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PRIME MINISTER CHAIRS CCS MEET.

Defence Minister meets services chiefs

ARMED FORCES GET INSTRUCTIONS

for enhanced combat readiness, operations

SHAH GOES TO SITE OF ATTACK near Pahalgam, meets victim families, survivors

The first step

Govt suspends Indus treaty, expels Pak advisors, cancels visas, closes Attari



Prime Minister Narendra Modi chairs a meeting of the CCS in New Delhi, Wednesday. ANI

SHUBHAJIT ROY

UNDERLINING THE "the cross-border linkages of the terrorist at-tack" near Pahalgam that killed 25 people, India Wednesday put on hold the Indus Waters Treaty, downgraded diplomatic rela-tions with Pakistan by reducing the mission strength by half, ex-pendent displayed and the control of the control of the property of the control of the control of the property of the control pelled diplomats and top defence officials from the Pakistan High Commission in Delhi, cancelled Commission in Delin, Canceilar all visas granted to Pakistan na-tionals under a SAARC scheme and directed them to leave in 48 hours, and shut the Attari-Wagah border. It also withdrew its own advisors and staff from its mis-

sion in Islamabad. This full-scale diplomatic retaliation by Delhi is the strongest since 2019 when the diplomatic strength was reduced by half from 110 to 55. Now it has been CONTINUED ON PAGE 2

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of 1960 put on hold SAARC visa scheme for Pakistanis stopped Military advisers in Pak mission to leave

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In wake of Pahalgam outrage there is need to remember: Way forward must build on hard-won gains in Kashmir PAGE12



Himanshi Narwal, wife of Navy Lieutenant Vinay Narwal who was killed in the terror attack near Pahalgam, at the cremation ground in Karnal on Wednesday. Jasbir Malhi

Wedding, honeymoon, cremation: 'Never thought it would turn into a nightmare'

VARINDER BHATIA & JASBIR MALHI

CHANDIGARH, KARNAL, APRIL 23

April 16: Destination wedding. Mussoorie. April 19: Wedding re-ception, Karnal. April 21: Honeymoon, Kashmir. April 23:



captured the horror of Tuesday's terror attack in J&K: Vinay's body stretched out on a brown patch in the picturesque Baisaran val-ley in Pahalgam; Himanshi seated, listless, nearby; a black backpack overturned.

In a video from the spot In a video from the spot, Himanshi is heard saying, "I was eating bhel puri with my hus-band. A man came over and CONTINUED ON PAGE 2 Narwal and Himanshi started living the great Indian dream, hand in hand, it was over. All that re-mained was a chilling image that

Terrorists targeted innocents & religion, there will be a strong response: Rajnath

DIVYA A, AMRITA NAYAK DUTTA & LIZ MATHEW

AS BODIES of tourists killed in the flown to homes across the counflown to homes across the country. Wednesday, girf gave wayl or anger and Defence Minister Rajnath Singh, who underlined that lives of "many innoent citizens" were lost in "a cowardly attack by terrorists who madereligion a target (dharmako nishma bamate hung)", assured the nation of a 'strong response'.

He said the government 'will take every step that is necessary and appropriate", "And we will

to Pak

WITH THE world rallying behind India, the govern-ment is weighing several options, military and diplo-matic. Rajnath Singh's pro-mise of a "strong response" is a firm message to Pakis-tan which has refused to turn off the terror tap.

not only trace those who perpe-trated this incident. We will also CONTINUED ON PAGE 2

United in grief: Kin of IB officer in Bengal, IAF corporal in Arunachal

ALL MORNING, there has been a steady stream of visitors pouring into the Mishra residence on Baghmundi Road, ward number 5 of Purulia's Jhalda town, and the

Lower Subansiri district. Although in two different parts of India, both sets of visitors have

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Manish Ranjan Mishra, 41; (right) Tage Hailyang, 30

one thing in common - neither

Pak denies any role, India points out cross-border attack links

SHUBHAJIT ROY NEW DELHI, APRIL 2

A DAV after 25 tourists and a local ADAY atter 25 tourists and a local resident were killed in a terror attack in J&K's Pahalgam, Pakistan claimed that it had "nothing to do with it" — a denial that left Indian officials unconvinced with initial investigations consecution the

officials unconvinced with initial investigations suggesting the presence of "foreign nationals" among the attackers.

Later, Foreign Secretary Vikram Misri underlined that "cross-border linkages of the terroristattack" were broughtout in the Cabinet Committee on Security (CCS) meeting Wednesday, "We have absolutely nothing todo with it. We reject terrorism in all lits forms and everywhere," Pakistan Defence Minister Khwaja Asif told a Pakistani TV channel when asked about the deadliest terror attack on civilians in India since Mumbai 26/11. Pakistan's Foreign Ministry spokesperson said, "We are concerned at the loss of tourists' lives in an attack in Anantrang district

eemed at the loss of tourists' lives in an attack in Anantnag district of _Jammu and Kashmir. We extend our condolences to the near ones of the deceased and wish the injured a speedy recovery."
Significantly, the attack comes a week after Pakistan Army chief General Asim Munir's statement that Kashmir is Islambads' ijsuglar-yein'. The remark had drawn a sharp response from the Ministry of sponse from the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) at the time, and is now being viewed in Delhi as a "preemptive threat". CONTINUED ON PAGE 2

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5 terrorists, including 3 from Pak, behind attack, indicates probe

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NEW DELHI, SRINAGAR, APR 23 AT LEAST five terrorists, includ-ing three from Pakistan, are sus-

pected to have opened fire on tourists at the Baisaran valley

tourists at the Baisaran valley meadow in Pahalgam Tuesday. The Indian Express has learnt. According to sources, eyewitness accounts and intelligence reports suggest that at least two of the attackers are suspected to be local militants. The Urdu that they (the foreignternorists) spoke is from certain parts of Pakistan... At least two local militants are suspected to be accompanying them." an

to be accompanying them," an officer from the security estab-lishment told *The Indian Express*. Authorities have released



Shah at the attack site near Pahalgam, Wednesday. PTI

J&K TERROR ATTACK

WON'T SPARE CULPRITS: SHAH 3 THANE COUSINS AMONG DEAD

VILLAGE MOURNS ITS 'BRAVEHEART' PAPA'S HEAD

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Tourists clamour to leave Valley, Omar says heartbreaking

NAVEEDIORAL

"OUR GUESTS are unfortunately returning to their homes wrapped in shrouds." Speaking at the funeral of Adil Hussain, the atthefuneral of Adil Hussian, the only local killed in the Pahalgam terror attack, Chief Minister Omar Abdullah had this to say about 25 burnists from across the country being gunned down a day earlier.

The impact of the attack on Kashmir Valley became clearer on Wednesday, as tourists clamoured to take the first flight or train home and popular destinations saw as happydrop in fooffall.

train home and popular destina-tions saw a sharp drop in footfall. Srinagar and several parts of J&K, meanwhile, observed a shut-down of schools and businesses to express solidarity with the vic-tims, Senior government officials



said "50-60%" of bookings for this season had been cancelled. At Pahalgam, where the daily footfall is 15,000 or more, just 100-odd tourists remained on

'Sin to stay silent': Srinagar to Jammu, towns shut down, people turn out in solidarity, protest attack

BASHAARAT MASOOD, PAHALGAM, SRINAGAR JAMMU, APRIL 23

IT'S A sin to stay silent; those who come to enjoy with their families should not have to return in a coffin; all of Kashmir is speaking in one voice, rejecting violence.

From Pahalgam to Srinagar in

Kashmir, and Kishtwar to Doda in Jammu, massive protests and shutdowns were observed Wednesday, marking the first

weenlesday, marking the inst-time in three decades that mili-tant killings have triggered out-rage on such a scale. In Pahalgam, around 800 people – many of them from the tourism and hospitality industry – observed a total shutdown and



the tourists," Mushtaq Ahmad, president of the Pahalgam Hoteliers and Guesthouses Association, told *The Indian*

nesday. CONTINUED ON PAGE 2 Association, total in indian Express. The protests were necessary to tell the attackers that such attacks can't be tolerated. It is not that our livelihood has been hit, we can have other means, but it's a sin to stay silent." In Srinagar, the Ghanta Ghar (clock tower) in Lal Chowk CONTINUED ON PAGE 2 epaper.indianexpress.com

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further reduced to 30. In 2019, the High Commissioners were withdrawn - Pakistan made the first move following the abroga-tion of Article 370, and India fol-

lowed suit.
Briefing reporters
Wednesday, Foreign Secretary
Vikram Misri said the Cabinet
Committee on Security (CCS)
met in the evening under the Narendra Modi. It was attended by Home Minister Amit Shah Defence Minister Rajnath Singh, External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar, National Security Advisor Ajit Doval, Cabinet Secretary, and Secretaries of the ministries of Home, Defence, Finance and External Affairs. "The CCS was briefed in de-

April 22 in Pahalgam, in which 25 Indians and one Nepali citizen were killed. A number of

"Strong expressions of sup-port and solidarity have been received from many governments around the world, which have

cross-border linkages of the tercross-border linkages of the ter-rorist attack were brought out. It was noted that this attack came in the wake of the successful bolding of elections in the Union Territory and its steady progress towards economic growth and development, 'he said. Recognising the seriousness of this terrorist attack, the CCS decided upon the following measures, Misri said, and listed flove retaliatory steps.

measures, Misri said, and listed five retaliatory steps. First, "the Indus Waters Treaty of 1960 will be held in abeyance with immediate effect, until Pakistan credibly and irrev-ocably abjures its support for cross-bo

cross-border terrorism".

India had already initiated the process of scrapping the Indus Waters Treaty – it had survived three wars and terror attacks including the Mumbai 26/11 in 2008 and Pulwama in

26/11 in 2008 and Pulwama in 2019 — in the last couple of years. On August 30 last year, India had sent a formal notice to Pakistan seeking a "review" of the Indus Water Treaty, The no-tices was issued under Article XII (3) of the treaty, Earlier, in January 2023, India had issued a portion to Pakistan Servas (1978). notice to Pakistan for modifica-tion of the treaty. The 2024 review notice was qualitatively dif-ferent and a step higher than the

2023 notice

Now, they have decided to set it aside and made it conditional to Pakistan's actions on terrorist infrastructure.

Second, Misri said, "the

Integrated Check Post Attari will

Integrated Check Post Attari will be dosed with immediate effect. Those who have crossed over with valid endorsements may return through that route before OI May 2025'. This will impact businessmen and Pakistan nationals who have come to India through the Wagah border, on foot. This will include medical patients. They have been given a patients. They have been given a week's time. Third, "Pakistani nationals will not be permitted to travel to India under the SAARC Visa Experition Scheme (SVES) visas. Any SVES visas is used in the past to Pakistani national currently in India under SVES visas is and 84 hours to leave India. The said. The SVES was launched in 1992. The leaders at the Fourth Summit Leaders at the Fourth Summit of the SVES was launched in 1992. The leaders at the Fourth Summit of the SVES was launched in 1992. The leaders at the Fourth Summit of the SVES was launched in 1992. The leaders at the Fourth Summit of the SVES was launched in 1992. The leaders at the Fourth Summit of the SVES was launched in 1992. The leaders at the Fourth Summit of the SVES was launched in 1992. The leaders at the Fourth Summit of the SVES was launched in 1992. The leaders at the Fourth Summit of the SVES was launched in 1992. The leaders at the Fourth Summit of the SVES was launched in 1992. The leaders at the Fourth Summit of the SVES was launched in 1992. The leaders at the Fourth Summit of the SVES was launched in 1992. The leaders at the Fourth Summit of the SVES was launched in 1992. The leaders at the Fourth Summit of the SVES was launched in 1992. The leaders at the Fourth Summit of the SVES was launched in 1992. The leaders at the SVES was leaders at the SVES

leaders at the Fourth Summit (Islamabad, 29-31 December (Islamabad, 29-31 December 1988), while realising the importance of having people-to-people contact, among the peoples of SAARC countries, decided that certain categories of dignitaries should be entitled to a special travel document, which would exempt them from visas within the region.

As directed by the Summit, the Council of Ministers regularly kept under review the list of entitled categories. Currently, the list included 24 categories of entitled persons, which include dignitaries, judges of higher courts, parliamentarians, senior officials, businessmen, journal-ists, sportsmen.

Fourth, Misri said, "the FOUTTI, MISTI SAID, THE Defence/Military, Naval and Air Advisors in the Pakistani High Commission in New Delhi are declared Persona Non Grata. They have a week to leave India. India will be withdrawing its own Defence/Navy/Air Advisors from the Indian High Commission in Islamshad These

Commission in Islamahad Ti posts in the respective High Commissions are deemed anon the diplomatic front commissions are deemed annulled. Five support staff of the Service Advisors will also be withdrawn from both High Commissions."

This is a significant to the staff of the sta Sources said coercive diplo-macy has been used by the gov-

This is a significant step as they were viewed as official channels of communication be-tween the armed forces and the intelligence agencies of the two countries.

countries

Fifth, he said, "The overall
strength of the High
Commissions will be brought
down to 30 from the present 55
through further reductions, to be
effected by 01 May 2025".

This would include the expelled defence services officials
and personnel and 17 more
diplomats and their staff. This reduced strength, by almost half,
would mean that there will be
skeletal staff at the missions in
Delhi and Islamabad.

Delhi and Islamabad. Misri said "the CCS reviewed Misr said 'the CCS reviewed the overall security situation and directed all forces to maintain high vigil. It resolved that the perpertators of the attack will be brought to justice and their sponsors held to account. As

with the recent extradition of Tahawwur Rana, India will be unrelenting in the pursuit of

three-ining in the pursuit of those who have committed acts of terror, or conspired to make them possible." Faced with the deadliest ter-ror attack on civilians in the country since the 26/11 attacks, New Delhi looked at a bouquet of options before taking the call

town of Karnal in Haryana, she said, "We never thought this trip would turn into a nightmare". Late last month, Indian Navy officer Lieutenant Vinay Narwal took leave for 40 days for his wed-ding and birthday celebrations. On April 4, he got engaged to Himanshi, who sprusing aPID. Following their wedding days later, the couple took a flight to Kashmir from Delhi. According to Narwal'S friends Kashmir from Delhi.
According to Narwal's friends and neighbours, Narwal was also looking forward to celebrating his 27th birthday on May 1, for which they had planned a grand event. Two days later, he was scheduled to travel to Kochi, where he was based, along with Himanshi.
But on Wednesday evening, cutside Narwall's bone in Sector cutside Narwal's cutside rement in the past—especially post 26/11, and after the Pulwama terror attack in 2019— including naming and shaming Pakistan across the world. This will include briefing foreign am-bassadors based in Delhi, brief-ing foreign ministries by Indian de Narwal's home in Sector missions overseas, raising the is-sue at the United Nations 7 of GT Road in Karnal city, deco

7 of GT Road in Kamal city, deco-rative hangings, henna stains on the walls and a garland of mango leaves at the entrance bore wit-ness to what had been. There were also the white tents and wails of despair that echoed to-day's reality. "I never imagined my grand-son would leave me like this," Said Namelle, grandfether. Have (Security Council and other UN agencies), and sending special envoys to brief foreign governments.
Sources said the government
is also looking at other options
on the table, including kinetic
options that include military action. "All options are of
table," the sources said.
Meanwhile, Pakistan Deputy
Perine Ministers and Foreign

town of Karnal in Harvana, she

Narwal's grandfather, Hawa Singh, who retired from the BSF Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Ishaq Dar, in a post on X, said a meeting of the National before serving with Haryana Police. "He always wanted to join Security Committee had been convened Thursday by Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif "to re-pond to the Indian Government's statement". Pak denies role, India points to cross-border attack links Delhi is also cynical about Islamabad's denial on Wednesday even as The Resistance Front (TRF), a shadow group of the banned Pakistan-based Lashkar-

asked if he [Narwal] was Muslim. When he said no, the man shot him dead." On Wednesday evening, as the last rites were be-ing conducted at Narwal's homethe defence forces since his col-lege days. He could not clear the Combined Defence Services ex-amination, so he took the Services Selection Board examination and

• 'Never thought it would turn into a nightmare'

Selection Board examination and got into the Navy three years ago." Narwal's father Rajesh Kumar (54) works as appentenentent in Panipas and his morther Asha Dewi (51) is a homemaker. His twin Srishti is preparing for the civil services examination in Delhi. Family members said Narwal's weedding was fixed with Himanshi, who also conducts online coaching classes for

ducts online coaching classes for students, around two months students, around two months ago, "His 27th birthday falls on May I. Now, that date will forever haunt us," said Narwal's father, Rajesh Kumar, Himanshi's father, Sunil Kumar, said: "Days ago, I adorned her hands with henna and chura (bridal bangles). Today, I have no words to console her;

Vinay's sister, Shristi, asked, "What was my burbeher's fault?"

Vinay's sister, Shristi, asked, 'What was my brother's fault?'
Later, as Narwal's body arrived,
Later, as Narwal's body arrived,
started raising slogans: 'Bharat
Mata Kijai'; 'Yinay Narwal Amar
Aghe'; 'Palsistan Murdabad'.
The cremation in Model
Township Puri was attended by
Haryana Chief Minister Nayab
Singh Saini Soayler Haryinder

Singh Saini, Speaker Harvinder Kalyan, Ministers Shyam Singh Rana and Harpal Singh Cheema, and senior officials including representatives of the Indian Navy "The government stands with you. We will ensure swift justice," Saini said. According to Narwal's friends

and neighbours, Narwal had ini-tially planned to visit Switzerland for the honeymoon but switched to Kashmir after he was denied

permission to go abroad.

"The wedding festivities went
on for 10 days. He was such a
lovely boy," Narwal's next-door
neighbour, Seema Sharma, said. "It all happened so suddenly, like someone's evil eye had struck them. I can't imagine what his family is going through."

family is going through."
Narwal was born in Bhusli vil-lage in Karnal, but the family shifted to Sector 7 in the city around 15 years ago. He studied at Saint Kabir School in Karnal and did his Bachelor's in Engineering ieini. Farlier Wednesdav, Karnal

MLA Jagmohan Anand and Assandh MLA Yogender Singh Rana reached Narwal's residence and met his family members. In a and met his family members. In a statement, a spokesperson for the Navy said, "Adm Dinesh K Tripathi, #CNS, and all personnel of the Indian Navy are shocked and deeply saddened by the tragic loss of IL Vinay Narwal who fell to the dastardly terror attack in Pahalgam. We extend our hearf-felt condolences to his family during the same state. ing this moment of unimaginable

Kin of IB officer, IAF corporal

that have just seen the lives of

that have just seen the lives of their young sons being snuffed out by the terror attack in Baisaran Valley in Pahalgam, Jammu and Kashmir. Manish Ranjan Mishra, 41, and Tage Hailyang, 30, were among the 26 men – mostly tourists but also one local – who were shot dead by unidentified quamen in Pahalgam, one of gunmen in Pahalgam, one of Kashmir's most popular tourist spots. The attack has drawn widespread condemnation both domestically and internation-

ally. While Manish was a section while Manish was a section officer in the Intelligence Bureau and working in Hyderabad, Hailyang was a corporal in the Indian Air Force's Srinagar base. The oldest of three sons of Mangalesh Mishra, a retired

Mangalesh Mishra, a retired headmaster of Jhalda Hindi High School whose family is originally from Rohtas in Bihar, Manish joined the Bin 2014-15.

He was in Jammu and Kashmir for a pilgrimage to the Vaishno Devi Temple with his wife and two young children and was meant to head there from Kashmir when the attack or-Kashmir when the attack occurred, his family said, adding that they were meant to join him at the shrine.

at the shrine.
"He was shot dead in front of his shocked wife and children, his younger brother Vineet, 36, says, his voice shaking as he spoke. "The news reached us Tuesday afternoon. They were on their way to the Vaishno Devi temple from Kashmir... We too had begun our journey, eager to join them, only to be forced back by this devastating news."

by this devastating news."
Those who knew him, remember him as calm, polite and soft spoken. 'Always the teachers' delight, 'Sanjay Gupta, arailway officer, says.
Similar grief and shock now engulf the house of Tage Hailyang in Arunachal Pradesh's Tajang village, Posted in Sriagar for the last five years in IAF's

ground staff and married for ground staff and married for only about a year, Hailyang had just been transferred to Assam and was enjoying a holiday with his wife before joining air force base at Dibrugarh when the at-tack occurred. "We were in shock yester-day" his younger brother Tage.

day," his younger brother Tage Laling told the media. "We tried

Laling told the media. "We tried to get in touch with our sister-in-law but she was severely traumatised — they killed him in front of her."

It was while he was studying at Don Bosco College, Itanagar, some five years ago that hailyang came across an advertisement for the IAF and immediate the decided to anyear for any of the IAF and immediate the state of the IAF and immediate of the IAF and immediate the IAF and IAF a diately decided to appear for an interview despite his family's advice against it. He got the job and joined the forces even before he

joined the forces even before he took the final examination.
"He's always been talented, always excelling in his studies. We told him to pursue higher education but he was interested in the armed forces," his brother says, adding that his older brother was in the Indian Army, At Jhalda town, Manish's family and friends have gathered at his childhood home to await his body, Theyara Bod Gemander.

his body. They are also demand-ing answers from the central

ing answers from the central government over the attack.
"It's they who made people believe that Asshmir is safe by this, it's evident that it is not. How is it possible that tourists were attacked and the attackers left the place without being caught?" one relative said. Nagendar Nath, a former student of Manish's father Mangalesh Mishra, adds: "What was his fault? He was on holiday."

mistra, adds; "What was his fault? He was on holiday".
But Hailyang's family refuses to see his death as a loss. "My brother sacrificed his life for the country... I feel that wherever such terrorists are seen, they should be given a similar response on behalf of our lost hereby or the state of the stat brother. Our brother must be

• 5 terrorists, including 3 from Pak, behind attack: Probe

and announced a reward of Rs 20 lakh each for any information

lakh each for any information about them.

Highly placed sources said one of the suspects is believed to have been involved in an attack on an IAFconvoy, which claimed the life of a corporal rank personnel last year. "The two others are believed to be from Bijbehara and believed to be the form Bijbehara when the same than Thokerpora, Kulgam. They went to Pakistan in 2017 and returned to Pakistan in 2017 and returned to the Valley last year. Information has been received that they received training in Pakistan. They were associated with the Jaish-Mohammed, and initial investigation suggests that the Lashkare-Taiba and the Jaish allied to execute this attack; said a source from a northal laster.

ations after the Jasis after the concerned and the concerned agency executed his attack, said a source from a central agency. Sources, however, said these were all based on inputs and it is expected by the confirmed if they were to be confirmed if they were said much of initial information is based on questioning of eyewitnesses which is to be verified with concrete oxidence. Another source said they are probing the involvement of a top Lashkar commander Saifullah (Sasuri alias Saifullah Khalild, who

Kasuri alias Saifullah Khalid, who has been a part of several terror at tacks for nearly two decades now He is a close aide of 26/11 Mumba

Heisa dose adoor 2011 Nutmba attack mastermind Hafiz Saeed, sources said.

All attackers are believed to have fled to the higher reaches of the Pir Panjal range, and search operations are underway by the Army, the central paramilitary

Army, the central paramilitary forces and J84 police. The attackers are suspected to have had on body cameras — "a ormal practice three days," and-ficer from the J8K police said. "All attacks in Jammu in the past three years have been shot through body or gum-mounted cameras. These wideos are used for propaganda purposes. The LeT has come out with propaganda material using the footage," this officer said.

It's still not clear how the atow long they have been in the 'alley. "It is still being ascertained. der, and some inputs that have

der, and some inputs that have been received, but nothing is con-firmed. Agencies are verifying the details, and the border is being checked for signs of infiltration," an officer said.

A team of senior National Investigation Agency (NIA) offi-cers reached the crime scene on Wednesday. The agency is likely traker outer the investication from to take over the investigation from the local police. The FIR filed in connection with the attack states "The police station has received information through reliable sources that unidentified terror-ists, on the direction of their mas-ters sitting across the border and by acquiring illegal weapons, opened indiscriminate fire on

"A team of senior officers of "A team of senior officers of the NIA, led by an Inspector General-rank officer, has reached Pahalgam and will visit the crime scene. They have been asked to provide assistance to the local po-lice and examine statements of all witnesses," a source said. Union Home Minister Amit Shah visited the Baisaran neadow, the site of the attack, and also held secritive preview meet-

also held security review meet-ings with top officers from police, Intelligence Bureau and Army in Srinagar. He also met victims of the attack.

Shot in head and chest

Calling it "cold-blooded mur-ders", a senior officer probing the attack told *The Indian Express* that most of the victims were shot in the head and chest. "At least 12 victims had head injuries from

victims had head injuries from close range, "another officer said. The attackers appeared from the jungle and went back in once the camage was over. "We found a motorbike without a number plate nearby, but it is utilikely that this was used to ferry the terroists," said an officer investigating the attack. He described the area as a meadow where tents and plastic chairs have been kept for tourists, who come and roam around. Some local vendors sell kahwa, chips and biscuits, but the area is largely populated by tourists, who either walk from the Pahalgammarket 5-6 km away or

come on horseback.

"This is a large and dense jumgle that connects Hapathar onone side to Chandarnwari on the other.

Depending on where the terrorists fled, they could have even reached Trail," the officer said.

Asked why security agencies didn't pick up the movement of terrorists in such a major tourist sout the officer said the modus.

spot, the officer said the modus operandi of the terrorists has operandi of the terrorists has changed drastically, malaring it dif-ficult to keep tabs. "For example, there is not a single local terrorist active in the entire Anantnag dis-trict," he said. "We had inputs about some movement, but not in this particular area. We were an-ticipating an attempt to carry out a terror attack on the railways or non-local worders and we had non-local workers, and we had taken preventive measures ac-

taken preventive measures ac-cordingly. He said.

"These terrorists operate in small groups and do not come out of the jungles even in minus 10 degrees Celsius. They don't use any gadgets, so there is no possi-bility of gathering technical intel-ligence. Besides, they keep on moving. For example, if there is in-nut about the mesence of a group. put about the presence of a group of terrorists on the ridges of of terrorists on the ridges of Sonamarg, by the time we re-spond, they have already shifted to another area. Within a few days, they could be in the upper reaches of Pahalgam or even Bandipore, it is all connected through the jun-gles," the officer said. He said the influx of tourists, especially in Pahalgam, is massive.

especially in Pahalgam, is massive "There is not a single parking slot available. People have been driv-ing straight to Pahalgam with their families. The tourists also take ponies to travel to different places around town; it is difficult to keep track'; he said. Another police officer said the attackers appear to have infil-trated recently. "Baisaran is con-nected through mountains and dense forests to many places and provides a natural shelter for mil-itants." a senior police officer said.

through forests towards Kokernag and Kishtwar. They can also move towards Balatal and Sonamargon the other side."

itants," a senior police officer said. "The militants can move

Islamabad last week, Munir had said: "Our stance is absolutely clear, it (Kashmir) was our jugular vein, it will be our jugular vein, we will not forget it. We will not leave

our Kashmiri brothers in their heroic struggle."

heroic struggle."
Responding to questions on
Munir's remarks, MEA's official
spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal,
Ald said: "How can anything foreign be in a jugular vein? This is a
Union Territory of India. Its only
relationship with Pakistan is the
vacation of illegally occupied ter-

ritories by that country."
Sources said India is looking at
all strategic and security options
now—as was evident from Prime
Minister Narendra Modi's quick meeting soon after touchdown in Delhi Wednesday morning after Delhi Wednesday morning after his visit to Saudi Arabia. During the meeting, Foreign Secretary Misri, who did not accompany Modi to Saudi Arabia, briefed the Prime Minister, NSA Ajit Doval and External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar about the situation in Kashmir.

• There will be a strong response, says Rajnath

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hanned Pakistan-hased Lashkar-e-Taiba (Lel') terro outfit, is said to have claimed responsibility for the Pahalgam attack. Accordingto security officials, the statements of victims and eyewitnesses indi-cate ther loe of at least four terror-ists, including two believed to be foreign nationals", in the attack. Last week, addressing the

Overseas Pakistani Convention in

reach those who, hiding behind the scenes, have conspired to carry out such a napak (impure) act on the soil of India." "This extremely inhuman act has plunged all of us into deep grief and pain... I would like to re-iterate India's firm resolve that we have a zero tolerance policy against terrorism. Every citizen of India is united against this cow-

against terronsin. Every citizen of India is united against this cow-ardly act," he said while deliver-ing the Arjan Singh Memorial Lecture in New Delhi. "India is such an old civilisa-tion and such a big country that it cannot be intimidated by any such terrorist activity. People re-sponsible for such acts will get a strong response in the very near future," he said.

future." he said.
"History is witness to the
withering away of nations not
due to the action of the adversary,
but due to the critical of their own
misdeeds. I hope people across
the border look at lessons of his-tory nore closely. He said.
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Staff, chiefs of the three Services Defence Secretary and the Army's Director General of Military

Director General of Military Operations.
Heisleamt to have sought enhanced combat readiness from the armed forces and asked them to carry out high intensity anti-terror operations.
Later in the evening. Singh attended a meeting of the Cabinet Committee on Security (CCS), ehaired by Prime Minister

chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi who returned to New Delhi after cutting short his visit to Saudi Arabia. The CCS members are Modi, Singh, Home Minister Amit Shah, Finance

Minister Nirmala Sitharaman.
External Affairs Minister S
jaishankar- Sitharaman cutsbort
her official visit to Us and Peru
and headed home.
Also present at the meeting
were National Security Advisor
Ajit Doval, Foreign Secretary
Vikram Misri, and PK Mishra and
Shaktikanta Das, Principal
Secretaries to PM.
Sources said the government Sources said the government

Sources said the government will convene an all-party meeting Thursday to convey the decisions taken at the CCS meet. Shortly after his arrival early Wednesday, Modi took stock of the situation at a meeting with Jaishankar, Doval and Misri at the sirrorst ireo!

airport itself. In the Valley, Shah visited the

site of the attack near Pahalgam and interacted with senior offiand interacted with senior offi-cers of the Army and police. He flew in a helicopter to the Baisaran meadow where he was briefed by the officers. Sourcessaid he was told about the sequence of events and the possible routes the terrorists took

to reach the popular tourist spot surrounded by thick pine forests.

surrounded by thick pine forests.
Director General of Jammu and Kashmir Police Nalin Pabbat and GoC of the Army's 15 Corps:
Lieutenant General Prashant Srivastava were among the senior officers present at the site, around 110 km from Srinagar.
Attending a wreath-laying ceremony for the victims of the terror attack at the police control room in Srinagar, Shah said the country will not bend to terror.

country will not bend to terror

Killings will not be spared.
Accompanied by Lieutenant
Governor Manoj Sinha and Chief
Minister Omar Abdullah, Shah

also visited the Government Medical College (GMC) Hospital in Anantnag in the afternoon and met some of the injured admit-ted there.

After laving wreaths on the bodies of those killed in the at-tack, Shah, in a post on X, said, "With a heavy heart, paid last re-spects to the deceased of the

spects to the deceased of the Pahalgam terror attack. Bharat will not bend to terror. The cul-prits of this dastardly terror attack will not be spared."

The Home Minister later in teracted with families of those killed and survivors of the attack. He assured them that the secu-nity forces would leave no stone that the property. urned to bring the perpetra

tors of the attack to book In New Delhi, BJP sources said In New Delhi, BJP sources said there are growing calls for retri-bution and the attack "perpetra-tors and actors behind the scenes" will be given "a befitting

reply".

Party sources underlined that
the world was rallying behind
India – from US President Donald Trump's phone call to Prime Minister Modi to statements from Minister Modi to statements from Israel and even Taliban-ruled Afghanistan – and the govern-ment would soon deliver a "a strong response". At the BJP headquarters, lead-ers have been flooded with mes-

ers have been flooded with mes-sages from state units, calling for "a befitting reply". Several party leaders linked the Pahalgam ter-ror attack to Pakistan Army chief Asim Munir's recent remark of Kashmir being Islamabad's "jugu-lar vein". The remark, which had drawn a sharp response from the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA), is now being viewed in Delhi as a "preemptive threat".

'Sin to stay silent': Srinagar to Jammu, towns shut

became the focal point of protests became the focal point of protess as politicians, traders and civil society members converged to collectively condemn the attack. Demonstrations and vigils were held in different parts of the city Wednesday evening — including one outside Srinagar's Jamia Masjid at Nowhatta — with local residents carrying placards and candles.

"All of Kashmir is speaking in one voice today. We reject this vi-olence," said a shopkeeper in Nowhatta. "Everyone here under-stands that those who have per-

status that those who have per-pertated this attack are against hu-manity and Kashmiris." Political parties such as the rul-ing National Conference, the op-position Peoples Democratic Party, and the Congress, protested outside their party offices, with marches ending at Ghanta Ghar. The BJP held a protest march at the party headquarters in Jawahar Nagar. The protests at Lal Chowk were joined by the Kashmir

Chamber of Commerce and Chamber of Commerce and Industry as well, even as black flags were raised at Makkah Market. As the attacks triggered an exodus of tourists, members from different hotelier's associa-tions in Kashmir urged people not to cancel their Valley visit. Asilent march by members of the civil society took place at Abdullah Bridge in Srinagar, where sweard women earberned

where several women gath in solidarity with the victims' fam-ilies. "It is terrible that unarmed civilians bear the brunt of situa-tions and policies that they have no control over," said Amna Ali, a Rajbagh resident, on the sidelines of the protest. "A person who chooses to come here to have a few moments of joy with their families should not have to go

ondertakings actors the regions marked two minutes of silence in respect and solidarity. In the Muslim-dominated areas of Kishtwar and Doda, protesters held demonstrations to demand "strictest action" against the at-

we condemn it in the strongest possible terms. We mount the precious lives lost. No amount of money can ever com-pensate for the loss of loved ones, but as a mark of support and soli-darity, the J&K Government an-nounces anex-gratia of Rs 10 lakh each for the families of the deback in a coffin."
Protests were held across the ceased. Rs 2 lakh for th Jammuregion, too, by people cut-ting across religious and political lines. At 3.30 pm, employees of the J&K government and Public Sector

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"strictest action against unc actackers.
In a post on X, J&K Chief Minister Omar Abdullah called the attack "barbaric and senseless" act of brutality", saying it had "no place in our society". "We condemn it in the

Undertakings across the region

out," an official said,
simagar saw the footfall dip
from 12,000 to 7,000 on
Wednesday, Overall, for the
Alley, an estimated daily footfall
of 40,000 was down to 18,000 on
Wednesday, Officials said.
The main highway link between Jammu and Srinagar, the
NH-44, was meanwhile reconparted for the fire in single direcout," an official said. ously injured and Rs 1 lakh for those with minor injuries," he said, adding that arrangements for the transport of victims back to their homes have been made. nected for traffic in a single direc-tion. The highway had been washed away in some places be-cause of flash floods that triggered

 Tourists clamour to leave Valley, Omar says heartbreaking landslides in the Ramban area.

