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**Director General**  
**Advt-5/2022**  
**Date: 23/4/2022**



**RAIL COACH FACTORY, KAPURTHALA**

On-line bids are invited by PCMM, RCF on behalf of President of India for following items:-

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/-
2.	17211703A 17.05.2022	STAINLESS STEEL STEP COMPLETE	847 Nos.	1,21,730/-
3.	14221036 16.05.2022	Aluminium Coil 2.5X1220MM Coil	12339 Kg	1,23,760/-
4.	14221034 17.05.2022	Resin System for Glass FRP Panels for Interior for ALSTOM-LHB Coaches	131030 Kgs	4,52,630/-
5.	05221111 25.05.2022	Set of Doorway Partition	83 Set	1,83,080/-
6.	05221176 12.05.2022	SET OF DOOR CUT OUT	183 Set	97,170/-
7.	04221027 19.05.2022	Austenitic Steel Coil 1.7 X 1100MM	1,44,191 Kgs.	10,95,740/-

1. For details and making On-line bids, visit Website <http://trep.gov.in>. 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.


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**CORRIGENDUM**

The following amendment is authorized against following Tenders:-  
**1. 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** instead 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 TURKEY 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.

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No.- G-RCF/122/Stores/012/2022-23 Dated: 22.04.2022



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**जाहीर ई-निविदा सूचना**  
वसई-विरार शहर महानगरपालिका प्रभाग समिती 'एच'मधील जा. क्र. ३०८/२०२२-२०२३ दि. २१.०४.२०२२ चे ई-निविदा सूचनामधील १३ विकासकामे करण्यासाठी बांधकाम विभागाकडील महाराष्ट्र शासनाच्या सार्व. बांधकाम विभाग यांच्याकडील योग्य या वर्गातील नोंदणीकृत ठेकेदारांकडून ऑनलाईन पद्धतीने ई-निविदा मागविण्यात येत आहेत. सदर कामाच्या ई-निविदेच्या सविस्तर अटी/शर्ती महानगरपालिकेच्या प्रभाग समिती 'एच' कार्यालयाच्या नोटीस बोर्डवर व NIC etendering Portal (<http://vmmc.maharashtra.e-tenders.in>) या अधिकृत संकेतस्थळावर दि. २५.०४.२०२२ पासून ते दि. ०९.०५.२०२२ कार्यालय वेळेत दु. २.०० वाजेपर्यंत उपलब्ध आहेत. प्राप्त निविदा शक्य झाल्यास दि. १०.०५.२०२२ दु. ०२.०१ वा. बांधकाम विभागामार्फत उघडण्यात येतील. या संबंधी अधिक माहितीसाठी प्रभाग समिती 'एच' कार्यालयातील बांधकाम विभागाशी संपर्क साधावा.  
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e-Tender No.: IRCON/3018/DFCIL-CTP-12/e-Tender/Exca. Support system/08-427 Dated: 22.04.2022  
e-Tender in Two Stage bid System are Invited from bidders meeting qualifying requirement for the work "Provision of excavation support system for IR side from CH. 133+320 To CH. 133+540 and ROW side From Chainage 133+760 To CH. 133+580 (Near Boisar, Maharashtra), in connection with DFCIL Western Corridor (Phase-2), Package (CTP-12)".

Estimated Cost (Including all taxes & GST) : ₹ 1,78,63,436.00

Last date and Time of Bid Submission : 03.05.2022 up to 15:00 Hours

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Estimated Cost of the work : EURO 1,630,307/-

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3.Last date & Time of Receipt of Hard Copy, cost of Bid Document and EMD- 10.06.2022 upto 5:00 PM  
4.Date of Opening of E-Tender - 11.06.2022 at 2:00 PM  
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
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
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# Modi has asked Putin what on earth he thinks he is doing, says Johnson

UK will provide India know-how on building 'battle-winning' fighter aircraft

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 "Russians out (of Ukraine)".

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

**EXPLAINED**  
Dealing with the bear

UNDERLINING THE importance of diplomacy and dialogue, India and Britain have called upon Russia to declare an immediate cease-fire 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-



Suman K Bery (left) will take charge after Rajiv Kumar leaves on April 30

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

FOR OVER a decade, CBSE students have read these translated excerpts from two poems in  
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## 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

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  
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## Koyna plant near Chiplun steps up to meet Maharashtra's power demand



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

YOGESH NAIK  
MUMBAI, APRIL 22

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 hydro-electric plant at Pophali near Chiplun.

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 this time last year.

"Koyna has been very helpful and it is a blessing in disguise. Demand in the state has gone up and supply of coal is less," said Singhal.

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 1,800-2,000 MW. The rest of the electricity is purchased from the market or from  
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## 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



Security personnel at the encounter spot. PTI

Pakistani terrorists "wearing suicide vests" during a nearly five-hour 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  
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## ‘Asked Putin...’

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 city.

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



Vaccination 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 tests, 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 conducted.

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 the state.

## 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

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 an officer.

## Commuters suffer as BEST drivers go on flash strike over pay

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE**  
MUMBAI, APRIL 22

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 following 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.

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 business—especially 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. Sohail Kazani, CEO of Infniti 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." **ENS**

## 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 roads.

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.

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<b>Eligibility</b>	a. Graduate from a recognized University (preferably in commerce) with SAS or 3 months training in cash and accountancy conducted by ISTM. b. 3 years of experience in accounts and Audit. c. Knowledge of work experience of Government rules and regulations.
<b>Desirable Qualification</b>	Knowledge of computers.

**Senior Accountant:**

Method of Recruitment: Deputation	
<b>Age</b>	Below 56 Years
<b>Period of Deputation</b>	Initially for a period of 1 year likely to be extended on yearly basis (Subject to maximum of 5 years).
<b>Scale of Pay</b>	PB-2 Rs. 9300-34800/- + GP Rs. 4200/- (Level 06 of pay matrix under VII pay commission).
<b>Eligibility</b>	Officers in the grade of Section Officer from the Office of the Accountant General, Karnataka, Bangalore or State Government Offices.
<b>Desirable Qualification</b>	Knowledge of Government Rules and Regulations.

Interested candidates may please visit the Institute website '[www.aiishmysore.in](http://www.aiishmysore.in)' for details as regards to educational qualification, age, experience etc., and general instructions with regard to applying for the posts.

The last date for submission of filled in application forms is **12.05.2022 at 05.30 p.m.**

Director reserves the right either to fill or not to fill the posts notified above.

Date: 12.04.2022

Place: Mysuru

Sd/-

**निदेशक / Director**

## BAJAJ FINANCE LIMITED

CIN-L65910MH1987PLC042961

**Registered Office:** Akurdi, Pune 411 035

**Corporate Office:** 4th Floor, Bajaj Finserv Corporate Office, Off Pune-Ahmednagar Road, Viman Nagar, Pune 411 014

### 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. 25<sup>th</sup> April 2022) for NRIs, OCIs and PIOs**

Period (except table 2)	Table 1				
	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 months	6.90%	6.69%	6.73%	6.79%	6.90%

a) Minimum amount for opening a Fixed Deposit ("hereinafter referred to as "Deposit") with BFL is ₹25,000/-.

b) For the locations mentioned in point (b) below, the minimum amount for opening a Deposit is ₹5000/- (not eligible for online investment).

c) Funds will be accepted from NRO (Non-Resident Ordinary) bank account only and the amount must not represent inward remittance or transfer from NRE/ FCNR (B) account.

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e) Rate of interest for deposits for an amount more than ₹5 Crore per Deposit may 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 India.

f) Bajaj Finance Ltd ("Company") will make payment 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 and/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.

g) The depositor(s) should submit a written request for renewal of the Deposit (or a portion thereof) so as to reach to company 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 empanelled with the Company. No request for renewal of Deposit shall be accepted post the above-mentioned period. Request for renewal should be accompanied by the Deposit application form duly filled in and signed by all the Deposit holder(s). Renewal of Deposits will be subject to the rate of interest and other terms & conditions prevailing on the date of renewal. Fixed Deposit Receipt ("FDR") 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 application form, however, wishes to cancel the renewal request, the depositor(s) should submit a specific written request so as to reach to the Company 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 empanelled with the Company. No request shall be accepted post the above-mentioned period.

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

**A. Name of the Company: BAJAJ FINANCE LTD.**

**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 said years.

Financial Year ended on	Before Tax	Profit (Standalone) After Tax	Dividend %
31.03.2019	6,035.30	3,890.34	300
31.03.2020	6,808.13	4,881.12	500
31.03.2021	5,362.88	3,955.51	500

**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 Sanjay Bajaj (Chairman)	Bajaj Vihar Colony, Mumbai-Pune Road, Akurdi, Pune 411035.	Industrialist
Shri Rajeev Jain (Managing Director)	D-2, Ivy Glen, Marigold Premises, Kalyani Nagar, Pune 411014.	Service
Shri Madhur Bajaj (Non-Executive Director)	Bungalow No. 3, Bajaj Vihar Colony, Mumbai-Pune Road, Akurdi, Pune 411035.	Industrialist
Shri Rajiv Bajaj (Non-executive Director)	34/35, Yogi Koregaon Park, Lane No. 2, Pune 411001.	Industrialist
Shri Ranjan Sanghi (Independent Director)	Flat No. 21, Moti Court, 4th Floor, Dinkesh Vachha Road, Opp. CICI Club, Churchgate, Mumbai 400 020.	Business
Shri D J Bajaj Rao (Independent Director)	D-103 Adarsh Residency, 47th Cross, 8th Block, Jayanagar, Bangalore 560082.	Professional
Dr. Gita Piramal (Independent Director)	Piramal House, C1, Pochkhawala Road, Worli, Mumbai 400025.	Business
Dr. Naushad Forbes (Independent Director)	74 Koregaon Park, Lane No. 3, Pune 411001.	Business

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 authorized by the Board to sign on it's behalf, has been delivered to the Reserve Bank of India for registration.

**HOW TO INVEST:**

The amount should be deposited only by net-banking, cheque. Cheques should be payable to 'Bajaj Finance Ltd. A/c: 0007035006738' and crossed 'Account Payee only'. The cheques should be payable to par and CTS compliant. Application form along with the necessary remittance should be sent to the Distributors of the Fixed Deposit Schemes of BFL or be submitted at any of the BFL branches. For NEFT/RTGS, please use the following details: Beneficiary Name: Bajaj Finance Ltd, Bank acc no.: ZBAJAF0 (numerical account number is replaced by CMS Collection code - ZBAJAF0), Account type: current account, Bank Name: Indusind 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](mailto:Wecare@bajajfinserv.in) or call us on +91 8698010101

Pune  
19 April 2022

By order of the Board of Directors  
for Bajaj Finance Limited

Rajeev Jain,  
Managing Director  
DIN: 01550158

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 Auto Securities Limited	Bajaj Auto Ltd complex, Mumbai-Pune Road, Akurdi, Pune 411035	Stock broking and depository participant



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 respectfully” 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 lawyers 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 Kumbhakar 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 BJP leader for two weeks.

