rope that wears thin. - Ayn Rand SOLUTION: LEMUR, MOXIE, ABSENT, CHAPEL

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#### **DAY TODAY**

ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr 20) Anything that

happens now in the

way of travel or overseas contacts will have major consequences for you or your loved ones over the coming months, If you understand that the most important planetary cycle is a very long-term one, then you'll gain a much better perspective on your daily ups and downs.

#### TAURUS (Apr 21 - May 21) You can't bottle your

feelings up for ever. Share all your thoughts and feelings today, and take short journeys

that are necessary. Perhaps over the next few days, a major family or domestic improvement will be moving from number ten on your list to number one.

GEMINI (May 22 - June 21)
It's a splendid day to shell out some cash,

but the stars are making no distinction between minor purchases and major investments, like a new house or two. There is no way you will be able to cut costs for a little while longer, but at least you can avoid needless waste.

#### CANCER (June 22 - July 23) excellent position to

take the initiative, and should do so as soon as possible. Your lunar alignments put you in an almost unassailable position, and you should make sure that work is combined with pleasure. Hopefully employers

and people in authority will

appreciate your true talents.

LEO (July 24 - Aug 23)

A series of brilliant planetary aspects is setting you up for a very special period. Begin this phase today by making various discreet enquiries and keeping certain feelings to yourself. You should also take practical matters into your own hands, lest other, less competent people, overlook

#### VIRGO (Aug 24 - Sep 23) Partners may be

essential details

making extra demands. You may continue to take the

line of least resistance and give as much sympathy and support as you can. Don't fret, for any apparent retreat will be an advance in disguise. It's important that you lift your morale by letting your hair down socially.

#### BY PETER VIDAL

LIBRA (Sep 24 - Oct 23)

Relationships

thinking. If this is true, then your stars superb, and you should oress ahead with radical . changes at work or at home. Do realise, though, that everything depends on how other people react. Play your

#### SCORPIO (Oct 24 - Nov 23)

cards carefully.

You may be pulled in two directions, but then that gives you the chance to have vour cake and eat it, doesn't it? Actually twenty-five hours per day will probably not be enough to accomplish all

work. Could your expectations be too high? I think they could. SAGITTARIUS (Nov 24 - Dec 22) Money and financial

that is required at home or at

transactions are the most important item of the day, but longer-term transits indicate that legal issues, foreign connections and educational aspirations are absolutely central. In matters of the heart it's friendship that you want.

#### CAPRICORN (Dec 23 - Jan 20) Home, property and

Passion can wait

domestic concerns are crucial to your happiness. You may have your own ideas, but you may allow other people to take the lead; a close partner

will protect your interests. Give social engagements a very high priority: friends

#### AQUARIUS (Jan 21- Feb 19) One very major and

historic planetary alignment is now in the past, but another, which is much more specific, is imminent and,

whatever your wishes, whatever your ambitions, you should spare no effort over the next three days. There is no time to waste.

#### PISCES (Feb 20 - Mar 20)



everything to be said for enjoying yourself today, for who knows what tomorrow brings? There's absolutely no point in walking around with a long face.

KKR vs GT, 3.30pm, RCB vs SRH, 7.30pm, Live on Star Sports Network

### Delhi coach Amre's on-field protest triggers controversy

SRIRAM VEERA MUMBAI. APRIL 22

UGLY SCENES erupted in the final over with

Delhi Capitals' captain Rishabh Pant sending coach Pravin Amre to protest the umpire's decision not to award a no-ball. This is what happened: Needing 36 runs from the last over, Obed McCoy was slammed for three-consecutive sixes by Rovmen Powell. The third ball was the controversy starter.

It was a full toss, and just about dipping from above waist-high when Powell smashed it. The on-field umpires didn't ask the third umpire to check if it was a no-ball and Delhi Capitals dugout went ballistic. Many, including Pant, Amre, Shane Watson and David Warner, had their hands stretched out to gesture the no-ball sign.