At Gulmarg in North At Gulmarg in North Kashmir, which see as footfall of 10,000 a day, about 3,000 peo-ple visited on Wednesday. This is an area where Condola tickets are sold out nearly a month in advance. Even in Jammu, footfall at the Vaishno Devi shrine and Shiv Khori in Bhaderwah dipped sig-nificantly. 'In Katra, aspecial train "It's heartbreaking to see the exodus of our guests from the val-ley after yesterday's tragic terror attack in Pahalgam but at the same time we totally understand why people would want to leave," Omar wrote in a post on X. Kashmir hoteliers, mean-

while, appealed to people not to turn away from the Valley, saying has been arranged to get people who did not want to carry on with their visit to Vaishno Devi Kashmiris have always welcomed tourists In a post on X, Union Minister

In a post on X, Union Minister of Culture and Tourism Gajendra Singh Shekhawat wrote, "In light of yesterday's tragic incident in Kashmir, many tourists are understandably anxious and reconsidering their travel plans. Ivespoken to the concerned authorities and urged airlines, hotels, and tour operators to allow full refunds without hassle."

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IndiGo, Air India, and SpiceJet cumulatively added seven flights from Srinagar on Wednesday for those wanting to return from the

Valley. According to information provided by the aviation min-istry, additional flights have also been kept on standby to cater to further evacuation needs.

The government has also instructed carriers to avoid fare surge on Sringar flights and is actively monitoring airfares, which "are being kept at reasonable levels", according to Civil Aviation Minister (Ram Mohan Naidu. All airflines have also within airlines have also waived rescheduling and cancellation charges on flights to and from Srinagar for a week.

Srinagar for a week.

In the aftermath of the attack,
Chief Minister Omar Abdullah
had told The Indian Express, "We
are in the process of assessing the
situation but we are already seeing an immediate impact of this
incident across the board,
Kashmit tourism has taken a big hit, but even in Jammu we are seeing an impact of this tragedy." —WITH INPUTS FROM SUKALP SHARMA





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PAHALGAM TERROR ATTACK

Saved by sheer luck, was just 10 steps away from meadow's exit, recalls couple

SAMANHUSAIN

WE HAD just reached Pahalgam WE HAD JUST REACHED TANAISM. Everything was so serene. We bought bhelpuri and were sitting in a quiet corner, soaking in the view when suddenly, we heard gunshots. People started scream-ing and running." says Mihir Soni, who along with his newlywed wife Komal found a corner to hide before making their way out of Baisaran – the meadow where 26

Baisaran—the meadowwhere 26 people were gunned down by militants on Tuesday, Mihir (26) and Komal (25) from Jaipur were among the many survivors who landed at Terminal 3 of Delhi Airport on Wednesday, Many others, all tourists from Kashmir who were luckyenough not to be at Baisaran at the time of the attack, also arrived with a input outline short rived at the airport, cutting short their trip.

What saved them, savs Komal What saved them, says Komal, was sheer luck. "We were just 10 steps away from the exit of the meadow. We hired a pony, paid Rs 4,000 and got out of there as fast as we could... On the way to Pahalgam market, there were no one to help us."

It was only when they reached Pahalgam market that the security personnel came to know about the attack, she adds.

about the attack, she adds.
Komal recalls that in the thick
of the chaos, they had seen Navy
officer Lieutenant Vinay Narwal
and his wife Himanshi at the
meadow. "They walked right past
us. They had arrived around the
same time and bought bhelpuri
from the same vendor before us..." We later heard that the officer

was killed." Abhishek Kakran (33) and his Abhishek Kakran (33) and his family who arrived at the airport, saw bodies being carried away in front of their eyes. They were at Chandanwari market, 2 km away from the spot where the attack took place. "We saw bodies and the injured were being carried away. By then, news had already reached home. Our relatives had strend calling but rought'n teach started calling but couldn't reach us because there was no network... The market started shut-ting down," says Abhishek.

"We went on to cancel our tay. The local residents were ex-tremely helpful – the drivers, the travel agent, everyone was there was us," he adds.

Mohammad Ismail (40) and

Survivors, tourists from Kashmir land at Delhi Airport, cutting short trips







(From top) Newlyweds Mihir and Komal; Gurgaon-based couple Jyoti and Sachin Garg, and Mohammad Ismail and Ayyub Peerzade at the airport on Wednesday. Saman Husain

Ayyub Peerzade (39) from Thane, who had taken a train to Kashmir with two other college friends, say they visited Pahalgam a day be-

they visited Pahalgam a day be-fore the attack
"We were in Pahalgam till 5
pm of pm. On Tuesday, while
walking around Lal Chowk in
Srinagar, we sensed something
down, people were rushing. Then
we came to know what has hap-pened... Iwas numb," says Ayyub.
Raykat Srinaear airport, chaos

Back at Srinagar airport, chaos gave way to caution. "There were

gave way to caution. "I here were long queues, so much security. A camp had been set up outside for people to sit," Mohammad says. Another group who landed belhi was a family of five from Hyderabad's Singapore Township. Hyderabad's Singapore Township They had visited Kashmir as a part of a larger pilgrim group of 45.

Rajita (42) describes the dual disasters that upended their trip. We had gone for darshan at Jwala "We had gone for durshmat I wala Devitemple Onway a cludhust's in Ramban blocked the roads We had to spend a night on the road-side. It was tough, but we pushed through: "But when the news of the terror at tack came... we booked our flights immediately. We planned to visit Pahalgam too... now, I thank God that rain stopped us from going there:" Jotil (43) and Sachin Garg(50), a couple from Gurgaon, were in

a couple from Gurgaon, were in a couple from Gurgaon, were in Gulmarg when the attack took place. "We had visited Pahalgam before Gulmarg. We were lucky_ But even from a distance, we felt the fear. Local residents were scared too – not just for them-selves but that tourism will be af-

Pray that he has the best afterlife ever, says wife of Navy officer killed in attack

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE

KISSING THE coffin of Navy officer Lieutenant Vinay Narwal, who was among those killed in the terrorist attack in Pahalgam on Tuesday, his wife, Himanshi, broke Tuesday, his wife, Himanshi, broke down, as the offin was placed at the Delhi Airport on Wednesday afternoon. The couple had got married on April 16 and were in Pahalgam for their honeymoon when tragedy struck. "I pray that his soul rests in peace and he has the best afterlife ever. We will make him proud everyday...," Himanshi said, as Nayo fficers, her family members and Delhi Chief



Chief Minister Rekha Gupta with Hin Airport on Wednesday. ANI

Minister Rekha Gupta gathered the 26 people killed in Pahalgam.

around her.
The wreath-laying ceremony
for Lt Narwal, who was among

was held at the Cargo Terminal of the airport. Commodore Saurabh Thakur and other Navy

Gupta, along with Cabinet colleague Ashish Sood, and Delhi BJP president Virendra Sachdeva, were present at the airport when the bodies of many those killed

in the attack reached the city.
Assuring support to their kin,
Gupta said, "The government of
India stands with you in this
time of crisis and will provide
every possible support to help
you restart their lives."

Later in the day, Gupta an-nounced that all public programmes of the Delhi govern-ment would be cancelled. "Paying tribute to the civilians martyred in the cowardly terror-ist attack in Pahalgam, Jammu and Kashmir, I postpone all pub-lic programs to be held on 23 April and 24 April," she posted on X. Delhi BJP, meanwhile, said in

a statement, "The brutal killing of 27 Indians by terrorists in Pahalgam, Jammu & Kashmir, yesterday has plunged the entire nation into mourning, sorrow, and outrage. There is immense grief and anger among the peo-ple of Delhi as well as leaders and orkers of the Delhi RIP wh united with the people of the country in mourning."

The Delhi BJP, too, has can-celled all scheduled political programs for two days.

Prayer meetings, candlelight vigils held to condemn Pahalgam terror



At a candlelight vigil held by AAP at Jantar Mantar on Wednesday. Amit Mehra

PRAGYNESH NEW DELHI, APRIL 23

DELHISAW candlelight vigils and prayer meetings on Wednesday as hundreds gathered to pay homage to the victims of the

homage to the victims of the Palalgamerror attack.
At a candlelight vigil held by APA Patjanar Mantar, party Delhi convenor Saurabh Bharadwaj lashed out at the BjP-led Centre. Since 2014, every year, atteror incident has happened in our country, Youtook away the law ander der of Kashmir by making it a Union territory and removing Article 370. This is a failure of the government; Bharadwaj said, the progression of the progressio government," Bharadwaj said, adding that the attack was the re-

and the state of t



Security personnel on alert across New Delhi on Wednesday

Black ribbons, assemblies: Lawyers condemn attack

NIRBHAY THAKUR NEW DELHI, APRIL 23

LAWYERS ACROSS Delhi on LAWYERS ACROSS Delhi on Wednesday condemned theer-ror attack in Jamuu and Kashmir's Balagam - the dead-liest such incident involving civilians in the country since the Mumbai 26/11 shooting — in which 26 people were killed on Tuesday. Condemning the terror strike, the Delhi High Court Bar Association (DHCAS) re-quested lawyers to wear black

quested lawyers to wear black ribbons while appearing in

court.
"The DHCBA strongly con The DHCBA STORRY COIT-demns the dastardly and cowardly terrorist attack on the lives of innocent tourists at Pahalgam in Jammu and Kashmir and such heinous acts

and sovereignty of our Nation," read an official circular. "The members are requested to wear black ribbons while ap-pearing in the court, as a mark of protest against this terrorist at-tack," the circular added.

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The New Delhi Bar
Association (NDBA) in Patiala
House Court requested lawyers
to assemble in the Central Hall at
the Court complex to pay homoage to the "departed souls".

"It is with profound sorrow
that, on behalf of NDBA members, we express our deepest
condolence to the families of inorcent citizens who lost their

condolence to the families of in-nocent citizens who lost their lives in the 'Brutal Terrorist' Massacre' in Pahalgam, Kashmir on 22.04.2025,' read the NDBA circular. "We stand in solidarity with the victims and their families and strongly condemn the cow-ardly act of violence," it added.



DELHI POLICE SPECIAL CELL CHARGESHEET

NBW against Patkar in defamation case moved by L-G

A DELHI court on Wednesday is sued a non-bailable warrant (NBW) against social activist Medha Patkar for not furnishing probation bonds in a 24-year-old defamation case moved against her by Delhi Lieutenant Governor

ings for execution of a probation bond linked to the case and had asked her to approach the trial court. 'On the next date, if the con-vict fails to comply with the terms of order on sentence dated 08/04/2025, the court will be con-

ter the order on sentence," noted Additional Sessions Judge (ASJ) Vishal Singh of Saket court in his order dated April 23.

strained to reconsider the benev-olent sentence and will have to al-

the probation bond) is frivolous and mischievous and is only cal-culated to hoodwink the Court. The present application is, there-fore, dismissed," he added. On April 8, ASJ Singh had granted the activist a one-year

probation in the case, noting that Patkar, the leader of Narmada Bachao Andolan (NBA), had re-ceived awards for her work and that the offence committed by her was not grave enough to warrant

missed Patkar's appeal against her conviction in the defamation case filed in 2000, where she had allegedly called Saxena – who then headed an NGO in Gujarat – a "coward" and alleged his involvement in hawala transactions.

On May 24, 2024, a magistrate court had held Patkar's statements defamatory and sentenced her to a five-month jail term on July 1. However, ASJ Singh had sus-pended the sentence and granted her bail on July 29 last year. The defamation case stems from a press release issued by Patkar on November 25, 2000. While Saxena's NGC had actively supported the Sardar Sarovar Project of the Gujarat govern-ment, the NBA was leading a novement in opposition. In the press release, Patkar had alleged that Saxena, who was then the president of NGC National Guncilo Civil Liberties, was sup-porting the NBA inscerves, Sheal Saroving the porting the NBA inscerves, Sheal Saroving the Saroving Saroving

porting the NBA in secrecy. She alleged that he had given a cheque to NBA and it bounced. The case will now be heard on May 3.

REGULAR DISCUSSIONS on mob lynchings of Muslims across India and communal riots, leading themtoprocure arms and ammunition to prepare for "jihad"; accumulating "funds for jihad" through PM Kisan scheme; encurating wungsters in "appene through PM Kisan scheme; en-couraging youngsters to "avenge atrocties" on Muslims; conduct-ing a physical training programme in Uttar Pradesh; and preparing local bombs – This was how and Qaeda-inspired terror module, set up by a "ardicalised" lbarkhand-based group, allegedly planned terror attacks across India, a chargesheet filed by the Delhi Police Special Cell Before a court in February has said, it is learnt. Officers said the Special Cell

Officers said the Special Cell has claimed that two persons who

nas caimed that two persons wino were a part of the module were "beneficiaries of PM Kisan" scheme and had used the money to buy arms for terror activities. From alleged weapon pro-curement in Ranchi to receiving physical training at Bulandshahr in Uttar Pradesh and weapons training at Bhiwadi on the Rajasthan-Haryana border, the

Special Cell chargesheet has outlined how 11 people from different villages of Ranchi allegedly got together to plan a pan-India terminal they added.

Al Qaeda-inspired terror module:

How Jharkhand-based group was

planning terror attacks in India

together to plan a pan-India ter-orr conspiracy, they added. The Special Cell filed a supple-mentary chargesheet in the case Monday. "Requisite sanction (un-der Section) 7 of Explosive Substances Act against accused. has been filed by way of supple-mentary chargesheet," statel the April 21 order of Additional Sessions ludee Hardeen Kaur of Sessions Judge Hardeep Kaur of Patiala House Court.

Patiala House Court.
"The same is taken on record
and be tagged with main
chargesheet... So far as sanction
(under Section)45 of UAPA is concerned, learned Additional Public
Prosecutor for state submits that
all steps to obtain sanction under
Section 45 of UAPA have been taken... but the sanction is still awaited," ASJ Kaur added.

awaited" ASJ Kaur added.
The accused have been iden-tified as Anamul Ansari (32), Alsa Ansari (32), Alsa Ansari (32), Alsa Ansari (35), Hasan Ansari (36), Arshad Khan (26), Umar Farroq (20), Dr Shityaq Ahmadalias Captain (49), Mohd Rizwan (40), Mohd Rizwan (40),

Ishtiyaq Ahmad was radi-calised in his college days, said po-

with a person on Telegram, using the ID 'Big Cat'. They shared the same ideology and believed that same toeology and beneved mat atrocities are being done on Muslims in India and wanted to avenge the same. 'Big Cat' asked Ahmad through chat to prepare more people physically and men-tally to fight for Jihad," the chargesheet alleged, said officers.

The Special Cell has claimed that the accused would build shelthat the accused would build shelrers in sectuded places to train young Muslims without being noised by the police. It added that during training at Bulandshahr, Ahmad met 'Big Cat' in Della and discussed procuring weapons. The 'Big Cat' sent an arms dealer to Hazaribagh for a meeting. Accused. Innalised the purchase of Air-47 at Re5-6 lakh, "it alleged, exit officers."

Officers said the chargesheet has alleged that the accused has alleged that the accused stayed at a rented accommoda-tion at Bhiwadi on the Rajasthan-Haryana border. On August 21, last year, they received "dummy weapon training". They were arrested a day later, the police said, adding that bullets, hand grenades, pistols, rifles and bomb-making material were found on them.

(L-G) V K Saxena. The Delhi High Court had on Tuesday refused Patkar's plea to stav for two weeks the proceed-"The present application (ask-ing for a stay on the execution of Saini inspects Haryana's first 'Complete Streets' initiative

ABHIMANYU HAZARIKA

HARYANACHIEF Minister Nayab Singh Saini on Wednesday in-spected the state's first 'Complete Streets' initiative, also referred to as 'Model Streets', in Gurgaon's Udyog Vihar. Comprising 5-m-long pave

Comprising 5-m-long pave-ments on either side, the project has been implemented along Sanath Road and Gali 7 in Udyog Vihar, covering a stretch of 2.4 km with a width of 30 m. This road connects Old Delhi Road to the Airtel office on National Highway 48.

The project, worth around Rs 23 crore, was funded by the Gurgaon Metropolitan Development Authority, the city's civic body, the state discom and Raahgiri Foundation. Private partners such as Nagarro, Maruti Suzuki, and SafeExpress have

Suzuki, and safezkpiess have also contributed. Saini said that the initiative reflects the state government's commitment that every section-beit child, elderly, woman or di-yangian – should get the right to walk safely and with dignity. "Walking, cycling, or taking the bus in Gurugram will no longer bus in Curugram win no longer be just a necessity – it will be a pleasant experience," he added. The 'Complete Streets' model, he said, will serve as an example not only for Haryana but for the entire country. Key features of the project in-clude wide and shaded foot-

paths for pedestrians, safe track for cyclists, bioswales - vege-



The project has come up along Sanath Road and Gali 7 in Udyog Vihar, Gurgaon. Express

tated channels designed to cap-ture, treat, and infiltrate storm water run-off – for rainwater harvesting, and the preservation

of 700 mature trees.

In addition, over 20,000 flowering plants have been planted. To ensure safety, four trained street marshals have been deployed around the clock.

When The Indian Express visited the clock of the control of the ited the spot in the afternoon, ve-hicular traffic was running hicular traffic was running smooth. Those waiting for their appointments near the Passport Seva Kendra in the area appreci-ated the shaded seating available right outside the building. "I hope the streets don't get en-croached or are taken over by bikes during peak hours," a man

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in the area said.

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PENSION SCHEME TO WOMEN IN DISTRESS

WCD dept identifies 25,000 ineligible women receiving aid

GAYATHRI MANI NEW DELHI. APRIL 23

AS PART of an ongoing verifica-tion process, the Women and Child Development (WCD) de-partment has identified around 25,000 ineligible women receiv-ing financial assistance under Delhi Pension Scheme to Women in Distress, said officials.

Under the scheme, the gov-ernment provides a monthly financial assistance of Rs 2,500 to widows, as well as divorced, sep-arated, abandoned, deserted, and destitute women who are 18 years old and above. Around 3.5 lakh beneficiaries are currently registered under the scheme, said officials.

asia officials. The disparent was strength of the disparent with a started for the disparent with the disparent was the disparent with the dispating the dispating triteria of beneficiaries. The drive was started to ensure that only eligible women from poor families, especially those who genuinely need the money, avail the financial assistance," said an official.

Officials said that so far, around 60% of the beneficiaries have been verified and the

around 60% of the beneficiaries have been verified and the process is ongoing. "During the verification process, we found around 25,000 women who did around 25,000 women who did not meet the criteria and were availing the scheme illegally. They have now been removed from the list of beneficiaries," the official added. "This is one of the reasons why there has been a delay in disbursing money under this scheme for the last two months.

The department has now re-leased the money to three dis-

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ALL ABOUT THE SCHEME

3.8 lakh ₹1.000 cr women registered under scheme

verified so far

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

- Widow, divorced, separated, abandoned, deserted or destitute women Aged above 18
- Residents of Delhi for a minimum of 5 years Should have single-onerated Aadhaar linked account with any bank in NCT of Delhi only
- tricts and funds will be released

tricts and funds will be released to the remaining in a few days following the verification process," said the official. The AAP has accused the BJP government of halting the payment of persion under the scheme and demanded that the money be released immediately.

Speaking to mediapersons on Tuesday, AAP Delhi convenor Saurabh Bharadwij has said, "It has been over two months since the BJP government took over

the BJP government took over the administration in Delhi, yet the administration in Delhi, yet he most vulnerable sections of society – particularly destitute women – are being neglected. These include widows, women abandoned by their families, or those who are otherwise help-less. Their pension has not been released for the last two months:

He alleged that he has re-ceived information that the

Around 25,000 ineligible beneficiaries identified

■ Annual income less than ₹1 lakh

Should have Aadhaar card ■ Must not be receiving pension or financial assistance from Central or state govts, MCD. NDMC and othe governmental or local bodies or any other source

government intends to discontinue the scheme. "If you stop a widow's pension, how is she ex-pected to run her home or man-age her basic needs? It will be-

age her basic needs? It will be-come nearly impossible for her to survive...," he said. The scheme was launched in 2010 with women in the 18 to 60 age group scheduled to get a financial assistance of Rs 1,500. In 2017, the eligibility criteria was changed.

was changed. Now, an adult beneficiary

Now, an adult beneficiary receives R2-500 for her whole life. In its March Budget, the Delhi BJP government had allo-cated Rs 1,000 crore for the scheme. The financial assistance is transferred directly to the ben-eficiary on a monthly basis through Electronic Clearing Service (ECS) under Reserve Bank of India (RBI) or Public Financial Management System Financial Management System (PFMS).

'HUGE QUANTITY OF SEWAGE ENTERING YAMUNA'

Conduct third-party audits of all 37 STPs: Minister to DJB

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE

DELHI WATER Minister Parvesh DELHI WATER Minister Parvesh Sahib Singh on Wednesday directed the Delhi Jal Board (DJB) to conduct a third-party audit of all 37 sewage treatment plants (STPs) in the Capital. Noting that "a substantial amount of untreated sewage is still entering the Yamuna", the Minister said, "We have directed the DJB to carryout a third-party.

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audit of all the STPs to get more clarity on the installed treatment capacity and the actual treatcapacity and the actual treat-ment being carried out...The Delhi government is committed to reducing this pollution load through comprehensive inter-ventions. The audit is one such step — once the reports are in, further directives will be issued to improve and expand the sew-erage treatment network."

The DJB officials also noted that 30 out of the 37 STPs are on-

that 30 out of the 37 STPs are op-erated by private companies un-



pacity and quality standards

der outsourcing arrangements. To this, the Minister instructed all such operators to ensure compliance with installed ca-

During a recent review meeting, the Minister was apprised of the current sewage treatment capacity and status of ongoing rehabilitation and upgradation

rehabilitation and upgradation works of the STPs, according to an official statement by the Minister's office. Delhi is set to enhance its sewage treatment capacity by 200.5 million gallons per day (MCD) through a combination of new construction and upgra-dation of existing facilities, as per officials.

This includes 92 MGD from 40 new STPs, 10 MGD from a new STP at Delhi Gate, and 98.5

new STP at Delhi Cate, and 98.5 MCD through the upgradation and capacity increase of 14 existing STPs. Currently, 18 out of 37 operational STPs are undergoing performance upgrades. Additionally, three new STPs at Sonia Vihar, Delhi Gate, and Okhal are expected to contribute around 47 MCD, significantly boosting the city's sewage treatment infrastructure.

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all landfill sites: CM to officials

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, APRIL 23

CM REKHA Gupta chaired a highlevel review meeting regarding the status of landfill sites on the status of iandilli sites of Wednesday in the presence of the officials concerned from the MCD and the Urban Development Department. Expressing dissatisfaction with the slow progress at the Ghazipur landfill site, the CM

asked officials to carry out work at war-footing, to increase the num-ber of modern machines, and en-sure round-the-clock waste disposal operation at all three landfill sites. A detailed action plan was

sites. A detailed action plan was presented to speed up work. Directives have also been is-sued for the expansion of waste-to-energy plants at Okhla and Tehkhand and promptly start the construction of proposed waste-to-energy plants in Narela and Ghazipur.



Notice

It is informed to all applicants who applied for the vacant positions of Associate Professor for the Faculty of Pharmacy, UPUMS, Salfa, Etawah (U.P.) in connection with a dvertisement No. 37/PUMS/Paramedical/ Pharmacy/2024-25 dated 20 June, 2024, that the advertisement is hereby cancelled. Remaining positions of the other faculties remain the same.

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Medanta Hospital gets show cause

notice in rape case Gurgaon: The Haryana govern-ment has issued a notice to the Medanta Hospital in Gurgaon,

Medanta Hospital in Gurgaon, seeking its reply on the alleged violation of humandigmity and privacy after a flight attendant claimed she was sexually assaulted while on ventilator suport at the facility. The show cause notice to the medical director of the hospital was issued by Gurugram Civil Surgeon Dr Alia Singh on the directions of Haryana Health and Family Welfare Minister Artisingh Rao. Officials said the hospital has been directed to submit its reply within five working days. A technician of the hospital has been arrested in the case The woman has alleged that she was admitted to Medanta Hospitalon April 5. The next day, a man carned out digital rage on her in the hospital ICU room, where two other nurses were present build when the most problem in the content of the most problem is the problem of the most problem in the content of the most problem.

other nurses were present but did nothing to stop him, she has claimed. PTI

CAQM CLAMPS DOWN ON POLLUTING VEHICLES

From Nov 1, no entry in Delhi for transport vehicles flouting norms

COME NOVEMBER 1 all transport compliant with BS-VL CNG LNG will be banned from entering will be banned from entering Delhi, unless the vehicles are registered in the Capital, the Commission for Air Quality Management (CAQM) has directed. As the CAQM issued fresh directives on Wednesday to curb the menace of polluting vehicles, it also cited "limited progress" in impounding end-of-life or overaged vehicles across Delhi-NCR.

The decision to restrict the

The decision to restrict the transport vehicles, as per the ditraitspoin ventices, as per treen-rective, was made "considering the high pollution load from com-mercial vehicles and the associ-ated ill effects of emissions owing to such vehicles entering Delhi..." From July 1, fueling of identi-fied overaged vehicles will be banned across all fuel stations in the cits associated associated as the con-

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the city, among other stringent measures announced by the GAQM. This ban will extend to five high vehicle density (HVI) districts—Gurugram, Faridabad, Ghaziabad, Gautam Buddha Nagar, and Sonipat—From November Land across the rest of NCR from April 1, 2026, as per the CAQM directive. Diesel vehicles, older than 10 years, and pertolvehicles, older than 15 years, aren by the son the control of th older than 10 years, and petrol vehicles, older than 15 years, are not allowed to ply in the Capital.

Over the last two years, the



OVERAGED VEHICLES IN DELHI-NCR & DATA ON IMPOUNDED VEHICLES

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(ANPR) camera systems, now being installed at all 520 fuel sta-tions in the city. These systems capture and display vehicle registration details in real-time. These are integrated

Source: Commission for Air Quality Management in NCR and Adjoining Areas *As of March 2025

government has resorted to seizing these vehicles and scrapping them, if necessary. The Commission noted that despite several past orders, action on the ground has been sluggish.

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Delhi has been piloting a solution involving Automated
Number Plate Recognition

Number Valet Recognition

in real-time. These are integrated with the centralised VAHAN database to identify EoL vehicles and those lacking a valid Pollution

Under Control Certificate (PUCC), and relay audio alerts when a non-compliant vehicle is detected. All fuel stations in Delhi are re-quired to install these systems, as per the Commission's latest directive, by June 30, 2025; by Octobe 31in the five HVD districts; and across the rest of NCR by March 31, actoss une resort merky Watch 13, 2026. "We will strictly follow the CAQM directions... 95% of the work is complete to install the ANPR cameras. The identification of polluting vehicles at the border entry points will also be intensi-fied," said Delhi Environment Minister Manjinder Singh Sirsaon Wednesday.

Wednesday. Earlier, the BJP government

Earlier, the BJP government had planned to stop giving fuel to old whickes by April 1, but pendings structural changes at a few hiel stations, sid officials. With respect to the restrictions on transport whickes, exceptions will be made for wheides carrying essential goods or services, but only until Otober 31,2026, after which only CNG, LNG, EV or BS-VI diesel whiches will be need to be considered to the control of the co

ter which only CNG, ING, EV or BS-VI diesel whelices will be per-mitted. BS-VI, orr Bharat Sage VI, is the latest set of emission stan-dards in India for vehicles, which came into effect on April 1, 2020. The CAQM has said that the action based on the overaged vehicles needs to be reported by the agencies concerned to the Commission on a monthly basis, and quarterly action taken reports need to be furnished on action need to be furnished on action taken against polluting vehicles that enter Delhi.



SCORCHING HEAT

Visitors at the India Gate on Wednesday, when Delhi recorded a maxium temperature of

Revise marksheet, list of selected candidates in four weeks: HC to consortium of NLUs

AFTER EXAMINING 17 disputed questions in the Common Law Admission Test (CLAT) undergraduate entrance exam, the Delhi High Court on Wednesday directed the Consortium of National Law Universities (NLUs) to revise the public bear and provide the Deliversity of the New York (NLUS) to revise the public bear and provide the Deliversity of the New York (NLUS) to revise t its marksheet and renotify the final list of selected candidates withinfourweeks.Ineffect, of the

I'questions, candidates stand to benefit the most from the revised answer to four questions. The division bench of Chief Justice DK Upadhyaya and Justice Tushar Rao Cedela was dealing with a batch of petitions where the aspirantshad disputed thean-swer key published on December 2, 2024, and candidates had time to file their objections until 4 pm the next day. Of the 17 questions the bench accepted some objections, it also rejected some. The final answerkey drawn. In two other questions, the jected some. The final answer key for the CLAT UG 2025 entrance exam for four paper sets was pub-

drawn. In two other questions, the Consortium admitted that it had erred. It said that it had given the

wrong option as an answer to one of the two questions without correction or review.

If further stated that 'no fault can be found with the candidates for giving correct or incorrect answers,' conceding that consequential benefits may be granted to all the candidates who had attempted this question.

In the second question, the Consortium said 'that an error

Consortium said "that an error had crept into the various sets handed over to the aspirants".

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20	00	Medicine Srinagar	JK01D 6588	Bajaj Tempo	1999	Campus Hazratbal Srinagar	
21	07	Chief Executive Officer Lolab Bangus Drangyari Development Authority	JK09 7610	Bolero	2011	CEO Lolab Bangus Drangyari Development Authority Kupwara	
22		Director Youth	JK04A 8850	Maruti Van	2008	& Sports Budgam	
23	08	Services & Sports J&K	JK04 2143	Tata 407	1998	District Youth Services	
24			JK13A 6158	Maruti Van	2008	& Sports Pulwama	
25	09	Principal Government College of Physical Education Ganderbal	JK01J 7406	Maruti Omni	2005	Physical Education	
26			JK01N 2561	Tata LP Bus	2009	GMC Boys Hostel Bernina Srinagar	
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51	13	Director Urban Local Bodies Kashmir	JK01G 8249	Ambassador	2003	Local Bodies Habitat Center Bemina Bypass Srinagar	
52	14	Director Social	JKE 8413	Jeep	1986	State Motor Garages	
53	14	Welfare Kashmir	JKE 2082	Jeep	1985	Bemina Srinagar	
54	15	Director ICAR Central Institute of	JK04A 9747	Swaraj Mazda	2008	ICAR Central Institute of Temperate Horticulture Airfield Rangreth Srinag	
55		Temperate Horticulture Srinagar	JK04B 0252	Scorpio	2009		
56	16	Director Ayush J&K	JK02AG 5140	Gypsy	2007	District Ayush Office Budgam	
57	17	Managing Director J&K SC ST BC Development	JK02H 3651	Ambassador	1996	Budgam Divisional Manager J& SC ST BC Developmer Corporation Exchange	
58	18	Chief Wildlife Warden J&K	JK01P 1850	Scorpio	2010	Road Srinagar Department of Wildlife Protection New Theed	
59	19	Chief Executive Officer Wullar Manasbal Development Authority	JK01K 9822	Scorpio	2007	Dachigam Srinagar Wullar Manasbal Development Authority Manasbal Bandipora	
60			JK02AE 3761	Ambassador	2007		
61	20	Director Geology and Mining Department	JK01M 7881	Tata Truck	2008	Geology and Mining Departmental Worksho	
62	20	Mining Department J&K	JK01H 5316	Mahindra	2004	Ompora Budgam	
63		Chief Executive	JK01M 5988	Mershal Tata Mobile	2009	CEO Livestock	
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77	24	Director Accounts and	JK01W 0601	Bolero	2014	Sadder Treasury	
78	25	Treasuries Kashmir Principal Govt. Dental College and Hospital Srinagar	JK01M 6469	Tata LP 407 Bus	2008	Residency Road Srinagz Govt. Dental College & Hospital Shireen Bagh Srinagar	
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94			JK01D 7403	Maruti Van	1999		
95			JK01C 8098	Tata Mini Bus	1999	Revenue Training Institute Bemina Srinag	
96			JK02D 5542	Gypsy	1993		
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113			JK01M 0502	Ambassador	2008	Jal Shakti PHE QC & P HMT Zainakote Srinag	
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115		Kashmir	JK01H 7670	Gypsy	2004	7700	
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Amid growing demand for its housing schemes, DDA records Rs 1.371-cr surplus in year 2024-25

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, APRIL 23

THE DELHI Development THE DELHI Development Authority (DD) has posted a record surplus of Rs.1371 crore in financial year 2024-25 – primarily owing to a growing acceptance of its housing schemes – marking an increase of 169% over last year's surplus of Rs.511 crore, a statement issued by the DDA said on Wednesday. This is the second consecutive year when DDA has recorded surplus reserves under the General Consecution of the consec

plus revenue under the General Development Account (GDA), reversing the revenue-deficit trend of 12 consecutive years, the state-

ment added.

The surplus was largely driven
by the sale of over 8,500 housing
units, generating a revenue of
more than Rs 3,100 crore in 2024-

25, it said.
The DDA said the turnaround began under the guidance of Lieutenant Governor V K Saxena. Saxena, who is the chairman of the DDA, took charge in May 2022

at a time when the DDA was in-curring "huge losses" mainly due to a large number of unsold inven-tory of flats, the statement said. In 2022-23, the GDA was in a

substantial loss of Rs. 1304 crore. It, however, registered a significant surplus of Rs.511 crore in 2023-24 for the first time in 12 years, it added. According to the data up to March 31. Dob Abas registered a steepand steady upward trend in the actual surplus in the CDA. In 10204-25, the total receipts under the CDA stood at Rs. 3477 crore, while the total expenditure was Rs. 2.106 crore. substantial loss of Rs 1.304 crore. lt.

while the total expenditure was 82,2106 crow.

The growth in CDA is primarilyon with a CDA is primarilyon to the housing receipts, from 8 665 crore in 2022-24 so 18 2,398 crore in 2023-24, which is an upswing of about 260% in the total housing collections; 'the DDA said.

Key reforms undertaken by DDA included shifting to a first-come-first-seve model, scrapping ownership restrictions, and alunching a professional market.

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SC invokes Article 142 to protect career of 250 students Day after Pahalgam attack, 2 militants

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA NEW DELHI, APRIL 23

THE SUPREME Court on Wednesday invoked Article 142 of the Constitution to protect Z50 students from facing hurdles in education due to the shifting of their institute's campus.

Article 142 of the Constitution empowers the SC to pass any decree or order necessary for doing 'complete justice' in any case or matter pending before it.

case or matter pending before it.
A bench of Justices B R Gavai
and Augustine George Masih was

dealing with a matter related to a property in Mangaluru from where a hotel management in-stitute was run. "Faced with the difficulty that on the one hand the appellant has to vacate the the appellant has to vacate the present premises and on the other hand, the campus where it is proposing to relocate its insti-tute, is not ready, the appellant is required to shift its institute at a temporary location," it said. The verdict said, "We find hat this is aff to sae wherein this court should exercise its extraor-linary uniselfiction under Article

dinary jurisdiction under Article 142 of the Constitution of India

to meet the ends of justice. If we fail to exercise the said power, the career of about 250 students would be jopanised: A settlement agreement arrived at between the property owner and the institute said the latter was required to vacate the property on or before April 30, 2025. The institute's counsel said while the idea was to shift the institute to a new location, due to the incomplete new campus an arrangement was made to shift the institute to a nother property. The counsels aid the appellant.

The counsel said the appellant did not have sufficient time to di-

consolidated pay.

cation would satisfy an other la-cilities required to be provided to students for academic excellence. The appellant sought the court to issue directions to the AICTE and the Mangalore University to permit them to shift to the tem-porary location and to continue to operate the course there for a pe-riod not exceeding they use. riod not exceeding two years.