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

WESTERN RAILWAY

E-PROCUREMENT TENDER NOTICE No.S/13/2022 Date 21.04.2022

S.N.	Short Description of Item	Quantity	T.O.D.
159	Maintenance Kit - 01	1500 Sets	05.05.2022
160	General Purpose Machinery Oil, Gr.VG-100	44 KL	10.05.2022
161	Set of equaliser pins	80 Sets	17.05.2022

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

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OFFICE OF THE CHIEF ENGINEER (SDW)  
SEWAGE TREATMENT PLANT (WSTP), DWARKA SECTOR 16D  
PAPPAN KALAN, NEW DELHI- 110078 Email: [eesdw8@gmail.com](mailto:eesdw8@gmail.com)  
“STOP CORONA: Wear Mask, Follow Physical Distancing, Maintain Hand Hygiene”  
PRESS N.I.T. 02 EE(SDW)VIII/(2022-23)

S. No.	Name of work	Estimate cost in Rs.	E/Money in Rs.	Tender fee in Rs.	Date of release of tender in e-procurement solution	Last date/time of receipt of tender through e-procurement solution
1	Rehabilitation and up gradation of various CETPs into STPs at Delhi (Package 1)	367.5 Cr/-	20 Lac to deposit in bank as EMD as 357.50 lacs as BGT	1500/-	Tender ID:- 2022_DJB_220905_1. Date: 22.04.2022	24.05.2022 at 03:00 P.M.

Further details in this regard can be seen at (<https://govtprocurement.delhi.gov.in>)

Sd/-  
(K.P. Sharma)  
EXECUTIVE ENGINEER (SDW)VIII

ISSUED BY P.R.O. (WATER)  
Advt. No. J.S.V. 53(2022-23)

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OFFICE OF THE ADDL. CE(DR) PROJECT-III  
THROUGH EXECUTIVE ENGINEER (C) DR-XII  
MU BLOCK, PITAMPURA, DELHI-110034  
Ph. 011-27342465 E-mail:- [executiveengineercdr12@gmail.com](mailto:executiveengineercdr12@gmail.com)  
NIT No. 01/EE(C) DR XII/2022-23 (Re-invite)

S. No.	Name of Work Tender	Amount Put to Tender	Tender Fee	Date of release of tender through e-Procurement Solution	Last Date and Time of download and RTGS through e-Procurement Solution
1.	Desilting of 1000 mm size and above diameter peripheral trunk sewer lines in the command of Keshpur STP with vacuum super sucker and jetting cum suction machines with water recycling technology. Tender ID: 2022_DJB_220797_1	Item Rate	Rs. 1000/- Non refundable	20.04.2022	04.05.2022 up to 3.00 PM

The tender has been uploaded on website <https://delhi.govtprocurement.com>.

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Advt. No. J.S.V. 52 (2022-23)

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Chhattisgarh Rural Roads Development Agency

VIKASH BHAVAN, CIVIL LINES, RAIPUR (C.G.)

E-Procurement Tender Notice

NIT No. 754 /TC-T/CGRRDA/2022,  
Dated 22 /04/2022

Chief Engineer (Tender Cell), CGR RDA, Raipur on behalf of Governor of Chhattisgarh invites package wise bids in electronic tendering system for Construction & Maintenance of Bridge Under PMGSY, sanctioned for different districts of the state as per B.O.Q. from the eligible contractors/ Firms registered with unified registration system (e-registration) for the works mentioned below. Date of release of Invitation for Bids through e-procurement:

S.No	NIT No	Work Name	Amount (Rs. in Lakhs)	Districts	Rate invited
01	754	Construction & maintenance of PMGSY Bridge work	Total Cost (including 5 year maint. Cost.) Rs. 187.11 Lakhs	Gariyaband	(SOR PWDBridge enforced from 01.01.2015 with 10% Below applicable fort CGR RDA & Approach road PMGSY SOR 01.09.2014

Availability of Bid Documents and mode of submission: The bid document is available online and should be submitted online in <https://eproc.cgstate.gov.in>. The bidder would be required to register in the web-site which is free of cost. For submission of the bids, the bidder is required to have a valid Digital Signature Certificate (DSC) from one of the authorized Certifying Authorities.  
Detailed NIT and other details can be viewed on our website <https://eproc.cgstate.gov.in> from 25.04.2022 from 5:00 PM & onwards. In future any related corrigendum would be seen in the notice section of this website.

Sd/-  
Chief Engineer (Tender Cell)  
Chhattisgarh Rural Road Development Agency  
Civil Lines, Raipur (C.G.)  
E-mail : [pmgsyrc4@yahoo.co.in](mailto:pmgsyrc4@yahoo.co.in)

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# Ravi Rana, MP wife say will recite Hanuman Chalisa outside Matoshree today, face-off likely with Sena

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.

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. **ENS**

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

## 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 station.

“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 Rajawadi hospital... At the hospital, he was declared brought dead on arrival,”

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

Hindus,” said Ravi Rana. 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 media-persons 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 attack: Sadavarte among 115 to be granted bail

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE  
MUMBAI, APRIL 22

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),

booked for the attack on the residence of NCP chief Sharad Pawar on April 8. 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 workers to fight their case.

Following interrogation by Mumbai Police, the Satara police had also taken Sadavarte’s custody. Thus, he will remain in jail.

## 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

Laundering Act (PMLA) cannot therefore apply as there is no predicate offence. “There is no predicate offence. How does PMLA apply?” he asked.

The ED had filed a 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

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 ago.

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.

A good 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 BJP 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 Beed.

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 NCP.

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 votes.

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 Dhananjay 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

presented herself as a contender 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 BJP 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

JAYPRAKASH S 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 in the area.

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 joint 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 an expansive drive buoyed by the Punjab victory where BJP 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**

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

SANJANA BHALERAO  
MUMBAI, APRIL 22

A SURVEY has found 1,435 smooth-coated 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

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

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,” 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 partici-

pated 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 presence.

BMC’S MISSION ADMISSION

In 5 days, 11,500 students admitted in public schools

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE  
MUMBAI, APRIL 22

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 launch.

BMC’s education department decided to launch the Mission Admission initiative in 2022 to focus on increasing enrollment in schools as they gear up to resume a normal schedule post-lockdown, from the upcoming academic year, which starts in June. The basic idea underpinning the initiative is to bring those children who dropped out of the formal school system following the outbreak of the Covid-19 pan-

dem, and also to increase enrollments. The BMC team is working with an objective to admit a lakh of students to the MPS, in addition 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. 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 out of school.

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE  
MUMBAI, APRIL 22

AFTER A steep rise in daytime 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 normal. 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 second-highest 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 respectively. 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.

According to IMD, heatwave warnings are issued when the temperature of any coastal station reaches 37 degrees and the departure from normal temperature ranges between 4.5 to 6.4 degrees. When both these conditions are met for a coastal station like Mumbai and when it persists for two days at more than one station then a heatwave is declared for that region. If departures exceed 6.5 then warnings for severe heatwave conditions are issued. Last year on April 7 Mumbai 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 degrees.

EXAMS IN OFFLINE MODE

Provide practice question papers for professional courses: MU to colleges

PALLAVI SMART  
MUMBAI, APRIL 22

MUMBAI UNIVERSITY (MU) has asked all the affiliated colleges to provide practice question papers to students of professional courses as they will be appearing for exams in offline mode. The colleges will also have to help students find temporary accommodation facilities during the duration of exams, in case they are not from Mumbai, said a circular issued by the university.

The circular, dated April 21, issued by the Director of Board of Examinations and Evaluations Vinod Patil, refers to exams for professional courses such as engineering, pharmacy, and law among others. “According to the paper pattern for the exam, the colleges should provide questions to students for practice. Students, who come from outside Mumbai should be helped in getting temporary accommodation in hostels either run by the colleges or those available in the nearby area. The colleges are expected to act accordingly to

ensure a smooth examination process for students,” the circular says. Post-pandemic as the education sector is moving to normalcy, summer session 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, students were apprehensive about appearing for the exam offline. “Most worried are the students who are not residents of Mumbai. For offline exams, if they come back to the city; accommodation 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 Students Union of India (NSUI). He also shared about students’ worries about appearing for exams offline after studying online for a full semester. “The practice questions will help students prepare for exams,” he said.

