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Out in cold after

criticising Govt,

Shah Faesal is

back in IAS

DEEPTIMANTIWARY

KASHMIRI IAS officer Shah

Faesal, who resigned from the

bureaucracy in 2019 to float a po-

litical party and was detained af-

ter the splitting and downgrade

of Jammu and Kashmir, has been

reinstated in the services, Home

Ministry officials confirmed to

politics, has been taken back into

the Indian Administrative Service

following clearance from the Mi-

nistry of Home Affairs and is likely

to be posted in the National Sec-

urity Council Secretariat in Delhi.

had never been accepted by the

government and he even

Notably, Faesal's resignation-

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Sources said Faesal, who quit

The Indian Express.

NEW DELHI, APRIL 28

Look how well

BJP states

bulldozers

In a first, IndiGo uses **Indian navigation** system to land aircraft

PRANAV MUKUL

NEW DELHI, APRIL 28

AN INDIGO-OPERATED ATR 72-600 aircraft landed at Kishangarh airport Thursday, using an approach process guided by India's own satellite-based augmentation system named GAGAN, or GPS-aided GEO Augmented Navigation. With this trial landing at the small airport near Ajmer in Rajasthan, India joined a small group comprising the US, Japan and Europe with its own satellite-based augmentation system (SBAS).

While the SBAS developed by the US, Japan, Europe and India are already operational, there are several more under development. These include China's BeiDou SBAS, South Korea's Korea Augmentation Satellite System (KASS), Russia's System for Differential Corrections and Monitoring (SDCM), and the Positioning Augmentation Network (SPAN)

of Australia and New Zealand. The test flight that landed at Kishangarh is a part of the approval process with aviation

Other sectors too benefit

WHILE GAGAN is primarily meant for aviation, it will provide benefits to several other segments such as intelligent transportation, maritime, highways, railways, security agencies, telecom, etc. Once fully rolled out, it will make several smaller airports such as those in the North-East capable of having compliant aircraft land in low-visibility scenarios.

safety regulator DGCA, which includes training of pilots, validation of approach and simulator sessions. The flight was performed with a DGCA team on board and after the approval, the procedure will be available for usage of commercial flights.

The SBAS is a navigation system, which builds on the Global CONTINUED ON PAGE 2

'INDIGENISE CRITICAL PARTS'

Must be ready for brief ops at short notice: IAF chief

Mentions Ladakh to stress preparedness for long

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, APRIL 28

AIR CHIEF Marshal V R Chaudhari said Thursday that the Indian Air Force needs to prepare itself for intense, small duration operations at short notice. He also said it needs to be ready for short, swift wars and long standoffs like the one in eastern Ladakh.

Addressing a conference on logistics management in the IAF, Air Chief Marshal Chaudhari said the "current geo-political situation necessitates the Indian Air Force to prepare for intense and small duration operations at short notice. This new paradigm of high intensity operations, coupled with minimal build-up time, would require major changes in terms of (operational) logistics."

Logistics support in such a scenario would be extremely challenging, he said, because the



Defence Minister Rajnath Singh, MoS Defence Ajay Bhatt and Chief of Naval Staff Admiral R Hari Kumar in New Delhi on Thursday. PTI REPORT, PAGE 6

IAF has a "fairly vast and diversified inventory".

"To address issues like availability of spares, I feel we need to re-evaluate demand forecasting methods and stocking philosophies. The way forward will be to have a serviceability-linked inventory management system.

Flexible stocking policies with modern forecasting techniques would help in demand sensing and prepositioning of items at bases. We must also review our procurement strategies in order to reduce lead time for supplies and pre-empt problems of

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years old, the oldest, Mishra, is 37.

The accused have been

Yeh cheez badi hai Musk, Musk! Share it, don't have it Elon!

From Vedic maths to zoonotic diseases: What ministries want in school curriculum

SOURAV ROY BARMAN NEW DELHI, APRIL 28

AN ONGOING inter-ministerial consultation on revising the country's school curriculum has seen a push to incorporate "emerging topics" such as "catastrophic consequences of zoonotic diseases", vedic mathematics, coding and Swachh Bharat to "reflect current realities and priorities".

The suggestions are being examined by experts involved in revising the National Curriculum Framework (NCF), which will subsequently inform the changes in the NCERT textbooks. **Education Minister Dharmendra** Pradhan is in Bengaluru to hold discussions with members of the national steering committee

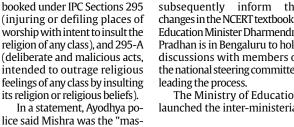
The Ministry of Education

consultation earlier this month Records show that the Environment Ministry, Department of Science and Technology (DST) and the Union Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA) have shared lists of suggested topics.

On April 22, the DST proposed that the school curriculum should introduce students to the concepts of "traditional knowledge, coding, patents, intellectual property rights and vedic maths'

The MoHUA, in its proposal on April 21, said: "We need to inspire and motivate children and school students to be the messengers and facilitators of swachh behaviour" by incorporating concepts on sanitation as "formal part of school syllabus".

A section on Swachh Bharat Mission, of the scheme's rural as well urban aspects, would CONTINUED ON PAGE 2



launched the inter-ministerial



WORLD

Remains found in Punjab well traced to 1857 rebellion: Study

ANJALI MARAR PUNE, APRIL 28

THERE WERE 246 of them. They were soldiers, aged between 21 and 49 years. And they all came from the Gangetic plains and were killed in a Punjab town — by the British during the 1857 rebellion.

Eight years after skeletal remains were found in an abandoned well in Amritsar district's Ainala town, researchers have solved the mystery of their origin through DNA testing.

The study, published Thursday in the journal Frontiers in Genetics, shows the skeletons were that of soldiers belonging to the Gangetic plain region, comprising people from the eastern part of West Bengal, Odisha, Bihar and Uttar Pradesh. It even identified them as soldiers of the



Researchers sort through the remains. Express

26th Bengal Native Infantry regiment of the British Indian Army - who were assaulted before being shot at close range.

Archaeologists say the site is the largest to possess skeletal remains linked to any single event of the 1857 Indian rebellion. The remains were first disamateur, local archaeologists. The same year, the government tasked a group led by forensic anthropologist JS Sehrawat from Panjab University to scientifically investigate the matter. Teeth, jaw fragments, verte-

covered in 2014 by a group of

brae, skulls, phalanges (bone of the finger or toe), femur (thigh bone), clavicles (collar bone), bones of arms along with some coins, jewellery and medals were unearthed from the well site. A total of 9,646 teeth samples

were recovered. Of these, over 4,000 have been analysed so far. Sehrawat told The Indian Express: "On the basis of trace elements and ancient DNA analysis, the average age of the soldiers was calculated to be between 21 to 49 years, with an

average age of 33 years. As the CONTINUED ON PAGE 2

Seven held in Ayodhya for bid to defile places of worship: UP Police

ASAD REHMAN LUCKNOW, APRIL 28

SEVEN PERSONS were arrested in Ayodhya on Thursday for throwing objectionable posters and torn pages of religious texts outside three mosques and a shrine in what police said was their attempt to disturb the peace to protest against "the recent incident in Delhi".

The accused have been identified as Mahesh Kumar Mishra, Pratyush Srivastava, Nitin Kumar, Deepak Kumar Gaur alias Gunjan, Brijesh Pandey, Shatrughan Prajapati and Vimal Pandey - all residents of Ayodhya district. Police said while the youngest, Gaur, is 22

Jahangirpuri earlier this month. According to the police, objectionable items were thrown outside three mosques — Taatshah **CONTINUED ON PAGE 2**

termind", and the acts were

planned "in opposition to the re-

cent incident in Delhi". Police

sources said the reference was to

the violence in Delhi's

BIDEN ASKS CONGRESS TO CLEAR ANOTHER \$33 BN IN **UKRAINE AID**

Between lines of language faceoff: South is new No. 1 in cinema stakes





Stills from RRR and Pushpa: The Rise, among the highest grossing films this year

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ROHAN NAAHAR NEW DELHI, APRIL 28

AS POLITICAL leaders across parties in Karnataka weighed in on a debate triggered by an exchange of words between Bollywood star Ajay Devgn and Kannada actor Kiccha Sudeep, former Chief Minister H D Kumaraswamy tweeted that what lay at the heart of it was a simple fact: "Devgan must realise that Kannada cinema is outgrowing Hindi film industry."

In recent months, films such as Pushpa: The Rise, RRR and most recently, KGF: Chapter 2, have broken box-office records, signalling a seismic shift in a marketplace long dominated by Hindi films. In 2019, Bollywood's share at the domestic box office was around Rs 5,200 crore, while

all South Indian film industries together accounted for around Rs 4,000 crore. By 2021, as per a EY-FICCI report, Bollywood's earnings of Rs 800 crore were one-third of the Rs 2,400 crore made by South Indian films.

The political row erupted after Devgn stirred a Hindi vs regional languages debate following a statement by Sudeep at a recent press event that Hindi could no longer be considered the 'national language' as audiences had a clear appetite for regional cinema. Devgn tweeted to Sudeep Wednesday, saying that if he didn't consider Hindi the national language, why did South Indian filmmakers release dubbed Hindi versions of their films in North Indian markets. Hindi is our mother tongue and national language and will remain so, Devgn said.

Sudeep later clarified that the context in which he made the CONTINUED ON PAGE 2

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Malik seeks bail on medical grounds

SADAF MODAK MUMBAI, APRIL 28

NCP LEADER Nawab Malik, who was arrested by the Enforcement Directorate (ED) in connection with a money-laundering case, on Thursday applied for bail on medical grounds for six weeks and permission to be referred to a private hospital for surgery. Lodged at Arthur Road jail, Malik (62), has also referred to the 'poor hygiene and lack of adequate medical facilities' in overcrowded jails of the state, adding that it is almost impossible to maintain a sterile, sanitised environment inside the jail essential for recuperating.

"The applicant has been recently advised to undergo surgery for cysts in his kidneys. The surgery and post-operation care is required to be handled with care and caution in a safe hygienic place. The prolonged judicial custody of the applicant in his precarious condition is aggravating the health of the applicant... and it is necessary that the applicant, in order to secure appropriate treatment, be released on bail for a period of 6 weeks to secure appropriate treatment, his plea said. It added that in the alternative, he be allowed to be admitted to a private hospital in



NCP leader Nawab Malik

Kurla, which has his medical history, for surgery and further treatment, at his own expense.

Citing a 2018 report by the National Human Rights Commission following a visit to Arthur Road jail, Malik's plea said its 'inhumane conditions were well-documented. "...It is almost impossible to maintain a sterile. sanitised environment inside the said jail, which is essential for proper recuperation and well-being of the applicant," the plea said.

The plea said that the treatment Malik was undergoing at J J Hospital was not adequate and he required further treatment and surgery by doctors who have been treating him for over 8 years, making it necessary to release him on bail on medical grounds. Special Judge R K Rokade has directed the ED and jail authorities to file their replies

AGUSTAWESTLAND

CBI court grants bail to former defence secretary

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE

FORMER DEFENCE secretary and ex-Comptroller and Auditor General (CAG) Shashi Kant Sharma was on Thursday granted bail in the Rs 3,600-crore AgustaWestland case.

CBI Special Judge Arvind Kumar granted bail to Sharma on furnishing a personal bond of Rs 2 lakh and an equal amount as

Sharma's lawyers had told the court he is "innocent and has been falsely implicated" and has "nothing to do" with the offences mentioned in the chargesheet. They said he he has cooperated with the investigation and also appeared before CBI.

Sharma's lawyers also apprised the court of his medical condition, following which the CBI counsel stated they had no objection if he was granted bail.

Sharma was a joint secretary in the Ministry of Defence when the deal to buy 12 VVIP helicop-

ters from the Anglo-Italian helicopter manufacturer was in the

AgustaWestland clinched the deal for over Rs 3,600 crore in 2010. However, soon allegations came to fore that it had had bribed officials to lower technical requirements for the helicopters and win the deal. According to the CBI, the deal had been brokered by defence middleman Christian Michel and two others. Carlo Gerosa and Guido Haschke, While gerosa and Haschke allegedly 'handled" the family of former IAF chief SPTyagi, Michel was dealing with officials from the Ministry of

During the hearing, the CBI also told the court that the accused company, M/s Finmeccanica SPA does not exist as on date and has been restructured and converted into M/S Leonardo SPA. About two other accused firms, the agency stated that while M/s Aeromatrix Info Solutions Pvt. Ltd is closed. M/s Interstellar Technologies Ltd., Mauritius does

'Need more India visas... Afghans feel abandoned'

SUBRAMANIAN NEW DELHI, APRIL 28

"betrayed" by Delhi shutting its doors on them, allowing just a few to enter India in the last eight months since the Taliban takeover of the country, said Saad Mohseni, the Afghan business baron who owns the country's biggest media group. "They are simply not issuing visas to Afghans. I don't understand why they are punishing the entire Afghan people for no fault of theirs. This is collective punishment," said Mohseni, the owner of TOLO News, here in the capital

THE AFGHAN people are feeling

External Affairs. Mohseni, whose Moby Group is based in Dubai, said the Afghan

for the Raisina Dialogue, organ-

ised by the Observer Research

Foundation and the Ministry of



people had always believed they shared a special bond with India. "They are now feeling quite betrayed, they are feeling aban-

doned" he said. takeover of Afghanistan last August, thousands fled the country, and many hoped to come to India, like they did in the 1990s, during a previous Taliban regime. Besides, many who had been studying in India and had gone home to Afghanistan, and wished to return to continue their studies, or visit for treatment, also found that they were

Afghan baron Saad Mohseni

In the wake of the Taliban

FROM PAGE ONE

IndiGo aircraft

Navigation Satellite Systems (GLONASS), and adds to the accuracy and integrity of these navigation tools. For aircraft operators, both civilian and military, it means that pilots can land aircraft at smaller airports and airstrips using navigation guidance without expensive instrument-based landing systems being installed on the ground.

According to a senior official at the Airports Authority of India (AAI), guided approaches made using GAGAN are "operationally nearly equivalent" to ILS Category-1 without "the need for ground-based navigational infrastructure"

"Number of airports including airports under Regional Connectivity Scheme (RCS) are being surveyed for development of GAGAN-based instrument approach procedures, so that suitably equipped aircraft can derive maximum benefit in terms of improved safety during landing, reduction in fuel consumption, reduction in delays, diversions and cancellations etc," the AAI said in a statement.

The Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) had set a deadline of July 1, 2021 for all India-registered aircraft to be equipped with GAGAN-compliant instruments. According to a government source, most of India's fleet is now compliant with GAGAN standards. The only exception is the Boeing 787 aircraft, which are operated by Air India and Vistara

GAGAN uses a system of ground stations – in Delhi, Guwahati, Kolkata, Ahmedabad, Thiruvananthapuram, Bengaluru, Jammu and Port Blair – to provide necessary augmentation to the GPS navigation signal. A network of precisely surveyed ground reference stations is strategically positioned across the country to collect GPS satellite data. Using this information, the master control centre in Bengaluru generates messages to correct any signal errors. These correction messages are then uplinked and broadcast through geostationary communication satellites to receivers on board aircraft using the same frequency as GPS.

The GAGAN system has been developed by the AAI and the Indian Space Research Organisation, and in addition to the aviation use-case, can be deployed in several other areas. "AAI in coordination with Indian National Centre for Ocean Information Services (INCOIS) has implemented GAGAN Message Service (GMS) through which alert messages to fishermen. farmers, and disaster affected people will be sent on the occurrence of natural disasters, calamities, such as flood, earthquake etc. The additional capabilities of GAGAN are also being explored to utilize it in non-aviation field such as railways, surveying, agriculture, power sector, mining etc," the AAI said in a statement.

Ayodhya

Jama Masjid, Masjid Ghosiyana, Kashmiri Mohalla Masjid – and a shrine of Gulab Shah Baba, under Kotwali police station, on Wednesday night, Police said 11 people were involved in the incident; four are absconding.

four motorcycles, led by Mishra, threw objectionable posters and objects outside the mosques and the shrine. The objects were recovered, and the motorcycles have been impounded. After collecting the evidence, police teams were able to piece together the chain of events," Senior Superintendent of Police (Ayodhya) Shailesh Kumar Pandey said at a press confer-

"While seven persons have soon. During questioning of those

'Must be ready for brief ops' to find an optimum balance taneous movement of Indian

supply chain obsolescence." The IAF chief's comments come at a time when there have been concerns on availability of spares due to the on-

going war in Ukraine, and

Russia's ability to deliver them. Chaudhari said the IAF needs to work on an "optimal hub and spoke stocking philosophy" for all contingencies. "While forward leaning of logistical stores provides the requisite solutions, logistical flexibility must not be forgotten and, thus, there is a need

arrested, it came to light that they

wanted to ruin the amicable at-

mosphere and peaceful tradition

of this city," he said. "The law and

order situation is under control

and no untoward incident has

happened since the incident," he

against him, including promoting

enmity between groups and

criminal intimidation. "All four

cases against him are lodged at

Ayodhya Kotwali police station,"

pm, they were at Mishra's house,

where they made objectionable

posters. They could not carry out

their plan at a mosque as a police

van was stationed there. So they

went to three different mosques

and threw the objectionable

A senior police officer said the

seven claimed to be members of

a group called "Hindu Yodha

Sangathan", "Basically, Mishra

runs this so-called outfit. It has not

been registered, and doesn't even

have an office. Mishra is the one

who incited the others. The ac-

cused have no affiliation with any

political party or any registered

outfit," said the officer. "They all

hail from lower middle-class fam-

taken against those involved in

element deposition in bone varies

with age, more than 89 per cent

tooth samples were found to be

The researchers said the com-

in the 21–49 years age bracket."

position of tooth enamel changes

with time – elements like lead,

zinc and carbon increase and oth-

mitochondrial DNA (mtDNA)

 $analysis\,on\,50\,good\text{-}quality\,teeth$

samples to determine the genetic

origins. In addition, 85 teeth sam-

ples were subjected to oxygen iso-

some deposits on the tooth

enamel. Upon analysis of such

recovered teeth samples, it is

possible to trace the plant or an-

imal foods that were consumed.

In the present study, the foods

like legumes and lentil traces

were found in the enamel. Thus

origins of these killed soldiers

were straight traced to the

Gangetic plains," said co-re-

searcher Gyaneshwar Chaubey

from the Department of Zoology

at the Banaras Hindu University.

methods supported that the hu-

man skeletons found in the well

were not of people living in

Punjab or Pakistan, as commonly

matched with the people from

Uttar Pradesh, Bihar and West

Bengal," said senior investigator

KThangaraj, Chief Scientist at CSIR

- Centre for Cellular and

Molecular Biology and director,

Centre for DNA Fingerprinting

In order to establish that the

242 Indians were soldiers, the

group performed a detailed den-

tal pathology analysis. The teeth

and Diagnostics, Hyderabad.

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"Food we eat regularly leaves

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Remains found

Police said strict action will be

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Mishra has four prior cases

between the two." He said that in the "force.

space and time continuum, nere would be a need for us to prepare for short, swift wars as well as be ready for a longdrawn standoff akin to what we are seeing in eastern Ladakh" and there will also be need "to cater for resources bridging and transportation for both these contingencies."

During contingencies, he said the roads and rail heads would be choked due to simul-

samples were compared with ex-

isting data sets on remains of

German soldiers of the same age

group who were killed during

have been healthy individuals and

it is their overall sound health

which could possibly have landed

them as soldiers. Being in the

army, they enjoyed facilities to

maintain good dental health and

archaeologists recovered some

some bearing emblems of Queen

Victoria dating to 1799, 1806, 1841

and 1853. These non-biological

remains further authenticated

that the remains were that of sol-

Apart from the fact that bone

remains were available in abun-

dance, the researchers performed

a thorough study of the teeth

samples also because the 165-

vear-old bone remains were not

well preserved and were severely

damaged, making them unfit for

jewellery, medals and coins -

Along with skeletal remains,

hygiene," said Sehrawat.

"We found that these would

World War II.

Army along the same axes, which is why "we need to formalise an integrated road and rail management plan and explore the feasibility of increased containerisation and use of civilian wide-bodied aircraft."

He also called for a "focused action plan" on indigenisation of all critical components and for that "we must leverage emerging technology" like artificial intelligence, blockchain, Internet of Things, "suitably adapted to our supply chain requirements."

The Environment Ministry

"When humans inhabit and of the suggested chapters.

It proposed "biodiversity registers" for students of Classes VI-VIII, which are meant to be documents containing information on "bioresources including the landscape and demography of a particular area or village". Some of the other suggested topics include wildlife crime, circular economy, climate change and role of forests.

the scope of a proper scientific Bone analysis revealed the extent of atrocities done to the Indian soldiers, Each of 86 unbroken recovered skulls carried injury marks on their frontal por-

"Each skull had signs of trauma, an indication of bullets that were shot from a point-blank range," added Sehrawat.

In addition, the excavators recovered stone bullets, too, which were commonly used back in the 19th century to kill captive peo-

Fractured pelvic bones was another common feature observed among the bone samples, suggesting physical assault that the Indians were subjected to, before being shot dead.

Sehrawat said, "Looking at the condition of the skeletal remains, we can now establish that the bodies were thrown from a certain height into the well instead of burying them into graves.'

The lead researcher of this study, Niraj Rai from Birbal Sahni Institute of Palaeosciences, Lucknow, said that this scientific research by the team will help look at Indian history in a more evidence-based manner.

Vedic maths

"reflect the current realities and priorities", it said, adding that it should be done by imparting in class "key behavioural aspects" that could contribute to a Swachh

According to the Environment Ministry's proposal, sent on April 13, environment education should be taught from the preschool level by introducing children to concepts that are practical in nature, like segregation and recycling of waste. It shared a total of 22 topics to be weaved into the curriculum till Class XII: from topics such as single-use plastic, microplastics found in personal care products, importance of conserving forests and wetlands at the preparatory stage (Classes III-V), to the "catastrophic consequences of zoonotic diseases and

their origin due to human misad-

ventures with wild animals" in Classes IX-XII.

said children should also learn about the "popular myths and superstitions associated with some wildlife species (like owl, turtle) which fuel their illegal trade, even driving them on the verge of extinction".

affect more natural habitats, the risk of zoonoses increases. In addition, conflicts may arise when predators come into contact with people, livestock and crops," it said, outlining the broad themes

In her letter to the ministries,

School Education Secretary Anita Karwal had said the consultation exercise is required as the National Education Policy 2020 needs to address concerns related to various ministries, in their areas of work and the target groups "It is requested to kindly pro-

vide us your valuable inputs. views and suggestions on the themes concerning your ministry for the education of our children, to facilitate its infusion with the four NCF developments. This will further facilitate the development of syllabus, textbooks, and training resources for successful transition of NEP 2020 goals," Karwal

The NEP 2020 recommends the development of NCF in four areas: school education, early childhood care and education. teacher education and adult education. The 12-member steering committee with which Pradhan is holding consultations in Bengaluru is led by former ISRO chief K Kasturirangan.

Out in the cold withdrew

Sources said the matter had been pending with the Department of Personnel and Training (DoPT) since then, "His file was sent to the Ministry of Home Affairs recently to take a decision as the matter involved Jammu and Kashmir which is the MHA's domain," an official said.

On Thursday, in a series of tweets, Faesal spoke about "another chance" and being "excited to start all over again".

"Eight months of my life (Jan 2019-Aug 2019) created so much baggage that I was almost finished. While chasing a chimera, I lost almost everything that I had built over the years. Job. Friends. Reputation. Public goodwill. But I never lost hope. My idealism had let me down." he tweeted.

"But I had faith in myself. That I would undo the mistakes I had made. That life would give me another chance. A part of me is exhausted with the memory of those 8 months and wants to erase that legacy. Much of it is al-

 $ready gone. Time \, will \, mop \, off \, the \,$ rest...," he added. "It is always worth giving ourselves another chance. Setbacks make us stronger. And there is an amazing world beyond the shadows of the past. I turn 39 next month. And I'm really excited to start all over The first Kashmiri to top the

civil services exams, Faesal was allotted the home cadre in 2008. A doctor-turned-bureaucrat, Faesal served in many capacities in the state with his last position being Managing Director of Jammu and Kashmir Power Development Corporation (JKPDC). He was sea seguel to the hit 2018 film, at lected as an Edward Mason over Rs 300 crore, is not just the Fellow at John F Kennedy School at Harvard University in June 2018 highest-grossing film in North and was supposed to rejoin gov-

But six months before his return, he surprised everyone when he announced his decision to resign from IAS on January 9, 2019, and hinted at joining politics.

ernment service a year later.

At the time of his resignation, he had tweeted, "To protest the unabated killings in Kashmir and absence of any credible political initiative from Union government, I have decided to resign from IAS. Kashmiri lives matter."

In March that year, he floated his own political party, the Jammu and Kashmir People's Movement (JKPM). Following the August 5, 2019 decisions that stripped the state of its special status, Faesal was prevented from flying to Istanbul from Delhi and subsequently put under detention. He was eventually released in June

Soon, Faesal announced that he was not only resigning from his party but quitting politics altogether. Sources said Faesal has since then been trying to enter the services again, which the government had looked at sympatheti-

During this time, Faesal deleted all his past tweets that were critical of the Centre and has been praising schemes initiated by the government in Kashmir. He retweets statements, announcements and speeches of PM Narendra Modi and Home Minister Amit Shah. He even tweeted recently that people must watch Kashmir Files, the Vivek Agnihotri film on the exodus of Kashmiri Pandits from the

Among the reasons that the government had not accepted his resignation was that he was being probed for all the "unauthorized" social media posts and statements he had made before and after his resignation from the services.

In an interview to The Indian Express on August 10, 2019, Faesal had called the government decision on Kashmir a "catastrophic turn in our collective history". He gave multiple interviews where he said that now Kashmiris had no choice but resistance. "I see it as a catastrophic turn in our collective history, a day when everybody is feeling that it is a death knell to our identity, our history, our right to our land, our right to our existence. A new age of indignation has begun from August 5, he had told The Indian Express.

In 2018, Faesal, who comes from the Lolab valley in Kupwara, courted trouble for a remark on rampant rapes in South Asia. In a tweet, criticising the rape culture in the region, Faesal referred to South Asia as "Rapistan". Even as an inquiry was opened against him, Faesal refused to withdraw his comment and instead suggested that the inquiry was a classic case of "bureaucratic over-enthusiasm".

Language faceoff

statement was different and that it was not intended to hurt or start a debate. But, in the tricky language field, still heated from a recent statement by Union Home Minister Amit Shah supporting the use of Hindi, it was too late. From CM Basavaraj Bommai of

the BJP to former CM Siddaramaiah of the Congress and Kumaraswamy of the JD(S), all questioned Devgn's assertion of Hindi as the national language. In his tweet Thursday,

Kumaraswamy added: "Devgn shouldn't forget that his first movie 'Phool aur Kaante' ran for a year in Bengaluru." That was in 1991. Pushpa, the

Telugu language film released at the tail-end of 2021 and the year's highest-grossing film, made more than Rs 100 crore of its over Rs 360 crore haul in what is known as the Hindi belt' alone. The Kannada language KGF2,

India this year, but its Hindi version is also the third highest earning Hindi film ever. Worldwide, it is inching towards the Rs 1,000 crore mark. Director S S Rajamouli's RRR, starring two of Telugu cinema's biggest stars -- Jr NTR and Ram Charan -- made over Rs 250 crore

in North India, and with over Rs 1,100 crore worldwide, is the year's biggest Indian hit. In most North Indian regions, films from the South now play in versions. Actor

Nawazuddin Siddiqui has argued that South Indian films exude a sense of pride in local culture, which Bollywood films, in a bid to appeal to multiplex audiences in urban centres, don't. Pushpa, for instance, stars Allu Arjun, whom filmmaker Karan Johar has described in interviews as a 'satellite star'. Allu Arjun became popular among

Hindi-speaking audiences not because of hit theatrical releases, but re-runs of his films on television. So when Pushpa was given a hefty push in North Indian markets, viewers were familiar with his work. RRR is directed by Rajamouli, who became a brand unto himself after the back-toback success of his two Baahubali movies. KGF 2 was riding on the goodwill of the first instalment, which was also a theatrical success in Hindi, but gained an even larger cult of fans thanks to an Amazon Prime Video release during the pandemic years

None of these films required the typical two-week marketing push ahead of release.