The bench noted that the appellant was running the institute

Department of Pharmaceuticals, Ministry of Chemicals & Fertilizers invites applications to fill up the post of Chief Executive Officer (CEO) in the Pharmaceutical and Medical Devices Bureau of India (PMBI), a Society under the aegis of Department of Pharmaceuticals, Government of India in Level-13 in the pay matrix (Rs.1,23,100-2,15,900) from eligible officers under the Central/State Governments/PSUs (Central/State) on Central/State (September 1998).

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rectly move to the new location which would have satisfied the requirements of the All India Council for Technical Education year 2024-25, it received permission from the AICTE. As a result it directed the AICTE and Mangalore (AICTE). He said the temporary lo-cation would satisfy all other fa-

University not to insist, for a period of two years from today, on

riod of two years from today, or compliance with the requirement of the appellant shifting its insti-tute to a place which is either when the place of the place of the vibration the lease for a period of over 30 years is existing. The AICTE and university would continue the permission granted to the insti-tute for two years in a premises where the appellant would tem-porarily relocate its institute.

killed during infiltration attempt in Uri were killed in an attack in Pahal-BASHAARAT MASOOD

were killed in an attack in Planiagamin Kashmir's Anantnag.
The military operation is going on as the soldiers are searching for other possible infiltrators.
"Lwo terrorists were eliminated, infiltration bid foiled bythe security forces in the ongoing Operation Large quantity of wea

TWO MILITANTS were killed in a gunfight after the army foiled an infiltration attempt in Uri in north Kashmir Sunday. This comes a day after 26 people, mostly tourists,

pons, ammunition and other war-like stores were recovered from the terrorists," army's Valley-based Chinar Corp posted on X.

The operation began Wednesday morning after the Army spotted a group of militants trying to infiltrate into the Valley in Uri in Baramulla.



National Anti Doping Agency

(An autonomous body of the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, Govt of India Hall No. 103-104, First Floor, Jawahar Lal Nehru Stadium, New Delhi - 110003

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HC dismisses petition against appointment of IIM Rohtak head, sets aside show-cause notice

JAGPREET SINGH SANDHU

DISMISSING THE plea challenging the appointment of IIM-Rohtak Director Dr Dheeraj Sharma and setting aside the show-cause notice is ung aside the show-cause notice is-sued to him, the Punjab and Haryana High Court Tuesday held "...he validly assumed the office of Director, IIM-Rohtal, post his selec-tion/recommendation by the SCSC (Search-cum-Selection Committee)

under one tategory mormanism from eminent personal control from em alleged that Dr Sharma concealed this fact, leading to the issuance of a

show-cause notice in 2022. The court noted that "such plea is not substantiated by any cogent evidence, viz., any inputs from the



IIM-Rohtak Director Dr Dheeraj Sharma

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Singh, who are respectively the wife and husband of Nirmalya wife and husband of Nirmalya Bandhopadhyay and Vijay Laksh-ni Singh — former IIM Rohtak em-ployees against whom Dr Sharma had taken departmental action. The court noted that it appeared the petitioners were merely act-ing as proxies for these disgrun-tled former employees. On the issue of whether the Ministry of Human Resource

Ministry of Human Resource Development (MHRD) was competent to serve a show-cause no-tice on Dr Sharma—effectively ini-

cion has been cast, it does not act for this court to order a rowing and fishing enquiry," said Justice kuldeep Tiwarin insidetailed jud-gment uploaded on Wednesday. The HC also questioned the credentials of the petitioners, pointing out that the RTI informa-tion cited in the petition was gath-ered by M Chatterjee and V K Singh, who agrees perfectively the

respective universities or colleges depicting that his bachleo'r smaster and MBA degrees are forgat of distributed. "Cruled that "the appointing and distributed." of director was jist he Board of Merely because some suspi

HC refuses to expunge judge's remarks on

SOHINI GHOSH

THE DELHI High Court on Wedn-THE DELHI High Court on Wedn-seday refused to expunge remarks of a single judge against Indian-origin Swedish professor Ashok Swain, where it was observed that, prima facie, some of his posts con-tained "objectionable insinua-tions, and can be construed as un-dermining the constitutional apparatus and legitimacy of the Indian State itself". Instice Sechin Data had made

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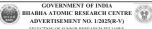
nothing in the order shall be con ued as an opinion on the mer

The bench expressed that it is not inclined to entertain the appeal, following which Swairs counsel withdrew the case.

On March 28, the HC had set aside a July 2023 order cancelling Swair's COI registration, and also set aside the procedure followed by authorities to issue the cancellation. This was the second time that the IV was setting aside an order can-

This was the second time that the IC was setting aside an order can-celling Swain's OCI — the first order from February 8, 2022, was set aside by the court on July 10, 2023. Justice Data had granted the authorities liberty to issue a fresh show-cause notice to Swain, indi-cating the allegations against him, and providing relevant materi-als/writings to Swain, 'thus, enabling him to present his explana-

its of the case. The bench expressed that it is



Prof Swain's 'tweets'

SELECTION OF JUNIOR RESEARCH FELLOWS LAST DATE FOR RECEIPT OF APPLICATION: 19/05/2025

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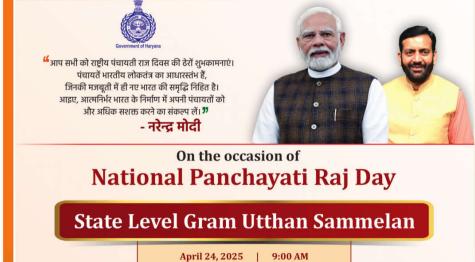
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On this occasion, Social Security Pension will be distributed to newly identified 41,591 beneficiaries





Restrictions in two Manipur villages after arson attack

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE

THE DISTRICT Magistrate of Kamjong in Manipur Wednesday imposed restrictions in two villages following an arson attack by unidentified armed people. Police said there was no information on any casualty.

Official sources said the arson

attack occurred in Gampal and Haiyang villages under the

कार्यालय परियोजना प्रबंधक, यूनिट-17 कन्सदूबशन एण्ड डिजाइन सर्विसेज **उट्टार प्रदेश जल निगम** (नगरीय, (30प्र० सरकार का उपक्रम) (उ०प्र० सरकार का उपक्रम) कृष्णा नगर मथुरा-281004 Visit us at: www.cdsupjn.org, Email : pm17cds@gmail.com Mob.: 708088364

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Sahamphung sub-division in Kamjong district around 9 AM. Police said the villages are lo-

Police said the villages are lo-cated around 50 km east from Kamjong district headquarters, near the Indo-Myanmar border. The District Magistrate or-dered restrictions, prohibiting the movement of residents of the affected villages until further order. "A significant risk to law and order and may disrupt peace and public tranquility in the area," the order said.

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TIRUCHIRAPPALLI CITY CORPORATION

Maintenance of the Integrated Bus Terminal at Panjappur, Tiruchirappalli City Corporation on PPP Mode for a period of

and opened at 04.00.p.m in the same day. If the date of receipt of

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Pre bid meeting in this regard will be held on 12.05.2025 at 11.00 am at Commissioner's Conference Hall, Corporation Main office. Other details may be obtained in the Engineering section,

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HC proceedings against transfer of four judges Except for a few cases, most other matters were adjourned at the Kamatalea HC Wednesday. The protests are a fallout of the SC Collegium recommending that Justice Hemant Chandangoudar bet ransferred to Madras HC, Justice Kishnan Natanajan to Kerala, Justice Nethanal Sirinivasan Sanjay Gowda to Gujarat and beurjen Divit Kiethus Schwicht

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE

ADVOCATES BOYCOTTED the proceedings of the Karnataka High Court on Wednesday, step-ping up their protest over the Supreme Court Collegium di-recting the transfer of four judges to other states. "This has become a very

"This has become a very emotional issue for our law-yers... we only request that cases should not be damaged... we are doing this for the institu-tion..." Advocates Association of Bengaluru (AAB) president Vivek Subba Reddy told Chief Justice NV Anjaria Wednesday. Chief Justice NA njaria Wednesday.

Justice Dixit Krishna Shripad to Orissa HC.

The Collegium noted the reason for the transfer was to 'infuse inclusivity and diversity at the level of HCs and to strengthen the quality of administration of justice.'

The association held a protest Tuesday at the Golden Jubilee Gate of the Karnataka HC. The AAB resolved to abstain from work on Wednesday. vised that the advocates could take a call on the matter.

कार्यालय कलेक्टर. जिला दक्षिण बस्तर दन्तेवाडा

Justice Dixit Krishna Shripad to

(महिला एवं बाल विकास विभाग) नांक 56/मबावि/सा.वि./2025-26 दन्तेवाड़ा,

-: निविदा सूचना :-

महिला एवं बाल विकास विभाग, दन्तेवाडा छ०ग० की एकीकत बार विकास सेवा परियोजनाओं में रेडी टू ईट फूड निर्माण यूनिट स्थापित किं जाने स्वचलित मशीन क्रय किये जाने हेतु दरें आमंत्रित की जाती है।

इच्छुक प्रदायकर्ता को दिनांक 22.05.25 अपरान्ह 3:00 बजे तक निविद सील बन्द लिफाफे में कलेक्टर (महिला एवं बाल विकास विभाग) दन्तेवाड़ के कार्यालय में रखी सील बन्द पेटी में डालना होगा। निविदा दिनां 23.05.25 दोपहर 12:00 बजे क्रय समिति के समक्ष खोली जावेगी इस संबंध में नियम, शर्ते, सामग्री की सूची (मय स्पेसिफिकेशन के) ए घरोहर राशि इत्यादि की जानकारी हेतु निविदा प्रपत्र रुपए 1000/-रू विभागीय मद "0235 सामाजिक सुरक्षा और कल्याण-2-विविध आय" व

जमा करके चालान की प्रति प्रस्तुत कर कार्यालय से कार्यालयीन समय र दिनांक 22.05.25 दोपहर 12:00 बजे तक प्राप्त किया जा सकता है । जिला कार्यक्रम अधिकार्र

महिला एवं बाल विकास विभाग . जिला दक्षिण बस्तर दलेवाडा

Karnataka lawyers boycott Gujarat drug haul: NIA opposes accused bail, says proceeds used for funding terror

ANANTHAKRISHNAN G

THE NIA on Wednesday told the ITH: NIA ON Wednesday told the Supreme Court that the proceeds of the 2,988-kg heroin consign-ment that was intercepted in Mundra port by Directorate of Revenue Intelligence (DRI) in September 2021 were "used, for funding terrorist activities of" the banned Pakistan-based "Lashkare-Taiba (LeT)".

e-Tabla (LeT)".

The agency also said a protected witness in the case had deposed that Lates flather, a slain operative of LeT proxy The Resistance Front (TRF), had told him that one "Md. lobal Awan and Afghanistan Plackstan based drug smugglers in December 2021. discussed. Kashmir issue, Article 30" with him. "Late fdiscreted propers and the control propers of the Artice 370" with him. "Lateef directed representative code name Malik to Delhi/Haryana border for collection of (*) 10 and 15 lakh" from one Haryana man.. "the money was used for procuring weapons and ammunition for new recruits of Lashkar-etalia", the agency told the court. Additional Solicitor General

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NEARLY A month after a 54

NEARLY A month after a 54-year-old professor of a gover-ment-aided college in Hathras was arrested for raping and sex-ually exploiting several woman students, police Wednesday arr-erst the college principal on charges of criminal intimidation and dereliction of duty. SP(Hathras) Chiranjeev Nath Sinba said the investigators.

Sinha said the investigators

found that several complaints of

sexual exploitation by the pro-fessor were made to the princi-

ressor were made to the princi-pal by women students. "But he (the college principal) threat-ened them, accusing them of trying to defame the college. He also threatened the students of ruining their career..."

"... the accused professor was

made the chief proctor so that the accused could sexually ha-

rass the girls by putting mental pressure on them..." read an offi-cial statement by Hathras police.

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Aishwarya Bhati appearing for the NIA conveyed this to a bench of Justices Surya Kant and N K the NVL CONVEYER UTS AS ABENT OF JUSTICES THE MET AT TH

"He is the customs official who cleared the consignment in Kolkata. There was money re-

Kollata. There was money re-ceived in his account. When we examined him... he said he would. make a statement and inthe high, he was found dead. That aspect we are still going to investigate because at that time he was not cooperating." The counsel appearing for Talwar, however, said the ac-cused "was in jail at that time. They themselves had said it's suicide. Sometimes witnesses do commit suicide when they are put under pressure". Investigations have already revealed the mastermind of the haro-terror's Pakistans ISI and Pakistan-backed hanned terro-ist organisation Lashkar-e-Taiba.

anistan. The sixth was inter-cepted at Mundra port. "The Narco-traffickers were located in Afghanistan and were sending heroin via Iran and Pakistan to India (with help of IS and Iranian middle men)." Bhati said. "...a large consignment of 2,988.21 &gs of Heroin was brought from Afghanistan via

Assam migrant held

for killing Kerala

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EARLY APRIL, when a migrant worker from Assam who had been in judicial custody for al-legedly stealing money, was re-leased from jail, he found that the crime had extracted a steep price - his live-in partner had left him. Enraged, he allegedly went to

murder the person he saw as re-sponsible for his situation — the

sponsible for his situation — the complainant in his case, a Kotta-yam-based businessman T K Vijayakumar and his wife Meera. On Wednesday, the Kotta-yam police arrested Amit Orang, the 23-year-old migrant worker, for the twin murders, from Thri-

ssur where he had sought asy-lum after the crime on Monday

night. Vijayakumar was running a convention centre in Kottayam.

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Kottayam District SP Shahul
Hameed said the arrested migrant
worker and his partner — also
from Assam — were employed by
Vijayakumar at his house. In
September last year, Orang allegedly stole Vijayakumar's mobile phone and sphoned off ₹1.50
lakh from his account.

'We had then registered an

THIRUVANANTHAPURAM, APRIL 23

Bandar Abbas, Iran and was im-ported to India in the name of Aashi Trading Company and the

Assin Inding Comjany and the same was intercepted... we have 12 wanted accused persons based in Dubai, Iran, Afghanistan and Pakistan," she said.

The ASC said one of the key witnesses in the case, a retired customs official, was found dead under suspicious circumstances.

with the incident. In November last year, he was arrested. Early this month, he got bail and re-alised that his live-in partner had

alised that his live-in partner had abandoned him," said the SP.
After this, Orang tried to get Vijaykumar to withdraw the case but the latter refused. The police said, Monday night an enged Orang scaled the walls of Vijaykumar's highly-secure two-storeyed house, used a hand drill to break open the window pane part to the door and reached in.

next to the door and reached in side to unlock the house. He al-

side to unlock the house. He al-legedly hacked the couple to death using a hatchet.
"The couple's faces were dis-figured. The brutality indicates his grudge towards them. Noth-ing was stolen from the house," the SP said, adding that Orang al-legedly took away the digital video recorder used in the hou-se's CTIV secruits system.

wideo necorder used in the house's CCTV security system.

The couple were brutally mundred exactly a month after the CBI began a probe into the 2017 death of their 28-year-old son Gautham, an entrepreneur in Technopark in Thiruvannathapuram, whose body was found on a railway track in Kottayam.

The SP said the couple's murders were not linked to the death

ders were not linked to the death of their son.

As such considering the totality of the matter in the respectful submission of the petitioner bail ought not be granted in the instant matter so as to prevent miscarriage of justice and obfuscation of the trial of instant international conspiracy of heinous nature, the NJA said.

Bhati also referred to Talwar receiving consignments of perfumes and dates, adding. Tit's the case of the prosecution that the perfumes and the dates are actually the consideration he is getting ally the consideration he is getting.

ally the consideration he is getting in kind for carrying out this business, for using this business chan-nel". The ASG urged the court to keep in mind the magnitude of the crime and said "is the biggest the country has ever seen.. the in-ternational price of this is ₹21,000 crore. That is the amount of money that is being funnelled into

money that is being funnelled into the terroist organisations". Senior Advocate C A Sund-aram who, too, represented Talwar said there was no evi-dence to link him to the charges of heroin smuggling. The SC after hearing both sides reserved its order in the matter.

Central govt grants university status to FTII Pune, SRFTI businessman, his wife

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RENOWNED FILM making RENOWNED FILLM making schools – Film and Television Institute of India (FII), Pune and Satyajit Ray Film and Television Institute (SRFII), Kolkata – were granted deemed-to-be university status, Ministry of Education said. The new status will empower them to award degrees rather than just diplomas and also offer dorroll programmes.

also offer doctoral programmes. "FTII Pune and SRFTI Kolkata,

"FIII Pune and SNF II Kolkata, were granted deemed-to-be uni-versity status under section 3 of the UGC Act. The status has been notified following recommenda-tion made by the University Grants Commission," MoE Said.
"Both institutes will launch

"Soft institutes will launch of the act and the act an

Information and Broadcasting. Located in Kolkata, the SRFTI

was the second national centre was the second national centre of cinema education established in 1995 by the Gol as an au-tonomous academic institution under the Ministry of Inform-ation and Broadcasting.

FIR against him in connection क्रयांत्रिय परियोजना प्रवन्धक, यूनिट - 49 कम्पद्रश्रान एण्ड डिजाइन सर्विदेज द्वार प्रदेश जल जिनम (नगरीय) (3.प. सरकार का उपक्रम) ई-6, प्रियदंगी नगर, निकट थी, डी. ए. जाफिस, बरेली - 243122

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Muted Affair

A DAY after the Pahalgam terror attack, an event planned for Wednesday to launch a department of biotechnology-funded HPV testing kit was a muted affair. Initially, there were talks nrv testing tar was a ninet anari. Initianly, intere were task that the event, which was attended by the Union Science Minister Dr Jitendra Singh, would be cancelled. However, it was later referred to as a scientific review instead of launch. Floral arrangements on the dias at the venue were also removed. The minister also did not take a photograph with the kit, which is a norm at such events.

Mourning, Miss

AMID A three-day national mourning following the death of Pope Francis, senior ministers could not attend International Earth Day engagements on Tuesday. Union Home Minister Amit Shah did not participate in the Save Earth Conclave on bamboo and sustainability, organised by Indian Chamber of Food and Agriculture and Latur-based Phoenis Foundation. The Delhi government, too, postponed an event to launch 330 deletric-buses, which Union Environment Minister Bhupender Yadav and Delhi Chief Minister Rekha Gupta were to attend.

POLL ANXIETY

BJP MEMBERS in the Delhi unit hopeful of being elected as district presidents are anxious due to lack of clarity on the election for the Aposts. The party is currently in the process of electing 256 mandal presidents — posts a notch below that of a district president. The election for the mandal presidents is mandated to be accomplished before the process to elect mplished before the process to elect district presidents can begin.

RSS-linked body in US to release film to debunk 'caste bias'

DEEPTIMAN TIWARY

AS LEADER of the Opposition in the Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi con-tinues to push the caste narra-tive, raising it even during visits abroad, US-based organisation Indic Dialogue, run by a former RSS member, has come out with a documentary suggesting that caste discrimination in India is

exaggerated. The docum e documentary, titled The The documentary, unen me Caste Rush', is scheduled to be re-leased on Friday in Delhi. It has been funded by Indic Dialogue, and is being promoted in the na-tional capital by the Centre for Social Development (CSD), an or-ganisation of Dalit and tribal academicine run by RIP Leader. demicians run by BJP leader Rajkumar Falwaria. The docu-Rajkumar Falwaria. Ine docu-mentary talks about the conver-sations around caste discrimina-tion in India, with stirrings of it also abroad, and attempts to de-bunk it through testimonies of priests from temples across India.

mony project as a bulwark against the caste narrative of the Opposition. The project not only involves granting access to Dalits to temples and community wells across India, but also creating a sense of Hindu unity in public discourse. Indic Dialogue, founded by former RSS member Vijay Simha and funded by a group of Indiansi in the IS regulary ocean. Indians in the US, regularly organ-ises talks, events and funds dociese talks, events and funds doc-umentaries close to lindukvaide-ology. Around the time of protests over the CAA, it had released a documentary on the plight of Hindu migrants from Pakistan and Bangladesh. Its talks have seen participation by Isc Sle ader Ram Madhav and lawyer J Sai Deepak, among others. The CSD was established in 2014by Falwaria, who claims 90% offis members are Dalit and tribal

has been pursuing a social har-mony project as a bulwark

2014by Falwana, who claims 90% of its members are Dalit and tribal professors of Delhi University.

The documentary has been directed by Nikhil Singh, an IIT alumnus, who studied filmmaking in the US and runs an ad-filmmaking company in Mumbai.

'IRREGULARITIES' IN LIQUOR SALE

HC dismisses pleas by TN, TASMAC, directs ED to go ahead with its probe

DEEPTIMANTIWARY

THE MADRAS High Court
Wednesday dismissed a petition
filed by the Tamil Nadu government seeking directions to restrain the Enforcement
Directorate (ED) from conducting
searches in the state without the
consent of the state government.
The Tamil Nadu government
had filed the plea in connection
with a case of money handering
that the central agency had reg-

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Marketing Corporation Limited (TASMAC) for the alleged irregularities in sale of liquor in the state. The agency had conducted searches on the premises of the company, which is wholly owned by the state government, on March 6 and 8. The ED probe is based on over 40 FIRs regis-tered in the matter by the Tamil

Nadu Vigilance Department.
TASMAC had in a related petition prayed to court to direct the ED not to harass its officials. The

Procedure of High Court to modify punishment totally untenable, says SC as it junks order

New Delhi: The Supreme Court on Wednesday said the proce-dure adopted by the Allahabad High Court in reviewing and modifying the conviction of three persons was "totally un-

tenable" and set it aside. A bench of Justices B R Gavai A bench of Justices B R Gavai and Augustine George Masih re-ferred to Section 362 of the erst-while CPPC and said the provi-sion stipulates once the judgement and final order was signed disposing of a case, no court was allowed to alter or re-view the same except to correct a clerical or arithmetical error. "We fail to understand as to

"We fail to understand as to how the high court, in the present how the high court, in the present case also, in spite of the plain and unambigious words used in the provisions of section 362 of CrPC, has committed such an error; "the bench said. The top court's vertict came on separate appeals filed by the complainant of the case challenging the high court's order. One of the accused approached the aper court for accused approached the aper court for accused approached the aper court for accused approached the app

proached the apex court for ac-quittal. The bench noted the high

quittal. The bench noted the high court, in its verdict delivered in May 2018 in the matter, dismissed the appeals filed by the three accused persons.

Before the high court, the accused challenged a trial court order which sentenced them to life imprisonment after holding them guilty for the offence of murder under Section 200 of IPS.

murder under Section 302 of IPC. In February 2019, the high In February 2019, the high court modified its May 2018 ver-dict on a plea of the accused per-sons and converted their convic-tion to the lesser charge under Section 304 part Il of IPC dealing with culpable homicide not amounting to murder. PTI ition with that of the state

tition with that of the sate government and another one, re-picted all prayers and directed the ED to go ahead with its probe. The argument that there must be a precondition of getting the consent from the sate government before conducting scarches is completely illogical and berefit of conscience. How can a raid or search be conducted in a state government owned company in a surprise manneri fypermissionis to be obtained beforehand? How can a search by an investigating

to be obtained beforehand? How can a search by an investigating agency even hold good if such absurd conditions are made? It is against basic principles of the criminal justice system," the bench of justice SM subaramatian and justice KB jusekar said. The writ petitions had argued that ED's power of search and enquiry "in relation to a predicate offence arising out of and within territoral limits of a state without the consent of the concerned state, is violative of concerned state, is violative of basic structure of federalism". The court said that "the PMLA

framework and does not require the consent of the state government to exercise its powers". The HC order also said there

was a "strong disconnection" be-

was a "strong disconnection" be-tween the averments and the re-lief sought for in the writ petitions.
"The petition alleges that few officers were harassed as they were detained during a search, but the relief sought is to direct the respondents not to enter and conduct searches at any premises of the government of Tamil Nadu. How can such a petition even be maintainable?" the court said.

maintanable? "Ite court said.
Calling the argument "alarming", the court said that "such petitions ought to be dismissed at threshold".
The court also justified seizure of mobile phones of TAS-MAC officials during ED searches. "The seizure of mobile phones is the seizure of mobile phones is

directly and inextricably related to the investigation and search under PMLA for the purpose of collection of evidence for gather-ing material to unearth the of-fence of money laundering and petitioners that seizure of mobile

phones was violative of the Right to Speech as "absurd". It said this was like saying "impounding of

was like saying "impounding of a vehicle under the Motor Vehicles Act is violative of the Right to Freedom of Movement." The court also rejected alle-gations of harassment, illegal de-tention and long duration of questioning by ED officials. "This submission finds no merit as nowhere has any of the aforementioned officials filed a forementioned officials filed a

aforementioned officials filed a complaint stating that they were complaint stating that they were coerced... How can both the Government of Tamil Nadu and TASMAC file an affidavit stating that such coercion happened when there is no material to prove the same?" the court asked. The court said that people have to wait for hours and days

to get their work done in govern-ment departments, but the en-tire government had come knocking on the court doors be-cause some of its officials had been questioned for a few hours.

'Post or freedom? You decide': SC ultimatum to TN minister Balaji

ANANTHAKRISHNANG

SUPREME Wednesday gave an ultimatum to Tamil Nadu Minister Senthil

to Tamil Nadu Minister Senthil Balaji, Ecing money laundering charges, to decide whether he preferred to step down as min-ister or have his bail cancelled. "We are gwing choice. You decide, Freedom or post," Justice A S Oka presiding over a two-judge bench told Senior Advocates Mukul Rohatgi and Kapil Sibal who appeared for Balaji. The bench also compris-ing Justice A G Masih was hear-ing a plea by the Enforcement ing Justice A G Masin was near-ing a plea by the Enforcement Directorate (ED) seeking cancel-lation of the bail granted to Balaji in connection with the cash for jobs scam.

The court granted Balaji time

The court granted Balaji time till April 28 to take a decision.
The SC had granted bail to him on September 26, 2024 noting that the trial was unlikely to begin soon and that he had albegin soon and that he had al-ready spent over an year in cus-tody. Just three days later on September 29, 2024, he was re-instated as a cabinet minister in the DMK government headed by M K Stalin.

M K Stalin.

The ED subsequently approached the SC seeking cancellation of his bail on the ground the he is influencing witnesses.

the he is influencing witnesses. Hearing it earlier, the SC bench expressed distress about Balaji being reinstated as minister few days after being granted bail.

Wednesday, Sibal argued that there was no chance of him fullencing witnesses as the trial in the predicate office, of which the proposal underging reasts is not the proposal to the propos the money laundering case is an offshoot, is likely to start only in January 2026.

n y 2020. ve don't agree because past "we don't agree because past record says so," said Justice Oka adding "there is already a finding recorded by this court how he has used his influence and clout as a minister." He added, "if people are people are going to play with process of law like this."

The senior counsel also contended that the term of the cur-rent DMK government will ex-pire in May 2026. But Justice Oka said, "this is



Tamil Nadu minister V Senthil Balaji

all politics. We don't know nex government he may continue, we don't know."

we don't know."

The bench noted that it had adjourned the hearing thrice in the hope that Balaji would take

a decision.

"We are giving you choice in the beginning between the post and freedom. On three occasions we have granted you opportunity to make a statement," and Justice Oka.

Sibal suggested that the trial may be moved out of the court, but Justice Oka said, "that will

not serve the purpose. There are 1000 witnesses."
Justice Oka sought to remind that Balaji was not granted bail on merits but on possible violation of Article 21 rights. "what's troubling us is for the first time in case of PMLA we have applied

in case of PMIA we have applied a law that if it is not going to commence we grant bail. This order we lollowed consistently." To the argument that he had never said in the court that he is not a minister, justice Oka said, "If you are making such submissions you are reaking such submissions you are relining us we should not have granted bail." The court pointed out that one of the grounds for granting bail was Baligh submission that he was no more a minister. "Now you bring about a change within

you bring about a change withir two days of order granting bai two days of order granting bail. This is not the way to deal with the court...This we will not tol-erate. We are giving choice – freedom or post. Otherwise you are making mockery of the process." As the bench showed no signs of relenting, Sibal agreed to take a final decision by April 28 on whether he preferred to remain on bail or remain a to remain on bail or remain a

The SC will hear the matter next at 2 pm on April 28.

India, Saudi Arabia condemn terrorism, hail ties

SHUBHAJITROY

IN A strongly-worded message to Pakistan, Saudi Arabia's Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman and Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Wednesday con-demned "cross-border terror-ism", and called on all States to reject the use of terrorism against other countries, disman-tle termixim infrastructure and tle terrorism infrastructure and bring perpetrators of terrorism

bring perpetrators of terrorism to justice swiftly.
This was part of the joint statement issued after the Prime Minister's visit to Saudi Arabia, that was cut short due to the terrorist attack in Pahalgam on Tuesday. Modi returned on

Wednesday morning, instead of on Wednesday night.

USVice President J D Vance, Second Lady Usha Vance and their children at Taj Mahal in Agra on Wednesday. "The Taj Mahal is amazing. A testament to true love, human ingenuity and a tribute to the great country of India," Vance wrote in the visitors' diary, pri

on Wednesday night.
The joint statement specifi-cally condemned the attack, as it said. "Both sides strongly con-demned the gruesome terror at-tack in Pahalgam, Jamru and Kashmir on 22 April 2025, which claimed the lives of innocent civilians. In this context, the two sides condemned terrorism and violent extremism in all list forms and manifestations, and empha-sized that this remains one of the sized that this remains one of the gravest threats to humanity."

gravest threats to humanity."
"They agreed that there cannot be any justification for any
to learn yreason whatasoever. They rejected any attempt to link terrorism to any
particular race, religion or culture," it said.



PM Narendra Modi with Crown Prince and the PM of Saudi Arabia, Mohammed bin Salman bin Abdulaziz Al Saud, in leddah, ANI

cooperation between the two sides in counter-terrorism and the terror financing. They condemned cross-border terrorism, and called on all States to reject the use of ter-

rorism against other countries, dis-mantle terrorism infrastructure where it exists, and bring perpe trators of terrorism to justice swiftly. Both sides stressed the swittly, Both sides stressed the needto prevent access toweapons including missiles and drones to commit terrorist acts against other countries, "it said. This followed the terror attack in Kashmir's Pahalgam, where 26 people, mostly tourists, were killed. On Tuesday, Modi delayed his cabellular postinguists the

On Tuesday, Modi delayed his scheduled meeting with the Saudi crown prince by at least two hours to assess the situation inKashmir. The PM, who heldbilateral talks with the Saudi crown prince, slépped an official dinner before returning home on Tuesday night.

The Muslim World League,

based in Makkah, also con During the talks, Modi and

MBS appreciated the deepening MBS appreciated the deepening of the defence ties as a key pillar of the strategic partnership and welcomed the creation of a Ministerial Committee on Defence Cooperation under the Strategic Partnership Council.

"They noted with satisfaction the growth of their joint defence cooperation including numerous firsts like the first user! and Forms.

cooperation including numerous 'firsts; like the first ever Land Forces exercise 'Sada Tanseeq', two rounds of the Naval exercises 'Al Mohed Al Hindi', many high-level visits, and training exchanges, to-wards ensuring the security and stability of the region," the state-ment said. FULL REPORT ON

SC ruling on TN Bills, BJP MPs' attack on Court raise a question: are Governors needed?

Vance At Taj Mahal

No action taken so far against the errant MPs. This is curious, as BJP is not known to dilly-dally once it has decided. And Nishikant Dubey's remarks were no small matter



in national politics – and why

WHILE POWER is devolving to writte: Powers is devolving communities which have been on the margins in what constitutes a growing democratization of our polity, the institutions that undergird India's democracy are coming under increasing strain. An order and observations by the Supreme Court in two recent es, and the response they pro voked, have brought this into

voked, nave brought this into sharp focus again. In the first instance, a Bench of Justices J B Pardiwala and R Mahadevan ruled that a gover-nor cannot sit indefinitely on Bills sent to him for assent, and must send them back within three months at the most. This includes Bills sent by a Governor

The apex court was hearing a case about the 10 Bills passed by the Tamil Nadu Assembly and awaiting Governor RN Ravi's as-sent for years – with the latter, in a sense, exercising veto power over decisions made by a duly

over decisions made by a duly elected state government. The other case on which the Supreme Court's intervention drew a response from the Executive side concerned the newly amended Waqf Act, which has drawn protests by the Muslim community across the country. Chief Justice of India country. Chief Justice of India Sanjiv Khanna, heading a Bench hearing several petitions against the Act, said he was inclined to stay some of its contentious pro-visions, including on appoint-ment of non-Muslims to Waqf-boards and on Waqf-by-user properties.

properties.
Following the Court's observations, the government assured that it would not take any action on the contentious provisions till

the next hearing on May 5.
However, where the government feared to tread, senior BJP members and MPS Nishikant Dubey and Dinesh Sharma rushed in Dubey alleged over-reach by the Judiciary into the domain of Parliament by setting timelines for clearance of Bills. He also wondered how judges could tell the President of India what she should do, when it's she who appoints them under the Constitution – he may have a point there.

In the past too, politicians of different hues have spoken out against judicial activism, and they have a right to do so.

they have a right to do so. However, Dubey, a four-time MP, However, Dubey, a four-time MR, did the unthinkable when he accused the C[I of being responsible for "grish yuddha (civil being rish) in the country. While the B[I of ficially distanced itself form Dubey and Sharma's statements the same evening, a non-conting Dubey went on to take a swipe at former chief election commissioner S A Quraishi, who had criticised the Waqf Act, calling him

a "Muslim Commissioner". It was as if the BJP was offi-cially speaking in two voices, for no action has been taken so far against the errant MPs. This is curious, to say the least, for the BJP is known to be a party of discipline. It does not normally dilly-dally when it has made up its mind to take action. And Dubey's remarks were no small

matter.

BJP sources claim Prime
Minister Narendra Modi has
frowned upon public criticism of
the apex court in the past. A Union
minister is believed to have lost the law portfolio due to such an act. Arjun Meghwal, his replaceact. Arjum Meghwal, his replace-ment, is silent on the issue. Of course, as the BJP MPs have been emphasising — as has Vice-President Jagdeep Dhankhar, in the wake of the Supreme Court's observations — Parliament is supreme when it comes to law-making. But this does not mean the Judiciary cannot revisit, ex-amine or question an act of

Parliament. And, just as the Judiciary cannot usurp the law-making powers of Parliament, MPs cannot take away the Judiciary's right to ensure that enacted legislation safeguard – and not violate - rights of citizens un-

not volate- rights of citizens un-der the Constitution.
Returning to the judgment on Tamil Nadu's pending Bills, and the wider questions it has raised, are governors really nec-essary in modern-day india —especially given that they are largely political appointees, with political loyalities?
The governors' post was created by the British in colonial India to keep an even on the na-

ated by the British in colonial India to keep an eye on the na-tionalists fighting for freedom. In Independent India, they were meant to be the eyes and ears of the Centre in states, with the power of recommending Central rule in the event of a breakown of law and order and the Constitution. If the Central government is expected to be responsible, why should it be as-sumed that a state government

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will be less so, and an eye has to be kept on it? Cases of the post of governor being misused to further a polit-ical agenda abound. Governments in the past did so by invoking Article 356 of the Constitution – till Article 356 be-came a dirty word. The Congress came adirty word. The Congress was a master at it at one time. The Janata Party government – of which the Jana Sangh, the BJP's earlier avatar, was a part – also proved adept, dismissing nine Congress state governments when it came to power in 1977. When she returned to power in 1980, Indira Gandhi wild them beach in the same coin with them to the comment of the control of the c

paid them back in the same coin. Having said that, there have Having said that, there have been examples of governors who refused to give in to pressure by the Centre to make a case for President's rule if this was unwarranted. If they had reservations about such a decision, they would pick up the phone and speak to the chief minister concerned quietly about it.