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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Rate of Interest per annum valid up to ₹5 Crores per deposit (w.e.f. 25 <sup>th</sup> April 2022)									
Period (except table 2)		Table 1				Table 2			
		Cumulative At Maturity	Monthly	Quarterly	Half Yearly	Annual	Cumulative At Maturity	Monthly	Quarterly
12 - 23 months	5.75%	5.60%	5.63%	5.67%	5.75%		6.00%	5.84%	5.87%
24 - 35 months	6.40%	6.22%	6.25%	6.30%	6.40%		6.01%	5.94%	5.97%
36 - 60 months	6.90%	6.69%	6.73%	6.79%	6.90%		6.02%	6.08%	6.11%
							6.03%	6.31%	6.35%
							6.04%	6.46%	6.49%
							6.05%	6.68%	6.92%
							6.06%	6.92%	7.10%
A) Minimum amount for opening a fixed Deposit ("hereinafter referred as "Deposit") with BFL, is ₹25000/-									
b) For the locations mentioned in Part M2/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 for an amount up to ₹5 (five) crore.									
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e) In case of online application for Deposit through BFL online link, the Deposit 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 (i) 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; (ii) the date receipt of the funds by BFL where the Deposit is placed through associate partner portal and payment gateway/Payment aggregator enabled by such associate partners are used; and (iii) the date of realisation of amount by BFL, where the payment is made by cheque or any other mode.									
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.									
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 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 non-financial intermediaries empowered with the Company. No requests for renewal of Deposit shall be submitted after the above mentioned period. Renewal of Deposits will be subject to the rate of interest and other terms & conditions prevailing on the date of renewal. Fixed Deposit ("FDR") 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 application form, however, wishes to cancel the renewal request, the depositor(s) should submit a specific written request so as to reach the Company atleast 3 (three) business days prior to maturity date of the Deposit. The written request shall be submitted at nearest branch of the Company or sending by post/ courier to the Company or to the independent financial advisors or non-financial intermediaries empowered with the Company. No requests shall be accepted post the above-mentioned period.									
Particulars to be furnished as per the non-Banking Financial Companies & NBFCs (Prudential) Regulations (Advertissment) Rules, 1977 as amended.									
A. Name of the Company: Bajaj FIAANCE LTD.									
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 said years.									
(₹ in Crore)									
Financial Year ended on		Profit (Standalone)		Dividend %					
Before tax		After tax							
31.03.2019-2020		3,890.34		300					
31.03.2020		4,683.12		300					
31.03.2021		3,562.88		500					
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					
Dr. Gita Prasad		Pranah House, 61, Pochkhawala Road, Mumbai, 400025.		Business					
Dr. Anandharaj Narayan		78 Goregaon Park, Lane No. 3, Pune 411001		Business					
Shri Anand Narayan		62 Sagor Park, Khan Abdul Gaffar Khan Road, World Sea Face, Mumbai 400030.		Retired Civil Servant					
Shri Pranjali Juvakeri		21C Wundambadi Poddar Road, Mumbai - 400 026		Business					
F. Summarised Financial Position of the Company (standalone) as appearing in the two latest audited balance sheets:									
(₹ in Crore)									
		As at 31 March 2021		As at 31 March 2020					
<b>ASSETS</b>									
<b>Financial assets</b>		1,383.63		674.53					
Cash and cash equivalents		2.13		4.83					
Bank balances other than cash and cash equivalents		0.00		0.00					
Derivative financial instruments		0.00		171.76					
Trade receivables		720.10		867.18					
Capital work-in-progress		113,089.94		113,417.08					
Investments		20,169.12		20,138.98					
Other financial assets		487.33		349.51					
<b>Total financial assets</b>		<b>1,35,852.25</b>		<b>1,35,623.87</b>					
<b>Non-financial assets</b>									
Current tax assets (net)		155.07		204.57					
Deferred tax assets (net)		919.21		847.61					
Property, plant and equipment		972.44		1,016.16					
Capital work-in-progress		134.10		99.38					
Intangible assets		254.76		211.98					
Other non-financial assets		134.10		99.38					
<b>Total non-financial assets</b>		<b>2,486.64</b>		<b>2,379.70</b>					
<b>Total assets</b>		<b>1,38,338.89</b>		<b>1,38,003.57</b>					
<b>LIABILITIES AND EQUITY</b>									
<b>Financial liabilities</b>									
Derivative financial instruments		13.87		-					
Payables		-		-					
Trade payables		0.27		0.30					
Total outstanding dues of micro enterprises and small enterprises		676.62		636.76					
Other payables		-		-					
Total outstanding dues of micro enterprises and small enterprises		191.08		179.46					
Total outstanding dues of creditors other than micro enterprises and small enterprises		-		-					
Debt securities		43,071.71		41,713.77					
Borrowings (other than debt securities)		22,092.09		36,932.32					
Deposits		25,803.43		21,427.05					
Subordinated debts		3,898.61		4,141.75					
Other financial liabilities		743.65		669.90					
<b>Total financial liabilities</b>		<b>101,615.33</b>		<b>105,692.26</b>					
<b>Non-financial liabilities</b>									
Current tax liabilities (net)		172.78		52.10					
Provisions		136.56		78.87					
Other non-financial liabilities		425.48		367.03					
<b>Total non-financial liabilities</b>		<b>784.82</b>		<b>498.00</b>					
<b>Equity</b>									
Equity share capital		120.32		119.99					
Other equity		35,818.42		31,693.22					
<b>Total assets</b>		<b>35,938.74</b>		<b>31,813.21</b>					
<b>Total liabilities and equity</b>		<b>1,38,338.89</b>		<b>1,38,003.57</b>					
Contingent Liabilities (Standalone)									
Particulars		As at 31 March 2021		As at 31 March 2020					
Disputed claims against the Company not acknowledged as debts		51.98		44.18					
VAT matters under appeal		4.29		4.39					
ESI matters under appeal		5.14		5.14					
Service tax matters under appeal		-		-					
- On interest subsidy		1,905.44		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 Director, who is authorized by the Board to sign on its behalf, has been delivered to the Reserve Bank of India for registration.

Pune  
19 April 2022

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Teen dies by suicide, kin claim harassed, threatened by man from neighbourhood

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE  
MUMBAI, APRIL 22

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.

The police said the teen, a Class XII student, died by suicide around 11.50 pm on April 15. His father said, "My son had 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, injuring my son's leg."

The 17-year-old went on to report the matter to the local police station, which asked him to go to the hospital for examination on his own, the father alleged.

"As he returned to the police station, a non-cognisable offence was registered and he was asked to leave," said his brother. The police later asked the

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 request."

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 pre-cautionary action against the offender, my son would have been alive. The police inaction led him to end his life," said the father.

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 members."





नवी मुंबई महानगरपालिका

घनकचरा व्यवस्थापन विभाग

निविदा सूचना क्र.03/2022

नवी मुंबई महानगरपालिका कार्यक्षेत्रातील निवासी क्षेत्रातील (एम आय डी सी क्षेत्रासह) पावसाळ्यापूर्वी नैसर्गिक नाले तसेच चॅनल इत्यादीमधील गवत, छोटो बुडुणे, मातीची बेटे व अडथळे काढून दोपुढरुस्ती कालावधी ( 1 मे 2022 ते 30 एप्रिल 2023 ) पर्यंत पाणी प्रवाहीत ठेवणेकरीता व पावसाळ्या कालावधी संपुष्टात आल्यानंतर हि नैसर्गिक नाले वर्षभर स्वच्छ ठेवणे करिता, महाराष्ट्र शासनाच्या सार्वजनिक बांधकाम खाते, सिडको अथवा महाराष्ट्र जीवन प्राधिकरणा तसेच मुम्बईच्या विविध विभागात कार्यरत असलेल्या कंत्राटदाराकडून मा.अनुक्र नवी मुंबई महानगरपालिका स्पर्धात्मक निविदा प्रत्येक गटनिहाय कामासाठी स्वतंत्ररित्या मागविण्यात येत आहे. तारी रचवूक निविदाकरांनी प्रत्येक गुप्तसाठी स्वतंत्र निविदा व EMD भरणे आवश्यक आहे.

नवी मुंबई महानगरपालिकेत सर्व विभागातील विविध कामांच्या निविदा प्रक्रियेत अधिक पारदर्शकता व तत्परा आणण्यासाठी<http://nmmc.elenders.in> ई-टेंडरिंग प्रणाली कार्यान्वीत करण्यात आली आहे. नवी मुंबई महानगरपालिकेतील online निविदेकरीता मुम्बईच्या ई-टेंडरिंग संगणक प्रणाली <http://nmmc.elenders.in> या संकेतस्थळावर (E-tendering) कार्यान्वीत करण्यात आलेली आहे. सर्व कंत्राटदार यांना ई-टेंडरिंग संगणक प्रणालीमधुनच (इंटरनेटद्वारे) गटनिहाय निविदा खरेदी करावयाच्या व भरवावयाच्या आहेत.

