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5.	Time of Completion	18 Months
6.	Date of e-publication of tender	10.03.2023 at 5.00 pm
7.	Document downloading start Date	10.03.2023 at 5.00 pm
8.	Pre bi meeting date, Time & Venue	17.03.2023 at 3.00 pm, Office Nagar Panchayat, Khunti
9.	Bid submission end date	23.03.2023 at 3.00 pm
10.	Last day for the submission of Bid Security, cost of bid document	24.03.2023 up to 2.00 pm
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No SC relief for Sisodia, he resigns from govt, says charges a conspiracy
Jailed minister Jain also submits resignation to CM KejriwalANANTHAKRISHNAN
NEW DELHI, FEBRUARY 28

IN A surprise move Tuesday evening, Delhi's Deputy Chief Minister Manish Sisodia, who is in CBI custody, and jailed minister Satyendar Jain tendered their resignations to Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal. The resignations, which were accepted by Kejriwal, have been sent to the Office of the Lieutenant Governor, from where they will be forwarded to the President.

The development came hours after the Supreme Court



Arrested Sunday, Sisodia told by SC he should have moved the Delhi High Court

refused to entertain Sisodia's plea challenging his arrest by the CBI in the excise policy case. The agency had arrested Sisodia on

Sunday after eight hours of questioning. The next day, the Delhi High Court granted the agency five-day custody of the Deputy CM, who also holds the crucial education and finance portfolios.

In his resignation letter, addressed to Kejriwal, Sisodia wrote: "It is very sad that despite working with honesty and integrity for eight years, allegations of corruption are being levelled against me. These allegations are

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Blinken, Lavrov, Qin for G20 foreign ministers' meeting starting today

SHUBHAJIT ROY
NEW DELHI, FEBRUARY 28

AMID THE hardening of positions on the Russia-Ukraine war which entered its second year last week, External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar will host US Secretary of State Antony Blinken, Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov and

Chinese Foreign Minister Qin Gang among others at the G20 Foreign Ministers' meeting beginning on Wednesday.

Coming days after the G20 Finance Ministers failed to agree on a joint communiqué since there was no consensus on the reference to the Russia-Ukraine war, the Foreign Ministers' meeting is set to test India's diplomatic tightrope walk.

This will be Blinken's first visit to India since the war began last year (he last came to India in July 2021); Lavrov's second visit in a year (he was in Delhi in April 2022); and Qin's first visit as the newly appointed Chinese Foreign Minister. Qin's predecessor Wang Yi had come to India in March last year.

The meeting, which will take

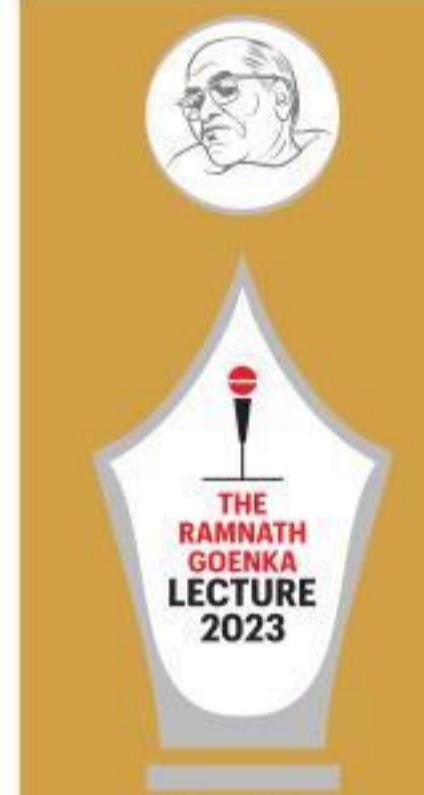
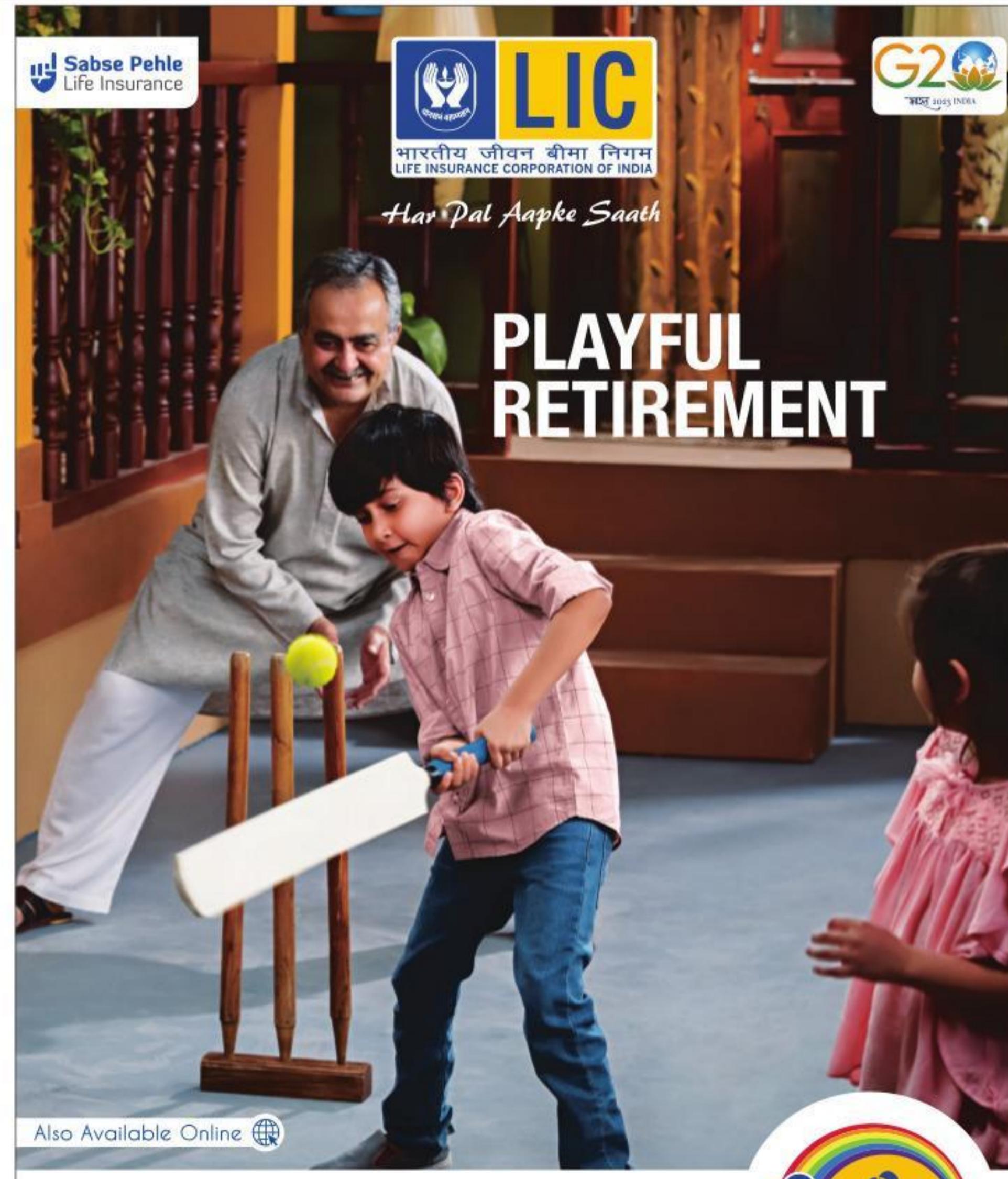
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Myanmar national raped by 4

New Delhi: A 22-year-old Myanmar national was allegedly gang-raped by four persons after she was taken to the Delhi-Haryana border, police said Tuesday, adding that the accused are absconding.

A senior police officer said the incident took place on February 22, when the woman, along with her one-year-old daughter, was "forced to board" an autorickshaw from Kalindi Kunj. "The driver took her to the Delhi-Haryana border where he and his three accomplices forcibly took her to one of the accused's house and gang-raped her... then they threatened her and brought her back the next day before dropping her at an unknown location in the city," the officer said.

The woman lodged a complaint at Kalindi Kunj police station on February 26. DCP (Southeast) Rajesh Deo said they are verifying details. "CCTVs around the area where she boarded the auto and where she was taken are being analysed," the officer said. A case under IPC section 376D (gang rape) and 363 (punishment for kidnapping) has been lodged. Police said she had come to the country for medical treatment. ENS

Delhi sees warmest February since 2006

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, FEBRUARY 28

THIS YEAR, Delhi has seen its warmest February since 2006, with an average maximum temperature of 27.7 degrees Celsius.

This was also the third warmest February for the national capital since 1951. In the past 72 years, the highest average maximum temperature for February is 29.7 degrees Celsius recorded in 2006, followed by 27.9 degrees Celsius in 1960 and 27.7 degrees in February this year, according to data from the India Meteorological Department (IMD).

The highest maximum temperature recorded in February this year was 33.6 degrees Celsius and it has remained above 30 degrees on six days of the month. On Tuesday, the maximum temperature was 32.1 degrees, seven degrees above the normal for this time of the year.

IMD scientists have attributed the warmer-than-usual February to the absence of



This was the third warmest Feb since 1951. Archive

western Himalayan region, none have affected the plains in February this year."

Against a normal amount of around 21.3 mm of rainfall, Delhi recorded no rain at all in February this year.

The average maximum temperature over all of northwest India – 24.86 degrees Celsius – was also above the normal for February.

While January was colder than usual and February was warmer than usual in Delhi, the IMD forecast for the upcoming summer season points to the possibility of above-normal maximum temperatures over some parts of northwest India from March to May.

In March, maximum temperatures are likely to be above normal over many parts of northwest India.

The IMD has also warned of the possibility of heat waves this summer.

The forecast for March to May issued on Tuesday said that there is an "enhanced probability" of heatwaves occurring over many regions of central and adjoining northwest India.

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
GURGAON, FEBRUARY 28

AFTER A purported video clip of two men taking away flower pots, put up by the authorities for beautification ahead of G20 meeting in Gurgaon, and loading them in the boot of a car went viral on social media, Gurgaon police Tuesday registered a case against the two for alleged theft.

Police said the case was registered on the complaint of urban environment division of the Gurugram Metropolitan Authority of India (GMDA).

The complaint stated that the authority had put up flower pots on National Highway 48 near Delhi-Gurgaon border as part of arrangements to welcome delegates for the G20 meeting.

"It has been observed that some passersby are stealing flower pots placed on the roadside. A video of theft is going viral on Twitter... It is requested that considering the importance of the event being organised on a national level, necessary action is taken against the accused and also that police



A screen grab from the video clip

personnel are deployed for protection of flower plots planted on both the sides of the road," reads the FIR.

In the purported clip, two men can be seen picking up flower pots from a stretch at Shankar Chowk near Delhi-Gurgaon highway and putting them in the boot of a Kia Carnival car with a number plate ending in 0006.

A police officer said, "The car has a Hisar registration number and the owner has been traced to Gurgaon. A case has been regis-

tered under IPC section 379 at DLF phase 3 police station. A probe has been initiated in the case. We are identifying the two accused. No arrest has been made so far."

S K Chahal, Joint CEO, Gurugram Metropolitan Authority of India (GMDA) had told the media, "The matter has come to our cognizance and action shall be taken."

The delegates will share good governance practices followed in their countries and the outcome of the discussion will be shared with all the participating countries and international organisations, said the Gurgaon district administration in a statement on Sunday.

The district administration further said that 40 departmental hoardings of the public relations department had been put up and branding done on 44 roadways buses, 275 bus queue shelters of city buses apart from 142 unipoles of Municipal Corporation of Gurgaon. Over a 100 city buses and 18 Volvo buses sport the G20 event design.

Mehrauli demolition: Colony not a slum cluster, DDA tells HC

MALAVIKA PRASAD
NEW DELHI, FEBRUARY 28

IN ITS response to a plea filed by residents of a slum colony apprehending removal by DDA during its demolition action in Mehrauli, the authority told the Delhi High Court that the colony is not a slum cluster as per Google Earth images and that it was removed in 2012.

In its reply, the DDA has said that Gosiya Colony is "not a slum cluster", relying on images taken from Google Earth in 2006, 2008 and 2010. The reply states that the "entire area was green" and later "around 212 erection of jhuggis commenced". It has said that in December 2012 it removed all jhuggis reclaiming 58 bighas, however, Google Earth Image from March 2022 shows "encroachment in the same area".

Justice Manmee Pritam Singh Arora Tuesday asked the petitioner, Gosiya Colony Sewa Samiti, representing residents of

400 jhuggis in Gosiya Colony, to file its response to replies filed by Delhi Urban Shelter Improvement Board and DDA. The HC had on February 10 had ordered status quo on the demolition action.

The DUSIB, in its affidavit, has said that in the early 90s, the board had identified 929 jhuggis. It is stated that over time, out of these, 675 jhuggis have been listed on DUSIB's website and the board is not providing any service to jhuggis clusters other than the 675, and the petitioner colony's name is not on it. On the additional list of 82 jhuggis clusters where the colony's name features as "Jhuggi Basti Goshia Colony", it is stated in the affidavit that the list was preliminary compiled from new jhuggis, "which have not been verified" as per the 2015 rehabilitation policy, hence the list has been "withdrawn and since removed from DUSIB's website" and DUSIB is not providing any kind of facilities to the inhabitants of this list.

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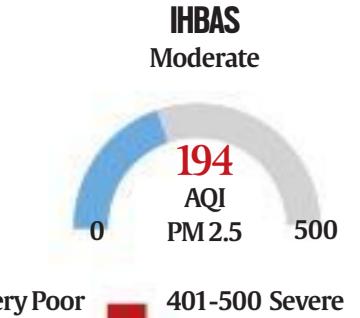
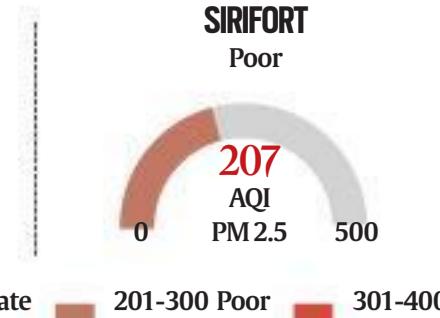
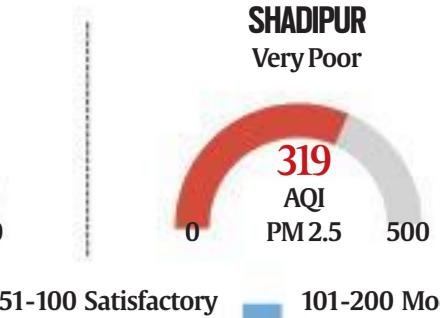
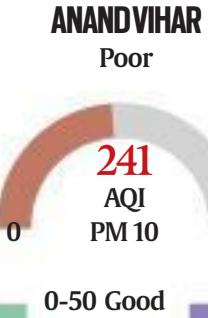
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AFTER RESIGNATIONS

Cabinet minus Sisodia and Jain

ing charges.

In his resignation letter, Sisodia wrote: "The allegations against me will be proved false. But now that they have crossed all limits and put me in jail by hatching a conspiracy, I wish to not remain a minister anymore."

According to sources, Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal and Sisodia had discussed the possibility of this decision before Sunday, when Sisodia was questioned and eventually arrested by CBI.

"The party wanted to see what the SC says before going ahead with what had been discussed. Running the government with the existing strength is untenable," said a senior leader.

Another party leader said that the decision was also taken to ward off attacks from the opposition.

"The party stands fully behind the two leaders, but with their resignation, the narrative will also shift from corruption to governance," he said.

Party insiders said that the names of MLAs Saurabh Bharadwaj (Greater Kailash), Atishi (Kalkaji), Dilip Pandey (Timarpur) and Durgesh Pathak (Rajinder Nagar) are being considered for the cabinet posts.

Bharadwaj, a three-time MLA, was the transport minister in AAP's 49-day government. He is the Delhi Jal Board vice-chairperson at present. Atishi has worked closely with Sisodia on education. Pandey is the chief whip of the party and a senior MLA, who was previously the Delhi unit convener. Pathak, the newest member of the Delhi Assembly, is part of the assembly's highest decision-making body—the Political Affairs Committee.

But with two senior ministers gone, the cabinet also requires "heft", an insider said. Sources said that the gap could be filled by Speaker Ram Niwas Goel. The former BJP member was elected to the first Delhi assembly in 1993 from Shahdara. After joining AAP, he was elected in 2015 and 2020.

As per rules, there can only be seven members—including the Chief Minister—in Delhi's cabinet.

AAP used scam money to weaken Congress: Maken

MANOJ CG
NEW DELHI, FEBRUARY 28



Ajay Maken

SENIOR CONGRESS leader Ajay Maken Tuesday asserted that those sympathising with Delhi Deputy CM Manish Sisodia, who was arrested by the CBI on Sunday and resigned on Tuesday, should know that the AAP is using "corruption money" to weaken the Congress and fight elections against it.

Maken, a former Delhi Congress president, told *The Indian Express*: "It has now been established that the AAP got around Rs 100 crore. This money was used by the party against the Congress in Goa elections. So I am telling everyone who is sympathising with Sisodia that this corruption money is being used to weaken the Congress party."

Asked about the argument by Congress leaders supporting Sisodia that the ED, CBI and Income Tax department have become instruments of political vendetta and harassment, Maken said he would urge the Central government to use these agencies "sparingly" so that "genuine" action in cases like against Sisodia are not seen as a witch hunt.

"The Central government has been using investigative agencies very often against their political opponents for witch-hunting. So when a case like this comes up, which is a clear-cut case of corruption, they doubled it to 12 per cent, they doubled it to 12 per cent."

Maken added that the scrapped Delhi excise policy, over which Sisodia has been arrested, was "full of corruption", and that the AAP government went against the recommendations of a committee on three important aspects.

"On wholesale trade, the committee had suggested that the wholesale sale of liquor be with the government. They gave the example of Karnataka. The government not just disagreed with the committee... the earlier wholesale commission was 6 per cent, they doubled it to 12 per cent."

"Because of this, some of the liquor traders formed a fictitious company and secured wholesale trade licence, and formed another fictitious company and got retail trade licence and monopolised the entire trade. So initially the total liquor trade went up by 59.6 per cent but there were huge revenue losses to the tune of Rs 2,000 crore annually. How is it possible? If liquor sales had gone up, the revenue earnings of the government should have also gone up. But the revenue earnings came down. That is corruption," he said.

reruption, it is seen as vendetta... So my appeal to the Central government is to use these agencies sparingly and not for political vendetta so that when such clear-cut, genuine cases of corruption arise... action is not seen as political vendetta," Maken said, calling the AAP the "B team of the BJP", "formed only to weaken the Congress party".

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It also noted that the "vague apprehensions being expressed" by the CBI of evidence tampering and influencing of witnesses can be taken care of by imposing certain conditions.

The court said no purpose would be served in keeping the accused in custody since the investigation was at an initial stage, the physical and digital data is said to be huge and supplementary chargesheets were expected to be filed in this case.

In the CBI case, Deputy Chief Minister Manish Sisodia was arrested and sent to 5-day police custody. The court said Sisodia had failed to "legitimately explain the incriminating evidence which has allegedly surfaced against him in the investigation".

On August 17, the CBI filed an FIR, and two days later, raided 21 locations in Delhi, including Sisodia's house. He is among 15 booked in the CBI FIR—the others being three excise department officials and several vendors and distributors.

The court noted that "most of the witnesses pertaining to their roles stand already examined by the IO and even most of the documentary evidence in respect to their roles is stated to have already been collected".

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the like amount.

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UNION MINISTER of Tribal Affairs Arjun Munda has crossed a million followers on Indian microblogging platform, Koo. Munda generally posts about the government's empowerment and welfare initiatives for tribal communities on the platform, which he joined in 2021. He interacts with his followers in their native languages using its multilingual feature that allows conversations in more than 20 languages.

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A MONTH after Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman announced a special fund for urban development in Tier-2 and Tier-3 cities in the Union Budget, Prime Minister Narendra Modi will interact with stakeholders in the urban development and sanitation sectors, including 'SafaiMitra' (sanitation workers), on March 1. As a part of the post-Budget webinar series by the PM, the event is being planned by the Housing and Urban Affairs, and Environment ministries.

BJP top brass discusses plan to strengthen party in Telangana

LIZ MATHEW
NEW DELHI, FEBRUARY 28

WITH THE BJP preparing for the launch of an aggressive campaign in Telangana, one of the priority states for the party's electoral expansion plan, top leaders of the party held a marathon meeting to finalise its strategies amidst speculation that the state could go for an early election.

To expand its ground in the state, the BJP is keen on getting prominent personalities inducted in the party. In Tuesday's meeting, the leaders discussed how to accelerate the process of inducting more leaders into the party to strengthen itself ahead of the election. According to sources, the national leadership is concerned that there has been no "major joining of any significant personalities" in the state unit, despite intense efforts from the party.

The meeting, held at party president J P Nadda's residence was attended by Union Home Minister Amit Shah and BJP Telangana president Bandi Sanjay, discussed the party's campaign programmes and other strategy.

BJP general secretary (organisation) B L Santhosh, general secretaries in-charge of state Sunil Bansal and Tarun Chugh, national vice-president D K Aruna, Nizamabad MP Arvind Dharampuri, other core group members Sudhakar Reddy (TN co-charge), K Laxman, G Kishan Reddy, Vijay Santhi, Vivek Venkateswamy, Etala Rajendran, G Mohan Rao and P Muralidhar

Rao also attended the meeting. The meeting comes in the backdrop of Bandi Sanjay preparing to start another phase of his Praja Sangram Yatra to highlight the "anti-people policies" of the Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS) government in Telangana. The BJP has successfully undertaken 11,000 public meeting outreach programmes in the state under him. The main focus of the party campaign so far has been on "exposing" the state government under K Chandrasekhar Rao. Bansal was in Telangana for almost a week as he was given a target to organise 11,000 street corner meetings or 'Nukkad Sabhas' with the same purpose.

Every leader involved with the Telangana unit has been asked to be available for the party programmes in the coming days in the state, sources added.

In a statement after the meeting, Sanjay said that he and other party leaders from the state briefed the national leadership on the "successful completion" of 11,000 street corner meetings under the programme "Praja Gosa, BJP Bharosa" (people angry, trust in BJP). The party high-command was immensely pleased with the outcome and directed the state leadership to undertake steps to strengthen the organisation further. They have advised us to intensify the struggle against the KCR-led government which is mired in corruption," he said.

The state president also said the BJP will contest on its own in all 119 Assembly constituencies.

Rajesh Malhotra PIB's new Principal DG

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NEW DELHI, FEBRUARY 28

Rajesh Malhotra will take charge on Wednesday

RAJESH MALHOTRA, a 1989-batch Indian Information Service (IIS) officer, was on Tuesday appointed as the Principal Director General of the Press Information Bureau, a government order said.

Malhotra succeeds Satyendra Prakash, who superannuated on Tuesday. Prakash had taken charge as Principal DG of the PIB in August 2022.

Malhotra will be the principal spokesperson of the government of India and take charge of his new role on March 1, 2023.

Malhotra, already designated as the Principal D-G, was handling the media and communication division of the ministries of Finance, and Corporate Affairs.

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PUNJAB GOVERNOR DECIDES TO CALL SESSION

'Both duty-bound': SC raps CM, Gov over spat

ANANTHAKRISHNANG
NEW DELHI, FEBRUARY 28

WITH PUNJAB Governor Banwarilal Purohit deciding to convene the Budget Session of the Assembly from March 3, the Supreme Court on Tuesday disposed of a plea challenging the delay in the Governor's action, but not before conveying its disillusionment over the actions of both Chief Minister Bhagwant Singh Mann and the Governor, which precipitated matters.

Appearing for the AAP government, senior advocate AMSinghvi accused that the Governor had "hijacked the Constitution", while Solicitor General Tushar Mehta, representing the Governor, said the dispute had its genesis in the Governor seeking information on certain administrative matters from the CM and the latter using "street language" in reply.

Making evident its disenchantment with both parties, a bench of Chief Justice of India D Y Chandrachud and Justice P S Narasimha said, "The Governor has a right to seek information from the Chief Minister in terms of Article 167(B) on matters relating to the administration of affairs of the state and proposals for legislation. Once such information is sought, not furnishing the information...would be dereliction of



Punjab CM Bhagwant Singh Mann (left) and Governor Banwarilal Purohit

constitutional duty imposed on the Chief Minister in terms of Article 167 (B). Yet, dereliction of the Chief Minister to do so would not furnish a justification for the Governor not to comply with plain constitutional obligation to summon the House for its Budget Session in terms of the advice tendered by the Council of Ministers."

The Bench said the Chief Minister is "clearly duty-bound to furnish" the information and "the tone and tenor" of the tweet and the letter by Mann left "much to be desired".