However, dialogue is difficult ments.

ow as politics is becoming increasingly contentious, with in-stitutional mechanisms to nar-row the gap between the Centre and states, such as the National

Integration Council, or even all-party meetings, becoming rare. party meetings, becoming rare.
Since it was formed, the BJP
has proclaimed itself against the
"misuse" of Article 356. And braining Manipur, where the Modi
government resorted to
President's rule after unchecked
ethnic tensions made the continuation of its own government
untenable, the BJP in power has
not resorted to it.
However, few would aroue

However, few would argue However, few would argue that it hasn't used the Raj Bhavans to its own benefit in Opposition-ruled states, especially for paralysing or topping governments (as alleged in Maharashtra, Karnatakia, Madhya Pradessh, In states like West Bengal, Tamil Nadu and Delhi; the Raj Bhavan occupants have been or were in constant conflict with the state govern-

Finally, whether it is Parliament or the Supreme Court or a governor, the Constitution expects them to play the distinct and delicately balanced roles assigned to them under our federal democracy. under our federal democracy. These roles will sometimes over-lap; at other times, there may even be instances of overreach. This is bound to generate ten-sions, as is happening now – and has happening now – and has happening the past. But a wise leadership helming the government and the courts know they have to function within a certain "maryaada

(decorum)", and only then car the situation be brought back to an even keel. Maryada is not only an even keel. Maryada is not only the use of polite language to ex-press a viewpoint. It is also an en-abler to allow necessary checks and balances to kick in. Neerja Chowdhury, Contributing Editor, The Indian Express, has covered the last 11 Lok Sabha elections.

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&K TERROR ATTACK

6 FROM MAHARASHTRA AMONG DEAD

THE VICTIMS

2. Syed Adil Hussain Shah (Jammu and

3. Hemant Suhas Joshi (Maharashtra) 4. Vinav Narwal

5. Atul Srikant Mone (Maharashtra)

6. Nirai Udhwani

7. Bitan Adhikari

8. Sudip Neupane (Nepah

9. Shubham Dwivedi (Uttar Pradesh)

10. Prashant Kumar Satpathi (Odisha) 11. Manish Ranjan Mishra (Bihar)

12. N Ramachandran

13. Sanjay Laxman Lele (Maharashtra)

14. Dinesh Mirania (Chhattisgarh) 15. Sameer Guha (West Bengal)

16. Dilip Desale (Maharashtra) 17. J C Chandramauli

18. Madhusudan Somisetty (Karnataka) 19. Santosh Jagdale

20. Manjunath Rao (Karnataka)

21. Kaustubh Ganbote

22. Bharat Bhushan (Karnataka) 23. Smit Parmar

(Gujarat)

24. Yatish Parmar (Gujarat) 25. Tage Hailyang (Arunachal Pradesh)

26. Shailesh Himmat Kathaliya (Gujarat)

NIRAJ UDHWANI, 33, worked in Dubai and had come to India with wife Aayushi and some friends to attend a wedding in Shimia. "After the wedding, while the others left, Niraj and wife went to Pahalgam to holiday for a cou-ple of days. They were supposed to head back to Dubai in a few days." sid his purela Bhamaia. days," said his uncle Bhagwan Das Udhwani.

Das Udhwani.

Niraj was among the 26 people killed by terrorists Tuesday.

On Wednesday, as grieving family members waited for his body to arrive at their Jaipur home, Niraj's mother Joti was inconsolable. "Those who shot him, the thing they have done, the same should be done with them "She told grout or so."

them," she told reporters. "There have been other incidents in the past too. What was our fault? What was the fault of the innocents? Today my son has gone, tomorrow it could be



Niraj Udhwani, 33, and wife Aayushi

"They don't get leave easily; he was here now to attend a wedding in Shimla. He called me on April 21 while boarding a flight to Srina-gar (from Chandigarh), saying that

gar (from Chandigan) i sying that he is going to Kashmir le Haad said that he will return to Chandigarh on April 25 and will get on a Dubai flight from there itself." Uncle Dinesh Udhwani said Niraj arrived in India about a week ago. "We got to know about the attack Tuesday evening when Aayushi called Niraj's elder brother Kishore saying that he has been shot at in the terrorist attack. She said she had been shifted to

been shot at in the ferroris attack. She said she had been shifted to Srinagar and didn't know about his whereabouts or health." Kishore, who works in the Income Tax Department, then sought help from his counterparts and locals for information on his brother. "So, we inquired from our sources and hospitals

Jaipur man killed in attack worked in Dubai, was in India for a wedding Bengal man's wife recounts horror

died. Kishore and Kishore's wife then left for Delhi immediately, from where they went to Srinagar," Dinesh said. Bhagwan Das said Aayushi told him that the terrorists "were asking names and shooting the men and separating the women and children".

and children".

Niraj was the son of
Bhagwan's elder brother Pradeep
Kumar Udhwani, who died a few
years ago. While Kishore lives in
Jaipur with their mother Jyoti,

japur with their mother Jyoti, Niraj worked in Dubai. Niraj and Aayushi got marnied in February 2023. He studied at the Indian High School in Dubai, returned to India for his UC and accounting courses, before head-ing to the UAE again for a job. He worked as the finance manager

at Cognita Schools in Dubai. In the evening, Niraj's body was brought back, Union Minister Gajendra Singh Shekhawat ac-companied Niraj's family in the flight from Delhi to Jaipur. CM Bhajan Lal Sharma, who spoke to



'Three cousins shot in the stomach, head and chest in front of families'

VIJAY KUMAR YADAV

TERRORISTS KILLED Rajashree Akul's sister's husband and two of his cousins point blank in front of her as they opened fire at tourists near Pahalgam on Tuesday. "She (Rajashree's sister) thought he would survive, but he didn't," Rajashree said a day after the attack.

ter the attack.

Her brother-in-law Atul
Mone went to Kashmir with his
maternal cousins Sanjay Laxman
Lele and Hemant Joshi and their
families on April 20. They first
went to Ahmedabad by train and
took a flight to Kashmir from there. Mone was travelling with his wife Anushka, 35, and daugh-ter Richa, 18. Lele was with his

wife Kavita, 46, and son Harshal,

wife Kavita, 46, and son Harshal, 20, Joshi, 44, was travelling with his wife Monica, 45, and son Dhruy, 16.
Rajashree, a resident of Ralyan in Mumbai and a music teacher, went to Anushka's house in Samrat Chowk, Dombivali (West), after speaking to her over the phone. "My sister told me that a terrorist shot her husband (Mone) in the stomach They shot (Mone) in the stomach. They shot Lele in his head and Joshi in his

Lete in his head and Joshi in his chest. They were targeting only men," she said.

Mone worked as a senior sec-tion engineer in Central Railway (CR) and lived in Dombivali (West) in Thane district, Joshi and Lele also lived in the same area.

Rajashree said Harshal, Lele's son, broke the news of Mone's

Rajashree's husband, Rahul Akul, said that after they came to know about the terror attack, they contacted the helpline number in lammu and Kashmir number in Jammu and Kashmir, as none of their relatives who were in Kashmir were answering their phones.

"Later, I tried to contact Harshal and he confirmed by messaging that three of them — Mone, Lele and Joshi — were killed in the terror attack," Akul said.

SWEETY KUMARI

WHAT WAS meant to be the cherished final day of a family vacation in Kashmir turned into a tragedy for the Guha family of Behala, Kolkata.

Sameer Guha, a Central government employee, had travelled to the region with his wife Shabri and their daughter, a Class 12 student. Their alsayned cases.

elieut or intelligent with in iss will Shabri and their daughter, a Class 12 student. Their planner terum to home on Wednesday would never materialize for Sameer, as his life was cut short in the ter-port attack in Pahalgam on Tuesday afternoment. The case their Kolkata residence in the dead of night, around 3 amp plunging their home on Jeast her kolkata residence in the dead of night, around 3 amp plunging their home on Jeast plunging their and plunging pl

'It has shattered my sister's life' Akul said Harshal told him the terrorists were in army-like uniforms. "They asked, 'Tum kaun ho? Hindu ho?' After iden-

They should get the death penalty. A terrorist organisation is behind the heinous crime. After 26/11 (Mumbai attacks), it's the biggest on civilians. Families should be financially settled by the government," he added. Rajashree said her sister is a homemaker. "Her daughter

homemaker. "Her daughter Richa is studying in junior college and wants to pursue CA. This tragic incident has destroyed tragic incident has destroyed everything. It has shattered my sister's life. How will she and her daughter survive now? They will now be financially dependent on others," she said.

Rajashree said the Mone family is from Dapoli, and her brush is from Dapoli, and her brush is from Chishu. "Mourem."

family is from Dapoii, and ner family is from Chiplun. "We were planning to go to Konkan this May for a get-together."

Everything was over in an instant:

Sameer Guha was a central government employee

"(They were saying) inko chorna nai hai inko chorna nai hai... and they killed my hus-band," she would later tell me-

diapersons.

Neighbours who spoke to

Neighbours who spoke to Shabri and her daughter in the aftermath described their shock and inconsolable grief. "The daughter) told us that they suddenly heard gunshots in the distance and a few people surrounded them. As soon as they arrived, they told everyone to lie down on the ground. Everyone had guns in their

PM will retaliate with

PM will retaliate with extreme steps: Fadnavis Maharashtra CM Devendra Fadnavis said on Wednesday that the perpetrators won't go unpun-ished and that Prime Minister Narendra Modi would trackdown the mastermind and "retaliate with extreme steps".

Hakim visited the grieving fam ily on Wednesday morning, of-fering relatives condolences

and support.

Sameer was not the only from Bengal to fall victim to the attack: Bitan Adhikari, a resident of Baishnabghata Patuli in Kolkata, and Manish Ranjan Mishra, from Jhalda in Purulia, also lost their lives, leaving be-

"It is a cowardly act. Very dis-appointing. Where was central

appointing. Where was central intelligence? The Home Minister is a flop Minister. They said after the abrogation of Article 370, Kashmir is safe. Everyone believed them and went for a vacation, now who shall take the responsibility?" said Hakim.

the arrangements made by a

are expected to be sent back from Srinagar Wednesday evening.

Speaking to the media, she said, "My husband died right in front of

vel agency. Maniunath's mortal remains

hind more families

Detailing the state govern ment's plans to bring back the tourists stranded in J&K after the attack, Fadnavis said in Mumbai, attack, radinavis sald in Mumbal, "We are continuously monitor-ing the developments with the Jammu and Kashmir govern-ment." He added that Cabinet minister Girish Mahajan has headed to Srinagar to coordinate with local authorities. He said that the finite of the decreased that the families of the deceased will be given a compensation of ₹5 lakh each.

58-vr-old Indore man asked wife to hide before he was shot dead

SUSHII NATHANIFI, a 58-yearold LIC branch manager from Indore, had last met his extended family over Good Friday and did not tell them about his family's

not tell them about his family's private getaway in Pahalgam. His wife, son and daughter walked around the picturesque Valley, Suddenly, the trip turned to a nightmare, as screams and sounds of gunshots engulfed the area. The family last saw Nathanial, on his knees, being shot by a terrorist. shot by a terrorist.

His daughter Akanksha, 30,

His daughter Akanksha, 30, sustained injuries after being shot in the leg, while his wife Jennifer, 54, and son Austin, 21, survived. The family had travelled to Kashmir on April 21 to celebrate Jennifer's birthday. Nathanial was born in Indore, and belonged to a Christian family. He was married to Jennifer, a government school teacher in Abatianura and towerher they. Khatiapura, and together they raised two children: Akanksha, is a Class I officer at the Bank of Barodain Surat, and Austin, a bad-

BarodainSurat, and Austin, a Dad-minton player. Sushil also cared for his grandfather, a Second World War veteran, who is now hard of hearing, shouldering significant responsibilities with a steely re-

Sushil worked as a branch manager at LIC's satellite office in Alirajpur, a role he took on with dedication. Recently promoted, he dedication recently promoted, we was eager to prove himself, known for his hard work and patience. Colleagues valued his calm demeanor, as he explained tasks to agents without losing his temper, earning him respect and camaraderie in the office. The family's last gathering be

fore the trip was at a church on Good Friday, where they spoke

briefly and looked forward to Easter Sushil, nearing the end of a three-year stint in Alirajpur, was excited to return to Indore perma-nently. The trip to Pahalgam was a small family affair, kept private. Jennifer had revealed what

Jennifer had revealed what transpired to he brother-in-law Vikas swald. "Akanksha and Vikas said. "Akanksha and Austin were ahead near a gate. Sushil needed to use the rest-room, Jennifer was with him. It was then that terrorists con-fronted them. Sushil acted quickly and asked Jennifer to hide, and faced the attackers alone. Forced to kneel, he was asked his religion, the repided that asked his religion. He replied that he was Christian and, when ne was Christian and, when pressed to recite the Kalma, he could not. The terrorists shot him dead". Akanksha, caught inthe violence, was shot in the leg and has been hospitalised.

The news reached Sushil's brother Vikas when Austin called

at 9.30 pm, saying: "Papa ko goli lag gayi, papa ki death ho gayi hai (Papa has been shot. He's dead)". Akanksha, clinging to hope, told Akanksha, dinging to hope, told The Indian Eugense, "I am search-ing for my father: That's all Iwant." Refusing surgers, she insisted on seeing her father's body one last time. She is accompanying his emains back to Indore. Susan Nathaniel, a relative, said. "When terrorists are caught, they are put in jails and given death sentence after years. Cover-nment Should take proactive steps to ensure this Goest Tappen." On the consume this cosen thappen." On the consume this cosen thappen." On the consumer than the consumer the consumer than the consumer to the consumer than the cons

nmentshould take proactive steps to ensure this doesn't happen." On her nephew's death she emphasised that 'humans have a right to live, regardless of religion."

She has requested that Austin be given a job in Sushil's Jalec at LIC. "Indore collector has assured Vidas that the administration will provide assistance. Sushil had want famile proposelylities." The many family responsibilites. The government should ensure Austin gets a job," she said



Personnel at the site of the terror attack, Wednesday, PTI

Gujarat man was to return from Kashmir a day after birthday

KAMAL SAIYED SURAT, APRIL 23

SHAILESH HIMMAT Kathaliya SHAILESH HIMMAI Kathaiya would have turned 46 on Wednesday. He had planned to return from Kashmir after celeptating his birthday. Now, in Mota Varachha of Surat, all arrangements for his funeral procession have been prepared at his uncle's house, while his feather with the company of the control of the co

at his uncle's house, while his family waits for the body. Shailesh's cousin, Kishan, a textile businessman, said, "On Tuesday afternoon, after learn-ing about the terror attack in Pahalgam, my elder brother Mayur called up Shailesh to find out if everything was fine. On the other side, Shailesh's wife Shital picked up. She started crying, and said that Shailesh had been

we were all snocked after learning about the incident. Mayur bhai and two others have reached Kashmir, and they are taking care of Shital and looking after all the necessary arrange-ments to bring the body to Surat," said Kishan.

aresident of Munmba and native of Lathi taluka in Amreli district, was working as a Manager at the State Bank of India in Andheri. He had left for a summer tour with his wife Shitalben (41), daughter and son last week.

down to Surat from his Dhufamilya village in Lathi taluka on Wednesday morning tatus of investinestay into mig to receive the body. Family members said that Shailesh's cousin Mayur and two others had on Tuesday afternoon learnt about the death of Shailesh and later in the evening, they left for Mumbai. They later reached Srinagar, where they contacted his wife Shital and helped her out

his wife Shital and helped her out with the procedures.

Speaking to The Indian Express, Kishan Kathaliya said, "Our entire family has shifted to Surat, while Shailesh was earlier staying in Surat and he had purchased a bungalow in the Katargam Chikuwadi area. However, due to the transferable job of a Class 1 officer at the SRI, but the Theorem Chikuwadi area. he had to move to different states and districts. He was in states and districts. He was in Mumbai at the Andheri branch for the last year, and before that, he was in Jaipur, Rajasthan. He takes his family wherever he gets transferred. He had given his house in Surat on rent." He said, "All our family and relatives are settled in Surat, so we have decided to carryout the final rise is Surat city. My uncle

Shailesh's fathe Himmatbhai Kathaliya cam

final rites in Surat city. My uncle and his father Himmat bhai also had come down to Surat early in the morning. Shailesh's mother passed away a couple of years

a victim of the terror attack." "We were all shocked after

Shailesh Himmat Kathaliya, esident of Mumbai and native

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE BENGALURU. APRIL 23

BHARAT BHUSHAN, along with his family, had travelled to Kashmir from Bengaluru on

Kashmir from Bengaluru on Friday,
When the nightmare began unfolding on the meadow near Pahalgam and the terrorists shot him, Sujatha, 37, scampered with heir three-year-old son, trying to put as much distance as possible between them and the deadly attack Tuesday in which 26 people were billed.

were killed. Sujatha's mother Vimala said, "My daughter is a doctor. She re-alised he was dead. She took the mobile phone and purse and ran. We spoke to her around 2.45 pm."



ronss shot Briushai in the nead from a close range in front of his wife and child. The boy reportedly screamed, "There's red colour coming from papa's head", as Sujatha began running away with him. The Army later took the mother and son to a safe location.

Speaking to the mediaper-Speaking to the mediaper-sons, Vimala said, "They appar-ently asked if the men were Hindus before they opened fire... They didn't shoot women and children, but shot the men. They kept shooting until they hit the



ground."
Bhushan, who lived in the
Mathikere area in Bengaluru, hails
from Ranebennur in Haveri district. His father Chanaveerappa retired as deputy director of Public
Instruction, and lives in Bengaluru

with mother his Shallakumari. Sources said that Bhushan was a family friend of former Karnataka Speaker K B Koliwad and MLA Prakash Koliwad. A soft-

'There's red colour coming out from papa's head': Karnataka

man's three-yr-old son; mother ran with him as attack began

ware engineer, Bhushan was managing his family's diagnostic centre in Bhadrappa Layout in

centre in Binadrappa Layout in Bengaluru. Another family from Karnataka, the Raos were elated after their son Abhijeya, 18, scored 98% in his 2nd PU exams, and booked a trip to Kashmir to cele-brate the achievement. Manjunath Rao, 47, a realtor

from Shivamogga, and his wife Pallavi, a bank manager at the Birur branch of the Malnad Areca Marketing Cooperative Society, travelled to Kashmir with Abhijeya on Saturday. Two days

before the family was scheduled to return, Manjunath was shot dead by terrorists. That morning, Abhijeya had not eaten and Manjunath stepped

out around 2.50 pm to buy snacks when he was shot in the head in when ne was snot in the nead in front of Pallavi. Pallavi, who witnessed the at-tack, said the terrorists appeared to be targetting Hindus. With Manjunath lying in a pool of blood, the mother and son pleaded with the terrorists to kill

pleaded with the terrorists to kill them too. One of the attackers re-portedly replied, "Nahin marenge, Modi ko boldo (won't kill you, tell Prime Minister Modi)". In a video posted on social me-dia by Pallavi, the couple could be seen enjoying a shikara ride and expressed happiness regarding

"My husband died right in front of me. I couldn't ry or react — I couldn't even comprehend what had just happened."
Manjunath's mother Sumathi, 80 isye to learn of the borrific news. His father was a manager at MAMCOS, where Pallavi works now.
Another person Shashi Kumar Naik, 65, who halls from the state, suffered a fracture due to a fall, while Abiyay M Rao has sustained minor injuries. CM Siddramaihah raid you're 40 people Siddaramaiah said over 40 people were stranded after the attack.

I&K TERROR ATTACK

A Pahalgam village mourns its 'braveheart', and what comes next — 'a bullet to our chests, our livelihood'

BASHAARAT MASOOD HAPATNAR (PAHALGAM),

APRIL 23

"OUR HEARTS are swollen with pride," says Mohammad Ashraf Shahas other mourners nod." Adil gave his life to save the tourists. This is what you call Kashmiriyat." Syed Adil Hussain Shah, 29, was among those killed in Tuesday sternor attack in Baissann in Pahalgam – the only local among the 26 deceased who was shot trying to stop the militants.

On Wednesday, Chief Minister Omar Abdullah attended Adil Hussain's furneral, at his remote Hapat Nar village, some 35 km from Baisaran. In a post shared on X by his office. Abdullah wrote: "I visited Pahalgam today to offer 'fatha'. Pahalgam today to offer 'fatiha' (prayer after burial)' for brave-heart Shah, who was shot dead while trying to snatch a weapon from one of the terrorists in a courageous attempt to protect the tourists he had ferried on horseback... Adil (Shah) was the

3 from Iharkhand.

MP arrested over

controversial posts

Ranchi, Bhopal: Two persons from Madhya Pradesh and one from Jharkhand were arrested Wednesday for allegedly posting controversial remarks over the terror attackin JBKMohammad Naushad (31), a resident of Bokaro, was arrested after former Bokaro MLA Vinchu
Mohammad Naushed (31), a Nazavan perorettly alerted the le-Nazavan per

Narayan reportedly alerted the lo-cal police about the post, Naveen

Singh, officer-in-charge of Balidih police station, said, "He has been

poince station, said, "He has been booked under sections 152, 196(1A), 196(1B), and 196(1C) of BNS. We are also monitoring other accounts attempting to hurt national sentiments through offensive posts," he said.

In MP's Damoh district, police said When in Man and Taymor.

said Wasim Khan and Tany

Qureshi were arrested for posts

which could incite tension be-tween communities. They have been booked under Sections 353(2), 196, 299, and 3(5) of BNS

353(2), 196, 299, and 3(5) of BNS for promoting enmity and dis-rupting harmony. "The contents of the posts hinted they could hurt religious sentiments and promote enmity between two groups," said a police officer.

SHORT VISIT TO US, PERU

Washington, New York: Following the terror attack, Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman is cutting short her official visit to the US and Peru and will depart for India at the earliest, an offi-

cial statement said Wednesday

SITHARAMAN CUTS

At his modest single-storey house in Hapat Nar, that's the conhouse in Hapat Nar, that's the con-solation his family, including his wife, parents, and five younger siblings, is holding on to. Among villagers huddled around, the talk is about the 29-year-old's "courage and valour". Younger brother Syed Naushad Shah, who

gets intermittent work as a tourist driver, said they don't know exdriver, said they don't know ex-actly what happened at Baisaran, except what they heard of how Adil died. 'At a Srinagar hospital, a woman tourist told me he was killed when he confronted the militants. She told me Adil dropped to the ground to save himself when the militants opened fire on her father from point blant rappe. But as the tro-mont blant rappe. But as the troint blank range. But as she too down, Adil confronted the militants, asking them why they were killing innocents. She said the mil-

itants then fired at him too."

Adil was shot thrice, with two
bullets piercing his neck and a
third his shoulder.



J&K Chief Minister Omar Abdullah consoles the father of Syed Adil Hussain Shah, in Anantnag district, Wednesday. PTI

Adil's father Syed Haider Shah said the 29-year-old left home as usual at 8 am Tuesday for work. "He would go to Baisaran and ferry tourists on a pony. He didn't have his own pony, and the owner gave him Rs 400-Rs 500 a day for ferrying tourists. Last week, be-cause of the rains, he hadn't been

what had happened only in the evening, several hours after the militants struck around 2 pm. "I was in Chandanwari with some customers when I heard about the attack... I called up Adil but his phone was not reachable. I rushed home straight away and called him again. This time his phone

was a local ponywallah. His heart sank, said Naushad. "I asked sank, said Naushad. "I asked them for details. They said his name was Abid Hussain. It re-sembled my brother's name. I asked them to cross-check, and they confirmed it was Adil." Adil's body was shifted to Srinagar, and Naushad was asked to go there. It was at Srinagar's SMHS Hospital that he met the funities who had been

Sinagar's SMHS Hospital that he met the tourists who had been attacked, one of whom told him how Adil had died. The body reached home on Wednesday afternoon, with hundreds attending Adil's family that his government would take care of them. Expressing his sorrow at what had happened, the CM added: "The tourists came to have a good time here and were sent back in coffins A poor labourer back in coffins. A poor labourer left home to earn, but died."

in Hapat Nar and surrounding villages alone depend on earnings from the tourists who come to Pahalgam, working as ponywal-lahs, taxi drivers or labourers, or at restaurants. On Wednesday, many of them

On Wednesday, many of them were on the streets – besides hote-liers, traders and residents – protesting against the attack. Schools stayed shut and shops downed shutters. Several people held night vigils while a two-

neto nignt vigits while a two-minute silence was observed by government employees. "It was not a bullet fired at tourists," said Ashraf, who runs a tourist cab. "It was a bullet fired at our chests, a bullet fired at our livelihood."

Almost every young man from our village works in Pahalgam, Ashraf added. "We earn Rs 500 a day, it gets spent by the evening, and the next morning, we leave for Pahalgam



'Will not bend to terror': Shah vows action

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UNION HOME Minister Amit Shah on Wednesday asserted that the country will not bend to

that the country will not bend to terror and that those responsi-ble for the killing of tourists in Pahalgam will not be spared. After laying wreaths on the bodies of those killed in the ter-or attack, he said on X. "With heavy heart, paid last respects to the deceased of the Pahalgam terror attack.

"Bhart will not heard to ter-

"Bharat will not bend to ter-ror. The culprits of this dastardly terror attack will not be spared," the Union Home Minister said.

the Union Home Minister said. Shah laid wreaths on the coffins of the victims of the terror attack at the Police Control Room here. The Home Minister later in-teracted with families of the slain persons and other survivors slain persons and other survivors of the attack. He assured them the security

forces would leave no stone un-turned to bring the perpetrators of the deadly attack to the book,

Shah also visited Baisaran

Pahalgam. Later, in another post, the Shah said that every Indian feels the pain of those who lost their loved ones in the terrorist attack and that words cannot expres this sadness.

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"I assure all these families and the whole country that these terrorists killing innocent people will not be spared," he said.

Shah arrived within hours of the attack Wednesday night and was briefed about the situation by Jammu and Kashmir Director General of Police Nalin Pabhat.

The Home Minister also chaired a security review meeting, which was also attended by the Lieutenant Governor.

Shah reached the Baisaram meadows in a helicopter and was given a briefing by security officials.

Shah was told about the sequence of events and the possible routes the terrorists took to reach the popular tourist spot, which is surrounded by thick pine forests, sources said. pine forests, sources said. DGP Nalin Prabhat and GoC

of Army's 15 Corps Lieutenant General Prashant Srivastava

Kharge: Not a time for partisan politics, must come together to ensure justice

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE

AFTER LEADERS of Opposition of both the Houses of Parliament spoke to Union Home Minister Amril Stah and Igid RC thef Minister Omar Abdullah about Pahalgam terror attack, Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge on Wednesdays aidfit is not a time for "parti-san politics" and "is a moment for collective resolve ten ensure justice for those who lost their lives and for their grieving families".

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The Congress leader said that the Congress Working Committee (CWC) will meet in Delhi on Thursday to discuss the matter.

Congress communication in charge Jairam Ramensh said that Leader of Opposition in LS Rahul Gandhi "has cut short his Us visit" and will attend the CWC meeting.

visit" and will attend the CWC meeting.
Speaking in Bengaluru, Kharge said the Congress "un-equivocally condemns this cowardly act of terror and those responsible for it in the strongest possible terms."
"This attackis a direct assault on the unity and integrity of our nation," said Kharge, He was accompanied by Congress leader Pawan Khera, and Karnataka Deputy CM DK Shriakumar and ACC general secretary (B&K) and Rajan Sabha MP Naseer Hussain. "Since the hortrific Chattisinghpora massacre in 2000, this is among the most brazen and outrageous attempts by terrorists and separatists. We firmly reiterate, those who mur-

PROMINENT MUSLIM BODIES CONDEMN TERROR ATTACK

New Delhi: Prominent Muslim organisations Wed-nesday strongly condemned the Pahalgam terror attack and sought action against the culprits. The AIMPLB has sus-pended its campaign against culprits. The AIMPLB has sus-pended its campaign against the new Waqf law for three days as a mark of solidarity days as a mark of solidarity with the bereaved families. AIMPLB president Maulana Khalid Saifullah Rahmanidenounced the attack and urged the Centre to take strict action against those responsible, Jamaat-e-Islami Hind (JIH)'s president Syed Sadatullah Husaini said that there can be no justification for such a barbaric act. "Those responsible must be "Those responsible must be brought to justice and given the harshest punishment," Husaini said. ENS

arge. Kharge said, "We must give a fitting response and in this mat fitting response and in this mat-ter we all are one and we will fight". The Rajya Sabha Leader of Opposition urged the govern-ment to use "all its strength to hunt down the terrorists". Meanwhile, AICC general secretary for organisation K C Venugopal reached Srinagar and paid tribute to the deceased.

Row over Vadra's remarks, BJP calls it 'language of terrorists'

Shops closed amid a bandh call against the terror attack in Srinagar on Wednesday. PTI

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE

Srinagar Shuts

BJPON Wednesday mounted an attack on Robert Vadra following his comments suggesting that non-Muslims were attacked in Pahalgam as terrorists feel Muslims are being "mistreated" in the country. Vadra told ANI that he was "deeply concerned" by the current "state of our country." Firstly, I feel terrible and my heartfelt condolences are for the people who have died in this terrorist act. The terrorist act. The terrorist act. The trink surely tis time that all governments need to come together." said Vadra. "When this terrorist act cook

place, they (terrorists) were look-ing at IDs, people who were non-Muslims were attacked and messages were given to the PM. Why is this happening? Because, they

is this happening? Because, they are feeling that Muslims are being mistreated in our country," Vadra said.
"I see that minorities are side-lined. When they are praying, they are not allowed to do so on their roofs, If they are in a bundance praying on a Thursday or Friday and there is a spillover on the road, they are stronged them are stronged.

and there is a spillow on the road, they are stopped, there are surveys of mosques," he told PTI Hitting back, the BJP accused him of "speaking the language of the terrorists" and justifying the barbair act. "Robert Vadra's remarks are completely condemnable," BJP national

that terrorists always use to jus-tify their terrorism. It's clear from Robert Vadra's remarks that he wants to do politics on such a

wants to do politics on such a gruesome terror attack when the entire country is united against it," Kohli said, demand-ing an apology from Vadra. BJP national general secretary Tarun Chugh said, "Robert Vadra's statements are not only ignorant but dangerous. By targeting the Modi government in the wake of Modi government in the wake of amassacre sponsored by anti-na-tional forces, he has exposed the deeply problematic mindset wit-hin Gandhi family." BJP national spokesperson Shehzad Poona-wallas aid even as the country was mourning, Congress had begunt to 'defend P akistan sponsored 'slamic Jihad'. WITH PTI

Vance dials

PM Modi,

condemns

SHUBHAJIT ROY

terror attack

US VICE President J D Vance

syoke to Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Wednesday and strongly condemned the Pahalgam terror attack which took place on Tuesday, the Ministry of External Affairs said. "Vice-President J D Vance called PM Narendra Modi and

strongly condemned the das-tardly terror attack in Jammu and

taruj verror attack in Jammu and Kashmir, MEA official spokesper-son Randhir Jaiswal said. Vance conveyed his deepest condolences on the loss of lives and reiterated that the US stands with the people of India in this difficult hour, he said.

the joint fight against terrorism. PM Modi thanked Vice-

'Govt should weigh options, choose the most effective one; Cong will support it'

A DAY after terrorists gunned down tourists near Pahalgam in Kashmir, leaving 26 people dead, former Union Home Minister P CHIDAMBARAM spoke to MANOJ C G on the attack and the way ahead for the government. Excerpts:

As the Home Minister, you handled several internal security crises. What do you think the government should

do now? Undoubtedly, the first thing is Undoubtedly, the first thing is to launch a massive manhun for the terrorists and apprehend them. Secondly, as this appears to be a case of the failure of local intelligence sources, the government should throughly review the readiness of local sources to provide information to the police and security personnel. It is difficult to police such a vast country or a sensitive state in the absence of local information first ellipser. of local information/intelligence.

Congress president Congress presument Mallikarjun Kharge has called the attack a direct assault on the Indian State and demanded a befitting response. What do you think can be done?

It is for the government to weigh their options and choose the most effective one. The Congress will support the govern ment's decision.

The Congress has asked the government to convene an all-party meeting on the attack. What does the party plan to suggest in the meeting, if it is called?

The Congress president (Kharge) said the all-party meeting should be convened after all-beinformation and facts all-beinformati

"He expressed that the US is ready to provide all assistance in the information and facts are gathered. The Congress will of-fer its views on the basis of the facts and information collected.



THE EXPRESS INTERVIEW

P CHIDAMBARAM

Congress leader Sonia Gandh on Tuesday spoke of the need to build a broad social consensus against terror. Do you think there is a lack of internal domestic consensus

There is a very wide consensus on fighting terror. However, there may be a few people who support violent actions. Violence, if condoned, will create conditions favourable for te rorist acts. We must oppose ter ror and violence everywhere.

Congress has been repeated demanding that Centre restore J&K's statehood. Do you think restoration of statehood will stabilise the security situation in the UT?

The restoration of statehood

a separate issue but is absolutely necessary. Not restoring it breeds resentment. However, it has noth ing to do with terrorist incid If statehood is restored, the first re-sponsibility will lie with the state government and that may help in fighting terrorists.

cial statement said Wednesday, Sitharaman arrived in the US Sunday for a six-day visit, after which she was scheduled to travel to Peru for a five-day trip. Earlier, PM Narendra Modi, who was on an official visit to Saudi Arabia, also cut short his two-day visit and departed for New Delhi Tuesday night. PTI Oppose terror in all forms: China; neighbours condemn attack, bat for regional peace

DIVYAA NEW DELHI, APRIL 23

WITH GLOBAL leaders rallying behind India in the wake of the ter-ror attack in which 26 people were killed, China on Wednesday came out in support of India and said they "oppose terrorism of all forms". Chinese Ambassador Xu Felhong said, "Shocked by the attack in Pahalgam and condemn (it) Deep condolences for the victims and sincere sympathies to the injured and the bereaved families. ilies. Oppose terrorism of all

France President Emmanuel France President Emmanuel Macron also condemned the attack and extended his condolences. "A heinous attack has struck India, claiming the lives of dozens of men and women from all walks of life. We share the profound sorrow of the victims' fam-ilies, to whom I extend my heart-

felt condolences," he said. British Prime Minister Keir Starmer said that the horrific ter-rorist attack in Kashmir was "utterly devastating". "My thoughts are with those affected, their loved



A candlelight vigil in Amritsar on Wednesday. PT

ones, and the people of india, he said on X.

German Chancellor Olaf Scholz called the attack in Kashmir "utterly devastating".