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पावसाळ्यापूर्वी नैसर्गिक नाले सफाई कामाच्या 77 गटांची संक्षिप्त माहिती खालील तक्त्यात गट निहाय नमुद केलेली आहे.			
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2	अे विभाग बेलापुर	डिंडेशन पॉईंट से.8 ते पिपल्स स्कूल सांभाजी नगर (रमाबाई नगर) ते पिपल्स स्कूल से.8 बी	₹.9,98,057/-
3	अे विभाग बेलापुर	रेल्वे ट्रॅक शहाबाज ते दिवावेळगांव से.15	₹.7,90,751/-
4	अे विभाग बेलापुर	पिपल्स एज्युकेशन सोसायटी से.-8 वी 4 पंग हाऊस से.-12	₹.8,13,455/-
5	अे विभाग बेलापुर	सेक्टर 26 व 28 चा नाला	₹.4,12,695/-
6	अे विभाग बेलापुर	सेक्टर 9 एन ते औरंगा कॉम्प्लेक्स से.-6 फावर स्टेशन लगतचा नाला	₹.7,78,484/-
7	अे विभाग बेलापुर	करावे गांवदेवी मंदिर ते भानुदास बाचे घरापर्यंत	₹.2,97,958/-
8	अे विभाग बेलापुर	से.8 ए चा नाला	₹.4,29,905/-
9	बी विभाग नेरळ	बी विभाग नेरळ कार्यक्षेत्रातील से.2 व 4	₹.2,72,289/-
10	बी विभाग नेरळ	बी विभाग नेरळ कार्यक्षेत्रातील नेरळ से.19 से.19ए	₹.6,19,541/-
11	बी विभाग नेरळ	बी विभाग नेरळ कार्यक्षेत्रातील शिक्वी रेल्वे पट्टी ते एस.टी.पी कॉर्नर (नर्सरी नाला)	₹.3,85,197/-
12	बी विभाग नेरळ	बी विभाग नेरळ कार्यक्षेत्रातील डी ब्लॉक पेसी गोडाउन ते ठाणे बेलापुर रोड	₹.6,75,783/-
13	बी विभाग नेरळ	बी विभाग नेरळ कार्यक्षेत्रातील डी ब्लॉक महानगा गांधी नगर ते ठाणे बेलापुर रोड	₹.6,79,455/-
14	बी विभाग नेरळ	बी विभाग नेरळ कार्यक्षेत्रातील डी ब्लॉक कच्चा नाला झईवन ऑर्डल प्रभात डेरी अलकली-2 उरण फाटा हाडॉलिया सावन पनवेल हायवे	₹.4,73,175/-
15	बी विभाग नेरळ	बी विभाग नेरळ कार्यक्षेत्रातील डी ब्लॉक हाडॉलिया ते ठाणे बेलापुर रोड	₹.7,25,658/-
16	सी विभाग वाशी	सी विभाग वाशी कार्यक्षेत्रातील कोपरी सिमनल से.29 ते से.12 हॅलंडींग पॉड	₹.8,45,611/-
17	सी विभाग वाशी	सी विभाग वाशी कार्यक्षेत्रातील मधववर्ती नाला आय.डी.बी.आय. बँक सिमनल ते सावन पनवेल हायवे (375 ते 750 मी.) भाग-2	₹.9,90,632/-
18	सी विभाग वाशी	सी विभाग वाशी कार्यक्षेत्रातील मधववर्ती नाला अरंजा कॉर्नर ते आय.डी.बी.आय. बँक सिमनल (00 ते 375 मी.) भाग-1	₹.9,79,985/-
19	सी विभाग वाशी	सी विभाग वाशी कार्यक्षेत्रातील सेक्टर 7 ते सेक्टर 1 (सावन-पनवेल हायवे)	₹.8,36,485/-
20	सी विभाग वाशी	सी विभाग वाशी कार्यक्षेत्रातील अरंजा कॉर्नर से.16ए ते कोपरी सिमनल	₹.9,79,138/-
21	सी विभाग वाशी	सी विभाग वाशी कार्यक्षेत्रातील वाशीगांव नाला से.31 वाशी	₹.9,14,995/-
22	डी विभाग तुपें	हाबरे मॉल से.30	₹.4,71,572/-
23	डी विभाग तुपें	कोपरी गाव नाल्यातील अडथळे काढणे व साफसफाई करणे	₹.4,35,674/-
24	डी विभाग तुपें	डी विभाग तुपें क्षेत्रातील से.19	₹.5,80,526/-
25	डी विभाग तुपें	डी विभाग तुपें क्षेत्रातील से.11 सांनापाडा	₹.5,26,679/-
26	डी विभाग तुपें	डी विभाग तुपें जुईनगर रेल्वे स्टेशन समोरील हाडॉलीया समोरील	₹.5,44,628/-
27	डी विभाग तुपें	डी विभाग तुपें क्षेत्रातील ठाणे बेलापुर रोड हायवे आनंद नगर ते RCC टॉवलेट तुपें रेल्वे आणि सविता कंपनी लगत नाला	₹.5,20,952/-
28	डी विभाग तुपें	डी विभाग तुपें रॅलीज कंपनी ते सविता कंपनी जंक्शन पर्यंत ठाणे बेलापुर रोड येथील नाला	₹.4,17,725/-
29	डी विभाग तुपें	डी विभाग तुपें क्षेत्रातील एमआयडीसी क्षेत्रातील प्लांट नं.सी 55 ते सी-7/6 सी ब्लॉक येथील नाला	₹.5,62,577/-
30	डी विभाग तुपें	डी विभाग तुपें क्षेत्रातील एक्स्टेडी तुपें पेलीसी स्टेशन डी-27 परिसर येथील नाला	₹.5,44,628/-
31	डी विभाग तुपें	डी विभाग तुपें क्षेत्रातील से.18 सावन प नवेल हायवे लगतचे नाला	₹.2,63,438/-
32	डी विभाग तुपें	डी विभाग तुपें क्षेत्रातील सांनापाडा अंडपास जुईनगर रेल्वे स्टेशन येथील नाला	₹.5,62,577/-
33	डी विभाग तुपें	डी विभाग तुपें क्षेत्रातील झईनगरच्या बाजुचे अमुत डेअरी डी-72 बाजुच्या क्षेत्रातील नाला	₹.5,44,628/-
34	ई विभाग कोपरखेणे	ई विभाग कोपरखेणे से.14 नैसर्गिक नाला	₹.6,06,171/-
35	ई विभाग कोपरखेणे	ई विभाग कोपरखेणे से.1A, 4A नैसर्गिक नाला	₹.5,97,578/-
36	ई विभाग कोपरखेणे	ई विभाग कोपरखेणे से.910 नैसर्गिक नाला	₹.7,89,182/-
37	ई विभाग कोपरखेणे	ई विभाग कोपरखेणे पावणेवर नैसर्गिक नाला	₹.5,53,723/-
38	ई विभाग कोपरखेणे	ई विभाग कोपरखेणे रसा हॉटेल CETP ELP Com. A Block कोपरखेणे	₹.8,18,028/-
39	ई विभाग कोपरखेणे	ई विभाग कोपरखेणे सी ब्लॉक कृष्णा स्टीलएर A-205 बावळखेवर	₹.7,03,598/-
40	ई विभाग कोपरखेणे	ई विभाग कोपरखेणे जेम्स ऑड ज्वेलरी A-461 A-319A419 TTC Industrial area	₹.7,62,248/-
41	ई विभाग कोपरखेणे	ई विभाग कोपरखेणे Electronic Zone प्लांट नं.EL-87 ते पावकर कंपनी	₹.7,81,852/-
42	ई विभाग कोपरखेणे	ई विभाग कोपरखेणे RPO कोपरी महापे ते पावणे	₹.5,10,866/-
43	ई विभाग कोपरखेणे	ई विभाग कोपरखेणे से.11 नैसर्गिक नाला	₹.7,37,442/-
44	ई विभाग कोपरखेणे	ई विभाग कोपरखेणे कच्चा नाला कोपरखेणे विभाग	₹.2,64,480/-
45	ई विभाग कोपरखेणे	ई विभाग कोपरखेणे A Block TTC Industrial Area नैसर्गिक नाला	₹.4,06,651/-
46	एफ विभाग घणसोली	आर ब्लॉक खाळे (MIDC) येथील उत्तरेकडील एमटीएनएल एक्सचेंज ते तेलवणे कंपनी अल्ट्रुटेक कंपनी ते डोंगरापर्यंत	₹.8,93,295/-
47	एफ विभाग घणसोली	आर ब्लॉक खाळे (MIDC) येथील साऊथव्हर्क हॉटेल ते दक्षिणेडील एमटीएनएल एक्सचेंज ते अल्ट्रावेलव विस्टाईन हॉटेल ते मधवळीवर डोंगरापर्यंत	₹.9,11,934/-
48	एफ विभाग घणसोली	आर ब्लॉक खाळे (MIDC) येथील मिड डे प्लांट 709 R-537 R-770	₹.7,89,033/-
49	एफ विभाग घणसोली	ठाणे-बेलापुर रोड 2900 ते 5700 खाळे तलावाजवळील नर्सरी पर्यंत	₹.7,55,604/-
50	एफ विभाग घणसोली	चॅनल 5700 ते 10000 ठाणे-बेलापुर रोड साऊट कॉरंट हॉटेल ते नोसील नाका सी-नेट ते महापे ज्ञोजपर्यंत	₹.8,93,706/-
51	एफ विभाग घणसोली	परळकर वाडी ते दिवा नाका	₹.2,91,541/-
52	एफ विभाग घणसोली	सेक्टर 1 क्रिज गाम्बिच रोड ते रेल्वे पट्टी पर्यंत घणसोली येथील नाला	₹.7,35,945/-
53	एफ विभाग घणसोली	सेक्टर 9 सिन्धीविनावक सो. ते कोपरखेणे लिंक रोड	₹.7,93,997/-
54	एफ विभाग घणसोली	से.7 सिन्धी सिन्धी सो. ते गुदरदा सो.से.7 क्रिजपर्यंतचा नाला	₹.5,16,615/-
55	एफ विभाग घणसोली	से.6 रेल्वे पट्टी ते महिला सक्षमीकरण केंद्र पर्यंतचा नाला	₹.5,78,712/-
56	एफ विभाग घणसोली	नोसिलनाका अंडरपास ते सिन्धी सिन्धी सो. से.7 क्रिजपर्यंत	₹.5,18,636/-
57	एफ विभाग घणसोली	तलाववाली तलाव ते क्रिक घणसोली	₹.4,95,368/-
58	एफ विभाग घणसोली	गोदीवाडी व तळवली येथील कच्चा नाला	₹.4,28,487/-
59	एफ विभाग घणसोली	महस्यवनगर ते सदरगु हॉस्पिटल व द्राक्मनाथ भोईर येथील तीन नाले	₹.5,07,252/-
60	जी विभाग ऐरोली	रबाडा स्मशन भुमी ते से.8 अ खाडी	₹.7,29,179/-
61	जी विभाग ऐरोली	भारत बिजली अंडरपास ते दिवा अंडरपास ऐरोली	₹.6,20,840/-
62	जी विभाग ऐरोली	ऐरोली से.8 अ 10 अ 1013 व 14	₹.7,16,193/-
63	जी विभाग ऐरोली	MSEB कंठाऊड ते पत्नी रोड	₹.9,45,374/-
64	जी विभाग ऐरोली	MIDC रोड अस्थिन क्वार्टी ते गवतेवाडी कच्चा नाला	₹.4,44,390/-
65	जी विभाग ऐरोली	ऐरोली विभागातील पावसाचे पाणी वाहते करत देगेसाठी कच्चे नाले काढणे	₹.4,16,418/-
66	जी विभाग ऐरोली	MSEB कंठाऊड साई नाथवाडी बाजुला खाडी	₹.4,56,657/-
67	जी विभाग ऐरोली	यादनगर कन्टेनर शौचालय ते MIDC रोड	₹.6,54,954/-
68	जी विभाग ऐरोली	MIDC रोड चिंचपाडा ते रिलायन्स टेल पार्क ठाणे-बेलापुर रोड	₹.5,20,421/-
69	जी विभाग ऐरोली	चिंचपाडा पाण्याच्या टाकी जवळ शौचालय ते टर्झम ऑफ इंडिया पर्यंत	₹.6,80,893/-
70	जी विभाग ऐरोली	सेंट्रल नाला से.03 ते खाडी पर्यंत राजीव गांधी गार्डन पासून ते खाली पर्यंत	₹.7,98,686/-
71	एच विभाग दिवा	एच विभाग दिवा कार्यक्षेत्रातील के.ब्लॉक सेंट्रल रेलगाडी नाला पोयशा कंपनी लगतचा नाला गणपतीपाडा पेट्रोल पंप सर्विसरोड लगतचा नाला	₹.9,29,572/-
72	एच विभाग दिवा	एच विभाग दिवा कार्यक्षेत्रातील संजय गांधीनगर नाला ते अविडकर नगर रेल्वे लाईन लगतचा कच्चा नाला	₹.6,34,502/-
73	एच विभाग दिवा	एच विभाग दिवा कार्यक्षेत्रातील अविडकरनगर नाला ते ऐरोली नॅलेज पार्क	₹.7,63,423/-
74	एच विभाग दिवा	एच विभाग दिवा कार्यक्षेत्रातील इन्टरपाडा ते सुभाषनगर पाण्याच्या टाकीपर्यंतचा नाला	₹.7,30,394/-
75	एच विभाग दिवा	एच विभाग दिवा कार्यक्षेत्रातील ठाणे-बेलापुर रोड ते ऐरोली नॅलेज पार्कपर्यंतचा नाला	₹.6,39,382/-
76	एच विभाग दिवा	एच विभाग दिवा कार्यक्षेत्रातील इन्वरनगर रेल्वेलाईन लगतचा कच्चा नाला	₹.8,09,387/-
77	एच विभाग दिवा	एच विभाग दिवा कार्यक्षेत्रातील ग्रीनवूड पट्टी रोड लगतचा नाला या नैसर्गिक नाल्यातील वर्षभर अडथळे दूर करणे झोडे बुडो येत काढून साफसफाई करणे	₹.7,71,469/-

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एकलव्य मॉडेल रिसिडेंशियल 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. ९ वी वर्गातील अनुशेष प्रवेशाकरिता अनुसूचित जमाती आणि आदिम जमातीच्या विद्यार्थ्यांकरिता प्रवेशापूर्व परीक्षेसाठी आवेदन पत्र भरणेबाबत.