The batsmen had a word with the umpires. The non-striker Kuldeep Yadav was even playfully stopped by Yuzvendra Chahal from charging across to the square-leg umpire. But things were turning dire in the DC dug out.

Pant was now seen signalling with his hands, as if he was telling his batsmen to comeback. Or perhaps he didn't want to resume the play till a decision was taken, we would never know until he opens up. Just then, Shane Watson got up and was involved in an animated chat with Pant.

Just as things seem to be settling in, Amre took one step beyond the ropes, and had a word with Pant, before heading to the middle. Delhi were without their main coach Ricky Ponting, who is quarantining after one of his family members contracted Covid.

"I don't know who they think they are but that was a huge huge mistake, I just don't understand the coach running into field of play. He is a senior member. That is unacceptable. I hope that we never ever ever see it again," Kevin Pietersen would say later.

Meanwhile, on the field, Jos Buttler charged across to the DC dug out and had a stern word with Pant. Pant was trying to explain his case and Buttler shook his head, disagreeing obviously at the decision to send Amre, the coach, to run in on to the field.

Amre was asked by the umpires to go back to the dug-out. Later, Pant would explain the chaos. "I thought that no ball could have been precious to us. They could have checked it. Everyone was frustrated because it was not even close — it was a no ball. I think third umpire should have intervened," Pant would say. When he was pressed about his decision to ask Amre to go in to argue with the umpires, Pant said, "It wasn't right, but what happened with us wasn't also not right. It was heat of moment thing," Was it a noball? Graeme Swann thought so at least.

"It was a no ball but that was no way to react by Delhi. It was an ugly moment and spoiled what was a great game."

As it turned out all that protest totally changed the momentum and Powell, who had hit three sixes, could only get two runs from the remaining three, and also lost his wicket off the final ball.

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# Buttler is IPL royalty

RR opener scores his third ton of this season, Krishna bowls crucial maiden as RR beat DC

**SYNOPSIS:** Buttler's century, Krishna's bowling seal it for Royals

SHAMIK CHAKRABARTY

SIX SIXES, on the heels of Prasidh Krishna's wicket-maiden, were required off the final over for Delhi Capitals to clinch an improbable win. Rovman Powell sent the first three balls from Obed McCoy into the stands to set pulses racing. The third ball was a full-toss and Powell felt it was above waist-height and demanded a no-ball. Umpires didn't agree and the batsman seemingly threatened to walk out.

Eventually, when the game re-started, Powell had lost rhythm, while McCoy had regrouped. Chasing Rajasthan Royals' 222/2 – the highest total in this IPL yet – DC finished on 207/8 to lose by 15 runs.

#### Buttler's century

In the sixth over of RR's innings, Jos Buttler sprang to life. Until then, he was going at less than a-run-a-ball. It matched the oddity of Ravindra Jadeja's two dropped catches against Mumbai Indians on Thursday.

Khaleel Ahmed had troubled Buttler upfront. A response was due. It came a little late, via a couple of sixes. Buttler moves like a Ferrari in white-ball cricket and becomes a car on flat tyres in the longest format. In the context of the IPL, he is having his finest season, scoring centuries for fun. After his 103 in the previous game against Kolkata Knight Riders, he hammered a 65-ball 116, including nine fours and as many sixes, against DC on Friday. His third century in this edition took his tally to 491 runs in seven matches. The Orange Cap is his to lose.

First the DY Patil Stadium, then Brabourne and now Wankhede have been treated to Buttler's merry hitting. He has become a crowd favourite in the process. When Mustafizur Rahman pulled out in his run-up and made Buttler wait, the Wankhede crowd roundly booed the DC medium pacer.

The highlight of his innings was the way he dismantled the spinners. DC had quality spinners in their ranks, Kuldeep Yadav and Axar Patel spearheading the attack. On the night, Buttler just toyed with them.

Kuldeep was having a fine IPL. On Friday, however, with the Wankhede pitch offering no assistance, Buttler put on his dancing shoes to undo the chinaman bowler. He skipped down the track to cut down the loop and hit a six.