"My thoughts are with those affected, their loved ones, and the

people of India," Scholz said. The European Union also Pledged its support to India. EU President Ursula von der Leyen said that the "vile terror attack in Pahalgamtoday stole so many innocent lives". "Yet I know that India's spirit is unbreakable. You will stand strong in this ordeal. And Europe will stand with you," she said in a post on X. Messages pledging support to India and condemnation poure

in from neighbouring countries — Bangladesh, Maldives, Nepal and Afghanistan. A statement by Afghanistan Ministry of Foreign Affairs spokesperson was issued by its Mumbai consulate condemning the attack and ex-pressed sympathy to the families of those who lost their lives. "Such

of those who lost their lives. "Such acts threaten the security and stability of the region," it said. Maldives, with whom India saw achillin thes a couple of years ago, but with seeds a turnaround later, also came out to "stongly condemn the terrorist attack in the city of Pahalgam", "Terrorism in all its forms and manifestations is a threat to peace, security and human dignity. Poole must have the freedom to live, travel, and explore the world without fear," said plore the world without fear," said Maldives Foreign Minister Abdullah Khaleel.

Addulari Rhaieu:
Bangladesh also strongly condemned the terror attack and extended deepest condolences to the families of the victims. A statement issued by the country's Ministry of Foreign Affairs also reiterated its commitment to the

global fight against terrorism. Nepal PM K P Sharma Oli also expressed condolences, while also noted with concern the possible loss of one of its citizens. "Deepest condolences to the victims of the terrorist attack in Pahalgam, Nepal stands firmly with India & strongly

condemns any &allacts of terror-ism. Close coordination is estab-lished to welfity reports of a Nepali rational among the victims & woil, or a single control of the control of the control of the control of the Apartner on the Qual group-ing. Australian Prime Minister Anthony Albanese said. There is no justification for this violence and Australia condemns it." Albanese is slated to visit India later this year for the key Qual Summit along with US President Trump, and Japanese Prime Summit, along with US President Trump, and Japanese Prime Minister Shigeru Ishiba. "Our hearts go out to the injured, to those mourning loved ones and to everyone in Australia touched by

everyone in Australia toutnea by histerible news, "Albanese said. UN Secretary General Antonio Guterres condemned the "armed attack" in Pahalgam and stressed that attacks against civilians are unacceptable under any circumstances. On Tuesday, US President

On Tuesday, US President Donald Trump had dialled PM Narendra Modi, assuring support in the fight against terror. Italian PM Giorgia Meloni and Russian President Vladimir Putin also ex-tended their support.

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President Vance and President Trump for their messages of sup-port and solidarity," Jaiswal said in a social media post.

WORDLY WISE LOVE LOOKS NOT WITH THE EYES,

BUT WITH THE MIND.

- WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE

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RAMNATH GOENKA

BECAUSE THE TRUTH INVOLVES US ALL

GRIEF & HEALING

In wake of Pahalgam outrage, there is need to remember: Way forward must build on hard-won gains in Kashmir

HE SIGNAL FROM the terrorists who rained bullets on tourists on Tuesday, killing in cold blood 26 people at Pahalgam, one of the Kashmir Valley's most sylvar in cold blood 26 people at Pahalgam, one of the Kashmir Valley's most sylvan destinations is unimistable. They aimed to derail the economic reviol underway in JBK and to set the clock back in the Union Territory. Tourism has been at the heart of the resurgence in the Valley. Prime Minister Narendra Modi, JBK Chief Minister Omar Abdullah and Lieutenant Covernor Manoj Sinha have all spoken of the tourist economy being the result of and becoming a harbinger of, a deepening peace. The fact that a popularly elected government, led by the National Conference, came to power last year, and the fact that the election saw an impressive voter tumout, added to the stirrings of hope and optimism. It's clear that the expiring of a new Kashmir story has bred anxiety among the malevolent powers across the country's border, and their proxies. It may be no coincidence, therefore, that the deallies at the vallet win more than 25 was earned seven the beels of none of the the deadliest attack in the Valley in more than 25 years came close on the heels of one of the

the deadliest attack in the Valley immore than 25 years came close on the heels of one of the nastiest dog whistles in recent times on Kashmir by the Pakistani security establishment. Addressing the Overseas Pakistani Convention last week, Army Chief Asim Munir referred to Rashmir as Islamabads "jugular vein" and timoked the two-nation theory. Accountability for the attacks should be fixed urgently. As it mounts a search for the perpetrators of Tuesday's attack and takes steps to fix the gaps in security, the government shouldn't ignore the signs of a worrying shift pilgrims, migrants, and now, tourists have become terror targets. The militants have also evidently timed their strikes to gamer maximum publicity. In June last year, for instance, they ambushed a bus carrying pil-erins the day PM Modi and his council of ministers were being swomen in In Ortober tergrims the day PM Modi and his council of ministers were being sworn in. In October, terrorists gunned down six migrant workers and a doctor, less than a week after the Omar Abdullah government assumed office. Now, the Pahalgam attack has coincided with the visit of US Vice President J D Vance and PM Modi's trip to Saudi Arabia, one of the most influential players in the Islamic world.

Nothing can compensate those who lost their loved ones on Tuesday. But the best tribute to those killed in the terror strikes would be for the Centre and state governments to reiterate their commitment to providing a fear-free environment to the people of J&K, and to those who visit the UT. The shikara owner, the tour operator, the cab driver, owners and employees of hotels and inns, entrepreneurs, workers — indeed, everyone has a stake in peace. As the government goes back to the drawing board, it will need the support of all peace. As the government gues back to the drawing location, it with rectured the support of these stakeholders. Care must be taken by all to scrupulously eschew any thetoric that might be seen as inflammatory — because any attempts to play on divides would only mean playing into the hands of the terrorist. Instead, the government and civil society actors must draw on the economic and security gains of the past six years and take forward the story of noyo Kashmir. As the government probes the attack to bring the guilty to book, it may have to navigate the escalatory ladder. In doing so, it must keep in mind that Palsisan faces international isolation, both economically and diplomatically. The day after, as Delhi frames a response, it must factor in the fact that the world is on India's side - and the nation is united, in grief and in healing.

A turning point in Valley



Kashmir's soul has been sinned against in Pahalgam, Atonement must be a collective effort

HASEEB A DRABU

THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT has and will re-act to the massacre in the meadows of Pahalgam. The Union government will no doubt respond to it. The security establishment will retaliate in appropriate measure. As they all must, each in their own way. But

As they all must, each in their own way, But it is not only about the government. What are the people of Kashmir to do? The massacre of tourists is as much against the government as it is against the people. Every Kashmir is shocked into silence and speechless in shame. He is girving, She is mourning. They are burdened with self-reproach. He doesn't have a face to show. She doesn't have a face to show. She doesn't have the heart to condone. They are numbed by the assault. The air hanges are numbed by the assault. The air hangs heavy with lament. Kashmir and Kashmiris today find it difficult to come to terms with

The break from the

immediate past of the past three decades and the building of an alternative narrative cannot only be political or governmental. It has to be social... The

foundation of a social

movement for peace, with dignity and development alongside, but distinct from

the ongoing political efforts by all stakeholders, has to be

values, not ideologies. Such a people's initiative will not be

a reaction to episodic violent events, but proactive and enduring with a multi-

generational engagement

laid by the masses. The engagement of people at the grassroots in the process of peace activism has to be based on conviction and

today find it difficult to come to terms with his brutality. He desires peace. She deserves peace. They demand peace. There has been an all-round condemnation as three always has been Already, political parties, trade bodies, business associations and professional groups have protested against the inhuman carnage. The Alley observed a shutdown, a complete Kashmir bandh. All this is of course, a must, but is it good enough? More needs to be done by the civil society of Kashmir. It is imperative to move beyond condemnation and disapproval.

True, the unprecedented boom in touris activity has been cut short cruelly, the economic shock will pan out and linger on for months, if not years to ocen. He revival of trade and commerce, which accounts for 40 per cent of the local economy, has been sud-

per cent of the local economy, has been sud-denly and brutally cut short and the livelihood of lakhs of families has been seriously impa-ired. Last week, a hailstorm damaged and deired. Last week, a halistorm damaged and oe-stroyed the apple crop and impaired the liveli-hood and prosperity of lakhs of Kashmiris. J&K is in for serious economic distress. The recent surge in investment — offi-cial figures for investments in 2023-24 are almost Rs 3,500 crore with Rs 1.75 lakh

crore in the works with the potential to cre-ate 6.06 lakh jobs — will now be in jeopardy. While there is a staggering economic loss, the real loss is much more, Kashmir can survive without the income from tourism, but it can't live with its societal value system

it can't live with its societal value system being as severely damaged and comprosited as was done in Pahalgam. Tourists formal plants of the country, the backbone of this industry, are not just transactional beings for Kashmirs. Their presence has generated not just income but, over the years, also built robust and enduring social connections with the rest of the country, Indeed, as was recognised by the Amman Declaration in 2000, I ravel and tourism are the foremost global peace industry, Historically, in Kashmir, tourists have been ambassadors of socioeconomic integration with the mainland resourched. dustry. Historically, in Kashmir, tourists have been ambasadors of socioeconomic integration with the mainland, respectful of differences and cultural diversity, which has resulted in the revitalisation and regeneration of native cultures.

The land of unparalleled beauty has borne witness to unspeakable pain. The Pahalgam massacre has cut through like a cheer of the paralleled beauty has a considerable of the paralleled beauty has borne witness to unspeakable pain. The Pahalgam massacre has cut through like a cheer in the paralleled beauty has been supported by the pain.

physical wound that will take a long time to heal. How can such brutality stain a place to heal. How can such brutality stain a place that is known for its humanity and hospi-tality? This was on display in full force even after the attack, with the locals carrying the injured on their backs to the hospitals. The massacre at Pahalgam has dimmed the light of the collective spirit of Kashmiris. Yet, amidst the grief, the soul and sent-ment of Kashmir must be articulated in more decisive and strident expressions. It can't be awhisper of an anosal to the resilience and

decisive and strident expressions. It can't be a whisper of an appeal to the resilience and values of its people. The collective voice has to be raised against barbarity, thereby making it a decisive turning point. What is needed is a demonstration of complete unacceptability, a public expression of positive assertion against the blantar violation of the basic values, principles and social norms that have defined Kashmira society for centuries.

The break from the immediate past of

the past three decades and the building of an alternative narrative cannot only be po-litical or governmental. It has to be social. There is a need for civic engagement, en-There is a need for civic engagement, ensuring the involvement of individuals as members of the liberal and tolerant society that Kashmir has historically been. The foundation of a social movement for peace, with dignity and development alongside, but distinct from the ongoing political efforts by all stakeholders, has to be laid by the masses. The engagement of people at the grassroots in the process of peace activism has to be based on conviction and values, not ideologies. Such a people's initial time will not be a reaction to episodic viole will not be a reaction to episodic viole. tive will not be a reaction to episodic vio-lent events, but proactive and enduring

lent events, but proactive and enduring with a multi-generational engagement.
Run through civil-society networks, such a movement will mobilise campaigns by reaffirming and spreading collective values and beliefs. The public expressions of outgrayed and positive sasertion must reverberate from all institutions of civil society, be they shrines, schools or mosques. It is the soul of Kashmir that has been bruised, battered, and singed assist in Pabalgam.

Kashmir that has been bruised, battered, and sinned against in Pahagam. The atonement in private sought by every Kashmir today will become a collective effort for a peaceful, liberal and tolerant society. From there, a people's snartiwe will emerge. In parallel, it needs to be proactively ensured that the estranged relationship manifesting itself as distrust and disconnect between the state and society is obliterated. The state's assertiveness and authority depend on its efficacy. This, in turn, earn's legitimacy and compliance and authority depend on its efficacy. This, in turn, earns legitimacy and compliance and forms a strong social contract between the two. Neither the state nor civil society can deliver in isolation. Civil society has to ensure that ethnic, racial and religious identities do not become reasons for contention.

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THE RECASTING

Amid global tumult, JD Vance's visit framed convergence of interests, built on gains of PM Modi's America trip

SVICE PRESIDENT J D Vance's four-day visit to India came at a crucial juncture, amid profound changes in Washington's approach to the world. The optics of the visit, as well as Vance's speech in Jaipur on Tuesday, must be opuc or in the context of the gathering apprehensions around the Donald Trump administration's trade policy, its rethinking of the US's role in the world, its hardening stance on immigration. Against this backdrop, the images of the Vance family sight-seeing, the play on the Indian connection through Second Lady Usha Vance, and the photogenic warmth of the meeting with PM Narendra Modi, with the couple's three children

togenic warmth of the meeting with PM Narendra Modi, with the couple's three children participating, have led to a perceptible softening. The tenor of the trip has been in start contrast to the hard and stark stance taken by the V-P in Europe during the Munich conference earlier this year. His speech in Jaipur only underlined this.

The US V-P announced that the Terms of Reference (ToR) for a bilateral trade agreement have been finalised. He spoke of deepening defence cooperation and about offering the latest defence equipment, notably the F-S3 fighter jet. He also made a case forexporting US hydrocarbons to India, and partnering in energy exploration as well as emerging technologies, including Al. The Trump administration remains consistent in its approach to the Indo-Pacific — there has been clarity on the China challenge from

its approach of the indivalent of the file is been canny on the China channels from Trumps first term through to the Biden administration. Vance's welcoming of India's leadership of the Quad is important in this context. Vance has sought to frame bilateral ties in terms of a convergence of interests, free frump-what he sees as the shibboleths of a defunct ideology. He drew a line between the Trump-Vance outlook and the "failed ideas" of their predecessors and their "attitude of preachiness, and condescension'. The takeaway from Yance's visit – just over two months after the Modi-Trump summit in Washington – will be that, amid the unsettling and rebalanc-ing, India may have more room for manoeuver. The Allelenge now is to build on this mo-mentum amid the tumult in the global economic and strategic order that threatens pro-

THE MARRIAGE PLOT

A letter addressed to the Bard's wife hints at a partnership sturdy enough to survive separation and speculation

IKE ANY GOOD Shakes nearean revelation, this comes not with thunder and lightning, but in ink and part-hement. A crumbling letter has upended one of literaphistory's long-held assumptions – that William Shakespeare abandoned his wife Anne Hathaway in Stratford-upon-Avon while he made his fortune in London. Analysed by professor Matthew Sleggle of the University of Bristol, the fragment found in that person by forcess on waterway segge or the conversity or brook, not lead general manual the binding of a book in Hereford Cathedral's library and addressed to "Good MRS Shakspaire" suggests Anne may have been far more present in his life than the myth of the forsaken provincial wife allows: It is an appeal to her by a London widow to repay the money entrusted to Shakespeare by her husband.

trusted to Snakespeare by ner fusband. Biographers have chipped away at Anne's agency over the centuries. She has been cast variously as a supportive wife bringing up their three children in the countryside while running the family brewery, a woman of weary estrangement, a harridan who forced Shakespeare into marriage because she was pregnant with their child. But what if Shakespeare streative life and their marriage werent at odds? What if Anne was Sonnet 137's snakespeare screamer we man their marinage weient acousts? What is mark was been and be dead be dead to be dea



HARD TO STOMACH

The state must tackle food adulteration, not put onus on citizens

Rituparna Patgiri

FOUR ONE of the most significant aspects of our social and cultural lives, and both state and society play crucial roles in determining untrition and health-related policies. From mid-day meals in schools to government of the properties of the pr

gents and glucose.

In recent times, there have been alarming reports on food adulteration in several other items of daily consumption like paneer, watermelon, spices, etc. News reports from different parts of the country, like Delhi, Mumbai, and Noida, have revealed that the

The prevalence of adulterated food should set alarm bells ringing in a country that is grappling with both communicable and noncommunicable health issues. India is often known as the diabetes capital of the world, with around 77 million

people above 18 suffering from this non-communicable disease. A recent study by the Indian Council of Medical Research and the Madras Diabetes Research Foundation, Chennai, has attributed this to the kind of

market is flooded with "fake paneer", The most common adulterants include starch, detergents, synthetic milk, acetic acid, etc. Eating adulterated fool tiens can lead to severe health consequences like food poisoning, sometimes even death. The prevalence of adulterated food should set alarm bells ringing in a country that is grappling with both communicable and non-communicable health issues. India is often known as the diabetes capital of the world, with anound 77 million people above 18 suffering from this non-communicable feases. A recent sudy by the flaid ancouncil of Medicial Research and the Madras Diabetes. Research Foundation, Chemail, has attributed this to the kind of food Indians eat. The higher number of diabetic is closely connected to the fried and ultra-processed floods that are consumed. The use of low-quality oil is also a contributing factor. Edible oil is also one of the most adulterated food items in the contributing factor. Edible oil is also one of the most adulterated food items in the contributing factor. Edible oil sense in the contributing factor.

also one of the most adulterated tool cultural association in the country. Adulterants such as rice bran oil, argemone oil and artificial allyl isothio-cynante are added to mustard oil. The case of adulteration in spices is even more striking. In April 2024. Hong Kong suspended the sale of certain MDH and Everest spice blends because of the presence of large amounts of ethylene oxide, a cancer-causing amounts of ethylene oxide, a cancer-causing pesticide. It is not an exaggeration to state that Indian soft power, especially its culinary cap-ital, is synonymous with its spices. Made-in-India spices, considered to be one of the ma-jor exports, are widely sold worldwide. Apart from health impacts, the country's international reputation suffers when these cases come up. The European Union has already raised concerns about the presence of ethylene oxide in chillip pepers and peppersons from India. It even banned 400 items for heavy contamination between 2019 and 2024.

The Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) has been conducting raids and sample tests and cancelling the manufacturing raids and sample tests and cancelling the manufacturing in the control of the contro

of India (FSSAI) has been conducting raids and sample tests and cancelling the manufacturing licences of many manufacturing licences of many manufacturing People have also been directed to be wary of purchasing adulterated products, check carefully and preferably eat items like paneer at home. But such measures are not enough, By saying that citizens must be aware and eat at home, the obligation toensure food is ale and healthy is shirted from the state to the individual. This is particularly difficult to achieve in a country that still has a large population of poor and uneducated people. The problem calls for better farming, processing and packaging practices. Producers at every level need better training and knowledge about safe food practices. The FSSAI must ensure stricter implementation across India, as many states on that the infrastructure to do so. There is also a need to look at the permissible levels of pesticides in food and to retrink food quality and its relationship with health. We must develop the concept of food literacy to must develop the concept of food literacy to fight nutritional and health hazards.

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APRIL 24, 1985, FORTY YEARS AGO



LONGOWAL VISIT

THECOVERNMENTIS likely to adopt its strategy on Drujab after the visit of the Akali Dal president, Harband Singh Longowal, to the capital. Longowal is visiting Delhi and the SCPC president, Gurcharan Singh Tohra, is likely to accompany him. The government is concerned over the proposal put forward by Tohra to demolish the Akal Takits.

20 KILLED IN GUJARAT

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AT LEAST 20 persons were killed in police firing and other violent incidents (unofficial sources put the toll at over 50) and over 115 re-

ceived bullet, knife or burn injuries as the sitceived buller, knile of burninglunes as the str-ulation in Ahmedabad turned every grave with large-scale arson, looting and communal clashes reported from hitherto peaceful labour localities, Indefinite curfew was ex-tended to Bapunagar, Rakhival and Comtipur. The police fired over 135 rounds at the mobs.

MAINTENANCE LAW

A DIVORCED MUSLIM woman is entitled to maintenance from her husband under Section 125 of the Criminal Procedure Code, a Constitution Bench of the Supreme Court held. A five-judge bench, presided over by Chief Justice Y V Chandrachud, emphasised that there was no conflict between the provisions of the CrPC and the Muslim personal law or the question of the Muslim husband's obliga-tion to maintain his divorced wife.

DDA Mafia

AMARAO Frety contractors, junior employ-ees of the Delhi Development Authority and local thugs allegedly controls the tender filing centres of the authority in various parts of the city. The modus operand is frightening, Members of the madia surround the bows kept at the offices of various engineers and intimi-date contractors who go to deposit the tenders and do not pay money to them.

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WHAT THE OTHERS SAY

"The US president's continued attacks on the Fed chair over the weekend have only added to a flight from US equities, bonds and the dollar itself."

— THE GUARDIAN

The road from Pahalgam

There can be no magical solution to the 'Kashmir issue' as long as Pakistan provides support to separatism. But we need to remember, in this moment, that there has been movement towards normalcy



THE ATTACK AT the Baisaran meadow near Pahalgam, where at least 25 tourists and a Valley resident were killed, reflects a significant departure in the trajectory of terrorism in Jammu & Kashmir (J8K). It is a break down of the unwritten compact between virtually all terrorist groups operating in the now Union Territory and the larger population there — that tourists would not be targeted. Virtually every family in the Valley is directly or indirectly dependent outurism, and a collapse of the industry would inflict unendurable hardships on the entire population. Thus, even at the peak of terrorism in J8K, through the 1996 and early 2000s, tourists were excluded as targets of terrorist operations. Even in several years that saw high levels of violence, tourism was not allowed to collapse entirely. Intere were, of course, occasional THE ATTACK AT the Baisaran meadow near tirely. There were, of course, occasional aberrations. The South Asia Terrorism Portal abertations. The South Asia Terrorism Portal (SATP), for instance, records a total of 24 incidents targeting tourists since 2000, of which 13 were incidents of killing, resulting in 44 fatalities. This excludes the latest incident in Pahalgam. Significantly, these numbers incided Hindu pilgrims, who have never been part of the "implicit compact" excluding tourists at argets of terrorism. Beyond this—and the inevitable impact the Pahalgam incident will have on the tourist industry in J8K—this most recent terrorist outrage represents no radical deterrorist outrage represents no radical deterrorist outrage represents no radical de-

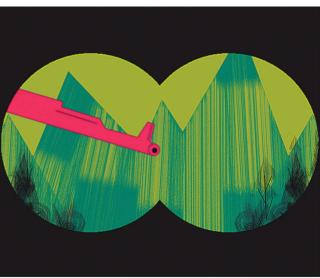
terrorist outrage represents no radical de-parture from the trajectory of the past. The incident will certainly trigger a process of adaptation on the part of the security forces,

adaptation on the part of the security forces, as well as at least temporary circumscription of tourist activities. Beyond this, it is unlikely to have any lasting impact on trajectory of terrorism in the state.

It is useful to recall, here, that the flurry of incidents in the Jammu region in June-July 2024, including the attack on bus carrying Hindu pligirims at Reasi, had provoked widespread commentary on the "strategic shift" from the Valley to the Jammu region, which had purported by better the preactful before the sea data, in fact, recorded 59 fatalities in 2023. There was ad illution of the force's deployment her region, and a consequent weakening of the security grid. Terrorists were facing an increasingly difficult operational environment in Kashmir, and found a few opportunities to remind the Indian state of their nities to remind the Indian state of their

nities to remind the Indian state of their presence in Jammu. The security vulnerabilities were addressed, and preceding patterns of terrorism — with the Valley dominating—persisted.

The most significant damage the Pahalgam incident will inflict is on the Centre's narrative of the restoration of "normalsy" in JRK after the abrogation of Article 370 in August 2019. At the time, the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) promised "zero terrorism" in the Union Territory, and boastful assertings of bureoning tourism boastful assertings of bureoning tourism. boastful assertions of burgeoning tourism



current year before the Pahalgam incident. Clearly, however, such "normalcy" and

Clearly, however, such "normalcy" and "zero terrorism" remain elusive. But what is "normalcy"? JRK has been a heater of terrorism for over 35 years — and at least 16 of these years saw a high-inten-sity conflict, with each of these recording at least 1,000 fatalities. The violence peaked in 2001, with 4,011 fatalities (all data from ATIP), and bottomed out at 12 in 2012 — the point at which major political initiatives should have been launched. Instead, fatalities scalated from this point, hitting 452 in 2018, going down to 283 in 2019 — with a

ties escalated from this point, hitting 452 in 2018, going down to 283 in 2019 – with a complete lockdown after the Centre's action on Article 570 – to rise again to 321 in 2020. Thereafter, a steady trajectory of decline has been registered, down to 127 fatalities in 2024.

There can be no magical "solution" to the "Kashmiri issue" as long as Pakistan continues to provide support to separatism and a measure of alienation persists in the UT. But a "solution" is already in play. The drop in fatalities from 4,011 to 127 is, itself a "soution" is already in play. Lution", a major success, and within a the-atre of protracted conflict, a measure of "normalcy".

arre or protracted conflict, a measure of "normalcy". Significantly, from a situation where up to 7,000 terrorists rampaged across the state, often in individual armed groups numbering in the 100s, authorities estimate the total strength of active terrorists in J&K at 76 in March 2025, including 59 foreign and 17 local terrorists. This, again, given the background, represents "normalcy" in a long-troubled region.

The Pahalgam attack is, no doubt, an un-

acceptable outrage, and there will be conse

acceptable outrage, and there will be consequences. Palkistan has sought to deny involvement, but all present indications suggest the involvement of The Resistance Front (TRF), a front organisation of the Lashkare-Taibal (IeT). The scale and nature of the operation, as well as the profile of the participating terrorists, at lead and nature of the operation, as well as the profile of the participating terrorists, and the start three of whom have already been named by authorities, clearly indicate TRF/IeT involvement, built on Pakistani state support, if not immediate planning and oversight.

A number of options for realiation exist, and it may be terroping to resort to patterns preferred by the current administration in the past — the surgical strike in the wake of the Pulvarna bombing (2019). These would be theatrical events that could be exploited for partisan political purpose, but with dubious operational or strategic consequences, but well dubious operational or strategic consequences, but well dubious operational or strategic consequences, but well and because of the partisan political purpose, but with dubious operational or strategic consequences, but well and because of the partisan political purpose, but with dubious operational or strategic consequences, and the partisan political purpose, one with the partisan political purpose, one of the partisan political purpose of the partisan political purpose, but with dubious operational or strategic consequences. war, with little concern for capacities, capa bilities and costs, or for the wider regional security environment. It is, however, covert retaliation that has the largest potential for impact, without the risks of sliding down The slipper slope to unforeseen escalation. These are decisions that must be taken unhurriedly, within a strategic framework, and not within a mindset of vengeful rage or a calculus of domestic political advantage.

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Why govt should acquire BluSmart

Integrating it into the Sahkar Taxi cooperative can be a blueprint for green growth



DAVINDER SANDHU

THE ABRUPT SUSPENSION of BluSmart's operations has impacted clean mobility ambitions and the livelihoods of over 10,000 drivers. With financial misconduct allegations against its founders coming to the fore, the company's services were halted across Delhi-NCR, Mumbai, and Boncolaus Servicies were halted across Delhi-NCR, Mumbai, and Bengaluru, affecting both employees and a growing base of loyal customers. While

Bengaluru, affecting both employees and a growing base of loyal customers. While the legal system rightly pursues accountability from the promoters for alleged diversion of funds, the workforce and public assets built through this venture need not be abandoned.

This crisis offers a good opportunity for the Indian government to step in, acquire BluSmart, and integrate it into the Sahkar Taxi cooperative platform that is in the process of being rolled out. Such a move would protect livelihoods, preserve viral green urban transport assets, and further India's mission of democratic economic empowerment through cooperative ownership.

Founded in 2019, BluSmart emerged as India's pioneering all-electric ride-halling platform. Operating a fleet of over 8,000 electric welnicles, the company quickly gained attention for its environmentally friendly service model, transparency in princing (fined fines with flushmart and the process of the provide
With over 10,000 drivers suddenly out of work, many of whom had left jobs with traditional aggregators for Bluśmart's cleaner and more ethical platform, the shutdown is not just a corporate failure—it's a crisis. Most drivers did not own the EVs they operated and are now unable to drive for other services. Government acquisition would preserve these jobs and inject confidence in the growing EV-based mobility workforce.

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India's climate goals under the updated India's climate goals under the updated Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) larget a 45 per cent reduction in emission intensity of GDP by 2030. Urban transport is a key sector in this transition. BluSmart's Beet, which contributed signic icarly to reducing carbon emissions in metros, cannot be left to disuse. With the Faster Adoption and Manufacturing of Hybrid and Electric Vehicles in India Phase If (PAME-II) Schem enaring its end, retain-ing existing EV infrastructure is more cru-cial than ever cial than ever. One of BluSmart's key strengths was

time cab tracking, and uniform pricing irre-spective of demand spikes. These were ap-preciated by urban professionals, women, and elderly passengers who valued pre-dictability and safety. Integrating these practices into Sahkar Taxi can elevate the eline of public expectations from ride

baseline of public expectations from ride-halling services. Announced in early 2025 by Union Home and Cooperation Minister Amit Shah, the Sahkar Taxi scheme seeks to es-tablish a nationwide cooperative of taxi drivers who jointly own and manage the ride-halling service. This model aims to counterbalance the commission structures

counterbalance the commission structures of private aggregators, under which drives of private aggregators, under which drives of the rate collected. Under Sahkar Taxi, drivers will be members of Primary Transport Cooperatives and receive profit dividends, training, and welfare support.

The scheme is to be supported by the National Cooperative Development Corporation (NCDC), with startup capital from the Ministry of Cooperation Aspert the government's initial estimates, Phase I will induct 20,000 driver-owners. Acquiring BluŚmart's fleet and staff can give this plan a ready base and strong urban launchpad.

BluSmart's fleet and staff can give this plan aready base and strong urban launchpad. BluSmart's infrastructure — including EVs. charging stations, and IT backend — can be merged into Sahkar Taxi to immediately scale up operations in three major metros. The retained workforce, including skilled drivers, backend operations staff, and tech developers, can be given the opportunity to continue under the cooperative framework, subject to due diligence. To ensure sustainability, the government can initially hold majority ownership through a holding special purpose whicle

ment can initially hold majority ownership inrough a holding special purpose vehicle (SPV), while gradually transitioning to a driver-owned model over a five-to-seven-year period. During this phase, a roadmap for disinvestment to cooperative societies and state federations can be developed in consultation with NITI Ango and the ministries of Road Transport and Highways and Heavy Industries.

This transition model has global precedent to Stain's Mondrazon Correctation.

dent. In Spain's Mondragon Corporation and Italy's Emilia-Romagna region, govern-

and Italy's Emilia-Romagna region, govern-ment-backed cooperatives emerged as highly resilient during financial crises. India can learn from these and raft an exit that ensures long-term financial health and participative governance. Bluśmart Sedmise is a cautionary tale about rapid scaling without internal ac-countability. But it is also a reminder that innovation in mobility and environmental responsibility should not be hostage to in-dividual misconduct. As India races to build preper more inclusive cities: intervatine greener, more inclusive cities, integrating BluSmart into the Sahkar Taxi cooperative

BluSmart into the Sahkar Taxi cooperative is not just a rescue plan — it is a transformative blueprint for future mobility. If the government seizes this moment, it will be doing more than just salvaging a service. It will be sending a strong signal that india is ready to back ethical, green, and people-centric business models with institutional strength. The future of mobility could well be electric — and cooperative.

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The right price

It is necessary for digital public infrastructure to be viable and sustainable

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RITUL GAUR AND MANSI KEDIA

THIS YEAR'S BUDGET announcements reaf-firm the government's continued focus on a Digital Public Infrastructure (DPI)-led ap-proach for digital transformation, with conproach for digital transformation, with con-tinued allocations for Aadhaar and other ongoing digital missions for health and urongoing digital missions for health and ur-banisation. Many of these DPs are now sev-eral years old, especially Aadhaar and UPJ, which have scaled to serve millions across the country, Linked to 1,206 schemes, not only has Aadhaar benefited millions, government estimates also project fiscal savings of over 3 lakh crore (until March 2023). Despite this success, the government shies away from papropriate pricing of DPJ services. Is scaling and diffusion of DPJ the concern?

DPI's advocates have often likened its purpose and application to physical infrapurpose and application to physical infrastructure such as roads. When governments invest in building highways, they rigger spillover gains through growth and employment opportunities in adjoining areas. Similarly, DPIs such as Aadhaar have delivered beyond their immediate purpose. The recently announced Aadhaar Inharchication for Good Governance Rules, 2025 expand the scope and utility of substantiarious in schulde and utility of authentication to include

and unity of authentication to include private-sector services. Aadhaar-based authentication was until December 2019. The fee structures were revised downwards in 2023, and cur-

rently vary by user type — telecom service providers pay Re 1 for e-KYC and other pri-vate entities pay Rs 3, while it's free for gov-ernment entities. Revenues from authentication services and self-service updates accounted for less than 40 per cent of expenditure in 2022-23. This explains the continued fund allocation to Aadhaar, not only for capital upgradation, but also for op-

only for capital upga deathor), but a solid op-erations and maintenance.

UPI still mandates zero-cost services for basic peer-to-peer and merchant transac-tions, but has a nuanced fee structure for advanced services. For prepaid wallet in-struments, merchants pay interchange fees on transactions above Rs 2,000, with rates varying by sector from 0.5 per cent to 1.1 per cent. Wallet loading also incurs service charges for transactions exceeding Rs 2,000. charges for transactions exceeding Rs 2,000. This approach may have contributed to UPI's adoption across the economy, but it comes with substantial operational costs — Rs 781 crore in marketing and a 188 per cent increase in product incentives, amounting to Rs 367 crore. The Open Network for Digital Commerce (ONDC) presents a similar case. Despite massive growth, the latest financials show a deficit of Rs 19,561.70 lakh, against total expenditure of Rs 21,027.33 lakh in 2023-24. DigiLocker (budgeted at Rs 4,071 crore for FY 2025-26), is completely subsidised at the moment. With over 47 crore users, it offers free services despite the IT Rules, 2016 (Rule 15) allowing

for service charges.

The sobering story of poor financial viability is plaguing all DPIs. The initial nudge to scale adoption at zero prices has left the government with a sticky situation that to scale adoption at zero prices has let true government with a sticky situation that risks endding high-value common goods. 1966, Carrett Hardin, an American ecologist, argued that individuals acting in their own self-interest can deplete shared resources — popularly known as the tagedy of the commons. Free services may eventually lead to overuse and perhaps, misuse of the common infrastructure. Since UPI is free of charge, users don't hesitate to make multiple micro transactions. This places technical pressure on the infrastructure, leading to performance issues. Additionally, fee prohibitions hurt competition. In UPI's case, two tech giants now control 80 per cent of transactions, because ontrol 80 per cent of transactions, because larger companies can afford zero-fee models that are cross-subsidised through adjacent services. This undermines DPI's purpose as open infrastructure by creating de facto gatekepers.

International experiences demonstrate

that thoughtful pricing models not only prevent resource depletion but also create sustainable digital ecosystems. Singapore's PayNow adopted a flexible merchant fee approach that provides incentives for small vendors. Jordan's CliQ applies a 1 per cent merchant fee to ensure efficient utilisation of infrastructure.

The government is not blind to these concerns. The RBI's discussion paper (2022) on payment system charges indicates that merchant fees may be under consideration. The expanded scope of authentication un-der the 2025 Aadhaar Rules also raises der the 2025 Aadhaar Rules also raises expectations of a relook at pricing authentication services. The launch of Entity Locker, the enterprise equivalent of DigiLocker, may also find more people favouring the "ability to pay" for a service. This may eventually nudge DigiLocker services to be priced, too.