ठाणे विभागातील एकलव्य आदर्श निवासी शाळा:

१. एकलव्य आदर्श निवासी शाळा, कांबळगांव, ता. पालघर, जि. पालघर

२. एकलव्य आदर्श निवासी शाळा, शेडगांव, ता. शहापुर, जि. ठाणे

३. एकलव्य आदर्श निवासी शाळा, फळसुंडे, ता. मोखाडा, जि. पालघर

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

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

विद्यार्थ्यांची आवेदनपत्रे संबंधित एकात्मिक आदिवासी विकास प्रकल्प कार्यालयात जमा करणे आवश्यक आहे.

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

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एकलव्य निवासी शाळा प्रवेशपूर्व स्पर्धा परीक्षेसाठी अनुसूचित जमाती/आदिम जमातीच्या इयत्ता ६वी ते ८ वीच्या वर्गात शिक्षण घेत असलेल्या विद्यार्थ्यांच्या शाळेच्या मुख्याध्यापकांमार्फत संबंधित प्रकल्प अधिकारी एकात्मिक आदिवासी विकास प्रकल्प यांचे कार्यालयास सादर करावयाच्या आवेदन पत्राचा नमुना.

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

प्रति,  
मा. सदस्य सचिव  
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तथा आयुक्त, आदिवासी विकास विभाग,  
महाराष्ट्र राज्य, नाशिक

दिनांक : / /२०२२

महोदय,  
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१) परीक्षार्थी विद्यार्थी/ विद्यार्थिनींचे पूर्ण : -----  
नाव (आडनाम प्रथम लिहावे) : -----

२) विद्यार्थ्यांच्या/ विद्यार्थिनींच्या : -----  
वडिलांचे/पालकांचे पूर्ण नाव व पूर्ण पत्ता : -----

३) विद्यार्थ्यांचा जन्मदिनांक ( अंकात ) : -----  
अक्षरी (शालेय रजिस्टरमधील नोंदीनुसार) : -----

४) १० मार्च २०२२ रोजी परीक्षार्थींचे : -----वर्ष -----महिने -----दिवस पूर्ण वय : -----

५) विद्यार्थी/ विद्यार्थिनी कोणत्या जनजाती : जात -----  
समुहापाैकी आहे. : -----

६) उमेदवाराची मातृभाषा : -----

७) विद्यार्थी ज्या शाळेत इयत्ता ५ वी : -----  
ते ८वीचे वर्गात शिक्षण घेत आहे. : -----  
त्या शाळेचे नाव व पत्ता : -----

८) इयत्ता ५ वी ते ८वी चे वर्गात दाखल झाल्याचा दिनांक : -----  
इयत्ता ५वी ६वी ७वी ८वी  
दिनांक

९) सध्याच्या वर्गातील (इयत्ता ५वी/६वी/७वी/८वी)चे सहमाही परीक्षेत प्राप्त केलेले विषयनिहाय गुण.

विषय	भाषा	हिन्दी	इंग्रजी	गणित	सामान्य विज्ञान	समाजशास्त्र	एकुण गुण	शेकडा
प्राम गुण								
ठेवलेले गुण								

१०) विद्यार्थ्यांच्या वडिलांचे/पालकांचे : अंकात -----  
वार्षिक उत्पन्न रुपये : अक्षरी -----  
(आवेदन पत्रासोबत सक्षम अधिकाऱ्यांनी दिलेल्या वार्षिक उत्पन्नाचा दाखला आहे.)

११) विद्यार्थ्यांचे वडील/पालक हे शासकीय/ पदनाम -----  
निमशासकीय सेवते असल्यास पदनाम : पूर्णपत्ता -----  
व कार्यालयाचा पूर्ण पत्ता -----

१२) गुणवत्तेनुसार निवड झाल्यानंतर ज्या : १) एकलव्य निवासी शाळा -----  
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दिनांक : -----

विद्यार्थ्यांची स्वाक्षरी

प्रमाणपत्र

एकलव्य निवासी शाळा प्रवेशपूर्ण स्पर्धा परीक्षेसाठी माहे ----- ते माहे -----या कालावधीत सदर विद्यार्थ्यांचे वर्गाशिक्षक श्री./श्रीमती -----यांचेकडे एकलव्य निवासी शाळा स्पर्धा परीक्षेची पूर्वतयारी करून घेण्याची जबाबदारी सोपविली असून याबाबत शालेय दनरी नोंद ठेवलेली आहे.


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१) आवेदन पत्र छाननी दिनांक : -----  
२) आवेदन पत्राबाबत निर्णय : पात्र/अपात्र दिनांक : -----

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With reference to circular No. DJB/CEO/2022/D-1338 dated 21.4.2022 in the matter of unworkable rates. Following incorporation is hereby made in the additional information of NIT.

"It has been decided by the competent authority that if L-1 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



COAL CRISIS

# Cornered by Opp, Stalin seeks full quota from PM

ARUN JANARDHANAN  
CHENNAI, APRIL 22

AT A time when the Opposition is attacking the DMK government over the frequent power cuts across the state, Tamil Nadu Chief Minister M K 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 power-generation 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 TANGEDCO (Tamil Nadu 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

## EXPLAINED Power pangs

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 J Jayalalithaa 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 in energy exchanges. 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.

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## 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 J&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 Yousof 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 most-wanted militants.

Acting on specific information by the Budgam police, a special police team, along with the Army (G2 RR), had launched a joint cordon and search operation.

# 'BJP has declared a war on Muslims... AAP, Cong... no ideological moorings left'

New Delhi: Hyderabad MP and 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 bigger and better party to practise the politics of Hindutva... What has happened in Sindhwa

in Madhya Pradesh? 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 not 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-



ernment. Will you go and demolish Sainik Farms, Vasant Kunj enclave, Chhattarpur enclave, and Saidulajab 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,

the second was the December 22 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 autocratic and fascist governments.

**Are Muslims losing faith in the secular parties?**

Where were they when demolition 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 BJP.**

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 Sindhwa, you are not there. You are not there in Karauli. In Jharkhand, you are sharing power but you are not to be seen.

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## 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 Rajasthan Board of Secondary Education (RBSE) held on Thursday had six questions on the Congress, leading the opposition 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 questions 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 BJP 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.

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## 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 already served 41 months in custody, which more than half the period already served in this case."

The court on February 21 this year had sentenced Prasad for fodder scam cases 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 treasuries. He is currently out on bail in the former three cases on grounds that he has undergone half the sentence.



Lalu Yadav, File

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

AVISHEK 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 licensee.

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 perpetrator 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 Decan 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 Aryavarth 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 'Aryavarth 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 added.

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.

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### FIXED DEPOSIT SCHEMES

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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)

Period (except table 2)	Cumulative rates of interest	
	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%

a) Minimum deposit amount under SDP is ₹5,000/- per Deposit.  
b) The SDP is offered only to Indian residents.  
c) In SDP, each Fixed Deposit (referred 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.  
d) In case of Monthly Maturity Scheme, the Depositor will have option to choose between 6 to 47 number of monthly deposits under SDP.  
e) In case of Single Maturity Scheme, the Depositor will have option to choose between 6 to 47 number of monthly deposits under SDP.  
f) The maturity period of 12 months deposit created under Monthly Maturity Scheme of SDP shall be for a minimum period of 12 months to a maximum period of 60 months.  
g) In case of Single Maturity Scheme of SDP, the tenure of the SDP shall be for a minimum of 19 months to a maximum of 60 months. All Deposits under the said Single Maturity Scheme of SDP will mature on a same date. Accordingly, the tenure of first deposit under the said Single Maturity Scheme will not be as per the SDP tenure and the tenure of each deposit placed after the first deposit will gradually reduce in order to match the same towards fixed maturity date.

h) Bajaj Finance Ltd. ("Company") will book Deposit at the rate of interest prevailing on the date of each deposit as per the tenure selected under the SDP.  
i) In case of online application, the first deposit under the SDP 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 within 5 days from date of the application. Subject to approval of Application by BFI, interest payable on the Deposit will be calculated from (i) the date of application made through BFI portal and associate partner portals, where payment gateway/payment aggregator enabled by BFI is used for making payment by the Customer; (ii) the date receipt of the funds by BFI where the deposit is placed through associate partner portal and payment gateway/payment aggregator enabled by such associate partners are used; and (iii) the date of realization of amount by BFI, where the payment will be made by cheque or any other mode. Interest of Deposit under the SDP will be booked from the date of receipt of funds by the Company. The interest will be applicable from date of booking of deposit.  
j) The Deposits under SDP will be considered as cumulative deposit and interest will be paid monthly only.

k) The request towards the first deposit under the SDP shall be made through internet banking, mandate or account payee cheque. The subsequent deposits will have to be made by using National Automated Clearing House (NACH) mandate duly registered with Depositor's Bank which is presented in the next month as per SDP in such case. Tenure of SDP selected by the Depositor shall not be extended for equal number of months for which the NACH mandate debited.  
l) Monthly Deposits request to presentation of NACH mandate once in a month on a date specified by the Depositor while opting for the SDP.

m) 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 BFI. 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 engaged with the Company. No request for renewal of deposit shall be accepted post the above-mentioned period. Renewal of Deposits will be subject to the rate of interest and other terms & conditions prevailing on the date of renewal. FDR of the existing deposits may not be required at the time of renewal of deposits as it stands null & void post the maturity date. Once renewal is applied for the Deposit(s) under Monthly Maturity Plan, such Deposit(s) will be governed by the terms and conditions as applicable for regular deposits of resident Indians. No renewal is permitted for Deposits created under Single Maturity Scheme.

n) In case where the deposit(s) has opted for renewal of Deposit created under Monthly Maturity Scheme through renewal application form, however, wishes to cancel the renewal request, the deposit(s) should submit a specific written request so as to reach the Company either 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 engaged with the Company. No requests shall be accepted post the above-mentioned period.

o) 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 Fixed Deposit.