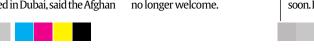
Not all South Indian films have succeeded in the North, though, 'Thala' Ajith's Tamil action-thriller Valimai, produced by Boney Kapoor, flopped so dramatically that a re-edited version was quickly put together and slipped into theatres. This changed nothing. Something similar happened with both Beast, the 'Thalapathy' Vijay-starrer which was given a Hindi release under the title Raw, and Baahubali star Prabhas's time-hopping romantic epic Radhe Shvam, which was on Prime Video mere days after its theatrical run.

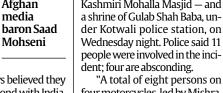
But there has only been one bona fide Hindi hit this year, The Kashmir Files. But that was an anomaly, considering the relatively limited release that the film was initially given. The film eventually obliterated all competition, including Akshay Kumar's more mainstream Bachchan Paandey, as it hurtled towards a Rs 250 crore (and counting) run.

With nearly Rs 200 crore worldwide, director Sanjay Leela Bhansali's Gangubai Kathiawadi did great business, especially for a film fronted by a female star --Alia Bhatt -- but it also came with a hefty reported budget of over Rs

100 crore. What appears to have really done in Bollywood is a high-profile string of flops, that, in addition to Bachchan Paandev, include the John Abraham-starrer Attack: Part 1, the Amitabh Bachchanstarrer Jhund, and most recently, the Shahid Kapoor-starrer Jersey, which, incidentally, is a remake of the Telugu language film by the

same name.





been arrested, four others are absconding. We will arrest them

WEST BENGAL

WAR OF WORDS OVER FUEL VAT

Mamata tells Centre to cut fuel, LPG prices; will not meet with PM in Delhi

Says Centre 'not taking any responsibility' of students returning from Ukraine

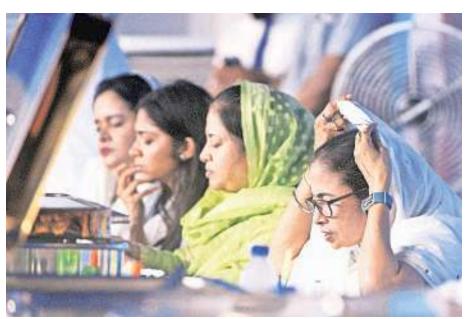
EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE

A DAY after criticising Prime Minister Narendra Modi for asking Opposition-ruled states to reduce VAT on fuel, West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee on Thursday demanded that fuel and LPG prices be reduced immediately.

Accusing the central government of shifting the blame for the rising price of fuel on state governments, Banerjee said: "There is no point in writing a letter to the Centre (over several issues) as they do not respond. Yesterday (Wednesday), the agenda of the meeting was Covid-19, not the targeting state governments over fuel prices. Let me tell you in days to come, the fuel prices will be increased further. That's why they are shifting the blame on state governments (before the increase). They (the Centre) have earned Rs 17.3 lakh crore from the people after increasing the fuel prices on fourteen occasions. The Centre will increase the price, then take away money from the state and will not clear our dues. But they will always shift the blame on us."

"We feel the prices of domestic gas (LPG) must be slashed by Rs 300, which they increased in recent months. The prices of petrol and diesel must be slashed immediately. When crude oil prices had decreased globally, the Centre had not reduced the fuel prices. Why the prices were not slashed at that time?" Banerjee asked while addressing a press conference at the state secretariat.

On Wednesday, Baneriee had



Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee at an iftar in Kolkata, Thursday. CMO

joined a chorus of opposition leaders, criticising the Prime Minister for asking the non-BIP ruled state governments to reduce VAT on the fuel prices.

Banerjee, meanwhile, said during her two-day visit to Delhi, she won't be able to have a separate meeting with the Prime Minister due to time constraints.

Baneriee will reach the national capital on Friday night to attend the 'Chief Justices-Chief Ministers Conference' on Saturday. She will return to Kolkata on Saturday evening.

"I will be going to New Delhi tomorrow (Friday) night and return on Saturday evening. I have engagements on the occasion of Labour Day on May 1. After that, I also have several engagements on the occasion of Eid al-Fitr celebrations. So, this time there cannot be a separate meeting with the PM," said Banerjee.

The Chief Minister announced that her government would accommodate the students who returned home to West Bengal leaving their studies in Ukraine due to the ongoing war, and lashed out at the Centre for "not taking any responsibility of these students".

"Even after two months, the Central government has not yet taken any responsibility for the students who returned from Ukraine. They have just asked the students to go to Poland and Hungary for their studies. But, we have come up with an idea to help these students as it is not possible for them to spend a huge amount of money again for their education in another country," said Baneriee.

According to the state government, a total of 422 students were brought back to West Bengal from Ukraine. Out of which, 412 are medical students - 409 MBBS students and three dental students. There are also six engineering students and one veterinary student. Along with the students, there were three labourers. After a meeting with Ukraine-returned students with the Chief Minister on March 16. CVs and all other particulars

from them were collected and shared with the departments concerned for their admission. For the sixth-year medical students, a total of 23 students, will be allowed to undergo an internship at the state government medical colleges as per norms.

For the fifth-year and fourthyear students (total of 135), they will be allowed to undergo 'observing seat' at different medical colleges in a distributed manner i.e 15-20 students per college. For the third-year and second-year students (total of 172), they will be allowed to attend 'practical classes' at the different government colleges. For the first-year and second-year students (total of 78), all those who are NEET qualified for the current year (2021) (i.e., a total of 69 students), have been allowed to appear for counselling immediately at private medical colleges against the management quota seats for fresh admission. Colleges have been requested to offer concessions in fees charged to these students. All six engineering students have been offered seats in private engineering colleges under the JIS group, two of them have joined while others are in the process of joining, said the release from the government.

SOURAY MEETS CM

Kolkata: Chief Minister

Mamata Banerjee on

Thursday held a meeting

with former Indian cricket

team skipper and BCCI

president Sourav Ganguly

at the state secretariat here.

the meeting, Banerjee said,

"Sourav had come. There

was no talk regarding the

upcoming IPL matches. We

were just engaging in a ca-

sual chat. A land was given

to the Cricket Association of

Bengal for the setting up of

a stadium, but it turned out

to be a wetland. Therefore, a

stadium cannot be set up

there. So, discussions are go-

ing on over an alternative

plot of land." ENS

Asked to comment on

For the dental students, one student who has completed his studies will be allowed to do his internship at Government Dental College in Kolkata, while the remaining two students in the second year will be allowed to do observership and practical classes at the government dental colleges. Veterinary student Aniket Baneriea has been provided admission at the West Bengal University of Animal and Fishery Sciences in the ensuing session. Out of the three workers, who have returned from Ukraine, two persons (Amit Biswas and Samir Biswas) have been accommodated as DRW (a casual worker) with the Nadia DM office and their families are being provided with a loan to start a small business. The third person (Suman Adhikari) has left for a job in Dubai, said the state government.

Jute price capping: BJP MP Arjun Singh writes another letter to Union minister

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE KOLKATA, APRIL 28

BJP MP Arjun Singh, who had sent a letter to Union textile minister Piyush Goyal on April 19 informing him about alleged corruption in the Jute Corporation and sought his response within a week, has made a copy of the letter public while stating that he has so far not received any reply from the Union minister.

Singh said he had written a second letter to Goyal, seeking his appointment so that he could explain to him the issues involved with the price capping policy.

In the meantime, the Indian National Trinamool Trade Union Congress (INTTUC), a workers' organisation of the ruling Trinamool Congress, has announced to launch a protest on the issue of corruption. INTTUC state president Ritubrata Bandyopadhyay said, "A protest meeting has been organised on the behalf of the jute workers on May 4 in front of the jute commissioner's office."

Ariun Singh, however, expressed his willingness to support

PRESSTRUSTOFINDIA

THE CPI(M) on Thursday inducted

four new faces in its West Bengal

Secretariat, filling up vacancies

that were created after senior

leaders like Biman Bose and for-

mer secretary Surjyakanta Mishra

eased themselves out to make

way for fresh blood in the party

A party official said Debalina

Hembram, Jibesh Sarkar, Jiaul

Alam and Debabrata Ghosh were

enrolled into the state secretariat,

which now comprises 15 mem-

bers, on the inaugural day of its

two-day meeting. Mohd Salim

was recently elected the CPI(M)

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KOLKATA, APRIL 28

leadership



Arjun Singh says he has appointment

any protest in their favour. "It is in the support of the jute workers. They (INTTUC) should call everyone and protest together. They haven't called me, if they do, I will see if I can go," said Singh. Responding to Singh's statement, TMC Rajya Sabha MP Sukhendu Sekhar Roy said, "It is our party's programme, but if someone

wants to come, he is free to come." The Centre has fixed a price cap of Rs 6.500 per quintal on raw jute. The upper cap of Rs 6,500 per quintal was fixed by the jute commissioner's office on September 30, 2021 for 2021-22. However, iute mill owners, workers and unions are claiming that the capping is forcing them to close jute mills as they are incurring huge losses. Market prices are around Rs 7,200 a quintal and they are forced to sell at 6.500 a quintal. they said, demanding the Centre to revoke the price capping.

state secretary in place of Mishra,

while octogenarian Left Front

chairman Biman Bose had also

decided to step down from the

state committee, apart from

Mridul De, Ashok Bhattacharya,

from Bankura and Ghosh from

Hooghly, while Sarkar and Alam

are from the north Bengal districts

of Darjeeling and Jalpaiguri, re-

spectively, the CPI(M) official said.

state secretariat include

Ramchandra Dome, Sridip

Bhattacharya, Amiya Patra, Sujan

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CPI(M) inducts four new

faces in Bengal Secretariat

Citing early school break, Siliguri BJP MLA demands separate north Bengal state

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE KOLKATA, APRIL 28

CITING THE state government's order for early summer vacation in schools due to the ongoing heatwave, BJP MLA from Siliguri, Sankar Ghosh, on Thursday pushed forward the separate statehood demand, saying that schools in north Bengal need not be shut as the region is experi-

encing "pleasant weather". "For a very long time, the schools were closed due to the Covid-19 pandemic. Now, the classes have finally begun. Now, if there is a heatwave condition in south Bengal, then why should the people in north Bengal suffer where the weather is moderately pleasant?... This is the reason why people want a separate state of North Bengal," Ghosh told mediapersons.

Following the directive from Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee, the School Education Department on Wednesday declared summer vacation in government schools from May 2 to June 15, except in the two hill districts of Darjeeling and Kalimpong.

The ruling TMC slammed the BJP MLA for his separate statehood demand, calling it "provocative and irresponsible"

"This is nothing but an irresponsible and provocative statement. For a big state like West Bengal, it is common that some areas will witness different weather conditions than the rest of the state. But that does not mean that there will be different decisions for different regions, Ghosh said.

Since last year, several BJP leaders, including party MP John Barla, have been raising the separate statehood demand for north Bengal, alleging that the region has been deprived of proper development.

RELATED REPORTS

TMC MLA from Basanti alleges threat to life, seeks more security

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE KOLKATA, APRIL 28

TRINAMOOL CONGRESS MLA and former state minister Shyanal Mondal has appealed for a higher security cover, alleging that miscreants involved in making extortion bids in his constituency have been threatening him with his life after he protested their illegal activities. The TMC MLA from the Basanti Assembly constituency in South 24 Parganas district in an application to the district police superintendent has sought a higher security cover. Mondal, former state

Sunderban affairs and irrigation and waterways minister, said, "Whenever I receive reports of any illegal activities in my constituency, I protest. Recently, I complained to the local police about a group of extortionists in my constituency and have been receiving life threats since then.

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE

VETERAN JOURNALIST Shyamal

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KOLKATA, APRIL 28

WAS SUFFERING FROM CANCER

Veteran journalist Shyamal

Baran Roy passes away at 58



says he complained against extortionists

As an MLA, I have to move around in different places in my constituency. But, after getting threats, I have been feeling helpless. So, I approached police, seeking a higher security cover."

The TMC MLA move, however, drew sharp criticism from the opposition BJP. "When an MLA of the ruling party, who was also a former state minister, feels helpless after receiving life threats, then one can imagine how pathetic the law and order situation in the state is. No one is safe here," said state BJP president Sukanta Majumdar.

Attacking the BJP, TMC state vice president Jay Prakash Majumdar said the BJP leaders

"do not have the moral right to speak" on this issue. "Their leaders in the BIP-ruled states move around with a large security convoy. Even here, their MLAs have central forces personnel for their security. So, the BJP has no moral right to speak on this," he said.

Meanwhile, TMC MP Mahua Moitra appealed to the people to lodge a complaint with the police or reach out to her office if anyone makes an extortion call or tries to dupe them on the pretext of pro-

viding a government job. In a Facebook post, Moitra wrote: "The CM (Mamata Baneriee) has made it clear that no one should use the party's name to make any extortion bid or dupe people in the name of providing a government job. If you come across any such attempt. then lodge a written complaint no one will be spared."

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the funds. They have closed their business and no trace of the borrower/guarantor.

As you are aware that our branch had sent the show cause notice referred above by registered post/speed post/courier on

04.06.2021, which you have received (as observed from your letter dtd. 24.06.2021 seeking extension of time to submit reply to SCN issued). Even after receipt of the above referred show cause notices, we have not received any representation or response In the light of the aforesaid facts and circumstances and perusing the documents on record the Committee of Executives on Wilful

Defaulters (COE) of bank has decided to declare M/s.Little Heart Children's Hospital Pvt. Ltd. and Mr. Gopal Hazra, Mr. Koushik Roy, Mr. Pinku Kumar Das, Mr. Dipankar De, Mr. Abhik Hazra, Mr. Kartik Charan (Directors), M/s New land Agro Industries Ltd., M/s Rahul Health Care Pyt. Ltd. (Guarantor) as 'Wilful Defaulters' on the grounds mentioned in the show cause notice, after concluding that the borrower has defaulted in meeting its payment/ repayment obligations to the lender and has not utilized the finance from the lender for the specific purposes for which finance was availed of but has diverted the funds for other purposes The decision of the COE was conveyed vide our letter No. BOB/ZOSARB/2021-22/866 dated 25.11.2021 as the letters were

returned undelivered paper publication done on 06.12.2021 with an opportunity for submission of further representation, if any, for consideration by the Review Committee on Wilful Defaulters, In terms of RBI guidelines and to comply principles of natural justice. The representation dated 11.12.2021 received from the borrower Directors Mr. Abhik Hazra, Mr. Kartick Charan, Mr. Gopal Hazra and Mr. Dipankar De in response to the decision of COE was placed before the Review Committee.

In the aforesaid circumstances, and after perusal of documents on record and representation received, Bank's Review Committee on Wilful Defaulters in its meeting held on 25.03.2022 confirmed the decision of the Committee of Executives on Wilful Defaulters

Thus after following the due procedure, it has been decided to declare M/s.Little Heart Children's Hospital Pvt. Ltd. and Mr. Gopal Hazra, Mr. Koushik Roy, Mr. Pinku Kumar Das, Mr. Dipankar De, Mr. Abhik Hazra, Mr. Kartik Charan (all Directors), M/s New land Agro Industries Ltd., M/s Rahul Health Care Pvt. Ltd. (Guarantor) as Wilful Defaulters. Bank reserves the Right to publish the name and photograph of Wilful Defaulter in News Paper and will initiate the necessary recovery action as per extant guidelines issued by

This communication is issued as per the directions of the Review Committee on Wilful Defaulters

This is for your information.

(Chief Manager

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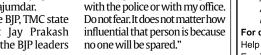


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disciple of the Ramakrishna Math and had attended the conferment of Sainthood ceremony of St (Mother) Teresa in Rome.

Roy, who worked with Press Trust of India (PTI) for several years, had taken voluntary retirement a few years ago.



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IRAM SIDDIQUE BHOPAL, APRIL 28

AFTER MORE than two years as Leader of Opposition in Madhya Pradesh Assembly, former chief minister Kamal Nath Thursday stepped down as leader of Congress Legislature Party (CLP). The party named seven-time MLA

Govind Singh as his replacement. Kamal Nath, who is also the state Congress president since 2018, took over as Leader of Opposition after his 15-monthlong government fell on March 20, 2020 with the exit of Jyotiraditya Scindia and his 25 loyalist MLAs.

"This is to inform you that the Congress president has accepted

each one of us.



Kamal Nath with Govind Singh and other senior Congress leaders. Express

your resignation from the post of leader, Congress Legislature Party, Madhya Pradesh with immediate effect. The party wholeheartedly appreciates your contribution as the CLP leader," said AICC general secretary KCVenugopal in a communication to Kamal Nath.

REMEMBERING THE LEGEND

An art installation on Satyajit Ray to celebrate his birth centenary at Nandan Complex in

Kolkata: West Bengal on Thursday logged 34 new Covid-19 cases with no deaths, the state health department's bulletin said. The state reported 21 recoveries in the last 24 hours. The death toll stands at 21,201 and the positivity rate stands at 0.33 per cent. **ENS**

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PURULIA HITS 44.3°C

Heatwave in Bengal, Met says no respite till this weekend

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KOLKATA, APRIL 28

PURULIA AT the edge of Chota Nagpur plateau recorded a searing 44.3 degrees Celsius, the highest maximum temperature on Thursday in West Bengal, as its neighbouring districts of Bankura, Jhargram and Paschim Bardhaman also reeled under heatwave conditions, the weather office said.

Purulia's maximum temperature of 44.3 degrees Celsius meant a departure of 6.5 degrees above normal, while that of Asansol (42.6 degrees C) in Paschim Bardhaman, Jhargram (42 degrees C) and Bankura (42.4 degrees C) was 4.5 notches above average.

Kolkata recorded the day's maximum temperature at 37.3 degrees Celsius, while the highest relative humidity reached 85 per cent, causing discomfort among the people out at work and students of schools and colleges, the weather office said.

While some private schools

in the city have gone back to the online teaching mode, the state government has announced that summer vacation will be advanced owing to the excessive

The Met Office has forecast heatwave condition in several south Bengal districts for next two to three days.

According to a Met department official, there are slim chances of rains over south Bengal on Saturday.

"For next two to three days, there will be no change in the present weather condition. Heatwave condition will prevail in several dustricts such as Purulia, Bankura, East Burdwan, West Burdwan and Birbhum, In some places rains could occur on Saturday. But the real chances of rain will be favourable over south Bengal districts since May 2," said the

official. The Met Office has, however, said that the sub-Himalayan districts in north Bengal are likely to receive light to moderate rainfall in the next two to three days.



Hardik Patel with Congress leaders at an event to mark his father's death anniversary. Nirmal Harindran

Hardik will have key role in polls, says Congress's Gujarat in-charge

CONGRESS LEADERS turned up in strength for the death anniversary of Hardik Patel father on Thurdsay in Viramgam, asserting that the Patidar leader has a "key role" to play in the upcoming Assembly elections.

tees largely staying away, the state Congress working president returned the favour by saying it could be said that the issues he had with the Congress had been resolved. "Our aim is to form a Congress government in 2022 (the coming Assembly elections), and Hardik Patel will have a key role in it," Raghu Sharma, incharge of Congress in Gujarat who was present at the Viramgam event, said. Asked about Hardik's statements expressing unhappiness within the party, he added: "Hardik is the future and an inseparable, strong pillar of the Congress. He will continue to work for the party, his future is

The death anniversary of Hardik's father Bharatbhai, who succumbed to Covid-19, saw recitation of Ram Dhun and Sundar Kand and Hindu priests

The entire top leadership of the Gujarat Congress was present, including state president Jagdish Thakor, Leader of Opposition Sukhram Rathva, local Congress MLA Lakhabhai Bharwad, former Leader of Opposition Paresh Dhanani, Dasada MLA Naushad Solanki and former state president

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ORDER ON MEVANI BAIL

Assam's Barpeta district on Thursday reserved its order on Gujarat MLA Jignesh Mevani's bail plea in connection with a case of allegedly assaulting a woman police officer. The court will pass

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the order on Friday, Mevani's advocate Angshuman Bora said. its arguments on Thursday itself.

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INDIA'S LARGEST financial institution, Life Insurance Corporation (LIC), which manages around Rs 40 lakh crore of public money, is getting listed on the stock exchanges with a Rs 21,000 crore initial public offering (IPO) early next month.

How is the IPO priced?

LIC on Wednesday priced its IPO, the largest in the history of the capital market despite a reduction in size, at Rs 902-949 per share. LIC has offered a discount of Rs 60 for policyholders and Rs 45 for retail investors

and employees. The IPO will open on May 4 and close on May 9.

The government will sell 22.13 crore shares through the offering. The anchor book will open on May 2, and the issue will open for retail investors two days later. Investors can bid in multiples of 15 shares. The size of the IPO was cut from Rs 65,000 crore to Rs 21,000 crore as the Russian invasion of Ukraine and sustained selling by foreign portfolio investors (a net of Rs 1,48,078 crore since the beginning of December 2021) affected the stock markets.

How should investors view the issue?

A couple of leading mutual fund managers said the reduction in valuation has made the issue attractive. "While there is a lot of inherent strength in the company and there are growth prospects, the valuations too seem fine now after the revisions. As the market is not witnessing a mad bull run that was being seen over the last year, there is a possibility that investors may not get immediate listing gains. But it will generate decent

returns over the next three to four years," a leading fund manager said.

"There is a lot of strength in the company. There are many categories where LIC is not present on the business front, and so there is a lot of scope for it to explore these and grow. As LIC had a monopoly, one can only lose market share from such a position. It is, however, important to note that the company still maintains around a 60% market share and it could be a good company to invest with a medium- to long-term view," said another fund manager.

Some see the listing as part of a strategic vision of the government aimed at long-term value creation for shareholders. "Our take is that we won't be able to determine the true value in the case of LIC as it is a very big entity in itself. There are two ways to look at it: one in the present case where everyone is buying policies to safeguard themselves from uncertainties... second, due to huge buying power in the hands of consumers, the margins might reduce. One can subscribe with a long-term perspective," said Manoj Dalmia, founder and director, Proficient Equities Limited.

How does the valuation compare with that of other insurers?

Yash Gupta, analyst at Angel One Ltd, said that at the offer band, the IPO is valued at a Price/Embedded Value (P/EV) of 1.06-1.1 on its September 2021 EV of Rs 539,686 crore, which is at a significant discount compared to the P/EV for listed private life insurance companies. HDFC Life Insurance is trading at a P/EV of 3.9, SBI Life at 3.2, and ICICI Pru Life at 2.5 on their respective December 21 EVs.

"Although LIC valuations appear to be cheap compared to listed private players, investors need to keep in mind that LIC has a lower VNB margin (value of new business) of 9.9% in FY2021 compared to private players that have VNB margins of 22-27% due to higher share of participation and group products. Despite lower margins and inferior business mix, we believe that the IPO is being priced reasonably and offers value to investors with a long-term view," Gupta said.

There is, however, a section of the market that is not fully convinced about the valuation. "The ongoing volatility in stock markets due to the Russia-Ukraine war has forced the government to cut the issue size to 3.5%. However, the price band is kept on the higher side, which is not an attractive price for adequate return growth. We recommend that investors may subscribe for listing day gains and wait for lower levels for long-term investment," said Ravi Singh, Vice-President and Head of Research, ShareIndia.

Tuhin Kanta Pandey, Secretary, Department of Investment and Public Asset Management, said, "This is a fair and attractive valuation... We want to champion LIC as a long-term value creator in the equity markets." He said the issue is right-sized considering the capital market environment and will not crowd out capital and monetary supply even under the current constraints.

How big is LIC?

LIC, formed by merging and nationalising 245 private life insurance companies on September 1, 1956, with an initial capital of Rs 5 crore, now manages around Rs 40 lakh crore assets. It is the fifth largest life insurer globally and the largest asset manager in the country. As on December 31, 2021, it covered 91% of all districts and had 1.33 million individual agents, and had a market share of 61.6% in terms of premiums or GWP, 61.4% in terms of New Business Premium, 71.8% in terms of number of individual policies issued, and 88.8% in terms of number of group policies.

What are the advantages of listing?

LIC's profile will get a boost. Investors can trade in its shares or keep them long-term. LIC will become more transparent and answerable to shareholders for any mismanagement. It will have to follow the listing guidelines of stock exchanges and SEBI regulations.

While Pandey has ruled out a follow-on issue in the current financial year, markets are expecting more offers in the next financial year. Moreover, the insurtech industry will benefit. "Most of the public insurers in the country were still evaluating digitisation of customer journeys, which will get a boost post the LIC IPO," said Surjendu Kuila, cofounder and CEO, Zopper.

■ Excise duty collected by Centre ■ Sales tax/VAT collected by states

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CENTRAL EXCISE & VAT/SALES TAX ON PETROLEUM PRODUCTS (₹ cr)

2017-18

Dec-April 2021-22 (P) — Excise duty: ₹2,62,967 cr; Sales tax/VAT: ₹1,89,125 cr

From environmental concern to practical use: study shows old masks can strengthen cement

WITH SINGLE-USE masks during the pandemic now presenting an environmental problem, researchers have demonstrated the idea of incorporating old masks into a cement mixture to create stronger, more durable concrete. If they are not reused, disposable masks can remain in the environment for decades and pose a risk for the ecosystem.

In a paper published in the journal *Materials Letters*, researchers showed that the mixture using mask materials was 47% stronger than commonly used cement after a month of curing, Washington State University said in a press release.

Production of cement is a carbon-intensive process, responsible for 8% of carbon emissions worldwide. If concrete is reinforced with microfibres, it can potentially reduce the amount of cement needed for a project, or make the concrete last longer,

saving carbon emissions as well as money. Medical masks have fibres that can be useful for the concrete industry.

"These waste masks actually could be a valuable commodity if you process them properly... This work showcases one technology to divert the used masks from the waste stream to a high-value application," the release quoted the paper's corresponding

author Xianming Shi, professor of civil and environmental engineering, as saying. The researchers developed a process to

fabricate tiny mask fibres, ranging from 5 mm to 30 mm in length, and then added them to cement concrete to strengthen it and to prevent its cracking. They removed the metal and cotton loops from the masks, cut them up and incorporated them into ordinary Portland cement. They mixed the mask microfibres into a solution of graphene oxide before adding the mixture to cement paste. Without the fibres, micro-



A piece of a disposable face mask and a pile of tiny mask fibres. Washington State University

scopic cracks in the concrete would eventually lead to wider cracks and the material's failure, the release said. The researchers are conducting more

> studies to test their idea that the graphene oxide-treated microfibres could also improve the durability of the concrete and protect it from frost damage and from deicing chemicals that are used on roadways. They also envi-

ing chemicals that are used on roadways. They also envision applying this technology to the recycling of other polymer materials, such as discarded clothing, to incentivise the collection of such waste.

The study was led by Zhipeng Li, a graduate student in WSU's Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering. The study was funded through the US Department of Transportation's National Center for Transportation Infrastructure Durability and Life Extension.

STUDY: 'Upcycling waste mask PP microfibers in Portland cement paste: Surface treatment by graphene oxide', Zhipeng Li *et al*, *Materials Letters*, 2022. *doi.org/10.1016/j.matlet.2022.132238*

SOURCE: WASHINGTON STATE UNIVERSITY



NEW RESEARCH

States vs Centre on fuel taxes

SIMPLY PUT QUESTION & ANSWER

The Prime Minister has noted that certain states have not reduced VAT; states have attributed rising fuel prices to central taxes. How is fuel taxed, and how are collections shared between the Centre and states?

CHART 1

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NEW DELHI, APRIL 28

THE CENTRE and the states are at loggerheads over taxes and duties on petrol and diesel. While the Centre feels the states are not reducing VAT in line with the Centre's cut in excise duty, the states have expressed concerns over their fiscal cushion, especially with the GST compensation regime due to end in June.

On Wednesday, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said Maharashtra, West Bengal, Telangana, Andhra Pradesh, Tamil Nadu, Kerala, and Jharkhand have not reduced VAT, and urged "all states to work as a team in this time of global crisis following the spirit of cooperative federalism".

From opposition-ruled states, West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee said the state government has lost Rs 1,500 crore on account of a Re 1 subsidy it provides on petrol prices, and that the Centre owes West Bengal Rs 97,000 crore. Maharashtra CM Uddhav Thackeray issued a statement detailing the Centre and the state's share of taxes on fuel and saying the former owes Maharashtra Rs 26,500 crore. Telangana CM K Chandrasekhar Rao said the state had not hiked fuel prices since 2014; Kerala Finance Minister K N Balagopal said the price hike was due to the cess and surcharge levied by the Centre.