The court also reminded that the power to summon, prorogue and dissolve the Assembly is enshrined in Article 174 of the Constitution. "In terms of constitutional jurisprudence," it said, "the decision of a 7-judge constitution bench in *Shamsher Singh vs State of Punjab* (1974) has clearly laid down that the Governor is a constitutional or formal head of state and exercises his powers and

functions on the aid and advice of the Council of Ministers."

The Bench said, "In view of the clear constitutional provision, there can be no manner of doubt that the authority entrusted to the Governor to summon each House of the legislature of a state is to be exercised on the aid and advice of the Council of Ministers. This is not a constitutional power in which the Governor is entitled to exercise his own discretion."

"In the present case, the Governor was not summoning the House for the first time following (an) election but was advised by the Council of Ministers to convene the budget session at the behest of a government, which has been duly elected in the election. Clearly the Governor was duty-bound to do so."

The Bench pointed out that "the communication of the Governor dated Feb 23, 2023" in response to the request of the Council of Ministers to summon the House "evidently refers to the cabinet decisions. However, the Governor referred to the tweet of the Chief Minister and to the letter dated February 14, and proceeded to state that since both the tweet and the letter were 'petty unconstitutional but extremely derogatory', he was compelled to take legal advice 'on this issue' and that he would decide on the request thereafter."

BJP lays out Punjab plan, focus is on 'governance, leadership'

LIZ MATHEW
NEW DELHI, FEBRUARY 28

Union Home Minister Amit Shah will launch a yatra against drug menace in Punjab next month

APART FROM a statewide yatra against drug menace to be launched by Union Home Minister Amit Shah, the BJP has planned a series of programmes to press its advantage in Punjab, with the state government battling the aftermath of the storming of a police station by a radical Sikh leader and his followers.

While the BJP has not been able to make much of an impression electorally in the state so far, it sees the ground clearing for it after the Aam Aadmi Party government's fumbles and the disillusionment with the state's entrenched parties. The emergence of figures like Amritpal Singh, and their rhetoric, sparking fears of a return to radicalism, could also increase appeal for the BJP's tough nationalistic narrative.

After Shah launches the yatra next month, BJP president J P Nadda will be in the state to kick off other programmes. Prime Minister Narendra Modi is also expected to visit soon, said sources. It's the right time for the party to deliver its message of good governance, nationalism and decisive leadership", a leader said.

"The BJP is getting into aggressive mode as part of its preparation for the next Lok Sabha polls," as per another leader. With the Akali Dal snapping ties with the BJP over the farm laws ahead of the 2022 Assembly elections, the BJP will be contest-

ing the Lok Sabha polls on its own for the first time in the state. In 2019, with anger against the Akalis running high, the BJP had won only two seats in the partnership, Gurdaspur and Hoshiarpur, with 9.63% of the votes.

Its tie-up with smaller parties such as former Congress leader Amarinder Singh's Punjab Lok Congress (which later merged with the BJP) had not yielded much fruit in the 2022 Assembly polls. In 2017, the BJP had contested 23 seats in its alliance with the Akalis and won 3; in 2022, it contested 73 seats on its own but won only 2.

However, despite the dismal performance over the years, the BJP focus on the state – an ideological and strategic frontier for it – has never wavered. During the 2022 Assembly elections, the BJP repeatedly raised apprehensions about the "dangers" of an AAP government coming to power in the border state. Accusing AAP supremo Arvind Kejriwal of

"compromising with a terrorist organisation", over some meetings he had, Nadda had told *The Indian Express*: "We see things in terms of the 600-km border of India, national security."

BJP Lok Sabha MP Parvesh Verma had then called Kejriwal a "terrorist".

A BJP MP told *The Indian Express* that their concerns regarding the AAP "have been proven right now". "We always feared how it would handle a law and order situation in a sensitive state. What a mess it has created in Punjab now."

On the BJP's planning programmes in the state, the MP said: "Being a responsible national party, it's our duty to see to it that things do not get further complicated." As the Union Home Minister, with the narcotics agencies handling the drug problem as well as security agencies looking at external and internal threats under him, plus given his "hands on" image, Shah will send the "right message" to the cadre as well as the electorate, the BJP feels.

"People in Punjab were already uneasy over the drug menace, especially after they found that the AAP is a failure. Recent developments have created further confusion," a party leader said, adding that Shah would bring "clarity".

The AAP has been trying to pass the buck to the Centre, claiming that its warnings related to the rise of Amritpal Singh had been "deliberately" ignored. However, BJP leaders dismiss this.

In Bihar Budget, rural sector, education get top priority

SANTOSH SINGH
PATNA, FEBRUARY 28

Eknath Shinde (left) and Uddhav Thackeray

EDUCATION AND rural development department got top priority as Bihar Finance Minister Vijay Kumar Choudhary on Tuesday presented Rs 2,61,855.40 crore Budget for financial year 2023-2024.

Of the total proposed budget expenditure of Rs 2.6 lakh crore, Rs 1 lakh crore has been earmarked for the ongoing and new schemes of various departments.

Presenting the Budget in the State Assembly, the finance minister thanked Prime Minister Narendra Modi for "emulating several Bihar schemes", including ones on tap water and electricity.

Education got an allocation of Rs 22,200.35 crore (22.20 per cent) followed by rural development department-Rs 15,193.19 crore (15.19 per cent), social welfare department - Rs 8,191.79 crore (8.19 per cent) and rural works department - Rs 7,950.27 crore (7.95 per cent). Health sector, which used to be among top three priorities in the state for several years, was down to fifth spot with an allocation of Rs 7,117.56 crore (7.12 per cent).

The finance minister announced that Patna Medical College and Medical Hospital (PMCH) would be elevated as a "world-class" hospital with 5,462 beds, in addition to the existing 1,762 beds.

Indira Gandhi Institute of Medical Sciences (IGIMS) would get 1,200 additional beds. At present, the hospital has about 1,100 beds.

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Viplove Bajoria first MLC from Thackeray camp to join Shinde

VALLABH OZARKAR
MUMBAI, FEBRUARY 28

Viplove Bajoria will be Shiv Sena chief whip in the Legislative Council

MLCs are obliged to follow his whip in the House.

The move is being considered to be an attempt to counter Shiv Sena (UTB) in the Legislative Council where the Shiv Sena-BJP government does not enjoy a majority. In all, there are 78 members in the Legislative Council. Till now, Shiv Sena (UTB) had 11 members and the post of the Opposition leader in the Council. With Bajoria joining the Shinde faction, Sena (UTB) is left with 10 MLCs.

Sources said the Thackeray faction is planning to issue a disqualification notice to Bajoria.

Currently, Anil Parab is the Shiv Sena chief whip in the Legislative Council and party

JOURNALIST DEATH
Fadnavis: Guilty won't be sparedEESHANPRIYA MS
MUMBAI, FEBRUARY 28

DEPUTY CHIEF Minister Devendra Fadnavis on Tuesday told the Maharashtra Legislative Assembly that anyone who was responsible for the death of Ratnagiri journalist Shashikant Warishe will not be spared. He was replying to a Calling Attention motion in the Assembly on Tuesday morning.

He said, "An SIT of 16 people is probing the death of Ratnagiri journalist Shashikant Warishe. Under the Indian Evidence Act, we are able to bring ad hoc teams on board for evidence collection. The team that investigated the death of MLC Vinayak Mete is now pressed for evidence collection in the probe of Warishe's death."

Kaul told the bench, also

comprising Justices M R Shah, Krishna Murari, Hima Kohli, and P S Narasimha, that there were "two political whips appointed on the same day. We are following the mandate of the party. The question is whether my political whip or their political whip is the actual whip. You are bound to vote with your party so long as you are in the legislature, unless there is a merger," Chief Justice of India D Y Chandrachud presiding over a five-judge constitution bench said while hearing petitions filed in the wake of last year's political crisis in Maharashtra precipitated by a division in the Shiv Sena.

"So, on the one hand, none of them can say to the Governor that we don't want to go with the alliance. The answer is very simple. You don't want to go with an alliance? Then go to your leader and take a decision in the political party outside. So long as you are a member of the House, you are bound by discipline of the House. So you have to vote with your political party," the CJL said as Senior Advocate N K Kaul appearing for the Eknath Shinde faction presented his case.

Both the opposition parties Congress and Aam Aadmi Party supported the Bill. Congress MLA from Khedbrahma in Sabarkantha Dr Tushar Chaudhary said, "After

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Bill making Gujarati must in schools passed

RITU SHARMA
AHMEDABAD, FEBRUARY 28

A textbook approved by the state government will be taught for Gujarati language from classes 1 to 8 in all education institutes of the state, Education Minister Kuber Dindor stated in his address on the Bill in the House.

"A child who studies in English medium and becomes a doctor or engineer will be able to serve in the rural areas only if he or she knows Gujarati," the Minister added while presenting the Bill in the House.

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WITNESS MURDER

Prayagraj court seeks police reply on 'detention' of Atiq's minor sons

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LUCKNOW, FEBRUARY 28

IN CONNECTION with the daylight murder of a witness, a court in Prayagraj on Tuesday issued a notice to Dhoomanganj police station, directing it to file a report on an application filed by accused Atiq Ahmed's wife alleging that police "illegally" took away her two minor sons on February 24 evening and since then she has no information about them.

The court directed the police to submit its reply by Thursday.

Shaista Parveen, who has been named along with her jailed husband and former MP Atiq Ahmed in the murder FIR, said in her petition that the district police have made her entire family accused in the murder case.

Last Friday, Umesh Pal, a key witness in the 2005 murder of then BSP MLA Raju Pal, was gunned down along with his gunner in broad daylight in Dhoomanganj area of Prayagraj.

Based on a complaint filed by Umesh Pal's wife, former MP Atiq Ahmed, his wife Shaista Parveen, their son, his younger brother Khalid Azim alias Ashraf and two others were named in the FIR.

Police on Monday said that they have killed one of the accused involved in helping the assailants to flee and arrested another for murder conspiracy.

"On request of our petition, the court directed Dhoomanganj police to submit a report on the matter by March 2," said Parveen's lawyer Vijay Mishra.

Meanwhile, the court also rejected petitions filed by Atiq Ahmed and his younger brother Khalid Azim alias Ashraf. In their separate petitions, the two requested the court to reject the police application seeking remand in the latest murder case.

They also said that if needed, their judicial remand be made through video conference, said Mishra. It is to be noted that while Atiq is lodged in a jail in Gujarat, Ashraf is in Bareilly jail.

Police said that they are conducting raids to arrest five persons whose role has come up during the murder investigation. "The role of these five persons has come to light during the scanning of CCTV footage of the murder spot and questioning of Sadak Khan, who was arrested on Monday," said a police officer.

As per the preliminary inquiry, the police have learnt that the engineer Enos Varghese, 26, who hails from Adoor in Kerala's Pathanamthitta district, was on the ONGC's rig at an offshore installation when he allegedly fell into the water and disappeared on Friday. The police initiated a probe after ONGC officials lodged a missing report on Saturday.

Assistant Commissioner of Police (Yellow Gate division) Nitin Mansing Bobade said, "We have been told that on Friday he suddenly fell into the water while working. The people who were present on the rig even threw a safety wheel towards him, but he could not catch hold of it and allegedly drowned."

The Yellow Gate police have not confirmed his death so far. They, however, sent a team to the rig on Tuesday to record the statements of the workers and ascertain the facts behind the incident. "We have also asked for the footage from the CCTV camera installed there," said an officer.

Employed with a Gujarat-based company, Enos was set to

Bengal Gov accepts resignation of 6 V-Cs

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
KOLKATA, FEBRUARY 28



West
Bengal
Governor
CV Ananda
Bose

STATING THAT education must be treated as a "no-conflict zone", West Bengal Governor CV Ananda Bose on Tuesday gave his nod for the formation of a search committee to select the names of the new vice-chancellors of the state universities and submit the names of suitable candidates to him within three months. The Governor also accepted the resignation of all six Vice-Chancellors who had completed their tenures.

The announcement came after the Governor met Education Minister Bratya Basu amid growing tension between the TMC government and the Raj Bhavan over the attack on Union minister Nisith Pramanik's convoy in Cooch Behar district last Saturday.

Addressing a joint press conference with the Education Minister on Tuesday, Governor Bose said: "Education must be treated as a no-conflict zone. Bengal has always been famous for its education and refined culture. That era should be brought back again. The Prime Minister

(Narendra Modi) talked about self-reliant India. Education will play the biggest role in achieving the goal of a self-reliant India."

A press release issued by the Raj Bhavan read: "Finally, the problems related to the vice-chancellorship of the state universities began to untangle... Today, the honourable Governor gave the green signal for the formation of the search committee as per the University Grants Commission (UGC) guidelines and the Supreme Court directives."

The Education Minister said that other vice-chancellors, who were not present in Tuesday's meeting and have completed their tenure, will come to the Raj Bhavan on Wednesday and submit their resignations.

Basu's meeting with the Governor is seen as a bid to defuse the rising tension between the government and the Raj Bhavan.

ARMY JAWAN ALSO KILLED IN J&K GUNFIGHT

2 days later, killers of Kashmiri Pandit man shot dead, say police

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
SRINAGAR, FEBRUARY 28



Army personnel at the encounter site in Pulwama on Tuesday. *Shuaib Masoodi*

TWO DAYS after a Kashmiri Pandit was gunned down by militants in Pulwama, J&K Police said two of the killers were shot dead in an encounter in Awantipora on Tuesday. An Army jawan was also killed in the gunfight.

The Army jawan was identified as Sepoy Pawan Kumar of 55 Rashtriya Rifles. The encounter took place in Padampora area of Awantipora in South Kashmir on Tuesday morning.

"Investigation revealed that both militants had joined different terrorist organisations, but had come together to conspire and attack minorities, outsiders, other vulnerable targets and security forces," police said in a statement.

The two militants were identified as Ajib Mushtaq Bhat of Malangpora, Pulwama, (A-category), who was associated with Hizbul Mujahideen and "working with The Resistance Front for past few months"; and Ajaz Ahmad Bhat of Syedabad Pastuna Tral (C-

category), who was associated with Jaish-e-Mohammad and also worked in coordination with TRF. Ajib was active since January 2021 and Ajaz since May 2022, the police said.

"During a search, militants

hiding inside a mosque opened indiscriminate fire upon search parties and in this initial exchange of fire, two jawans sustained

grievous injuries while killing one militant on the spot," the police said.

One of the jawans later succumbed to his injuries.

Civilians inside the mosque were evacuated on time. After resuming the search for the second militant, who was holed up inside a bathroom of an adjacent building, 14 civilians were rescued from the place before he was killed.

They said the two were involved in the killing of a Kashmiri Pandit, Sanjay Sharma, at Achan in Pulwama. Arms and ammunition, including one AK-47 rifle and an AK-74 rifle, and two Aadhaar cards were recovered from the encounter site.

Terror conspiracy case: UP court awards death penalty to seven

ASAD REHMAN
LUCKNOW, FEBRUARY 28

A SPECIAL National Investigation Agency (NIA) court in Lucknow on Tuesday awarded death sentence to seven convicts and life imprisonment to one in a terror conspiracy case registered in 2017 involving alleged "ISIS operatives".

The court had on February 25 convicted the eight men of planning terror acts.

Speaking to *The Indian Express* after the sentencing, Special Prosecutor Kaushal Kishore Sharma said, "The special court gave seven the death sentence, and one convict life imprisonment. Special Judge NIA/ATS, Vivekanand Sharani Tripathi has passed a 226-page judgment in the case."

The convicts given death sentence are Mohammad Faisal, Gauss Mohammad Khan, alias Karan Khatri, Mohammad Azhar, alias Azhar Khalifa, Atif Muzaffar, Mohammad Danish, Asif Iqbal, alias Rocky and Sayed Meer Hussain. Their accomplice Mohammad Atif, alias Atif Iraqi was given life imprisonment.

An NIA spokesperson said "these ISIS operatives" were arrested in the Kanpur conspiracy case in 2017, under various sections of the Indian Penal Code, the Unlawful Activities Prevention Act (UAPA), the Arms Act and the Explosive Substances Act.

The case against the eight was initially registered on March 8, 2017, by the Lucknow police and the NIA on March 14 that year. In a press statement, the NIA

MATIA CAMP FOR 'ILLEGAL FOREIGNERS'

HC raps Assam govt for using transit camp as 'temporary jail'

TORA AGARWALA
GUWAHATI, FEBRUARY 28

DESCRIBING IT as "prima facie unacceptable", the Gauhati High court on Tuesday rapped the Assam government for converting part of the Matia Transit Camp meant for "illegal foreigners" into a "temporary jail" to house those arrested in the state's recent drive against child marriage.

Since February 5, following a space crunch in existing jails due to mass arrests in the drive, at least 350 people have been imprisoned in Matia, after the state Home Department officially notified a part of it as a "temporary jail", until further orders.

Matia had become operational only a week before that, on January 27, with the government moving 68 "foreigners" to the camp following an HC order.

Chief Justice of Gauhati HC Sandeep Mehta told state Advocate General D Saikia on Tuesday: "This is something strange and prima facie unacceptable. What is the justification? If you want to enhance your prison capacity, do it in the place where your prisons are constructed. Why do you need to convert this detention centre to a prison?"

The hearing by a division bench of Chief Justice Mehta and Justice Soumitra Saikia was centred on a batch of habeas corpus

petitions, which challenged the detention of convicted and declared foreign nationals in Assam's jails. Challenging the notifications by which jails were converted into detention centres, the petitions sought the release of the detainees. The petitions were filed in 2020 by a team of lawyers and activists, facilitated by Studio Nilima, a research collective.

On Tuesday, the petitioners argued that with the bath water... Essentially, they are now housing foreign nationals (declared foreign nationals and convicted foreign nationals) along with citizens who are criminals," the advocate representing the petitioners argued.

Advocate General Saikia said he will get instructions and "correct ourselves if we are wrong." He said, "I have to get up-to-date information, but prima facie what I have got to know is that the capacity of this campus consists of 3,000 persons. Hardly less than 200 persons are there in detention."

Chief Justice Mehta responded: "You have to do capacity-building exercises for prisons... you cannot encroach upon an institution."

The next hearing is scheduled for Thursday.

Vice President hits out at BBC documentary, George Soros

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
CHENNAI, FEBRUARY 28



Tamil Nadu CM MK Stalin with Vice President Jagdeep Dhankhar and his wife Sudesh in Chennai on Tuesday. *PTI*

VICE PRESIDENT Jagdeep Dhankhar hit out at the "narrative set afloat" against Prime Minister Narendra Modi and his Hungarian-American businessman critic George Soros, Tuesday, saying those who play politics the other way around need to be combated, neutralised and must face rational questioning.

He said India has a robust legal system where things are realigned for the high and mighty, including the Prime Minister.

"For two decades, the issue was deliberated in judicial quarters, thoroughly investigated at all levels. The highest court of the land, the highest court of the largest democracies pronounced on all fronts in 2022 finally, and we have a narrative being set afloat by a document-

ary, some people say this is expression," the V-P said in an apparent reference to the BBC documentary on Modi.

"So in the name of expression can you run down the Supreme Court, can you run down two decades of thorough probe? This is playing politics the other way around," he said while addressing the students.

Without mentioning names, he said: "There is one gentleman somewhere using some money power, he has some backers, some beneficiaries, some fiscal parasites and they talk about our country's democracy. I have been appalled, pained, how can a sane mind compare us with a southern country without neighbours?"

Writer Vinod Kumar Shukla wins PEN America award

UDBHAV SETH
NEW DELHI, FEBRUARY 28

VINOD KUMAR Shukla, 87, has won the PEN America award for lifetime achievement in literature, one of the most coveted literary prizes worldwide, after decades of composing acclaimed novels such as *Naukar Ki Kameez* (1979) and poetry collections like *Sab Kuch Honi Bacha Rahega* (1992).

On the win that will be felicitated on March 2 in New York, judges Amit Chaudhuri, Roya Hakakian and Maaza Mengiste said in a statement: "Shukla's

prose and poetry are marked by acute, often defamiliarising, observation. The voice that emerges is that of a deeply intelligent onlooker, a daydreamer struck occasionally by wonder. Writing for decades without the recognition he deserves, Shukla has created literature that changes how we understand the modern."

Shukla, whose works incorporate magic-realist elements and have won the Sahitya Akademi award and the Atta Galatta Bangalore Literature Festival Book Prize, was born on January 1, 1937, in Rajnandgaon, Chhattisgarh (then Madhya Pradesh). His first



Vinod Kumar Shukla

published work was a poetry collection *Lagbhag Jai Hind* (1971), followed by *Vah Aadmi Chala Gaya Naya Garam Coat Pehkan Vichar Ki Tarah* (1981). *Naukar Ki Kameez*

was his first novel, adapted into a 1999 Hindi film by Mani Kaul, telling the story of a clerk in a government office who is found to fit into the shirt of a domestic help who runs away from his employer's house. Forced to do errands outside his job description, the narrative follows his journey into the life of the upper class and the tensions that emerge therein.

Shukla also has an MSc in agriculture from Jawaharlal Nehru Krishi Vishva Vidyalaya in Jabalpur and has lectured in the same. His works frequently tackle issues of class and wealth and the lives of the poor navigating a cap-

italist world. One of his latest story collections, *Blue is like Blue* (2019), translated by Arvind Krishna Mehrotra and Sara Rai, explores characters who live in one-room apartments and fear being swindled by electric companies. *Mahavidyalaya* (2022) is a collection which discusses the conflicts between nature and humanity and how literature can rescue both.

The novel *A Silent Place* (2021), translated by Satti Khanna, narrates a forest silenced by exploitation, and the journey of a few kids again.

return to Vadodara after completing the ONGC assignment.

Meanwhile, his father Reji Varghese alleged that "the ONGC was trying to portray the incident as a suicide attempt".

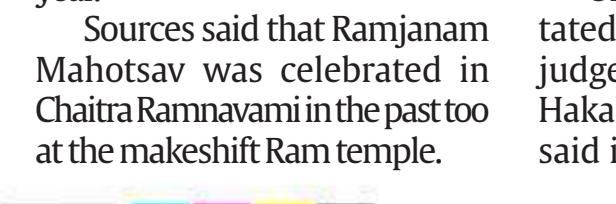
"I firmly believe that my son was murdered," the former service personnel told *The Indian Express* on Tuesday. Reji, who reached Mumbai along with a few relatives, said, "Enos sounded happy when he called us on Friday. He sent Skype messages to his friends saying that his life was in danger and that if he went missing, these messages would let the world know foul play was involved. He messaged his friend Ajith S, who works with him in Gujarat, saying he would tell him everything in detail once he boarded the train to Vadodara."

Enos's cousin Jaison, who is in Mumbai with Reji, said the missing man was at the rig with a colleague from Vadodara. Jaison added that the family suspects the colleague in connection with Enos's disappearance.

Senior police inspector Sarala Vasave of Yellow Gate police station said, "It's too early to arrive at any conclusion because his family members suspect a co-worker. He was employed with Enos in Gujarat and came to Mumbai with him. They were staying together in Mumbai."

The engineer's family has shared with the police screenshots of the messages sent by him to his friend. "The messages are suspicious but we are yet to verify their authenticity," said Vasave.

WITHINPS FROM
ENS, KOCHI



G20 FOREIGN MINISTERS' MEET

UK Foreign Secy to launch exchange plan, announce Indo-Pacific tech envoy

SHUBHAJIT ROY
NEW DELHI, FEBRUARY 28

James Cleverly

BRITISH FOREIGN Secretary James Cleverly is visiting India to attend the G20 Foreign Ministers' meeting and to mark a new scheme allowing young Britons and Indians to live and work in each other's country for up to two years, which was announced by the Home Secretary earlier this week.

External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar will meet Cleverly on Wednesday, ahead of the G-20 foreign ministers' gathering in New Delhi. They are expected to discuss progress on the UK-India 2030 Roadmap, which aims to bolster the two countries' ties in defence and security, trade and investment.

During a visit to IIT Delhi on Wednesday, Cleverly will mark the opening of the Young Professionals Scheme, a partnership between the UK and India which allows up 3,000 Britons and 3,000 Indians each year the right to live and work in the other country for up to two years.

He will also announce the creation of the UK's first Tech Envoy to the Indo-Pacific region, who will boost ties with India as a priority.

benefit from new opportunities. "India is also an emerging global leader on technology and there are immense opportunities for better collaboration between us in this sector. That is why we will be sending our first Tech Envoy to the Indo-Pacific region, to maximise the tech expertise of both countries."

The British High Commission said India has the world's third highest number of tech unicorns and start-ups, with 108 start-ups gaining the unicorn status of a private company valued at more than \$1 billion. On Thursday, Cleverly will attend the G20 Foreign Ministers' meeting to work with partners to advance global efforts on food and energy security, climate change and development. "He will also continue to call Russia out at the G20 and work with partners to mitigate the global impacts of Russian aggression in Ukraine. If the war were to end today, the effects of the exacerbated food insecurity would still run into 2027," the statement said.