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	For Depositors other than Senior Citizens	For senior citizens
15 months	6.00%	6.25%
18 months	6.10%	6.35%
22 months	6.25%	6.50%
30 months	6.50%	6.75%
33 months	6.65%	6.90%
44 months	7.10%	7.35%

E. Names, addresses and occupations of Directors:

NAME	ADDRESS	OCCUPATION
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F. Summarised Financial Position of the Company (standalone) as appearing in the two latest audited balance sheets:

	As at 31 March 2021	As at 31 March 2020
<b>ASSETS</b>		
<b>Financial assets</b>		
Cash and cash equivalents	1,383.63	674.53
Bank balances other than cash and cash equivalents	2.13	4.83
Derivative financial instruments	0.00	177.76
Trade receivables	720.10	867.18
Loans	113,089.94	1,13,417.08
Investments	20,169.12	20,138.98
Other financial assets	487.33	349.51
<b>Total financial assets</b>	<b>1,35,852.25</b>	<b>1,35,623.87</b>
<b>Non-financial assets</b>		
Current tax assets (net)	155.07	204.57
Deferred tax assets (net)	919.21	847.61
Property, plant and equipment	972.44	1,016.16
Capital work-in-progress	7.07	0.00
Intangible assets under development	45.99	0.00
Intangible assets	254.76	211.98
Other non-financial assets	134.10	99.38
<b>Total non-financial assets</b>	<b>2,486.64</b>	<b>2,379.70</b>
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>1,38,338.89</b>	<b>1,38,003.57</b>

LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	
<b>LIABILITIES</b>	
<b>Financial liabilities</b>	
Derivative financial instruments	137.87
Payables	
Trade payables	
Total outstanding dues of micro enterprises and small enterprises	0.27
Total outstanding dues of creditors other than micro enterprises and small enterprises	676.62
Other payables	
Total outstanding dues of micro enterprises and small enterprises	191.08
Total outstanding dues of creditors other than micro enterprises and small enterprises	179.46

Debt securities	43,071.71	41,713.37
Borrowings (other than debt securities)	27,092.09	36,923.32
Deposits	25,803.43	21,427.10
Subordinated debts	3,899.61	4,141.75
Other financial liabilities	742.65	469.90
<b>Total financial liabilities</b>	<b>101,615.33</b>	<b>105,623.36</b>
<b>Non-financial liabilities</b>		
Current tax liabilities (net)	172.78	52.10
Provisions	126.56	78.87
Other non-financial liabilities	475.48	367.03
<b>Total non-financial liabilities</b>	<b>774.82</b>	<b>498.00</b>

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# 10 EXPRESS NETWORK

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

**EXPRESSNEWS 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 Jaybharath 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 IJP.

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 Einzigtartig 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, IJP, CPM, CPI and Lok Thantrik Jantha 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 above-mentioned 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 Trusts," it added.

## MP: Shah gives cheques to tendu leaf collectors

**IRAM SIDDIQUE**  
BHOPAL, APRIL 22



**Union Home Minister Amit Shah**

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 process of 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 the state.

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-

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 bimar state," Shah added.

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

## From party to party, Prashant Kishor, the man in a hurry

**MANOJ CG**  
NEW DELHI, APRIL 22

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 hurry, 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 one-on-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 in July.

But around the same time,



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

## Johnson: Fugitives not welcome, want them to face trial in India

**SHUBHAJIT ROY**  
NEW DELHI, APRIL 22

BRITISH PRIME Minister Boris Johnson said on Friday that economic offenders who want to use the UK's legal system to evade the law in India are not welcome in the United Kingdom.

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 protections for communities".

Responding to questions 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 India for trial."

"We welcome people who 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.

## Assam Cong leaders protest Mevani arrest

**TORA AGARWALA**  
GUWAHATI, APRIL 22

THE ASSAM Congress held a demonstration outside the Kokrajhar police station on Friday to protest the arrest of Gujrat MLA Jignesh Mevani.

Mevani, an independent MLA who had in September last pledged support to the Congress, was arrested in Gujrat 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..."



**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 Khanna**

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 co-hosting 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 Afghanistan 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," it said.

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

**VAIBHAV JHA**  
AHMEDABAD, APRIL 22

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 BJP for its "terrific decision-taking" leadership. At the same time, he denied any plans to quit the Congress.

In an interview given to *Divya Bhaskar* newspaper, that appeared on Friday, Patel praised the BJP 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 decision-taking 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: "I am very clear on my stance that I will be doing what I can to take Gujarat forward. Many people link me with (Arvind) Kejriwal. The Congress, AAP, BJP... I have all options open."

However, in the media inter-

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

**SHUBHAJIT ROY**  
NEW DELHI, APRIL 22

CALLING 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 double our trade and investment by the end of the decade," Johnson said.

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 conclusion 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 joint statement said.

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.

## Umar's Amravati speech obnoxious, offensive: HC

**SOFIAHSAN**  
NEW DELHI, APRIL 22

THE DELHI High Court Friday said student activist Umar 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 expressions being used, don't you think they incite people? You say things like *aapke purvaj angrezon ki dalali kar rahi the*, you don't think it is offensive. It is offensive per se. This is not the first time for 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 Mirdul and Justice Rajnish Bhatnagar after Khalid's lawyers read the contents of his speech before the court.

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 mangled and called a den of anti-nationals.

"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 speech.

is engaging with him, unlike 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.

blood of last year apparently forgotten.

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 presence.

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 waters.

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



**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 heads it.

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 said.

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 supreme.

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



# Not allowed to take exam in hijab, two Karnataka petitioners walk out

DARSHAN DEVAIAH B P  
BENGALURU, APRIL 22

AS THE second-year 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 permission.



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 turn up.

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

next week.

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 in Chikkamagaluru.

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

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

## RECRUITMENT SCAM

# Police exam: Invigilators at former BJP leader's school under CID lens

JOHNSONTA  
BENGALURU, APRIL 22

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 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

anticipatory bail.

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 sub-inspector recruitment examination last year with the Jnana Jyoti school as their examination centre were chosen for recruitment to the police department earlier this year.

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

looking to obtain a higher ranking 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 Jnanendra, 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

found that... (candidate) had answered 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 chosen candidates.

## SC upholds validity of Maharashtra law, says attachment proceedings against firm valid

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA  
NEW DELHI, APR 21

The Supreme Court on Friday upheld 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 menace of financial establishments grabbing money from the public in the form of deposits.

A bench of Justices DY Chandrachud, Surya Kant, and Bela M Trivedi also upheld the notifications issued by the Maharashtra government under the MPID Act for attaching the properties of 63 Moons Technologies Ltd which holds 99.99 per cent of the shareholding of National Spot Exchange 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 attaching the properties of the respondent 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 Ayush and Nakur MLA Dharam Singh

## The four leaders contested assembly elections on SP tickets, but lost to BJP 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 BJP candidates in their respective 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, Prajapati 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 supreme Mulayam Singh Yadav for not leading such a struggle.

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

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

meeting with Azam, Shivpal Yadav said: "Despite him being 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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## NES-SVB GROUP, YEAR-LONG DIAMOND JUBILEE CELEBRATION - 2022-2023 INAUGURAL FUNCTION



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.



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## Portrait of an artist

### THE UNBEARABLE WEIGHT OF MASSIVE TALENT

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**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 16-year-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-

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 under 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

**The writing is very basic, and the plot strains credulity, but for Nicolas Cage putting into the role all he has got, the movie would collapse**

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 all out. 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 trials, 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 weight of that title, you must live up to it.

## Yesterday, not again

### SONIC THE HEDGEHOG 2

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**Director:** Jeff Fowler  
**Cast:** James Marsden, Jim Carrey, and voices of Ben Schwartz, Idris Elba and Colleen O'Shaughnessey



A VIDEO game developed by Japanese firm Sega and released in 1991 did well in the action-adventure comedy movie format in 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 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. **SL**

### JERSEY

★★★

**Director:** Gowtam Tinnanuri  
**Cast:** Shahid Kapoor, Mrunal Thakur, Pankaj Kapur, Ronit Kamra, Geetika Mehandru



## 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 inspira-

tional 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.

In 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



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 robbed character (Gopal Datt) who holds magnetic sway over his flock of followers, yanks 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. **SG**

## 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 feisty 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 good-natured 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*.

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

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 placement of these elements may remind you of their Western counterparts, but no matter, the plots are *desi* enough: the overriding desire to have a male child, greedy medical practitioners, and firms which conduct clandestine sex determination tests, is so very familiar. An old-school Bollywood composer, played by a terrific Shakti Kapoor is deeply upset by a *dhun chor*; said thief is equally upset that his contraption is not being taken as seriously as it should. Who, really, is the plagiarist, when the OG is god himself? Or herself? The gender politics is mostly spot on too, except by now I'm wondering how important 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 kehne thay, aur ab deshdrohi*". More, more. **SG**

## STREAMING WATCH LIST



### 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 hard-partying 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.



### KUTHIRAVAAAL

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 mind-bending journey to disentangle the real from the imagined. The film with touches of magical realism features Kalaiyaran 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

MUBI

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.

### OH MY 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 Sarav Shamugam-directed film bring together on screen real-life grandfather Vijaykumar, father Arun Vijay and son Arnab Vijay to tell a moving story of unconditional love and unusual friendship.







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## 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 non-steroidal 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 randomised 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 Rajan Ravichandran 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 Reports*.

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## EVERYDAY EXPLAINERS

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](https://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](https://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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## SIMPLY PUT QUESTION & ANSWER

# 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?

DEEPTIMAN TIWARY  
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



Rashmi Shukla (left) is under probe for alleged tapping of phones of Sanjay Raut (right) and Eknath Khadse (NCP).  
File photos

be intercepted or detained, unless their transmission has been prohibited under this sub-section".

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 be conveyed to the service provider in writing; only then can the tapping begin.

### What happens in an emergency?

In unavoidable circumstances, such an order 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

competent authority is not received within the stipulated seven days, such interception shall cease," the rule says.

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

and Home Secretaries as members.

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 keeping 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 be fined or even lose its licence.

# Joint & dual degrees from Indian, foreign univs

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NEW DELHI, APRIL 22

ON TUESDAY, University Grants Commission chairperson Prof M Jagadeesh Kumar announced that the UGC has approved an amended set of regulations. These are on tie-ups 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 certificate, bearing the names of both institutions, which will jointly design the curriculum. Students from India will be required to complete at least 30% of their credits at the 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 criterion.