Borrowing from the theory of multi-sided markets, DPIs, like other platform

sided markets, DPIs, like other platform markets, allow for price levels to be strate-gically chosen for different groups of users suppliers and consumers. Given the trong direct and indirect network effects strong direct and indirect network effects that DPIs such as Andhaar, UPI, Diglocker and ONDC have created, participation can continue to increase by setting prices that balance the needs of different groups. Public value maximisation may require some subsidisation, as already provided in building the infrastructure, but they need to be operationally viable. Lest we be misunderstood, the objective is not to deprioritise inclusion but no each efficiency busine. clusion but to seek efficiency, by using appropriate pricing principles.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

PAHALGAM ATTACK

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G David Milton, Maruthancode

THIS REFERS TO the report, Terrorists kill tourists in Kashmir' (IE, April 23). That terrorists chose one of the Valley's most iconic tourist destinations — just as the iconic tourist destinations—just as the season was beginning—underscores their sinister intent to spread fear, disturbed to their sinister intent to spread fear, disturbed to the sinister intent to spread fear, disturbed to the sinister intent to spread and developments. The timing, coinciding with significant diplomatic and regional developments, further complicates the security landscape. ther complicates the security landscape. This attack is a reminder that such threats must be met with both strategic intelligence and unwavering resolve. The Union and J&K governments must work together to provide strong assurances to the tourism sector and local communities, whose confidence is vital for stabil ity. Equally important is the need to reject

nal narratives. Vandana Chopra, Chandigarh

Vance in India

VANCE IN INDIA
THIS REFERS TO the editorial, 'New give and take' (IE, April 23) US Vice President JD Vance's visit to India with his family JD vance's visit to India with his family has been more a personal visit than an official one. No one-on-one talks were held between him and Prime Minister Narendra Modi. Moreover, the media gave details of his visit to Akhardham temple, Jaipur and then Agra. The Prime Minister left for Saudi Arabia in accordance with an already fixed itinerary the very day after Vance's arrival India so fair has made no comments over the issue of tariffs imposed by US President Donald Trump. Dehis bould tactfully discuss the issue of tariffs ather than adopting a wait-and-watch policy.

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Ravinder Kumar Jain, Ludhiana

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trade in a comprehensive manner. Khokan Das, Kolkata

PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF ACCUSED PERSON

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See Section 82 Cr. P.C.

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2.	AMC of entire street light network and high mast for 03 year at IA. EPIP Agra.	2025_SIDC_1024482_1	23.04.2025 upto 6:00 PM
राप आर्थ	light network at IA. Mathura Site-A AMC of entire street light network and	2025_SDC_1024482_1 तः 11:00 खोली जाने दा विनांक 01:06:202	23.04 upto 6 1 e31 8 e61



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Managing Director, MAVIM, Mumbai

NORTHERN RAILWAY

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N.I.T. No.		294741				
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"CAMC o	f VTL r	nachine at F	RCNK Sonipat*			
Approx. Cost of work	Rs. 37,03,576.65/- including GST (Rs.Thirty-Seven Lac Three Thousand Five Hundred Seventy-Six and paise Sixty-Five only)					
Earnest Money	Earnest Money					
Completion period of Work	36 m	onths of dal	te of issue of Letter of Acceptance			
Cost of Tender document o	n cash	/by post	NIL			
Date and Time for submiss Closing of tender	ion/	Up	to 15:00 hrs on 14.05.2025			

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ng e-tender invited by the office of the Execu-enance), MB-II, Chinyalisaur (Uttarkashi) is hereb

Tollows:-Tender No: 45/EE (M)/MB-II/2024-25 Name of work / Supply/Services: Maintenance for and Electro-Mechanical works of Dharasu Power Ho Last date for submission of bids on website: 03.05.2025 up to

Last date of submitting hard copy of documents in the office of Executive Engineer (Maintenance), MB-II, Chinyalisaur (Uttarkashi). 06 05 2025 up to 16:00 Hrs.

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Executive Engineer

STATE INFRASTRUCTURE & INDUSTRIAL DEVEL CORPORATION OF UTTARAKHAND LTD 29, IIE, Sahastradhara Road (IT Park), Dehradur Phone No. 0135 - 2708100, Fax No. 0135-2708109, Web site : w

NORTH CENTRAL RAILWAY

Managing Director

E- Tender Notice

Tender No.:Br-JHS- 2025-02, Name of work: Construction of office Dy.CE/Br/Line/JHS, XEN/Br/Line, AXEN/Br/Line & SSE/Br/Line and Der of SSE/Br/LJHS.

pprox. Cost of work: ₹ 70,85,051,95/- Bid Security (Earnest Money): ₹1,41,700 Date of closing of Tender: 15.05.2025 | Completion Period: 06 Months

Date of closing of Tender: 15.05.2025 [Completion Period: 16 Months Eligibility Criteria for Similar works, Any o'vil engineering work.

Note: (1) The complete information along with lander document of above E.
Tenders are available on Vivelable works (specific, up to 15.00 ters, or to date of their periods) in 15.90.2025, (o) to 15.00 ters, or if attached by vendors shall be straightway ignored and shall not be considered. (4) Document being attached should be signed by the Intenderer on its body. (5) Payment of Bid Security (Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) in respect of endering shall be accepted through net barriang or payment gateway or bank guarantee only. (6) in case of any difficulty helpodest available on the website of the MEEPS may be approached. (7) Tender or line can be submitted up to 15 of the MEEPS may be approached. (7) Tender or line can be submitted up to 15 of the MEEPS may be approached. (7) Tender or line can be submitted up to 15 of the MEEPS may be approached. (7) Tender or line can be submitted up to 15 of the MEEPS may be approached. (7) Tender or line can be submitted up to 15 of the MEEPS may be approached. (7) Tender or line can be submitted up to 15 of the MEEPS may be approached. (7) Tender or line can be submitted up to 15 of the MEEPS may be approached. (7) Tender or line can be submitted up to 15 of the MEEPS may be approached. (7) Tender or line can be submitted up to 15 of the MEEPS may be approached. (7) Tender or line can be submitted up to 15 of the MEEPS may be approached. (7) Tender or line can be submitted up to 15 of the MEEPS may be approached. (7) Tender or line can be submitted up to 15 of the MEEPS may be approached. (7) Tender or line can be submitted up to 15 of the MEEPS may be approached. (7) Tender or line can be submitted up to 15 of the MEEPS may be approached. (7) Tender or line can be submitted up to 15 of the MEEPS may be approached. (7) Tender or line can be submitted up to 15 of the MEEPS may be approached. (7) Tender or line can be submitted up to 15 of the MEEPS may be approached. (7) Tender or line can be submitted up to 15 of the MEEPS may be approached. (7) Tender or line can be submitted up to 15 of the MEEPS may be approached. (7) Tender or line can be submitted up to 15 of the MEEPS may be submitted up to 15 of the MEEPS may be submitted up to 15 of the MEEPS may be submitted up to 15 of th

त्रयंतिय परियोजना प्रबंघक, यूनिट-अ कन्द्रवशन एण्ड डिजाइन सर्विसेज **स्टर प्रदेश जल निनम** (नगरीय (30 प्रठ सरकार का उपक्रम) मकान सं.-02/43 आवास विकास निकट एस.आई.सी. बिल्डिंग, शास्त्रसँपुर Visit us at www.cdsupja.org

ई-निविदा <u>सूचना</u> उत्तर प्रदेश जल निगम, की ओर से अयोहस्तावारी द्वारा Survey, Collection of Data, Preparation of Integrated Urban Storm Water Drainage Master Plan (IUSWDMP) and other allied works for Municipal Corporation Shahjahanpur / Development Authority Area in District. hahjahanpur, Uttar Pradesh, India हेतु स्वांक **21.04.2025** से ई-निविदाएं ग्रामन्त्रित की जाती हैं। उक्त कार्य हेतु -निविदा प्रपत्र दिनांक **21.04.2025 से**

दिनांक 14.05.2025 को 15:00 **वर्ज** व rocurement वेबसाइट https:/ tender.up.nic.in से डाउनलोड कि n सकते हैं तथा ई-निवेदा दिनांड जा सकत है तथा इनानावदा विभाक 14.05.2025 को 17:00 क्ले सी. एण्ड डी. एस., यूनिट - 30, उ.प्र. जल निगम (नगरीय), शाहजहाँपुर में निविदा खोली जायेगी। ई-निविदा प्रपत्र का मूल्य जारा जायगा। इ-ागावदा प्रपन्न का मूल्य रू. 23,600 (रू. 20,000.00 + GST (18%)) अतिरिक्त देव होगा। निविद्या

विभाग की वेबसाइट www.odsupjn.org एवं प्रोक्योरमेन्ट पोर्टल https:// etender.up.nic.in पर उपलब्ध है। शुद्धि पत्र (Corrigendum https://etender.up.nlc.in लोड किये जायेंगे, इनका पृथक से कोई शन नहीं किया जायेगा। निविदादाताओं गह दी जाती है कि वे उक्त वेबसार्छ का समय-समय पर अवलोकन करते रहें।

NORTH WESTERN RAILWAY

CORRIGENDUM No.-1

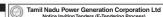
lesting and Commissioning for ppgraddision of Electric traction system from 1 x 25 kV traction system alongwith modification of sixtling OHE for 160 kmph in RE-4WR-BKI, BKI-JP, JP-FL-MD & RE-4GS-FL Sections of Jaipur Division of North Western Saliway, (Total 581.4X MKRKM/1210.8Z TKM), Closing Date & Time of Surbinsian of on-line & Time of Surbinsian o cket System without e-RA) with ider Closing date 13/05/2025 :00 hrs.), published in newspapers dated-12.04.2025 & 13.04.2025 The following Corrigendum is here issued: Date of Closing of E-Ten will be 16/05/2025 (15:00 hrs.) Dy.Chief Electric [461-AJ/25] North-West

NORTHERN RAILWAY E-TENDER NOTICE

work		shase locomotives for the period of 24 months.		
Date of Clo	sing/Opening	15.05.2025		
Approx. Co	ost	Rs. 81,76,029.60		
Earnest Mo	oney	Rs. 1,63,500/-		
Completion	n period	02 Year		
Validity per	riod	60 Days		
Cost of		downloading from IREPS & ₹ 5000/- for obtaining		

Tenderer(s) should have Class-III Digital Signature Certificate to participate in E-Inerdering of Works Tenders. 2. Tenderer are required to upbad self-attested scanned copies of a fleated eligibility documents as per conditions. 3. Taxes. A Charges will be applicable as per extant rule. 4. For details, please log on IREPS website www.irpss.govit. 6. E-IS-SRE-2025-26-T-91, Dtd. 23.04.2025 1215-2025

SERVING CUSTOMERS WITH A SMILE



Specification No.	Tender Inviting Authority	Name of the work
OT 09	CE/MTPS-II	Design Supply Erection and Commissioning of PDFACS Phase II system with 16 nos. of 50TPH capacity Fly
	e-tenders, please	ent / Due date of submission / Opening, viewing ar visit websites, www.tnpdcl.org, www.tenders.tn.gov.i DIPR/1681/Tender/202

Office: Government College Sidhrawali-District Gurugram To lease agricultural land

The general public is informed that the Government College Sidhrawall (Gurugram), in its possession, wants to lease 82 Kanal O4 Maria agricultural lands (rarble land) for one year (01May 2025 to 30 April 2026). The process for leasing of agricultural land will be held in the college campus on Monday, April 28, 2025 at 11.00 am. Interested parties can obtain terms and conditions from the office of Government College Sidhrawali on any working day for leasing agricultural land.

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Nigam limits (except private properties) which devided in 6 200 and area. The description of pole kyosk and advertisment group are provided in the tender document on the U.P. Govt's e-procuremen website i.e. https://etender.up.nic.in.

OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER, MUNICIPAL CORPORATION, GWALIOR (M.P.)

जनसमर्थं २० क्रमांक २२७ Notice Inviting Tender

Description of works	Probable Amount (in Rs.)	Completion Period (In Days)
Survey and Design of laying of sewar network including Providing, Laying, Testing and Commissioning of sewar lines in uncovered and different Area of Ward No. 01,	3,62,69,126.00	06 months Excluding rainy season

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Interested bidecres on view the NIT of portal http://mptenders.gov.in. The bid document can be purchased only on online from dated 17.04.2025 to 02.05.2025 and can be submitted 02.05.2025 up to 5.30 PM.

Executive Engineer
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SR. No.	NAME OF BOARD/ CORP/ AUTH	NAME OF WORK NOTICE TENDER	OPENING DATE CLOSING DATE (TIMES)	AMOUNT / EMD (APPROX.) IN RUPEES	WEBSITE OF THE BOARD/ CORP/ AUTH	NODAL OFFICER/ CONTACT DETAILS/EMAIL
1	THE KAITHAL COOP. SUGAR MILLS LIMITED KAITHAL	SUPPLY OF SPARES FOR CANE UNLOADER TROLLEY + 6	24.04.2025 06.05.2025	18000/-	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	9466112306 ktlsugar@gmail.com

(नीलामी सूचना)

. सर्व साधारण को सूचित किया जाता है कि हरियाणा राज्य परिवहन झज्जर के अधीन नया बस स्टैण्ड झज्जर, बहादुरगढ व बेरी पर स्थित खाली रह गईं दुकानों को आगामी वित्तिय वर्षों (2025-28) तक की अवधि के लिये किराये पर देने के लिये दिनांक 14.05.2025

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	किताओं की दुकान	2	रैस्टोरेन्ट (बैठने की व्यवस्था के साथ)	12	मिल्क बार
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4	नाई की दुकान	4	मकेंन्डाईज की दुकान	14	जब जवान टी॰स्टाल
5	मोची की दुकान	5	कितावों की दुकान	15	वर्कशॉप कैन्टीन
	वजन तोलने की मशीन		इन्टरनैट कैफै	16	बैंक ए०टी०एम०/एक्सटेंशन काउंटर
	STD/Fax फोटो कॉपी मशीन बृथ	7	मैंडिकल स्टोर (केवल लाईसेंस धारकों के लिये)	17	सैल्फ हैल्प ग्रुप शॉप / बृथ
	वर्कशॉप कैन्टीन		नाई की दुकान	18	स्कृटर / मोटरसाईकिल कार पार्किंग
9	बैंक ए०टी०एम० / एक्सटेंशन काउंटर	9	मोची की दुकान	П	
10	सैल्फ हेल्प ग्रुप शॉप / बुध	10	वजन वोलने की मशीन	П	

क्र**ा**चे **दुकान का नाम**1 चाय, कॉफी, कोल्डडिक्स व आईसक्रीम

2 स्कूटर/मोटरसाईकिल कार पार्किंग . नीट:- दिनांक 14.05.2025 को प्रातः 12:00 बजे झज्बर, बहादुरगढ व बेरी बस स्टैण्ड को दुकानों की नीलामी बस स्टैण्ड झज्जर पर होगी। बोलीदाताओं को धरोहर राशी के साथ-2 एक ब्लैन्क चैक भी हस्ताक्षर करके नीलामी के समय कार्यालय में जमा करवाना होगा

No. 34121/HRV

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Procedure for tender are below -:

Date of Online opening Bid -: 25.04.2025

Last Date and time of participation for online Bid -: 05.05.2025 Upto 3:00 P.M. Last Date and time for opening Technical Bid -: 05.05.2025 Upto 4:00 P.M.
Qualified participants of bid can participate separately in all or any sectors and advertiesn

Participants of Bid can be present at the time of openning the bid at Kanpur Nagar Nigarn Head

Office, Motijheel. ✓ Details Of Sector Boundries Within Muncipal limits and groups for advertisement category

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MEDIA TYPE - POLE KIOSK							
ZONE	NO OF SITES	AREA (IN SQ METER)	ANNUAL ANUGYAPTI SHULK(FOR ONE YEAR)	MINIMUM BASE PRISE	SECURITY MONEY (REFUNDABLE)	TENDER COST (IN Rs.) (NON REFUNDABLE)+ GST	
1.	200	446	11,59,600	12,59,600	62,980	100000+GST	
2.	900	2007	47,06,192	51,56,192	2,57,810	450000+GST	
3.	400	892	21,40,800	23,40,800	1,17,040	200000+GST	
4.	100	223	7,13,600	7,63,600	38,180	50000+GST	
5.	600	1338	35,32,320	38,32,320	1,91,616	300000+GST	
6.	500	1115	33,53,920	36,03,920	1,80,196	250000+GST	
TOTAL	2700	6021	156,06,432	169,56,432	8,47,822	13,50,000+GST	

The details for submission of e-bids will be available in the tender document on the U.P. Govt's

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ZONE	NO OF SITES	AREA (IN SQ METER)	MINIMUM BASE PRISE	SECURITY MONEY (REFUNDABLE)	TENDER COST (IN Rs. (NON REFUNDABLE)+ GST	
1.	20	743.2	4276240	213812	10000+GST	
2.	30	1114.8	5745480	287274	15000+GST	
3.	37	1374.92	7171560	358578	18500+GST	
4.	22	817.52	4949120	247456	11000+GST	
5.	29	1077.64	6300880	315044	14500+GST	
6.	54	2006.64	10735760	536788	27000+GST	
TOTAL	192	7134.72	3,91,79,040	19,58,952	96000+GST	

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	MEDIA TYPE - UNIPOLE								
ZONE	NO OF SITES	AREA (IN SQ METER)	MINIMUM BASE PRISE	SECURITY MONEY (REFUNDABLE)	TENDER COST (IN Rs.) (NON REFUNDABLE)+ GST				
1.	45	1672.2	8302360	415118	22500+GST				
2.	41	1523.56	5988440	299422	20500+GST				
3.	48	1783.68	7680640	384032	24000+GST				
4.	31	1151.96	5821800	291090	15500+GST				
5.	67	2489.72	11170520	558526	33500+GST				
6.	70	2601.2	10173200	508660	35000+GST				
TOTAL	302	11222.32	4,91,36,960	24,56,848	151000+GST				

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CENTRAL RESERVE POLICE FORCE 24 April 2017



Veer Balidani Constable Arup Karmakar 74 Bn. 12-7-1992 To 24-4-2017

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Veer Balidani Constable Banmali Ram Yadav 74 Bn. 2-5-1987 To 24-4-2017























The rugged terrain and dense forests of Sukma have witnessed numerous fierce encounters

Battalion launched an area domination operation to ensure the Security of road construction workers. Maois, lying in ambush from fortified vantage points, unleashed indiscriminate fire and detonated multiple IEBDs. Despites usutaining an initial setback, the troops regrouped swiftly, responding with precision fire and bold manourvers. Roaring with unyleiding resolve, they forced the Maoists—numbering nearly 400—to retreat, dragging away their dead. In this brutal confination can be succeeded the Maoists—numbering nearly 400—to retreat, dragging away their deads in this brutal confination, 25 breshearts of 74 Battalion made the supperse sacrifice, etching their names in the annals of valour. The nation remains ternally included to the mand their families. In recognition of their extraordinary courage, insp/OD Raghabir Singh and Constable Abhay Mishra were posthumously awarded the Police Medal for Gallantry.

SELECTION & ENGAGEMENT OF SENIOR RESIDENTS

Applications are invited from eligible candidates for "WALK-IN-INTERVIEW" on 08.05.2025 (Thursday) at 11 a.m. WALK-WRINNER LYNC "Or Good-Zee Trimbroughy at 1" 2 strict
WP Room of Indicate Director's office, Central Hospital, South
Eastern Railway, 11, Cardern Reach Road, Alkelata-70043 for selection and engagement of 06 (Six) posts or Senior Resident
Doctor (General Medicine - 02, Pastic Surgery - 02, General
Surgery - 01, Anaesthesia - 07 as 10; Detailed advertisement with terms & conditions, format of application form, enclosures etc. are available on South Eastern Railway website (www.ser.indianrailways.gov.in) under head Department Medical). Other terms & conditions are as follows:
(1) Educational qualification: Post Graduate Degree/DMM-HDNB or Diploma in the concerned specially, from University recognized by StateCentral Govt. If such candidates are not available in particular specially, then without PG qualifications but having at least three years experience after MBBS out of which one year Junior Residency in Government Hospital or MC recognized physical private hospital in the concerned specially, can be considered for a period of one year only subject to the condition that fresh selection process has to be done by end of one year Estension for another year will be allowed to these MBBS doctor with three year experience if again no candidate with DiplomaPG/DNB/DM/Speptes. The total period of such aderisation will be limited to three years of total senior residency as in serior residence scheme. 'Gee further details in website, 20, Age limit: Not more than 37 years on the date of application and may be extended up to 45 years for SCST candidates. (3) Tenure: The contract of 45 years if no suitable candidates available & relaxation up to 5 years for SCST candidates. (3) Tenure: The contract of appointment will be for one year which is renewable up to a maximum period of three years and suitable for renewal/extension every years for SCST candidates. (3) Tenure: The contract of appointment will be for one year which is renewable up to a maximum period of three years and suitable and residence of the website, along at VIP Room of Medical Director's office, Central Hospital, South Eastern Railway, 11, Garden Reach Road, Kolkata-700043 for

Medical Director/Central Hospital/GRC South Eastern Railway
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Constable Abhay Mishra 74 Bn. 7-1-1993 To 24-4-2017

Ashish Kuma Singh 74 Bn. 1-3-1990 To 24-4-2017

Veer Balidani Head Constable Banna Ram 74 Bn. 5-7-1972 To 24-4-2017

Veer Balidani SI/GD Krishan Kumar Das 74 Bn. 15-6-1990 To 24-4-2017

24-4-2017 Veer Balidani Constable Manoj Kumar 74 Bn. 5-7-1992 To 24-4-2017

Veer Balidani Constable N.P. Sonkar 74 Bn. 1-8-1977 To 24-4-2017

Constable Ram Maher 74 Bn. 1-2-1975 To 24-4-2017

Lt Col Suresh Chandra (Retd)
(03 Jul 1946 - 22 Apr 2025)
The 9thGorkha Rifles fraternity
expresses deep sorrow on the sad
demise of Lt Col Suresh Chandra
(Retd),3/9 GR (Chindits) on 22 Apr
2025. He was commissionediato 3/9
GR (Chindits) on 16 Jan 1972 and
superannuated from service on 31 Jul
in this hour of grief and pray for eternal peace to the departed
soul.

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Lt Gen ZubinAMinwalla, UYSM, AVSM, YSM, Col 9 GORKHA RIFLES andAll Members of 9thGorkha Rifles Family CENTRAL RESERVE POLICE FORCE



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On 30th March 2023, an intel165 Bin
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During the operation, an IED blass occurred, severely injuring
Constable Ravi Kumar Kelaginamani, a member of the Unit's
Bomb Detection and Disposal Squad (BDDS). He was immediately airlifted to Raipur and later shifted to AIIMS Delhi for
advanced treament. Despite the best medical efforts, he succumbed to his injuries on 24th April 2023, attaining marryrdom in the line of duty. of duty.

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01.03.1963 - 24.04.2001
Bordermen Salute and proudly remember
today their brave comrade, who made
supreme sacrifice while fighting militants in
Gool area, Udhampur (J&K) BORDER SECURITY FORCE

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12.04.1943 – 24.04.1972

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INDO-TIBETAN BORDER POLICE (ITBP) 24 April 2023





ITBP salutes its bravehearts Sub-Inspector Surender Singh and Constable Kamruddin of 8th Bn, who made the supreme sacrifice in the line of duty on this day in Jammu & Kashmir

NORTHERN RAILWAY

TENDER NOTICE Invitation of Tenders through E- Procurement system

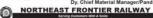
S.N	Tender No.	Brief Description	Qty.	Closing Date
1	09243322A	Side Buffer Casing	1015 NOS	13.05.2025
2	06255004A	Square Hollow Section 400x400x20mm	373 MT	19.05.2025
3	19252213	IOH Maintenance Kit	21 NOS	26.05.2025
4	07243462	Pad For Secondary Suspension For LHB Coaches	1594 NOS	28.05.2025

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FORTH COMING E-AUCTION SCHEDULE FOR SALE OF SCRAP LOT he E-Auction schedule for sale of scrap Lot through e-auction un le jurisdiction of Rangiya Division for the month of May/2025 has be

SN	Month/year	Auction Schedule No	Auction Start Date/Time
1		NFRRNY30N2025004	08-05-2025/11:00:00
2		NFRRNY30N2025005	15-05-2025/11:00:00
3	May/2025	NFRRNY30N2025006	22-05-2025/11:00:00
4		NFRRNY30N2025007	29-05-2025/11:00:00

terested bidders are advised to bid through IREPS w www.ireps.gov.in. for registration, training, participation in e-auc Dy, Chief Material Manager/F







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ALLAHABAD Bihar-823001 APPENDIX – IV {Rule-8(1)} POSSESSION NOTICE (for immovable property)

Enforcement of Security Security Interest (Enfo

SL No	Name of the Borrowr/Guarantor/ Mortgagor	Capacity	Address		
1.	M/s Munna Enterprises (Prop. Sri Munna Saw)	Borrower	At Kazichak P.O. Jagdishpur P.S.	Barun District Aurangabad Bihar 824112	
2.	Sri Munna Saw S/o Sri Yamuna saw	Proprietor	At Kazichak P.O. Jagdishpur P.S.	Barun District Aurangabad Bihar 824112	
3.	Sri Yumuna Saw S/o Late Budhan Saw	Mortgagor / Guarantor	At Kazichak P.O. Jagdishpur P.S.	Barun District Aurangabad Bihar 824112	

with our Kochar Branch to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being Rs.1398673/- (Rupees Thirteen Lakh Ninety Nine Thousand Six Hundred Seventy Three Only) plus interest w.c 196-19-2024 within 50 days from the date of recept of the sudd notice. The borrower having falled to repay the amount, notice is haveby given to the borrower and the public in general that the understand the public of the public in general that the understand the public of the public

		in the name Sri Yamuna saw gabad Bihar 824112	S/o Late Budhar	n saw, situated at Mauza – Bahuti VIII Kajichak P.s. Barun
Khata No.	Plot No.	Title Deed No	Area	Boundary (as per deed)

Knata No.	Plot No.	Title Deed No	Area	Boundary (as per deed)
112	320 & 321	Deed No. 8017, Dated 10.06.2015 & Deed No 5221, Dated- 19.04.2018	31.25 Decimal	N- Road, S- Dukhi Saw, E- Karha (Proposed Rasta) W- Niz Part Of Land
Date: 19.0 Place: Kor				Sd/- Authorised Officer

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Name of Branch Name & Add. of Borrower/ Guarantor	Loan No. Nature of Loan Sanction Amt. (In Lakh)	Description of Immovable Property	Date of NPA/Date of Demand Notice	Total Outstanding Amount
Mirtunjay Kumar - Rampur		All that part and parcel of Land & Building	12.04.2025	Rs. 12,58,315/-
 In, 2. Mritunjay Kumar, S/o Ganesh Sardar, Madanpur, Madanpur, 3. Ganesh Lal Singh, 	Khata No. 1382, Khesra No. 4732 (10 Decimal), 4731 (10 Decimal), Thana No. 153, Tauji No. 947, Mauja - Madanpur, P.SAraria, District-2 Araria, Bihar, In The Name of Mr. Ganesh Lal Singh, Sto Duli Chand		200000000000000000000000000000000000000	as on 21.04.2025
S/o Dulare Singh, Vill - Dhokriya, P O - Madanpur, Dist - Araria				lest- Road
Bhagalpur Hussainabad Branch Borrower - Smt. Savitri Kumari,	161000849950 / Vehicle Loan Rs. 33,00,000/-	Movable - Detail of Vehicle - Registration No : JH01FB4494 Vehicle Model : KIACarrival D2:28 AT	12.04.2025	Rs. 25,57,218/-
Housing Board Colony, Barari, Bhagalpur, Dist - Bhagalpur, Bihar-812003		MC81AMNN012222	15.04.2025	as on 14.04.2025
Branch Borrower - M/s Om Sai Trading and Construction Co., Prop:-	161000989922 / Vehicle Loan Rs. 30,00,000/-	Movable - Detail of Vehicle - Registration No : JH01EV4900 Vehicle Model : FORTUNER (MT)	14.04.2025	Rs. 23.18.095.35
874, Ward No-29, Surya Mohan Thakur Road, Barari, Bhagalpur,	Engine No : 1GDA679932, Name of Title Holder- M/s Om Sai Trading			as on
Borrower- Sri Shankar Yadav,		LH 106, Housing Colony Board, Barari,	15.04.2025	The Control of the Co
	Name of Branch Name & Add. of Borrowerf Guarantor Madanpur West Branch 1. Jay Enterprises, Prop Mitrulija X Mumar - Rampur Kodaridati. Arania - Arania - Binar - In, 2. Mitrulija X Lumar - Siampur Kodaridati. Arania - Arania - Binar - In, 2. Mitrulija X Lumar - Siampur Kodaridati. Arania - Arania - Binar - In, 2. Mitrulija X Lumar - Siampur Borandanpur, Dist - Arania Branch Branch Branch Branch Branch Branch Borrower - Siampur Branch Borrower - Siampur Branch Borrower - Siampur Branch Borrower - Siampur Branch Borrower - Mis Om Sai Trading and Construction Co. Prop- Branch Borrower - Mis Om Sai Trading and Construction Co. Prop- Rania Branch Borrower - Mis Om Sai Trading and Construction Co. Prop- Rania Branch Bran	Mane of Branch Name & Add. of Name of Branch Name & Add. of Name & Add. of Madanpur West Branch North Med Program of Madangur Madangur North	Name of Branch Name of Machapur (Mest Branch 1, Jay Enterprises, Prop. Miturlija / Kumar - Rampur Kodarkati- Aratia- Aratia - Bhar 1, 2, Miturja / Kumar - Rampur Kodarkati- Aratia- Aratia - Bhar 1, 2, Miturja / Kumar - Rampur Kodarkati- Aratia- Aratia - Bhar 1, 2, Miturja / Kumar - Rampur Kodarkati- Aratia- Aratia - Bhar 1, 2, Miturja / Kumar - Rampur Kodarkati- Aratia- Aratia - Bhar 1, 2, Miturja / Kumar - Rampur Kodarkati- Aratia- Aratia - Bhar 1, 2, Miturja / Kumar - Rampur Kodarkati- Aratia- Aratia - Bhar 1, 2, Miturja / Kumar - Rampur Kodarkati- Aratia- Aratia - Bhar 1, 2, Miturja / Kumar - Rampur Kodarkati- Aratia- Aratia - Bhar 1, 2, Miturja / Kumar - Rampur Kodarkati- Aratia- Aratia - Bhar 1, 2, Miturja / Kumar - Rampur Kodarkati- Aratia- Aratia - Bhar 1, 2, Miturja / Kumar - Rampur Kodarkati- Aratia - Aratia - Bhar 1, 2, Miturja / Kumar - Rampur Kodarkati- Aratia - Aratia - Bhar 1, 2, Miturja / Kumar - Rampur Mo Shishankar Yadav, ELI-106 1, 1, 2, 1,	Manne & Add. of Borrower Glucarnator Gluca

Zonal Office, Gaya(e-AB), South Bisar Talab Road, Gaya, Bihar-823001

APPENDIX - IV {Rule-8(1)}

POSSESSION NOTICE (for immovable property)

est Act 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13 (12) read with rement) Rules, 2002 issued a demand notice dated 28-11-2024 Calling upon

SL. No.	Name of the Borrower/Guarantor/ Mortgagor	Capacity	Address
1.	Smt. Kumari Poonam W/o Sri Narayan Swami	Borrower/ Mortgagor	At VIII Raghunandan Bigha P.O Kunda Thana Aurangabad Mufashii District Aurangabad 824102
2.	Sri Narayan Swami S/o Sri Suresh Prasad	Co Borrower	At Vill Raghunandan Bigha P.O Kunda Thana Aurangabad Mufashil District Aurangabad 824102

with our Kochar Branch to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being Rs. 19,82588- (Rupees Tan Lakhs Eighty Two housand Five Hundred Eighty Eight Ohly plus interest us 128-1-2242 within 60 days from the date of concept of the salar notice. In the control of the property described them below in exercise of powers confered on him her turned Scienta 1340 of the assistent possession of the property described here below in exercise of powers confered on him her turned Scienta 1340 of the assistent possession of him the Band of of the salar risks on this 19th day of April of the year 2025.

Thana no 8	Thana no 873 Tauzi No 154 Dist Aurangabad, Bihar Sub Division Sub Registry District Registry Office Aurangabad Bihar						
	Plot No.	Title Deed No	Area	Boundary (as per deed)			
19	372	2022 Dated 11.02.2022	3.125	North- Nij Bikreta, South- Ram Sahay Chaudhary, East- 6 Ft. Road Afte			

can be downloaded from 24.04.2025 to 08.05.2025 nic.in' and CPPP Portal 'https://eprocure.gov.in/

Hydrographic Chief

PUBLIC NOTICE

dementioned properly standing in the une of Mr Sanjeev Kumar Singh & Mrs ratibha Singh resident of E-55, Second loor, Suncity, Sector-54, Gurgaon, aryana-122001, as a security for a loan/

credit facility requested by M/s The Kore Projects and Logistics Pvt.Ltd. In case anyone has got any right/ title/ interest/ claims over the undermentioned property, they are advised to approach the tranch within 10 days along with necessary proof to substantiate their claim.

proof to sobstantial the incident. for to expose is concern within 10 days, it is presumed that the properly is fee of any damped chainstenance and bank shall proceed with the mortgage. Detail of properly. Section 540, 100 days, it is also below the mortgage. Detail of properly. Section 540, 100 days, it is also below the mortgage. Detail of properly. Section 540, 100 days, it is also below the mortgage. Detail of properly. Section 540, 100 days, it is also shall be a section of the mortgage. Branch Details/Contact No. Mrs. Memaskshi, Ohir Manager, Bank of Baroda, Sushant Lok Branch, Gurungam.

Contact no : 7042255667

भारतीय अन्तर्वेशीय जलमार्ग प्राधिकरण INLAND WATERWAYS AUTHORITY OF INDIA (Menstry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways, Cov. of india) A-13, Sector -1, Noda - 30101 (U.P.), Phone 9122-2527667, 2543931

NOTICE INVITING TENDER
Tender No.: IWAI/NW:MH,GJ,Goa,KN/MLTS/2024-25

Inland Waterways Authority of India (IWAI) invites online bids/tenders from experienced, reputed contractors MONTHLY LONGITUDINAL BATHYMETRIC SURVEY (THALWES SURVEY) IN Maharashtra (Sch.-A), Gujarat (Sch.-B), Goa (Sch.-C), B Kamataka (Sch.-D), Datalle and Turnes from the Control of the Cont

(Sch.-C), 8 Kamataka (Sch.-D). Details and Tender document can be downloaded from 24.04.2025 to 88.05.2025 from our website "www.iwal.nlc.in" and CPPP Portal "https://eprocure.gov.in" eprocure/app. Last date for submission of cnilne bids is 80.50.2025 up to 15:00 hrs. and date of opening of tender is on 90.05.2025 at 15:00 hrs. Submission of online bids will be through https://eprocure.gov.inleprocure/app.

Date: 19.04.2025

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Money: ₹ 2,61,800/- (Two Lakh Sixty One
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East Central Railway, DDU
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TECHNICAL EDUCATION DEPARTMENT HARYANA, PANCHKULA

PUBLIC NOTICE

Regarding non-receipt of Post Matric Scholarship for the academic session 2020-21

The students of Scheduled Caste and Backward Classes, who had applied for Post Matric Scholarship on Har-Chhatravratti Portal for the academic session 2020-21, the scholarship applications of some the academic session 2021-21, the scholarship applications of some of them were sent back to the student and institute level through Har-Chhatravratti Portal due to some reasons (deficiency in documents' non-seeding of Aadhaar with bank account etc.), which are still pending and such students have been informed time to time to remove the deficiency in the scholarship application. Those students are hereby informed that a last chance to remove the deficiency in their documents is hereby granted up to 30.05.2025 by the Department of Technical Education, Haryana. Therefore, all such students should contact their institute, remove the deficiency in their documents before 30.05.2025 and get their application form verified from their Institute (Level-1) through Har-Chhatravratti porta

and send it to the concerned Processing Center (Level-2).