Cleverly will also address an India-Europe business event in the capital where he will reaffirm the UK's commitment to conclude a Free Trade Agreement with India.

'We trust Indian (G20) Presidency, country has a very influential voice on world scene'

AHEAD OF the G20 Foreign ministers' meeting beginning on Wednesday,

High Representative of the European Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy (equivalent to Foreign minister) JOSEP BORRELL said on Tuesday that it trusts the Indian Presidency and will support its work towards an outcome that reflects the current extraordinary circumstances. In an exclusive interview to SHUBHAJIT ROY, Borrell — who is also the Vice-President of the European Commission — spoke on a wide range of international subjects. Excerpts:

A year after the Russia-Ukraine war, how do you see the Indian position at the UN and other international fora evolve which has sought to balance between the West and Russia. Does the EU want the G20 declaration to condemn Russia's actions?

I think the Indian position has been made very clear by Prime Minister Narendra Modi himself: "this is not a time for war" and he is right. I appreciated his statement, as well as the delivery of Indian humanitarian aid to Ukraine and the help offered to finalise the agreement for the export of Ukrainian grain — which has been blocked illegally by Russia — via the Black Sea. It is important to remember that this war goes beyond the borders of Europe, it has a global impact. India is renowned as the largest democracy in the world and has a very influential voice on the world scene. The international community needs to come together and ensure that international law will prevail against Russia's blatant violation of and

disregard for the UN Charter. It is dangerous for the entire world if a permanent member of the UN Security Council violates in such a brutal way international law and rules. Such behaviour, if left unanswered, can only encourage others who decide to remodel the borders or the world with military means. Last week's vote at the UN General Assembly

made clear that 141 countries are calling for a just peace in line with the UN Charter. Russia must cease its military aggression and withdraw all forces and equipment from the entire territory of Ukraine immediately and unconditionally. This is an unprecedented situation internationally and this will inevitably also have an impact on proceedings at the G20. As in Bali, we will work for a G20 declaration that recognises the facts on the ground. We trust the Indian Presidency and we will support its work towards an outcome that reflects the current extraordinary circumstances.

India has a huge dependence on Russia... How can the European Union help in diversifying India's defence requirements, especially since India needs defence technology and wants to manufacture them indigenously?

The EU and India have recently set up a Trade and Technology Council, which will offer a structured platform also to discuss these matters. In Europe, we have learnt at our own expense how dangerous it is to depend too much on one supplier for energy that has not hesitated to weaponise the energy supplies when it suited his interests. The era of Russian fos-



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sil fuels is now over in Europe, it speeded up our green transition and diversification. Russia's main offer remains fossil fuels. And because of Russia's war of choice, its economy will be weakened, Russia will be strapped for cash and will eventually have to pay for the destruction inflicted on Ukraine. I leave it up to your judgement if this is a reliable partner. It is for India to consider how it can best address its security needs. I hear that there is a major drive towards "indigenisation," and I understand that a number of suppliers from Europe and elsewhere are building important partnerships also when it comes to the supply of defence equipment. These developments are certainly very positive and I know for a fact that many EU Member States are able

the Sustainable Development Goals, but also security and defence.

India is hosting the G20 summit this year. What are EU's priorities, which it would like India to include in the G20 declaration?

India has set out a very ambitious programme for its Presidency, that we fully support. Several of the topics submitted for consideration to the Group are also long-standing EU priorities. For instance, the fight against climate change: we need to work together to ensure that we stick to the Paris agreement and limit global temperature rise to 1.5°C. At COP 27 we reached an important agreement on loss and damage, which we need to implement in a way that is truly useful to the most vulnerable countries. But looking ahead, we need to double our efforts to make sure that COP28 delivers more than just a repetition of already existing ambitions. There is a need for increased global action. The aim is to contribute to regional stability, security, prosperity, and sustainable development at a time of rising challenges. It is a positive agenda, not directed against anyone, underpinned by our belief in a rules-based system of world governance and a co-operative approach to international relations. This strategy is in fact very similar to India's vision for the Indo-Pacific. I think that this shared starting proposition as well as a wide spectrum of converging interests open the way for EU-India cooperation in the region. We can work together on a vast number of issues: trade, climate change, the digital transition, the pursuit of

How does the EU view China, whose aggressive behaviour in the Indo-Pacific has caused concern. How does the EU view these actions and has it provided India with any assistance to deal with the Chinese threat?

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Indian citizens got one fourth of total visas issued by UK in 2022

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INDIAN CITIZENS have received one fourth of the total visas issued by the UK in 2022, the British government said Tuesday.

British High Commissioner to India Alex Ellis said, "Last year, the UK issued 28,36,490 visas, out of which 25 per cent went to India, more than to any other country."

Ellis said in a tweet that Indian nationals received the highest number of student visas in 2022 (up by 73 per cent from the year 2021), most work visas (up by 130 per cent) and the largest share of visit visas (30 percent of

the total visitor visas granted).

According to the statistics provided by the UK government, in terms of visitor visas, Indian nationals have overtaken Chinese nationals, who were first in this category pre-pandemic, accounting for 27 per cent of visas granted in 2019, but have come down to five per cent in 2022.

Besides India, the other top five visitor visa nationalities are Nigeria (7 per cent), followed by South Africa, Pakistan and Turkey (six per cent each). The list has been drawn up from among those countries whose citizens are required to obtain a visa before visiting the UK. For instance, the US citizens do not require a visa to

visit the UK, so their actual arrival numbers in the UK may be higher.

Out of 28.36 lakh visas granted by the UK in 2022, visitor visas comprised 49 per cent, 22 per cent were under the study routes, 15 per cent under the work routes, three per cent for family reasons, and 11 per cent for other reasons, as per the UK government's statistics.

As many as 13.99 lakh visitor visas were granted by the UK in 2022, with the largest falls seen for Chinese and Russian visitors compared to 2019. The fall in visa granted is primarily driven by the fall in applications for visitor visas, notably from Chinese, Russian and Saudi nationals.

The vacancy arising out of Jhalas immediate retirement, a ministry order said, will be filled up through the ongoing process of recruitment of scientists.

Jhalas had prepared the technical ground for the ambitious cheetah project under successive governments since 2009. He was a member of the cheetah task force set up in 2010 under conservationist M K Ranjitsinh. It is widely believed that his service at the WIll was extended to keep him at the helm of the cheetah project. But in September 2022, as reported by The Indian Express, Jhalas was dropped from the government's new cheetah task force, days after escorting the first batch of cheetahs from Namibia to India.

Asked about Jhalas' ouster, Ranjitsinh said: "I'm very surprised and concerned. In the interest of the Cheetah Project, the government should clarify why this action was necessary."

Vacancy arising out of YVJhalas's retirement will be filled up through ongoing process of recruitment of scientists

"Dr Jhalas's tenure was extended for the cheetah work. When he was no longer part of the project, it was only logical that he would be relieved," a senior ministry official said.

When contacted, Jhalas declined to comment.

Jhalas' colleagues at WIll said they were not surprised. "The fact that Dr Jhalas rubbed the establishment the wrong way became very clear when he was dropped

India last year but that's now been curtailed. He's been a strong advocate of a second home for Gir Lion outside Gujarat and has paid the price."

The cheetah's new home, Kuno National Park in Madhya Pradesh, was originally developed as the second home for the Asiatic lion, a species now confined to Gujarat.

Shut down by the Supreme Court in 2013, the cheetah project was revived by the National Tiger Conservation Authority in 2017. In 2020, the SC allowed it "on an experimental basis" under a three-member committee headed by Ranjitsinh, since "it is not desirable that (the project)... be left to the sole discretion of NTC.



AUSSIE TIES

Australian Education Minister Jason Clare MP arrives in New Delhi on a three-day visit starting Tuesday. Australia is set to make major announcements in the education sector, including the entry of Deakin University, in India. Clare and Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan will attend a student engagement programme and a series of meetings this week to strengthen bilateral ties in the education sector.

IIT-KANPUR CASTE DISCRIMINATION CASE

Resolve differences:

SC to Dalit prof, others

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MUMBAI, FEBRUARY 28

PUTTING AN end to a longstanding controversy at IIT Kanpur, the Supreme Court has suggested Subrahmanyam Saderla, a Dalit teacher, and his colleagues, whom he had accused of harassment and caste discrimination in 2018, resolve their differences amicably and "work together as a team in the best interest of the institution and their students".

The top court also endorsed the "genuineness" of Saderla's PhD dissertation and doctorate degree (in wake of plagiarism allegations), thereby confirming the validity of his professorship at the institute.

Saderla, who joined the Department of Aerospace

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The man covers his face in court. AP

GERMANY

'Babysitter' gets

jail in 120 cases of sexual abuse

A 45-YEAR-OLD German man who had offered babysitting services online was convicted Tuesday on charges of sexually abusing children in a case that shocked even veteran investigators and led them to uncover numerous other abuse suspects. The regional court in Cologne sentenced the defendant, whose name wasn't released for privacy reasons, to 14 years and six months in prison. It also ordered him held in secure confinement after the end of his sentence. Prosecutors had accused the man of over 120 cases of sexual abuse against 13 children between 2005 and 2019. The youngest victim was a month old. AP

Arrest warrant against Imran in gifts case as supporters reach Islamabad

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ISLAMABAD, FEBRUARY 28

A PAKISTANI court on Tuesday issued a non-bailable arrest warrant against former prime minister Imran Khan in the Toshakhana case but he was granted bail in three other cases, amid high drama outside the court premises where thousands of his supporters converged to support their leader.

Khan, the Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) chief, travelled from his Zaman Park residence in Lahore to Islamabad, his first appearance here in the federal capital after being shot at a public rally in November last year.

The four cases include prohibited funding at a banking court located at the judicial complex here, a terrorism case at the anti-terrorism court in the same complex.

The third was related to the Toshakhana, which was scheduled at the sessions court in F-8 Kachehri, situated half-an-hour drive from the judicial complex.

The court issued a non-bailable arrest warrant against Khan and adjourned the hearing till



Imran Khan's supporters surround his car as he leaves the court complex in Islamabad on Tuesday. AP

tempted to murder case at the same sessions court.

Additional sessions judge Zafar Iqbal issued a non-bailable arrest warrant against the 70-year-old former prime minister in the Toshakhana case.

The court issued a non-bailable arrest warrant against Khan and adjourned the hearing till

March 7 for his repeated failure to appear before the court.

His indictment, in this case, was earlier postponed twice due to his failure to appear in court. Khan has been in the crosshairs for buying gifts, including an expensive Graff wristwatch he had received as the premier at a discounted price from the state

depository called Toshakhana and selling them for profit.

The former cricketer-turned-politician was, however, granted bail in all the other three cases, even as thousands of his supporters thronged the judicial complex here in his support, prompting security officials to beef up security.

The Federal Investigation Agency (FIA) in October last year filed a case in an Islamabad-based banking court against Khan and other PTI leaders over allegedly receiving prohibited funding.

The Election Commission of Pakistan (ECP) last year found the party guilty of concealing that it had received the money and also disqualified Khan.

The prohibited funding case was filed by estranged PTI

founding member Akbar S Babar in the ECP in 2014.

Khan has not attended any hearings since November last year when he was injured in an assassination bid at his rally in the Wazirabad of Punjab province. He has since received extensions on his bail on medical grounds. PTI

Foreign aid cut in Haley plans: 'US won't pay bad guys... be world's ATM'

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WASHINGTON, FEBRUARY 28

INDIAN-AMERICAN Republican presidential candidate Nikki Haley on Tuesday made it clear that if she is voted to power in 2024, the US will not be the "world's ATM" and pay "bad guys" hundreds of millions of dollars.

In the op-ed in the *New York Post*, Haley wrote that America spent USD 46 billion on foreign aid last year, which is given to countries like China, Pakistan, and Iraq. American taxpayers deserve to know where that money is going and what it's doing, she added.

"A weak America pays the bad guys: Hundreds of millions to Pakistan,

Iraq, and Zimbabwe last year alone. A strong America won't be the world's ATM," the former Ambassador to the United Nations tweeted.

In another tweet, Haley said: "America can't be the world's ATM. As president, we'll make sure to shake up the foreign policy establishment. More on our plans to stop sending money to our enemies..."

"I will cut every cent in foreign aid for countries that hate us. A strong America doesn't pay off the bad guys. A proud America doesn't waste our people's hard-earned money. And the only leaders who deserve our trust are those who stand up to our enemies and stand beside our friends," the 51-year-old two-term Governor of South Carolina said.

Haley earlier this month formally launched her 2024 presidential bid.



SNOWSTORMS FLANK US

Heavy snow bookended the US on Tuesday as a winter storm warning covered parts of the Northeast, including Connecticut, New York, Massachusetts, New Jersey and Rhode Island. Many California residents were left stranded. The snowfall also led to over 450 flight cancellations and more than 650 delays. AP

Nigeria tense as Opposition alleges rigging, seeks revote

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ABUJA, FEBRUARY 28

NIGERIA'S OPPOSITION demanded a revote Tuesday for the country's presidential election, where the partial results show an early lead for the ruling party.

At a press conference in the capital Abuja, the three main opposition parties said the election was an insult to democracy and called for Nigeria's election chief to resign.

"The conduct of the 2023 election has been marred by widespread violence, rigging, intimidation of voters, doctoring of results and violation of the laid down electoral process, which was communicated by the national electoral body," said Julius Abure, chairman of the Labour Party.

While the press conference was taking place, dozens of protesters took to the streets of Abuja and in the southern Delta state, accusing the election commission



Demonstrators accusing the Nigeria's election commission of irregularities protest in downtown Abuja on Tuesday. AP

of disenfranchising voters.

Results from Saturday's presidential and parliamentary elections in Africa's most populous nation have been trickling in, with 14 of its 36 states votes announced.

The ruling party — the All Progressives Congress — candidate, Bola Tinubu is in the lead with the main opposition candi-

date from the Peoples Democratic Party, Atiku Abubakar, trailing closely.

Parties have three weeks to appeal results, but an election can't be invalidated unless it proves that the national electoral body largely didn't follow the law and conducted actions which could change the final result. AP

MEXICO

US SEEKS EXTRADITION OF EL CHAPO SON

Mexican forces arrested Ovidio Guzman, son of jailed drug boss Joaquin 'El Chapo' Guzman, in January after a firefight near the city of Culiacan, in the northern Sinaloa state, the longtime home base for his father's still-powerful drug smuggling empire.

AMID BATTLE FOR BAKHMUT



A building damaged by a Russian military strike in Bakhmut in Ukraine's Donetsk region. Reuters

UN report says found particles of Uranium enriched up to 83.7% in Iran

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VIENNA, FEBRUARY 28

INSPECTORS FROM the United Nations nuclear watchdog found uranium particles enriched up to 83.7 per cent in Iran's underground Fordo nuclear site, a report seen on Tuesday by *The Associated Press* said.

The confidential quarterly report by the Vienna-based International Atomic Energy Agency distributed to member states likely will renew tensions between Iran and the West over its programme.

The IAEA report, which only speaks about "particles", suggests that Iran isn't building a stockpile of uranium enriched above 60 per cent — the level it has been enriching at from some time.

Tensions have been growing since Bloomberg first reported on February 19 that inspectors from the International Atomic Energy Agency had detected uranium particles enriched up to 84 per cent in Iran.

A spokesman for Iran's civilian nuclear programme, Behrouz Kamalvandi, sought last week to portray any detection of uranium particles enriched to that level as a momentary side effect of trying to reach a finished product of 60 per cent purity.

However, experts say such a great variance in the purity even at the atomic level would appear suspicious to inspectors.

Iran's 2015 nuclear deal limited Tehran's uranium enrichment to 3.67 per cent — enough to fuel a nuclear power plant. The US' unilateral withdrawal from the accord in 2018 set in motion a series of attacks and escalations by Tehran over its programme.

Iran has been producing uranium enriched to 60 per cent purity — a level for which nonproliferation experts already say Tehran has no civilian use. Any accusation of enrichment higher than that further ratchets up tension over the programme.

Uranium at 84 per cent is nearly at weapons-grade levels of 90 per cent — meaning any stockpile of that material could be quickly used to produce an atomic bomb if Iran chooses.

While the IAEA's director-general has warned Iran now has enough uranium to produce "several" nuclear bombs if it chooses, it likely would take months more to build a weapon and potentially miniaturise it to put it on a missile.

Prachanda to reshuffle Cabinet

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Nepal PM PK Prachanda

NEPAL PM Pushpa Kamal Dahal Prachanda is preparing to reshuffle his Cabinet to fill as many as 16 ministries, which fell vacant after three political parties pulled out of his government, as part of his efforts to keep the newly formed fragile coalition together, according to a media report on Tuesday.

The RPP has also quit the government. The RSP has also withdrawn its ministers from the government. However, it would keep supporting the government from

the outside. With three major parties pulling out of the government, the seven-party ruling coalition has disintegrated.

Prachanda has now joined hands with the Nepali Congress and six other parties and wants a new power-sharing deal at the earliest, the paper said.

The Janamati Party, the Nagarik Unmuktik Party and the Janata Samajabadi Party, meanwhile, ditched the previous alliance and joined the new one led by the Nepali Congress and Maoist Centre. Leaders said the PM will have a tough time sharing powers among the parties.

OFFICIALS INITIALLY DISMISSED THE INCIDENTS, BUT NOW DESCRIBE THEM AS INTENTIONAL ATTACKS

'Existence of devil's will': Suspected poisoning of schoolgirls rattles Iran

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DUBAI, FEBRUARY 28

OVER THE past three months, hundreds of young girls attending different schools in Iran have become overpowered by what are believed to be noxious fumes wafting into their classrooms, with some ending up weakened on hospital beds.

Officials in Iran's theocracy initially dismissed these incidents, but now describe them as intentional attacks involving some 30 schools identified in local media reports, with some speculating they could be aimed at trying to close schools for girls in this country of over 80 million people.

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The reported attacks come at a sensitive time for Iran, which already has faced months of protests after the September death of Mahsa Amini following her arrest by the country's morality police.

The authorities have not named suspects, but the attacks have raised fears that other girls could be poisoned apparently just for seeking an education — something that's never been challenged before in the over 40 years since the 1979 Islamic Revolution. Iran itself also has been calling on the Taliban in neighboring Afghanistan to have girls and women return to school.

The first cases emerged in late November in Qom, some



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affecting the girls. The country's education minister initially dismissed the reports as "rumours."

But the schools affected at first only taught young women, fueling suspicion it wasn't accidental. At least one case followed in Tehran, with others in Qom and Boroujerd. At least one boys' school has been targeted as well.

Slowly, officials began taking the claims seriously. Iran's prosecutor-general ordered an investigation, saying "there are possibilities of deliberate criminal acts." Iran's Intelligence Ministry reportedly investigated as well.

On Sunday, Iran's state-run IRNA news agency filed multiple stories with officials acknowledging the scope of the crisis.

have to try to find roots" of this.

Already, parents have pulled their students from classes, in effect shuttering some schools in Qom in recent weeks.

Attacks on women have happened in the past in Iran, most recently with a wave of acid attacks in 2014 around Isfahan, at the time believed to have been carried out by hard-liners targeting women for how they dressed.

But even in the chaos surrounding the Islamic Revolution, no one targeted schoolgirls for attending classes.

The poisonings come as getting verifiable information out of Iran remains difficult amid government crackdown stemming from the protests.

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Sisodia case: how the right against self-incrimination works

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NEW DELHI, FEBRUARY 28

THE SUPREME Court on Tuesday refused to hear a plea by Delhi Deputy Chief Minister Manish Sisodia seeking bail in the excise policy case after a Delhi court on Monday remanded him in CBI custody till March 4.

The Supreme Court approved of Sisodia approaching it directly under Article 32 of the Constitution when the remedy of moving the High Court under Section 482 of the CrPC was available to him.

Special CBI Judge MKN Nagpal had granted CBI Sisodia's custody on the grounds that he had "failed to provide satisfactory answers" during investigation. The court had rejected Sisodia's arguments that he had a right against self-incrimination.

What is an individual's right against self-incrimination?

The right against self-incrimination has

its origins in Roman law, and evolved as a distinct right in the English jurisprudence. The Fifth Amendment in the United States Constitution says "No person shall be... compelled in any criminal case to be a witness against himself...without due process of law...", a right that is colloquially referred to as "taking/ pleading the Fifth".

Article 20(3) in Part III (Fundamental Rights) of the Indian Constitution says, "No person accused of any offence shall be compelled to be a witness against himself."

The right to be presumed innocent until proven guilty, and the right to remain silent in an interrogation essentially flow from this constitutionally guaranteed right against self-incrimination. This right also ensures that police cannot coerce anyone to confess to a crime, and obtain a conviction based on that confession.

How does the right against self-incrimination apply in criminal cases?

Since the onus of proving the case against

the accused beyond reasonable doubt is on the state, a person cannot be compelled to testify against himself or share information that might go against him in a trial.

In the landmark 1961 verdict in *The State of Bombay versus Kathi Kalu Oghad*, an eleven-judge Bench of the Supreme Court ruled that obtaining photographs, fingerprints, signatures, and thumb impressions would not violate the right against self-incrimination of an accused. The court distinguished "to be a witness" from "furnishing evidence".

In 2019, the Supreme Court in its ruling in *Ritesh Sinha versus State of Uttar Pradesh* broadened the parameters of handwriting samples to include voice samples, adding that this would not violate the right against self-incrimination.

Earlier in 2010, in *Selvi v State of Karnataka*, the Supreme Court held that a narcoanalysis test without the consent of the accused would amount to violation of the

right against self-incrimination.

However, obtaining a DNA sample from the accused is permitted. If an accused refuses to give a sample, the court can draw adverse inferences against him under Section 114 of the Evidence Act.

What happened in Sisodia's case?

The CBI told the special court that it would need custody of the accused since he was evasive during the interrogation.

Senior advocate Dayan Krishnan, who appeared for Sisodia, said that cannot be a ground for seeking remand: "Their case is I (Sisodia) did not answer in the way they wanted me to answer. I will show why that is not a ground for remand." He argued that if the court granted remand for self-incrimination, "then that would be a travesty".

What was the reasoning of the court?

In his order granting remand, judge

Nagpal sought to differentiate between "giving legitimate answers" and protecting the right against self-incrimination. The judge did not elaborate on what would be counted as "legitimate" answers.

"It is true that he cannot be expected to make self-incriminating statements, but the interests of justice and of a fair investigation require that he should come up with some legitimate answers to the questions which are being put to him by the IO," the order stated.

"Some of his subordinates are found to have disclosed certain facts which can be taken as incriminating against him and some documentary evidence against him has also already surfaced and a proper and fair investigation requires that some genuine and legitimate answers to the questions being put to him about the same are to be found and hence, in considered opinion of this court, this can only be done during custodial interrogation of the accused..." the court said.

On what grounds did the SC reject Sisodia's plea on Tuesday?

The SC refused to intervene in Sisodia's arrest "at this stage". He had moved the SC under Article 32, which gives citizens the right to approach the top court when their fundamental rights are violated.

A Bench headed by Chief Justice of India DY Chandrachud asked Sisodia to "avail alternative remedies" under Section 482 CrPC, under which no provision in the CrPC can "limit or affect the inherent powers of the High Court to make such orders as may be necessary to give effect to any order under this Code, or to prevent abuse of the process of any Court or otherwise to secure the ends of justice".

Senior advocate Abhishek Manu Singhvi argued that the SC had in other cases, including those of journalists Arnab Goswami and Vinod Dua, entertained petitions directly under Article 32. However, the CJI said that those cases involved free speech issues, while Sisodia's is under the Prevention of Corruption Act.

EXPLAINED GLOBAL

What is Windsor Framework, which will replace the Northern Ireland Protocol?

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NEW DELHI, FEBRUARY 28



Britain's PM Rishi Sunak and EU Commission President Ursula von der Leyen at Windsor on Monday. AP

ment, to function since last year, because of its opposition to the Protocol.

Windsor Framework

The framework has two crucial aspects – a green lane and red lane system for goods, and the 'Stormont Brake'.

British goods meant for Northern Ireland will use the green lane at the ports, and will be allowed to pass with minimal paperwork and checks. This is especially significant for meat products like sausages, as the EU has stricter rules about animal products. Medicines and plants can move smoothly, and pets can travel without "expensive health treatments like rabies or documentation from a vet", says the UK government's website. Goods destined for Ireland or the rest of the EU will have to take the red lane, with the attendant customs and other checks.

Stormont Brake

The new Stormont Brake means the Northern Ireland Assembly "can oppose new EU goods rules that would have significant and lasting effects on everyday lives in Northern Ireland," the UK government said. They will need the support of 30 members from at least two parties.

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UDIT MISRA

NEW DELHI, FEBRUARY 28

THE MINISTRY of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI) Tuesday released economic growth data – Gross Domestic Product (GDP) and Gross Value Added (GVA) – for the third quarter (Q3 or October to December) of the current financial year (2022-23 or FY23), as well as the so-called Second Advance Estimates (SAEs) for the full year.