He shimmied down the pitch again and smacked a four to the straight boundary. Buttler wanted to dictate Kuldeep's length and the two shots had the desired effect. It sapped the spinner's confidence.

Axar was having an off day and at one point, Buttler treated him with disdain, reverse-sweeping the left-arm spinner between point and backward point for an imperious four.

Before that he had made short work of Lalit Yadav and when Kuldeep returned for a new spell, he continued with the momentum – a 15-run over, including back-to-back sixes.

Butter has always been a match-winner in this format. This term, he has embraced consistency to become a 'Royal' run-machine. This is excellent news for his franchise and bad news for their opponents. As for the neutrals, his batting – the audacity with which he swept Mustafizur for a four was breathtaking – has been the tournament's

Spare a thought for Devdutt Padikkal,



Rajasthan Royals's Jos Buttler celebrates his century, 116 off 65 balls. All pics: Sportzpics for IPL

ing conditions.

the end notwithstanding, that was the game.

Krishna ended with 3/22 from four overs.

Ravichandran Ashwin and Yuzvendra

Chahal, too, bowled very well in tough bowl-

BRIEF SCORES: Rajasthan Royals: 222 for 2

in 20 overs (Jos Buttler 116, Devdutt Padikkal

54, Sanju Samson 46 not out; Khaleel Ahmed

1/47, Mustafizur Rahman 1/43) beat Delhi

Capitals: 207 for 8 in 20 overs (Rishabh Pant

44. Prithvi Shaw 37, Lalit Yadav 37; Prasidh

Krishna 3/22, Ravichandran Ashwin 2/32).

#### **IPL TABLE**

TEAM	M	W	L	PT	NRR
RR	7	5	2	10	0.432
GT	6	5	1	10	0.395
RCB	7	5	2	10	0.251
LSG	7	4	3	8	0.124
SRH	6	4	2	8	-0.077
DC	7	3	4	6	0.715
KKR	7	3	4	6	0.160
PBKS	7	3	4	6	-0.562
CSK	7	2	5	4	-0.534
MI	7	0	7	0	-0.892

whose return to form was a double delight for Royals. In the first five overs, when Buttler was taking a little time to get into the powerhitting groove, he played the role of the senior partner.

Three consecutive fours against Mustafizur, the first one with a bit of luck, was the trigger his team needed. Until this game, Padikkal was struggling to hit his straps. On Friday, as he scored a 35-ball 54, he looked every bit the player worthy of his Rs 7.75 crore price tag. His 155-run opening partnership with Buttler ran DC ragged before Sanju Samson contributed handsomely at the death with a 19-ball 46 not out.

#### Krishna's bowling

On the night, when Trent Boult went for plenty, Royals needed Krishna to stand up to be counted. The pacer had the important wickets of David Warner and Pant in the bag, but his final over was the clincher.

DC had lost their batting stars – David Warner, Prithvi Shaw and Pant. But Lalit Yadav's cameo took the game to the death overs. Powell was with him, but the asking rate was steadily climbing.

It reached 18 when the penultimate over began. Krishna dismissed Yadav and returned with a wicket-maiden. The drama in

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Hot heads, calm minds and everything in between at the game

#### **Buttler & Hit-Admirer**

There were many astonishing hits from Jos Buttler but he produced one absolute stunner from an awkward position in the 19th over that startled even his team-mate Shimron Hetmyer, whose eyebrows shot up. It was a fairly good delivery from the left-armer Mustafizur Rahman, full well outside off and angling further away; for most of its trajectory and deviation, it seemed Buttler wasn't in a right position but somehow he leaned across and didn't just flail at it for a one or two but actually got his bottom hand working over-time to scoop it over long-off. "I tell myself before the ball that I have done all the hard work in preparation and I just need to trust my body to do its thing," Buttler said in a RR video about his pre-ball routine when he gets out to bat.

His instinct, and above all his amazing skills allowed him to trust his tired body to smash that six. He would get out off the final ball of that over, holing



out to long-on, and Shimron Hetmyer would wait for him to reach the ropes before stepping out with a smile and a shake of head in awe and appreciation at the approaching Buttler.