As fuel prices soared in November 2021, the Centre, for the first time in over three years, cut central excise duties on petrol (by Rs 5 per litre) and diesel (by Rs 10 per litre). Twenty-one states, including 17 ruled by the BJP, and some Union Territories then cut VAT in the range of Rs 1.80-10 per litre for petrol and Rs 2-7 per litre for diesel. The revenue loss to states due to this is estimated at 0.08% of GDP, as per the RBI's State Finances report for 2021-22.

But the relief these moves provided was outweighed by a series of 14 price hikes in 16 days, following the lifting of a 137-day freeze after state elections in March.

Fuel levies as revenue share

Excise duty and VAT on fuel constitute an important source of revenue for both the Centre and the states. Excise duty on fuel makes up about 18.4% of the Centre's gross tax revenues. Petroleum and alcohol, on an

Petrol Diesel Base price 56.32 57.94 Freight etc 0.20 0.22 Excise duty 27.90 21.80

PRICE BREAKUP IN DELHI (₹/LITRE)

TABLE 1

Excise duty 27.90 21.80

Dealer commission (avg) 3.86 2.59

VAT 17.13 14.12

Retail price 105.41 96.67

Source: IOCL; last updated on April 16

average, account for 25-35% of states' own tax revenue, as per the RBI's Study of Budgets 2020-21. Of the revenue receipts of states, central tax transfers comprise 25-29%, and own tax revenues 45-50%.

During April-December 2021, taxes on crude oil and petroleum products had yielded Rs 3.10 lakh crore to the central exchequer, including Rs 2.63 lakh crore as excise duty, and Rs 11,661 crore as cess on crude. For the same period, Rs 2.07 lakh crore accrued to the states' exchequer, of which Rs 1.89 lakh crore was through VAT, as per the Petroleum, Planning & Analysis Cell (PPAC). This compares with Rs 4.19 lakh crore (Rs

3.73 lakh crore excise duty; Rs 10,676 crore cess) collected by the Centre and Rs 2.17 lakh crore by states (VAT Rs 2.03 lakh crore) in 2020-21.

Petroleum taxes with states are shared

Petroleum taxes with states are shared out of basic excise duty. The Centre also levies additional excise duty and cesses on petroleum products. In 2020-21, the total central excise duty (including cesses) collected from petrol and diesel was Rs 3.72 lakh crore. The total tax devolved to state governments from the corpus collected under the central excise duty was Rs 19,972 crore.

Central and state taxes currently account for about 43% and 37% of the retail price of petrol and diesel respectively in Delhi. Credit ratings agency ICRA had noted in February that the Centre would have to forgo revenue of about Rs 92,000 crore in FY23 to restore excise duties on petrol and diesel to pre-pandemic levels. The levies on fuel and liquor have also become an important source of revenue for states as other indirect tax revenue is routed through the GST regime.

Sunil Kumar Sinha, Principal Economist, India Ratings and Research, said the switch to GST has severely curtailed the states' flexibility to adjust revenues according to the situation. "So at the moment, the only components which they can adjust are the fuel tax and excise duty on liquor," Sinha said, noting that this is why states are not willing to accept interference from the Centre on these taxes.

How fuel is taxed

States apply an *ad valorem* VAT or sales tax on the base price, freight charges, excise duty and dealer commission on petrol and diesel. Therefore, state collections also rise as the Centre hikes excise duties. Prior to the cut in excise duties on November 4, the Centre had increased excise duties by a total of Rs 13 per litre on petrol and Rs 16 per litre on diesel compared to pre-pandemic levels.

Delhi imposes 19.4% VAT on petrol while Karnataka levies a 25.9% sales tax on petrol and 14.34% on diesel. Certain other states impose an *ad valorem* tax in addition to a flat tax per litre. Andhra Pradesh, for instance, levies Rs 4 per litre VAT and Rs 1 per litre road development cess on autofuels in addition to VAT (31% on petrol; 22.5% on diesel).

Other states have sales taxes with a fixed floor in rupee terms on the sale of petrol and diesel but apply an *ad valorem* tax as prices go higher. Uttar Pradesh, for instance, charges whichever is higher between 19.36% or Rs 14.85 per litre on the sale of petrol.

While state VAT collections have risen along with higher fuel prices and previous hikes in excise duties, the states' share of excise duties on fuel was reduced in the FY2022 Budget. It cut the Basic Excise Duty (BED) on petrol and diesel by Rs 1.6 and Rs 3 per litre respectively, cut the special additional excise duty on both by Rs 1 per litre, and introduced an Agriculture Infrastructure and Development Cess (AIDC) of Rs 2.5 per litre on petrol and Rs 4 on diesel. While reducing the states' share, this did not impact pump prices since collections from cesses are not part of the shareable pool.

Tax revenues & price trends

The Centre's excise duty collections moved upward during 2014-15 to 2016-17, then showed moderation for next two years, before picking up again since 2019-20 after excise duty was raised in 2019 (see *Chart 1*). Every rupee hike in excise duty roughly yields Rs 13,000-14,000 crore annually, conditional on global prices and consumption levels.

Oil marketing companies (OMCs) have been revising prices since last month in line with rising crude prices, after a freeze of 137 days. Ordinarily, the prices of petrol and diesel are revised daily in line with a 15-day rolling average of benchmark prices. However, OMCs had held prices constant starting from the excise cut on November 4, until the end of elections in five states in March.

Since the revisions began in March, OMCs have hiked petrol prices by Rs 12 per litre and diesel prices by Rs 10 per litre. The price of LPG too has increased: a 15 kg cylinder now costs Rs 949.50 (up Rs 50) in Delhi, and a commercial 19 kg cylinder Rs 2,253 (up Rs 250).

The price of Brent crude has increased by about \$25.53 per barrel since November 4 to \$106.48 per barrel. India imports about 85% of its crude oil requirements.

The Hattis of Himachal Pradesh, and their demand for ST status

MANRAJ GREWAL SHARMA CHANDIGARH, APRIL 28

HIMACHAL PRADESH Chief Minister Jai Ram Thakur announced this week that Union Home Minister Amit Shah had assured him that the Centre would consider favourably the state government's request for inclusion of the Hatti community in the list of Scheduled Tribes (STs) in the state. Thakur said the state government would complete all required formalities for getting tribal status for the Hattis.

With Himachal Pradesh headed to Assembly elections later this year, the ruling party's outreach to the estimated 3 lakhstrong community is politically significant. Earlier this month, they had threatened to boycott the elections if their demand for ST status was not met.

The Hattis have a sizable presence in about nine Assembly seats in the Sirmaur

and Shimla regions. Their population is concentrated in the four Assembly constituencies in Sirmaur district — Shillai, Paonta Sahib, Sri Renukaji, and Pachhad (all part of the Shimla Lok Sabha seat).

The BJP won 44 of the 68 Assembly seats in the 2017 elections, but the 2022 elections are likely to be tougher for the party, with the Aam Aadmi Party, upbeat after its spectacular win in Punjab, also in the fray.

Community and land The Hattis are a close-knit

The Hattis are a close-knit community who take their name from their traditional occupation of selling home-grown crops, vegetables, meat, and wool at small-town markets known as *haats*. Hatti men traditionally don a distinctive white headgear on ceremonial occasions. Thakur said the Hattis live in 154 panchayat areas, and members of the community numbered 2.5 lakh in the 2011 Census.

The Hatti homeland straddles the

Himachal-Uttarakhand border in the basin of the Giri and Tons rivers, tributaries of the Yamuna. The Tons marks the border between the two states, and the Hattis living in the trans-Giri area in today's Himachal Pradesh and Jaunsar Bawar in Uttarakhand were once part of the royal estate of Sirmaur. Jaunsar Bawar was conquered by the British in 1814. The two Hatti clans have similar traditions, and inter-marriages are common. Within the Hatti community, a fairly

rigid caste system operates — the Bhat and Khash are upper castes, and the Badhois are below them. Inter-caste marriages have traditionally been discouraged. The Hattis are governed by a traditional council called *khumbli* which, like the *khaps* of Haryana, decide community matters.

Demand for ST status

The list of STs in Himachal Pradesh includes Gaddis, Gujjars, Kinnaras (Kinnauras), Lahaulas, Pangwalas, and some other



smaller tribes. The bulk of the tribal population lives in remote, high altitude areas in the districts of Lahaul, Spiti, Kinnaur, and Chamba. The tribal population of the state was 3.92 lakh (about 6% of the total) in 2011.

The Hattis have been demanding ST status since 1967, when tribal status was accorded to people living in Jaunsar Bawar in Uttarakhand, which shares a border with

Sirmaur district. Over the years, various maha khumblis passed resolutions pressing the demand.

"[Hattis of Jaunsar Bawar] share similar culture and socio-economic conditions with the Hattis residing in Sirmaur," Chief Minister Thakur said. "In 1967, their family members who were in Jaunsar were declared tribals but those who remained in Himachal were not given the same status or benefits." Since getting the benefit of reservations, the Jaunsar Bawar area has produced a sizable number of civil servants.

Due to topographical disadvantages, Hattis living in the Kamrau, Sangrah, and Shilliai areas of Himachal Pradesh have lagged behind in both education and employment.

Political promises

In its Lok Sabha election manifesto in 2009, the BJP promised, for the first time, to give ST status to the Hattis. This led to the consolidation of the community behind the

its subsequent manifestos. The BJP has gained from Hatti support in the parliamentary elections in Shimla, which was once a Congress stronghold. In 2014, Rajnath Singh, who was then national president of the BJP, promised the Hattis ST status at a rally in Nahan in Sirmaur.

party, which has repeated the promise in

In 2016, then Congress Chief Minister Virbhadra Singh moved a file to the Union Ministry of Tribal Affairs asking for tribal status to the trans-Giri region, and Dodra Kwar in Rohru on the basis of a study conducted by the Tribal Affairs Institute, Shimla.

The Union Ministry, however, said that the ethnography report about the Hatti community was inadequate, and sought a full-fledged ethnographic study. In March this year, the Jai Ram Thakur government sent a detailed ethnographic proposal to the Centre, seeking the inclusion of the Hattis of the trans-Giri area in the ST list of Himachal Pradesh.

India looking at resuming Bangla bus, rail link 'after Eid'

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, APRIL 28

INDIA IS looking at resuming cross-border bus and railway services with Bangladesh "shortly after Eid", External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar said on Thursday. Jaishankar said this while making a press statement in Dhaka, where he met Bangladesh Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina and Foreign minister A K Abdul Momen.

Bangladesh PM's spokesperson Ihsanul Karim Hasina told PTI in Dhaka that Hasina underlined the importance of connectivity between the two neighbours and offered her country's main seaport — Chittagong Port — to India's landlocked northeastern states such as Assam and Tripura.

She told Jaishankar that the enhanced connectivity was needed for mutual benefit, while it would particularly benefit India's northeastern region in using Chittagong port, Karim said. "If the connectivity is increased...states like Assam and Tripura can have access to the seaport in Chattogram," she said.

She said that initiatives were taken to resume cross-border routes between Bangladesh and India which were stopped during the 1965 India-Pakistan war. when Bangladesh was the east-



Jaishankar with Bangladesh PM Sheikh Hasina in Dhaka. PTI

ern wing of Pakistan.

Karim said several bilateral and international issues were discussed during Prime Minister Hasina's more than half-anhour-long meeting with

Jaishankar handed over an invitation to Hasina on Prime Minister Narendra Modi's behalf to visit New Delhi. "Thank Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina for her warm reception. Conveyed personal greetings of PM @narendramodi. Our bilateral relations are moving from strength to strength under the guidance of the two leaders," he tweeted.

Jaishankar later held "positive discussions" with his Bangladeshi counterpart AK Abdul Momen. "Agreed that our close neighbourly partnership is progressing steadily. Our shared endeavour would be to take it forward. Looking forward to hosting him for the Joint Consultative Commission," he tweeted. Jaishankar said he expects early commissioning of new projects with Bangladesh in different sectors, including power, energy and connectivity.

Defence cooperation, watersharing of Kushiara and Feni rivers, the Covid-19 situation and impacts of the Russia-Ukraine war on the global economy came up prominently in the discussion between Jaishankar and Hasina, Karim was quoted as saying by Bangladesh media.

Momen also hosted an iftar party followed by a dinner in Jaishankar's honour at the Foreign Service Academy. Jaishankar would leave Dhaka for Bhutan on Friday morning.

NAME & ADDRESS OF CUSTOMERS

Not feasible for state to slash fuel tax: TN finance minister to PM

ASSAM VISIT

TORA AGARWALA

GUWAHATI, APRIL 28

Northeast region.

Anglong district.

PRIME MINISTER Narendra

Modi on Thursday said the

Centre is working towards lifting

the Armed Forces (Special

Powers) Act (AFSPA) from the

Northeast have been under AF-SPA. But in the last eight years,

because of peace and better law

and order situation on ground,

we have removed AFSPA from

many parts of the region," said

the Prime Minister, addressing a

'Peace, Unity and Development'

rally in Diphu in Assam's Karbi

Earlier in the day, he inaugu-

rated three colleges for veterinary

science, agriculture, model gov-

ernment colleges in Diphu. He

also launched the Rs 1,150 crore

Amrit Sarovar Project to rejuve-

nate 2,950 water bodies across

Assam. In Dibrugarh, he later in-

augurated seven new cancer care

hospitals, as well as laid the foun-

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proved so much that AFSPA was

removed from 23 districts of

Assam," he said, adding that the

Centre was working towards re-

moving the Act from Nagaland

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EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE CHENNAI, APRIL 28

TAMIL NADU Finance Minister Palanivel Thiaga Rajan said the Union government's taxes "continue to be exorbitant" and that "it is neither fair nor feasible for the state government to further reduce taxes".

A statement issued by Rajan late on Wednesday, in response to Prime Minister Narendra Modi criticising states including Tamil Nadu for not reducing taxes on fuel, said the "sole, simple, and fair approach to improve the situation for all, is for the Union government to remove the levy of cesses and surcharges and revert to rates that prevailed

The Union government's levies on petrol have gone up substantially in the past seven years since Prime Minister Modi took charge for the first time in 2014, Rajan said.

"Though the revenue to the Union government has increased manifold, there has not been a matching increase in the revenue to states. This is because the Union government has increased the cess and surcharge on petrol and diesel while reducing the basic excise duty that is shareable with the states.' Rajan's statement said.

NUMBER

Working towards removing

AFSPA from Northeast: PM

Prime Minister Narendra Modi with Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma at a rally in Assam's Karbi Anglong district on Thursday. PTI

ers to the armed forces to arrest without warrants and even shoot to kill in certain situations in 'disturbed areas', got a renewed push after 14 civilians were killed in a botched security ambush in Nagaland's Mon district in December last year.

since 2014, violent incidents had reduced by 75 per cent in the re-In his speech, Modi complimented the Chief Ministers of gion. "That is why we were able to lift AFSPA from first Tripura, then the region for their efforts in solving the decades-old inter-"In Assam, the AFSPA has state boundary disputes. He said the BJP's double-engine governbeen in force for three decades, and the previous governments ment had worked towards kept extending it. But in the last bringing peace and develop-

ment in Assam. "Since 2014, there has been peace and development in the Northeast," he said, citing the peace accords in Assam's Karbi Anglong, Bodo region and Tripura.

In Dibrugarh, while inaugurating the cancer hospitals, the Prime Minister said cancer is detected in big numbers in Assam and the Northeast. "The most impacted are the poor and the middle class. There was a time a few years ago when poor and middle class patients had to go far away to big cities for treatment. This was a big financial burden on them," he said, adding that the scenario had

changed in the past five years. "Assam has a big network of cancer care hospitals courtesy the work of former Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal, current Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma and Tata Trusts," he said.

The new hospitals - being built at a cost of Rs 4,000 crore are a collaborative initiative by the Assam government and Tata Trusts. A PIB release said the project is aimed at building "South Asia's largest affordable cancer care network with 17 cancer care hospitals spread

across the state".

Under Phase 1, seven hospitals have been built at Dibrugarh, Kokrajhar, Barpeta, Darrang, Tezpur, Lakhimpur, and Jorhat, while three are under construction, Phase 2 will witness hospitals in Dhubri, Nalbari, Goalpara, Nagaon, Sivasagar, Tinsukia and

Ratan Tata, Tata Trusts chairman, who was present at the inauguration, said it was an "important day in the history of Assam". "Higher level healthcare facility for cancer treatment which was earlier not available in the state is being brought here. Cancer is not

Chief Minister Sarma said it was a dream come true for Assam. "We are now providing the largest cancer care treatment network of its kind in South Asia. This is a huge milestone for us." he said.

a rich man's disease," he said.