It is also informed that after 30.05.2025, all the Post Matr

Scholarship applications for the academic session 2020-21 pending at the student and institute level will be automatically rejected by the Har-Chhatravratti portal and no more communications/ requests for more chance/opportunity will he entertained by the department Note:- This information is only for students of Scheduled Caste and Note:- Institutionation is only for students of scriedured cases and Backward Classes (Engineering/Pharmacy/Architecture and all other technical courses etc.), who were studied in the institutions covered under the Technical Education.

Technical Education Departmen No. 34114/HRY

AMDAVAD MUNICIPAL CORPORATION E-Governance Department RFB No.: IN-AMC-485257-NC-RFB The Amdavad Municipal Corporation intends to invite sealed Bids from eligible Bidders for the "Survey, Development, Implementation, and Maintenance of GIS enabled MIS System for Ahmedabad City" under the Gujarat Resilient Citise Partnership: Ahmedabad City Pastlience Project of the World Bank. Please see the table below for a brief description of work: Contract NOI Amae of Works.

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Survey, Development, Implementation, and Maintenance of GIS enable dMIS System for Ahmedabad City

Name of Works Proposal Security Cost of Document Period of Completion MR 18,000 (equivalent to USD 880,000) WISD 210) 90 months (including 60 months 0&M)
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S.No.	Activity	Date	Time (IST)
1	Date of publishing RFB document	April 23, 2025	10:00 AM
2	RFB document download/sale start date	April 23, 2025	10:00 AM
3	Prebid meeting date Venue: Command & Control Center, Paldi, Ahmedabad Mode: Hybrid (Physical - Virtual) Note: Meeting link will be shared in due course of time.	May 07, 2025	12:00 Noon
4	Prebid clarification submission last date	June 04, 2025	11:59 PM
5	Bid submission start date	April 23, 2025	10:00 AM
6	Bid submission end date	June 18, 2025	03:30 PM
7	Technical bid opening date	June 18, 2025	04:00 PM

Classifieds

PERSONAL

Rakesh Kumar Issar S/o Sh. Sriram Issar R/o 17A/202 Vasundhara, Ghaziabad, U.P.-201012. Have Change My Name Rakesh Issar to Rakesh Kumar Issar. I will be known as Rakesh Kumar Issar for All Future Purposes.

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parentage of my daughter has
been wrongly mentioned as
Syed Sajjad nattead of Syed
Sajjad Ali Shahi.t needs
correction. Objections be filled
in the office of principal Birla
Open Minds International
School Channi Jammu within
seven days. Syed Sajjid Ali
Shahif/o-Archo Sajjida
Shahif/o-Archo Sajjida 0020491907-1

U0204919U/-1 Lhitherto known as VIJAY KUMAR MADAN alias V K MADAN,son of,LATE SIRI RAM MADAN,resident of,D-18-19,1st NADAN, Iestdelit 01,0-16-15,15 Floor, Lajpat-Nagar-I, Lajpat-Nagar, Delhi-110024, have changed my name and shall hereinafter be known as VIJAY KUMAR MADAN.

Lhitherto known as RAMESH
CHANDRA ARYA,S,O-GANGA
RAM ARYA,R,O-P-49,SOUTH
EXTENSION, PART-2,ANDREWS-GAN,SOUTH-DELHI110049,have changed my name
and shall hereafter be known
as RAMESH CHANDRA SONI. 0040785368-3

Lhtterto known as JYOTI alias JYOTI SINGH,D/O-BUDHI LAL and W/O-AKHIL KUMAR SINGH,R/O-D-14,2nd FLOOR,RAJAPURI,5 NUMBER GALI,UTTAM NAGAR,NEW DELHI-110059,have changed my,name and shall hereafter be known as JYOTI SINGH. 0040785361-5

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LVISHNU S/O-BABU LAL,R/O N-68/46,ARUNA-NAGAR MAJNU-KA TILLA CIVIL LINES NORTH-DELHI-110054,have changed my name to VISHU MAHAWAR, for all, future

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I,Tushar ved S/o V.P Saxena, R/o Mohalla Kali Pagri, Amroha, Uttar Pradesh, 244221 Present Address Plot No.221, H.No-101, 201014 nave changed the nam of my minor daughter from Asmi Ved to Shodashi Ved for all purposes.

I,TAASHEEN WALIA,D/O KOHINI,DELHI-110085 HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TAASHEEN KAUR WALIA

0040785350-I,Surbhl,D/o-Sandeep Dahiya,R/o HNo.1571, Sector-6,Bahadurgarh, Distt Jhajjar(Haryana)-124507, have changed my name to Surbhi Dahiya(Vide affidavit No.3124 date 18.04.2025 Bahadurgarh) 0040785350-10

I,Sunita W/o Uggarsain Kaushik resided at Row 60,BRG-Shangrila, Lasudia,Indore, Madhya Pradesh have changed my name to Sunita Kaushik.

I,Saurabh S/o Ghamandi Lal R/o H.No-134,Dayantpur, Gautam Budh Nagar,Uttar Pradesh-203135,have changed my name to Saurabh Goyal.

USANYA Prakash Dudeja, S/o Ghanshyam Das resided at 604, Aurora Tower, Omaxe Heights, Sector-86, Faridabad, have changed my name to Sat Parkash.

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I,SHIKHA ASTHANA/SHIKHA SRIVASTAVA,W/O,PRAYATNA ASTHANA,R/O,S-203,PLOT NO AS IMANA, IV. (3, 220, 1, 120 THS 82, GYAN KHAND-1, INDIRAPURAM, GHAZIABAD, U TTAR PRADESH-201014 have changed my name to SHIKHA SRIVASTAVA ASTHANA.

0040785361: SHAKUNTLA D/o SHRI GULAB CHAND R/o-2087/6B, Gali No-22,Near,Yadav,Sweets Prem,Nagar, Patel Nagar, Delhi-11008,have changed my name to SHAKUNTLA GUPTA. I,SANJEEV LOCHAN JHA,S/o ANANT JHA H.NO A-

ANANT JHA H.NO.A-138,UGF,BLOCK-A, PUL PEHLADPUR, BADARPUR NEW DELHI-110044, changed my name to SANJIV JHA. 0040785332-2

I,RIvoo Bansal W/o Paras Aggarwal R/o-HP-2 Near Gopal Mandir,Pitampura Delhi-110034 have changed my name to Rivoo Aggarwal.

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Rajeev Sethi S/o Ramesh
Chand Sethi R/o 18/39-122,
Basant Nagar, Kishan Ganj,
Near Pratap Nagar Station,
Sadar Bazar, Delhi 110007 that
Varinder Sethi and Rajeev Sethi
is one the same person. My
actual name is Rajeev Sethi.

I,Prerna D/o Pradeep Kumar R/o ACP officer's Staff,Quarter No.5,Type-4,Police Station Budh,Vihar Sector-5,Rohini Delhi-110085,have changed my name to Prerna Atwal

I,Poonam Choudhary,W/o Ram Kumar,R/o Sarvodaya Teachers Colony,Junction Road,Khurja, Bulandshahr Uttar Pradesh-203131,have changed my name to Poonam. 0040785350-8

I.Pankaj Kumar Mishra S/O Dayanath Mishra,R/O Gram-Mahinam, Darbhanga,Bihar 847103, have changed my minor son's name Avinav Anand to Abhinav Anand. D.O.B.-10.08.2011.

Anand.D.O.B.-10.08.2011.

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[Netalshi Sharma,D/o-Ganesh

Dutt Sharma,D/o-Saif Ali,R/oH.No.A-127, Shakti Nagar,Loni

Dehat, Loni,Ghaziabad, UP
201102,have changed my name

to Khushi Khan for all

purposes.

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Nahender Singh,R/o

Sh.Mahender Singh,R/o

House.No.C-424,Chirag

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I,NAEEM S/O ABDUL RAZZAK R/O NAGLA MEWATI TAJGANJ BASAI ARGA UTTAR PRADESH 282001.HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO NAIM.

I,Manorama W/o Om Parkash Batra R/o H No.38,Gali.No-2,Model Town,Bahadurgarh Distt Jhajjar (Haryana)-124507,have changed my name to Manorama Batra.

0040785350-7 0040785350 I,Manju W/o-Kamal jeet House no.4525,First floor,Hibiscus Lane Dif Ph-4, Sector-27,Galleria Dif Ph-4, Gurgaon Haryana-122009,changed my name to Manju Rani.

I.Manjeet Singh,S/o Balvinder Singh, R/o A-173,Sudershan Park,Delhi-15,have changed my minor son name from Kiratpreet Singh to Kirat Preet Singh.

JMAhendra Singh Popil, S/O.Sardar Singh Popil, S/O.Sardar Singh Popil, R/O.F.1 IOS/Third Floor, Rajouri-Garden, Delhi-11002T, have changed my name to Mohinder Singh Popil for all Purposes 00407858JOS -JRAKESH ARDRA, S/O OME PRAKASH, ROM-122 UPPER GROUND-FLOOR H-BL.CCK PARK LIJOUS, BANG CHANGED MY NAME TO RAKESH KUMAR.

0040785340-I,MANISH KUMAR GARG S/O P.D.GARG R/O-53/38, SECOND FLOOR RAM JAS ROAD KAROL BAGH,DELH-110005,HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO MANISH GARG.

I.MAHINDER KUMAR S/o DIL PAT SINGH,R/O WZ-481,SRI NAGAR,SHAKURPUR VILLAGE, DELHI-110034,have changed my name to MAHINDER KUMAR YADAV.

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JLAXMI D/O RAM GOPAL R/O

8272, 3RD FLOOR, ANAJ MANDI,
RANI JHANSI ROAD, BARA

HINDU RAO DELHI-110006, have
changed my name to LAXMI

YADAV for all future Purposes 0040785361-2

0040785361-2 "Kiran Bala,D/o Ram Kumar,R/o Flat,No.1001, Tower-D,Shishpal Vihar,A.W.H.O.,Sector-49,South City-2.Gurgaon-122018(Haryana),have changed my name to Kiran Malik.

I,Disha Wadhawan,D/O Lalit Wadhawan,R/O A-84/C,Rose Apartments, Paryavaran Complex,IGNOU-Road New-Delhi-110030,Have Changed my Name to Deeya Wadhawan for all Purposes.

I,Dharm Dev S/O Babu Ram R/O-35A,Pocket-A,Vikas Puri Extention,Vikaspuri New Delhi-110018, Have Changed my Name to Dharmdev Singh Badhan.

0040785343-1 I,Devender Khurana S/o
Mukand Lal Khurana R/o-5 P 24,
NT,Faridabad have changed
my name to Devender Kumar
Khurana. 0040785340-4

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VASHISTHA,S/O-VED PAL,R/OBH-1202 AMRAPALI-VILLAGE

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ANKIT VERMA S/o V K Verma R/o H.No.D-6, Third-Floor Jungpura S.O.South Delhi-110014 have changed my minor daughter name AADYA VERMA aged 6 years to NAVYA VERMA

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I, hitherto known as Prerna D/o
of Sh. Kuljeet Singh w/o
Sh.Vishal Chauhan R/o of 1193,
Sector A. Pocket B, Vasant Kunj,
New Delhi 110070 have
changed my name and shall
hereafter be known as Prerna
Chauhan for all purposes.

0040785274-1 O040785274-b, hitherto known as Nimmi D/o of Sh. Nijay Kumar w/o Sh.Shakti Priyan Nair R/o of 1193, Sector A, Pocket B, Vasan Kunj, New Delhi 110070 have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Nimmi Nair for all purposes.

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I, Ritu Arora D/o Bhojraj Arora R/o G-1 Tower-9 zen Spire Ramprastha Green Sector-7, Vaishali, District Ghaziabad, hereby inform that I have hereby inform that I have removed the surname Anand from my name and the name of my daughters Myra and Mayas. Now I and my daughters will be known and called as Ritu Arora, Myra Arora and Mayas Arora respectively.

I, Ramesh Chand Sethi S/o I, Namesh Chand Sethi S/o Kamal Kishore R/o 18/39/122, Basant Nagar, Kishan Ganj, Metro Pillar No.119-120 Pratap Nagar, Sadar Bazar, Delhi-110007 that Ramesh Chand and Ramesh Chand Sethi is one and the same person. My actual name is RAMESH CHAND SETHI.

0070963370-1 , Pragya Chaudnary, D/o
Dharmender Kumar, R/o. F-3,
Sector 39, Noida, G.B.Nagar,
U.P. has changed my name
from Pragya to Pragya
Chaudhary for all my future 0040785267-1

I, Neema W/o Sunil Kumar Shrivastava R/o 429, B-8, Paryatan Vihar, Vasundhara Enclave, East Delhi-110096 have changed my name to NEEMA SHRIVASTAVA for all future purposes. I, Narender Kumar Dhiman, S/o Laxman Prasad, R/o-AD-71B, Pitampura, Delhi, have changed my name to Narender Kumar Sharma, for all purposes.

0040785350-3 I, Kajal D/o Ranjeet Kumar Gupus R/o H.No-24, Kh No-115/2, Third Floor, Street-7, Sanjay Nagar, Delhi-110033 that I have changed my name from Kajal to Kajal Gupta permanently

0040785323-1 , Jasmeet W/o Sh. Karan Bhatti,

Kailash, Dehi—1100b511ave changed my name to Jasmeet Karan Bhatt, post marriage, for all future purposes. 0040785256-1

I, Indu Rani W/o Sh. Sanjay Kumar Sapra R/o C-623,Third Floor,Block-C,Avantika,Sector-1,Rohini,Delhi-110085,have changed my name Asha Sapra.

I, Dinesh Kumar S/o Dharam Dutt R/o H.No.C-34, Dabua Colony, Faridabad, Haryana-121001 have changed my name to DINESH SHARMA for all

0070963361-1 0070963361-I, Busra Khan D/o Salman Khan R/o C-37, Media Village Sas Ltd., Phi-4, Greater Noida, G.B. Nagar, U.P. 201310 Have changed my name to Bushra Khan For all future purposes.

Babu R s/o Rama Krishan R/o Jhuggi no 7, F-Block Shakur Pur Delhi 110034 have changed my name from Babu R to R Babu permanently

0040785325-1 O040785325-Naha Saini Wo Onkar Singh Saini R/o 1598 Ground Floor, Gali Guljari Saini Basti, Kotla Mubarak Pur, Lodhi Road New Delhi 110003 inform that I have changed my Minor Son's Name Varchasava Saini to Varchasva Saini for all purposes.

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I,Waseem Riyaz,W/o-Riyaz Ahmed,R/o-H.No.6983,Gali Karkhane-Wali,Beriwala Bagh,Azad Market,Delhi-110006,have changed my 110006, have changed my name, from Waseem Jahan to Waseem Riyaz, for all, future purposes. Waseem Jahan and Waseem Riyaz is one and the same-person.

I, Santosh Dhiman, W/o Narender Kumar Sharma, R/o-AD-71B, Pitampura, Delhi, have changed my name to Santosh Sharma, for all purposes.

Suresh Kumar S/o Late Sukhi R/o H. No. 71, Gali No. 4, Shyam Colony, Part-3, Sehatpur, Sector. 91, Faridabad, Haryana 121013, have Changed my name from Suresh Kumar to Suresh Kumar Dhuriya for all future Purposes.

0070963331 R/o WZ-232 Second Floor, Basa Darapur, Ramesh Nagar, Delhi-110015, have changed my name to Kiran Devi 0070963316-1 to Kiran Devi 0070963316-1
Priti Alagh W/O Vikram Khanna
R/O 45A, Pocket-A, Vikaspuri
Extention, Vikaspuri New Delhi110018 Have Changed my
Name to Smridhi Khanna.

Dhuriya R/o H. No. 71, Gan No. 4, Shyam Colony, Part-3, Sehatpur, Sector-91, Faridabad Haryana 121013, have Changed my name from Prabhawati to Prabhawati Dhuriya for all future Purposes.

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Kumar Singh, Unit G3 Cavalry,
Regit-C/05 56-PO. In my army
record my daughter's name is
wrongly mentioned as Sangrid survey
SANGRIL A SINGH vide affidavit
no-IN-D1.1719913200384Xdated 22-04-2025

0040785254-1 0040785254-1 Kishan Pal Singh S/o Kanchhid R/o H.No K-3/225, Block-K-3, Mohan Garden, Uttam Nagar, New Delhi 110059, have changed my name from Kishan Pal Singh to Kishanpal for all future purpose. 0070963325-1

future purpose. 0070963325-1 Kahkashan W/O, Mohammad Parvez R/O B-11-b, Block -b, Abul Fazal Enclave, Jamia Nagar , Delhi have changed my name to Kahkashan Parvez for all future purpose's. 0040785298-1

0040785298-BHUMIT S/O RAKESH KUMAR RESIDENT 605,MAHALA PANA, FARMANA,DISTRICT-SONIPAT,HARYANA HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO BHUMIT GAHLAWAT.

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Asim S/o Late. Atul Kumar R/o

S-12/49, Indira Camp., New
Khanna Market, Lodi Road,
Central Delhi, Delhi-110003
have changed my name from
Asim to Asim Kumar for all
future Purposes.

0070963329-I , Mrs. Gulnaz Begum W/o Mr. Rais Ahmad R/o Flat No.E-101, CITY CGHS Ltd, Plot No.21, CITY CGHSLtd, Plot No.21, Vasundhara Enclave, Delhi have change my name from Gulnaz Rais to Gulnaz Begum for all future Purposes. Gulnaz Rais and Gulnaz Begum both are same and one person. 0040785318-1

I, Km. Pooja Agarwal alias Pooja Aggarwal Km alias Kumari Aggarwal Km alias Kumari Agarwal Km alias Pooja Magarwal Maga

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I/we KAII ASH SINGH & MAYA I/we KAILASH SINGH & MAYA DEVI R/O A107 EUROPIA TOWER A OMAXE GREEN MAEDOW CITY ALWAR BY PASS ROAD, BHIWADI (RAJASTHAN) have lost the Lost original papers(Builder Buyer Agreement, Receipts) of Flat No.

.. HBH/TOWER/3/SIXTH/602" And NHBH/ TOWER/3/FOURTH/405 "OMAXE SHUBHANGAN" Bahadurgarh (Haryana) if any one find please contact Contact: 9166979443

0040785268: Lost Original Property Documents of Property No.9/1229,Subhash Road,Gandhi-Nagar,Delhi-110031, Certificate No.IN-DL04070347818829I,Dated-27-Inc.2010.act

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LREKHA RANI,W/o-Sandeep Singh,R/o-1854/39,Joor Bagh,TriNagar,Delhi,have lost all the documents i.e. original-sale deed and other-SITUATION VACANT

R.D. RAJPAL SCHOOL

PRINCIPAL

Commercial Court, Gurugran M/S ALTEN CALSOFT LABS INDIA PVT. LTD.

VS.

M/S MARLIE CONSULTING
SERVICES PVT. LTD.

CMR No. HRGRO1-012805-2023

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CNR No.HRGR01-012805-2023
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JD NO. 1. M/S MARLIE
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LTD. THROUGH ITS MANAGING
DIRECTOR SN. CARLOS
FERREIRA
JD NO. 2, SH. CARLOS
FERREIRA
JD NO. 2, SH. CARLOS
FERREIRA MANAGING
DIRECTOR BOTH R/O AT-102,
SECTOR-54, SUNCITY
HEIGHTS, GURGRAM-122003
In above titled case, the
defendam(15)/respondent(15)

OBITUARY

4th Anniversary

Rekha Chatteriee

01.12.1953-24.04.2021 Rest in Peace

Your Loving Family & Friends!

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saie deed and other-ownership deeds,of Property No.631/39,Old Plot.No. 51-B, Village-Chowkri

Village-Chowkri Mubarakabad,Onkar-Nagar,TriNagar,Delhi,and FIR against the same has been lodged vide LR No.2737342/2025,Dated-08/04/2025. 0040785332-10

PUBLIC NOTICE

PUBLIC NOTICE ted by their daughter-in-law. Both aforementioned clients have a wned and deburned their son from movable and immovable propert person dealing with Sh. Arjun Pr. h and his wife, Smt. Kajal, shall do s

Advocate Enroll. D/7041/2023 OFFICE-B 244 LGF, GK 1, DELHI 110048 PUBLIC NOTICE

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PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the general public that my client Shri Bigender Singh S/o Late Shri Sardar Singh Rio C-126, Extn.-18, Nangloi, Delhi-110041has severed all his relations from his son namely Shri Naveen Kumar and his wife Mrs. Manyle Shrawat, due to their illegal activities, misbehaviour, quarrel, misdeed & misconduct and debarred them from all his movable and immovable properties.

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PROCLAMATION REQUIRING
THE APPEARANCE OF A PERSON ACCUSED
(See Section 82 Of C.P.C.) (84 of BINSS)
IN THE COURT OF SIX, SANLAY KHAHAGWAL, SPL. JUDGE, CBI-12,
ROOM NO. 509, SOUSE EXPEUE COURT COMPLEX, DO UMARG, NEW DELHI

DATE OF ORDER: - 19.03.2025 DATE OF ISSUE: - 21.03.2025 CT NO. 20/2021 E: -21.03.2025

ECIR NO. ECIRIDLZO-J/12/2021
PS: ED.NEW DELHI
US 44 & 45 OF PMLA 2002:
OIRR CO. DICTI-1-000291-2021
DIRECTORATE OF ENFORCEMENT
VS.
SH. KEWAL KRISHAN KUMAR & ORS
NEXT DATE OF HARNIG-1-3.05.2025

NEXT DATE OF HEARING." 310.5 2025
WHEREAS a complaint has been made before me that WUKE PRASAD S/o Sh. Rajesh Prasad, Address: C-3/75, Keshav Puram, Delhi - 119035, has committed (or it suspected to have committed) the offence, punishated under section 4 of Prevention of Money Laundering Act, 2002, and it has been cannot be found, and whereas it has been shown to my selfscarior that the said VIVEE PRASAD has abscorded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said variety: Proclamation is hereby made that the said VIVEE PRASAD is required to appear tedore this Court (or before me) to answer the stand complaint or the day of 15 "May 2015.

By Order (SH. SANJAY KHANAGWAL), SPL. JUDGE, PC ACT, CBI-12, ROUSE AVENUE COURT COMPLEX, NEW DELHI

REGD.AD/DASTI/AFFIXATION ON PROPERTY AS WELL AS NOTICE BOARD OF DRT/BEAT OF DRUM/ PUBLICATION IN NEWS PAPER

SALE PROCLAMATION
OFFICE OF THE RECOVERY OFFICE-II
DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-III, DELHI
4th FLOOR, JEEVAN TARA BUILDING,
PARLIAMENT STREET, PATEL CHOWK, NEW DELHI-11000

RC/7/2024 DATED: 21.04.2024
PROCLAMATION OF SALE UNDER RULES 38, 52(2) OF SECOND SCHEDULE
TO THE INCOME TAX ACT, 1961 READ WITH THE RECOVERY OF DEBTS DUE
TO BANK AND FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS ACT, 1993

EDELWEISS ASSET RECONSTRUCTION COMPANY LIMITED AND ORS VS. MS KLG SYSTEL LTD AND ORS

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Property Description
Property located at Office 301.3rd Floor,
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CHINA TARIFFS MAY BE BETWEEN 50-65%: WALL STREET JOURNAL REPORT 'Trump has killed WTO, White House would consider cutting tariffs on Chinese goods as part of talks'

THE TRUMP administration would look at lowering tariffs on imported Chinese goods pending talks with Beijing, a source familiar with the matter said on Wednesday, adding that any action would not be made unilater. tion would not be made unilater-ally. The source's comments fol-lowed a Wall Street Journal report that the White House is considthat the White House is consid-ering cutting its ariffs on Chinese imports in a bid to de-escalate tensions. China tariffs could come down from their current level of 145 per cent to between 50 per cent and 65 per cent, the paper said, citing a White House official. "We are going to have a fair deal with China," Trump told re-porters on Wednesday, but did

Sensex crosses 80K-mark for first time in four months

Mumbai: Domestic stock mar-kets continued their upward movement for the seventh con-secutive session on Wednesday,

secutive session on Wednesday, with the Sensex reclaiming 80,000 level for the first time in almost four months.

The gains in markets were driven by buying in information technology, auto and pharma stocks.

The BSE's 30-share Senses gained 0.65 per cent, or 520.9 points, to close at 80,116.49, af-ter a gap of nearly four months The broader Nifty 50 rose 0.67 per cent, or 161.7 points, to close at 24,328.95.

Life insurance premium mobilisation rises by 5.13%

Mumbai: Total new business premium of the life insurance industry rose by 5.13 per cent for the year ended March 2025 with individual new business premiums registering a growth of 11.17 per cent, according to data from Life Insurance Council.

The industry showed a two per cent growth in new business premium in the previous financial year ended March 2024.

BRIEFLY -

Osamu Suzuki excellence centre to be set up in India

New Delhi: Suzuki Motor Corporation and Maruti Suzuki India Ltd on Wednesday announced a pro-posal to set up Osamu Suzuki Centre of Excellence in India in honour of late Osamu Suzuki, the former chairman of the Japanese small car major. PTI

MEIL gets order from NPCIL for 2 nuclear reactors

NewDelhi: Megha Engineering & Infrastructure Ltd (MEIL) on Wednesday said the company has received an order worth about Rs 13,000 crore from the Nuclear Power Corporation of India Ltd (NPCIL) for supplying

GACL flags off first dispatch of Benzyl Chloride from Dahej

New Delhi: Chlor-alkali major Gujarat Alkalies and Chemicals Limited (GACL) has flagged off the first lot of Benzyl Chloride on 21 st April 2025. The flag-off was done virtually by Avantika Singh, IAS, Managing Director of GACL, in the presence of senior execu-tives of GACL and others. ENS



US President Donald Trump at the North Lawn of the White House in Washington, D.C., on Wednesday. Reuter

not address the specifics of the Journal report, His remarks fol-

made on Tuesday that a deal to lower tariffs was possible. White House spokesperson

Trump.

US Treasury Secretary Scott
Bessent said both countries see
the current rates as unsustainable, but said he does not know
when any negotiations might
start.

Wall Street jumps

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Meanwhile, Wall Street's
main indexes rose on Wednesdy
as investors velocended signs of a
thaw in the US-China trade war.
At 12:01 p.m. Ef., the Dow
Jones Industrial Average rose
560/70 points, or 143 per cent, to
39,4768, the S8P 500 gained
97.84 points, or 185 per cent, to
5,385.60, and the Nasdag
Composite gained 448.25 points,
or 2,75 per cent to 16,748.67

Washington

New Delhi: The meeting be-tween the chief negotiators of the Bilateral Trade Agreement (BTA) between India and US after the finalisation of terms of reference got underway on Wednesday, in Washington with both sides aiming to iron

US PRESIDENT Donald Trump has sparked off a global trade war by raising tanff wallson imports. Trump's decision to replace a rule-based global trading regime that was put in place with the setting up of the World Trade Organization by a regime of bilateral trade negotiations will be damaging for the American and the world economy, former Union Finance Minister YASHWANT SINHA, who held the post when BJP's Atla Bihari Vajapuçe was the Pira Minister, said in an interview with VikoSPATHAO. Spastisfied with India's attempt to strike a trade deal with the US; Smihas aspis finds should have gone to the WTO, talked to like—minded countries and resisted Trump's unilateral int. Edited occepts:

with both sides aiming to iron out issues for a faster deal over the next three days. The Indian team led by chief negotiator Rajesh Agrawal left for the US earlier this week. During the meetings both sides will try to gauge the level of ambition each one has on liberalising trade.

ism. Edited excerpts

How do you view the reciprocal railfs US President Donald Trump is imposing on nations? Doyou think it is sound policy for the US? It's certainly not a good policy either for the US or the word. It was after a great deal of effort that the international community agreed to a proper rule-based international trading or order. For six years, trade talks went on between the countries of the der. For six years, tradet allss went on between the countries of the world under the Unuguay round and after that there was a meeting of all the countries in Marrakesh, where the decision was taken to form the WTO.

Before that there was GATT, or General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade, which was also continuously trade, which was also continuously trade to make the in-

nuously trying to make the in rnational trading order as rule

based as possible. There were difficulties, espe There were difficulties, espe-cially between the developed and the developing countries, where the demands were dis-similar and there was conflict of interest on various issues — and mainly on agriculture and intel-lectual property rights. It was af-ter a great deal of effort that the world was able to agree on a workable solution. workable solution

This was finally arrived at in Inis was finally arrived at in Marrakesh, Morocco in 1994, and the decision was taken to form the WTO. This agreement came into effect from January 1, 1995, as far as I remember. After that, all the trade disputes were being referred to the WTO, and the adidicating body of the WTO used o decide the matter.

Now, the first challenge that Trump has mounted is to this Trump has mounted is to this rule-based international trading arrangement. For all practical purposes he has killed the WTO, which is playing no role. And all countries of the world, in partice of the US, are either negotiating a trade deal with the US at a bi-lateral level, like India is doing, or standing um not his wildsteal ac-standing um on this wildsteal acstanding up to this unilateral ac-tion, like China or Canada. tion, like China or Canada. So, Trump has made a major mistake by challenging a global order that has been in existence for 30 years or more. He is out to make the international order based on consensus at thing of the past and believes in unilateralism. He is looking at bilateral trade balance. When you are trading with the whole world, our can't saw that I must have a you can't say that I must have a bilateral balance with every country in the world. You lose

THE EXPRESS INTERVIEW tion. Internationally, we are r YASHWANT SINHA ORMER UNION FINANCE MINISTE

What do you think were the advantages of the rule-based global trade order? How will its undoing play out nationally and globally?

nationally and globally?

The whole world was busy lowering tariffs. As Finance Minister, Isadin Parliament that we will bring tariffs down to Ascan levels. Isadithis because if you raise tariffs you are making imports more expensive, and that will add to the cost of production in your country, which will raise prices and make your exports more costly. Domestic prices will also our. So, it is not price will also our so, it is not price. prices will also go up. So, it is not a good policy either for a country agood policy either for a country or for the world to raise tariffs... It hurts consumers the most in the country that is imposing those high tariffs and affects the global trading order. Trump is making a serious mistake and I amglad the pushback has started in the US against this.

How will the trade war impact China, the US and the world in general? There are already fears that China might begin to dump its products in other countries, including India. India has just imposed a 12 per cent safeguard duty on some steel products due to dumping fears... Every country has provision for anti-dumping duty and if you How will the trade war impact

for anti-dumping duty, and if you feel that any country is dumping feel that any country is dumping something in your country, you can legitimately levy, anti-dumping duty. That device is available if China tries to dump anything. The other point is that in this war we are a minor player. China and the US are the major players, and much will depend on the outcome of this rivalry between China and the US already. China and the US are the Major players, and much will depend on the outcome of this rivalry between China and the US Already. China come of this rivalry between China and the LS Already, China and the European Union are coming closer. When the global order changes, there will be new alignments. It is likely that the US will be isolated. I think in this wrestling match China will emerge the winner and might even overtake the US as the ma-jor trading partner for the world.

Are you satisfied with the way India has handled the Trump administration so far in context of tariffs?

on us, we will reciprocate by im-posing higher tariffs on you. The second way was that we will go out in the world and form alliances against you. The third was to negotiate and ask for mercy India has opted for the third op doing anything with friendly countries to stand up to the US. We are trying to negotiate a deal bilaterally which might, we think, bail us out. How far this will succeed I don't know, but along with the US there is a great danger of India also getting iso-lated in the international community by this approach. In fact, India should have been in the lead role in the global commu-nity in negotiating with the US instead of negotiating a bilateral agreement.

But do you also see advantages accruing to India in some sectors as an unintended consequence of this trade war that we did not Where will be the advan-

tage? If at all there is some advan-tage, it will only be with the US. You remember the generalised system of preferences (CSP)? It's a concept that is now forgotten, but India used to get CSP prefer-ences under the WTO, and also from the US. America abolished it is some years ago and we accepted it. So, gradually we have lost the advantages we had in the US market and the area vacated by us has gone to other countries.

take in response to Trump's tariff war? My personal preference will

My personal preference will be for find its op to the VTO, in-sist on a rule-based global trad-ing order, build an alliance of willing countries and face up to the situation. India has to face the situation with determination, not ask for mercy from the US. Where is the WTO in all this? Its only statement was that there will be no recession as a result of his. But it's doing nothing against the unilateralism of Trump.

But isn't it true that Indian

But isn't it true that Indian stock markets have been relatively stable despite the global uncertainty?

The market reacts on a momentary basis. If at noon they feel that something has happened, it willeither go up or go down. The markets did suffer as a result of the Trump tantrums. But now they are preceiving in the home have recovering in the home. they are recovering in the hope that India will be able to negoti

tion is decisively around its targe

INDIA'S FORECAST CUT BY 0.4 PERCENTAGE POINTS FROM 6.7% PROJECTED EARLIER World Bank sees FY26 growth at 6.3% on global weakness, policy uncertainty

AANCHAL MAGAZINE

THE WORLD Bank has cut India's growth forecast by 0.4 percentage points to 6.3 per cent from 6.7 per cent for the current financial year 2025-26 citing global economic weakness and policy uncertainty. It is seen slowing from 6.5 per cent growth estimate (7.0 per cent earlier) in FV25, the Bank said in its

lier) in PZS, the Bank said in its latest South Asia Development Update on Wednesday. "In India, growth is expected to slow from 6.5 per cent in PZ25 to 6.3 per cent as in PZ6 as the benefits to private investment from monetary easing and regula-tory streamlining are expected to be offset by global economic weakness and policy uncertainty; the World Bank said. The down-grade in India's growth projecthe World Bank said. The down-grade in India's growth projec-tions by the Bank comes just a day after the International Monetary Fund (IMF) also cut the growth forecast for India. The IMF had lowered India's growth estimate by 0.3 percentage points to 6.2 per cent from 6.5 per cent for the fi-



Delegates at the World Bank/IMF Spring Meetings at the IMF headquarters in Washington.

nancial year 2025-26 and by 0.2 percentage points to 6.3 per cent from 6.1 per cent for the next fi-nancial year 2026-27.

The estimates are lower than the 6.5 percent growth projection by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) for FY26.