What are GDP and GVA?

Both GDP and GVA measure India's economic growth.

The GDP does this by adding up who spent how much; it thus captures the "demand" in the economy.

The GVA calculates the same national income from the supply side. It adds up the value added (in money terms) by the different sectors of the economy.

Under GDP, there are four main heads:

■ Private Final Consumption Expenditure (PFCE) or the money spent by people on goods and services for personal consumption; this is the biggest contributor of GDP, accounting for almost 55%-60%

■ Government Final Consumption Expenditure (GFCE) or the money spent by governments towards its daily needs; this accounts for 10% of GDP.

■ Gross Fixed Capital Formation (GFCF) or the money spent by private firms and governments towards building productive capacities (investments); this is accounts for 30%-32% of GDP.

■ Net of exports and imports; this is typically a negative impulse to GDP because imports are more than exports, implying money going out of the country.

GDP and GVA are related as follows: GDP = GVA + Taxes levied by governments on products (excise duties, sales tax, service tax, import and export duties) - subsidies provided by government on products (food, petroleum and fertiliser subsidies)

Typically, the absolute level of GDP is more than the absolute level of GVA because taxes received are more than subsidies spent by the government.

What data has been released?

For any financial year, say 2019-20, the GDP estimates go through several rounds of revisions. Each year in January, MoSPI re-

EXPLAINED ECONOMICS

How to read Q3 growth data

Numbers suggest that while India's economy grew faster in the past three years than previously reported, it is rapidly losing its growth momentum. It is likely to slow down from 9.1% in FY22 to under 6% in FY24

TABLE 1

Q3 DRIVERS OF GDP GROWTH

GDP, its main components	Q3 growth rate
People's personal consumption expenditure (PFCE)	2.1%
Govt's consumption expenditure (GFCE)	-1.0%
Expenditure towards Govt, private firm investments (GFCF)	8.3%
Net Exports (Exports minus Imports)*	6.7%
Total GDP	4.4%

*Negative in impact since Imports more than Exports

TABLE 2

GVA: SECTORAL HEALTH IN Q3

Sectors of economy	Gross value added in Q3
Agriculture, Forestry & Fishing	3.7%
Mining and Quarrying	3.7%
Manufacturing	-1.1%
Utilities (Gas, water, etc.)	8.2%
Construction	8.4%
Non-financial services	9.7%
Financial services, real estate etc.	5.8%
Public administration *	2%
Total GVA	4.6%

*Includes Education, Health, Recreation, and other personal services

TABLE 3

GDP GROWTH OVER THE YEARS

FY	Real GDP	Growth rate	Per capita growth
FY13	₹92 cr	5.5%	4.2%
FY14	₹98 cr	6.4%	5%
FY15	₹105 cr	7.4%	6.1%
FY16	₹114 cr	8.0%	6.6%
FY17	₹123 cr	8.3%	6.9%
FY18	₹132 cr	6.8%	5.6%
FY19	₹140 cr	6.5%	5.4%
FY20	₹145 cr	3.9%	2.8%
FY21	₹137 cr	-5.8%	-6.8%
FY22	₹149 cr	9.1%	8%
FY23	₹160 cr	7.0%	5.9%

leases the First Advance Estimates for that financial year. In February end, after incorporating the Q3 data, come the Second Advance Estimates. By May-end come the Provisional Estimates (PEs) after incorporating the Q4 (Jan to March) data.

Then with each passing year, the PEs are revised to give the First Revised Estimates, the Second Revised Estimates and the Third Revised Estimates before settling on the "Actuals". Each revision benefits from more data, making the GDP estimates more accurate and robust.

On Tuesday, apart from the Q3 and SAEs for FY23, the MoSPI also released the scheduled revisions to the economic growth rate for three preceding financial years – FY20 (pre-Covid), FY21 (the Covid year), and FY22.

What does the data for Q3 show?

On the GDP front (see Table 1), the growth rate has decelerated to just 4.4% in Q3. This is below the expected level.

The main growth impulse has come from the spending towards investments in the economy. At one level this is heartening news. Increase in investments typically augurs well for sustaining an economy's growth momentum.

However, economists such as Pranjal Bhandari of HSBC have characterised the growth in investments as "fragile". It is true that central government capex has picked

up (for instance the post-monsoon rise in road construction), but on the other hand, state capex has been weak," she states in a research note.

The biggest worry has been on the personal consumption front. A slowdown in private consumption, the biggest engine of GDP growth, can eventually disincentivise investments.

The contraction of government's expenditures is likely the result of the government trying to meet fiscal deficit parameters.

On the GVA front (see Table 2), the biggest story is the contraction in manufacturing. This is the second consecutive quarter when manufacturing, which is often viewed as a source of creating jobs, has contracted. But robust growth in the construction sector as well as services (both financial and non-financial) are a relief.

What do the SAEs for FY23 show?

For the full-year, the economy is still expected to grow by 7% – same as the First Advance Estimates predicted in January. However, not only has the economy grown slower than expected in Q3, even Q1 GDP growth has been revised down – suggesting India is rapidly losing its growth momentum. As such, achieving the 7% for the full year appears difficult. HSBC's Bhandari, for instance, expected a growth rate of 6.8% for FY23.

"Based on today's numbers and our study of other activity indicators, we believe that overall growth momentum is softening, as pent-up demand from the lockdown period fades, exports weaken, and tighter fiscal and monetary policy rates take their toll. We expect GDP growth to slow from 6.8% in FY23 to 5.5% in FY24," states Bhandari.

What about the revised estimates for the past years?

In contrast to the deceleration in growth in FY23, the government has revised up the GDP growth numbers for each of the past three years (see Table 3). As such, GDP grew by 3.9% in FY20 as against 3.7%; it fell by just 5.8% in FY21 instead of 6.6% as previously reported and it grew by 9.1% in FY22 as against a growth of 8.7% reported earlier.

In other words, while India's economy may be slowing now, it grew at a faster pace than previously reported.

What is the outlook?

India's economy was fast losing momentum before Covid-19 led to a contraction. Coming out of the Covid pandemic, India's economy has reclaimed the mantle of the fastest-growing major economy in the world. However, data suggests that India is losing this momentum, whereby it is likely to slow down from 9.1% in



GROWING PAINS

NSO projects economic growth at 7 per cent in 2022-23. But outlook for next year is clouded by tightening monetary policy

ON TUESDAY, THE National Statistical Office released the second advance estimates of national income for the ongoing financial year. These latest estimates have pegged the Indian economy to grow at 7 per cent in 2022-23, in line with the statistical office's earlier figures released in January. Alongside, the NSO has also released its quarterly estimates, as per which the economy grew at 4.4 per cent in the third quarter of this year (October-December). Based on these numbers, growth for the fourth quarter (January-March) of this financial year is expected to be around 5.1 per cent. Taken together, these estimates suggest that as the base effect fades, the Indian economy is likely to grow at 4.7 per cent in the second half of this year, down from 9.5 per cent in the first half.

Disaggregated data paints a more mixed picture. The agricultural sector is expected to continue to grow at a healthy pace, at 3.7 per cent in the third quarter, with growth for the full year projected at 3.3 per cent. But this projection assumes a bumper rabi crop and no damage from rising temperatures. The effects of the latter will only be known at the time of harvesting. On the other hand, the performance of the manufacturing sector has been rather dismal. For the full year, the sector is expected to barely register a rise. In fact, in both the second and third quarters of the year, value added by the sector has actually contracted. Some analysts have attributed this to higher input costs putting firm margins under pressure. The services sector has fared better as demand continues to normalise. Both the trade, hotels, transport and communication and the financial, real estate and professional services sectors have continued to register healthy growth rates. Investment activity also appears to have held up in the third quarter. But the consumption side of the data paints a worrying picture, with both private and government consumption being subdued. Government consumption in the third quarter was actually lower than in the same period last year, while growth in private consumption has slowed down sharply. This is at odds with most analysts' expectations of household demand perking up during the festive season.

The NSO's first advance estimates released in January were based on data on economic indicators only for the first seven to eight months of the year. The latest estimates have been able to incorporate more recent data into the assessment process. But while the numbers have been affected by revisions to previous data, the estimates are broadly in line with the government's and Reserve Bank of India's expectations. For the upcoming financial year, the RBI has projected economic growth to slow down to 6.4 per cent. But, considering the extent of tightening of monetary policy, both globally and domestically, there are downside risks to this forecast.

LISTEN TO THE COURT

SC warning against renaming places by abusing history, and invoking it selectively, is valuable and timely

ON MONDAY, A two-judge bench of the Supreme Court issued a timely warning against ahistorical appropriations of the past. Dismissing a PIL that sought the Court's intervention in restoring the "original names" of places "renamed by barbaric invaders," the bench said that the "country cannot remain a prisoner of the past". The petitioner had contended that several roads, public places and cities in the country are named after "foreign looters" and argued that the "benevolent nature of Hinduism had resulted in it being wiped out from Pakistan and Afghanistan". The bench admonished him for going by the playbook of those who "invoke history selectively" to create "schisms in society". "You want to keep the country on the boil. Let us not break society with such kinds of petitions," it said, and observed that such renaming projects take away focus from important governance-related imperatives.

Moves to rename places are rarely innocent of short-term politics. European names, for instance, were grafted onto towns, cities and countries in several parts of the world during the so-called Age of Discovery in the 15th to 18th centuries. Constantinople was renamed Istanbul in 1930, and the urge to reverse colonial legacies led to changes in the names of several places in India immediately after Independence. In recent times, such renaming exercises have become the stock-in-trade of the votaries of identity politics who obsess about "outsiders", "invaders" and "looters". The association of such usage with majoritarian politics is unmistakable and the erasure of historical context and nuance in such projects is conspicuous — whether it be the renaming of Aurangzeb Road in Delhi or changing the names of Allahabad and Mughalsarai in Uttar Pradesh. The petitioner to the Supreme Court spoke of Mahmud of Ghazni and Ibrahim Lodhi in the same breath, even though the two medieval kings have vastly different ancestries and are separated by nearly five centuries. "What is the relationship of Aurangzeb, Ghazni and Lodhi with India," he asked and rued that several places in Delhi are named after these rulers, "but none after the Pandavas". This failure to come to terms with the past rightly invited the apex court's censure. "Can you wish away invasions from history? What are you trying to achieve?" it asked.

The apex court concluded by reaffirming the "rule of law, secularism and constitutionalism" and cautioning against bigotry. Its directive to abide by "the principle of fraternity enshrined in the Constitution's Preamble" and its words of caution against the abuse of history must be heard.

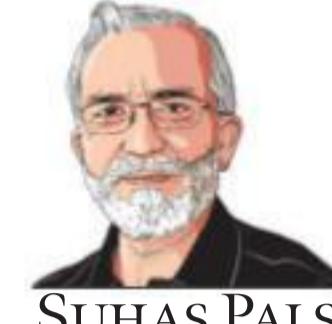
NAATU NAATU, K-STYLE

Embassy of South Korea's dance video is a tribute by one soft powerhouse to another

LED BY AMBASSADOR Chang Jae-bok, the Embassy of South Korea in New Delhi danced its way into Indian hearts to the beats of the hit song 'Naatu Naatu', from *RRR*. With some of the dancers dressed in the traditional Korean hanbok, the Embassy team gamely executed the song's popular hook step, even performing the turbo-charged "dance-off" that it ends with. The reaction of Indians to the video shared on the embassy's social media accounts has been uniformly warm and welcoming — even the Prime Minister chimed in, describing the dance as a "lively and adorable team effort".

While the Embassy's video is no doubt an endearing diplomatic gesture from one soft power to another, the evident enthusiasm of the dancers also speaks of the irresistible allure of a catchy song. The Golden Globe-winning 'Naatu Naatu' is one of the highlights of the international juggernaut that is *RRR* — it recently picked up another award at the Hollywood Critics Association (where *RRR* won four other prizes, including for Best International Film), and has been nominated for Best Original Song in the upcoming Academy Awards. The song has developed a dedicated fan base, seemingly independent of the movie, spawning a number of social media "dance challenges" and viral covers.

The effect of the South Korean wave — known as Hallyu — has been felt all over the world for at least 20 years now, from pop music acts such as BTS, Blackpink and Girls' Generation, to K-dramas like *Crash Landing on You*, *Reply 1988* and *Squid Game*. Indians too have been in its thrall for almost as long, forming some of the most dedicated K-pop and K-drama fandoms in the world. For all the joy that South Korean pop culture has given to people in this country, it is nice to give some of it back with a little *naatu naatu*.



SUHAS PALSHIKAR

IN 1989 THE Congress party lost the tag of being a "dominant" party. Since then, it has not figured out how to remain competitive in a multi-party, federal polity. As the next Lok Sabha elections stare the party in the eye, it continues to face the same challenges that have haunted it over the past three decades and more. While the usual compulsions and hang-ups ensured that the party treaded extremely cautiously on most matters at its Raipur session recently, it at least seemed that the stagnant party moved a little in its journey from Udaipur to Raipur.

While Congress reneged on its Udaipur promise of holding elections to party positions, there were at least three small achievements for the party. First, between Udaipur and Raipur, though individuals kept leaving the party, Congress could avoid a major split or exodus. Two, it now had a president elected through a contest after a long gap and that too from outside the Gandhi family. Three, and potentially most significantly, the party resolved to have half the CWC seats filled from marginalised sections and the youth. One suspects that in order to improve its electoral fortunes, the party may have to do a lot more than this.

In view of the challenge of 2024, the party needed to act more earnestly on two fronts: Organisational consolidation and immediate political action for mobilisation. This did not happen at Raipur. The dilemmas the party faces on both these fronts are not new and this writer listed them five years ago ('Letter from Rahul Gandhi', Economic and Political Weekly, February 2018).

The essence of the Udaipur chintan shivir was the democratisation of the functioning of the party. This is neither for merely moral purposes nor only to silence critics. The objective is to revitalise the organisation. But at Raipur, the party balked at elections for CWC membership. Such elections could have helped ensure that the members would truly have a base in the grassroots of the party; it would also have helped in its greater federalisation. As it is, the party is short of mass leaders. It badly needs leaders who have the support of not only their own factions or state units but also the ability to reach out to other states and other parties. Having elected the party presi-

A stagnant Congress has moved a little. But it's still a long haul to 2024

dent, giving him the power to nominate CWC members neutralises the limited representativeness achieved through his election. The party could easily have found a more collective way to make the nominations to ensure that the spirit of representative authority was maintained at least minimally. Kharje might informally engage in consultations and might also end up doing the balancing act but that is beside the point. The issue was to ensure a churn in the party, a brainstorming among its top leaders and an ability to bring together competing leaders with many ambitions and then to mediate among them.

Just like elections, the idea of "one family-one post" was also quietly buried. While media wisdom attributes this to the wish to protect the Gandhi family, this has more to do with the entrenched interests of many families that control local party units. The term "dynastic politics" is often narrowly understood in terms of the top leadership of parties. In reality, this is more about the way local politics is conducted and thwarts the entry of young activists into competitive politics. Therefore, a departure from the Udaipur resolve only shows the hold of powerful families over Congress and its power structures. This will be a crucial bottleneck in any organisational rejuvenation. Kharje, 80, with a politician son, has the historic opportunity to preside over the liquidation of both gerontocracy and family-based politics by not merely making CWC nominations but also forcing an organisational change by bringing in new faces in every state to build the party and take on the BJP.

The Raipur session turned out to be tame also because of the inability to chart out a clear path of political action beyond big speeches, harsh criticisms and pious hopes. It could have indicated a direction in the matter of forging alliances and action programmes for local units. Through the Bharat Jodo Yatra, Rahul Gandhi had made sure that a broader social and political coalition could be possible. That was a template for a more concrete and yet humble statement on a non-BJP coalition. But it appears that both Rahul and the party are yet to hit the right formula of coalition-making in the face of a ruthless competitor. On the one hand, the old hang-up that Congress is a large and all-India party still dominates their thinking. On the other hand, the naive plan of an all-India front seems to limit the imagination of the party.

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While Congress continues to hold second position, if not first, in many states, its record against the BJP in straight fights is dismal. In view of that, the party should be prepared to be more modest in its dealings with other Opposition parties. Similarly, Congress should know that alliances will have to happen at state level. Right now, the party has forged an alliance with CPM in Tripura even while being in tough competition with it in Kerala. That flexibility needed to reflect in its formal approach to coalition-making.

Another legacy of the Bharat Jodo Yatra was to connect to the common citizen through direct contact and to move beyond social media posts and press statements. How is the party going to awaken the masses on questions of crony capitalism and communalism? This question remained unaddressed at the session. On religion-based communalism, the Congress worker is clueless and apathetic. Criticising the BJP on this count is easy but making sure that the average Hindu is convinced that being anti-Muslim is not necessary for being a good Hindu or a good nationalist is a difficult task and only house-to-house contact by trained workers may help retrieve the cherished claim of inclusivity and co-existence. But it seems that many leaders of the party themselves believe that showing off religious credentials is enough to compete with BJP.

Was Raipur, then, a complete failure? Perhaps not. An unspoken factor dominating the session was the new stature of Rahul Gandhi whom the party old guard will now have to take more seriously. Whether Rahul can take the party with him on many issues remains to be seen. He is emerging as a thinking politician. But he also needs to take the burden of giving an action programme to workers. Much would depend upon how he realises the urgency of this task.

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I WAS BORN a few years after Independence and saw the dedication of people engaged in nation-building. From a country where poverty and illiteracy abounded, we have come a long way. From contributing just three per cent of the world GDP, India has become the fifth-largest economy in the world.

Soon after Independence, the potent soft power of the country and the need to preserve, propagate and nourish various art forms, dance, theatre, literature, ancient practices such as Ayurveda etc, was recognised. Much was done in pursuance of a cultural and national identity to create strong institutions, such as the three Akademi, various cultural centres, Ayurveda and yoga centres. Their benefits are visible all round, as our artists, scientists and engineers are today recognised across the world.

Most evident are the changes in the dignity and status of women. Today, the rigidity of gender and caste barriers have broken down considerably and women have ventured to domains once denied to them.

Yet, the question that needs to be asked is how independent we are today. Political freedom, economic, agricultural and scientific growth, technological and infrastructure development are important aspects; but so is human development. Human emotions never change. What is of importance is how we harness these emotions to enable people to contribute to society positively.

So what is the India, the Bharat, that I

VALUES FOR A NATION

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would like to see when it turns 100?

As a classical dancer, it is natural for me to turn to our myths and ancient Sanskrit texts to seek answers. It is often said that there is no situation or emotion that cannot be found in the Mahabharata. Every episode in this epic holds relevance even today, teaching us the art of living, if only we care to learn from them.

History and mythology have repeatedly alerted human beings to the values and ideas that they need to attend to. These include: One, curbing the natural tendency to seek revenge, which, if unchecked, could lead to a situation like that of the Mahabharata war, which ended in death and misery. Two, keeping a check on the lust for power, which has proved fatal for many. Three, recognising that half knowledge can be dangerous, as seen in the case of Abhimanyu. Four, facing obstacles and challenges with courage and determination, without hatred, anger and revenge. An example is Eklavya, who was rejected by Dronacharya. Five, recognising that even empowered women could be vulnerable. Draupadi was an empowered, emancipated woman in many ways, yet she became a pawn in a fateful game of dice. Today, too, there are millions of girls who are being used as pawns, millions of Draupadis who are abused, whose dignity continues to be played with.

Similarly, discussions on environment and equality are meaningless if they are not practised. We need to address development of the inner self, emptying ourselves of negativities, desires, hatred, ill-will and greed. The responsibility and accountability of making and shaping a society and therefore, a nation, lies with each of us. Whatever rank we may have in the eyes of the world, we should be concerned with the development of core human values, including respect for fellow humans, irrespective of caste, sect, gender, religion, ideologies. We should build a nation where dignity is ensured.

At 100, I would like India to have addressed the issue of "poverty" in its larger dimension, as seen in the following verse:

Poverty of mind, poverty of deed/ Poverty of soul, poverty to lead,/ Poverty of noble thought, poverty of dignity/ Poverty of virtues, poverty of humanity/ Poverty of understanding and of kindred spirit/ Poverty of responsibility and of respect/ All the world's wealth is meaningless before poverty of life/ All the world is rich, if there is richness of mind

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MARCH 1, 1983, FORTY YEARS AGO

BUDGET PRESENTED

MARGINAL RELIEF TO salaried taxpayers counterbalanced by an increased surcharge on income-tax, a steep hike in excise duty on cement and excise exemption on pressure cookers, fuel-efficient kerosene stoves and low wattage electric bulbs and a cut in excise on sugar are the highlights of the Central budget for 1983-84 presented in the Lok Sabha. The Finance Minister, Pranab Mukherjee, increased excise duty on a wide range of items including paper and paper boards, man-made fibre and filament yarns and aerated water and revised upwards the corporate tax structure.

ANDHRA BY-ELECTIONS

THE RULING TELUGU Desam captured three out of four assembly seats but surrendered the prestigious Himayatnagar seat to the Bharatiya Janata Party in the by-elections held to the Andhra Pradesh Legislative Assembly. The Congress-I, which contested all the seats, drew a blank and suffered the ignominy of losing deposit in Himayatnagar.

GUN IN THE HOUSE

THE LOK SABHA witnessed high drama when a senior opposition member Madhu Dandavate displayed a revolver to the House

during zero hour to substantiate an allegation levelled by him against a police officer. Taken aback by Dandavate's unprecedent action, several ruling party members raised full-throated cries demanding an apology from him and insisted that the Speaker admonish the member for bringing a firearm into the House.

KINGSTON TEST MATCH

INDIA HAD MADE 153 runs for the loss of six wickets in their second innings, 40 minutes before tea on the fifth and final day of the first cricket test against the West Indies at the Sabina Park in Kingston.

Cooperation amid conflict

As it steers G20 amid renewed great-power rivalry, India must temper its expectations. Reducing the negative impact of conflicts between major powers on the forum will be a diplomatic achievement



RAJA-MANDALA
BY C. RAJA MOHAN

THE INABILITY OF the G20 finance ministers to agree on a joint statement last week points to an important reality about multilateralism. When great powers are at peace with each other, multilateralism has reasonable chances of success; but when they are at each other's throats, the room for global cooperation shrinks. Multilateralism, then, is not an activity independent of power politics. The outcome of the gathering of the G20 foreign ministers this week is unlikely to be any different from what we have seen with the finance ministers. The shadow of the great power rivalry on the G20 is only likely to darken in the days ahead as China and Russia consolidate their "alliance without limits" and Washington rallies the collective West to stand up against Moscow and Beijing.

To be functional, multilateral institutions like the G20, United Nations and World Trade Organisation need at least a minimal understanding among the major powers on the global rules of the road. Such an understanding was not obtained during the Cold War except in a few areas like nuclear arms control. Although the UN was set up after the Second World War with the expectation that the great powers would work together, the world saw the allies turn adversaries and sharply divide the world into competing economic and military blocs. After the Soviet Union collapsed in 1991, curtains fell on the prolonged East-West Cold War. It opened doors for an expansive phase of multilateralism for nearly a quarter of a century — whether it was great power cooperation at the UN or in the creation of the WTO.

When the financial crisis of 2008 broke out, the Bush administration rallied the top 20 economies of the world to stabilise the global economy. That world of shared interests among the top nations no longer exists. It is no surprise, then, that consensus on key issues eludes the G20 today.

The simmering political conflict between Russia and the West boiled over into a hot war in the heart of Europe last year. There is a real chance that Washington and Beijing might get into military blows over Taiwan. The rising geopolitical conflict is naturally mirrored in the economic domain. The post-Cold War era saw extensive economic engagement between the US and Europe on the one hand and China and Russia on the other. Differences in ideology and character of the political system did not matter as economic interdependence was beneficial to all.

The last few years have seen diminishing faith in the logic of globalisation as well as active weaponisation of interdependence in the pursuit of their particular national objectives. This has seen efforts by the US and China to reduce their current massive economic exposure to the other. The new economic conflict has also enveloped emerging technologies — especially the digital domain that promises to reshape the global economy as well as restructure the nature of military power in the international system.

This is not a good moment, then, for multilateralism. As it steers the G20 amidst the



renewed rivalry between the major powers, India must temper its expectations from the G20. There is little possibility that the current military, political and economic tensions between the major powers can be mitigated any time soon. Reducing the inevitable negative impact of the renewed great power conflict on the G20 in itself will be a diplomatic achievement for India.

Meanwhile, India's ambition to represent the interests of the Global South at the G20 does not mean Delhi's multilateral diplomacy can stand apart from the great power conflict. India is very much part of the renewed great power rivalry. Delhi's troubled relationship with Beijing is one of the key strands in contemporary geopolitics. This is not just about Beijing's military assertiveness, which has led to the repeated breakdown of peace and tranquillity on India's long and disputed border with China over the last decade. It is also about deep differences between Delhi and Beijing on multilateral issues.