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| KUSHAL BHOWMIK, 12E. CHANDITALA LANE. KOL-40 G-375 BIBHU ROY, 21C. HINDUSTHAN PARK, KOL-29 SAROJ KUMAR, 20J. R. BAVENUE, KOL-29 G-371 SAROJ KUMAR, 20J. R. BAVENUE, KOL-29 G-474 P DUTTA, 30, BALLYSUNGE GARDENS (GROUND FLOOR) G-15 RANUYAD JOS, HINDUSTHAN PARK, KOL-29 G-474 P DUTTA, 30, BALLYSUNGE GARDENS (GROUND FLOOR) G-15 RANUYAD JOS, HINDUSTHAN PARK, KOL-29 G-40-0 GANDA, KOL-29 BAN CHARRABORTY, 163 RASH JERHARI AVENUE, KOL-29 G-40-0 GOUTAM SARKAR, AS-32 GOLF GREEN PHASE-1, KOL-65 BAN CHARRABORTY, 163 RASH BEHARI AVENUE, KOL-29 G-283 SUBHENDU GAMULY, 16, HALT DISCHOLOR, D. BESIDE RULASH HUGH SCHOOL, KOL-78 MALABIKAD ASSULTA, 68 SHOPPINE, KOL-29 SAROJ BUTTA, C-7, GEETANALI PARK, BRAHMAPUR, KOL-86 RULASHARI BUTTA, 7, SARAT CHATTERJEE AVE, KOL-29 SAROJ BUTTA, G-7, GEETANALI PARK, BRAHMAPUR, KOL-86 RULASHARI BUTTA, 7, SARAT CHATTERJEE AVE, KOL-29 SAROJ BUTTA, G-7, GEETANALI PARK, BRAHMAPUR, KOL-86 RULASHARI BUTTA, 7, SARAT CHATTERJEE AVE, KOL-29 SAROJ BUTTA, G-7, GEETANALI PARK, BRAHMAPUR, KOL-86 RULASHARI BUTTA, 7, SARAT CHATTERJEE AVE, KOL-29 SAROJ BUTTA, G-7, GEETANALI PARK, BRAHMAPUR, KOL-86 RULASHARI BUTTA, 7, SARAT CHATTERJEE AVE, KOL-29 SAROJ BUTTA, G-7, GEETANALI PARK, BRAHMAPUR, KOL-86 RULASHARI BUTTA, 7, SARAT CHATTERJEE AVE, KOL-29 SAROJ BUTTA, G-7, GEETANALI PARK, BRAHMAPUR, KOL-86 RULASHARI BUTTA, 7, SARAT HANDER, BRAHMAPUR, KOL-87 SAROJ BUTTA, G-7, GEETANALI PARK, BRAHMAPUR, KOL-87 SAROJ BUTTA, G-7, GEETANALI PARK, BRAHMAPUR, KOL-88 SAROJ BUTTA, G-7, GEETANALI PARK, BRAHMAPUR, KOL-88 RAHMARI BARA, SA, HALTU MAIN ROAD, JADAVPUR RUBB, SARAJ BARASHARI BARA, SAHOK RD, GANGULY KOL-84 SARAJ BARASHARI KOL-700037 RAHAJ BARASHARI ROY, 102A, CARBANA ROY, 10 | + | | |
| RIGISHAL BHOWMIK, 12E, CHANDITAL ALANE, KOL-29 | i. | | G-299 |
| SARQIA KUMARA, 200, R B AVENUE, KOL-29 SWAGATA MAJUMDAR, 200, R B AVENUE, KOL-29 DUTTA, 30, BALLYGUNGE GARDENS (GROUND FLOOR) KOL-19 PUTTA, 30, BALLYGUNGE GARDENS (GROUND FLOOR) GANDA MANUA DAS, HNO, P-569, SALT LAKE EXTN, SARAT BOSE GARDA MOVA DAS, HNO, P-569, SALT LAKE EXTN, SARAT BOSE GARDA MOVA DAS, HNO, P-569, SALT LAKE EXTN, SARAT BOSE GOUTAM SARKAR, AS-32 GOLF GREEN PHASE-1, KOL-35 GOUTAM SARKAR, AS-32 GOLF GREEN PHASE-1, KOL-35 BABIL CHARRABORTY, 163 RASH BEHARI AVENUE, KOL-29 GOUTAM SARKAR, AS-32 GOLF GREEN PHASE-1, KOL-35 BUSHENDU GANGULY, 16, HALTU SCHOOL RD, BESIDE HALTU HIGH SCHOOL, KOL-73 MALABIKAD DASGUPTA, 6519, P MAJUMDAR RD, GREEN LANGUL HIGH SCHOOL KOL-73 MALABIKAD DASGUPTA, 6519, P MAJUMDAR RD, GREEN LANGUL HIGH SCHOOL KOL-73 MALABIKAD DASGUPTA, 6519, P MAJUMDAR RD, GREEN LANGUL HALTON AND SCHOOL RD, SASH MILAKSHI DUTTA, 7, SARAT CHATTERJEE MAY, KOL-45 SARADI DUTTA, 6-7, GEETAMJALI PARK, BRAHMA PUR, KOL-47 PARK, KOL-75 RAMINDAR BAG, 35, HALTU MANIN ROAD, JADAV/PUR RUBI TOBARDA MUKHERJEE, 5611, BOSEPIUKUR PURBA PARA, KOL-47 PARK, KOL-75 RAMINDAR MUKHERJEE, 5611, BOSEPIUKUR PURBA PARA, KOL-75 RAMINDAR MUKHERJEE, 5611, BOSEPIUKUR PURBA PARA, KOL-75 RAMINDAR MUKHERJEE, 5611, BOSEPIUKUR PURBA PARA, KOL-75 RAMINDAR SARA, 48, ASHOK RD, GANGULY KOL-34 TOBARDA SHAMA SARAT BARBAR SHAMA PUR, KOL-75 RAMINDAR MUKHERJEE, 5611, BOSEPIUKUR PURBA PARA, KOL-75 RAMINDAR SARAT SHAMA NASHA KOL-75 RAMINDAR SARAT SHAMA NASHA KOL-75 RAMINDAR SHAMA SARAT SHAMA PARA ARABA SHAM | 4 | | |
| SWAGATA MAJUMDAR, 200. R B AVENUE, KOL-29 | '. 3. | | |
| P DUTTA, 30, BALLYGUNGE GARDENS (GROUND FLOOR) | 9. | | |
| NAIVA DAS, HINO, P.589, SALT LAKE EXTN, SARAT BOSE G-89 ROAD, KOL.29 BANI CHAKRABORTY, 163 RASH BEHARI AVENUE, KOL.29 G-80 GOUTAM SARKAR, AS-32 GOLF GREEN PHASE-1, KOL.95 S-407 BENIN CHAKRABORTY, 163 RASH BEHARI AVENUE, KOL.29 G-283 SUBHENDU GANGULY, 16, HALTU SCHOOL, RD, BESIDE G-303 HALTU HIGH SCHOOL, KOL.78 MALTU SCHOOL, RD, HALTU SCHOOL, RD | 0. | | G-15 |
| BOAD, KOL-29 | 1. | | G-89 |
| GOUTAM SARKAR, AS-32 COLF CREEN PHASE-1, KOL-95 S-407 | \perp | * | 0.00 |
| DEVKUMAR NATH, 200, R B AVENUE, KOL.29 | 2. 3. | · | |
| MALTU HIGH SCHOOL, KOL-78 MALASIKA DASGUPTA, 6519, P. MAJUMDAR RD, GREEN LANE, KOL-78 MALASIKA DASGUPTA, 6519, P. MAJUMDAR RD, GREEN LANE, KOL-29 MANAS MATIRA, BALAJI RESIDENCY FLAT NO. 18, KOL-42 S-156 MANAS MATIRA, BALAJI RESIDENCY FLAT NO. 18, KOL-42 S-156 MANAS MATIRA, BALAJI RESIDENCY FLAT NO. 18, KOL-42 S-156 MANAS MATIRA, BALAJI RESIDENCY FLAT NO. 18, KOL-42 S-156 SAROJ DUTTA, G-7, GEETANJALI PARK, BRAHMA PUR, KOL-78 SAROJ DUTTA, G-7, GEETANJALI PARK, BRAHMA PUR, KOL-78 ANDIRA MIKHERJEE, 561, BOSEPUKUR PURBA PARA, KOL-78 MIDIRA MIKHERJEE, 561, BOSEPUKUR PURBA PARA, KOL-78 MALA SEN MAJUMDER, DHAKURIA, KOLKATA-70031 SEBABRAT AMIRA SARDIA MAJURDAR, MICHAEL PARK, KOL-78 ANDIRA MIKHERJEE, 561, BOSEPUKUR PURBA PARA, KOL-78 ANDIRA MIKHERJEE, AZ-8, AS-146 BRATATTAHAN SARDIA PURBA PARA, KOL-78 ANDIRA MIKHERJEE, 561, BOSEPUKUR PURBA PARA, KOL-78 ANDIRA MIKHERJEE, AZ-8, AS-146 BRATATTAHAN SARDIA PURBA PARA, KOL-78 ANDIRA MIKHERJEE, AZ-8, AS-146 BRATATTAHAN SARDIA PURBA PARA, KOL-78 AS-146 BRATATAHAN SARDIA PURBA PARA, KOL-78 BRANIS MARANINGAN RO, KOL-78 BRAN | 4. | · | |
| MALABIKA DASGUPTA, 6019, P. MAJUMDAR RD, GREEN S-100 LANE, KOL-78 MANAS MAITRA, BALAJI RESIDENCY FLAT NO. 18, KOL-42 S-156 NILAKSHI DUTTA, 7, SARAT CHATTERJEE AVE, KOL-29 S-314 SUMAN MAJUMDAR, 498, GOBINDPUR RD, 4-3-81, COLE S-386 PARK, KOL-45 SAROJ DUTTA, G-7, GEETANJALI PARK, BRAHMA PUR, COL-95 SAROJ DUTTA, G-7, GEETANJALI PARK, BRAHMA PUR, COL-96 TUSHAR BAG, 35, HALTU MAIN ROAD, JADAVPUR RUBI PARK, KOL-78 MORRAN MUNHERJEE, 5611, BOSEPUKUR PURBA PARA, KOL-78 MORRAN MUNHERJEE, 5611, BOSEPUKUR PURBA PARA, KOL-78 MORRAN MUNHERJEE, 5611, BOSEPUKUR PURBA PARA, KOL-78 S-35 JAISHREE SINHA, 3A, MAHANIRVAN PD, KOL-29 S-145 RAJUMDER SIN, 138, LAKE TERRACE, KOL-29 S-146 RATUSHA MUNHERJEE, AMILA SEN, 138, LAKE TERRACE, KOL-29 S-146 RATUSHA MUNHERJEE, AMILA SEN, 138, LAKE TERRACE, KOL-29 S-146 RATUSHA MUNHERJEE, AMILA SEN, 138, LAKE TERRACE, KOL-29 S-146 RATUSHA MUNHERJEE, AMILA SEN, 138, LAKE TERRACE, KOL-29 S-146 RATUSHA MUNHERJEE, COL-29 S-148 RATUSHA MUNHERJEE, AND SALEH, AND | 5. | | G-303 |
| LANE, KOL-78 MANAS MAITRA, BAILAJI RESIDENCY FLAT NO. 18, KOL-42 S-158 MINLAKSHI DUTTA, 7, SARAT CHATTERJEE AVE, KOL-29 S-314 SUMAN MAJUMDAR, 498, GOBINDPUR RD, 4-3-B1, GOLE S-386 DARKURA, KOL-73 SUMAN MAJUMDAR, 498, GOBINDPUR RD, 4-3-B1, GOLE S-386 DARKURA, KOL-73 TUSHAR BAG, 35, HALTU MAIN ROAD, JADAVPUR RUBI S-487 PARK, KOL-74 MALA SEM MAJUMDER, KOL-78 MAJUMDER, KOL-KATA-700017 |). | · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · | S-100 |
| NAMES SAME | _ | LANE, KOL-78 | 0.450 |
| 12 | 7. 8. | | |
| SAROJ DUTTA, G-7, GEETANJALI PARK, BRAHMA PUR, KOL-96 | 9. | | |
| TUSHAR BAG, 35, HALTU MAIN ROAD, JADAVPUR RUBI | 1 | • | 0.400 |
| TUSHAR BAG, 35, 1411 MAIN ROAD, JADAVPUR RUBI S-487 PARK, KOL-78 | 0. | | 5-106 |
| INDIRA MUKHERJEE, 56/1, BOSEPUKUR PURBA PARA, | 1. | | S-487 |
| DEBASISH SAHA, 48, ASHOK RD, GANGULY KOL-84 DEBASISH SAHA, 48, ASHOK RD, GANGULY KOL-89 RAJ MOHAND, VENKATESWARA LODGE, 113, PRINCE GOLAM MOHD RD, KOL-29 RAHUL SEN, 138, LAKE TERRACE, KOL-29 S-146 BRATATI BANERJEE, FLAT NO-6, MAYUKH, DHAKURIA, KOL-31 RAHUL SEN, 138, LAKE TERRACE, KOL-29 S-146 BRATATI BANERJEE, FLAT NO-6, MAYUKH, DHAKURIA, KOL-31 RANJUSHREE MITRA, 11 DHAKURIA, KOLKATA-70003 SRIDHAR NATRAJAN, 1, PRINCE GOLAM MD RD, P.O. S-48 KALIGHAT, KOL-26 SANKAR KR BASU, 28L, GARIAHAT RD, KOL-29 SAKARA KR BASU, 28L, A SEN RD, KOL-42 SUSOVAN MUKHERJEE, AJS2, BAGAJATIN PARK, HSG SOCIETY, PANCHASSAYAR, KOL-94 SINDAN MOY, 72/A, MAHANIRBAN RD, KOL-29 SISOVAN MUKHERJEE, AJS2, BAGAJATIN PARK, HSG SOCIETY, PANCHASSAYAR, KOL-94 SINDAN MOY, 72/A, MAHANIRBAN RD, KOL-29 SAKC CIRCUS BRANCH (01749) MD HUMAYUN, 21/A, NASIRUDDIN ROAD, CIRCUS AVENUE, KOLKATA-700017 SK AZIZ, 32, FUZLUL HAQUE SAREENE, KOLKATA-700017 GAYATIA SARRER, CONGRESS EXHIBITION ROAD, KOLKATA-700017 FARAH ZAMA, CIO DR. MALAM, 1B, GEBLUT STREET, KOLKATA-700031 SK REZAUR RAHMAN, 33, BECKBAGAN ROW, KOL-700017 GAYATRA SABANA KHARI, 45, DILKHUSHA STREET, KOL-700017 TAYEBA AHMBA, 26, CONGRESS EXHIBITION REDAD, KOLKATA-700017 TAYEBA AHMBA, 37, SYED AMIR ALI AVENUE, KOLKATA-700017 TAYEBA AHMBA, 39, SYED AMIR ALI AVENUE, KOL-700017 TAYEBA AHMBA, 39, SYED AMIR ALI AVENUE, KO | 2. | , | S-210 |
| DEBASISH SAHA, 48, ASHOK RD, GANGILIY KOL-84 S-35 JAISHREE SINHA, 3A, MAHANIRVAN RD, KOL-29 S-145 FRAJ MOHAND, VENKATESWARA LODGE, 113, PRINCE S-232 GOLAM MOHD RD, KOL-29 S-146 FRAJ MOHAND, VENKATESWARA LODGE, 113, PRINCE S-232 GOLAM MOHD RD, KOL-29 S-146 FRATATI BANERJEE, FLAT NO-6, MAYUKH, DHAKURIA, S-43 KOL-31 K SIVSANKARAN, SREE NILAYAM, NEAR LABOUR S-60 CENTRE, KATTOOR, POTHRISSUR-860702 SRIDHAR NATRAJAN, 1, PRINCE GOLAM MD RD, P.O. KALIGHAR, KOL-26 SANKAR KR BASU, 28L, GARIAHAT RD, KOL-29 G-288 P EKKA, OFFICER SBI DUMDUM AIRPORT BRANCH, KOL-29 S-271 SUSOVAN MUKHERJEE, A/32, BAGAJATIN PARK, HSG COLETY, PANCHASSAYAR, KOL-94 SUJAUA MALLICK, FLAT NO. 21, BLOCK-3, 28/1A, GARIAHAT G-383 ROAD, KOL-29 SAKC CIRCUS BRANCH (01749) SKA ZIZ, 32, FUZLUL HAQUE SAREENE, KOLKATA-700017 G-125 MASWOOD CHOWDHURY, 70 E, TILJALA ROAD, 4TH FLOOR, KOLKATA-700018 SK AZIZ, 32, FUZLUL HAQUE SAREENE, KOLKATA-700017 G-125 MASWOOD CHOWDHURY, 70 E, TILJALA ROAD, 4TH FLOOR, KOLKATA-700013 SK REZAUR RAHMAN, 33, BECKBAGAN ROW, KOL-700017 G-25 G-35 | -4. | | J-210 |
| RAJ MOHAND, VENKATESWARA LODGE, 113, PRINCE S-232 GOLAM MOHD RD, KOL-29 S-146 | 3. | | |
| GOLAM MOHD RD, KOL-29 | 24. 25. | | |
| BRATATI BANERJEE, FLAT NO-6, MAYUHH, DHAKURIA, KOL-31 K SIVSANKARAN, SREE NILAYAM, NEAR LABOUR CENTRE, KATTOOR, POTHRISSUR-880702 SRIDHAR NATRAJAM, 1, PRINCE GOLAM MD RD, P.O. S-48 KALIGHAT, KOL-26 SANKAR KR BASU, 26L, GARIAHAT RD, KOL-29 G-288 SANKAR KR BASU, 26L, GARIAHAT RD, KOL-29 G-288 P EKKA, OFFICER SBI DUMDUM AIRPORT BRANCH, KOL-29 S-271 AJIT GHOSH, 82A, K SEN RD, KOL-42 S-124 INDRANI ROY, 72/A, MAHANIRBAN RD, KOL-29 S-271 SUSOVAN MUKHERJEE, A/32, BAGAJATIN PARK, HSG SOCIETY, PANCHASSAYAR, KOL-94 UJJAL MALLICK, FLAT NO. 21, BLOCK-3, 28/14, GARIAHAT G-383 ROAD, KOL-29 ARK CIRCUS BRANCH (01749) MCHUMAYUN, 21/A, NASIRUDDIN ROAD, CIRCUS MASWOOD CHOUNTY, 70 E, TILJALA ROAD, 4TH G-148 FLOOR, KOLKATA-700017 SK AZIZ, 32, FUZLU HAQUE SAREENE, KOLKATA-700017 G-125 MASWOOD CHOUNDHURY, 70 E, TILJALA ROAD, 4TH G-148 FLOOR, KOLKATA-700016 RTIUPARNA MISHRA NEE MAJUMDAR, 8/2/h/69, URUDAS DUTTA GARDEN ROAD, KOLKATA-700067 GA-146 ANJALI SHAHA, 26, CONGRESS EXHIBITION ROAD, KOLKATA-700017 GA-146 ANJALI SHAHA, 26, CONGRESS EXHIBITION ROAD, KOLKATA-700017 GB-23 A B M SALEH, 4, SURHAWARDY AVENUE, 1ST FLOOR, KOLKATA-700017 MUKUNDA LAL PODDAR, 14/98, GOLF CLUB ROAD, KOLKATA-700017 MUKUNDA LAL PODDAR, 14/98, GOLF CLUB ROAD, KOLKATA-700017 MUKUNDA LAL PODDAR, 14/98, GOLF CLUB ROAD, KOLKATA-700017 GB-97 BUDDHADEB CHATTERJEE, C/O NATION MEDICAL COLLEGE AND HOSPITAL, KOLKATA-700017 SB-97 BUDDHADEB CHATTERJEE, C/O NATION MEDICAL COLLEGE AND HOSPITAL, KOLKATA-700017 SB-97 BUDDHADEB CHATTERJEE, C/O NATION MEDICAL COLLEGE AND HOSPITAL, KOLKATA-700017 SB-97 KOLKATA-7000013 SCHARA SABANA KHAIRI, 45, DILKHUSHA STREET, KOL-700017 SG-97 SUDBHADEB CHATTERJEE, C/O NATION MEDICAL COLLEGE AND HOSPITAL, KOLKATA-700017 SG-97 SUDBHADEB CHATTERJEE, C/O NATION MEDICAL COLLEGE AND HOSPITAL, KOLKATA-700017 SG-97 SUDBHADEB CHATTERJEE, C/O NATION MEDICAL COLLEGE AND HOSPITAL, KOLKATA-700017 SG-97 SUDBHADEB CHATTERJEE, C/O NATION MEDICAL COLLEGE AND HOSP | | GOLAM MOHD RD, KOL-29 | |
| COL-31 CALTA-70031 CALTA-70031 CALTA-700031 CALTA-70033 CALTA-70034 CALTA-70034 CALTA-70035 CALTA-70 | 6. | | |
| CENTRE, KATTOOR, POTHRISSUR-680702 SRIDHAR NATRAJAN, 1, PRINCE GOLAM MD RD, P.O. S-48 KALIGHAT, KOL-26 SANKAR KR BASU, 26L, GARIAHAT RD, KOL-29 G-288 P EKKA, OFFICER SBI DUMDUM AIRPORT BRANCH, KOL-29 S-271 SUSOVAN MUKHERJEE, AJS., BAGAJATIN PARK, HSG SOCIETY, PANCHASSAYAR, KOL-94 SUJAL MALLICK, FLAT NO. 21, BLOCK-3, 28/1A, GARIAHAT G-383 ROAD, KOL-29 S-271 SUSOVAN MUKHERJEE, AJS., BAGAJATIN PARK, HSG SOCIETY, PANCHASSAYAR, KOL-94 UJJAL MALLICK, FLAT NO. 21, BLOCK-3, 28/1A, GARIAHAT G-383 ROAD, KOL-29 S-271 SK AZIZ, 2, FUZLUL HAQUE SAREENE, KOLKATA-700017 G-125 MASWOOD CHOWDHURY, 70 E, TILJALA ROAD, 4TH FLOOR, KOLKATA-700047 SK AZIZ, 2, FUZLUL HAQUE SAREENE, KOLKATA-700017 G-125 MASWOOD CHOWDHURY, 70 E, TILJALA ROAD, 4TH FLOOR, KOLKATA-700049 STUPARNA MISHRA NEE MAJUMDAR, 8/2/h/69, URUDAS G-05 DUTTA GARDEN ROAD, KOLKATA-700067 GA-146 ANJALI SHAHA, 26, CONGRESS EXHIBITION ROAD, KOLKATA-700017 FARAH ZAMA, C/O DR. M ALAM, 1B, GEBLUT STREET, KOLKATA-700017 GA-146 ANJALI SHAHA, 26, CONGRESS EXHIBITION ROAD, KOLKATA-700017 GA-25 AB M SALEH, 4, SURHAWARDY AVENUE, KOLK-700017 GB-23 AB M SALEH, 4, SURHAWARDY AVENUE, KOL-700017 GB-70 KOLKATA-700033 SK REZAUR RAHMAN, 33, BECKBAGAN ROW, KOL-700017 GB-70 KOLKATA-700033 SK REZAUR RAHMAN, 33, BECKBAGAN ROW, KOL-700017 GB-70 KOLKATA-700033 SK REZAUR RAHMAN, 33, BECKBAGAN ROW, KOL-700017 GB-97 BUDDHADEB CHATTERJEE, C/O NATION MEDICAL COLLEGE RON HOSPITAL, KOLKATA-700017 GA-70 SABANA KHAIRI, 45, DILKHUSHA STREET, KOL-700017 NG-69 DIPALI GHOSH, 1, BENII KOLKATA-700031 SABANA KHAIRI, 45, DILKHUSHA STREET, KOL-700017 NG-69 DIPALI GHOSH, 1, BENII KOLKATA-700017 TAYEBA AHMED, 18/1 C, GORA CHAND LANE, KOL-700017 S-23 ABHARATI MUKHERJEE, 6/10 AATIONA CHANDRA GHI-STATION ROAD, KOLKATA-700017 ASHBANA KHAIRI, 45, DILKHUSHA STREET, KOL-700017 S-23 BIDHU BHUSAN DAS, 36, CHETLA, KOLKATA-700031 SIDHALI GHAKURIA, KOLKATA-700017 ASHBANA KHAIRI, 45, DILKHUSHA STREET, KOL-700 | 27. | | 5-43 |
| SRIDHAR NATRAJAN, 1, PRINCE GOLAM MD RD, P.O. S-48 | 8. | | S-60 |
| SANKAR KR BASU, 26L, GARIAHAT RD, KOL-29 G-288 SIPAC HATERJEC, C-28 C-286 KOL-29 S-248 KOL-29 S-241 S-124 INDRANI ROY, 72/A, MAHANIRBAN RD, KOL-29 S-271 SUSOVAN MUKHERJEE, A/32, BAGAJATIN PARK, HSG SOCIETY, PANCHASSAYAR, KOL-94 S-124 SUSOVAN MUKHERJEE, A/32, BAGAJATIN PARK, HSG G-434 SOCIETY, PANCHASSAYAR, KOL-94 S-124 S-124 SUSOVAN MUKHERJEE, A/32, BAGAJATIN PARK, HSG G-434 SOCIETY, PANCHASSAYAR, KOL-94 SAVENUE, KOLKATA-700017 SK AZIZ, 32, FUZLU HAQUE SAREENE, KOLKATA-700017 G-125 MASWOOD CHOWDHURY, 70 E, TILJALA ROAD, 4TH G-148 FLOOR, KOLKATA-700046 RITUPARNA MISHRA NEE MAJUMDAR, 8/2/h/69, URUDAS DUTTA GARDEN ROAD, KOLKATA-700067 GA-146 ANJALI SHAHA, 26, CONGRESS EXHIBITION ROAD, KOLKATA-700017 SK AZIZ, 32, SYED AMIR ALI AVENUE, KOLKATA-700017 GB-23 KOLKATA-700017 SK REZAUR RAHMAN, 33, BECKBAGAN ROW, KOL-700017 GB-23 KOLKATA-700017 SUDDHADEB CHATTERJEE, C/O NATION MEDICAL COLLEGE AND HOSPITAL, KOLKATA-700017 TAYEBA AHMED, 18/1 C, GORA CHAND LANE, KOL-700017 TAYEBA AHMED, 18/1 C, GORA CHAND LANE, KOL-700017 SABANA KHAIRI, 45, DILKHUSHA STREET, KOL -700017 TAYEBA AHMED, 18/1 C, GORA CHAND LANE, KOL-700017 S-14 SUBRATA GUHA THAKURTA, 50, LOWER RANGE, FLAT S-2 2C, 2ND FLOOR, KOLKATA -700017 SABANA KHAIRI, 45, DILKHUSHA STREET, KOL -700017 S-14 SUBRATA GUHA THAKURTA, 50, LOWER RANGE, FLAT S-2 SOLKATA -700017 SABANA KHAIRI, 45, DILKHUSHA STREET, KOL -700017 S-14 SUBRATA GUHA THAKURTA, 50, LOWER RANGE, FLAT S-2 SOLKATA -700017 SABANA KHAIRI, 45, DILKHUSHA STREET, KOL -700017 S-14 SUBRATA GUHA THAKURTA, 50, LOWER RANGE, FLAT S-2 S-33 SIDPAL GHOSH, KOLKATA-700017 SABANA KHAIRI, 45, DILKHUSHA STREET, KOL -700017 S-14 SUBRATA GUHA THAKURTA, 50, LOWER RANGE, FLAT S-2 S-11 KOLKATA -700017 S-14 SUBRATA GUHA THAKURTA, 50, LOWER RANGE, FLAT S-2 S-11 KOLKATA -700017 S-14 SUBRATA GUHA THAKURTA, 50, LOWER RANGE, FLAT S-2 S-15 S-15 S-15 S-15 S-15 S-15 S-15 S-1 | 9. | | S-48 |
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ASSEMBLY ELECTIONS 2023

Chouhan back in favour for MP but BJP may go without CM face in Chhattisgarh

LIZ MATHEW NEW DELHI, APRIL 28

WHILE THE BIP is almost certain to fight the next Assembly elections in Madhya Pradesh under the leadership of Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan, the party is unlikely to project a chief ministerial candidate for the polls in Chhattisgarh, where there has been a strong demand for change in the state unit leadership, sources said on Thursday.

Both states are expected to go polls before November 2023. On Thursday, the BJP senior

leadership held meetings with key leaders of the core groups of Pradesh Madhva Chhattisgarh in Delhi.

The meeting on Madhya Pradesh, attended by BJP national president J P Nadda, general secretary (organisation) B L Santosh and party state in-charge P Muralidhar Rao apart from the state leaders, decided to expedite preparation works such as filling up vacancies in the council of ministers, state-run boards and commissions while stepping up organisational activities at the

They said the central leadership "has no plans or discussions" on change of leadership at the party level or the government level ahead of the state elections

booth level, sources said.



MP Chief Minister Shivraj



Former Chhattisgarh chief

Losses in Chhattisgarh

THE BJP central leadership has taken a serious view of the Khairagarh bypoll defeat, in which the party candidate lost by a margin of more than 20,000 votes, earlier this month, according to a leader familiar with the develop-

ments. In the 2018 elections, the tally of the BIP, which was in power in Chhattisgarh for three

consecutive terms, went down from 49 to 15 seats in the 90-member Assembly. A year later, the party lost Dantewada in a bypoll.

as Chouhan — a four-term chief minister - "has regained" the national leadership's "confidence with his effective leadership".

During a recent visit to Bhopal, senior party leader and Union Home Minister Amit Shah praised Chouhan for the way his government has been implementing the welfare schemes initiated by central government led by Prime Minister Narendra Modi. The sources said the state BJP unit was

also upbeat with activities at the district to booth levels. But the situation in Chhattisgarh, where the party is in the opposition, is different, the sources said.

The rift-ridden state unit has not shown any sign of revival, with one faction alleging that the dominant faction led by former chief minister Raman Singh is calling the shots without taking others into confidence.

A national BJP vice-president,

Singh remains the tallest leader and has managed to put those close to him in key posts. Both state unit chief Vishnu Deo Sai and leader of the opposition Dharamlal Kaushik are considered close to him. According to a party leader from the state, "even secretary (organisation) Pawan Kumar Sai would not like to upset Singh". However, the recent defeat in the Khairagarh bypoll, which was termed as a semi-final to Assembly elections by Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel, has made the state lead-

ership's position precarious. "The party has not won a single election under this leadership. Every party leader till the mandal level would tell vou this leadership will not be able to lead the party to a win. The BJP is not able to make use of the internal differences or the governance failures of the Congress government in the state," a party leader said. "The current leadership has failed not only in regaining the trust of the voters but also failed to take every-

Over the past few days, BJP secretary general Purandeswari, who is in charge of Chhattisgarh, met state leaders to take their feedback on the state of affairs. Purandeswari is expected to submit a report to the national leadership on the basis of the feedback.

one along in the organisation too.'

NAVAL COMMANDERS' CONFERENCE

Russia-Ukraine war shows necessity of self-reliance: Defence Minister

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, APRIL 28

"THE COUNTRY'S sovereignty and prosperity depend on the nation's armed forces and the need for a strong and credible Navy cannot be over emphasised," Defence Minister Rajnath Singh said Thursday.He said he was conscious of the importance of long-term funding for the sustained growth of the Navy and the Navy's consistent performance in optimally utilising the al-

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"The endeavours of the Navy to meet all commitments and remain combat-ready, despite various challenges, are well appreciated," Singh said.

located budget.

brass on the concluding day of the Naval Commanders' Conference. which began on April 25, Singh said he was "cognisant that India's maritime character and its vital geo-strategic location have played a primary role in our growth as a nation and evolution as a civilisation". With increasing dependence on the seas for national development and engagement with the world, he added, the Navy continued to protect India's maritime interests and enabled a safe and secure environment in the region. "Over the years, the Navy has maintained a high tempo of operations and has established a credible and responsive presence in the Indian Ocean Region through mission-

based deployments, which reaffirm Navy's position as a preferred security partner in the region," Singh said.

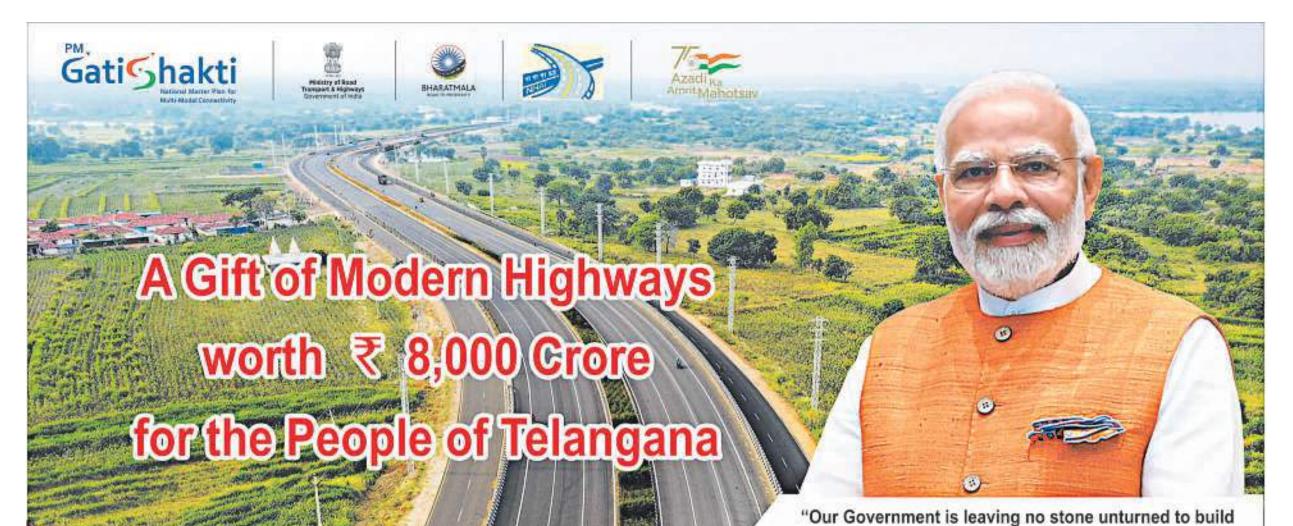
The ongoing Russia and Ukraine conflict had again highlighted that being self-reliant without dependencies was a vital necessity, he said, adding that the Navy had been at the forefront of the government's "Atmanirbhar Bharat" project and must continue to lead the way and remain a necessary guarantor of India's maritime trade, security and national pros-

He said the Navy had re-invested 64 per cent of its capital budget into the domestic economic and the percentage share of modernisation budget was

bound to grow up to 70 per cent towards indigenous procurement in the current financial year.

"It is heartening that out of 41 ships and submarines that are on order, 39 are being built in Indian shipyards. While the Navy has been at the forefront of indigenisation, it is important for us to leverage on the momentum that we have gained thus far. I urge the senior leadership to maintain their focus on futuristic capability development, to ensure that the nation's maritime power grows in tandem with our economic interests," he said. He also mentioned the country's first Indigenous Aircraft Carrier (IAC), Vikrant, that would be commissioned this year, calling it a "milestone event".

Kolkata



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Dedication to The Nation

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4-laning of Mangloor - Telangana / MH Border Section of NH-161

(Project Length: 49.00 Km, Cost of Project: Rs.1312 Cr.)

Foundation Stone Laying

6-laning of Kalkallu - Gundlapochampally of Nagpur - Hyderabad Section of NH-44 (Project Length: 17.00 Km, Cost of Project: Rs.955.50 Cr.)

6-laning of Gundlapochampally – Bowenpally of Nagpur - Hyderabad Section of NH-44

(Project Length: 10.00 Km, Cost of Project: Rs.521.50 Cr.)

6-laning of Thondupalli - Kothur of Hyderabad - Bangalore Section of NH-44

(Project Length: 12.00 Km, Cost of Project: Rs.541.60 Cr.)

4-laning of Hyderabad (ORR near TSPA Junction) to Manneguda Section of NH-163 (Project Length: 46.00 Km, Cost of Project: Rs.928.41 Cr.)

Construction of 2-lane with Paved Shoulders from Duddeda to Jangaon Section of NH-365B (Project Length: 46 Km, Cost of Project: Rs.423.48 Cr.)

Construction of 2-lane with Paved Shoulders from Valigonda to Thorrur Section of NH-930 P

(Project Length: 69 Km, Cost of Project: Rs.549.28 Cr.)

Construction of L B Nagar to Malkapur Section of NH-65 to 12-Lane Road (6-Lane Main Carriageway

with 6- lane Service Road) (Project Length: 23 Km, Cost of Project: Rs.545.11 Cr.)

Construction of 4-lane of Hanmakonda – Mulugu Section of NH-163 (Project Length: 30 Km, Cost of Project: Rs.317.19 Cr.)

Construction of 6-lane with Paved Shoulders from Hyderabad to Bhupalapatnam

Section on NH-163 (Project Length: 4 Km, Cost of Project: Rs.48.32 Cr.)

Construction of Flyover at BHEL junction on Pune-Hyderabad Section of NH-65 (Project Length: 2 Km, Cost of Project: Rs.96.51 Cr.)

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BECAUSE THE TRUTH INVOLVES US ALL

A war runs through it

Russia-Ukraine conflict has upended many assumptions in the Union budget, complicating fiscal management

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MADAN SABNAVIS

WITH DUE RESPECT

Delhi High Court's comments on Umar Khalid's political vocabulary strike a jarring, and disquieting, note

N WEDNESDAY, HEARING the bail application of student and activist Umar Khalid in the larger conspiracy case of the 2020 Northeast Delhi riots, the Delhi High Court asked if it is "proper" to use the term "jumla" for the Prime Minister of India. The day after, that is not the question. It is: What does it mean when a high court asks what it did? That the Division Bench of Justice Siddharth Mridul and Justice Rajnish Bhatnagar should be so easily offended on the PM's behalf, that it should speak of a "laxman rekha" for criticism of government, points to more disturbing things. These are times when the ruling establishment has made a dismal habit of labelling dissenters and political opponents as "anti-national", and harsh laws like the UAPA are being weaponised to target critics. These are times, too, when the courts are not as vigilant against the misuse of law to cramp citizens' freedoms, and when they all too often give the executive the benefit of doubt. In times like these, especially, Delhi HC's objections to words used by Umar Khalid in a speech in Amravati in February 2020 strike a jarring note.

The Delhi HC has also flagged "oont pahad ke neeche aa gaya (idiomatic Hindi for cutting the arrogant down to size)" and the use of expressions like "inquilabi" and "krantikari (revolutionary)" in the speech. The court's picking on satirical or polemical words and innocuous phrases underlines a deepening worry about the Delhi riots cases — that dots are being joined loosely and indiscriminately, between legitimate protests against a law, CAA-NRC, in which Khalid also participated, and the communal violence that broke out in Northeast Delhi which left 53 dead. The central pillar that holds the prosecution's edifice is the criminalisation of the protest by linking it to the violence and, by invoking the UAPA, even to terror. Another bench of the Delhi HC, last year, spoke wisely and sharply against this, while granting bail to Khalid's co-accused, Natasha Narwal, Devangana Kalita and Asif Tanha: "... it seems that in its anxiety to suppress dissent, in the mind of the state, the line between the constitutionally guaranteed right to protest and terrorist activity seems to be getting somewhat blurred. If this mindset gains traction, it would be a sad day for democracy". The Supreme Court intervened within days of that HC order, though, and while it did not cancel the bail, it said that the reading down of the anti-terror law is "not to be treated as precedent by any court".