#### Royals on the edge

Both Devdutt Padikkal, enduring a rough patch, and Jos Buttler, riding a purple patch, were edgy as well as edge-prone against a disciplined Delhi attack. Two fours arrived for Buttler, both off the edge. Padikkal survived a vociferous lbw appeal, before he slashed at a wide ball of his familiar nemesis-Mustafizur Rahman, who had devoured him thrice in 19 balls before this game. The ball screamed off the outside edge, though piercing the narrow gap between short third man and backward point. Capitals were made to curse their wretched fortune, as Padikkal hammered successive boundaries off Rahman, before Buttler reacquainted with his destructive touch, blasting Ahmed for a pair of sixes in the sixth over.

#### Greedy gamble

Don't be greedy with you part-time bowler, a sacred white-ball truism it is. Whereas on a good day, or an IPL night, he could be deputed for a couple of tight overs, clinging for too long could back-fire. Like Delhi Capitals' indulging of part-time off-spinner Lalit Yadav. He bowled two thrifty overs upfront-conceding only six runs. But Delhi Capitals could not resist the gamble (or greed) to squeeze an extra over from him or a surface that was drier and holding up a trifle. The ploy turned not just counterproductive, but catastrophic. The Jos Buttler he ran into in the 13th over was different to the Buttler that he had strangled in the power-play. He was like a deer shoved into a lion's den. Buttler nailed him for a couple of sixes and a four in the eighteen-run over.



#### RIVALRIES HYPED

# World champ Verstappen opted out of Netflix hit, says too hyped

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LAST YEAR'S heated title fight between Lewis Hamilton and Max Verstappen drew the focus of Season 4 of "Drive to Survive," the Netflix series about Formula 1, which was released last month. The streaming series has been a hit for the sport, attracting droves of new fans by highlighting the personalities of the drivers inside the cockpit.

But those watching "Drive to Survive" to get the inside story on the championship battle noticed a significant absence. Verstappen has become the only driver to refuse to be interviewed for the series because he thought it faked rivalries and exaggerated incidents. "I'm quite a down-to-earth guy, and I just

want it to be facts, don't hype it up," Verstappen, of Red Bull, said. "I understand of course it needs to be like

that for Netflix. It's just not my thing."

While Verstappen still appeared in the

While Verstappen still appeared in the series through use of Formula 1 footage, the

story of his title fight was largely told through interviews with Christian Horner, the Red Bull team principal. Hamilton, of Mercedes, took an active part in the series, engaging in interviews throughout his battle with Verstagen in the series of the properties o

Driver rivalries are central to the narrative of the show. One example came in Season 3, when an episode featured the McLaren drivers Lando Norris and Carlos Sainz Jr. While they are known to be good friends who worked well together in the team, the episode sought to depict tension in their relationship that Sainz felt was "pushed a bit too far."

"I think that rivalry was there, but it was in a friendly way, and they maybe portrayed it a little bit less friendly than it was," Zak Brown, the chief executive of McLaren Racing, said in an interview. "Deep down, the rivalry was there, but outwardly they never showed it."

Norris thought the editing of the show "can make you look like you said something in a time and place which is definitely not

correct," but was happy as long as the truth was not twisted completely.

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"As long as they don't overdo it and literally make someone look like they've done something which they definitely haven't done, it's good," he said.

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Verstappen was more direct about how Norris was portrayed, arguing it made it look like Norris was a bit of a jerk.

Formula 1 has spoken with the producers of the show and the teams after Verstappen's complaints. Ian Holmes, the director of media rights at Formula 1, said that the producers "need to be mindful of his concerns" and that it was important for teams and drivers to feel comfortable participating in the series.

But he disagreed that the series had faked rivalries. "This notion that some things are made up, it's just chatter," Holmes said in an interview. "At the end of the day, it is authentic. The other thing to remember, as well, is the people that walk up and down the paddock, they're a bit too close to the sport" to step back and see the bigger picture.

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