In the past, it was conventional wisdom that Delhi and Beijing could work together in the multilateral domain despite their bilateral problems on the border. That enthusiasm in Delhi has had to be curbed in recent years. China has blocked India's efforts to join the Nuclear Suppliers Group. Beijing does not support Delhi's quest for a permanent seat on the UN Security Council. There is also growing friction in a range of new areas. Consider, for example, India's rejection of China's Belt and Road Initiative when it was unveiled in 2017. Recall too Delhi's move in 2019 to walk out of the Asia-wide trade liberalisation agreement, the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership. The decision was based on the judgement that Delhi can't afford to become a part of a China-dominated regional economic bloc. China's latest initiatives on global security and development have not resonated well in Delhi either.

India also had to fend off Beijing's push, at the behest of Pakistan, to put the Kashmir question back on the active agenda of the UNSC in 2019, following Delhi's constitutional changes to the status of Kashmir in the Indian union. Yet, India continues to sit somewhat uncomfortably with China in various forums like the RIC (Russia-India-China),

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WHAT THE OTHERS SAY

"It is incredible that while political parties seek "national consensus" on the new President, no such avenue is explored to ensure the all-important political stability. It is up to the political parties who gave birth to the current system to prevent it from imploding..."

—THE KATHMANDU POST

Buy, bend, punish

A new model of politics is with us. Targeting of Manish Sisodia presents an opportunity for entire Opposition to unite against an oppressive regime



JASMINE SHAH

FEBRUARY 26, 2023, the day Delhi's Deputy Chief Minister Manish Sisodia was arrested in an ongoing investigation by the CBI, will be remembered as a black day in Indian democracy. For, this was the arrest of no ordinary politician. This was the arrest of India's finest education minister, a man of unimpeachable integrity and honesty, and the topmost leader of an Opposition party increasingly being seen as the real challenger to the BJP nationally in the years to come.

The arrest of Manish Sisodia has only laid bare a dark truth for the entire nation and the world to see. India's top investigative agencies are seeing an unprecedented scale of politicisation and abuse at the hands of the Modi government, only to target, harass and arrest Opposition leaders.

This incident also signifies the coming of age of the new "buy-bend-punish" model in Indian politics that the BJP has engineered carefully over the past nine years. Under this model, BJP's struggle and lust for power never really ends with a defeat in elections at the hands of an Opposition party. It only changes gears. It first unleashes Operation Lotus to "buy" out Opposition leaders and get them to switch over to the BJP in order to topple Opposition-led governments.

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AAP is Congress minus dynasty

Amid corruption allegations, its freebie politics is wearing thin



ABHINAV PRAKASH

THE ARREST OF the Deputy Chief Minister of Delhi, Manish Sisodia, in an alleged liquor scam continues the unravelling of the carefully crafted image of the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) as an anti-corruption party. AAP came into existence by free-riding on the anti-corruption movement of civil society during the UPA days. The massive corruption, inflation and policy paralysis under the UPA regime created general revulsion against the political class and allowed anarchist forces to find traction in the public imagination.

Several activists and NGOs with opaque backgrounds and sources of funding started sprouting up, claiming to have found miraculous solutions to the challenges facing the country. Often fixated on a single issue and single-point simplistic solution but with a fanatical zeal, they were amply aided by the TRP-hungry media channels. Arvind Kejriwal and others like him hijacked the public sentiment to create the Aam Aadmi Party, promising to end corruption by passing the Jan Lokpal Bill, an ambiguous extra-constitutional body with sweeping powers far superseding those enjoyed by any constitutional post so far.

In the 10 years since, AAP has grown by preying upon a public reeling under the corrupt rule of the Congress party. AAP came to

power in 2015 with much fanfare around its utopian promises and policies. Mohalla clinics, free medicines and consultations; pollution control; traffic and transport management; reforms in education, power, Jal Board, and urban planning and development were some of the promises made to the citizens of Delhi. Despite a second full majority mandate, all these promises still need to be fulfilled.

The entire strategy of AAP has been to run an advertisement blitzkrieg instead of doing any real work on the ground. Delhi's much-touted health and education model is only found in the extensive advertisements in newspapers across the country. Mohalla clinics are an abject failure. An RTI query revealed that no new hospitals had been built under the AAP regime since 2015. It led to a massive bed crunch during the pandemic, resulting in a higher death rate than in other states.

Public transport in Delhi is also collapsing. Fewer buses are seen on the roads as there have been no new acquisitions except Centre-funded electric buses under the FAME-II programme. No new flyovers/roads were built in Delhi in the same period. There were zero colleges or higher education institutions built by the Kejriwal regime and only one school. At the same time, thou-

sands of teaching posts are vacant in Delhi schools, and hundreds of schools are without principals.

State government-funded colleges of Delhi University are facing an acute crunch of funding, with salaries of pensioners, teaching and non-teaching staff often pending for months, with Manish Sisodia allegedly trying to force the appointment of his cronies in the governing bodies as the pre-condition for the timely release of funds. The politics of freebies has resulted in a rapid increase in the Delhi public debt. The state is running a fiscal deficit of more than Rs 9,000 crore. Even its much-advertised revenue surplus is because the Centre pays pension liabilities of its employees, expenditure on police, etc.

The corruption in Delhi has become more institutionalised under AAP. Allegations, like the renting of a party worker's property for a Mohalla clinic way above the market rate, are commonplace. And now the massive liquor scam has exposed AAP for what it is: A syndicate of opportunistic careerists who crave power and wealth at all costs, unrestrained by ethics or morals. AAP has no interest in governing but only seeks to grab more and more power for its dictatorial, visionless leadership. Its victory in Delhi was not used to work for the

betterment of the city, but to leverage it for expansion into Punjab and other states. Just a few months of AAP rule have seen a total collapse of law and order in Punjab, which is being remote-controlled by Kejriwal. Now anarchists have overrun police stations, and the Punjab CM is meeting with Kejriwal and Uddhav Thackeray in Mumbai to plan new electoral alliances.

When faced with a crisis, AAP has abandoned all responsibilities in Punjab just like it left Delhi to its fate during the first and second waves of the pandemic. It has been following a clever policy of intense paid propaganda to construct a false picture of pro-people work in departments like health and education while its ministers indulge in such shenanigans. Delhi is the only state whose health and education ministers are in jail on serious charges of corruption. The same is the story in Punjab where the health minister and MLAs have been found indulging in corruption.

The spell cast by freebie politics and paid propaganda of the AAP is nearing its end. People are realising that AAP is simply Congress 2.0 minus the dynasty.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

UPHOLD DEMOCRACY

THIS REFERS TO the editorial, 'Death in the Valley' (IE, February 28). Intermittent attacks on Kashmiri Pandits reflect that peace in the Kashmiri valley is fragile. There has to be a sincere effort by the administration and security forces to win back citizens' trust. Terrorism funding conduits should be intercepted and those providing shelter and operational cover must be isolated. People should be allowed to elect their leaders through a democratic process to ensure a peaceful atmosphere in coordination with all concerned parties.

Subhash Vaid, New Delhi

ADVICE FOR CENTRE

THIS REFERS TO the editorial, 'Arresting Mr Sisodia' (IE, February 28). The arrest by CBI is a major setback for the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP), which built its campaign on corruption-free governance. The development has worsened the conflict between the state government and Centre, with the former accusing the latter of misusing central agencies for political vendetta. A transparent process should be in place to probe the matter. Otherwise, the growing perception of the Centre's vindictiveness will undermine its credentials and offer a lifeline to AAP and the beleaguered Opposition a year ahead of the Lok Sabha polls.

Khokan Das, Kolkata

ENCOURAGE EXPORTS

THIS REFERS TO the article, 'A steady stream' (IE, February 28). India's widening current account deficit (CAD) and elevated core inflation will keep its economic policymakers on their toes. The multiple macroeconomic headwinds are expected to persist this year, as the plausible risk of a global recession is yet to settle down. The causes of both, the CAD and inflationary pressure from non-food items have elements that are structural and cyclical. Steps should be taken to discourage imports as much as possible and explore new markets for domestic exports.

Sudip Kumar Deo, Barasat

RISKY BUSINESS

THIS REFERS TO the editorial, 'Delhi's G20 test' (IE, February 27). Although India has frequently abstained from casting a vote in the UN against Russia's invasion of Ukraine, it has been vocal in highlighting the importance of the UN Charter, international law and respect for the sovereignty of states. Building stronger ties with Russia without hurting the sentiments of the West has been challenging. But India can ill afford to hamper its diplomatic ties with both powerful blocs with whom it shares vested interests. It will be intriguing to see how Prime Minister Narendra Modi convinces the Russian President for an armistice.

Tushar Anand, Patna

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MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS NOTIFICATION

New Delhi, the 22nd February, 2023

S.O. 826(E). Whereas by the notification of the Government of India in the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways, S.O No. 4843 (E) dated 12th October, 2022 published in the Gazette of India, Extraordinary, Part II, Section 3, Sub-section (ii) issued under sub-section (1) of section 3A of the National Highway Act, 1956 (48 of 1956) (hereinafter referred to as the said Act), the Central Government declared its intention to acquire the land specified in the Schedule annexed to the said notification for building (widening/four-laning, etc.), maintenance, management and operation of NE5 on the stretch of land New Delhi - Amritsar - katra Expressway in the stretch of land from Km 3.200 to Km 9.750, Km. 11.000 to Km. 18.900, Km 19.650 to Km 22.775 & Km 25.860 to Km 32.700 in district of ROHTAK the state of HARYANA

And whereas the substance of the said notification has been published in "Amar Ujala" and "The Indian Express" both dated 19 October, 2022; under sub-section (3) of section 3A of the said Act;

And whereas objections have been received and the same have been considered and disallowed by the Competent Authority;

And whereas, in pursuance of sub-section (1) of section 3D of the said Act, the competent authority has submitted its report to the Central Government;

Now, therefore, upon receipt of the said report of the competent authority and in exercise of the powers conferred by the sub-section (1) of section 3D of the said Act, the Central Government hereby declares that the land specified in the said Schedule should be acquired for the aforesaid purpose;

And further, in pursuance of sub-section (2) of section 3D of the said Act, the Central Government hereby declares that on publication of this notification in the Official Gazette, the land specified in the said Schedule shall vest absolutely in the Central Government, free from all encumbrances.

And whereas by the sub section (1) and (2) of section 3G of the said Act, the Competent Authority is required to determine the amount to be paid in lieu of the land to be acquired.

Now, therefore, the Competent Authority before proceeding to determine the amount under sub section (1) and/or sub section (2) of the section 3G of the said Act hereby publishes a public notice inviting claims from all person interested in the land to be acquired as required by sub section (3) of section 3G under the said Act.

Particular of the said land has been specified in the Schedule annexed hereto. All persons interested in the such land are hereby required to appear in person or by an Agent or by a legal practitioner referred to in sub section (2) of section 3C, before the Competent Authority (District Revenue Officer), Mini Secretariat, Rohtak within 15 days of the publication of this notice to submit their claims in respect of land specified in the said Schedule.

This public notice has been issued under the Section 3G sub section (2) and (3) of National Highways Act 1956 (48 of 1956).

SCHEDULE

Brief description of the land to be acquired, with or without structure, falling within the NH-NE5 in the stretch of land from NH-NE5 (Mini Secretariat, Rohtak) in the district of ROHTAK in the state of HARYANA

State: HARYANA		District: ROHTAK			
Sr. No.	Survey Number	Type of Land	Nature of Land	Area in Hectare	Name of the Land Owner/Interested Person Part Survey No:
1	2	3	4	5	6
Taluk: Rohtak					
Village: Bakheta					
1	61//5 Min	Private	Agricultural	0.0126467	Ramehar s/o Gangaram s/o Ramjilal 1/2 bhag Ashok Kumar Dattak s/o Hariram s/o Gangaram 1/2 bhag Vasideh 61//5 Min
2	62//11 Min	Private	Agricultural	0.0050587	Sanjay s/o Jagful s/o Gangaram Vasideh 62//11 Min
3	62//22 Min	Private	Gair Mumkin Rasta	0.0025293	(62//22/1) Jaynarayan s/o Deepchand s/o Preetu 1/9 bhag Dharampal, Prem Singh, Krishna Kumar s/o Deepchand s/o Preetu Har Teen Sambhag 2/5 bhag Suresh Bal Nirmala, Bimla daughters Dharam Singh s/o Deepchand Har Teen Sambhag 1/18 bhag Mrs. Previ Devi Bidhwa and Rekha Devi, Aashi Devi, Jyoti daughters and Pawan son Rajbir son Deepchand Har Panch Sambhag, 1/9 bhag Mrs. Phulpati Bidhwa Rai Singh s/o Ratiaram 1/40 bhag Bimla, Pinky Bala, Suresh, Sudeshbala, Neelam daughters Raisingh s/o Ratiaram Har Panch Sambhag 1/8 bhag Basuraram urf Satyajit, Krishna urf Vishvindra s/o Rai Singh s/o Ratiaram Har Do Sambhag 1/20 bhag Rajkumar, Prakash Chand s/o Dharman Singh s/o Deepchand Har Do Sambhag 1/18 bhag Satbir, Ramesh s/o Ramchandra, s/o Deepchand Har Do Sambhag Vasideh (62//22/2) Dharampal s/o Deepchand s/o Preetu Vasideh 62//22 Min
4	88//24/1 Min	Private	Agricultural	0.0252934	Pawan Kumar s/o Jagdish s/o Ratan Vasideh 88//24/1 Min
Village: Humayupur					
5	111//22/1 Min	Private	Agricultural	0.0986443	Jagbir Singh s/o Mul Chand s/o Jugil 1/2 bhag Wazir Singh s/o Dalip s/o Indraj 1/2 bhag vasi Jatauli 111//22/1 Min
6	112//5/1 Min	Private	Agricultural	0.0961149	Gram panchayat 112//5/1 Min
7	116//4 Min	Private	Agricultural	0.2605221	Shamshe, Balkishan, s/o Katar s/o Bhagwana har do sambhag vasideh 116//4 Min
8	116//5 Min	Private	Agricultural	0.1846418	Smt. Chooti W/o Shamsher s/o Jage vasideh 116//5 Min
9	116//7 Min	Private	Agricultural	0.0025293	Krishan dutt, Umed Singh S/o Jage s/o Mukhram Har Do Sambhag 2/3 Bhag Jaipal S/o Ramkisan S/o Jage 517/2271 Bhag Smt. Parveen w/o Anil Kumar S/o Sukhbir 80/757 Bhag Vasideh 116//7 Min
10	117//1 Min	Private	Agricultural	0.007588	Shamshe, Suresh Kumar, Balkishan s/o Kadar Singh alias Katar Singh s/o Bhagwana Har Teen Sambhag 1/3 bhag Vasideh Rahul s/o Dhanraj s/o Ratan 3/16 bhag Jile Singh, Ramkisan, Surendra, Srikrishna, Rajbir, Kehar Singh s/o Hukm Singh s/o Bhagwana har cheh Sambhag 1/3 Bhag Vasideh Kavita, Savita, Manisha, Anju, Kamlesh, Pooja, Rinki d/o Dhanraj s/o Ratan Singh har saat Sambhag 7/48 Bhag Vasi 117//1 Min
11	117//14/2 Min	Private	Agricultural	0.0025293	Surajbhan, Ramdhari, Ram Karna s/o Abhey Ram s/o Sarupa har teen sambhag 3/4 bhag Sudhir s/o Surajbhan s/o Abhey 1/12 bhag Harsh s/o Ramdhari s/o Abhey Ram 1/12 bhag Saurabh s/o Ramkaran s/o Abheram 1/12 bhag Vasideh 117//14/2 Min
12	141 Min	Private	Gair Mumkin Rasta	0.0859976	Gram panchayat 141 Min
13	153 Min	Private	Gair Mumkin Rasta	0.0101174	Gram panchayat 153 Min
14	213 Min	Private	Gair Mumkin Rasta	0.0202347	(213/1) Government (213/2) Gram Panchayat 213 Min
15	215 Min	Private	Gair Mumkin Rasta	0.007588	Gram panchayat 215 Min
16	223 Min	Private	Gair Mumkin Rasta	0.0328814	Gram panchayat 223 Min
17	38//15/2 Min	Private	Agricultural	0.0278227	Raghbir s/o Amrit s/o Jagram 1/2 bhag owner kabja Smt. Ramrati widow Jagat s/o Chhotu 1/9 bhag owner kabja Balwan s/o Chhotu s/o Jagram 1/6 bhag owner kabja Ajay Duttak s/o Jagat Singh s/o Chhoturam 2/9 bhag owner kabja Bhop s/o Haral s/o Parsa 1/2 bhag Deepchand s/o Parsa s/o Harsukh 1/2 part Vasideh hakdar Shamlat 38//15/2 Min
18	38//6 Min	Private	Agricultural	0.0101174	Raghbir s/o Amrit s/o Jagram 1/2 bhag owner kabja Smt. Ramrati widow Jagat s/o Chhotu 1/9 bhag owner kabja Balwan s/o Chhotu s/o Jagram 1/6 bhag owner kabja Ajay Duttak s/o Jagat Singh s/o Chhoturam 2/9 bhag owner kabja Bhop s/o Haral s/o Parsa 1/2 bhag Deepchand s/o Parsa s/o Harsukh 1/2 part Vasideh hakdar Shamlat 38//6 Min
19	39//11 Min	Private	Agricultural	0.007588	Randhir s/o Amrit s/o Jagram 1/2 bhag vasi Balwan s/o Chhotu s/o Jagram 1/6 bhag vasi Ajay adopted s/o Jagat Singh s/o Chhoturam 2/9 bhag vasi Suresh, Sudesh d/o Jagat Singh s/o Chhotu 1/9 bhag vasideh 39//11 Min
20	39//20 Min	Private	Agricultural	0.0708215	Jila S/o Risala S/o Fate Vasideh 39//20 Min
21	39//21/1 Min	Private	Agricultural	0.0278227	Jila S/o Risala S/o Fate Vasideh 39//21/1 Min
22	39//21/2 Min	Private	Agricultural	0.0303521	Ram Niwas, Surendra, Rajesh Kumar s/o Hukam Singh s/o Mir Singh, har teen sambhag vasi 39//21/2 Min

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1	2	3	4	5	6
23	39//21/3 Min	Private	Agricultural	0.0126467	Zille Singh s/o Risala s/o Fate 1/6 bhag Ram Niwas, Surendra, Rajesh Kumar s/o Hukam Singh s/o Zille Singh Har Teen Sambhag 3/20 bhag Smt. Sushma d/o Hukmsingh s/o Mir Singh 1/60 bhag Umed Singh, Hawa Singh s/o Bharata s/o Jugla har do sambhag 1/6 bhag Deepak s/o Dhara s/o Charan Singh 1/12 bhag Smt. Roshani, Mafi w/o Dhara Singh s/o Charan Singh har do sambhag 1/4 bhag Jagbir, Jogendra. Devendra, Bindra, Mahendra s/o Omprakash s/o Risala, har paanch sambhag 1/6 bhag Vasideh 39//21/3 Min
24	39//22/2 Min	Private	Agricultural	0.0354108	Hawa Singh s/o Bharata s/o Jugla Vasideh 39//22/2 Min
25	56//13/2 Min	Private	Agricultural	0.0556455	(56//13) Omprakash s/o Lakhiram s/o Shivchand 1/4 bhag Sunny, Ramchandra s/o Mahabir Singh s/o Randhir Singh har do sambhag 1/4 bhag Smt. Savatri widow and Punam d/o Rajendra Singh s/o Lakhiram har do sambhag 1/4 bhag Jaybir, Vishal s/o Naresh Kumar s/o Zille Singh s/o Zille Singh har do sambhag 1/4 bhag Vasideh 56//13/2 Min
26	56//2/1 Min	Private	Agricultural	0.2478754	(56//2/1) Prakash, Ramesh, Suresh, Divendra s/o Jaykar s/o Ramkarni har chaar sambhag Vasideh (56//2/1) Anil Kumar, Sunil Kumar s/o Dilbagh s/o Ramkarna har do sambhag 200/237 Bhag Vasi Sharmila d/o Dilbagh S/o Ram Karna 37/237 Bhag Vasi 56//2/1 Min
27	56//2/2 Min	Private	Agricultural	0.0177054	Mange Ram s/o Ram Sarup s/o Neki Vasideh 56//2/2 Min
28	56//2/1 Min	Private	Agricultural	0.0227641	Rajbir Singh s/o Ramchandra s/o Risala 1/2 bhag vasi Smt. Roshi widow and Meena, Mukesh d/o Jagbir Singh s/o Ramchandra har teen sambhag 11/5 bhag vasi Pradeep, Rajesh s/o Jagbir Singh s/o Ramchandra 3/10 bhag vasi 56//2/1 Min
29	56//8/1 Min	Private	Agricultural	0.1897005	(56//8) Omprakash s/o Lakhiram s/o Shivchand 1/4 bhag Sunny, Ramchandra s/o Mahabir Singh s/o Randhir Singh har do sambhag 1/4 bhag Smt. Savatri widow and Punam d/o Rajendra Singh s/o Lakhiram har do sambhag 1/4 bhag Jaybir, Vishal s/o Naresh Kumar s/o Zille Singh har do sambhag 1/4 bhag Vasideh 56//8/1 Min
30	56//9/1 Min	Private	Agricultural	0.0480575	(56//9) Omprakash s/o Lakhiram s/o Shivchand 1/4 bhag Sunny, Ramchandra s/o Mahabir Singh s/o Randhir Singh har do sambhag 1/4 bhag Smt. Savatri widow and Punam d/o Rajendra Singh s/o Lakhiram har do sambhag 1/4 bhag Jaybir, Vishal s/o Naresh Kumar s/o Zille Singh har do sambhag 1/4 bhag Vasideh 56//9/1 Min
31	57//5 Min	Private	Agricultural	0.0025293	(57//5) Vikas s/o Seelak Ram s/o Sube Singh Vasideh 57//5 Min
32	72//13/1 Min	Private	Agricultural	0.0101174	Sher Singh s/o Mam Raj Har Chand hakdar Shamlat Prithi, Magal Singh s/o Sher Singh s/o Mamraj Har Do Sambhag Vasideh 72//13/1 Min
33	72//17/1 Min	Private	Agricultural	0.0227641	Rajbir s/o Sultan s/o Kundan 1/4 bhag Akshit s/o Rajbir s/o Sultan 1/4 bhag Sombir, Sachin s/o Raghuna s/o Sultan har do sambhag 1/2 bhag Vasideh 72//17/1 Min
34	72//18/1 Min	Private	Agricultural	0.0404694	Rajbir s/o Sultan s/o Kundan 1/4 bhag Akshit s/o Rajbir s/o Sultan 1/4 bhag Sombir, Sachin s/o Raghuna s/o Sultan har do sambhag 1/2 bhag Vasideh 72//18/1 Min
35	72//19/2 Min	Private	Agricultural	0.0126467	Sher Singh s/o Mam Raj Har Chand hakdar Shamlat Prithi, Magal Singh s/o Sher Singh s/o Mamraj Har Do Sambhag Vasideh 72//19/2 Min
36	72//20/2 Min	Private	Agricultural	0.015176	(72//20) Brahma Dutt, Kapil Dev, Vas Dev, Ram Dutt, Baljit s/o Ram Prakash s/o Poornmal har paanch sambhag 5/6 bhag Smt. Sarita widow and Neetika d/o Mohit, Naveen s/o Prasotam s/o Ramprakash har chaar sambhag 1/6 bhag Vasideh 72//20/2 Min
37	72//21/1 Min	Private	Agricultural	0.0581748	Umed Singh s/o Bharat Singh s/o Jugil Vasideh 72//21/1 Min
38	72//21/2 Min	Private	Agricultural		