But that reading down of the harsh law, the underlining of crucial distinctions between "protest", "law and order", "security of the state" and "terror", and the court's warning that "wanton use of serious penal provisions would only trivialise them" is a judicial moment to hold on to. It gives reason to hope that the excesses of the executive will be checked by the court. One hopes, with due respect, that the court, through its remarks on Khalid's vocabulary, was merely being provocative in the back-and-forth that marks the adversarial process of justice. Because when citizens' freedoms are threatened, the only bulwark is a judiciary that will speak up without ambivalence or delay, on substance rather than style. To flag what can, or cannot, offend the PM is not the responsibility of an independent judiciary.

THE UNION BUDGET 2022-23 received a great deal of attention even before the financial year began due to the Russia-Ukraine conflict, and the consequent rise in inflation. There has been considerable speculation on whether the fiscal targets will be altered due to the evolving conditions. The government, however, is quite sure of the numbers and has not spoken about the need to revisit them. Let's see how things have changed since February.

To begin with, the critical estimate of GDP growth assumed for this year has certainly changed, with the RBI also adjusting its earlier forecast. However, the budget was conservative to begin with, assuming an 11.1 per cent growth estimate on which its revenue collection targets were based. Given that real GDP growth has been scaled down by the RBI to 7.2 per cent, and as inflation has gone up, on balance, the 11.1 per cent assumption looks tenable. Hence, inflation has been a positive for the government in this respect.

Another positive that emerged last year was that overall tax collections were even more buoyant than expected. From the budgeted figure of Rs 22.17 lakh crore, the revised estimates raised the target to Rs 25.16 lakh crore. In comparison, actual collections have turned out to be even higher at Rs 27.07 lakh crore. Budgets normally calculate taxes as a per cent of GDP; and this ratio rose by almost 1 percentage point to 11.7 per cent in 2021-22, up from the revised estimates of 10.8 per cent. If this buoyancy is maintained, then the government can expect the 2022-23 target of Rs 27.57 lakh crore to be exceeded by around Rs 2.5 lakh crore (of this, around 30 per cent will go to the states). The Centre would potentially get an extra Rs 1.75 lakh crore. But will this scenario materialise?

This additional revenue would ideally flow from enhanced GST collections, corporate tax, and customs. Central to GST collections increasing is private consumption. Today, high inflation erodes the purchasing power of households, which will divert a larger portion

to the consumers, especially in the second half
of the year. Can they do it for the second time
is the question. High growth in trade volumes
led to the government raking in higher customs collections. With global growth set to
slow down in 2022, a similar flow is unlikely.
Therefore, higher tax collections cannot be
taken for granted on account of the buoyancy
witnessed last year.
At the same time, the government will be
watchful of excise collections as it is possible
that rising fuel prices will lead to lower consumption. Interestingly, overall consumption of petro products increased in March

sumption. Interestingly, overall consumption of petro products increased in March 2022 even as the daily price hikes set in. Also, in case crude oil continues on the current path and remains in the region of \$100-120/barrel, a call may have to be taken by the government on the excise duty: Once the prices of diesel and petrol remain at a new threshold, there will be a tendency for freight rates to be increased permanently. This will have a secondary impact on inflation. A careful assessment will be needed on this front. Further, on the revenue side, the LIC disjoint that was to happen last years will

of their incomes for necessities that have be-

come expensive. Therefore, there will be un-

certainty here. Corporates did well last year as they did manage to pass on higher input costs

Further, on the revenue side, the LIC disinvestment that was to happen last year will materialise this year. The disinvestment has been pushed through for May, but would be of a much lower amount (around Rs 21,000 crore) than envisaged earlier. But this does send a strong message that the government is determined to go through with the disinvestment. It will be interesting to see if this would be a part of the Rs 65,000 crore target for this year. At any rate, other big-ticket disinvestments have to be considered this year.

On the expenditure side, too, there is uncertainty on account of the price rise. The biggest concern will be the fertiliser subsidy, which has been a volatile expenditure item. Higher prices of natural gas have meant that fertilisers have been more expensive and so, the budgeted amount of Rs 1.05 lakh crore

will have to be revisited. With inflation already high and agriculture expected to be the bright spot again, the government cannot risk ignoring the subsidy element on fertilisers because there can be an impact on farm product prices.

The food subsidy will also need to be examined. The minimum support price (MSP) has become even more significant today because there is a corresponding commitment to procurement. The present rise in food prices globally has meant that there is a good global market, especially for wheat. Exports for wheat and maize might rise but can distort the procurement process. The MSPs may have to be made more attractive to ensure that there are adequate stocks with the FCI. Under normal circumstances, this may not have mattered but the decision to extend the free food scheme for the first six months of the year does mean that stocking has to keep pace.

The budget had assumed that interest rates would be stable. However, conditions have changed quite quickly with bond yields moving up by almost 50 bps for the 10-year G-secs. The market expectation is that the benchmark can touch 7.4-7.5 per cent if conditions do not improve in the global arena. This will mean that the entire Rs 15.95 lakh crore of gross borrowing will have to be carried out at a higher cost. This can result in an additional Rs 8,000 crore of interest if the 50 basis points increase holds through the year. There could be an upward bias if rates go up

Therefore, the course and length of the war are critical. The longer the conflict continues the greater will be the impact. While the government has adeptly managed the fiscal numbers in the last couple of years, this year will be particularly challenging considering the nature of the shock.

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LET THEM LEARN

Kerala move to study Gujarat scheme stokes political controversy. But states must share ideas to improve governance

ERALA'S PINARAYI VIJAYAN-LED government has done well to ignore the Opposition's barbs on sending the chief secretary, V P Joy, to Gujarat to study the latter's "dashboard" scheme. Joy, who arrived in Ahmedabad on Wednesday, praised the scheme that allows the chief minister to monitor progress of public works and programmes across ministries and the working of bureaucrats in real time from his office.

It is a sign of polarised times that even a courteous exchange of views or the sharing of ideas that can benefit citizens get caught up in political polemic. Institutions such as the National Development Council (NDC) — presided over by the prime minister, with Union ministers, chief ministers, members of the Planning Commission, now NIT1 Aayog, ministers of state with independent charge, as members — were built in the 1950s as a platform for states to share ideas and learn from each other. The NDC ceased to be a lively platform long ago and the Narendra Modi government had proposed to wind up the Nehru-era institution. Instead, the Modi government reconstituted the Planning Commission as NIT1 Aayog and re-imagined it as a resource centre — "a repository of research on good governance and best practices in sustainable and equitable development..." — for states. However, political rhetoric and showmanship often gets in the way.

State governments should showcase their success stories and invite other governments to learn from them. Gujarat could learn ways to improve school education from Kerala while Tamil Nadu should be a model for states such as UP in optimising welfare schemes and building a robust public health system. Jammu and Kashmir's record on land reforms, working of Panchayati Raj institutions in Karnataka, and rural cooperatives of Maharashtra could be profitably studied by other states. Of course, political considerations will remain. For instance, the CPM expelled two-time MP, AP Abdullakutty, from the party in 2009 for praising the "Gujarat model" — he has since joined the BJP. The Congress seems to have taken the baton from the CPM in censuring engagements with the "enemy" — recently, it threatened disciplinary action against party leaders speaking at the CPM party congress. But all parties must recognise when the drawing of rigid political lines becomes counter-productive, when it starts looking like a self-goal.

Umran Malik

From Kashmir, a son of a fruit-seller, a boy who began as a netbowler, who is yet to play for the country, offers hope

OR THE PAST few years the Indian Test team has had a potent pace attack that has been the envy of the world. But there has never been someone quite like Umran Malik. You can marvel at Jasprit Bumrah's physique and the intelligence in his bowling, appreciate Mohammad Shami's seam positions, smile at Umesh Yadav's swing at pace, nod at Mohammad Siraj's springy zest. But Malik injects a neverbefore feeling: A visceral thrill at watching a ball rush through the air. There have been highly skilful fast bowlers and more are mushrooming, but Malik hurls intimidatory blurs, adrenalin-kickers, cannonballs to satiate cricket devotees' lust for pace.

His background adds romance to the story. From Kashmir, a son of a fruit-seller, a boy who began as a net-bowler, and who is yet to play for the country. What he offers is hope, and his emergence upholds the cherished belief that in sport, particularly cricket at least, an Indian with a talent will be identified, nurtured, and celebrated — regardless of class, race, religion, region or language.

But at the core, the real deal is Malik's pace. It may not last too long, and he will probably need more than that to become a great bowler. But that sobering thought can wait. In the here and now, it's how he takes the pitch out of the equation, how he makes fierce Australians go weak in their knees, how he makes international batsmen flinch in pain. He is growing as a bowler. Toes and heads are being threatened, LED-bails are lighting up eagerly, stumps are flying, and as Jeff Thompson, probably the fastest bowler that ever was, once said, he can smell fear in the batsmen. For the first time, an Indian bowler can say the same



SHOCK-PROOFING POWER

Efficiency of thermal plants must be increased and regulators empowered

SHALU AGRAWAL AND KARTHIK GANESAN

IN OCTOBER LAST year, India witnessed significant power shortages stemming from the low inventory of coal at the power plants. After seven months, we are back to square one as reports of coal-shortage induced power outages across states continue to pour in. On the one hand, there is a rush towards buying expensive coal and power on the exchanges. On the other, states like Andhra Pradesh and Gujarat have asked industries to reduce consumption to manage the power deficit. As economic activity resumed after the Covid-induced lockdowns, the demandsupply mismatch for commodities such as coal widened globally, leading to a surge in prices. Geopolitical tensions have exacerbated the existing crisis. Amidst such unprecedented volatility, how can the Indian power sector become more resilient to fu-

Global supply disruptions due to the Russia-Ukraine conflict have sent coal prices touching historical highs. The cost of imported coal in India is expected to be 35 per cent higher in the fiscal year 2022-23 compared to the past year. Subsequently, power producers paid a premium of up to 300 per cent in March to secure coal supplies in the domestic spot market.

Even as coal stocks available with state thermal power plants fell, India also witnessed a sudden rise in energy demand in March — the hottest in its recorded history. This pushed peak power demand to 199 GW in the middle of March. The last week of March saw a 13 per cent higher demand over past year trends, accompanied by high electricity prices on the power exchange.

Despite two decades of sectoral reforms, the aggregate losses of discoms stand at 21 per cent (2019-20). This is reflective of both operational inefficiency and poor recovery of dues from consumers, including those affiliated to state governments and municipal bodies. These losses are also the reason for discoms not being able to pay the generators on time, resulting in payment delays to Coal India, which, in turn, is reluctant to supply coal on request.

This has left distribution companies (discoms) with two options: Procure expensive power, but face uncertainty in revenue recovery or resort to power rationing, as several states are doing.

The Ministry of Power has taken a host of measures to alleviate the crisis. This includes giving directions to ensure maximum production of coal at captive mines, rationing of coal to non-power sectors, and a price cap of Rs 12 per unit on electricity traded on exchanges. But we need to do more to enhance the sector's resilience to such disruptions from exogenous factors.

First, create an enabling ecosystem to ensure power plants work efficiently. India has about 200 GW of coal-based generation capacity which accounts for nearly 70 per cent of the total electricity generated in the country. However, according to a CEEW assessment, a disproportionate share of generation comes from older inefficient plants, while the newer and efficient ones remain idle for want of favourable coal supply contracts or power purchase agreements. Revisiting fue allocation and supporting the priority dispatch of efficient plants could help India reduce coal demand by up to 6 per cent of our annual requirement, and set aside more coal for the proverbial rainy day.

Second, enable discoms to undertake smart assessment and management of demand. We have advanced tools for medium- and short-term demand forecasting. However, few discoms have embraced these to inform their procurement decisions. With more than 90 per cent of power being procured through long-term con-

tracts, discoms have little incentive to dynamically assess and manage demand. Introducing time-of-day pricing and promoting efficient consumption behaviour would help shave peak demand and avoid panic buying in the market.

Third, empower electricity regulators to help bring down discom losses. Despite two decades of sectoral reforms, the aggregate losses of discoms stand at 21 per cent (2019-20). This is reflective of both operational inefficiency and poor recovery of dues from consumers, including those affiliated with state governments and municipal bodies. These losses are also the reason for discoms not being able to pay the generators on time, resulting in payment delays to Coal India, which, in turn, is reluctant to supply coal on request. Besides the ongoing initiatives like introducing smart meters and network strengthening, empowering regulators would be critical to infuse payment discipline across the supply chain of the electricity sector and to keep cost recovery as a key metric.

Given the country's development aspirations, India's power demand is set to rise substantially and become more variable. Increasing climatic and geopolitical uncertainties underscore the need to become more efficient in the way we generate, distribute and consume energy. We need to act now for the long-term resilience of India's power sector.

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APRIL 29, 1982, FORTY YEARS AGO

BRITAIN STEPS UP HEAT

BRITAIN HAS SET the stage for a military showdown with Argentina by announcing that a full sea and air blockade would be imposed on the Falkland Islands in the next 48 hours. The Defence Ministry said any Argentine ship or aircraft found in the 200-mile radius "no-go" zone declared around the South Atlantic islands would be regarded as hostile. Official British sources said friendly governments were being kept informed of Britain's moves to regain the colony. Sources close to Prime Minister Thatcher said: "We haven't declared war on Argentina and we shall not do so. But I wouldn't exactly describe

us as being in a state of peace at the moment".

Amritsar Calm

BARRING MINOR INCIDENTS of violence at two places, peace prevailed in Amritsar, though the authorities have extended the curfew by another 24 hours. A peace march led by the Union Home Minister, Zail Singh, and the Chief Minister Darbara Singh saw the participation of prominent political and religious leaders.

UN CENSURES ISRAEL
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olution for Palestinian statehood. It branded Israel "not a peace-loving" UN member and condemned the US support for it.

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VELAYATI IN DELHI

THE FOREIGN MINISTER of Iran, Ali Akbar Velayati, met External Affairs Minister, P V Narasimha Rao on April 28. Velayati is in Delhi on a five-day official visit. According to a spokesperson of the Ministry of External Affairs, Velayati explained to Rao that the purpose of his visit was to consolidate Iran's relations with India in the political, economic, commercial, industrial and other fields.

Kolkata

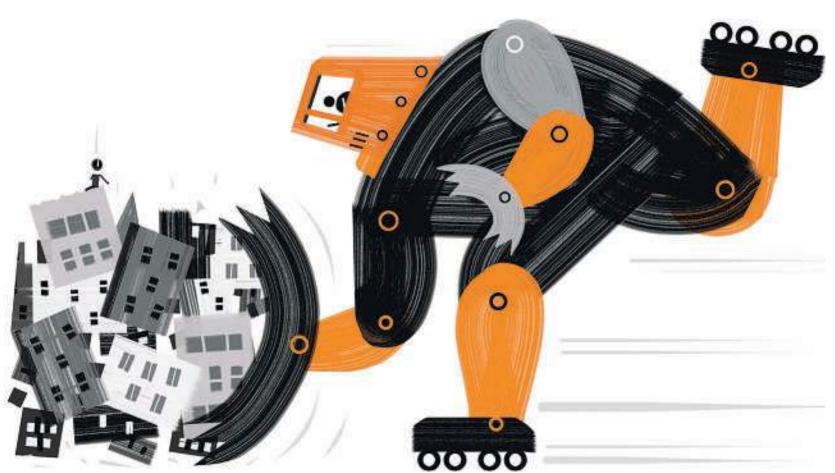
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WHAT THE OTHERS SAY

"When Donald Trump was hoicked off Twitter and Facebook, Mr Musk tweeted: 'A lot of people are going to be super unhappy with West Coast high tech as the de facto arbiter of free speech.' Fair point then, fair point now."

— THE GUARDIAN



C R Sasikumar

The return of instant justice

Tendency of law enforcement agencies to pronounce verdicts and dispense punishment, without going through due process, signals a setback to the quest for a more humane justice system



V N RAI

IN FYODOR DOSTOEVSKY'S all-time great novel *Crime and Punishment*, the hero Rodion Raskolnikov initiates a classical discourse on the sociology of crime and the rationale of society punishing the "criminal". It was a common belief till the second half of the 19th century, when this immortal character was created, that a criminal is a cursed creature who deserves exemplary punishment, that too publicly. Justice was often instant with very few rights available to the person facing the "judge". In many cases, a person declared guilty was stoned, beheaded or hanged to death in full public view.

The changing face of the criminal, crime and punishment offers fascinating insights into the changing value systems of society. Acts considered criminal a few hundred years ago do not attract punishment today. Most societies don't punish extramarital relationships and LGBT people are not seen as deviants. Similarly, the rights of a person charged to defend himself reasonably have been recognised as part of natural justice. It is like the journey of a state towards civilisation. A more civilised society means more compassion towards a delinquent. The purpose of punishment changes from the destruction of the soul and body of a recalcitrant to facilitating him to become an integral part of the nation. Nation-states that top the human development ladder have abolished capital punishment. In India, the courts award such punishment in the rarest of the rare circumstances.

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Civilised societies have also recognised the rights of the accused as part of natural justice. Instant justice has become a thing of

the past and an accused is provided a lawyer, his right to appeal a sentence is honoured and a person is generally considered innocent until proved otherwise. The sudden appearance of a bulldozer denies a victim any opportunity to avail any of these — vakil, dalil and appeal. He is simply condemned to watch an arrogant bureaucracy demolish his property helplessly.

In independent India, which is trying to modernise very fast, instant justice has been abolished from the books but is deeply entrenched in the psyche of the people. Ram Manohar Lohia, a dominant presence in the political discourses of this country till the late 1960s, described this tendency as "cruel cowardice". He gave the example of the average Indian who dared not oppose the goonda of his locality but never missed the chance to give a blow to the pickpocket caught at a bus stop.

The Indian state displays this tendency at times, though not as brazenly as it has done of late. From my UP experience, I can admit that there was always a complicit state that looked the other way when a 'dreaded outlaw" was gunned down by the police in an "encounter", but such acts were rarely celebrated. Except for a brief period when V P Singh was the chief minister and the state publicly extolled encounters, which were mostly fake, governments are not known to acknowledge them openly. A state may take some corrective measures, though unwillingly, only when there is a public outcry or judicial intervention. It is after a long gap that important political and executive functionaries have started speaking publicly in favour of instant justice. The police have been given the role of investigator, judge and executioner and they are really enjoying it. In the last few years, hundreds of people who were yet to be declared guilty by a court of law were, reportedly, shot in their legs and maimed.

The most unfortunate part of the story is that a large number of people support this cruelty. A few years ago, youngsters who had sexually assaulted and murdered a doctor were taken out of jail and killed by the police in a manner which could have shaken the conscience of any civilised society. However, the people of Hyderabad celebrated this ghastly violation of the law. Perhaps the traditional attraction for instant justice discouraged citizens from asking questions about the inability of the justice dispensation system of the country to punish such heinous criminals in a short time frame. My memory of UP has numerous anecdotes of people coming out on the streets and celebrating the killing or maiming of a person by the police who otherwise could not be punished by a court of law. This shows both attraction towards instant justice and the acceptance of an outdated legal framework, not equipped to meet the challenges of modern-day life. The state also appears to be happy about this uncivil acceptance, as bringing fundamental changes in police procedures, prosecution and courts will involve expenditure, and instant justice is cheap. The time has come when the nation has to choose between an expensive civilised justice dispensation system or a brute tradition in which the police dons the cap of investigator, judge and hangman.

Recent instances of bulldozing residential or commercial dwellings of people who the rulers of the day think have committed unpardonable crimes have opened the Pandora's box from where some very uncomfortable questions are emanating about the character of the Indian state. Instant justice makes an individual barbaric and similarly, instant justice makes a society barbaric. The bulldozer culture is turning the Indian state into an uncivilised and barbaric state. If this is not stopped immediately we will lose whatever little we have achieved through our wonderful Constitution in the last seven decades. Our journey to make our society democratic and amenable to the rule of law will turn into a nightmare.

Rai, a retired IPS officer, is the author of Hashimpura 22 May, a chronicle of the 1987 custodial killings

Making room for the victim

SC judgment on bail in Lakhimpur Kheri case shows how the trial process can be remodelled to become more participatory



Upma Gautam and Priya Das

THE VICTIMS' MOVEMENT, decrying the criminal justice system's lack of a participatory approach, spread like wildfire around the world in the previous century. The movement that began in the US has withstood the test of time and is credited with establishing the present discourse on enhancing the victim's position as a stakeholder in the administration of criminal justice.

Crime, which is essentially a wrong against the state, triggers the entire state machinery (police, judiciary) to spring into action to remedy the wrong and punish the wrongdoer. The cog that sets the wheel in motion acts as a mere spectator in the entire battle fought between the prosecutor and the accused. However, the recent decision of the Supreme Court in Jagjeet Singh and Ors. v. Ashish Mishra and Anr. (Lakhimpur Kheri violence case) has ignited a beacon of hope in victim jurisprudence. In this judgment, the court cancelled the bail granted to the accused by the high court over the denial of a fair and effective hearing to the victim in the bail proceedings. This necessitates an inquiry into the role of the victim in an adversarial criminal justice system like ours. As former US President Ronald Reagan put it, "For too long, the victims of crime have been the forgotten persons of our criminal justice system".

 $A\,milestone\,in\,the\,recognition\,of\,victims$ in the criminal justice process was the UN Declaration of Basic Principles of Justice for Victims of Crime and Abuse of Power, 1985. Victim participation is given a prominent position in various jurisdictions throughout the world and can be observed at various stages of a criminal trial, including producing evidence and questioning witnesses. It includes the right to know the status of the investigation, petition the court for further direction, being heard in the grant or cancellation of bail and advance arguments after the submission of the prosecutor's arguments. Unfortunately, in India, the victim is consigned to the shadows and often lurks in the background of a criminal trial. and even the protection of her interests is entirely dependent on the alacrity of public prosecutors who are already overloaded by the Indian court system's vast pendency.

The convenient wielding of the wand by the courts in granting bail is buttressed by the Prison Statistics of India (NCRB, 2020), according to which 39.3 per cent of convicts and 95.4 per cent of undertrial prisoners were enlarged on bail in 2020, thus affirming the canon that "bail is the rule, jail an exception". The ever-evolving jurisprudence of bail is primarily dealt with by the Code of

Criminal Procedure 1973 and supplemented by judicial precedents. Granting bail in non-bailable cases is at the discretion of the court or the officer, depending on numerous factors like nature and gravity of accusation, severity of punishment which the conviction will entail, the danger of the accused absconding, tampering with evidence, reoffending and the interest of society. It is pertinent to note here that bail is an indefeasible right of the accused in bailable cases; the scope of discretion is only in non-bailable matters.

The victim's participation in bail matters is provided for in the limited circumstances of non-bailable matters or where the accused is to be released on bail in case of suspension of sentence pending appeal, where the punishment prescribed is more than seven years imprisonment, and in cancellation of bail. The opportunity of being heard here is conferred on the public prosecutor, representing the victim. The high court, in the exercise of its inherent power, can allow the complainant or the victim to intervene and oppose the bail, pending appeal

In contrast, special legislation like the SC/ST (Prevention of Atrocities) Act and POCSO Act, expressly recognise the victim's right to reasonable, accurate, and timely notice of any court proceedings, including the bail proceedings and to be informed by a special public prosecutor regarding the same. This right extends to the right of being heard at any proceeding under the act—bail, release, conviction, sentence, etc.

The V S Malimath Committee (2003) and 268th Law Commission Report of India, (2017) championed the victim's right to participate in grant or cancellation of bail and suggested "victim impact assessment" reports in bail matters, respectively. The concerns of the victim, along with the information on the physical, mental, the social impact of the crime and bail, must be given due consideration.

The victims' right to be heard at every stage of the proceedings under the SC/ST Act has been held to be inexpungible by the Supreme Court in Hariram Bhambhi v. Satyanarayan (2021), where non-issuance of notice to the victims for the bail proceeding was held to be incurable. However, the victim's right to be heard is completely disregarded in IPC offences, as evidenced by the frowning of the apex court in Rasiklal v. Kishore (2009) upon cancellation of bail (non-bailable case) on the grounds of the complainant being unheard.

The ripples created by the decision of the Supreme Court reinforcing the right of a victim to be heard in matters of bail in non-bailable cases is one of the first steps in the long journey of remodelling the Indian criminal justice system to make it more victim-inclusive at each stage. The bail application in non-bailable cases should be decided after weighing the relevant considerations and affording an adequate opportunity of hearing to the victims.

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Opening our arms and minds

Journey to acceptance of people on Autism Spectrum begins with understanding

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PRIYAM WAS THE life of the party at the daycare centre. A bright-eyed boy who captured the heart of the caretakers and played with abandon. Sometime after his second birthday, all this started changing. He stopped playing with his toys, he seemed more interested in organising them now. He stopped talking, not responding even when called by name. He stopped smiling at people and making eye contact. Then the rhythmic movements started; rocking his body, banging his head or repeatedly tapping on the table. One day he banged his head so much that when his father came, hurriedly summoned by the caretaker, there was a trickle of blood running down his face. That was his last day at the centre; they refused to keep him after that.

Nancy was different. Growing up in a family with siblings and grandparents, she was used to people. But outsiders were studiously ignored. She heard all the questions and comments but never acknowledged them. Loud noises, rough-textured clothes, squishy toys, strong-smelling foods, all caused strong aversion. Now 10, she ventures out to play with other kids. She is often confused by the endless chatting of the other kids. She cannot fathom why they can't just

come, play and go home. She comes home crying most days because the others refused to include her in their play. She is smart, she understands that she is doing something wrong, but does not know what.

wrong, but does not know what. After multiple visits to the paediatrician and clinical psychologists, numerous questionnaires, behavioural evaluations through observations and play, both Nancy and Priyam were diagnosed to have Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD), People with ASD have difficulties in social interaction and communication, show repetitive behaviours like rocking movements or repeating certain words over and over again and are obsessive about routine and order in their daily lives. Between one in 50 to one in 150 people have a diagnosis of ASD in countries where this is being systematically done. In India, we do not have sufficiently uniform access to diagnosis to know the numbers.

A range of conditions previously known as Autism or Pervasive Developmental Disorder (PDD) or Asperger's Syndrome now come under the common umbrella of Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD). Like Priyam and Nancy, people with ASD have very diverse difficulties, hence the term "spectrum" is used. True to the name, brain

scans of people with ASD show a range of differences: In the volume and size of the brain and in the numbers and connectivity of neurons in the brain. But none of these differences is enough to diagnose a child as being on the Autism Spectrum. We know that the brains of ASD people are different from the brains of neurotypical people but we still do not know how that causes the behavioural changes. Autism is mostly genetic; the risk for autism increases in families with previous cases of ASD. But there is no single "autism gene" that can be tested for risk. The condition is a result of brain development being affected by a combination of nearly 100 or so genes.

High-functioning ASD kids, like Nancy, find it difficult to navigate the social world, but they are independent, able to attend mainstream schools, find employment and thrive. Many times, they excel at something that gets them noticed among their peers such as extraordinary mathematical, musical or artistic abilities. For such "high-functioning" autistic kids, these skills make their journey through life somewhat easier. But at the other end of the ASD spectrum are the children who do not speak beyond a few words, like Priyam. Some, but not all non-

verbal children, may also have an intellectual disability. These children would usually need occupational therapy to identify objects by name, to learn to ask for help and communicate with others

communicate with others. In a recent study, scientists tested the communication abilities of neurotypical adults with autistic adults and autistic adults with other autistic adults. Very surprisingly, they found that autistic people could communicate with each other as well as neurotypical people can with other neurotypical adults. This study revealed that perhaps it is not just the ASD individuals who need help with communication. But rather, the rest of the society should also learn how to communicate with, work with and value the diversity of brains we have amongst us. As parents, as teachers, as friends and family, we must learn how to open our arms and minds to differences amongst us. Many autistic children go on to live happy, fulfilled, loved and loving adult lives. But this journey always begins with acceptance and engagement at home and in the immediate social circle.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

LEARNING LOSS

THIS REFERS TO the article, 'A time to revisit the school' (IE, April 28). The need for well-organised government schools, particularly in the rural areas and aimed at facilitating learning for poor children is well stated, but the government does not seem to be alive to this issue. As against the 6 per cent of GDP required for education annually envisaged in the National Education Policy, the actual education budget has been hovering around 3.1 per cent, including this year. Much of it is in the area of digital education even as the recurring problem of understaffing and inadequate infrastructure in many schools remains unsolved. The addition of more IIMs and IITs is highlighted by the government. Efforts to rewrite history or introduce controversial religious practices could have waited till the challenge of making up for the loss of learning among the poor was sorted out.