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 approval. However, in the case of professional 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 yet 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 election 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 making 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 sending 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.





## LIVING BRIDGES

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

IN 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

OVER 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

NOT 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.



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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 co-created 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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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 bulldozers 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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OVER THE 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 imple-

## THE DIGITAL TAX CHALLENGE

India must calibrate response to OECD formula, assess compromises it must make

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 Bill, 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.





# 15 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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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 ethics-led 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,



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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 that our existential angst would disappear. Once that happens, Gandhi thought, we would be in a position to see the desirability of stateless communities in the world. He described such a world variously as Rama Raj/Khuda Raj/ the kingdom of God on Earth. However, more often, he used the term "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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*Constructive Programme* — give some details of how one can non-violently try to actualise a stateless society.

Gandhian modernity replaces the European concepts of freedom, liberty and fraternity with truthfulness (Satya) non-violence (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, etc. Another name for Gandhian modernity is enlightened anarchism.

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 modernity is, I believe, what we should wholeheartedly embrace.

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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 fixes don't work."

— DAWN

## 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.

Thangkhingin 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 Taihtul, 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 a Thadou, Paite, or Zou (tribes) to segregate... The Church, tribe and ethnicity have failed to bring Lamka together. Only Pakhuma 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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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### WORK IN PROGRESS

THIS REFERS TO the article, 'A high-resolution 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.

**Hemant Contractor, Pune**

### 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**



TAHIR MAHMOOD

## Correcting a wrong, belatedly

Fervour over HC verdict on divorced Muslim women's rights is misplaced

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 CrPC."

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 me-

dia 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 family courts.

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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# 16 THE WORLD

## TOP OF THE WORLD



Moon Jae-in and Kim 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". **AP**

### 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**

### USA

## Former Honduras president to 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**

# 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 shell-fire 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 atroc-

ities 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 satellite 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**

## HINT OF RELIEF AMID TIGHT COVID-19 CONTROLS IN CHINA

# Shanghai to ease rules, HK to end entry ban

JOE MCDONALD

BEIJING, APRIL 22

OFFICIALS IN Shanghai promised 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 its outbreak fades.

Streets in Shanghai were 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 neighborhoods.

A deputy mayor, Zhang Wei, promised "every effort" to resolve problems that prompted complaints about lack of food



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.

Meanwhile, the Hong Kong government said non-residents who are vaccinated and have a negative virus test will be al-

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 city of 7.4 million and killed al-

most 9,000 appeared to be fading. Hong Kong Disneyland and museums reopened this week and restaurants resumed evening dining as new daily case numbers fell.

On the mainland, Shanghai leaders are scrambling to ease the impact of a "zero-Covid" strategy that shut down most businesses starting March 28.

Most factories and offices remained closed despite changes 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 on China's mainland, of which 2,133 had symptoms. **AP**

## 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

## Prospect of upset worries France's allies

OPINION POLLS show that centrist Macron is on course to defeat far-right 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

unity of EU and NATO, especially in the context of Russia's invasion of 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 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,

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 between 55.5% and 57.5%. **AP**

## Large Hadron Collider restarts operations after three-year break

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 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 anti-matter in the present-day universe," the CERN statement read.

— WITH AGENCY INPUTS

## 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

JEFFREY GETTLEMAN

BUCHA, APRIL 22

THE DAY war broke out, one of 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 in every room.



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

Mriya could not survive."

The war in Ukraine, not even two months old, had destroyed so much: thousands of lives, en-

tire families, happiness and security for countless people.

But it has also destroyed material things that mean a lot — homes burned to the ground; supermarkets that fed communities smashed by shelling; toys and prized possessions scorched beyond recognition.

In the case of Mriya, which took a direct hit during the pivotal battle at that airport, the damage to the aircraft has stirred an incredible outpouring of what can only be described as 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.

But there may be no one as broken up as Halunenko, 76, who comes from a generation where emotions are not so easily shared. "If I were not a man," he said, "I would cry."

At boarding school in southeastern Ukraine, he took flying lessons and discovered he had a gift. He became a MiG-21 fighter pilot and then an elite Soviet test pilot.

In the 1980s, the Soviet leadership was eager to get back into the space race. Engineers designed a reusable spacecraft called the Buran that looked like the American space shuttle.

But the components were spread all around — the shuttle was constructed in Moscow, the

rockets were made hundreds of miles away and the launchpad was in Kazakhstan. The only feasible way to get everything in the same place was to fly the shuttle and the rockets on the back of a plane, a really big one.

And so, at the Antonov aviation company production plant in Kyiv, Ukraine's capital, Mriya was born. It made its first flight in 1988, Halunenko at the controls.

At 276 feet long and six stories 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 take-off weight stood at a staggering 1.4 million pounds. **NYT**





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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

International market data till 1900 IST



GOLD

₹52,472



RUPEE

₹76.48/USD



OIL

\$106.14



SILVER

₹67,707

Note: Gold, silver rates at Delhi spot market, gold per 10g, silver per 1 kg; Crude oil (Indian basket) as of April 21

MARKETS WATCH  
FOREIGN PORTFOLIO INVESTORS

## ‘FPI ownership in stocks falls below pre-Covid levels’

ENSECONOMICBUREAU  
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

against 13.3 per cent in January 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 FPI 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

KARUNJIT SINGH  
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



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 low 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

## Govt tweaks norms for pvt power producers

*New Delhi:* The Power 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 show-cause notice to states that are drawing power beyond set schedules.

## ‘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 Ibra 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 credit was due to:**  
■ Stagnation in banking sector credit to infrastructure segment  
■ Moderation in portfolio growth of IFCs

**IFCs’ aggregate portfolio in FY21** continued to grow at a



strong pace led by disbursements related to the liquidity package for distribution companies with PFC and REC as lending partners

Source: Ibra Ratings/PTI

## MPC MINUTES

## ‘Inflationary pressures 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 projections have undergone downward revisions, according to minutes of the RBI Monetary Policy Committee meet held on April 8.

“These are indicative of the sheer magnitude of the adverse exogenous supply and price shocks. While the risks to domestic growth call for continued accommodative monetary policy, inflationary pressures necessitate monetary policy action,” Das said.

“The circumstances warrant prioritising inflation and anchoring of inflation expectations in the sequence of objectives to safeguard macroeconomic and financial stability, 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 accordingly.” **ENS** *Full report on www.indianexpress.com*

## ‘Telcos’ fear misplaced; pvt 5G networks to raise efficiency’

*New Delhi:* Private 5G networks would drive better revenues for telecom operators as well as increase efficiency and productivity of enterprises, Broadband India Forum (BIF) said, dismissing allegations by telcos, that such networks would result in a revenue loss for them, as “misplaced”.

In a letter to Department of Telecommunications (DoT) Secretary K Rajaraman on Friday, the forum, 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 enterprises and institutions to build their own exclusive networks that can be used exclusively for devices and machines at factory premises, an educational institute etc.

Telecom Regulatory Authority of India had this month said non-telecom enterprises would be allocated a 5G spectrum for building their private networks. **ENS**

## FM’s investment pitch to US Inc: Financial inclusion, upskilling



Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman with FedEx president &amp; 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 commit-

ment 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 necessary to address conflict and violence to end extreme poverty and boost shared prosperity. **ENS**

## 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 establishments and other merchants in the gulf nation, as a result of the tie-up of the National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) and the UAE-based 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 NEOPAY enabled shops and merchant stores,” NPCI International Payments Ltd (NIPIL) said.

## Will UPI be accepted everywhere?

No, payments using UPI will only be accepted at those merchants and shops, which have NEOPAY terminals.

*Full report on www.indianexpress.com*

## BRIEFLY

## DFSSecy, PSBs

*New Delhi:* Financial Services Secretary Sanjay Malhotra, at a Manthan 2022 meeting, asked top executive of public 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 annum from 6.75% till June 20.

## Mistry on merger

*Mumbai:* HDFC vice-chairman and CEO Keki Mistry said fall in HDFC and HDFC Bank shares after merger announcement was due to lack of “clear” communication on its merits.

## Dow drops 2%

*Washington:* The Dow fell 2.2% to 34,012 on Friday (as of 2:42 pm ET) amid certainty 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 China goods was worth considering, US Treasury Secretary Janet Yellen said. **REUTERS**

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Name of Work	Earnest Money Deposit	Publication Date & Time	Pre-Bid Meeting date	Last Time for submission of Bid	Date of Technical Bid Opening
Integrated waste management Project in Aligarh with Operation & Maintenance for 05 Years.	Rs. 50 Lakhs	21.04.22 04.00 PM onwards	28.04.22 at 5 P.M	06.05.22 up to 4 P.M	06.05.22 at 4.30 P.M.

The time and date for opening of financial bid to qualified bidders shall be intimated separately. A non refundable amount of **Rs. 25,000/- (Rupees Twenty-five thousand only)** to be paid as Tender Fee. The detailed RFP is available at the website - <https://etender.up.nic.in>. Apart from the other conditions mentioned in the RFP, Bidder must also fulfil the criteria mentioned in GOI Office Memorandum Number F. No 6/18/2019-PPD dated 23rd July, 2020 issued by Ministry of Finance, Department of Expenditure, Public Procurement division. Bid would be summarily rejected in case of non-fulfilment of aforesaid Office Memorandum dated 23rd July, 2020 and EMD shall be forfeited for those bidders. For more details, contact through email: [aligarhsmartcityltd@gmail.com](mailto:aligarhsmartcityltd@gmail.com)

**Note:** If any holiday occurs in scheduled date, the events shall be considered for next working day.

Sd/- CEO-ASCL

**KERALA WATER AUTHORITY e-Tender Notice**

Tender No.: 3/22-23/SE/PHC/PKD  
JMM - 2021-22 - Street Main extension and providing FHTCs (250 Nos) in Pattithara Grama Panchayath Phase III EMD: ₹2,00,000  
Tender fee: ₹11,800. Last date for submitting tender: 12-05-2022 03:00:pm  
Phone: 0491 2544927  
Website: [www.kwa.kerala.gov.in](http://www.kwa.kerala.gov.in), [www.etenders.kerala.gov.in](http://www.etenders.kerala.gov.in)  
KWA-JB-GL-6-87-2022-23 Superintending Engineer, PH Circle, Palakkad

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Yelahanka, Bangalore – 560064  
Website: [www.rwf.indianrailways.gov.in](http://www.rwf.indianrailways.gov.in)