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					Part Survey No:	6
1	2	3	4	5		
Village: Kahn 12.5 Biswa						
59	194 Min	Private	Gair Mumkin Drain	0.0455281	Gram panchayat 194 Min	
60	3/8/1/1 Min	Private	Agricultural	0.0025293	Veerbanh s/o Asiram s/o Hiraram 1/2 bhag Omprakash s/o Ramkitya s/o 1/2 bhag Vasideh 3/8/1/1 Min	
61	3/8/2/1 Min	Private	Agricultural	0.0126467	Manoj Kumar, Kamal Singh, Aman Kumar s/o Ramphal s/o Dheer Singh, har teen sambhag, owner, vasi Sunakalan, Kashiram, s/o Vasideh, hakdar, Shamlat 3/8/2/1 Min	
62	4/16/2 Min	Private	Agricultural	0.3212262	Manoj Kumar, Kamal Singh, Aman Kumar s/o Ramphal s/o Dheer Singh, har teen sambhag, owner, vasi Sunakalan, Nihalchand, Ramditamal, Bahadurchand, s/o Kundanlal, s/o Ranjharam, har teen sambhag Vasideh hakdar Shamlat 4/16/2 Min	
Village: Mungan						
63	14/19/1/1 Min	Private	Gair Mumkin Rasta	0.0050587	Balbir Singh s/o Chandgi s/o Girdhari Vasideh 14/19/1/1 Min	
64	15/15 Min	Private	Agricultural	0.0809389	(15/15/1) Hazari Lal s/o Giani s/o Laje 255/712 Bhag Ranbir s/o Hazarilal s/o Giani 75/178 Bhag Smt. Smt. Jagwanti w/o Hazarilal Ranbir Singh s/o 157/12 bhag Vasideh (15/15/2) Havasingh, Raghbir Singh s/o Lalchand s/o Neki har do sambhag 1/3 bhag Rajendra, Jasbir s/o Dayanand s/o Lalchand har do sambhag 1/6 bhag Hazari Lal s/o Giani s/o Laje Satpal Singh, 146/1467 bhag Dharmapal Singh s/o har do sambhag Devi Singh s/o Gianirat 2/9 Bhag Ranbir s/o Hazarilal s/o Giani 343/2934 Bhag Smt Jagwanti w/o Ranbir Singh s/o Hazarilal 10/163 Bhag Vasideh 15/15 Min	
65	15/4/1/1 Min	Private	Agricultural	0.015176	Roopchand, Sube, Hushayara, Rajpal s/o and Smt. Chandra d/o Prabhu s/o Baldeva har panch sambhag 1/6 bhag Omprakash, Jayprakash s/o Priti s/o Baldeva har do sambhag 1/6 bhag Mukesh, Ashwani s/o Dayanand s/o Munshi har do sambhag 1/12 bhag Ramful Singh, Surajbhan s/o Jage s/o Juglal Har Do Sambhag 1/6 bhag Sardara s/o Juglal s/o Natwa 1/4 bhag Smt. Rampati Devi alias Ramvati Devi w/o Satpal s/o Roopchand 1/12 bhag Rinku s/o Hawa Singh s/o Munshi 1/12 bhag Vasideh 15/4/1/1 Min	
66	15/7/2 Min	Private	Agricultural	0.0025293	Sardara s/o Juglal s/o Natthwa Vasideh 15/7/2 Min	
67	17/23/2 Min	Private	Gair Mumkin Rasta	0.0025293	Hazari s/o Chatru s/o Shriram 1/6 bhag Vijendra s/o Hardeva s/o Bhatru 1/6 bhag Jai Bhagwan, Sahab Singh, Kaptan s/o Risal Singh alias Risala s/o Har teen Sambhag 1/5 bhag Ashish s/o Prakash s/o Risal Singh alias Risala 1/15 bhag Vishavjeet s/o Chandram s/o Risal Singh alias Risala 1/15 share Rajendra Singh, Suresh Kumar, Satbir Singh s/o Teka s/o Shriram Har Teen Sambhag 1/5 share Akit adopted s/o Ramesh Kumar s/o Teka 1/15 bhag Smt. Kamla widow and Jasbir, Sombir s/o Mahabir s/o Teka har teen sambhag 1/15 bhag Vasideh 17/23/2 Min	
68	28/16/2 Min	Private	Agricultural	0.0025293	Smt. Phulvati widow and Suman d/o and Jaybir, s/o Anil Jaipal Singh s/o Sardara Har Char Sambhag Vasideh 28/16/2 Min	
69	34/1/1 Min	Private	Agricultural	0.0025293	(34/1/1) Dalbir Singh, Manjot Singh, Jasbir Singh s/o Nafe Singh s/o Sardara har teen Sambhag Vasideh (34/1/2) Smt. Fulvati widow and Suman d/o and Jaybir, Anil s/o Jaipal Singh s/o Sardara Har Char Sambhag Vasideh 34/1/1 Min	
70	51/5 Min	Private	Agricultural	0.0809389	(51/5/1) Wazir Singh, s/o Satbir Singh s/o Jile Singh s/o Pehlada Har Do Sambhag Vasideh (51/5/2) Balwan Singh s/o Pahlada s/o Ramkala 1/3 bhag Kaptan Singh, Ramesh s/o Balwan Singh s/o Pahlada har do sambhag 2/3 bhag Vasideh 51/5 Min	
71	61/13 Min	Private	Agricultural	0.0025293	0.0025293 Chand Singh s/o Hoshiar Singh s/o Priti 1/12 Bhag Surendra Singh s/o Satbir Singh s/o Gordhan 40/159 Bhag Randhir Singh s/o Pyare Lal s/o Jaijal 40/477 Bhag Smt Asha w/o Yashpal s/o Jeet Singh 13/159 Bhag Smt. Rajabala w/o Omprakash s/o Jeet Singh 79/477 bhag Vasideh Mohit, Akit s/o Surendra Singh s/o Satbir Singh har do sambhag 40/477 bhag vasi Indraprath Colony Rohtak Sombir s/o and Ritu, Renu d/o Randhir Singh s/o Pyarelal har teen sambhag 1/4 bhag Vasideh 61/13 Min	
72	69 Min	Private	Gair Mumkin Rasta	0.1011736	Gram panchayat 69 Min	
73	74 Min	Private	Gair Mumkin Rasta	0.0379401	Gram panchayat 74 Min	
74	81 Min	Private	Gair Mumkin Rasta	0.0126467	Gram panchayat 81 Min	
Village: Polangi						
75	11/1/2 Min	Private	Agricultural	0.0025293	(11/1/2/2) Sukhram, Katar Singh, Jai Bhagwan s/o Jayalal s/o Fuluram, har teen Sambhag Vasideh. 11/1/2 Min	
76	16/20/1/2/1 Min	Private	Gair Mumkin Rasta	0.0050587	Gram panchayat 16/20/1/2/1 Min	
77	16/20/1/2/2 Min	Private	Agricultural	0.007588	Rajendra, Baljit Singh, Hariom s/o Vedprakash s/o Khemchand har teen Sambhag Vasideh 16/20/1/2/2 Min	
78	30/14/1 Min	Private	Agricultural	0.0101174	Smt. Omprati, Rajpatti, Nirmala d/o Sarup Singh S/o Thambu har teen sambhag 3/35 bhag Hukamsingh, Ramsingh, Satyawan, Krishna s/o Sarup Singh S/o Thambu har char sambhag 32/35 bhag Vasideh 30/14/1 Min	
79	46/16/2 Min	Private	Agricultural	0.0050587	Devera Singh s/o Smt. Dharam Devi d/o Chandro 1/2 bhag Smt. Krishna Devi d/o Munshi s/o Kokan 1/2 bhag Vasideh 46/16/2 Min	
80	46/7/2 Min	Private	Agricultural	0.0202347	Kartar Singh, Rajkawar, Sukhveer Singh, Omprakash, Chandram s/o Jagbir Singh s/o Shankar Har Panch Sambhag Vasideh 46/7/2 Min	
81	57/1/2 Min	Private	Agricultural	0.0050587	Thakar Singh, Rambhaj, s/o Bhaiyaram, s/o Phulu, har do sambhag 2/3 bhag, Ishwar Singh, Bhagwan Singh alias Bhagat Singh, s/o Thakur Singh, s/o Bhaiyaram, har teen sambhag 1/6 bhag, Surendra Kumar, Virendra Singh, Naresh Kumar, s/o Rambhaj, s/o Bhaiyaram, har teen sambhag 1/6 bhag vasideh 57/1/2 Min	
82	61 Min	Private	Gair Mumkin Sadak	0.0455281	Gram panchayat 61 Min	
83	7/17/3 Min	Private	Agricultural	0.0050587	Smt. Santoro Widow Varn Singh S/o Risal Singh 1/4 bhag Ishwar Singh S/o Varn Singh S/o Risal Singh 3/4 bahg Vasideh 7/17/3 Min	
84	7/25/4/1 Min	Private	Agricultural	0.007588	Ramehar s/o Pyara s/o Gordhan Vasideh 7/25/4/1 Min	
85	8/5/2 Min	Private	Agricultural	0.0050587	Smt. Santoro Widow Varn Singh S/o Risal Singh 1/4 bhag Ishwar Singh S/o Varn Singh S/o Risal Singh 3/4 bahg Vasideh 8/5/2 Min	
Village: Rithal Narwal						
86	272 Min	Private	Gair Mumkin Khal	0.0809389	Gram panchayat 272 Min	
Village: Rithal Phogat						
87	114/12/1 Min	Private	Agricultural	0.0025293	Sube Singh, Katar Singh s/o Jageram s/o Shyo Singh Har Do Sambhag 1/2 bhag Azad s/o Ram Bhagat s/o Jageram 1/12 bhag Mohit s/o Surendra s/o Rambhagat 1/12 bhag Sunny s/o Dinesh s/o Mahabir 1/4 bhag Mohit s/o Surendra s/o Rambhagat 1/24 bhag Azad s/o Rambhagat s/o Jageram 1/24 bhag Vasideh 114/12/1 Min	
88	114/19/1/2 Min	Private	Agricultural	0.0025293	Ram Bhagat, Krishan Kumar, Satish Kumar, Kuldeep s/o Satbir Singh s/o Jage Ram Har Char Samabagh 5/12 bhag Satbir s/o Jage Ram s/o Fate Singh 7/12 bhag Vasideh 114/19/1/2 Min	
89	120/21/2 Min	Private	Agricultural	0.015176	(120/21/2/2) Smt. Sunita w/o Satyapal s/o Vedprakash 35/419 bhag Smt. Jagwanti w/o Kanwal Singh s/o Chandrabhan 53/419 bhag Smt. Babita w/o Karmabir s/o Vedprakash 61/419 bhag Smt. Sadhna w/o Rajesh s/o Vedprakash 61/419 bhag Smt. Jitendra Singh s/o Rambhaj s/o Bhartu 5/419 Bhag Smt. Ramo w/o Ved Singh s/o Chandrabhan 100/419 Bhag Smt. Rekha w/o Ashok Kumar s/o Raghbir Singh 5/419 Bhag Vasideh 120/21/2 Min	
90	121/15 Min	Private	Agricultural	0.0025293	Indra, Sushila d/o Karna Singh s/o Mange har do sambhag 1/35 bhag Rohtas, Surendra, Rajbir Singh s/o Udeysingh s/o Mangeram har teen sambhag 1/10 bhag Baljit Singh, Shamsher Singh s/o Mange Ram s/o Heera har do sambhag 1/5 bhag Vasideh Smt. Roshni widow and Babita Jyoti d/o and Anil, Sunil s/o Katar Singh s/o Mangeram har paanch sambhag 1/10 bhag vasi Sarwar Singh, Mahendra Singh s/o Ramsarup s/o Hira har do sambhag 1/4 bhag Bijender Singh s/o Kalam Singh s/o Ramsarup 1/8 bhag Azad Singh s/o Ramsarup s/o Heera 3293/36968 Bhag Smt. Krishna Widow and Deepika, Sangeeta d/o and Om Prakash s/o Karan Singh, har teen sambhag 3/280 bhag Smt. Savita widow Sombir s/o Karan Singh 1/105 Bhag Kamaljeet, Ankit s/o Jagbir Singh s/o Karan Singh Har Do Sambhag 17/420 Bhag Smt. Omprati w/o Satpal s/o Pratanga 22/4621 Bhag Smt. Ramati w/o Ramkanwar s/o Deshuram 144/4621 Bhag Vasideh 121/15 Min	
91	121/3/1/3 Min	Private	Agricultural	0.007588	Bhalle Ram s/o Mauji s/o Phool Singh Vasideh 121/3/1/3 Min	
92	121/4/2/1/1 Min	Private	Agricultural	0.0025293	Shobharam, Ramkishan s/o Desraj s/o Bhagwana Har Do Sambhag 2/9 bhag Ramkanwar s/o Dharma s/o Neki 1/3 bhag Manful s/o Pritheesingh s/o Raja 9/107 bhag Chinku d/o Ramkarna s/o Ramanand 1/214 bhag Smt. Nirmala w/o Vikram s/o Maijiram 115/642 Bhag Vasideh Sanjay s/o Dharampal s/o Mangaram 1/642 Bhag Smt. Krishna w/o Kuldeep s/o Ratan Singh 235/1926 Bhag Kuldeep s/o Ratan Singh s/o Mayachand 17/321 Bhag Vasideh 121/4/2/1/1 Min	

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					Part Survey No:	6
1	2	3	4	5		
Balbir Singh, Balwan Singh s/o Jogiram s/o Ramnath Har Do Sambhag 157/1308 bhag Premsingh s/o Khemchand s/o Fulsingh 497/3924 bhag Mahendra s/o Jaykarna s/o Ramnath 1/2 bhag Ramesh s/o Ragbir s/o Khimla 497/7848 Bhag Smt. Kamlesh Widow and Aanchal, Tanu , Pooja, Kajal, Nishu d/o Suresh s/o Ragbir har cheh Sambhag 497/7848 bhag Karan Singh s/o Khemchand s/o Fulsingh 323/3924 bhag Smt. Sarojbala w/o Balram s/o Dayanand 29/654 bhag Vasideh Jaykarna s/o Ramnath s/o Shaadi Vasideh Gair Marusi 14/14/2 Min						
93	14/14/2 Min	Private	Agricultural	0.007588	Balbir Singh, Balwan Singh s/o Jogiram s/o Ramnath Har Do Sambhag 157/1308 bhag Premsingh s/o Khemchand s/o Fulsingh 497/3924 bhag Mahendra s/o Jaykarna s/o Ramnath 1/2 bhag Ramesh s/o Ragbir s/o Khimla 497/7848 Bhag Smt. Kamlesh Widow and Aanchal, Tanu , Pooja, Kajal, Nishu d/o Suresh s/o Ragbir har cheh Sambhag 497/7848 bhag Karan Singh s/o Khemchand s/o Fulsingh 323/3924 bhag Smt. Sarojbala w/o Balram s/o Dayanand 29/654 bhag Vasideh Jaykarna s/o Ramnath s/o Shaadi Vasideh Gair Marusi 14/14/2 Min	
94	14/1/3 Min	Private	Agricultural	0.0025293	(14/1/3) Dull Chand, Rambhai, Jagmandar s/o and Smt. Kasturi, Chameli, Dhanoo d/o Prithi Chand s/o Ganeshi, har cheh Sambhag Vasideh 14/1/3 Min	
95	14/4/1/4 Min	Private	Agricultural	0.0025293	Ramkawar, s/o Krishna, s/o Lahari, s/o Srichand, har do sambhag vasideh. 14/4/1/4 Min	
96	14/1/7/2 Min	Private	Agricultural	0.015176	Satbir Singh S/o Hushayara S/o Jaage 3/4 bhag Anand Singh, Satinder Singh, Aman Singh S/o Satbir S/o Vidha Devi Har teen Sambhag 1/4 bhag Vasideh 14/1/7/2 Min	
97	14/1/7/4 Min	Private	Agricultural	0.0202347	Smt. Sarjo widow and Saro Devi, Banesh Devi, Bevi d/o and Roshan Lal S/o Ramehar S/o Kaval Singh 1/6 bhag Dharamsingh S/o Ramsaroop S/o Harde 1/3 bhag Rameshwar S/o Ransingh S/o Ramsaroop 1/15 bhag Jagdish, Vinod S/o Rameshwar s/o Ran Singh Har Do Sambhag 8/45 bhag Jagdish s/o Rameshwar s/o Ram Singh 4/45 bhag Anand Kumar s/o Mah	

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1	2	3	4	5	6
113	54//25 Min	Private	Agricultural	0.0354108	(54//25/2) Yudhveer, Umed Singh s/o Mairam s/o Kewal har do sambhag vasideh 54//25 Min
114	54//4/1 Min	Private	Agricultural	0.0303521	RajSingh s/o Ramsingh 1/4 bhag Suresh s/o and Smt. Rohni, Babita d/o Sube s/o Ramsingh har teen sambhag 3/20 bhag Smt. Phulpati widow and Anand, Meenu d/o Smt. Santoh, Meena d/o Mahasingh s/o Ramsingh har paanch sambhag 1/4 bhag Dharamveer Singh, Dalbir Singh s/o Sheela Devi s/o Smt. Prameshwar Devi alias Panneshwari d/o Ram Singh har teen sambhag 1/4 bhag Smt. Roshni d/o Suresh s/o Sube s/o Ram Singh har do sambhag 1/40 bhag Smt. Mukesh alias Babita d/o Sube Singh s/o Ram Singh 1/80 bhag Smt. Rajbala widow and Nisha d/o and Ravi s/o Ramesh s/o Sube har teen sambhag 3/64 bhag Rajbala mother Annu d/o Ramesh 1/64 bhag Vasideh 54//4/1 Min
115	6//2/2 Min	Private	Agricultural	0.0050587	(6//2/2) Jagti Ram S/o Akheram S/o Bhola 874/2623 Bhag Rajendra Singh S/o Akheram S/o Bhola 794/2623 Bhag Smt. Vidhavati Widow and Pradeep Kumar, Dinesh Kumar and Babita d/o Devi Singh S/o Akheram Har Char Sambhag 955 /2623 Bhag Vasideh 6//2/2 Min
116	6//23/10 Min	Private	Agricultural	0.0050587	Jagdish Singh, Azad Singh, Dalbir Singh s/o Malkhan Singh s/o Jageram har teen Sambhag Vasideh 6//23/10 Min
117	666 Min	Private	Gair Mumkin Rasta	0.0328814	Gram Panchayat 666 Min
118	67//12/2 Min	Private	Agricultural	0.0531161	Anil s/o Jaykaran s/o Smt. Bhappi Vasideh 67//12/2 Min
119	67//25/2 Min	Private	Agricultural	0.015176	Smt. Satbir widow and Anita, Lalita, Geeta d/o and Jogindra, Narendra, Bijendra s/o Ranbir s/o Surat Singh, har saat Sambhag Vasideh 67//25/2 Min
120	701 Min	Private	Gair Mumkin Dahana	0.0455281	Gram Panchayat 701 Min
121	746 Min	Private	Gair Mumkin Rasta	0.0328814	(746/5) Gram Panchayat 746 Min
122	762 Min	Private	Gair Mumkin Rasta	0.0531161	Gram Panchayat 762 Min
123	81//6/2/1 Min	Private	Agricultural	0.007588	Havasingh s/o Nandlal s/o Molad Vasideh 81//6/2/1 Min
124	82//12/1 Min	Private	Agricultural	0.0101174	Smt. Sarjo Bidhwah and Smt. Pato, Mahakau d/o Jagar s/o Sheonathth har teen bhag 3/25 bhag Smt. Ramrati d/o Bakhtavar s/o Sheonath 1/15 bhag Dharmasingh, Randhir, Gopi s/o and Smt. Chandro d/o Nandu s/o Sheonath har chaar bhag 4/25 bhag Smt. Bhagwani widow and Jaikishan, Jai Bhagwan, Rajpal s/o and Smt. Santoh, Premo Devi, Bala, Anita d/o, Kapura s/o Jayalal, har aath sambhag 1/10 bhag, Karan Singh s/o Jayalal s/o, Sheonath, 1/10 bhag, Smt. Murti widow and Ramesh, Sundar s/o and Smt. Suman d/o Ishwar s/o Nandu har chaar sambhag 1/25 bhag Lakshmi Chand, Kishan, Ramchand s/o Kalu s/o Sheonath har teen sambhag 1/5 bhag Smt. Kelo Devi widow and Kanta, Sushma d/o and Sunil, Anil s/o Bhoop Singh s/o Bakhtawar har paanch sambhag 1/15 bhag Anguri widow and Rohtas, Satish s/o and Savitri, Bimla, Shakuntala, Rajpati Sunita, Geeta, Mayawati d/o Jile Singh S/o Jagar har das sambhag 1/25 bhag lakhshmi Widow and Omprakash Prem, Mahabir s/o and Bhater, Panneshwari, Sheela Phulpati, Bala d/o Shri Man Singh s/o Jagar, Har Nau sambhag 1/25 Bhag Vasideh 82//12/1 Min
125	82//20 Min	Private	Agricultural	0.0505868	Karmbir, Jai Bhagwan, s/o Hukmi, s/o Nanak, har do sambhag, 2/3 bhag, Satyavan Singh, Vinod Kumar, Ashish Kumar, s/o Roshan Lal, s/o Hukmi, har teen sambhag, 1/3 bhag Vasideh. 82//20 Min
126	866 Min	Private	Gair Mumkin Rasta	0.0101174	Gram Panchayat 866 Min
127	92//21/1 Min	Private	Agricultural	0.0025293	Ranbir Singh, Devendra s/o Himmat Singh s/o Prithi har do sambhag 65//774 bhag Satbir Singh s/o Bije Singh s/o Gugan 35//43 bhag Dharmaveer s/o Mahasingh s/o Kanhaiya 1/1548 bhag Sundar, Subhash s/o Mahasingh s/o Kanhaiya har do sambhag 10//387 bhag Smt. Rajpatti w/o Narendra Singh s/o Baljeet Singh 13//172 Bhag Vasideh 92//21/1 Min
128	93//13/2 Min	Private	Agricultural	0.007588	Sanjay s/o Satnarayan s/o Shriram 19//287 Bhag Udesingh s/o Jaynarayan s/o Sultan 80//861 Bhag Vasideh Omprakash s/o Shrichand s/o Made 137//1722 Bhag Vasi Smt. Pooja Devi w/o Shiv Kumar s/o Mahabir Singh 10//861 bhag Bijendra s/o and Sumitra, Sarita d/o Ramchandra s/o Hardwari har teen sambhag 3//16 bhag Sachin, Naveen s/o Omprakash s/o Srichand har do sambhag 215//861 bhag Bijendra s/o Ramchandra s/o Hardwari 1//16 bhag Jagbir Singh s/o Maha Singh s/o Hardwari Lal 1//8 bhag Jagbir Singh s/o Maha Singh s/o Hardwari Lal 1//8 bhag Vasideh 93//13/2 Min
129	93//16/2 Min	Private	Agricultural	0.0101174	Ranbir Singh, Devendra Singh s/o Himmat Singh s/o Chuni Har Do Sambhag 1//12 bhag Vasi Satbir s/o Bije Singh s/o Gugan 309//380 Bhag Dharmaveer s/o Mahasingh s/o Kanhaiya 4//95 Bhag Smt. Rajpatti w/o Narendra Singh s/o Baljeet Singh 7//114 Bhag Vasideh 93//16/2 Min
130	93//7 Min	Private	Gair Mumkin Drain	0.0101174	(93//7/3) Omprakash, Jaipal, Suresh, Devendra s/o Jile Singh s/o Mangaram Har Char Sambhag Vasideh 93//7 Min

Taluk: Sampla

Village: Hassangarh (29)

1	113//16/1 Min	Private	Agricultural	0.0101174	Lakhiram Majkur etc. hakdar Shamlat Bijendra, Jitendra s/o Mahendra s/o Maman Har Do Sambhag Vasideh 113//16/1 Min
2	142//2/1 Min	Private	Agricultural	0.0025293	Balwan s/o Shival s/o Pyara 145//397 bhag Pusa w/o Vijay s/o Mehar Chand 80//1191 bhag Premlata s/o Sher Singh s/o Meharchand 80//1191 bhag Omprakash, Sher Singh, Indra Singh, Rajbir Singh s/o Ramkishan s/o Pyarelal 1//2 bhag har char sambhag Vasi do 142//2/1 Min
3	172//16 Min	Private	Agricultural	0.0252934	Jai Kishan s/o Hira s/o Hariya 3//4 bhag Ramkishan, Virendra s/o Hira s/o Hariya har do sambhag 1/4 bhag Vasideh 172//16 Min
4	183//24/1 Min	Private	Agricultural	0.0025293	Shri Ram s/o Lakhya s/o Chhaju 1//2 bhag Vasi Bainsri Khurd Smt. Manju s/o Narendra Singh s/o Richpal 3//10 bhag Smt. Naresh Devi w/o Ramesh Kumar s/o Maha Singh 1//5 bhag Vasideh 183//24/1 Min
5	199//1 Min	Private	Agricultural	0.0227641	Narendra Kumar, Virendra Kumar s/o Raj Kishan s/o Nayadar Singh Har Do Sambhag Vasideh 199//1 Min
6	200//4/1 Min	Private	Agricultural	0.0025293	Smt. Brahma Widow Jai Gori s/o Ajudhya Vasideh hakdar Shamlat Shri Ram s/o Lakhia s/o Chhaju 1//2 bhag Vasi Baisaru Khurd Smt. Naresh Devi w/o Ramesh Kumar s/o Maha Singh 1//5 bhag Smt. Manju w/o Narendra Singh s/o Richpal 3//10 bhag Vasideh Ramsarup s/o Khema s/o Vasideh Gair Marusi 200//4/1 Min
7	215//11 Min	Private	Agricultural	0.0025293	Ramgopal, Hoshiyar Singh, s/o Brijjal, s/o Nanak har do sambhag 8//15 bhag, Smt. Kamla w/o Bup Singh, s/o Paleram, 2//15 bhag, Rajbala, Shakuntala, d/o Abheram, s/o Bigharam, har do sambhag 11//75 bhag Neelam, Pushpa, d/o Abheram, s/o Bigharam, har do sambhag 2//25 bhag, Smt. Lichmi, w/o Abheram, s/o Bigharam, 8//75 bhag, Vasideh. 215//11 Min

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Weakness continued to per-

sist on global as well as domestic fronts led by worry over prolonged interest rate cycles. "Nifty opened on a flat note and witnessed continued selling pressure throughout the day to close with a loss of 89 points at 17304 levels. On the sectoral front, it was a mixed bag with realty being top gainer – up more than 1%. Markets are continuously witnessing selling pressure on back of global un-

certainty, consistent FII selling and central banks around the world being hawkish to tame rigid inflation," said Siddhartha Khemka, Head - Retail Research, Motilal Oswal Financial Services Ltd. Moreover, 10-year bond yield hit the high level of 7.45 per cent on Monday which is the highest since November 22, indicating the nervousness in the market. In the last policy meeting, MPC refrained

from giving forward guidance and retained the optionality to be on either side based on incoming data to change their stance to neutral on interest rates.