Y G Chouksey, Pune

FREEDOM, FIEFDOM

THIS REFERS TO the editorial, 'Musk's Twitter' (IE, April 28). The title itself paints an ominous portrait of the state of free speech in present times. The digital public conversation now runs the risk of being spun by an individual. Even more concerning is the fact that Elon Musk views free speech as a binary – it either exists or does not. The extant algorithms of Twitter have been unable to moderate hate speech. A reduction in content monitor-

ing, as intended by Musk, is only going to exacerbate the issue.

Shreya Singh, Mumbai

This refers to the editorial, 'Musk's Twitter' (IE, April 28). Elon Musk's single-handed purchase of Twitter raises many red flags. As a self-proclaimed free speech absolutist, perhaps Musk would do well to remember that any kind of absolutism could easily turn into extremism. Freedom is inextricably linked with responsibility, which someone like Musk might incorrectly translate as restrictions. The world today is no stranger to how instances of hate speech, fake news, and misinformation about public health issues posted on social media platforms, when left unchecked, have led to dangerous consequences. Ownership implies control, and an individual's monopoly over public conversation is alarming.

HATE, A DISTRACTION

Samiksha, Rohtak

This refers to the report, 'Section 144, preventive arrests: Roorkee keeps the peace after SC order' (IE, April 28). The so-called Dharam Sansads, in effect insidious platforms for hate-mongering, could not be held at Roorkee after the apex court's intervention. This is just a temporary respite. The spewing of venom by hate peddlers — hand in glove with the BJP—shall grow in tandem with ballooning inflation, rising poverty and unemployment as this is the best strategy to distract attention from these burning issues.

Deepak Singhal, Noida

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Two IFS officers suspended over construction, felling of trees in Corbett reserve

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE DEHRADUN, APRIL 28

THE UTTARAKHAND state government has suspended two senior Indian Forest Service (IFS) officers over allegations of illegal construction and felling of trees inside the Corbett Tiger Reserve (CTR). The reserve's director has been removed from his post.

The High Court had asked the government to take action against officials found involved in the illegal constructions and felling of trees in Pakhro and Morghati areas of the wildlife reserve.

According to three separate orders issued by principal secretary forests RK Sudhanshu Wednesday, J S Suhag, a former chief wildlife warden and the current chief executive officer (CAMPA), and Kishan Chand, the former divisional forest officer of Kalagarh Tiger Reserve, have been suspended with immediate effect.

CTR director Rahul, who uses only one name, has been attached to the office of the principal chief conservator of forests in Dehradun.

The orders cited inspections carried out at the reserve by the **National Tiger Conservation** Authority (NTCA) in October last year and by Union Environment Ministry officials in December, 2021. It said the inspecting teams had found illegal constructions such as Kandi road, some houses in Morghati, besides a forest rest house in Pakhro.

The teams also found illegal felling of trees for the proposed tiger safari in Pakhro.

Even after clear instructions, Suhag (the then chief wildlife warden) did not take any action in the matter," the order added.



ELIXIR OF LIFE

Residents collect water from a tanker on the outskirts of New Delhi on Thursday. Amit Mehra

Normal or more rainfall this monsoon: SASCOF

ANJALI MARAR PUNE, APRIL 28

MOST OF South Asia will receive either normal or above normal rain during the upcoming summer monsoon season, according to the consensus statement released at the 22nd South Asia Climate Outlook Forum (SASCOF).

The forecast is almost in tune with the first stage Southwest Monsoon forecast for India released earlier this month by the India Meteorological Department.

As per the consensus statement, above normal rainfall has been predicted over the Himalayan foothills, parts of Gujarat, north Maharashtra, Jharkhand, West Bengal, areas along Pakistan-Afghanistan border, Nepal, Bhutan and northern Sri Lanka.

Rainfall during the June to September season will, however, be below normal over extreme southern areas of Kerala, Lakshadweep, west Rajasthan, Arunachal Pradesh, Ladakh, Kashmir, central and southern Sri Lanka, Bangladesh and Myanmar.

During the Southwest Monsoon season, the maximum temperature over most of South Asia -- barring Afghanistan, eastern Myanmar and Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh -- will remain above normal.

SASCOF is a forum where climate experts from India, Pakistan, Afghanistan, Nepal, Bhutan, Sri Lanka and Myanmar meet twice annually to discuss the Southwest and Northeast monsoons. This year, the meet was held virtually from April 26 to 28.

IMD: heatwave to intensify, 'orange' alert for 3 states

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA NEW DELHI, APRIL 28

THE ONGOING heatwave sweeping through vast swathes of the country will intensify in the next five days, with the IMD issuing an "orange" alert for Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh and parts of Maharashtra, and predicting a rise of another two degrees Celsius in northwest region.

According to an India Meteorological Department (IMD) forecast issued on Thursday, a heatwave spell will persist over northwest and central India during the next five days and over east India during the next three days.

"A rise of about two degrees Celsius in the maximum temperature (is) very likely over most parts of northwest India during the next two days and no significant change thereafter," it said.

An orange alert has been issued for Rajasthan. Madhya Pradesh, and the Vidarbha region of Maharashtra for next four days. The IMD uses four colour codes for weather warnings - green (no action needed), yellow (watch and stay updated), orange (be prepared), and red (take action).

Based on absolute recorded temperatures, a heatwave is declared when an area logs a maximum temperature of 45 degrees Celsius. A severe heatwave is declared if the temperature crosses the 47-degree mark.

The IMD said the heatwave could lead to "moderate" health concerns for vulnerable people infants, the elderly, and people with chronic diseases — in af-

Repeal sedition law or stop its misuse with changes: Pawar

CHANDAN HAYGUNDE

PUNE. APRIL 28

IN AN additional affidavit filed before the Koregaon Bhima Inquiry Commission earlier this month, Nationalist Congress Party (NCP) chief Sharad Pawar has proposed amendments in some laws, including Section 124 A of the Indian Penal Code (IPC), which deals with sedition.

In the affidavit, Pawar stated that Section 124 of IPC "was inserted by the British in 1870 to control the uprisings against them and to suppress the freedom movement. However, in recent times, this section is often misused against people who criticise the government, suppressing their liberty and tends to stifle any voice of dissent raised in a peaceful and democratic way. Hence, it is proposed that the misuse of Section 124 A of IPC should be stopped with amendments or the said section should be repealed. I have a reason to say so because provisions of IPC and Unlawful Activities Prevention Act are sufficient for protecting national integrity."

The two-member commission, headed by retired High Court Justice J N Patel, is probing the causes of violence in Koregaon Bhima area on January 1, 2018, which had claimed one

life and left hundreds injured. Pawar had initially filed an affidavit before the commission in October 2018. After its hearings were stalled for over an year due

to the Covid-19 pandemic, the

Sharad Pawar, File

commission had summoned Pawar to depose as a witness on February 23 and February 24 this

But the NCP chief sought an adjournment of his hearing, saying he wanted more time for filing an additional affidavit with detailed information. Pawar filed the additional affidavit on April 11. He has again been summoned by the commission to depose on May 5 and May 6.

But in his additional affidavit, Pawar said he has "no personal knowledge of information about the sequence of events" leading to the violence. "I have no allegation to make against the political agenda or motive behind such an unfortunate incident," he mentioned.

He further proposed amendments in some sections of the Criminal Procedure Code and IPC for "handling riot-like situations and avoiding any breach of public peace.'

Along with Section 124 A of IPC, Pawar has proposed amendments in Section 144 of CrPC and Section 188 (disobedience to order duly promulgated by public servant) of IPC, Prevention of Defacement of Property Act Prevention of Defacement of Property Act 1995 and also Chapter VIII of CrPC, which deals with "security for keeping peace and good behaviour".

Pawar has asked for "uniform" and "detailed guidelines" for controlling riot-like situations, in connection with sections 129 to 132 of CrPC, which deal with dispersal of unlawful assembly.

Incidentally, Pawar had earlier raised suspicion about the role of Hindutva groups in the violent clashes. But in his first affidavit, Pawar had stated that he was "not in a position to specifically make allegations against any particular organisation" for

causing the violence. He also stated, "it is unfortunate that the state government and law enforcement authorities failed to protect the interest of the common man residing at Koregaon Bhima and around localities of Pune district. Active role of right-wing forces behind the violence at Koregaon Bhima cannot be ruled out. However, concrete evidence can be gathered only by the law enforce-

ment agencies of the state.' Later, while addressing a press conference in February 2020, Pawar had made allegations against Hindutva leaders Milind Ekbote and Sambhaii Bhide. He had also raised doubts on the role of Pune City Police in investigating the Elgaar Parishad case, in which several prominent activists and lawyers have been arrested for their alleged links with banned CPI-Maoist.

Severe lung infections, kidney injury common in Covid deaths: study

SOHINI GHOSH AHMEDABAD, APRIL 28

ACUTE KIDNEY injury, secondary respiratory infections and pulmonary macrothrombi (visible blood clots in pulmonary arteries) are common among patients infected with SarS-Cov-2 for more than a week, revealed autopsies of Covid-19 deceased conducted by PDU Government Medical College in Rajkot.

The findings of the autopsies conducted on 33 bodies validate previous clinical discoveries and have been published in Indian Journal of Medical Research on

The study—the first of its kind in Gujarat and led by Dr Hetal Kyada of the Rajkot-based medical college-noted that lungs bore most of the burden of Covid-19 in among the 33 subjects studied. This is in line with observations from previous autopsy studies of Covid deceased, globally and in India.

Additionally, the Rajkot study made a prominent finding of diffuse alveolar damage (DAD)-a histological feature of acute respiratory distress syndrome used to describe specific changes that occur to the structure of the lungs during injury or disease.

The study included 28 males and five females with a median

hospitalisation rate of seven days. The patients had died between September 7, 2020 and December 23, 2020 with the average interval between death and autopsy being three hours.

All 33 natients required oxygen administration at some point during their hospitalisation with 30 of them requiring oxygen administration at the time of admission. Ultimately, 28 of them had to be shifted to invasive modes of ventilation with a median duration for mechanical ventilation being three days as their condition deteriorated gradually.

Similar to previous studies, microscopic and macroscopic evidence of secondary respiratory infections in the form of bronchopneumonia and lung abscesses were observed as a result of hospital-acquired infection. "Such nosocomial infections (contracted while in the hospital for another reason) among Covid-19 patients could be caused by prolonged hospitalisation, prolonged mechanical ventilation, central venous catheter usage, immunosuppressive medications such as steroids and tocilizumab, as well as potential lapses in routine infection-prevention measures due to overburdened hospitals during the pandemic," noted the published study.

Top NTA official says CUET does not take away importance of schools

SUKRITA BARUAH DELHI, APRIL 28

A SENIOR National Testing Agency (NTA) official spoke to hundreds of school administrators on Thursday to apprise them of the common entrance exam for Central universities. and told them that it would not take away from the importance of senior secondary schooling.

Dr Sadhana Parashar, senior director (examinations) at the NTA, walked heads of schools through the registration process of the Common Universities Entrance Test (CUET) and the subjects students need to opt for to be eligible for the programmes of their choice in universities. The session, aimed at enabling school administrators to help students through the new admission process for universities, was organised by Action Committee Unaided Recognised Private Schools – an umbrella body of private schools in India – as well as Indraprastha School Complex and Delhi Sahodaya Schools Complex.

Parashar began the session by saying that the introduction of CUET should not be seen as taking away from the importance of schools or class 12 examinations. "I would like to say that the CUET is completely designed based on the syllabus of just grade 12. So it is nowhere taking away from the board exam. In fact, it is supplementing. And the only reason the ministry has got this into being is not just because it was part of the National Education Policy, but because there was so much of variation across the boards in the country in terms of the way the evaluation was done, the way the question papers were made, (and) the typology of the questions. So, sometimes, meritorious students got left behind..." she said.

She also told school authorities that the reduction in pressure on students to score very

high marks in board exams could be seen as an opportunity.

Karnataka S-I recruitment scam: CID makes 17th arrest, a government staffer

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE BENGALURU, APRIL 28

THE CRIMINAL Investigation Department of Karnataka Police, which is probing into a scam in the examination to recruit 545 police sub-inspectors in the state, on Thursday arrested a government employee, who allegedly helped a woman candidate in the exam. This is the 17th arrest in the case.

Jyoti Patil is alleged to have

provided answers via a Bluetooth device to the candidate who appeared for the police sub-inspector recruitment exam at Inana Jyothi English School in Kalaburagi on October 3, 2021.

The candidate obtained third rank among 25 women candidates selected from Kalyana Karnataka region, scoring 101 out of 150 marks. She is yet to be

A first division assistant in Kalaburagi Municipal Corporation, Patil is accused of providing answers to the candidate over a Bluetooth device arrangement created by another emplovee. government Manjunath Malekundi, who is currently absconding.

The exam scam emerged after a candidate, Veeresh N, who obtained seventh rank among 67 candidates selected from Kalyana Karnataka region, was found to have obtained 121 marks in the exam despite answering only 21 out of 100 questions in an objective paper for 150 marks.

FCRA clearance must for tie-ups with China **Confucius Institutes** Earlier, they came under the

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, APRIL 28

THE COLLABORATION of Indian educational institutes with China's Confucius Institutes will now require Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Act [FCRA] clearance, a decision that comes two years after the government reportedly undertook a review of such tie-ups.

The University Grants Commission (UGC) and the All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) conveyed the Centre's decision to heads of colleges and universities on April 5 through a circular marked "confidential". "Any collaboration with any

NGO/Foundation is subject to Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Act (FCRA). Hence, all Universities/Institutions having collaboration with Confucius Institutes/Hanban/CLEC or planning to collaborate to set up Confucius Institutes (CIs) or any other joint venture in any other name will be required to seek prior clearance under FCRA," the communication stated.

The UGC and AICTE circular informed these colleges and universities that the control and operation of Confucius Institutes now rest with the Centre for Language Education and Cooperation (CLEC) in China. Hanban, China's National Office for Teaching Chinese as a Foreign Language (NOCFL).

CLEC, affiliated with China's Ministry of Education, is registered as a non-profit professional educational institution for international Chinese language education, according to the circular. Confucius Institute is defined

by China as a non-profit education institution jointly hosted by Chinese and foreign partners that seeks to "deepen international understanding of Chinese language and culture, and promote peopleto-people exchanges between China and the rest of the world".

New Delhi considers Confucius Institutes as foreign cultural centres and requires them to have Ministry of External Affairs' approval. Under the revised regulations, the need for FCRA approval will be over and above the MEA clearance.

The Confucius Institutes says there are 550 such institutes across the world and 1,172 Confucius classrooms in 162 countries. In 2020, India had reportedly reviewed the collaborations involving seven universities and 54 MoUs on inter-school cooperation signed between Indian and Chinese institutions, a move that came just after clashes between Indian and Chinese troops along the LAC.

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MHA allegations vague, will explore legal remedies: CHRI

FCRA CANCELLATION

DEEPTIMAN TIWARY NEW DELHI, APRIL 28

THE COMMONWEALTH Human Rights Initiative (CHRI), whose registration under the Foreign Contribution Regulation Act (FCRA) was cancelled by the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) recently, said on Thursday that it had explained every alleged irregularity pointed out by the ministry but its cancellation order does not mention why they were unsatisfactory.

It said one of the grounds for cancellation is vague and cannot even be explained. The NGO said it will explore all legal remedies to reverse the cancellation.

"CHRI fully cooperated with the MHA in all the proceedings initiated since June 2021, by submitting detailed responses against the allegations contained in the suspension order, the (MHA) Audit Team's observations and the show cause notice. More than 7,500 pages of records containing details of our transactions were photocopied and submitted on MHA's demand, within the deadlines stipulated. Nothing in the cancellation order indicates, why the MHA finds our explanation unsatisfactory, unreasonable or untenable," a CHRI statement said.

"CHRI will seek all remedies in law to reverse the MHA's cancellation order. Meanwhile, CHRI will continue to work for the practical realisation of people's human rights, access to justice and access to information, as per its mandate," it said.

According to the CHRI, the MHA's April 19 order of cancellation cited three main grounds for taking action against the NGO.

The first ground was that the CHRI had credited a sum of Rs 31.9 lakh in its FCRA bank account although it is not covered under the definition of "foreign contribution". The second was that the NGO provided incomplete information in FC-4 Form in financial year (FY) 2018-19 by not disclosing details of activities/projects for which foreign contributions had been received and utilised.

The third ground for cancellation was that the NGO utilised foreign contribution on activities beyond the scope of the Act for which the registration was granted.

Kolkata

Kerala: cops issue lookout circular against producer-actor in rape case

SHAJU PHILIP

THIRUVANANTHAPURAM,

THE KERALA Police on Thursday issued a lookout circular against Malayalam actor-producer Vijay Babu who has been booked for allegedly raping a woman actor after promising her a role in his

Babu has gone into hiding after the woman filed a police complaint on April 22 and alleged he had raped her multiple times over the past one

A separate case was filed soon after as Babu appeared in a Facebook live session and, while



Vijay Babu

pleading his innocence, revealed

the woman's identity. On Thursday, as police examined the premises in Kochi where the alleged sexual abuse had taken place, Kochi city police commissioner C H Nagaraju told reporters Babu seems to

have fled the country. "Prima facie the exploitative angle in the case is established. We have collected evidence and statements corroborating the allegations in the complaint," Nagaraju said. "If he is not returnwe will explore other options."

ing to the country to face the case,

Babu, who has been active in the film industry for over a decade, is the founder of Friday Film House production company. He has six productions to his credit.

The woman had first made the allegations against Babu on a Facebook page 'Women Against Sexual Ĥarassment'.

"He won my trust by being friendly and advising me as I was a novice in the film industry. Under the guise of a professional guide, he sexually exploited me. Disregarding my protest, he raped me several times," she wrote.

While pleading innocence during his Facebook live, Babu had said: "I am the real victim."



FILM AND TV actor Salim Ghouse passed away on Thursday in Mumbai after suffering a cardiac arrest. He was 70. The last rites of the actor were performed early on Thursday

Salim Ghouse's wife Anita Salim confirmed her husband's death. She told The Indian Express that after experiencing pain in his chest on Wednesday night, he passed away on Thursday morning due to a cardiac arrest.

She said, "We took him to Kokilaben Hospital last night, and he passed away this morning. He hated grieving and wanted life to go on. He didn't suffer, he wouldn't have liked being dependent



few international projects to his credit. Twitter/@CinemaRareIN

Bharat Ek Khoj actor Salim Ghouse dies

on anyone. He was a man with a lot of self-respect. He was a multifaceted actor, a martial artist, an actor, a director and a lovely chef in the kitchen?

The Family Man actor Sharib Hashmi condoled the death and "Pehli

tha!! Unki awaaz." Ghouse started his acting

#SalimGhouse Sahab ko tv serial #Subah mein dekha tha! Aur unka kaam behadd laajavaab laga

journey in 1978 with the movie Swarg Narak, following which he featured in films like Chakra

atre circuit, Salim Ghouse also had a few international projects to his credits including Kim, The Perfect Murder, The Deceivers, The Maharaja's Daughter and Getting Personal.

⊘ 76.53/USD

③ \$102.98

② ₹64,167

International market data till 1900 IST

Note: Gold, silver rates at Delhi spot market, gold per 10g, silver per 1 kg; Crude oil (Indian basket) as of April 27 **SENSEX:** 57,521.06 ▲ 701.67 (1.23%) **NIFTY:** 17,245.05 ▲ 206.65 (1.21%) **NIKKEI:** 26,847.90 ▲ 461.27 **HANG SENG:** 20,276.17 ▲ 329.81 **FTSE:** 7,507.61 ▲ 82.00 **DAX:** 14,013.86 ▲ 219.92

SECTOR WATCH **CONSUMER INTERNET**

VCs shrink budgets: Startups restructure ops, hand pink slips to over 5K staff in '22

SOUMYARENDRA BARIK NEW DELHI, APRIL 28

AS VENTURE capitalist funds tighten their purse strings, startups in India's consumer internet sector have began consolidating their operations, and this has resulted in more than 5,000 full-time as well as contractual employees being handed pink slips in the first four months of 2022 alone.

Startups from across the board ranging from industries like ed-tech, e-commerce, financial technology, real estate and home furnishing are among those that have laid off employees. Housing mortgage company Better.com laid off more than 3,000 employees from India and the US. While the company did not give a breakdown of how many of those employees were from India, the number of those laid off in India is pegged to be around 1.000

Ola, which recently ventured into quick-commerce, is learnt to have laid off close to 2,500 contract workers that it had onboarded to expand its business, and it is learnt, has not started running some of its warehouses that it had leased. Blinkit also laid off close to 300 contractual workers engaged with the company as warehouse managers, pickers and

delivery workers. Unacademy has laid off close to 1,000 people, including employees and tutors that it had hired on a contractual basis, according to sources. Lido Learning laid off more than 200 employees after running out of funding. Socialcommerce platform Meesho fired 150 employees from its grocery arm Farmiso.

Sequoia Capital-backed social-commerce app Trell, hit by corporate governance issues, laid off close to 300 employees - around 50 per cent of its entire workforce. Furlenco laid off around 200 employees mostly from customer support roles.

Fintech platform OKCredit has fired around 40 people from its bookkeeping and ecommerce arm. When reached out for a comment, a representative for Unacademy pointed to the statement that the company released earlier this month claiming "less than 600 employees/contractual workers and educators have been laid off". E-mail queries sent to Better.com. Ola.

ACROSS SEGMENTS

Startups, ranging from ed-tech, real estate, e-commerce. financial technology to home furnishing have laid off employees

Furlenco and Blinkit, and messages sent to Lido Learning, Trell, and OKCredit did not elicit a response until publication.

Experts tracking the field said 2022 has seen a slowdown in funding overall, sending high growth, high cash burn startups back to the drawing board to restructure their firms to reduce their burn. Overall, the startup ecosystem raised more than \$40 billion in 2021, according to a report by Orios Venture Partners, an investor in early stage startups.

"Everyone knew the funding frenzy of 2021 was not going to last forever," said a seasoned investor. "Now when the funding has somewhat slowed down, it is natural that startups are looking at cutting headcount since it is a quick way to reduce cash burn and extend their runway".

A key reason for the fund-

ing drying up this year, experts said, is the geopolitical tensions led by Russia's invasion of Ukraine, and the overall poor performance of fast-growing tech companies in the US and China, impacting major investment houses like Tiger Global and Softbank which have infused billions of dollars in Indian startups in 2021, and had a huge hand in converting a number of those startups into unicorns. Softbank chief Masayoshi Son has also recently written to the Japanese investment company's senior executives on slowing down of new investments.

Further, a number of Indian artups including BharatPe. Trell, and Infra.Market have been hit by corporate governance issues, including potential instances of embezzlement of funds by senior executives. This is another reason, said analysts, why investors have become more cautious before placing bets. Another reason behind startups reducing their headcount is trimming a part of the company for not performing as well as expected, Full report on

www.indianexpress.com

INDEX WON'T BE UNIFORM SINCE STRESS LEVELS VARY

To plug support package loopholes, Nabard plans farmer distress index

GEORGE MATHEW

THE NATIONAL Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (Nabard) is planning to formulate a farmer distress index

(FDI) to track, identify and support

'needy and distressed farmers."

Depending on the level of distress, the government and the financial institutions can decide on an appropriate package of support instead of the current practice of doling out distress package to all the farmers across the board, "We are thinking of such an index. It will help really needy and distressed farmers. It has not yet been worked out," Nabard Chairman GRChintala said. This index won't be uniform across the country as it changes from place to pace de-

pending on the stress levels. It will

also help the entire financial sec-

tor, government departments and

insurance companies. While the

distress of a farmer is usually

Data integration

THE INDEX can integrate the available high-frequency data on key agricultural variables like deviation of monsoon rains, excessive rainfall, drought and dry spells, variations in temperature and soil moisture, and yield of major crops in the district. among others.

measured by the extent of his crop damage, this leaves way too many distressed farmers in other areas out of the beneficiary ambit.

According to a study jointly conducted by Nabard and Bharat Krishak Samaj, a farmer producers' organisation in Punjab, more than 60 per cent of the 'very high' and 'high' distress small and mardisbursement hits record high Rs 377,086 crore as against *Mumbai*: Nabard has reported Rs 350,022 crore in the last fis-

FY22: Nabard refinance

an all-time high refinance disbursement of Rs 2.68 lakh crore during the year 2021-22, up 20 per cent as against a total refinance disbursement of Rs 2.23 lakh crore extended in the previous year despite the Covid pandemic.

Nabard posted a 7.73 per cent rise in total disbursement during the fiscal 2021-22 at

ginal farmers (SMFs) did not receive farm loan waiver (FLW) benefits. The exclusion rate was also 60 per cent for the medium distress category SMFs. In Maharashtra, SMFs that were better off as they were categorised as 'low' distress received the maximum FLW benefits. Close to 42 per cent of the SMF whose distress category was

cal. "Long-term refinance disbursement reached an alltime high of Rs 116,000 crore as against Rs 92,786 crore disbursed during FY 2020-21, marking growth of 25.02 per cent over the previous year," Nabard Chairman GR Chintala said. ENS Full report on www.indianexpress.com

'very high' did not receive FLW benefits. In UP, 47 per cent of the 'very high distress' category, and 45 per cent of the 'high distress' category SMF did not receive FLW benefits. In the three states together, more than 40 per cent of the 'very high distress' farmers did not receive any FLW benefits.

In Maharashtra and UP, the

loans, mostly had irrigated land and were assured of a fair price in the form of FRP (fair and remunerative price) and SAP (state advised price). They all received the benefit of farm loan waiver. The more distressed small and marginal farmers having un-irrigated lands and growing lower value crops (particularly ones not procured at MSP) may not have taken crop loans. So, they have not benefited from FLW schemes, the study said. Nabard study says this index

can integrate the available highfrequency data on key agricultural variables like deviation of monsoon rains, excessive rainfall, drought and dry spells, variations in temperature and soil moisture, among others. "This index can be used by the policymakers and the government to plan and design a timely and targeted method of supporting distressed farmers," said Nabard Deputy MD Shaji KN.

> Full report on www.indianexpress.com

Vaishnaw: 5G auctions by May-end or early June



Telecom Minister

New Delhi: The government plans to auction 5G spectrum airwaves by May-end or early June, Telecom Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw said on Thursday, adding the Digital **Communication Commission** would take a call on the Telecom Regulatory Authority of India's

next 5-6 days". The Department of Telecommunications was, meanwhile, working to resolve the industry's concerns around spectrum pricing, Vaishnaw said. Trai recently recommended spectrum prices of various bands in 5G should be cut between 35 and 40 per cent. ENS

recommendations "within the

'CCI raids target sellers on Amazon, Flipkart'

REUTERS NEW DELHI, APRIL 28

THE ANTITRUST body launched raids early on Thursday against two top domestic sellers of online retail giant Amazon.com, and some on Walmart's Flipkart, following accusations of competition law violations, sources said.

The two Amazon sellers figuring in Thursday's raids were Cloudtail and Appario, two sources said on condition of anonymity, as the details were not public.

Two other sources said some sellers on Walmart's Flipkart platform were also being raided by officers of the Competition Commission of India (CCI), but there were no immediate details

"This is a significant development as generally CCI doesn't do searches in non-cartel cases," a for-

ENSECONOMIC BUREAU

THE INDIAN Computer Emerge-

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mandated that all cybersecurity

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companies within six hours of ei-

NEW DELHI. APRIL 28

'ONDC launch'

New Delhi: The Commerce Ministry will launch the pilot phase of open network for digital commerce (ONDC) on Friday in Delhi NCR, Bengaluru, Bhopal, Shillong and Coimbatore, a senior official said. PTI

mer official of the competition regulator told Reuters.

"Doing dawn raids to unearth complex economic activities is a new domain for the regulator." Amazon, which has an indirect

equity stake in both the sellers raided, did not immediately respond to a request for comment, nor did Flipkart, Cloudtail, Appario and the regulator did not immediately respond to emailed gueries.

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cident or becoming aware itself.

CERT-In to companies operating in India say that service providers,

intermediaries, data centres, com-

panies and government organisa-

tions must mandatorily report

such incidents within six hours.