**E-TENDER:** On behalf of the President of India, Principal Chief Mechanical Engineer invites electronic tender for the following works online through the website <http://www.irops.gov.in> (Works )

Tender Notice No.:	RWF/M/OT/TQM/2022-23/03	Dated	19/04/2022		
Sl	Tender No	Name of the work	Est. Cost in Rs.	EMD in Rs.	Due date & Time
1	Tender Number: RWF/M/OT/TQM/2022-23/03 dtd. 19/04/2022	Re - Certification of Integrated Management System (IMS) for Rail Wheel Factory, Yelahanka, Bangalore	2,36,000/-	14700/-	10.05.2022 at 15:30 Hrs

Tender Notice No.:	RWF/M/OT/TQM/2022-23/IRIS/01	Dated	20/04/2022		
2	Tender Number: RWF/M/OT/TQM/2022-23/IRIS/01 dtd. 20/04/2022	Certification of ISO 12822:2017 (IRIS Latest Version Revision) at Rail Wheel Factory, Bengaluru, Karnataka – 560064.	12,82,660/-	25,700/-	11.05.2022 upto 1.00 PM at 09.00 A.M

Completion Period : 36 Months  
These tender notices can be viewed on our website - [www.rwf.indianrailways.gov.in](http://www.rwf.indianrailways.gov.in)  
Dy. Chief Mechanical Engineer/QS

**Government of Odisha**  
Office of the Chief  
**Construction Engineer**  
Rural Works Circle, Angul

**e-Procurement Notice for Bridge work in Odisha**  
Bid Identification No. Bridge Online AGL- 01/2022-23  
No. 700 // Dt. 18.04.2022

1. Name of the work	: Bridge work
2. Total No. of work	: 1 No.
3. Estimated cost	: Rs. 518.83 Lakh
4. Class of Contractor	: 'A' and Special Class
5. Period of completion	: 18 (Eighteen) Calendar Months.
6. Other details	:

Procurement Officer	Bid Identification No.	Availability of Tender on-line for bidding		Last Date & Time of seeking tender clarification	Date & Time of opening of tender	
		From	To		Technical Bid	Financial Bid
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Chief Construction Engineer, Rural Works Circle, Angul	Bridge Online-AGL-01/2022-23	26.04.2022 at 9.00 A.M	10.05.2022 up to 5.00 P.M	05.05.2022 upto 1.00 P.M	11.05.2022 at 09.00 A.M	17.05.2022 at 09.00 A.M

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Rural Works Circle, Angul.  
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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  
APRIL 22

ONLY 25seconds 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 Olympics.

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 much-anticipated 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 India,

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 Friday.

"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  
APRIL 22

SOME OF tennis' best players, past and present, 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 country.

The Belarusian Tennis Federation said it would consider legal action against the



Novak Djokovic has termed the decision as crazy. File

## 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.

**RUSSIAN WORLD** No. 8 Andrey Rublev had in February become synonymous with certain Russian sportspersons' defiance against their

own government. After a match at the Dubai Tennis Championship, Rublev signed a camera lens with 'No war please'.

**BUT AFTER** coming to know that he would not be allowed to play at Wimbledon, Rublev 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 help'.

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 statement.

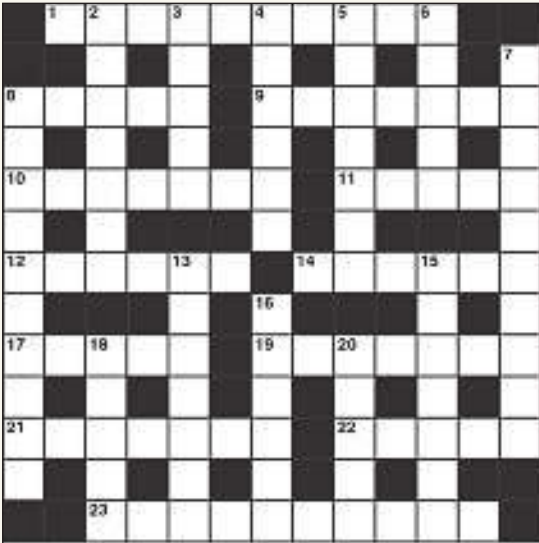
"Individual athletes should not be penalised or prevented from competing due to where they are from, or the decisions made

## 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 betrayal'.

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 (5)
- 9 A lot more complicated musical effect (7)
- 10 A fisherman's actual profit? (3,4)
- 11 Factor eliminated by direct dealing (5)
- 12 Strip - of sheepskin (6)
- 14 Here indeed is one man of genius (6)
- 17 Old woman is little credit to one (5)
- 19 One bill inside another one gets bacteria (7)
- 21 A short month on a Roman road for Antony's wife (7)
- 22 Stick in a sculptor as the answer (5)
- 23 Together they may make a catch (3,3,4)

### DOWN

- 2 Unusual spite shown to the French in a letter (7)
- 3 What's more, he gets no credit (5)
- 4 Feel at home with nurse so propose (6)
- 5 I'd learn about part of the British Isles (7)
- 6 A ring in the nose for a halter (5)
- 7 Satisfied I raise no argument (10)
- 8 He does well with his money (10)
- 13 United yet divided (7)
- 15 A land is devastated by a Moslem warrior (7)
- 16 Get on a bit perhaps (6)
- 18 External route maybe (5)
- 20 Strain of the present day (5)

**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 fox trot, 14 Aspired, 15 Apostle, 16 Bantam, 17 Astern, 19 Attoll, 21 Still.

## JUMBLED WORDS

Given below are four jumbled words. Solve the jumbles to make proper words and move them to the respective squares below. Select the letters in the shaded squares and jumble them to get the answer for the given clue.  
Guilt is \_\_ that wears \_\_ - Ayn Rand (4,...,4)

LMUER



ABESNT



EMXIO

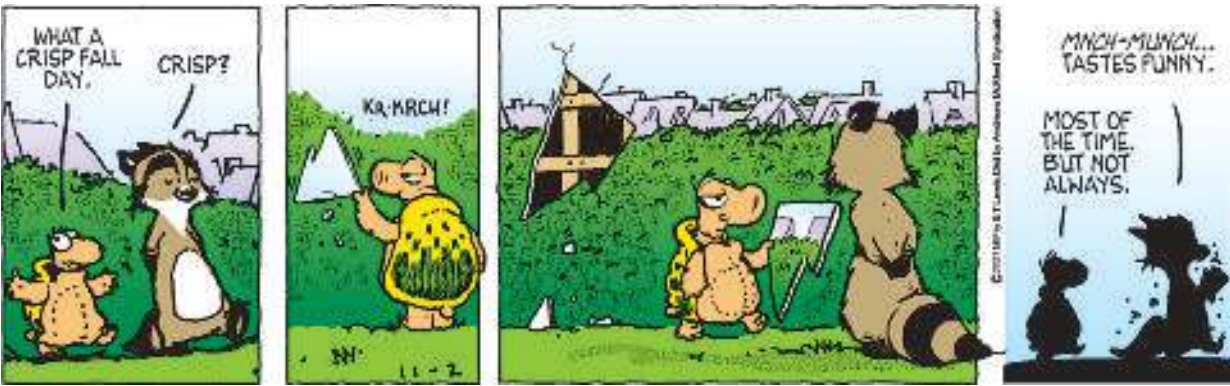


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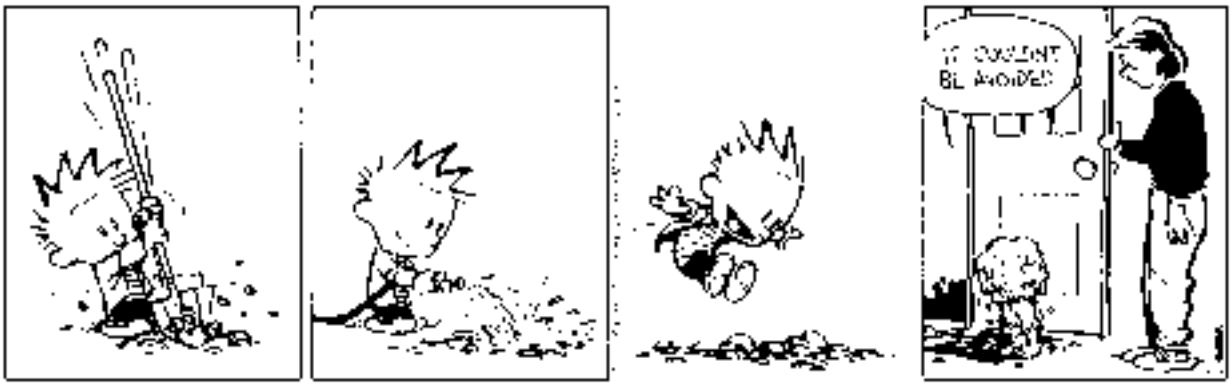


SOLUTION: LEMUR, MURDER, ABSENT, CHAPLAIN. Guilt is a rope that wears thin - Ayn Rand

## OVER THE HEDGE by Michael Fry & T Lewis



## CALVIN & HOBBS by Bill Watterson



## MARVIN by Tom Armstrong



## SUDOKU 4813

**Difficulty Level 2s**  
**Instructions**  
To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every digit from 1 to 9 must appear in each of the nine vertical columns, in each of the nine horizontal rows and in each of the nine boxes.

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



## SOLUTION SUDOKU 4812



## DAY TODAY

BY PETER VIDAL

### 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)

You are in an 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 essential details.

### VIRGO (Aug 24 - Sep 23)

Partners may be 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.

### LIBRA (Sep 24 - Oct 23)

Relationships dominate your thinking. If this is true, then your stars at the present are absolutely superb, and you should press ahead with radical changes at work or at home. Do realise, though, that everything depends on how other people react. Play your cards carefully.

### SCORPIO (Oct 24 - Nov 23)

You may be pulled in two directions, but then that gives you the chance to have your cake and eat it, doesn't it? Actually twenty-five hours per day will probably not be enough to accomplish all that is required at home or at work. Could your expectations be too high? I think they could.

### SAGITTARIUS (Nov 24 - Dec 22)

Money and financial 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. Passion can wait.

### CAPRICORN (Dec 23 - Jan 20)

Home, property and 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 expect no less.

### 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)

You appear to be trying to avoid the important issues, but there is nothing unusual in this. There is 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.









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**Prof. Jagdish Mukhi**  
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August presence  
**Dr. Himanta Biswa Sarma**  
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