Global investors' interest in the equity market is weakening due to the slowdown in the economy, led by high inflation and contractionary monetary policy.

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After over a century, Citi name vanishes from its branches, ATMs as Axis comes in

HITESH VYAS AND SWEETY MISHRA
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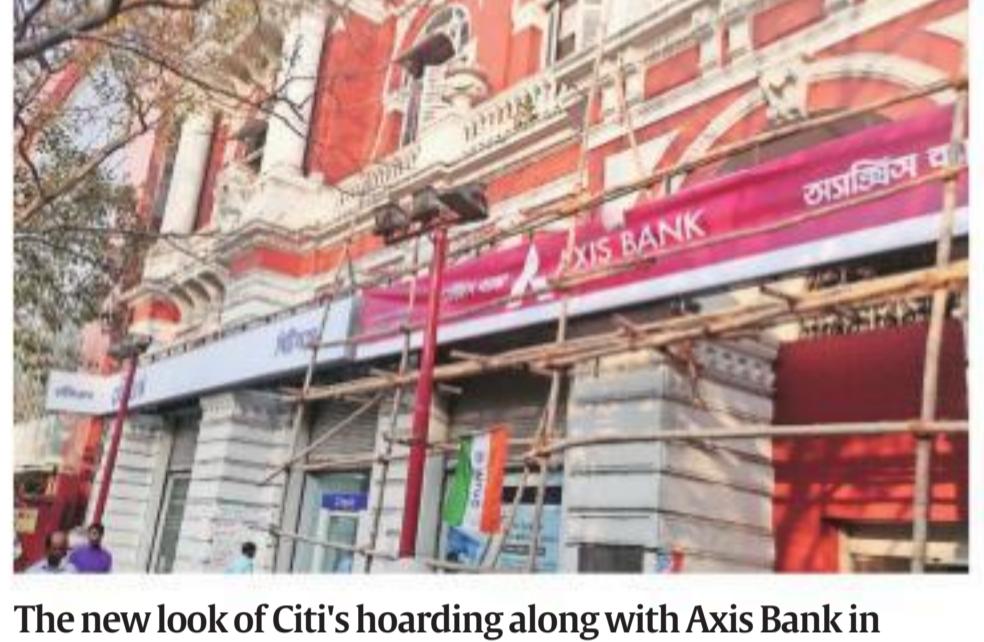
CITIBANK, WHICH started its India operations back in 1902 by opening the first branch in Kolkata, witnesses a major transformation with the sale of its retail banking assets to Axis Bank, effective March 1.

Located near Maidan metro station, the branch at Kanak building office now has a rebranded Axis Bank board as latter last year announced the acquisition of Citi's consumer businesses, including branches, ATMs and credit cards, for Rs 12,325 crore.

In a communication to customers, Citi said, "We are pleased to now inform you that Citi and Axis Bank will be completing the sale on March 1, 2023."

From Wednesday, while the branch timings may change, the locations of Citi branches and ATMs will be the same.

"The products and services



The new look of Citi's hoarding along with Axis Bank in Kolkata. Express photo by Partha Paul

that you currently hold with Citi will remain Citi-branded till around the second-half of 2024 or until further notification from Axis Bank," the bank said.

The bank account numbers, credit and debit card numbers, cheque books, IFSC, MICR codes of the customers will remain the same. Customers can continue to

use the Citi Mobile App or Citibank Online, the bank said. There is no change, at this time, to the earning ratio and redemption process of the reward points, across both Citi Credit and debit cards. "If you hold an insurance policy availed through us, the policy features remain the same and will continue to be serviced by

Axis Bank. Citibank will be surrendering its Corporate Agency License with no implications on your existing policy," the bank informed its customers. With this acquisition, close to 3 million unique customers of Citibank India will become Axis Bank's customers. Axis Bank's Cards balance sheet will grow by 57 per cent with an additional 2.5 million Citibank cards, making it one of the top 3 cards businesses in the country. The bank had said that the acquisition of Citibank's retail business will help in addition of aggregate deposits of Rs 50,200 crore, of which 81 per cent will be CASA.

"After the pandemic, it is hard to continue a business that won't survive. Such mergers are very common in England. Many businesses have closed down. It's better to merge with someone so that they can provide quality services. If it is bilaterally beneficial for the consumers and the customer, then it is good," said Dr Prema Lal, a customer of Citi in Kolkata.

"Viresh Joshi has conducted himself as a dealer of Axis MF in conceiving a fraudulent scheme and executing the said scheme so meticulously over a sustained period in collusion with other unscrupulous entities to front run the trades of his very own mutual fund where around 66 lakh unit holders have put an aggregate sum of AUM of Rs 2.52 lakh crore (as on March 31, 2022)," Sebi said in the interim order.

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"I remember there was a day when two-three events happened, serious events. One was a skid off the runway in Mumbai. The runway got blocked for 36 to 48 hours. And all those aircraft coming from the US, the UK etc to be diverted to Ahmedabad and all because at that time, India did not have the aircraft removal kit. There was an old kit with Air India and it was stationed somewhere in Mangalore. So it was loaded on a truck and they started for Mumbai. And that took 48 hours. So that was not okay if we are going to become the world's third-largest aviation market... Now, you have those kits at some airports.

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Metro Railway, Kolkata

Tender Notice for e-tendering is invited by Principal Chief Engineer, Metro Railway, Kolkata for and on behalf of President of India for the following work :
Name of Work: Thorough renovation of Metro Rail Bhavan including exterior repair, painting weather coat, changing damaged Rainwater pipe, Provision of New Health Unit at old Sr. SC/PRF Office, Changing damaged Sewer Water pipes, fixing Paver Blocks and Granite at wall dado & Floor of main corridor of all floors, Replacement of existing Wooden partition by Aluminum glazed partition at all Floor, Provision of False Ceiling, Glazed Wall Partition for centralised AC System at 8th Floor Engineering Office, Renovation of Canteen, Main Gate, Garden, by fixing granite and providing new vertical garden etc, at Metro Bhavan Complex. Approx. Cost of Work: ₹ 5,56,37,491.31. Earnest Money: ₹ 4,28,200/- Completion Period: Fifteen (15) Months. Date and Time of Closing: 31.03.2023 at 12.00 Hrs. The Tender Document and other details can be obtained from the website www.ireps.gov.in. Amendments/Corrigendum, if any, would be hosted only on the website.

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Chief Manager, GSAD, ZO : Delhi

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 e-TENDER NOTICE
 No. Beed/10 of 2022-23**

e-Tenders for (03) works in B-1 form is invited by the Executive Engineer, Public Works Division, Beed (Phone No. 02442-222474) from the registered Contractors in appropriate class of Public Works Department of Government of Maharashtra for the improvement Roads/Repairs of Buildings/ Construction of New Buildings in Tal. Beed/ Georai/ Wadwani, Dist. Beed.

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I, DHOK ABHISHEK VIJAY S/O VIJAY DHOK R/O D/12, SB SOCIETY, PUNE-411038 HAVE CHANGED NAME TO ABHISHEK VIJAY DHOK. 0130031956-1

I, Chander Shekar S/O Dharam Chand Sneh R/H-1, Satya Heights Upper Ground Floor, Amberi-Dwarka, Sec-19, South West Delhi-110075, have changed my name to Chander Shekar Sneh for all future purposes. 0040657105-1

I, Ashish Kumar S/O Lokman R/O No.315, UGF, Block-L Extn, Mohan Garden, Uttam Nagar, New Delhi-110059, have changed my name to Ashish Jakhmola, for all purposes. 0040657062-1

I, Archana Singh W/o Madhav Mohan R/o B2-1004, Jaypee Klassic Jaypee Wish Town Sec-134, Noida, Gautam Buddha Nagar, U.P. declare that in my 10th class certificate my name is wrongly mention as Archana Kumari instead of my correct name Archana Singh. 0070829962-1

I, Anuska D/o Atul Kumar R/o 1541, Block Zinnia Gaur Saurdayam Plot-05C Techzone-04 Greater Noida have changed my name to Anuska Singh. 0070829951-1

I, Anil Kumar Sharma S/O Rajender Sah, R/o Plot No-2-A KH No-15/10/2, Cutub Vihar Phase-1 Goya Dairy, Near Dwarka Sec-19, Goela Khurd, Delhi-110071, have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Anil Kumar. 0070829874-1

I, Vineet Gupta S/O Naresh Kumar Gupta R/o 28 Gagan Vihar Main 2nd Floor, ND-51 have changed my son's name from Vivaan to Vivaan Gupta 0040657065-1

I, Sunita W/o Raj Kishore Naveen R/o B-27, Gali No.1, Matiala Extn, Uttam Nagar, Delhi-110059, have changed my name to Sunita Devi 0070829942-1

I, Seema Kaur alias Seema Puri D/o Late Sh. Bharat Singh W/o Sh. Anil Puri R/o B-21A, Ground Floor, Asha Park, Jai Road, Tilak Nagar, West Delhi, Delhi-110018 have changed my name to Seema Puri for all purposes. 0040657100-3

I, Salim Khan S/o Kallu Khan R/o House No-235, Gali No-18, Karan Vihar, Karan, Haryana-132001, have changed my name to Sallan Khan 0070829957-1

I, Pradeep Singh S/o Dayachand R/o Durgapur, Durgapur(76), Palwal, Haryana-121102, have changed my name to Pradeep Singh. 0070829938-1

I, Murti, W/o RAJENDR, R/o 515/15, VISHAKARMA COLONY GOHNA SONIPAT HARYANA-131031, CHANGED MY NAME TO MURTIE DEVI. 0040657142-4

I, Kritika D/O, Devender Ahuja R/o C/19a, Hargobind Vihar Phase 2vijay Vihar Sector 7 Rohini Delhi 110085 have changed my name to Kritika Ahuja for all purposes. 0040657055-1

I, Jasbir S/o Late Sh. Dharam Singh Rathi R/o E-149, Krishan Vihar, New Delhi-110086 have changed my name to Jasbir Rathi for all purposes. 0040657100-1

I, Geeta Iyer alias Geeta Sundara Raman D/o Late Sh. B Venkata Raman Iyer W/o Sh. S Sundara Raman R/o C-8529, Vasant Kunj, South West Delhi, Delhi-110070 have changed my name to Geeta Sundara Raman for all purposes. 0040657100-2

I, Avdhesh Kumar S/o Chote Lal Mishra R/o 13D, Gharaonda Neem Ka Banger Patparganj Village, Delhi-110091, have changed my name to Avdhesh Kumar Mishra, for all purposes. 0040657053-1

I, Dharmendra Kumar S/O, Gyandev Panwar R/o H/o No. 447, Rawli Kalan Muradnagar, Ghaziabad UP (201206) have changed my name to Dharmendra Panwar for all purposes. 0040657126-1

I, Bhuji Prakash Banika S/O, Keshar Deo Banika R/o Plot No 107, First Floor, Shakti Khand-4, Indrapuram, Uttar Pradesh-201014 have changed my name to Bhuji Prakash Banika for all future purposes 0070829953-1

I, Anita W/o Gurcharan Lal R/o 116,2nd floor Main Shankar Road Market New Rajinder Nagar Delhi 110060 have changed my name to Anita Dang for all future purposes. 0070829950-1

I, DINESH PANDEY S/O, RADHEY SHYAM, ADD-RC-1/4C, DABRI-PALAM ROAD VIJAY-ENCLAVE PALAM-VILLAGE, SOUTH WEST, DELHI-110045, changed my name to DINESH KUMAR 0040657138-7

I, Mani Ratna S/O Rabindra Nath Dwivedi, R/o Flat No-A-304, Gayatri Apartments Plot No-27, Near Golak Dham Sector-10, Dwarka Sec-6, South West Delhi-110075 I have changed the name of my minor Son Ayansh Dwivedi aged about 2 Years and He shall hereafter be known as Nachiket Dwivedi 0070829875-1

I, ANAND PARKASH, S/O, RAJ BIR, ADD-85, GAGAN-VIHAR EXTENSION, SHAHDARA DELHI-110051, changed my name to ANAND PARKASH VERMA, for all future purposes. 0040657141-7

I, Thimanshu S/O, Bhagwan Gupta R/o 1-C, 2nd Floor, Gautam Nagar, New Delhi-110049 have changed my name to Thimanshu Gupta for all purposes. 0040657128-1

It is for general information that I, Ram Krishana Singh S/o Gauri Shankar Singh R/o WZ-27A/1, Gali No.1, Sadh Nagar, Palam Colony, Palam Village, Delhi-110045 declares that my name & date of birth has been wrongly written as Ram Krishna Singh & 06-09-1984 in my father service record. My actual name & date of birth is Ram Krishana Singh & 06-08-1984 respectively, which may be amended accordingly. 0040657068-1

It is for general information that I, Gurbachen Singh Chaddha Son of Shri Nanak Singh Chaddha residing at D-43, Sector-39, Noida declare that name of mine my wife has been wrongly written as Gurcharan Chaddha in my PPO No. 08/14/B/0897/1992 dt.27.11.1992. The actual name of my wife is Gurcharan Kaur Chaddha respectively which may be amended accordingly. 0040657059-1

I, WASIM MALIK, S/o Mohd. shakoor, R/o B-216/20, gali.no-20, jiayuddinpur, New mustafabad, Delhi-94, declare that name of my and date of birth and my-father name has been wrongly-written as mohd wasim (05/02/1987) and Abdul saqoor. In my passport- Documents. The actual my name is Wasim malik date of birth(07/07/1983) and father name is Mohd shakoor, for all the future purposes 0040657141-8

I, Vidya Nain, W/o-Bhagat Ram, R/o 102-B, Platinum Enclave, I-Block, Sector-18, Rohini, Delhi-110089, have changed my name to Vidya Devi. 0040657143-1

I, VIRENDER SINGH R/o 380-C, NYKHA NAND-2, INDIRAPURAM, GHAZIABAD, U.P. 201014, HAVE CHANGED MY NAME, FRO M VIRENDER SINGH TO VIRENDER SINGH RAWAT. 0040657141-1

I, Trilochan Singh Bagga, S/o jaswant Singh R/o B-3/1 krishna-Nagar Delhi-110051, Have Changed My Name To Trilochan Singh For All Purposes. 0040657141-5

I, T, Rajinder Singh, S/o Sardar Sahib Singh, B-8 Ranjeet Vihar Nitholi Extn Delhi, have changed my name to Rajender Singh. 0040657144-2

I, Jwala Thapa Mehta W/o Santosh Mehta R/o C-2/291, Janakpuri, New Delhi-110059, have changed my name to Jwala Devi Thapa. 0040657144-1

I, Hitherto Known As Aashit Jain, S/o Naveen Jain, R/o 70-B, Gali No.4/5, Near Seema Tea Store, Rashid Market, Krishna-Nagar East, Delhi-110051, Have Changed My Name And Shall Hereafter Be Known As Rishabh S.Jain. 0040657138-9

I, HIMANSHU UPADHYAYA, S/O, NEETA UPADHYAYA R/O-FLAT NO-1697, 16TH-FLOOR L-BLOCK, 1, AVENUE, GAUR-CITY-1 GREATER-NOIDA-WEST GAUTAMBUDHA NAGAR 201301, HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO HIMANSHU UPADHYAY. 0040657141-1

I, T, Rilochan Singh Bagga, S/o jaswant Singh R/o B-3/1 krishna-Nagar Delhi-110051, Have Changed My Name To Tirochan Singh For All Purposes. 0040657141-5

I, T, Bahadur Sahani, S/o Durga Prashad, R/o H-No-147, Street-10, Karkardooma, Delhi-92, have changed my name to Bahadur Sahani for all future purposes. 0040657143-3

I, Sushama Kumari W/o Pradeep Kumar Singh, R/o Flat No.09123, Tower-9, Palmwood, Mahagun Mywoods, Opposite-Gaur City-2, Greater Noida West, Sector-16C, Noida, UP, have changed my name to Shushma P Singh. 0040657146-1

I, Surya Prakash Maurya, S/o Jang Bahadur Maurya, R/o B-18, Gali No-6, New-Modern Shahdara, Delhi-110032, have changed the name of my minor son Ayaansh Maurya aged about 6-years and he shall hereafter be known as Utkarsh Maurya. 0040657141-4

I, Surender Singh Jyada, S/o Shri-Ratan Singh Jyada R/o 96, Shivam Enclave, Old Haibatpur, Greater Noida, Distt- Gaurav, U.P, have changed my name to Surender Singh Jyada & Surender Singh Ratan Singh Jyada And Ratan Singh Jyada, my and my-father's name both names are same person. 0040657144-2

I, Deenu Kumari w/o Dhamender Kumar address- 273/19, near durga mandir, new jewan-nagar, sonipat, haryana-131001, have changed my name to Deenu. Permanently 0040657138-2

I, Surender Singh Jyada, S/o Shri-Ratan Singh Jyada R/o 96, Shivam Enclave, Old Haibatpur, Greater Noida, Distt- Gaurav, U.P, have changed my name to Surender Singh Jyada & Surender Singh Ratan Singh Jyada And Ratan Singh Jyada, my and my-father's name both names are same person. 0040657144-3

I, Avni Jain alias Khushi Jain D/o Deepak Jain R/o Flat-No.96 Swastik Kunj Apartment Sector-13, Rohini Delhi-110085, have changed my name to Avni Jain, Permanently. 0040657138-5

I, Simran Singh, S/o Sukhbir Singh R/O WZ-44/1, Krishna Puri Tilak Nagar, Delhi-110018 have changed my name to Simran Singh Bedi. 0040657138-6

I, Shashi Bala W/o Arun Kumar Jain, R/o D-55/A Chander Nagar Ghaziabad-Uttar Pradesh-201011, Have Changed My Name To Shashi Jain. 0040657142-6

I, Sarabjit Singh alias Sarab Ajit Singh S/o Jagraj Singh R/o WZ-6E, Gali No-15, New Mahavir Nagar, Tilak Nagar, Delhi-110018 changed my name to Sarab Ajit Singh. 0040657066-3

I, Rupesh Kumar S/O-Sardari Lal, R/o WZ-26, First Floor, Gali NO-5, New Mahavir Nagar, New Delhi-110018, Have Changed my Name to Rupesh Saluja. 0040657142-3

I, ASHA RANI, W/O, ANAND PARKASH VERMA, ADD-85, GAGAN-VIHAR EXTENSION

I, Rajeev kumar, S/o Suraj bal House.no.406 Ap sector-46, Faridabad Haryana-121005, Have changed my name to Rajeev duggal. 0040657142-5

I, Raj Kaur, W/o Gurjeet Singh Dhawan, R/o F-308, Sudharan Park, New Delhi-110015, have changed my name to Raj Dhawan, permanently. 0040657142-2

I, Lakshmi Ahuja W/o Shri Ramesh Kumar Ahuja, D/o Shri Kimat Ram Kukreja, R/o A-4/9, Jeevan Jyoti Apartment, Pitampura, Delhi-110034 declare that Lakshmi Ahuja and Laxmi Ahuja is the name of Same Person. 0040657061-1

I, RENU SHARMA W/O ASHOK KUMAR SHARMA R/O B-45, SOUTH PARK APARTMENT, KALKI, SOUTH DELHI-110019, HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO RAVINDER KAUR KALRA 0040657138-4

I, PREM PRAKASH, S/O, ANAND KUMAR BAGADI R/O 11-D, PLATINUM ENCLAVE, POCKET-1, SECTOR-18, ROHINI, DELHI-110089, have changed my name to Prem PRAKASH BAGADI 0040657144-5

I, T, Jitender Sharma S/o Jai Prakash, S/o D-300, Swarn Jyoti, Sector-18, ROHINI, DELHI-110089, have changed my name to Sachin Kumar Singh for all future purposes 0070829964-1

I, YADAV Kalpana Ravidatt W/o Shamsher Singh Yadav R/o H No-8712/14B, East Park Road, Sidhpur, Karol Bagh S.o. Central Delhi-110055, have changed my name to Pushpa Devi for all future purposes. 0040657105-3

I, VIKAS DALAT S/O Shri Krishan R/o A74 IDC CGHS LTD PLOT NO 8C SEC 11 Dwarka ND-110075

I, T, Saurabh Sharma, Sh: Vishnu Saran Sharma R/o H. No. B-109, Gali No. 2, Gazipur Village, East Delhi-110096 have lost my 10th & 12th class marksheets & certificate (Roll no 9115109 Passing year-2012) from C.B.S.E Board finder may please contact- 0070829951-1

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Dutt's presence in Oversight committee untenable: Bajrang

His coach was purportedly heard giving details of the hearing against WFI president Brij Bhushan Singh Sharan during a sting operation by a news channel

NIHAL KOSHIE
NEW DELHI, FEBRUARY 28

THE GROUP of India's top wrestlers levelling allegations of sexual harassment against Wrestling Federation of India (WFI) president Brij Bhushan Singh Sharan have lost faith in an Oversight Committee member, grappler Yogeshwar Dutt, after his coach Rampal Mann was purportedly heard giving details of the hearing during a sting operation by a news channel.

Mann purportedly said that Yogeshwar told him that there was no irrefutable proof about the allegations of sexual harassment against the WFI president. In the nearly seven-minute long video, the coach also gives details of what two alleged victims said before the Oversight Committee and attributed the information he had to London Olympics bronze-medal winner Yogeshwar.

Following the telecast of the sting operation video by ABP news, Tokyo Olympics bronze-medal winner Bajrang Punia, one of the wrestlers who protested at Jantar Mantar last month demanding the removal of Brij Bhushan as WFI president, said that Yogeshwar being a member of the committee was untenable now.

"Yogeshwar should resign on his own from the Oversight Committee or he should be removed from the committee. He has no moral right to remain a member of the committee since it is clear that he does not believe in confidentiality. This is a sensitive matter related to women wrestlers. Each one of them has shown courage to come forward and talk. But instead of trying to understand the sensitive nature of the issue, Yogeshwar seems to be keen to belittle them. We have lost trust in him because he won't be on the side of justice," Bajrang told *The Indian Express* on Tuesday.

It is learnt that WFI president Brij Bhushan, a BJP MP, appeared before the Oversight Committee for the first time on Tuesday in New Delhi. Yogeshwar too was present, an official said.

Bajrang said that everyone who was part of the hearing, including the Oversight Committee members, had to give an undertaking of confidentiality.

"We have spoken to sports ministry officials about us being extremely unhappy with what Yogeshwar is doing. We have emailed the committee members. He should have left the committee on his own when it came to light that he was telling his coach everything that happens during hearings. It is about the security of wrestlers, we all know how pow-



Yogeshwar Dutt's coach Rampal Mann was at the centre of a sting video. PTI/FILE

Absence of top wrestlers felt

WITH SOME of the country's top wrestlers skipping the UWW Ranking Series events and other international competitions till action is taken against WFI president Brij Bhushan Singh Sharan, India won just four medals in the first two events. In Alexandria, Egypt, Ankit Gulia won a bronze in Greco Roman (72 kg), while Reetika, an Asian Under-23 Champion, won a freestyle bronze (72 kg). In the first ranking series of the year in Zagreb, Croatia, the medal tally was two. Aman Sehrawat won a bronze in the 57 kg while Greco-Roman wrestler Ashu won another bronze in the 67 kg category.

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BAJRANG PUNIA TOKYO OLYMPICS MEDALLIST

tremendously disheartening to see a fellow sports-person member of the Oversight Committee has behaved so recklessly."

The 'media reports' Vinesh refers to is the sting operation in which Yogeshwar's coach Mann is the focus.

Mann is purportedly heard saying that there was no evidence related to the sexual harassment allegations. According to Mann, one girl told the committee that Brij Bhushan had asked for her number but there was no conversation over the phone between them.

Another girl said that she did not feel comfortable about Brij Bhushan placing his hand on her shoulder after she returned after winning a medal.