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shall maintain all the information

they have gathered as a part of the

It has also mandated that virtual asset service providers, virtual

The new guidelines issued by

GUIDELINES ISSUED BY CERT-IN FOR COMPANIES, GOVERNMENT ORGANISATIONS

Mandatory reporting of cyber incidents in 6 hrs

Q1 gold demand declines 18% amid higher prices: WGC

India's gold demand declined 18 per cent to 135.5 tonnes in the first three months of this year, mainly due to a sharp rise in prices, according to the World Gold Council (WGC)

165.8

12% drop in gold demand (in terms of value) to Rs 61,550 crore in the January-March period. It stood at Rs 69,720 crore in the year-ago period, the 'Gold Demand Trends Q1 2022' report released by the WGC said TOTAL JEWELLERY demand in

the country during the latest March quarter fell 26 per cent to 94.2 tonnes. It was at 126.5 tonnes in the same period last year

FEWER AUSPICIOUS days coupled with a sharp rise in gold prices meant fewer weddings and a

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dresses allotted and used, purpose

for which the service was sought,

address and contact number as

well as ownership pattern.

Similarly, data centres, virtual

ferred," CERT-In said.

Source: WGC/India

Gold prices began rising in January, rising 8% to ₹45,434 per 10 a (without taxes) in first quarter of this year

sourcing for electronics **SOUMYARENDRA BARIK**

cos: Import curbs, local

Support plan for chip

BENGALURU, APRIL 28

IN ADDITION to the financial incentives being provided to set up semiconductor manufacturing capacity in the country, the government could encourage manufacturers of electronic products to use made-in-India semiconductors, while potentially restricting imports to a certain extent, a senior IT Ministry official said.

"Apart from offering financial incentives to companies to set up semiconductor fabs in the country, we could potentially encourage that products made in India will have to use semiconductors made here," the official said.

Indicating the possibility of import restrictions on semiconductors once capacity here is up and running, the official said: "Why would we allow that to be imported from somewhere else i there's a ... compatible product ... that is being made in India. Why would we allow something to be imported from Taiwan?"

Last December, the Union Cabinet approved a Rs 76,000crore plan to provide incentive support for companies engaged in silicon semiconductor fabs, display fabs, compound semiconductors, silicon photonics, sensor fabs, semiconductor packaging and semiconductor design.

The first stage of evaluation of these applications will be carried out by the India Semiconductor



Mission, according to the official quoted above. "The government is in the final stages of selecting a CEO of the Indian Semiconductor Mission (ISM) and could make a decision as early as mid May. Once that is done, the ISM will start the evaluation of proposals for the PLI scheme," the person added.

"Once the proposals are cleared by the ISM, they will head to the Cabinet for final approval. We estimate that after a deal is signed it will take around three years for the selected entities to start semiconductor production."

So far, the government has received five applications for setting up of semiconductor fabrication and display fabrication units with a total investment commitment of \$20.5 billion (Rs 1.53 lakh crore). For setting up of semiconductor fab units, proposals have been received from Vedanta (which has announced a joint-venture with Foxconn), Singapore-based IGSS Ventures, and ISMC, which is led by Next Orbit Ventures Fund.

(The correspondent is in Bengaluru at the invite of the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology)

BRIEFLY —

NCLT, FRL reply Mumbai: NCLT gave Future

Retail till May 12 to reply to petition by Bank of India. 'Pilots abusing'

pilots allegedly used abusive language on salary on a fre-

New Delhi: At least 7 IndiGo

quency used for emergency purposes, sources said. DGCA has launched a probe. Irdai proposal

New Delhi: Irdai proposed

rationalisation & standard-

ised administration of group health insurance policies.

ICICI Bank New Delhi: ICICI Bank launc-

hed 'digital ecosystem' for

MSMEs with enhanced ser-

vices for existing customers.

Fertiliser subsidy

New Delhi: FY23 fertiliser subsidy bill may rise 55% to ₹2.5 lakh crore, sources said.

REIT, InVIT listing

New Delhi: Sebi cut listing

Musk criticism of Twitter staff leads to backlash New York: Elon Musk's criticism of

Twitter Inc sparked a barrage of abusive tweets against the company's top lawyer on Wednesday. Musk tweeted he disagreed with a decision Twitter made in 2020 to restrict the distribution of

a New York Post article about US President Joe Biden's son. Hunter, Musk was respond-



host Saagar Enjeti about Vijaya Gadde, the executive who oversees Twitter's policy and legal teams. Enjeti described Gadde as "the top censorship advocate at Twitter who famously gaslit the world on Joe Rogan's podcast and censored the Hunter Biden laptop story." Gadde then became the subject of personal attacks by Twitter users.

Meanwhile, Twitter reported strong user growth, with daily active users rising to 229 million in the first quarter. It said an internal error resulted in it overstating quar-

REPORT BY ACCESS NOW & KEEPITON COALITION

'106 net shutdowns in India in 2021'

AASHISHARYAN NEW DELHI, APRIL 28

internet shutdowns last year and was on top of the list of nations that applied internet shutdowns for the fourth year in a row, as per a report published by Access Now and the KeepItOn coalition.

INDIA ENFORCED as many as 106

"India was responsible for at least 106 incidents, making it the country imposing the highest number of shutdowns globally for the fourth consecutive year. Of these, 85 were in Jammu and Kashmir, ... where authorities continue to impose intentional internet disruptions that last for long periods...," the report said. There were at least 182 docu-

developing for years, in 2021, governments imposed both prolonged and increasingly targeted internet shutdowns, and relied on many of the same justifications for deploying these inherently disproportionate and drastic meas-

While India led the pack of countries which enforced these shutdowns for the fourth year in a row, Myanmar — at number two imposed 15 shutdowns in 2021, followed by Sudan and Iran which imposed five shutdowns each.

In a report released earlier this year, internet firm top 10 vpn.com had said that internet shutdowns. ordered by central, state and district level authorities in India had lasted for 1,157 hours in total, resulting in a loss of \$583 million in 2021. These shutdowns impacted 59.1 million people. India was third in terms of total duration of domestic internet shutdowns, behind Myanmar and Nigeria, with blackouts of 12,238 and 5,040

Govt survey shows rising trend in organised sector employment: Yadav

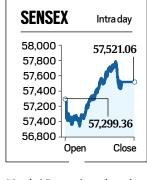
New Delhi: As many as 3.14 crore workers were employed in nine industries in the December quarter of 2021, indicating a rising trend in employment in the organised sector, as per a Labour Bureau survey. In the September quarter of 2021, the number of workers was around 3.10 crore.

Employment on Thursday released the report of the Quarterly Employment Survey (QES) for the October-December 2021 period. "Happy to inform the report

on 3rd Round (Oct -Dec, 2021) of **Quarterly Employment Survey** shows a rising trend in employment in organised sector, employing 10 or more workers, of the selected 9 sectors," Labour Minister Bhupender Yadav tweeted.

QES captures employment data in respect of establishments employing 10 or more workers in nine sectors: Manufacturing, Construction, Trade, Transport, Education, Health, Accommodation & Restaurants, IT/ BPOs and Financial Services. PTI

Markets rebound by 1.2%



Mumbai: Domestic stock markets on Thursday rose by 1.2 per cent as strong global cues boosted the investor sentiment. The benchmark Sensex rallied 701.67 points to 57,521.06 and the NSE Nifty rose 206.65 points to 17,245.05. The rupee pared initial losses

to settle 4 paise higher at 76.53 against the US dollar and the yield on 10-year government bonds rose 7 basis points to 7.15 per cent.

RIL m-cap crosses ₹19L cr Reliance Industries (RIL)

shares rose 1.49 per cent at Rs 2,819.20, taking its market capitalisation above Rs 19 lakh crore to Rs 19.07 lakh crore. ENS

Q1: US GDP contracts

Washington: The US economy unexpectedly contracted in the first quarter amid a resurgence in Covid cases and drop in pandemic relief money from the government.

Gross domestic product fell at a 1.4 per cent annualised rate last

quarter, the government said in its advance GDP estimate. The economy grew at a robust 6.9 per cent pace in the fourth quarter.

This is the first decrease in GDP since the pandemic recession nearly two years ago. **REUTERS**

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Bank of India invites RFP from eligible Insurance Companies for Renewal of Group Personal Accident Insurance Cover and introduction of Group Term Assurance Plan for Account holders of Select Savings Bank Schemes. For details, please visit our website at https://www.bankofindia.co.in/ Dynamic/Tender, Type=4. Last date for submission of bid is May 19th, 2022.

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Reuters file

mented internet shutdowns during 2021 in 34 countries, as against 159 documented across 29 nations in 2020, as per the report.

"Following trends we've seen

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TURKEY ERDOGAN HEADS TO SAUDI TO MEND TIES

Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan left for Saudi Arabia on Thursday in a major reset of relations between two regional heavyweights following the slaying of a Saudi columnist in Istanbul. The visit marks the latest in Ankara's bridge-building efforts with its key regional rival. It will also be Erdogan's first visit to the kingdom since 2017, the year before the murder in Turkey of journalist Jamal Khashoggi by Saudi agents.



Prince Andrew. AP

Andrew stripped of 'freedom of city' honour

London: Prince Andrew has lost another ceremonial honour as groups throughout Britain cut ties to the royal disgraced by allegations of sexual misconduct. The council in the northern city of York on Wednesday night voted unanimously to withdraw the prince's "freedom of the city.? The honor was awarded to Andrew in 1987 after Queen Elizabeth II made him the Duke of York. Andrew is the first person to be stripped of the status, a purely ceremonial honour that dates back to medieval times when "freemen? enjoyed special privileges. Honorees include the actress Judi Dench and Princess Anne, Andrew's

ISRAEL

PM's family receives second death threat

Jerusalem: Prime Minister Naftali Bennett's teenage son has received a death threat and bullet in the mail, Israeli officials said on Thursday, second such warning against the Israeli leader's family this Israeli police said that both incidents were being investigated, but gave few other details, including where the items were sent and who might have sent them. Bennett has been the target of fierce criticism from Israel's hard-line right wing since forming his governing coalition last year.

SINGAPORE

Malaysian to be hanged wins reprieve

Singapore: A second Malaysian man due to be hanged in Singapore this week for drug trafficking won a last-minute reprieve Thursday from the

Datchinamurthy Kataiah, 36, was scheduled to be hanged Friday, just two days after the execution of a Malaysian man that sparked an international outcry because he was believed to be mentally disabled. Lawver M Ravi. who earlier represented Datchinamurty, said the Court of Appeal allowed a stay of execution pending a legal challenge on

Nearly 1,000 trade unions in Sri Lanka staged a one-day nationwide strike on Thursday demanding immediate resignation of the government. AP

Lankan trade unions on strike, demanding Rajapaksas' ouster

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA COLOMBO, APRIL 28

NEARLY 1,000 trade unions in Sri Lanka staged a one-day nationwide strike on Thursday demanding the immediate resignation of the government, including President Gotabaya Rajapaksa and Prime Minister Mahinda Rajapaksa, over its failure to tackle the country's unprecedented economic crisis.

The unions from a number of sectors, including the state service, health, ports, electricity, education and postal joined the strike under the theme 'Bow to the people - government go home', urging the President, the PM and the government to 'go home'.

Teachers' trade union spokesman Joseph Stalin said the Rajapaksa government tries to hang on to power when the people have got into the streets and demanded them to go. Ravi Kumudesh from the

health workers' trade union said that after Thursday's strike, they would give the government a week to resign. "After that, we would strike continuously till the government resigns". He said that over 1,000 trade unions joined the strike.

The bank employees'

union said all banks remain closed and public transport was crippled with just a handful of government-owned buses operating. Plantation workers from the central hills also joined the token strike. "The plantation workers have joined the strike in thousands," Opposition politician

Mano Ganesan said. Meanwhile, four Sri Lankan policemen were arrested on Thursday for their alleged role in the death of a protester who died in the police firing at an anti-government protest against the fuel price hike in southwestern region of Rambukkana last week.

SAY NOT GETTING ADEQUATE ELECTRICITY FROM INDIA

Officials: Nepal may cut power to industrial corridors any time

SHIRISH B PRADHAN

NEPAL MAY cut power to its industrial corridors soon as the Himalayan nation is not getting adequate power supply from India, authorities said Thursday.

Currently, Nepal is receiving only 100 MW of electricity from India, against its demand for 400 MW, said Pradeep Thike, Deputy Managing Director, Planning of the Nepal Electricity Authority.

"We are short of 300 MW of electricity at present because we have not received adequate electricity from India, which itself is facing a power shortage," he said.

Nepal faces a short supply of electricity during the dry season while during the rainy season, it has a surplus. This will certainly affect the power supply to

A SHOT AT FAIR PAY

HELP WANTED. The job: putting

one of the nation's most far-reach-

ing salary disclosure laws into

practice. Location: New York City.

lawmakers overwhelmingly

voted to require many ads for

iobs in the nation's most popu-

lous city to include salary ranges,

in the name of giving job appli-

cants – particularly women and

people of colour — a better shot

at fair pay. But on the cusp of im-

plementing the measure, law-

makers will likely vote Thursday

Just four months ago, city

JENNIFER PELTZ

NEW YORK, APRIL 28

Nepal's three industrial corridors, Birgunj, Biratnagar and Bhairahawa, Thike said, adding, "we may have to cut power to these corridors at any time."

This will mainly affect large industries and small industries will not have any problem, he said. "We will also be able to supply power for lighting purposes, but not for running big machines in the industries during the dry season," he said.

However, after one or one and half months, when the rainy season arrives, the situation will improve and Nepal will be in a position to export electricity to India, he pointed out. He is, however, optimistic about importing electricity from India after a few days. The authorities in India's Bihar state have indicated that they might provide additional electricity after 2,3 days, said Thike. PTI

to postpone it for five months af-

nent test for a burgeoning slate

of US "pay transparency" laws.

And the answer seems simple to

Brooklyn restaurant server

Elizabeth Stone. "I believe I de-

serve to know how much I can

Stone has scoured job ads

that are mum about pay, leaving

her wondering whether to try to

move on from an employer she

likes but wishes paid more, and

feeling like she has no leverage

lenging position of not wanting

"You're put in a really chal-

to push for a raise.

make as a waitress," she said.

The debate marks a promi-

ter employers waved red flags.

Nepal conducts successful test flight

YUBARAJ GHIMIRE KATHMANDU, APRIL 28

NEPAL'S NEWLY built Gautam Buddha International Airport in Lumbini will be open for regular commercial flight from Buddha Jayanti day on May 16. Officials said a test flight was successfully completed on Thursday from Kathmandu to Lumbini by A-330 with 260 people onboard, includ-

ing tourism minister Prem Ale. Al Jazeera airlines has already confirmed that it will operate from Lumbini, the second international airport, from Day One. The new airport, which is 45 m wide with a 3,000m long runway, has been built with concessional loan of Rs 11 billion from ADB

to upset your employer and not

wanting to scare away an oppor-

tunity, but also wanting to fight

for what you know is what you

deserve," said Stone, 23, a mem-

her of restaurant workers' advo-

least seven states from California

to Connecticut and at least two

cities beyond New York -

Cincinnati and Toledo, Ohio -

have started demanding em-

ployers disclose salary informa-

tion to job-seekers in some cir-

cumstances. In many cases, that

means upon request and/or af-

ter an interview, and there are

exemptions for small businesses.

Over the last four years, at

cacy group ROC United.

In NYC, ads for jobs will have to say what they pay

made at the White House, addressing domestic concerns about the expense. "But caving to aggression is going to be more

costly if we allow it to happen."

"We either back the Ukrainian people as they defend their country or we stand by as the Russians continue their atrocities and aggression in Ukraine," he added.

AGENCIES

and the world.

WASHINGTON, APRIL 28

PRESIDENT JOE BIDEN called on

Congress on Thursday to approve \$33 billion in additional

aid for Ukraine, arguing that American weapons and human-

itarian assistance are helping to

beat back Russian invaders in a

conflict with enormous conse-

quences for the United States

cheap," he said in a statement

"The cost of this fight is not

The massive aid package would eclipse all the spending by the US so far on the war and ramp up America's investment not just in Ukraine's defence but, more broadly, in weakening Russian military capacity, a goal outlined in recent days by Defence Secretary Lloyd JAustin III.

While Biden's letter to Congress endorsed tying the Ukraine aid to a separate \$22.5 billion pandemic response package, he told reporters that did not really care whether the two measures were linked or passed separately. The President also said he is sending lawmakers a legislative plan to make it easier to seize the assets of Russian oligarchs tied to President Vladimir V Putin and direct some of those resources to the Ukrainians

Blasts in north Afghanistan kill nine, injure 13

Kabul: Two explosions, within minutes of each other, killed at least nine people and wounded 13 in northern Afghanistan on Thursday, a spokesman for a Taliban-appointed police chief said. The blasts targeted two separate vehicles in Mazar-e-Sharif, the capital of Balkh province, according to Mohammad Asif Waziri, the spokesman.

The source of the blasts was not immediately clear and the spokesman provided no further details. No one claimed responsibility for the attack. Taliban security cordoned off the area. AP

Colorado broke new ground

New York City's new law is

with a 2019 law requiring a pay

similar but applies only to employ-

ers with four or more workers.

That amounts to about 1/3 of em-

ployers but roughly 90% of work-

ers in the city, according to state

from an online ad to an internal

company bulletin board, must give

minimum and maximum pay the

employer "in good faith believes"

it will pay. There's no limit on how

wide the range can be, nor a prohi-

bition on deviating from it if the

"good faith" plan changes.

The law says any job notice,

Labour Department statistics.

range in all job postings.

another \$33 billion in Ukraine aid

Biden asks Congress to approve

PUTIN WARNS WEST OF LIGHTNING RETALIATION

UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres toured areas outside Kyiv that suffered damage in the war. Speaking to journalists on Thursday, Guterres urged Russia to cooperate with the **International Criminal Court.** NYT



OF THE money Biden is requesting now for military purposes, there would be \$6 billion to arm Ukraine directly, \$5.4 billion to replace US supplies sent to the area, \$4.5 billion for other security assistance for Ukraine. The aid is meant to signify that the US is not tiring of helping to stave off Putin's attempt to expand his nation's control of its neighbour, and perhaps beyond.

Earlier in the day, Russia stepped up its assaults on eastern and southern Ukraine, Kyiv said on Thursday, and President Vladimir Putin threatened "lightning-fast" retaliation against any Western countries that intervene on Ukraine's behalf.

"If someone intends to intervene in the ongoing events from the outside, and create strategic threats for Russia that are unacceptable to us, they should know that our retaliatory strikes will be lightning-fast," Putin told lawmakers in St Petersburg.

Moscow's offensive in eastern Ukraine gathered momentum as several areas came under heavy shelling Thursday. Ukrainian authorities reported intense Russian fire in the Donbas and near Kharkiv, a northeastern city outside the Donbas that is seen as key to the offensive

In the ruined southern port city of Mariupol, Ukrainian fighters holed up in the steel plant that represents the last pocket of resistance said concentrated bombing overnight killed and wounded more people.

German House approves plea to deliver arms to Ukraine

Berlin: Germany's Bundestag lower house of Parliament on Thursday overwhelmingly approved a petition on support for Ukraine backing the delivery of weapons, including heavy arms to the country. "Alongside the broad economic isolation and decoupling of Russia from international markets, the effective means to stop the invasion is to intensify delivery of effective weapons and complex systems including heavy arms," the petition read. REUTERS

British man killed, another missing London: The British govern-

ment says a UK national has been killed in Ukraine, and another is missing. The Foreign Office confirmed Thursday that it is supporting the family of a British national killed in Ukraine. It also said it was "urgently seeking further information" on another Briton who is missing. The government did not provide further details. Sky News reported that the Britons were believed to have been fighting with Ukrainians.

KARACHI UNIV BLAST

Pakistan agencies suspect presence of more women suicide bombers

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA KARACHI/LAHORE, APRIL 28

PAKISTANI INVESTIGATORS probing the suicide attack by a woman killed three Chinese teachers have not ruled out the presence of more women suicide bombers at sleeper cells of the outlawed Baluchistan Liberation Army, even as police in Lahore have arrested a suspect from Punjab University in connection with the bombing.

"Initial investigations confirmed Shaari Baloch, the suicide bomber in Tuesday's incident, was part of the banned Majeed brigade, a part of the BLA which has brainwashed these suicide bombers," an official of the Anti-Terrorism Department said.

'We are looking into possibilities that there might be more women suicide bombers brainwashed to become part of the Majeed Brigade and waiting in sleeper cells," he said. He confirmed that initial investigations had shown that Shari Baloch did not carry out the attack independently and was guided and helped by her handlers/facilitators.

The security forces on Thursday raided the house of the father of the bomber in a society located in Karachi's Scheme 33. Laptops and other evidence, including documents, were seized during the raid.

China on Thursday asked

thousands of its nationals working on the \$60 billion CPEC projects in Pakistan to increase their security and watch out for terrorist risks following a deadly suicide blast. "Once again, we remind our institutions' personnel in Pakistan to heighten their security awareness and watch out for terrorist risks," Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesman Wang Wenbin.



An explosion triggered by a woman suicide bomber killed three Chinese teachers on Tuesday. Reuters

Cases have been on the upswing since late March. AP

With 11k new cases, Taiwan faces largest Covid outbreak yet

HUIZHONG WU TAIPEI, APRIL 28

TAIWAN, WHICH had been living mostly free of Covid-19, is

Cases have been on the upswing since late March, In April, the island's central authorities announced that they would no longer maintain a "zero-Covid" policy like the Chinese government's in which they would centrally quarantine positive cases. Instead, the government is

now facing its worst outbreak since the beginning of the pandemic with over 11,000 new cases reported on Thursday.

asking people to quarantine at home if they test positive, unless they show moderate to severe symptoms.

Chen Shih-chung, the island's health minister, announced Thursday they had found 11.353 new cases, along with two deaths. During the daily press briefing held by the Central Epidemic Command Center, he said 99.7% of the cases in the current outbreak either had no symptoms or had mild symptoms.

Most of Taiwan's 858 Covid-19 deaths came from summer 2021. Until this month, it had been the island's one major outbreak in the pandemic.

Public Health Experts Say Proposal Could Save Hundreds Of Thousands Of Lives

FDA moves to ban sales of menthol cigarettes, flavoured cigars

CHRISTINA JEWETT APRIL 28

FOOD and Drug Administration on Thursday announced a plan to ban sales of menthol-flavored cigarettes in the US, a measure many public health experts hailed as the government's most meaningful action in more than a decade of tobacco control efforts.

The proposed ban is expected to have the deepest impact on Black smokers, nearly 85 per cent of whom use menthol cigarettes, compared with a rate of 29 per cent among white smokers, according to a govern-

ment survey. If effective in reducing smoking, the ban could significantly diminish the burden of chronic disease and limit the number of lives cut short by one of the most hazardous legal products available.

The proposed ban "would. among other things, improve health and reduce mortality risk of current smokers of menthol cigarettes or flavoured cigars by substantially decreasing their consumption and increasing the likelihood of cessation," the FDA commissioner. Dr Robert Califf, told a Senate committee Thursday.

Menthol is a chemical derived from the mint plant that can also be made in a lab. It is in-



The proposed ban would improve the health and reduce the mortality risk of current smokers of menthol cigarettes. AP

cluded in cigarettes to make smoking less harsh, providing a cooling sensation in the throat.

Public health experts say menthol cigarettes have been heavily marketed to Black people, to

devastating effect: African American men have the highest rates of lung cancer in America. according to the Centres for Disease Control and Prevention.

Taking menthol cigarettes off the market is expected to further reduce smoking levels and reduce the number of young people taking up the habit. If the US' experience mirrors that of Canada after it banned menthol cigarettes, 1.3 million people would quit smoking and potentially hundreds of thousands of premature deaths could be averted, said Geoffrey Fong, principal investigator of the International Tobacco Control Policy Evaluation Project.

"This is potentially an extraor-

dinary, landmark intervention to reduce No. 1 preventable cause of death and disease," Fong said.

The proposed ban was announced after a frenzy of lobbying by tobacco and retail interests. The proposed rule will be open for public comments for at least 60 days and then finalised with possible revisions. It is expected that it will take a least a year to go into effect. The tobacco companies are likely to contest the rule in court, which could result in a long legal battle.

Erika Sward of the American Lung Association said, once finalised, the menthol ban "will be the single most significant action taken by the FDA in its almost 13-

The proposed rule does not cover menthol e-cigarettes. The FDA is currently reviewing all vaping products being sold

bacco products."

year history of regulating to-

in the US to determine whether to allow them to stay on the market. The agency has so far granted marketing approval to makers of some toacco-flavoured vapes. Public health advocates have long sought a menthol ban. When the landmark Tobacco Control Act

passed in 2009, giving the FDA the authority to regulate tobacco products, menthol was exempted from the tobacco flavours that would be banned.

BRIEFLY -

Asia C'ship: Sindhu in last-8, Saina out

Manila: Star Indian shuttler PV Sindhu notched up a straight game win over lowly-ranked Yue Yann Jaslyn Hooi of Singapore in women's singles competition to advance to the quarterfinals of Badminton Asia Championships here on Thursday. The Indian men's doubles pair of Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty also made it to the quarterfinals but it was curtains for London Olympics bronze medallist Saina Nehwal and world championships silver winner Kidambi Srikanth. Sindhu, seeded fourth, who had claimed a bronze in the 2014 Gimcheon edition, defeated Jaslyn Hooi, ranked 100th, 21-1621-16 in 42 minutes to set up a clash against third seed Chinese He Bing Jiao, whom she had beaten for a bronze at the Tokyo Olympics.

Madappa in lead at Asian Games trials

Bengaluru: Viraj Madappa stayed ahead of the pack despite a modest one-under 71 but his lead was cut to two at the end of the third round of the Asian Games golf Trials on Thursday. Madappa's 71 brought his three-day total to 11-under 205 and he is now two ahead of Karandeep Kochhar (69) at 9under. Rashid Khan shot five-under 67 and moved into Tied-third with Veer Ahlawat (69). As four best of the five rounds will be counted, Madappa is just one ahead of Rashid Khan and Veer Ahlawat and Kochhar, who has three 69s is fourth.

Bengaluru to host Ranji knockout games

Mumbai: Bengaluru will host the Ranji Trophy knockout matches, starting with the quarterfinals from June 4, with the final set to be played from June 20. The league stage of the Ranji Trophy was played before the start of the on-going IPL and the BCCI had said that the knockouts would be played after the lu $crative\,T20\,league.\,It\,is\,understood\,that$ there will be no compulsory quarantine for the players but bio-bubble will be maintained. The teams and the players will have to submit a negative RT-PCR report on their arrival. The four quarterfinals will be played from June I-8. Bengal will take on Jharkhand in the first quarterfinal. Mumbai are up against Uttarakhand while Karnataka and Uttar Pradesh will square off in the

third quarterfinal. PRESSTRUST OF INDIA

Three Lions get a new king

Ben Stokes to lead England in Tests; pacers Broad and Anderson back in the mix

ASSOCIATED PRESS LONDON, APRIL 28

BEN STOKES was appointed as captain of England's Test cricket team on Thursday, taking on the high-pressure role just a few months after returning from a long spell away

from the game to protect his mental health. The all-rounder was the only credible option to replace Joe Root, who quit his position, which he had held for five years, two weeks ago with England having only won one of its last 17 Test matches.

It is the first big decision by Rob Key, the former England batsman who was recently hired as managing director of men's cricket in England in a turbulent period for the national team that is currently without a head coach.

Key said he was sure Stokes was ready to shoulder the burden of the captaincy despite missing most of 2021 to focus on his well-being and also recover from two finger operations. It could mean Stokes plays fewer oneday and Twenty20 internationals, though.

we've got to manage that load, we have to prioritize at times where we think he needs to be playing. At the moment, that's going to be test cricket," Key said. "I don't think we have to overthink this. We have to make sure he is in a good frame

"It's just something we've got to do,

of mind, his body is in good shape, and then we can plan accordingly.' While announcing Stokes' new role, Key also said veteran fast bowlers James Anderson and Stuart Broad, the top two wicket-takers in England's test history, would also be available again after being controversially left out of the recent West

Tough road ahead

Indies tour.

England plays Test series against New Zealand and South Africa this summer, and also completes the series against India that was cut short last year with India 2-1 ahead with one test remaining.