Olympic medallist boxer Mary Kom heads the Oversight committee which also includes former badminton player and Mission Olympic Cell member Trupti Murgund, former CEO of the Target Olympic Podium Scheme Rajesh Rajgopal, and former Sports Authority of India executive director (teams) Radhika Sreeman.

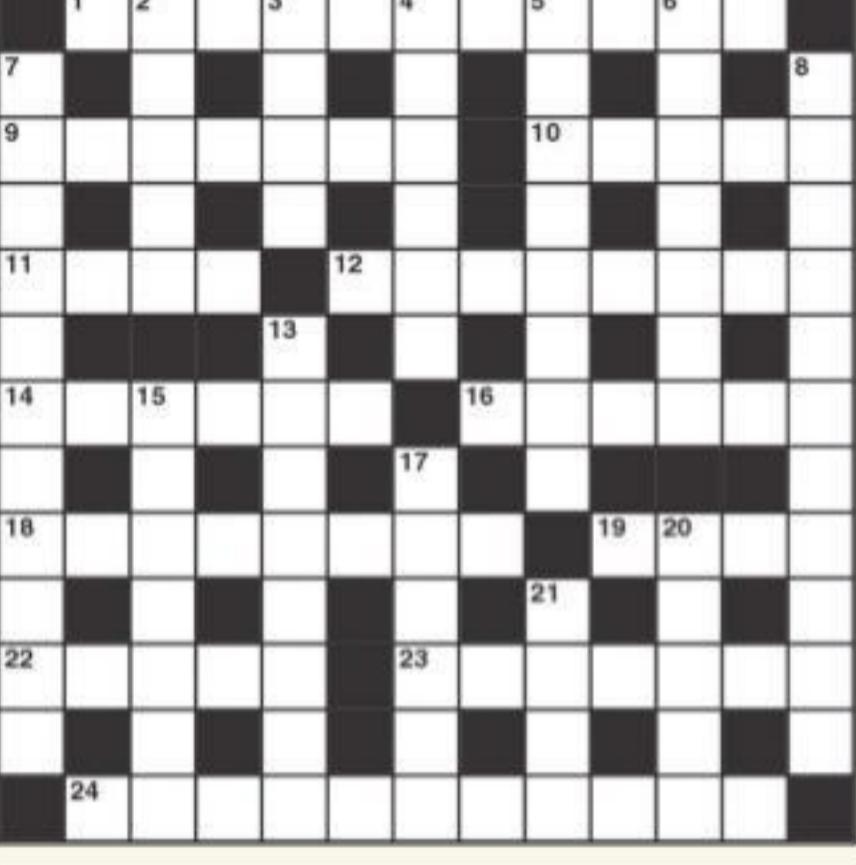
erful the WFI president is," Bajrang added.

In January, accusing Brij Bhushan of sexual harassment, Vinesh Phogat, a two-time World Championships medallist had said, "Women wrestlers have been sexually harassed at national camps by coaches and also the WFI president."

On Sunday Vinesh had tweeted, "It has come to my recent awareness that a sportsperson member of the Oversight Committee has been allegedly leaking contents of the complaint of sexual harassment while reading certain media reports since yesterday. Being a sportsperson it is ex-

pected that he was telling his coach everything that happens during hearings. It is about the security of wrestlers, we all know how pow-

CROSSWORD 4990



CROSS
1 Correspondence; result of an accident? (11)
9 Roman scholar in Greece and cat suit designer (7)
10 Singer put right after a wrong note (5)
11 Girl about to have a meal (4)
12 Wild pursuers of royal dreams? (3)
14 Change planes for destination In Italy (6)
16 Quiet feline in spring (6)
18 Make a friend according to strict etiquette (8)
19 Sailor's refuge in drink (4)
22 Sidetrack to avoid the start of trouble (5)
23 Possibly ruin one get-together (7)
24 Superior mixture of modern paint (11)

DOWN
2 Frequently cuts off half the score (5)
3 Polar ice resort (4)
4 Arrange sit-ins and make repeated demands (6)
5 Without an outward appearance? (8)
6 It may provide food or water (7)
7 Strict hand drafts a new order (4,3,4)
8 Looking for golden opportunities? (11)
13 Went dead (8)
15 One after another (7)
17 A wall painting that's put up is arousing (6)
20 A giant constellation (5)
21 Go - but not straight ahead (4)

Solutions Crossword 4989: Across: 1 Spring, 4 Assemble, 9 Orchid, 10 Contract, 12 Tour, 13 Broth, 14 Stir, 17 Visibly moved, 20 Colourscheme, 23 Akin, 24 Speed, 25 Hate, 28 Singlets, 29 Tattoo, 30 Flagpole, 31 Blades. Down: 1 Sportive, 2 Recurse, 3 Naif, 5 Short journey, 6 Eats, 7 Beagle, 8 Ektor, 11 Army hospital, 15 Abbott, 16 Bench, 18 Departed, 19 Generous, 21 Massif, 22 Sienna, 26 Clip, 27 Yawl.

OVER THE HEDGE by Michael Fry & T Lewis



CALVIN & HOBBS by Bill Watterson



MARVIN by Tom Armstrong



JUMBLED WORDS

Given below are four jumbled words. Solve the jumbles to make proper words and move them to the respective squares below. Select the letters in the shaded squares and jumble them to get the answer for the given quip.

Forget injuries, never forget — Confucius (10)

AREEI



ADETNN



AYSSS



CEOODK



Answers: AREEI, SASSY, TANNED, COOKED — Confucius

SUDOKU 5124

Difficulty Level 5s

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

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



SOLUTION SUDOKU 5123



Underdog Anupama holds nerve, wins national title

SHIVANI NAIK
PUNE, FEBRUARY 28



Anupama won 20-22, 21-17, 24-22.

new and I found a chance to flick and pounce on the opportunity to win the Nationals. Who knows if I get the chance again?" Anupama added.

On the right track

Having wins against Ashmita Chaliha and Malvika Bansod too, she reckons she's on an equal footing with them, and has worked hard for it.

"Early days in Almora were hard work. From 6 am to 1 pm we would practise, and grab some breakfast at the stadium only. Then after lunch, again from 4 to 9 I would train. Lots of hill runs - 10-12 km, Monday to Sunday. Finally, my family has something to celebrate after all those tough years," she adds.

Her father Naveen recalls a time when he was trying to teach her how to play mind games on the court and buy time for a breather. "She's too straightforward. It's impossible to teach her small tricks. She says 'bhagwaan sab dekh raha hai (God is watching everything). Next time punish karega', he laughs. On Tuesday in the finals, a small slice of luck would favour her on the net chord.

Focused and taking control of waking up early and taking a proper protein diet, Anupama knows what is needed to take the step up to the international level. "Initially she refused to eat eggs, so we had to add it to milk and give her. But when she refused, I refused to let her play badminton for two days. That got her started. Then she started liking boiled eggs," her father recalls.

After winning the Nationals, she would declare she would celebrate with a pizza - Margherita her favourite variety minus veggies. "And cold drink. Though she might listen and avoid that." The youngster also loves making Instagram dance reels and listening to The Weeknd. "Attending his concert is a dream on my bucket list," Anupama says, like a proper Bangalore girl. The girl from Almora has come a long way, and has a National championship to show for it.

Mithun prevails over Priyanshu for men's crown

SHIVANI NAIK
PUNE, FEBRUARY 28

After COUNTING two of India's best attacking players in two days - Priyanshu Rajawat beaten 21-16, 21-11 after Kidambi Srikanth - Mithun Manjunath completed a dream week at the Senior Nationals. His hand tattoo - a Viking wolf - reads 'Trust the process', and after the string of wins in Pune over some of India's finest, Mithun might well begin to trust what his team at the Padukone academy started 4-5 months ago - slap him into shape to prepare him for the step-up to the international level.

"We've changed his diet a bit. He was always on the heavier side, in the lower body especially. Because he believed if he lost bulk, he might lose his strength. He's changing now," coach Sagar Chopda would say.

Against Rajawat, Mithun countered by not allowing him too many opportunities to go on his attacking spree - the Dhar lad's strength. While Srikanth couldn't be curbed completely in the semis - his smashes still raining down - Mithun cut out all avenues for the aggressive Rajawat. "Priyanshu is also very quick on the net. Mithun countered by keeping him away from the net," Chopda said. The 24-year-old would respond by keeping the shuttle assiduously in the court.

A first-time finalist, Mithun had also ousted perennial Nationals performer and serial retriever, Sourabh Verma in the quarters. "It's been a pretty good experience, and beating three big names means it feels great to be a National champion," Mithun would add.

What struck the most was his absolute calm when playing the attacking duo on back-to-back days. "I used to think a lot earlier. Now I just take it point by point," he would say, comparing it to times when he could whack the shuttle to pulp and send it wide and long out of frustration from a previous point. "During COVID, I started meditating. But it's the fitness changes that have brought the results and are a turning point," he would add.

Asked what he has sacrificed the most, he would quip: "My 6 a.m. sleep!"



Mithun Manjunath in action.

DAY TODAY

BY PETER VIDAL

ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr 20)

Today's planetary picture is best viewed as neither good nor bad, but neutral, bringing a turning point in your creative and romantic affairs. Which way you move is entirely up to you, so think ahead. But if you're going to make it at work you must have your colleagues' full support.

TAURUS (Apr 21 - May 20)

You know about the potential for substantial improvements in your home, personal and family affairs. Today's stars bring a major shift forward, and you may soon be set free from a pressing responsibility. And that just has to be welcome news.

GEMINI (May 22 - June 21)

Keep an eye out for mistaken instructions and lost directions. Interviews and discussions could be muddled, short journeys could lead to unexpected destinations. Tread carefully around all legal delicacies and make sure that you explain yourself properly. Then everything will work out just fine.

CANCER (June 22 - July 23)

Today's the day to sow fertile seeds for future prosperity. If you don't find any loose change in the street, at least you can gear your investments up for a future breakthrough. Don't put all your eggs in the same basket, though, or you risk losing everything.

LEO (July 24 - Aug 23)

It's been a few years since we saw planetary alignments like the ones that are building up now. You may be buffeted by celestial storms, but that's all the more reason you need to wrap up well, metaphorically speaking, before you go out. The more protected you are, the better.

VIRGO (Aug 24 - Sep 23)

Only the highest standards will do, and you must be a saint. The stars are threatening to undermine your confidence, but if you are sincere, loving, dutiful and self-sacrificing, you will do well. Negative planetary patterns, attract respect and enhance your reputation.

PISCES (Feb 20 - Mar 19)

Venus, planet of love, is now your ally. You may therefore move into a commanding position in all emotional and romantic affairs. Keep a weather eye open for hysterical colleagues at work, by the way, and use the same soothing charms on them as you would with friends.

LIBRA (Sep 24 - Oct

Before first ball, a talent show

With sublime batting at nets, Shubman Gill makes a pressing case for inclusion in the XI ahead of Rahul for the third Test against Australia

SANDIP
INDORE, FEBRUARY 28

BEHIND THE practice nets tucked in the corner of the ground are wooden benches in bright blue and yellow shades under grey concrete roofs, standing out like relics amidst plastic seats and glassed, air-conditioned boxes beneath canopy-roofs. The contrast captures the soul of Indore—a modern but self-contained city that blends imperceptibly with its storied, royal past, that is yet to embrace the garish opulence of most aspirational cities in the country.

The ambience makes everything around it feel quieter, even a touch lazier. You could hear the graze of stud marks on earth as Rohit Sharma and Shubman Gill strolled into the nets, the firm thud off the bat on the turf, the excited whisper of the net bowlers, restlessly tossing the ball in their hands to display their craft against two of the finest batsmen around, two most graceful stroke-makers in the world. The net bowlers, mostly in their late teens spotting scraggly stubbles, converged beside the nets where Sharma was batting. But soon their collective gaze would fix on Gill.

For the next hour or so, Gill made the eyes of scattered onlookers converge into him with a blaze of sumptuous strokes, as fulfilling as any net session would be, offering a peek into his boundless talent and irresistible touch. So much so that he made people forget that Rohit was batting beside him, he made people stop their work and watch him bat, not even in a real match but during an optional practice session. Even Rohit would throw appreciative glances at his colleague.

Whether Gill plays the Test or not is uncertain—in a sense it is pointless to debate or dwell too long if he should or not—but the appeal of his batting is irresistible, endowed with a hypnotic quality that pulls you into it. Gill could make you marvel even with his leaves, even with his stance. Tall and upright, the upper body leaning forward, bat held firmly but not stiffly, beside his back leg, the alignment of his body micro-honed to perfection, almost a statue-like symmetry, a photograph of his stance from side-on could don the walls of an art gallery.

The movements are measured to perfection, but without a scintilla of artificiality. To the pitched-up ball, the front-foot strides out. Whereas in the past, he did have a tendency to play from the crease, letting his reach and hands bail him out of danger, these days the front-foot stride is more definite and longer. It's when he meets the ball that his real genius unfurls. He would instruct the net-bowlers to pound the innocuous between the good-and-full length areas on the fifth stump. Some he would defend, some others he would crunch through covers, flexing his back-knee, almost scrapping it on the abrade surface. The same balls, he would drive down ground, either side of the bowler. No one in the nets on Tuesday struck the ball as sweetly and melodiously, as he did. Often, he would stare at Vikram Rathour, perched beside the net bowlers. Rathour would just keep nodding in a pleased manner. Apart from a couple of instances, the batting coach had hardly any advice to offer Gill.

Shortly, he shifted the gears, from steady to supersonic, pulling and cutting, along the ground and in the air, even short of good length balls. He would jink down the track to the spinners and loft them into the stands over the head and beyond the enclosure where head coach Rahul Dravid was overseeing a close-in catching drill. Screams of "watch out, watch out," would cut through the wispy forenoon breeze.

Often, Rohit would chuckle from the nets side-by-side, though Gill, wrapped in a bubble of intense focus, heard nothing. Rohit batted chaotically, edging a brace of on-the-rise drives, and getting beaten in the flight when stepping down. There was a casualness about Rohit's batting, maybe perhaps it was an optional session, and he knows that he is in fine touch in the series. It's not a luxury Gill could afford, for whom even an optional batting nets session is an opportunity to stake his claims, to reassert his touch, to put another foot forward to sealing a Test XI spot.

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Shami likely to be replaced by Umesh

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IN A move to manage Mohammad Shami's workload, India are likely to rest him from the third Test in Indore, and replace him with Umesh Yadav. And KL Rahul is also likely to make way for Shubman Gill to play his first Test of the series.

In a series where spinners have bowled the maximum number of overs, Shami has bowled only 29.7 overs in three innings. However, it is understood that a red flag has been raised with regards to Shami's workload and with the Indian Premier League set to follow, the team management has decided to rest him.

With Jasprit Bumrah already sidelined for a lengthy period, India are not willing to take many chances with Shami as in Umesh they have a very reliable replacement. Especially, with the world Test championship to be played in England where Shami would be the key man of the attack.

Since coming in as a last-minute replacement for the injured Bumrah in the T20 World Cup last October-November, Shami was rested for the tours of New Zealand and Bangladesh that followed. No longer part of India's T20 squads, he has played five of the six ODIs that were played before the Border-Gavaskar Trophy. The decision to rest and rotate players is now taken by the team management based on reports from the strength and conditioning coach and physio.

Umesh has been counted upon regularly in the past to deliver in home conditions. Since the start of 2017, no pacer has taken more wick-



ets than Umesh's 65 in Indian conditions and his strike-rate of 37.8 in the period is second only to Shami. And he is the only Indian pacer to take two five-wicket hauls in the said period. With his ability to hit the deck hard and tremendous air speed, Umesh is a valued asset in home conditions for India and is also quite effective when it comes to reverse-swing.

Gill coming in place of Rahul is very much on expected lines. Even before the series began, there were questions about the Karnataka opener's place. However the Indian team management continued to back Rahul, especially because of his overseas performances. But in the two Tests that he played this series, Rahul has scores of 20, 17 & 1 and seldom looked in his usual elements at Nagpur and Delhi.

At the end of the Delhi Test, Captain Rohit Sharma and head coach Rahul Dravid insisted that Rahul's performance in England and South Africa makes a strong case for them to stick with Rahul. However at the end of the Test, as the selectors sat down to pick the squad for the remaining two Tests, Rahul ended up losing the vice-captain tag.

Gill has been in good form and scored his maiden Test century during India's tour to Bangladesh in December. Since then he has scored a double century in ODIs and a century in the T20Is.

Bumrah ruled out of IPL, WTC final

Mumbai: Team India and Mumbai Indians star player Jasprit Bumrah has been ruled out of the upcoming IPL season, and also for the World Test Championship final—which starts on 7 June—if India qualify.

Indian team management is hopeful that the pacer is able to return to fitness by the ICC ODI World Cup to be played in India in October-November this year.

It remains unclear whether the Mumbai Indians will seek Bumrah's replacement for the forthcoming season. It is understood that the fast bowler is likely to undergo surgery, which might rule him out for at least five months. The National Cricket Academy (NCA) in Bengaluru will take a second opinion on the matter.

The fast bowler has been sidelined since August 2022, missing multiple T20I series as well as the Asia Cup. He recovered in time to play two T20Is against Australia, but aggravated his injury, missed the T20 World Cup, and is yet to return since.

The Indian board had added Bumrah for the Sri Lanka series in January, but soon withdrew his name stating that the fast bowler "needs more time to build bowling resilience". DEVENDRA PANDEY

BRIEFLY

Messi and Putellas voted best players

Paris: World Cup champion Lionel Messi edged Kylian Mbappé again, this time to take FIFA's best men's player award. The best women's player was Spain's Alexia Putellas for a second straight year. After steering Argentina to World Cup glory in an epic final against Mbappé's France last year in Qatar, Messi won the best player vote against Mbappé and Karim Benzema and secured the FIFA prize for the seventh time in 14 years on Monday night. "I could fulfil my (World Cup) dream after fighting for it so long. And in the end it happened, and it was the most beautiful thing of my career. It's the dream of every player, but very few can achieve it, so I'm thankful to God for being able to do it," Messi said. AP



French Football prez Le Graet resigns

Paris: Noel Le Graet, the embattled president of France's soccer federation, has resigned amid a scandal over harassment, including sexual harassment, and a damning audit, the federation said on Tuesday. Le Graet, head of the FFF since 2011, had taken a step back amid a legal investigation into alleged sexual and moral harassment and a report commissioned by the sports ministry. Earlier this month, the audit concluded that the 81-year-old no longer had "the necessary legitimacy" to administer and represent the sport in France and "highlighted the inappropriate behaviour of Mr Le Graet towards women". Le Graet has denied any wrongdoing. REUTERS

Argentina extends Scaloni's contract

Buenos Aires: World Cup winner Lionel Scaloni will remain as coach of Argentina to the end of the 2026 World Cup. The Argentine Football Association and Scaloni confirmed the deal on Monday. They didn't elaborate.

The 44-year-old Scaloni and AFA president Claudio Tapia met in Paris before the FIFA awards late Monday, when Scaloni was named men's world coach of the year. "When trust is high, communication is clear and effective," Tapia said on Twitter in a post with himself and Scaloni smiling and drinking tea in the French capital. AP

Nadal withdraws from Indian Wells

Indian Wells: Three-time champion Rafa Nadal has withdrawn from the Masters 1000 event starting next week in Indian Wells due to injury, tournament organisers said on Tuesday. The 36-year-old Spaniard, who was a runner-up last year in Indian Wells, has not competed since his Australian Open title defense in January ended in a second-round defeat. "We wish Rafa continued healing, and hope to see him back at the BNP Paribas Open next year," tournament director Tommy Haas said in a statement. REUTERS

Wagner wins 1-run thriller for NZ

SIRRAM VEERA

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WATCHING NEIL Wagner bowl is one of the most visceral cricket experiences out there. He spews his guts out, drags us with him into the heat of the battle, makes us feel his pain, his effort, his ceaseless energy, his undying passion. No other pacer hurls as many bouncers as him. No one is as accurate as him. And it all began with Allan Donald.

Neil Wagner was 12 and living in motherland South Africa when he saw one of the greatest duels between a fast bowler and a batsman: Allan Donald vs Mike Atherton, 1998. Balls of fire vs courage. "There were a lot of stares and glares in the middle of the wicket, and I remember getting absolute goose bumps," Wagner once told the New Zealand Herald.

And it was a game against Sri Lanka in 2016 when Neil became the bouncer-happy Wagner. Wagner went for an all-bowler attack that day. "It was a 10-over spell, and I just bowled bouncers. People like Tom Latham had often suggested I play to my strength and concentrate on the bouncers. But it was the first time it really fell into place. It got to the point where I had set Mathews up, and Tim Southee came up and said 'don't be shy of aiming a yorker at leg stump. I bowled a perfect one. It was an extremely special moment, a team-oriented effort, after a discussion that went



Neil Wagner (right) celebrates the wicket of England's James Anderson (left) that gave New Zealand a 1-run win on Day 5 of their second Test. AP

around the players. It made me feel part of something bigger."

The England Test was waiting to be seized by someone on the final day; England had recovered from 80 for 5 to reach 201 for 5, needing just 57 more when Wagner came on. Until then, Stokes, who was battling a dodgy knee, had gone anti-Bazball, dropping anchor to reach 33 from 116 balls.

Off the second ball he faced off Wagner, Stokes backed away and flung his bat at a bouncer, but the bottom-hand slipped out, and he skied a catch. But Root was still in, and on 95 no less. Off the first ball next over, he retreated back in the crease with a higher bat lift.

But this Wagner bouncer didn't bounce as high and Root's intended pull went awry, ballooning up to the man at midwicket. 202 for 7.

But Ben Foakes played a superb hand to show why England prefer him over Jos Buttler in Tests. With just seven runs left, Southee's bouncer induced an out-of-control pull from Foakes, and it flew to fine-leg where who else but Wagner swallowed it.

But with 6 left, when James Anderson crashed a four, even Wagner felt it was over. "I was going for his gloves and last thing I expected was him backing away and getting a big hit at it. And going between Williamson's legs is not something you see. You start thinking, whether that's it, is this the game?"

Luckily, he refocussed and had one final dart at Anderson with just 2 needed. "Too much went through my head. Gosh! All the things that go at top of mark. What ball to bowl, they needed 2 runs. Should I pitch it and be at his stumps. You just stick to your guns. Keep thinking about getting that glove or catches in play. It just came off."

"You feel like you want to spew your guts out," he once talked about his gruelling pre-season training. On field, he does spew his guts out; so do the batsmen.

BRIEF SCORES: England 434-8 decl & 256 in 74.2 overs (Duckett 33, Root 95, Foakes 35; Southee 3/45, Wagner 4/62) lost to New Zealand 209 & f/o 483 in 162.3 overs (Latham 83, Conway 61, Williamson 132, Mitchell 54, Tom Blundell 90) by 1 run

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RIYADH, FEBRUARY 28

THE ALL India Football Federation has made its first major move after the announcement of the 'Vision 2047' roadmap. The new set of officials has taken a domestic interstate tournament to international shores. The King Fahd International Stadium, home to a clash between Cristiano Ronaldo and Lionel Messi just over a month ago, will see two semi-finals, a third-place match and the title clash between four Indian state teams as the final leg of the Santosh Trophy is held in Riyadh.

Players from Services and Punjab flew from Delhi to Mumbai and then took a flight to Riyadh to be welcomed by a 'Winter in Saudi' placard at the airport on a day when the temperature was touching 30C. For most, the experience of playing outside India was a first. For some, it is a chance to get back to where they believe they deserve to be.

When Chennai City FC won the I-League in the 2018/19 season, Karthik Govind Swamy believed he was now established enough to kick on as a footballer and maybe play in the Indian Super League. Now at 28, Swamy plies his trade for Sporting Club, Bengaluru in the Karnataka state league.

"The Santosh Trophy's importance is that it gives us the opportunity to get back to the I-League and ISL. The main thing is to get a job and the Santosh trophy allows us the chance to maybe get one," Swamy said. The competition



Karnataka players during training in Riyadh on Tuesday.

is frequented by a combination of university players and older footballers who have drifted through the system. The effort to rebrand the tournament by hosting it in Saudi Arabia is based on exposure—a word that has been used often when questions have arisen on why the tournament, that saw 26,000 fans in Malappuram turn up to watch Kerala take on Bengal just last year, is being held outside India.

The fall of state football

It would not be unfair to say that the Santosh Trophy has been an enemy to club-based leagues in India. Teams who have signed players with money rarely like the idea of watching them turn out for their states and possibly get injured. The rise of club football actively brought the importance of the Santosh

Trophy plummeting down. Then when the Indian Super League and I-League players were barred from playing in the tournament, the objective of providing more games to India's best got lost. By hosting the semi-finals and final of the tournament in Riyadh, the AIFF believes it can raise the value of their competition, allow state associations to work harder to scout for a better crop of players and show that there is a quality footballer or two out there for the top clubs in India to pick up.

"Just the news that matches would be held in Riyadh gave us a boost during our qualification matches," said Services head coach MG Ramachandran.