"Before it got announced I was doing this job, I rang them up and said, 'In my opinion you're both available for selection," Key said of the 35-year-old Broad and the 39-yearold Anderson.

"I can't promise you you're going to play but you are just available for selection. Ben Stokes was very clear on the fact that he wants Jimmy and Broady to come back in. It will purely be done on what's the best XI to win that first test match. Nothing more, nothing less. If they are in that, which there's every chance they will be because they are two great bowlers, then they play."

Key said new head coaches would soon be hired to lead the men's Test and limitedovers teams, insisting the same person cannot handle both jobs.



The new role could mean Ben Stokes plays fewer one-day and Twenty20Is. Reuters

Always got each other's backs. Congratulations mate, I'll be right with you every step of the way."

JOE ROOT

FORMER ENGLAND TEST CAPTAIN

"It's just become a job that has become near-impossible for one coach to do," Key said. "The amount of cricket we play, with all the COVID catch-up, all that stuff, you're going to have times where you literally would be jumping on a plane to the other side of the world to coach a different format.'

Getting rid of COVID bubbles for teams is expected to further ease the mental burden on players and coach staff. That should help Stokes, one of the world's best cricketers in all formats, as he settles back into the swing of a hectic cricket schedule.

"He cares about the people around him,

...I rang them up and said, 'In my opinion you're both (Anderson and Broad) available for selection."

ROBKEY

ENGLAND MANAGING DIRECTOR

he has understanding for why people struggle, he has understanding for why people might not be feeling right," Key said.

"All those traits, along with a very good cricket brain, make him the standout choice." Stokes said Root will "continue to be a key ally for me" as he takes on the captaincy. "I want to thank Joe for everything he has done for English cricket and for always being a great ambassador for the sport all across the world," Stokes said.

"He has been a massive part of my development as a leader in the dressing

Red-hot Liverpool check Villarreal's underdog story

ASSOCIATED PRESS LIVERPOOL, APRIL 28

Bayern Munich.

LIVERPOOL LOOKS like being one European giant too many for Villarreal. Wins in the Champions League semifinals are rarely as routine as Liverpool's 2-0 first-leg victory on Wednesday over the Spanish underdog, which appears to have finally come unstuck on a fairytale run that has already accounted

for European football royalty in Juventus and

Liverpool, still on course for an unprecedented quadruple of major trophies, proved to be a bigger test. The six-time European champions slowly dismantled the limited challenge of Villarreal on another night when they were swept along by the power of Anfield. The goals came early in the second half — and within 133 seconds of each other – as Villarreal left back Pervis Estupinan unwittingly deflected a cross by Jordan Henderson into his own net in the 53rd minute, with goalkeeper Geronimo Rulli only managing to tip a looping ball into his own net.

One goal can quickly turn into two in these energy-charged European nights at Anfield and that's what transpired again, with Villarreal still shaken up from conceding the opener when Sadio Mane ran onto Mohamed Salah's through-ball and toepoked a low finish beyond Rulli.

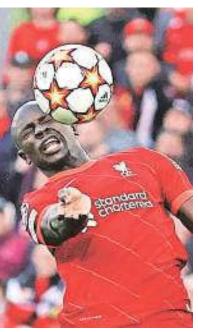
The second leg takes place at Estadio de la Cerámica on Tuesday and only a major surprise will prevent Villarreal - a team only in seventh place in the Spanish league and filled with players who failed to make it in England - from bowing out, just like in 2006 in its only other appearance in the semifinals.

Liverpool manager Jurgen Klopp struck a cautious note despite the one-sided nature of the first leg. "Nothing has happened yet," he said. "We're playing a game and it's 2-0 at halftime. You have to be completely on alert, 100% in the right mood."

Klopp has built a formidable winning machine that looks even more complete than the team which won the Champions League in 2019, a year after also reaching the final and losing to Real Madrid under the German coach. As his players did a lap of honor inside Anfield after the final whistle, Klopp waved to the crowd and tapped the club crest on the front of his thick coat.

Another win. Likely another Champions League final. And, amazingly, the quadruple is still on for a team that has already won the English League Cup, is into the FA Cup final and is only a point behind Manchester City in the Premier League title race. It could yet be a Champions League final between the two northwest rivals, with City taking a 4-3 lead over Real Madrid into the second leg of their semifinal in Spain next Wednesday.

A sea of yellow-clad Villarreal fans — at around 5,000, they amounted to almost 10%



Liverpool benefitted from a self goal while Sadio Mane scored a second in the 2-0 win over Villareal. Reuters

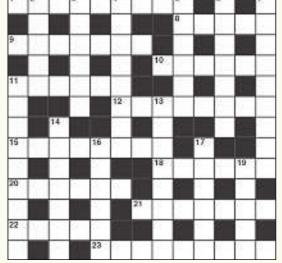
of the population of the town in eastern Spain – swarmed its way from Liverpool city center to Anfield ahead of the game. A rendition of The Beatles' "Yellow Submarine," which is the nickname of visitors, was wellreceived by the lively away contingent before kickoff. That was as warm as the welcome got. Liverpool snapped into tackles and pressed high from the first whistle, meaning Villarreal's players hardly got out of their half all match. "The reality is, they are in the best moment," Villarreal coach Unai Emery said of Liverpool. "They are in the favorite to win this competition."

Yet, with Emery setting up his team with his back four screened by a deep-lying and narrow midfield four, Liverpool was initially starved of space in what quickly became tantamount to an attack vs. defense exercise.

There were plenty of half-chances -Mane headed wide off his face, Salah curled over then volleyed over, and Thiago Alcantara smashed a long-range shot off the outside of the post — but Villarreal held out until half-

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CROSSWORD 4727



ACROSS

1 Majority status (9) 8 Morning custom which can cause laughter (5) 9 Teams of seven put out by the Spanish (7)10 Hit with explosive bandage needed (6) 11 Nominal winner (6) 12 The height of distinction 15 Really look on the exams

as trials of ability (8) 18 Suitable voice for a trio? 20 Being rich, packed it in (6)

21 Add to general disorder (7) 22 Little in the way of pudding(5) 23 He may study an insect

and its changing form

JUMBLED WORDS

the answer for the given quip.

PYAOS

DOWN 2 I held out for capital (5)

3 It's frivolous having a tax about it (6) 4 She turns into Diana (8) 5 Naturalist in ward for treatment (6) 6 Sarcastic extract from a newspaper(7) 7 Respect some hesitation in one's excuses (9) 11 Utterly incompetent (9) 13 An example of the position

> one may take up (8) 14 Makes one see red as green perhaps (7) 16 Puts up secret amendments (6)

17 The meal is about over 19 Goals are redefined in Africa(5)

Solutions Crossword 4726: Across: 1 Low-down, 4 Ivory, 7 Wine, 8 Lost time, 10 Shopkeeper, 12 Owlets, 13 Dieted, 15 Churchgoer, 18 Economic, 19 Club, 20 Freak, 21 Sporran. **Down**: 1 Lawns, 2 Wantonly, 3 Noosed, 4 In the right, 5 Ohio, 6 Yielded, 9 Sketchbook, 11 Stroller, 12 Oneself, 14 Traits, 16 Robin, 17 Nose.

Given below are four jumbled words. Solve the jumbles to make proper words and move them to $\,$

of tomorrow. - Bob Marley (3,8)

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AEIRGH

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OVER THE HEDGE by Michael Fry & T Lewis







CALVIN & HOBBES by Bill Watterson









MARVIN by Tom Armstrong





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OR ARE YOU ALL





Difficulty Level 2s

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 DOKU

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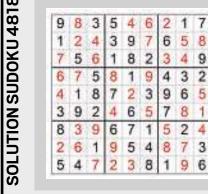
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DAY TODAY

ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr 20)
The better you have come to terms with

whatever happened long ago, the more prepared you will be to deal with excitable emotional influences, now. It does appear as if a close partner is sending you conflicting signals. But, then, that seems to be quite normal, these days.

TAURUS (Apr 21 - May 21) Complex planetary patterns offer a sign to all, but for those

heads completely buried in the sand, changes are afoot. which should shift, first, Success will result from taking a principled stand and it's surprising how partners respect you if you seize the moral high ground.

GEMINI (May 22 - June 21) You must be prepared to consider long-term arrangements, which should moderate your

willingness to take risks. However, there is scope for discussions as far as joint financial arrangements are concerned. Take time off for a romantic dalliance.

CANCER (June 22 - July 23)

inevitable that you will have to alter your stance over home or family affairs. However, it may now be best to wait about four or five days before confirming existing arrangements. By then, current uncertainties

LEO (July 24 - Aug 23)

will clear up.



and where you're heading. In the long run this can only be to appreciate a better sense of your plans.

VIRGO (Aug 24 - Sep 23)

You should already have taken any major decisions affecting the general

structure and pattern of your life. From now on, you will have to focus on the details one by one. Start by reconsidering joint financial arrangements, especially those which you may have been entered into without enough thought.

BY PETER VIDAL

vou are in command.

LIBRA (Sep 24 - Oct 23)
Whatever happens

In the old days your sign was associated with war as much as with peace, so don't shrink from taking a tough stand if gentle persuasion doesn't work. It's about time other people saw that you meant business.

SCORPIO (Oct 24 - Nov 23) Your private affairs are your business and nobody else's.

likely to be many instances when you have to distance yourself from people who are taking you for granted or peering too closely into your activities. They will just have to learn, won't they?

at work must be taken in your stride as part and parcel of an inevitable teething process. New people and fresh ideas require a period of adjustment which may be difficult, even if temporary. The pleasure comes

SAGITTARIUS (Nov 24 - Dec 22)

Battles and conflicts

when it's all over. CAPRICORN (Dec 23 - Jan 20) If you are tired of being put-upon or

taken for granted, now is your chance to correct the balance. However, it will be naive to imagine that other people will take your complaints lying down. You should understand just how close you have come to success in a personal matter, and will be

AQUARIUS (Jan 21- Feb 19) You haven't been misguided, but you

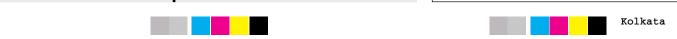
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PISCES (Feb 20 - Mar 20)



vour happiness and security than you often imagine. Your sense of beauty is at its peak, and you'll be creating a sensitive, harmonious environment.

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J&K to IPL: Following Malik's path

In nets fast bowlers Basit Bashir, Sharukh Ahmed Dar, Rasikh Salam are pinging batsmen with scorchers

DELHI, APRIL 28

At the IPL 2021, Umran Malik was still a nets bowler for the Sunrisers Hyderabad and replaced T Natarajan, who went out due to Covid-19. Without the claustrophobia of the nettings, but with the nerves of the showtime arc lights showering on him, he produced the second-fastest ball of the tournament, a 152.95 kph brute against Royal Challengers Bangalore. Life has changed for Umran in the space of few months. The Iammu lad had impressed the then skipper Virat Kohli so much that he was summoned as a net bowler with the Indian team.

This year, he has taken his performance to the next level as 150 kph-plus deliveries from him have become a new norm. Not every day does one Indian fast bowler rouse an entire Wankhede stadium on its feet. A fan was holding a placard that read, 'I am here to see Umran Malik's bowling.'

What's even more impressive is that other rookie pacers from Jammu and Kashmir are following in Malik's footsteps very quickly too.

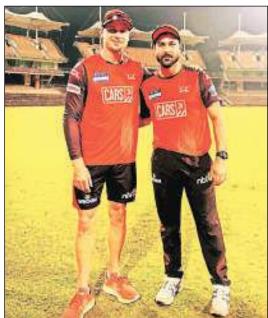
One such promising fast bowler is Basit Bashir. The 19-year-old from Kupwara is currently a part of Punjab Kings' net-bowing contingent in the ongoing IPL 2022. The 6 feet 3-inch tall left-arm pacer, Basit, has represented J&K at U-16 and U-19 levels. He was also a part of Zonal Cricket Academy and MRF Pace Academy in the past

Bashir was in Chennai at MRF Pace Academy when he got a call from the Punjab Kings that they wanted him as a net bowler. The coaches at the MRF pace academy allowed Bashir to join the Punjab Kings, but had one condition.

"Senthil sir (Mylvahanan Senthilnathan) told me that I must come back to the academy once my stint with Punjab Kings is over. It was the most difficult two days of my life, I had to choose between MRF Pace Academy and IPL. But luckily, I got the permission, Bashir tells Indian Express.

Fast bowling came naturally to Basit as his father, Basir Ahmed Lone, and maternal uncle Tahir Mir were fast bowlers.





Basit Bashir, 19, from Kupwara is a net bowler with Punjab Kings. (R) Sharukh Ahmed Dar, 26, with SRH bowling coach Dale Steyn.

"My father played till district, but my mamu has been part of the Jammu and Kashmir's Ranji Trophy team. My elder brother Faisal Bashir was also part of the Jammu and Kashmir U-23 camp. Cricket is in our blood, so I never had to look anywhere else for inspiration," says Bashir who was selected for U-16 trials at the Sher-i-Kashmir Stadium in Srinagar where Irfan Pathan, saw him. The left-arm pacer bagged two fivewickets hauls in three matches.

"I remember seeing Basit playing on the mountains of Kupwara. A couple of days before I went to Kupwara, there was a conflict between the army and the militants. I was staying not even 100m far from the conflict zone. The next day, I saw Basit, and I was very impressed with his bowling. So straightaway, I put him in the U-19 age group," says Irfan Pathan, who was appointed as player-cummentor in March 2018.

Then there is a 26-year-old swing bowler

Sharukh Ahmed Dar, who lost his cricketloving father at the age of 14, and is a net bowler for the Sunrisers Hyderabad. Dar hails from Srinagar and is well-known, courtesy his brilliant performances in the Downtown Champions League, a T20 Tennis ball tournament, who took cricket seriously when Pathan pointed out his talent.

"Irfan sir gave me the self-belief. Within a year, I was with the senior team. And now I am with the SRH set-up and learning the trade from my all-time favourite Dale Steyn," says Dar, whose family is more into Bollywood than cricket. "In Kashmir, we all play cricket. Even in my family, my uncle used to play cricket, but never as a professional. We are more into Bollywood. My name is Sharukh, my elder brother's name is Salman, my cousin's name is Aamir," laughs Dar.

'Umran has set a great example for us. If I manage to impress Dale Steyn and Tom Moody this season, maybe I will be playing

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IRFAN PATHAN FORMER MENTOR J&K

for the SRH next season," he adds, having been spotted alongside Abdul Samad, Umran Malik, and Rasikh Salam after Pathan took on the role of Jammu and Kashmir's playercum-mentor in 2018 scouting out 100 cricketers from 22 districts of I&K for different age groups. He changed the mindset of the team. J&K even reached the quarter-finals of the 2019-20 Ranji Trophy season.

Pacer Umar Nazir Mir, 28, has played 42 first-class matches for J&K, but he feels the professionalism in the system came only after the arrival of Irfan Pathan.

"He instilled the belief that our players can play in the IPL and for India," says Nazir, who, too is a net bowler for SRH in the ongoing IPL season.

Pathan spotted Abdul Samad and Umran Malik at the Science College ground in Jammu during a camp organised for the state Ranji Trophy team.

He located Sharukh, Basit and Rasikh at Sher-e-Kashmir Cricket Stadium in Sri Nagar. Pathan was so impressed with Basit that he even went to Kupawara just to watch him play. "Guys are playing on the banks of river, and mountains, playing on the mat in canvas shoes. Even a guy who can hardly bowl 110-115, was confident enough that he can do well. The level of confidence amazed me, says Pathan.

"In 2017-18, when I was about to take up the role with Jammu & Kashmir, Kapil paaji was in that meeting with the J&K officials. still remember his words, 'If you genuinely want to do something for the country, stop thinking about playing all those leagues and take Jammu & Kashmir cricket in your hands. Help the youngsters out there. It won't be just a cricketing assignment but a service to the nation," says Pathan.

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Former knight Kuldeep makes Kolkata pay

SYNOPSIS: Kuldeep is DC's MVP. Umesh's fight goes in vain.

SHAMIK CHAKRABARTY

THREE WICKETS and just two runs in Mustafizur Rahman's last over restricted Kolkata Knight Riders' total to a below-par 146/9. But Delhi Capitals made things difficult for themselves by losing two early wickets followed by three more in the middleovers, on the heels of a 65-run third wicket partnership between David Warner (42) and Lalit Yadav. As they regained the initiative, Axar Patel's run-out was unnecessary. But KKR suffered their sixth defeat in this IPL, five on the spin, because they didn't have enough runs on the board. DC won by four wickets with an over remaining, while KKR's team selection suggested desperation.

DC's MVP

Last year, he didn't even get a game for KKR before being unceremoniously dumped by the franchise ahead of the mega auction. Kuldeep Yadav was recovering from a knee surgery and as the 2022 IPL auction took place, he ran the risk of going unsold. DC bought him for Rs 2 crore and they are revelling in the smart pick. DC so far have four victories, with the chinaman bowler taking the Man of the Match award in all four of them, this game being the latest. He was his old franchise's nemesis in the first-leg. Or Thursday at Wankhede, he spun a web around the KKR batsmen. 4/14 took his tournament tally to 17 scalps. If Umran Malik is the flavour of this IPL, Kuldeep is the resurrection story of the season.

Success begets confidence. Three years ago, Kuldeep cried on the field after being at the receiving end of a Moeen Ali batting assault. He is now playing with a smile. There's a spring in his step, his body language is positive and on occasions, like he did today, he is making the ball talk. After accounting for Baba Indrajith and Sunil Narine off successive deliveries in his first spell, Kuldeep cancelled out a KKR recovery with the wickets of Shreyas Iyer and Andre Russell in his sec-



Kuldeep won his 4th Player of the Match award. Sportzpics/IPL

ond. Indrajith, on his IPL debut for KKR, jumped out of the crease and was deceived by the flight. Narine was done in by the double bluff. A slip was posted, hinting a conventional away-goer. A flipper came instead that zipped off the surface and trapped the batsman leg-before. Much to the Indian cricket's delight, Kuldeep has also got his zip back.

Shreyas, the KKR captain, was trying to mount a fightback, upping the ante with a couple of fours against Axar. A Kuldeep wrong'un removed him, via a stunning catch by Rishabh Pant. Russell tried his typical strong-armed tactic but fell to Kuldeep's guile; out stumped. Mustafizur, too, handsomely contributed to the cause, returning

Umesh's fight

He is an old guard in a field of new-age speed merchants. But Umesh Yadav is having a fine IPL and today also, he spearheaded his team's pace attack. After dismissing Prithvi Shaw with an excellent return catch in his first ball, the fast bowler returned to bounce out a well-set Warner before getting rid of Pant. At 84/5, the game was wide open. Umesh returned with 3/24 from his four overs but he didn't have a pace partner to run into the DC lower-order and complement his

bowling.

BRIEF SCORES: KKR: 146/9 in 20 overs (Shreyas Iyer 42, Nitish Rana 57; Kuldeep Yadav 4/14, Mustafizur Rahman 3/18) lost to DC: 150/6 in 19 overs (David Warner 42;

Too much of chopping, changing: Iyer

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KOLKATA KNIGHT Riders have completely lost the plot with as many as 19 players being used in nine games and skipper Shreyas Iyer had no option but to admit that they haven't been able to get their combination right in IPL-15. KKR have used as many as five different opening pairs and the team looked far from settled after its fifth straight defeat -this time to Delhi Capitals by four wickets

with an over to spare. "No real excuses, we have to go back and assess where things are going wrong. A lot of chopping and changing is happening (at the top of the order), it's been difficult to set up the right combination, with all injuries not helping as well," an irritated looking Iyer

said after the match here on Thursday. He urged his teammates to play fearless cricket and not be conservative in their approach. "We need to stick together, play some fearless cricket, not be conservative with the bat. Five more matches remaining, we need to play well, show belief and give something back to the team and the management, forget about the past, start afresh and back your instinct," he said on the way forward. "You need to sit back and think where it's going wrong. We can't be overconfident, give your

best, if we still lose, then it's fine," he said. DC skipper Rishabh Pant was always confident that once they take the game deep, there was no way they won't win against KKR but he also believed that once Khaleel Ahmed is back from his hamstring injury, they will have a settled XI.

"We were thinking (of the wobble) because we lost too many wickets in the middle but at the same time we thought if we take the game deep, we can win it.

"We haven't thought (about this as the best XI) as hundred percent. Khaleel got injured and that was a forced change, once he

is back then we will have our best XI." Pant made it clear that Rovman Powell is being seen as a finisher. "We see him (Powell) as a finisher but like today when we lost too many wickets, he has to come up and do the

job. We are not thinking about the points table and take one game at a time. We have to be more clear with our plans and that is something we can improve," he added. Having decimated KKR in the first leg,

Kuldeep Yadav took another four wickets against his old team to inch closer towards the Purple Cap with 17 scalps, which is currently one less than Yuzvedra Chahal. For Kuldeep, the fear of failure is no more there in him."I might have become a better bowler. but I am mentally stronger than before. When you fail in life you pick what you can improve on and that is something I had to improve. I don't get scared of failing now."

A young Munaf Patel was once said to be the fastest bowler in the country. Injuries took their toll, though, and the pace dropped drastically. Patel talks about the thrill of watching another young tearaway burst onto the scene, and stresses how critical it is to manage Umran Malik.

'If you use Umran too much, he will start cutting down on his pace'



Munaf Patel

MY ADVICE as a 21-year old to Umran would be: Jaao aur josh se ball phenko. Yehi hai (Go and bowl with more vigour and pace). Watching him run in to bowl, I feel like bowling too. It is so good to see such kids getting opportunities in the IPL. The scouts that go out to spot talent... It feels good that the world's biggest league is benefitting our players, especially those who come from small places. Otherwise who knows how he would have come in and where he would have played. Now he is the league's fastest bowler, and that makes me very happy.

The BCCI should not wait for him to perform in the domestic circuit and then bring him into the Indian team. You take him as the 17th member of the squad if you want, but do take him along. He will learn about the culture and various situations and will learn to adapt if he stays around with everyone. It is something that has to be done.

Handle with care

When I first came on to the scene, social media wasn't as big as it is now but there was certainly excitement around. It is a natural reaction if somebody comes up from a small place where there is no infrastructure. Umran has come up the same way I did. You need to take good care of him. He will last long only if the BCCI does that.

If you see, Zaheer Khan had also arrived as a 145-plus bowler, Ashish Nehra was there, I was there, VRV Singh was there, Ishant Sharma was also quick when he came in. At present you have guys like Umesh Yadav, Navdeep Saini. There needs to be a system in place where there is a restriction on the number of matches a fast bowler plays in a year. Now, of course, technology has advanced in terms of physiotherapy and training, but still you will have to take care of him. If you use him too much, then chances are he will suffer a big injury and that means he will then have to start managing his pace. But right now, he is bowling like soney pe suhaaga.

The importance of Steyn

Dale Steyn is with him right now, so he will get to learn a lot. That will make a huge difference. Steyn is a genuine man, he is not egoistic. And he used to bowl 145 himself.



Umran Malik's pace and accuracy has made him an instant sensation.

Whatever he can pick up from Steyn, he should. And because he is from a small place, he is like a blank paper, you can write what you want on it. He will do as Steyn says.

At that age, you do not know anything. You are from a small place, and not that mature, so you feel like you should learn from this person and that person and so on. The fact that he will be with Steyn for a few months now is a golden period for him. Jitna unsey lapet sakein, lapet lein (Whatever he can soak in, he should). This is the age to learn as well as bowl. I don't think there will be a better opportunity for him in life than this.

The way he is going, he will travel to the next Test venue (with the Indian team). But there is so much competition in Indian cricket that once you get sidelined, it takes time to make a comeback. We have so many fast bowlers. So it is not like that they will keep playing you if you do not do well.

Adding line and length

If he can focus more on line and length, like Steyn had, then no one can stop him, and the rest is then down to his fitness. You will have to sacrifice some pace. Firstly you have to bowl in our conditions, which are not ideal for fast bowling. You either have to make it reverse or bowl with the new ball, that's it. Most of the work is done by the spinners. Even Steyn used to bowl 150 when he

started playing international cricket. But thereafter he would hover around 140. But he had swing, and he would bowl in South Africa. So Umran will have to add that (line and lenoth) If he can do it at the same nace nothing can be greater than that. But even if he loses a few yards and can swing it at 145, that is excellent.

If you remain hell-bent that I will not cut down my pace no matter what, it won't work, You look at VRV or Varun Aaron, But that is only after a certain age or if you are hampered by injuries. If you are around 30, and if you can adjust yourself around 135-137 kph, you will be able to survive. Otherwise, I don't believe in cutting down on pace. Definitely not at his age.

He will have to focus a lot on his fitness. You use so much strength and it takes so much out of your body... if you have to play multi-day cricket, you will have to do it. He will have to adopt specialised training, which the BCCI anyway has these days.

He has a smooth action. It is not an action that puts too much stress on the body, like Shaun Tait's or Lasith Malinga's did. It is like Steyn's or Brett Lee's. It can be sustained for a long time. Right now, it is very natural for him. But over a period of time, there is always a chance of breaking down. But if he trains well, then it won't happen.

Learning from the IPL

He needs to play the IPL. If you don't, there are far fewer people watching you. If you do not play the world's biggest league, what is the point? There is so much to learn in the IPL. Like the bowler (Marco Jansen) who gave 25 runs (in the last over against Gujarat Titans) was the man of the match in the previous game (against Royal Challengers Bangalore). It teaches you that you will be

down one day and up the next. Should a special fast bowler be played only in overseas Tests? Well, it is difficult to play someone only in overseas Tests. We go to England once in four years, so you cannot have Bumrah, for instance, on the bench in between. You can certainly use Umran on some of the good wickets for pacers in India such as Mumbai. You need pace to generate reverse swing anyway. If your bowlers are not generating pace, they will not get reverse swing. So even in India, you need players who can bowl fast.

(Munaf Patel is a World Cup winner and former India pacer. He burst on the scene as a tearaway but later slowed down and struggled with injuries. Munaf spoke to Abhishek

Pace, movement, athleticism, Umesh



Before Umran there was Umesh and he is still going strong.

Amidst the understandable buzz over the pace sensation Umran Malik, Umesh Yadav continues to show he is still fast, in form, very fit, and takes important wickets. Remarkably, despite playing for more than a decade now. Umesh hasn't lost much pace at all, and continues to swing the ball. He took out David Warner, Rishabh Pant, and Prithvi Shaw with contrasting deliveries to send another reminder about his hot form in this IPL. Shaw was shaping to flick a delivery that seemed to tail down outside leg but found it just about curving in

enough to take the leading edge. He might have got away had it was another pacer but the athletic Umesh flung himself to his left to pouch it with both hands. Later, he returned in the middle overs, to bounce out Warner on a slow pitch. With the angle cramping him, Warner almost shut his eyes and went for a swivel pull, only to top edge it to fine-leg fielder. Soon, Rishabh Pant, who must be careful about his fading form, poked at a length delivery from around the stumps and straightening outside off stump and got a nick.

Lucky, plucky and grinning Pant

Two dismissals, the best and the not-sobest of Rishab Pant the wicketkeeper, but he came out with a smile on both occasions. Rishabh Pant first did a split almost to take an outstanding catch and then he fumbled a regulation take, with the batsman way out of the crease, but luck was with him as the ball popped on to the stumps. When Shreyas Iyer chased a wide googly from Kuldeep Yadav but was surprised by how low it kept and only could edge his attempted cut. Pant had shuffled across, his right leg touching the end of the popping crease line, and somehow stayed low and kept going down with his right glove to pouch the ball inches off the ground and near the wide line. Two balls later, Andre Russell was left stranded by another googly. Pant grabbed at the ball and it popped out of his hands but luckily fell on the stumps.

All hail King T'Challa Sakariya

When Chetan Sakariya took out Aaron Finch, bowled attempting a slog, he crossed his arms on his body. It's his ode to his favourite character Black Panther, from the

Avengers. "I like superhero movies a lot.

I am a huge fan of Avengers, especially Black Panther," he had once said of King T'Challa. Finch made it rather easy for him. He was just dropped, but went for the slog next ball, and completely missed the ball. Last year, when he was with Raiasthan Royals, he had the initials of his brother Rahul Kanjibhai (RK) on his jersey, (the brother had committed suicide) with a text that ran'I miss you bro".