As per the RBI, the real GDP growth for India for 2025-26 is seen to be lower than the earlier projection of 6.7 per cent, with Q1

growth seen at 6.5 per cent; Q2 a 6.7 per cent; Q3 at 6.6 per cent and Q4 at 6.3 per cent. "Multiple shocks over the pass

decade have left South Asian countries with limited buffers to countries with limited butters to withstand an increasingly chal-lenging global environment," said Martin Raiser, World Bank Vice President for South Asia. FULL REPORTON www.indianexpress.com

GDP: Tariffs may shave up to half a percentage point'

lower than the 6.5 per cent growth projection by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) for FY26.

lower than 6.5% RBI

Washington: The direct hit from tariffs introduced by Donald Trump's administra-tion on India could shave off between 0.2-0.5 percentage points from GDP growth, Finance Secretary Ajay Seth said on Wednesday. "Now there is a signorithat. we grow there is a sign of that _we grow about 6.5 per cent in the cur-rent year," said Seth, speaking at a Hudson Institute event in Washington. REUTERS

Watches, handbags, paintings, other luxury items to attract 1% tax collected at source

AANCHAL MAGAZINE NEW DELHI, APRIL 23

WRIST WATCHES, handbags, an-tiques, paintings, sculptures, sun-glasses, home theatre systems, shoes and sportswear priced over

shoes and sports wear priced over Rs. 10 lakin villn now face a Tax Collected at Source (TCS) levy of 1 per cent at the point of sale effec-tive Tuesday. Though this announcement to bring in some goods, apart from motor vehicles, into the ambit of TCS was announced in the July 2024 Budget and was to be imple-mented from January I this year, the Income Tax Department has notified the categories of other notified the categories of other items now. The move is expected

I-T DEPT NOTIFIED **RULE ON APRIL 22**

In a notification dated April 22, the Income Tax Department has notified the new rules for the levy of TCS on sales of these luxury items priced over Rs 10 lakh

match it with the income tax pro-file of taxpayers to detect any case of possible evasion. In a notifica-tion dated April 22, the Income Tax Department has notified the new rules for the levy of TCS on sales of these luxury items priced over Rs 10 lakh. As per the list by the Department, sale of any wrist watch; any art piece such as an-tiques, painting, sculpture; any collectibles such as coin, stamp; any yacht, trowing boat, cance, helicopter, any pair of sundesses, any bag such as handbag, purse; any pair of shoes; any sportswear and equipment such as golf kit, skiewear, any home theatre system; and any horse for horse racing in race chus, borse for polo will now attact a 1 per cent TCS.

This notification operationalises the government's inent to enhance monitoring of high-value discretionary expenditure and strengthen the audit trail in the luxury goods segment. It reflects a broader policy objective of expanding the tax base and promoting greater financial trans-

moting greater financial trans parency. Sellers will now be re-quired to ensure timely compliance with TCS provisions, while buyers of notified luxury

goods may experience enhanced KYC requirements and documen-tation at the time of purchase. Although the luxury goods sector may undergo some transitional challenges, this measure is exchallenges, this measure is ex-pected to promote formalisation and improved regulatory over-sight over time." Sandeep Jhunjhunwala, tax partner at Nangia Andersen ILP said. The Budget for 2024-25, presented in July 2024. had men-tioned amendment of Section 2066 of the Income-tax Act. The Finance Act, 2024 had stated that

a seller of a motor vehicle priced above Rs 10 lakh or any other goods, as may be specified by the central government by notifica-tion, will have to collect a 1 per cent TCS from the buyer on the sale consideration as income-tax.

MINUTES OF THE MONETARY POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON APRIL 7-9

Inflation likely to be well aligned to the target during FY26: RBI Governor

HITESHVYAS

THE DECLINE in crude oil prices amid heightened trade related uncertainties will ease pressure on domestic inflation, which is likely to align to the target during likely to align to the target during the current financial year (FY26). RBI Governor Sanjay Malhotra said at the Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) meeting held on April 7-9, the minutes released on Wednesday showed. The government has man-dated the MPC to maintain con-sumer price index (CPI) inflation

at4percent within a band of +/-2 Malhotra said the imposition



of tariffs will have two implica-tions on inflation - On the upside, uncertainties may lead to possi-ble currency pressures resulting in imported inflation, and on the downside, slowdown in global growth will further soften com-modity and crude oil prices, which would ease the pressure on inflation. "Overall, Insourable factors for the inflation outlook catvesigh those with possible adverse impact and should drive further distinguishment of the adding eth. It is expected that inflation with beadine eth. It is expected that inflation will be well adjuncted to the larget during the current financial year," the RBI Governor said in the april meeting, the six-member MPC unanimously decided to reduce the repor rate by 25 basis points to 6 per cent and also decided to change the monetary policy stance from ineutral to accommodative. One basis point (tips) is one-hundredthof apreventage point. This was the second consecutive policy when the MPC had been the point. This was the second consec-utive policy when the MPC had slashed the reporate by 25 bps. "When consumer price infla-

tion is decisively around its target rate of 4 per cent and growth is still moderate and recovering, mone-tary policy needs to nurture do-mestic demand impulses to fur-ther increase the growth momentum," Mallotra said. The retail inflation, or CPL de

clined to 3.3 per cent in March 2025 from 3.6 per cent in February, marking the fourth con-secutive monthly decline and the

growth driven largely by domes-tic demand. FULL REPORT ON

Mati Carbon wins \$50 mn in XPRIZE **Carbon Removal Competition**

MATI CARBON, an Indian-led climate initiative, has secured the \$50 million grand prize in the XPRIZE Carbon Removal competition, outshining over 1,300 teams from 112 countries.

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Their model seems simple, but is quite complex. They use an Enhanced Rock Weathering (ERW) model, which captures carbon dioxide (CO2) while boosting crop yields for small-holder farmers.
This offers a rare synergy of environmental and social impact. Mati operates in India, Tanzania, and Zambia, and has nartnered with over 16 000

partnered with over 16,000 farmers since 2022. They aim to reach 30,000 by year-end, with



a bold vision to impact 100 mil-lion by 2045. Shantanu Agarwal, Mati Carbon's founder and CEO, and Jake Jordan, chief science officer, outlined their mission. "This XPRIZE win validates our science and commitment to smallholder

farmers who bear the brunt of climate change," he said. "But scaling in India, with its frag-mented landholdings and un-even infrastructure, is a massive challenge."

oceans for over upout years.
"The process forms a weak
acid from rainwater and CO2,
breaking down the rock faster
than natural weathering," Jordan
explained. "It's like dissolving
powdered sugar versus a sugar
cube." The basalt also releases

allenge." Mati's ERW process involves reading pulverised basalt—a lcanic rock—on farmlands, ac-lerating a natural weathering

nutrients, enhances soil fertility and results in healthier crops and better yield.

process that captures atmos-pheric CO2 and stores it as bicarbonate in groundwater and oceans for over 10,000 years.

The teenage son of Ramzan Kadyrov, the leader of Russia's Chechnya region and close ally of President Valdimir Putin, has been appointed secretary of the region's security council, according to the council's Telegram channel. Adam Kadyrov turned 17 in November 2024. It is the fourth time he has been appointed to an official position since 2023, when he was 15.

TOPOFTHE WORLD



211 candidates in fray for early general polls

Singapore: A total of 211 candidates will contest 92 out of 97 parliamentary seats in Singapore's upcoming General Election, scheduled for May 3. One Group Representation Constituency was returned uncontested following the logo of pomilowing the close of nomi-nations on Wednesday nations on Wednesday. The ruling People's Action Party (PAP), which has ruled the city-state since it gained independence in 1965, was the only party to field candidates for all 97 seats in 33 constituen-

cies. Its largest opponent, the Workers' Party, is fighting for 26 seats across highting for 26 seats across eight constituencies. The Workers' Party is led by Secretary General Pritam Singh, who served as the Leader of the Opposition in the previous parlia-ment. PTI

3 new astronauts to be sent to space station

Bejing: China will launch three astronauts to its space station on Thurstley—coinciding with its 10th Space Day — to replace their colleagues manning the station for the past smonths; it was announced on Wednesday. The Shenzhou-2O crewed spaceship is scheduled to be launched at 5:17 pm Thursday (Bejing Time) from the Jinquan Stellite Launch Centre in north-west China, the China west China, the China Manned Space Agency (CMSA) spokesman Lin Xiqiang told the media at the centre, state-run Xinhua news agency re-ported. PTI

TURKEY

6.2 earthquake shakes Istanbul, dozens injured

Istanbul: More than 150 people were injured when they jumped from buildings in Istanbul on Wednesday as one of the strongest quakes in years hit the city. Many people gathered in parks and others sat on doorsteps, or stood outside their homes in the centre of Istanbul as aftershocks from the magnitude 6.2 quake on the European side of the city continued to be felt. "It started with a big tremor all started with a big tremor all of a sudden and we felt it very strongly," said Istanbul resident Neslisah Aygoren, sitting in a park. REUTERS

PROPOSAL TO FREEZE TERRITORY ALONG CURRENT FRONT LINES

Vance proposes Ukraine plan favouring Russia, Rubio pulls out of London talks

VICE PRESIDENT ID Vance Wednesday called on Ukraine to accept an American peace pro-posal that closely mirrors long-standing Russian demands, instanding Russian demands, in-cluding a "freeze" of territorial lines in the three-year war, ac-ceptance of the annexation of Crimea by Russia and a prohibi-tion on Ukraine becoming a NATO member. It was the first time a US offi-cial had publicyl laid out a casse-fire deal in such stark terms. The aggressive push for a deal bythe USs a blow to Europe, who have spent the last several weeks

have spent the last several weeks attempting to support Ukraine by attempting to support Ukraine by brokering pace talls. The first effort convened last week in Paris and another session was set to star on Wednesday in London before U.S Secretary of State Marco Rubio amounced Tuesday night that he would no longer attend. Rubio's decision to pull out prompted U.S foreign secretary. David Lammy, to decide that he, too, would not attend. Vance, speaking in India, said

too, would not attend.
Vance, speaking in India, said
the US would "walk away" from
the peace process if both parties
refused to accept the terms.
"We've issued a very explicit
proposal to both the Russians

Meta, Apple get

€700 mn fine

antitrust rules



Rescuers work at the site of a Russian airstrike in Sloviansk in Donetsk region on Wednesday

and the Ukrainians, and it's time for them to either say yes or for the US to walk away," Vance said. "The only way to really stop the killing is for the armies to both put down their weapons, to freeze this thing and to get on with the business of actually building a better. Pursian will about all "Frizine".

business of actually building a bet-ter Russia and a better Ukraine." Vance's comments came hours after Zelenskyy said his country will never accept Russia's 2014 occupation of Crimea as le-gal. He also said that Ukraine could

not accept any prohibition against becoming part of NATO. Trump chided Zelenskyy on Wednesday for saying Ukraine would not rec-ognize Russia's occupation of Crimea: "This statement is very harmful to the Peace Negotiations with Russia," Trump said.

with Russia," Trump said.

The threat by Vance to walk
away from peace talks were similar to comments last week from
Rubio and from President Trump.
On Wednesday, Vance said
that under the US proposal,

"We're going to freeze the territo-rial lines at some level close to where they are today... The cur-rent lines, or somewhere close to them, is where you're ultimately, I think, going to draw the new lines in the conflict," he said. "Now, that means the Ukrainians and the Russians are both going to have to give up some of the terri-

kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov Wednesday welcomed Vance's remarks.

THE KREMLIN'S signals are carefully calibrated to make matters difficult for Zelenskyy. Ukraine leadership has repeatedly sig-nalled that it could not nalled that it could not legally recognise a Russian seizure of Crimea or any of its other territory. But Russia is banking on the idea that Ukraine is weary after over three years of war and its proposal is a reasonable counter to Western suggestions that there should be an immethere should be an imme-diate and full ceasefire to allow wider negotiations.

"Our interactions are ongo-ing but, to be sure, there is a lot of nuances around the peace set-tlement that need to be dis-cussed," Peskov said Peskov Wednesday said the

Peskov Wednesday said the London meeting fell through be-cause of an apparent lack of progress in the talks before that. "they did not manage to move closer on some of the issues, that's why that meeting did not take place," he said. NYT, WITH REUTERS INPUT

Israeli airstrike on school kills 23 as Arab for violating EU mediators seek long-term Gaza ceasefire

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FOO YUN CHEE & JAN STRUPCZEWSKI BRUSSELS, APRIL 23 AN OVERNIGHT Israeli strike on AN OVERNIGHT I Straels strike on a school-turned-shelter in Gaza City killed 23 people, as Arab mediators worked on a proposal to end the war with Hamas that would include a five to seven APPLE WAS fined 500 million APPLE WAS fined 500 million euros (\$570 million) on Wednesday and Meta 200 million euros, as European Union antitust regulators handed out the first sanctions under landmark legislation aimed at curbing the power of Big Tech.

The EUI fines could stoke tensions with U.S President Donald Trump who has threatened to levy tariffs against countries that penalise IJS. companies.

would include a five to seven year truce and the release of all remaining hostages, officials said Wednesday. There was no immediate Israeli comment on the strike, which set several tents ablaze, burning people alive. The mili-tary says it only targets militants and blames civilian deaths on Hamas hecause its fighters penalise U.S. companies. They follow a year-long in-Hamas because its fighters are embedded in densely popu-They follow a year-long in-vestigation by the European Commission, the EU executive, into whether the companies comply with the Digital Markets Act that seeks to allow smaller rivals into markets dominated by the biggest companies. Apple said it would challenge

stinians mourn those killed in an Israeli strike on Yaffa

strong criticism from 3 of its closest allies.

Palestinian President
Mahmoud Abbas called on Hamas
to release the hostages in order to
"Block hareal presents" for continuning the war. He released his demount of the release of the continuing the war. He released his demount effering the release of dogs" during a speech in West Bark.
Egypt and Qustar are still developing the proposal, which
would include the gradual withdrawal of Israeli forces from the
entire strip and the release of
Palestinian prisoners, according
to an Egyptian official and a
Hamas officia.
Israel says it will hold parts of

Israel says it will hold parts of Gaza indefinitely and imple-ment President Donald Trump's proposal for the resettlement of the population in other countries, which has been widely re-jected internationally.



Pope Francis's body placed in St Peter's Basilica

THE BODY of Pope Francis, laid out in an open coffin, was carried in a solemn procession from his residence within the walls of the Vatican City to SP eter's Basilica on Wednesday, Red-hatted cardinals, bishops, candle-carrying friars and helmeted Swiss Guards walked slowly into the wast, sunlit square in front of the basilica as a choir chanted palms and prayers in Latin while a bell gently tolled.

The body of the 88-year-old pope, who died two days ago in

pope, who died two days ago in his rooms at the Santa Marta

his rooms at the Santa Marta guesthouse after suffering a stroke, was held aloft on a wooden platform by 14 white-gloved, black-suited pallbearers. As the coffin crossed St Peter's Square, a crowd of several thousand broke into repeated applause - a traditional Italian sign of respect at such event. He's like a member of the family. Somebodiv user close to our ily. Somebody very close to our

ily. Somebody very close to our hearts, somebody who made the Church very accessible to every-body and inclusive to every-body," said Rachel Mckay, a pil-grim from Britain. Francis, who had only re-cently left hospital after five weeks being treated for double pneumonia, last appeared in public Sunday, when he de-lighted onlookers by being driven around the packed square driven around the packed square in his white, open-topped pope-mobile. Vatican officials rushed on Wednesday to help the pall-

Musk to cut back DOGE work

ISRAELI FOREIGN MINISTRY DELETES CONDOLENCES POST

Jerusalem: Israeli Foreign Ministry deletes pope con-dolences post. The ministry refused to comment on its refused to comment on its decision to post and then quickly deleted the post on X, which said: "Rest in peace, Pope Francis. May his memory be a blessing." According to Israeli media, ambassadors were furious over the deleted post. Francis was critical of Israel's war in Gaza hut bad also called on Hamas. but had also called on Hama: to release the hostages and condemned the rise in anti-

bearers carry the coffin up a stone incline, before the proces-sion passed through St Peter's gi-ant bronze doors and into the hushed interior of the ornate, cavernous church. Francis's body will lie in St Peter's Basilica until Friday. His funeral is set for Saturday

His funeral is set for Saturday and will draw heads of state and government from around the world, including U.S. President Donald Trump, who clashed repeatedly with the pope on social issues such as immigration.
Leaders from Italy, France, Germany, Britain, Ukraine, Brazil, Ell institutions and Francie.

EU institutions and Francis home nation of Argentina have also confirmed their presence, amongst many others.
REUTERS

Iran says US energy sanctions show 'lack of goodwill' in talks

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Apple said it would challenge the BIf line. Today's amouncements are yet another example of unfairly targeting Apple in a series of decisions that are bad for the privacy and security of our users, bad for products, and force us to give away our technology for free." Apple said in an emailed statement. Meta also criticised the EU decision. "The European Commission." NEWUS sanctions against Iran's energy sector point to Washington's Tack of goodwill and seriousness' over dialogue with Tehran, Iran's Foreign Ministry spokesperson said on Wednesday ahead of Iran-US, nuclear talks this weekend.

On Tuesday, Washington tarageted an Iranian liquified petroleum gas magnate with sanc-leum gas magnate with sanc-"The European Commission is attempting to handicap suc-cessful American businesses

cessful American businesses while allowing Chinese and European companies to operate under different standards," it said in an emailed statement.

"This isn't just about a fine; the Commission forcing us to change our business model, effectively imposing a multi-billion-dollar tariff on Meta while requiriting us to offer an inferior equirity us to offer an inferior. geted an Iranian Inquinted petro-leum gas magnate with sanc-tions, which fall within the scope of President Donald Trump's "maximum pressure" campaign and its objective to drive Iranian oil exports to zero.

The continued imposition of requiring us to offer an inferior service." REUTERS sanctions against various eco nomic sectors of Iran is in clear

ntradiction with the U.S. claim for dialogue and negotiation and indicates the lack of goodwill and seriousness of the U.S. in this egard," Esmaeil Baghaei said in

regard, 'Esmaeil Baghaei said in astatement shared on Telegram. Both high-level and expert-level talks are to take place this Saturday in Oman to begin drawing up a framework for a potential deal over Iran's dis-puted nuclear programme. On a visit to beging where he met Chinese Vice Premier Ding Xuexiang, Iranian Foreign Minister Abbas Araqchi told Iran's state mediati was too early

Minister Abbas Araqcin toid Iran's state media it was too early to judge the outcome of Iran-U.S. talks, which he said were going in the right direction. "We are cautiously optimistic and if the Americans continue to stay in a constructive way and avoid any unrealistic, undoable

demands. I am confident we can conclude a good deal at the end," Iran's top diplomat added.

amid criticism, falling Tesla sales

TESLA CEO Elon Musk said on Tuesday he would cut back signif-icantly the time he devotes to the Trump administration from next monthand spend more time running his many companies. The move comes as Musk's involve-ment in the so-called Department of Government Efficiency - where he has led efforts to cut federal jobs-has become a political light-ning rod, fueling unrelenting protests and vandalism at Tesla showrooms. Investors have raised concerns about Musk spending too little time managing Tesla, where sales have nosedived.

"The large slog of work neces-sary to get the DOGE team in place



Protest against Elon Musk's DOGE at a Tesla showroom in New York on Monday. Reuters

and working with the govern-ment to get the financial house in order is mostly done," Musk told malysts on a conference call, But he said he still intended to spend some 40% of his time on DOGE.

Tesla shares, which had risen 4% in after-hours trading right be-fore an earnings conference call began, spiked to trade up 55% on Musk's comments. The stock has nearly halved from its December peak. After market close on Tuesday, Tesla reported profitabil-ity for its core auto business that topped rock-bottomexpectation, and said it was on track to pro-duce an affordable car. ped rock-bottom expectation

duce an affordable car.

But the EV maker said it would have to reassess its growth forecast in three months because it was 'difficult to measure the impacts of shifting global trade policy on the automotive and energy supply chains' and that ''changing political sentiment, could have a meaningful impact on densure for your position. impact on demand for our prod-

ucts in the near-term," it said.

UNESCO WORLD HERITAGE SITE WAS IMMENSELY DAMAGED FROM SYRIA'S INSURGENCY AND MUCH MORE FROM ISIS ATTACKS

Palmyra, Syrian city that survived for 2,000 years, bears the brunt of civil war

ADAM GOLDMAN & ARIC TOLER WASHINGTON, APRIL 20

THE TOWERING stone columns of the ancient city of Palmyra in cen-tral Syria rise majestically from the desert sands, lining the main av-enue that once connected its temples, markets and amphitheater. Its hilltop castle still provides commanding views of the city's re-mains, which are so vast and well

preserved that they have attracted

explorers, archaeologists and tourists for hundreds of years. But up close, the damage from

Syria's 13-year civil war is clear: sions, statues defaced and tem sions, statues defaced and tem-ples reduced to heaps of rubble. Since rebels toppled Bashar al-Assad in December, effectively ending the war, Syrians and rare international tourists have been visiting Palmyra to take in one of the country's most stunning her-itage sites and ponder how it may fit into Syria's future.

"There was civilization in this place, and despite the shelling and destruction, there is still civ-ilization," said Ziad Alissa, a Syrian doctor who lives in France and visited Palmyra one recent day.

A loud boom shook the A loud boom shook the ground as he spoke. He and his friends jumped. Locals said it was the explosion of a land mine planted during the war, one of two such blasts heard and felt that day. Syra's conflict brutalized historic sites scattered across a land central to many ancient Middle Eastern civilizations. The historic cooks.

souks, caravansaries and mosques of Aleppo are largely in ruins. Displaced families have sought refuge in long-abandoned towns and temples in the north-west. And in the ancient city of

Apamea, dozens of treasure hunters with pickaxes and metal



 $Palmyra\,was\,integrated\,to\,the\,Roman\,Empire\,in\,1st\,Century\,AD$

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most important curural centers of the ancient world," according to UNESCO, which designated it a World Heritage Site in 1980. Palmyrawas anoasis community integrated into the Roman Empire in the first century AD that grew into a key stop along the Silk Road and was ruled for a time by Queen Zenobia. Its blend of Greek, Roman and Persian architecture remained influential for centuries as it fell under Byzantine, Arab and French control. After the civil war began in 2011, Palmyra's strategic

location rendered it a battleground between anti-govern-ment rebels, Syrian forces, the

ment rebels, Syrian forces, the Russianmiliary and Afghan mili-tiamen backed by Iran.

Those forces all left their marks on the city, but the Islamic State militant group, which seized Palmyra in 2015, carried out a campaign of deliberate destruc-tion, driven by its extremist aver-sion to depictions of the human form and resources to a ray feith form and monuments to any faith. They also toppled the triple arch gateway — the Monumental Arch — at the start of the colonnade, and filmed young militants shooting dead 25 government soldiers

on the stage of the amphitheate Mohammed Awad, 36, a hawker, said all of the fighting had hawker, said all of the fighting had made the city unlivable. "We had Afghans, Iranians, Russians, Hezbollah, Chechens," he said, "They all passed through Palmyra." He had been working at the site since he was a child, and learned enough English, Russian, Italian, Spanish, German, French and Japanese to have basic conservations—and to make sales. and Japanese to have basic con-versations — and to malke sales. He longed for tourists to return. "Every day we see foreigners, two or three or four," he said. "But we hope that they will come back in buses, like they used to. NYT

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EXPLAINED ECONOMICS

MARKETS REBOUND AS BESSENT SAYS TRADE WAR WITH CHINA UNSUSTAINABLE

THE BIGGEST news coming out of Washington on Tuesday was the report of the US Treasury Secretary Scott Bessent telling investors that "no one thinks the current status quo" of prohibitively high tariffs between China and the US "is sustainable". Further, as CNBC reported. Bessent reportedly assured investors that "there will be a de-escalation" in the trade war between the two largest economies

war between the two largest economies of the world in the "very near future". The news reports lifted investor seniment as US stock markets shot up—temporarly at least. By the time trading stopped benchmark indices in the US and regained most of the ground they lost on Monday. The government bond yield also fell ab it and most significantly, the weakness in the US dollar also abated.

More tariff action continues

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Bloomberg reported that the US will
impose up to a whopping 3,521% tariffs
on solar imports from Asian countries
such as Vietnam, Thailand and Malaysia.
On the other hand, South China
Morning Post (SCMP) reported that
"China has released an action plan to
promote the use of the youa and its own
payment system in international trade,
at it seeks to reduce its dependence on

as it seeks to reduce its dependence on the dollar amid an escalating trade war the dollar amid an escalating trade war with the United States."

The plan aims to leverage Shanghai's role as a global financial hub to promote the use of the Chinese currency, especially in trade involving countries in the Global South, according to the SCMP report.

Impact on global economy



tariffs are imposing a stiff cost for the global economy. The International Monetary Fund's World Economic Outlook, which was released on Tuesday, cut the global growth forecast significantly. "The swift ecalation of trade tensions and extremely high levels of policy uncertainty are expected to have a significant impact on global economic activity. Under the reference forecast that incomporates the reference forecast that incorporates information as of April 4, global growth is projected to drop to 2.8 per cent in 2025 and 3 per cent in 2025 and 3 per cent for 2025 and 2025 and 3 per cent for 2025 and 2025 an information as of April 4, global growth i

ments". On that front, however, there was less actual movement and more assur-ances. Karoline Leavitt, Donald Trump's Press Secretary, said that "President's trade team is working at Trump-speed" to ensure deals can be made. In particu-lar, with reference to a trade deal with China, she said that "the President and his administration is setting the stage for a deal with China".

INDIA'S RIVERS POSE HEALTH RISKS DUE TO ANTIBIOTIC POLLUTION: STUDY

PAPER

FIGHTY PER CENT of the total EIGHTY PER CENT OF THE TOTAL length of India's rivers could be posing environmental and health risks due to antibiotic

pollution, a new study found pollution, a new study found.
Along with India, Nigeria,
Ethiopia, Vietnam, and
Pakistan are among the
countries facing similar risks
due to antibiotic pollution,
the research, published in
the Proceedings of the
National Academy of Sciences
(PMAS) Nexus, said.
The issue is that antibiotics — they
help fight bacterial diseases — are not

help fight bacterial diseases - are no completely metabolised while passing through the body. They are also not com-

pletely destroyed or removed by most wastewater treatment facilities. Potentially 315 million people in India could be exposed to environmental risks arising from rivers contaminated with an-

NEW RESEARCH

tibiotics, according to the study, which measured the quantities of 21 antibiotics at 877 river locations globally. Findings highlight the

need for appropriate waste ter management plans

water management plans and improving current practices, the researchers said. Regulations and guidelines on the use of antibiotics also no the use of antibiotics also the use of antibiotics also the use of antibiotics also stances and locations that pose the greatestrisk, they said.

Most high-risk areas were noted to co incide with places where antibiotics are readily available without prescription and are sometimes used preventively, according to the study. Previous studies have estimated human consumption of antibiotics to have increased by 65% between 2000 and 2015.

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EXPLAINED STRATEGY AND FOREIGN POLICY

Desperate step in desperate times: Pak's intent behind Pahalgam attack

The terror attack near Pahalgam comes at a time when Pakistan finds itself increasingly isolated on the international stage. It is an act of desperation, one which India must respond to with a cool head



A DAY after the Pahalgam terror attack, India on Wednesday announced a slew of diplomatic measures against Pakistan, including the sus-pension of the Indus Waters Treaty, expulsion

Pakistan in dire straits

Pakistan today is a country in dire straits. Consider the following facts.

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■ For years, Pakistan was a key partner to the United States with regards to its objectives in Afghanistan – there could neither be war nor peace in Afghanistan without Islamabad's support. With Washington pulling out of Kabul in 2021, the leverage that Pakistan enjoyed with the Americans is mostly gone. mostly gone.

And as it faces a crippling economic cri-

sis, the US has not stepped in to bail Pakistan out, as it had repeatedly done in the past.

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The Gulf states too have refused to open up their coffers. There is fatigue among the Gulf states about having to repeatedly bail Pakistan out, and a sense that Islamabad has not given them much in return for doing so over the wears.

so over the years.

Even China has seemingly grown impatient with Pakistan. Beijing has poured in billions of dollars to develop infrastructure

billions of dollars to develop infrastructure in Pakistan as a part of its Ragship Belt and Road Initiative. But many of China's projects in Pakistan remain stalled today. Corruption and inefficiency aside, Pakistan's inability to deliver on security promises has been responsible in recent years, a number of Chinese engineers an orpoject supervisors have been killed by Baloch terrorists. Although China remains Rakistan's biggest patron, the two countries' bilateral relationship is not what it used to even in the very recent past.

The Taliban regime in Kabul has no been the client state Pakistan had hoped it

been the client state Pakistan had hoped it would be. Instead, it has turned rather hoswould be. Instead, it has turned rather nos-tile. Regions bordering Afghanistan have wit-nessed a spate of attacks on both civilians and military personnel. Far from providing "strategic depth" to Pakistan against India, Taliban-ruled Afghanistan has become a serious security pulpersibility.

nerability.

Pakistan's border with Iran has not Pakistan's border with Iran has not been much better. Just last week, eight Pakistani migrant workers were shot dead in Iran's Sistan-Baluchestan province by a Baloch militant outfit. Last year, both coun-tries targeted alleged "terrorist sanctuar-ies" on the other side of the border with missile strike.

missile strikes.

Such is the situation with its western neighbours today that some analysts would say Pakistan's border with India is its most peaceful one at the moment.



The terror attack in after Pakistan Army Chief General Asim

All in all, Pakistan's economy is in dol-ims, its security situation is deteriorating, even as it feels more and more marginalised and isolated on the international stage.

'India taking advantage'

In the eyes of Islamabad, India is taking advantage of Pakistan's dire situation by isolating and marginalising it. New Delhi, in recent years, has acted as if Pakistan simply does not matter, that it is but a minor distraction for a country with ambitions of becom

ing a superpower. This is perhaps most obvious with regard to India's Kashmir policy, which treats Pakistana sa non-factor that is in no position to interfere with the largely successful attempts to bring stability and prosperity to the region. Contentious as it may be, the abrogation of Article 370 on August 5, 2019, which revoked Kashmir's special status, was the strongest signal that India is looking to fully integrate the region with the rest of the country, regardless of Pakistan's oft-stated position on the matter.

And in recent years, there has undoubtedly been a steady improvement in the

And in recent years, there has undoubtedly been a steady improvement in the economy and daily lives of Kashmirs, who ultimately benefit from stability in the region, regardless of their personal opinion of the ruling dispensation in Delhi. That a record number of tourists from all over India that per been focking to Kashmir is the ultimate bell-water of "mormals".

wether of "normalcy". New Delhi has also suc-

New Delhi has also suc-cessfully pushed the US of de-hyphenate" its relations with India and Palstian. That US Vice President JD Vance is currently on an official trip to India, with Pakistan being nowhere on his itinerary is proof of this fact. Moreover, as India improves its eise with other Islamic countries in the Gulf, Pakistan has been little more than a silent spectator. It is noteworthy that the attack in Pahalgam took place while Prime Minister Narendra Modi was on an official visit to Saudi Arabia, a country which had been a steadfast ally to Pakistan during its wars with India, es-pecially in 1971.

Pakistan's desperate gambit

tain logic behind why Pakistan would take this rather desperate step. The terror attack in Pahalgam is essentially an attack. Pahalgam is essentially an attempt by Pakistan to assert that it is still a regional power which

to assert that it is still a regional power which cannot simply be ignored or cast away as a non-factor, and the sense in India that "Pakistan does not matter" is misplaced. This appears to make sense in the light of Pakistan Army Chief General Asim Munir's statements last week, in which her epeatedly invoked the logic of the "two-nation theory". "Our religions are different, our customs are different, our traditions are different, our

thoughts are different, our ambitions are dif-ferent. That was the foundation of the two-Ferent. That was the foundation of the two-nation theory that was laid there. We are two-nations, we are not one nation, "General Munin' said at the Overseas Pakistani Convention in Islamabad on April 15. Beyond trying to shore up support for beleaguered Pakistani establishment, this was essentially Munin' saying that Pakistan is a country with its own identity, and thus has its own place in the world, which cannot he ienomed and belittled.

be ignored and belittled. In his statements, Munir also invoked

In his statements, Munir also invoked Kashmir, which he referred to as the 'pigual are' of Pakistan. 'Our stance is absolutely clear, it was our gugular vein, it will be our jugular vein, we will not feave our stambart in brothers in their encis tryingle, 'Fe said.' The attack in 'Pahalgam, ant hus also be seen as an extension of Munir's state-amont be ments from last week: it is The terror attack in Pahalgam is an attempt by Pakistan to assert that it is still a regional power that cannot simply be ignored... and that

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ments from last week: it is not only an attempt to unwithout not only an attempt to uns an active dermine the progress made towards "normalcy", but also a message to India that Kashmir cannot be stabilised without Pakistan as a stake-holder, and that India's policy of integration is unacceptable to Islamabad. Note that the precise timing of the attack, with PM Modi in Sauld Arabia and US Vice

with PM Modi in Saudi Arabia and US Vice President Vance in India, suggests that it is as much a message to the rest of the world, as it is to India, Pakistan wants the world of know that it is still a critical player in the region, and has the capacity and capability to cause a serious security situation with potentially global ramifications, to prevent which there is no choice but to engage with Islamabad. And even if the world reacts negatively for Pakistan — indeed countries from around the

world have issued unequivocal condemna-tions of the terror attack - (Pakistan hopes this will prompt greater engagement with it, if only as a bad actor. Amid its current international isolation, engagement of any kind would probably be received by Islamabad as a win.

India's path forward

The first order of business for India is to analyse what went wrong. Were their lapses in the security arrangements? Were we too complacent? How can such attacks be prevented in the future so that tourists continue to travel to Kashmir without fear or trepidation?

An honest assessment is necessary to en An honest assessment is necessary to en-sure that the progress (Ashmir has been wit-nessing is not undone. And the Centre must leave aside its political differences with the National Conference, avoid a "Dalme-game", and make the elected government an active stakeholder in this process. Internationally, in the immediate term, India will certainly try to ensure that Pakistan remains isolated. If Pakistan believes that ter-priss away to fire other countries the nessee miss away to fire other countries the nessee.

ror is a way to force other countries to engage with it, India will make sure that it is not.

withit, India will make sure that it is not. With regards to retaliating against Pakistan, what is most important is that no action be taken based on emotions and public sentiment.

In the medium-to long-term, the attack should prompt India to rethink its assumption that Pakistan has been completely neutralised, and does not matter anymore. I have always believed that India has to engage with Pakistan. To completely joilate a neighbour with which it shares a 3,000 km profer makes no sense. We have to comporter makes no sense. We have to comborder makes no sense. We have to con-tinue talking to Pakistan, if only to know

tinue talking to Pakistan, if only to know what it is thinking.

Moreover, New Delhi must appreciate that there is no one Pakistan. There is the Pakistani establishment, the elected govern-ment, as well as the people of Pakistan. Each constituency needs to be dealt with differ-ently, and even if India has frayed relations with one of them, asy the Army, it should continue to engage with the others.

At the end of the day, India's long-term policy vis-à-vis Pakistan and Kashmir has to pointy vis-u-vis ranstal and kashinin has to be centred around the people of Kashmir, and the region's development and stabilisa-tion. The attack must not interrupt the progress that is being made.

Shvam Saran served as India's foreign sec tary from 2004-06. Based on a conversa-tion with **Arjun Sengupta**

Why India's suspension of 65-year-old Indus Waters Treaty is significant

HARIKISHAN SHARMA

THE INDUS Waters Treaty (IWT), which has survived four wars, decades of cross-bor-der terrorism against India by Pakistan, and al ong history of antagonism between the two countries, was suspended for the first time by New Delhi on Wednesdra, India made its decision a day after the attack on tourists near Pahalgam, in which Pakistani terrorists killed 26 people. "The Indus Waters Treaty of 1960 will be held in abeyance with immediate effect.

oe held in abeyance with mine which ab-until Pakistan credibly and irrevocably abjures its support for cross-border terrorism," Foreign Secretary Vikram Misri said on

Foreign Secretary Vikratii wilsti salu on Wednesday evening. Among the slew of diplomatic actions against Pakistan announced by India — in-cluding the closure of the Attari border post, cancellation of visas, and the expulsion of several Pakistani personnel from India — the several Pakistani personnel from India – suspension of the IWT may have the rr far-reaching ramifications.

What is the Indus Waters Treaty?

The IWT was signed in Karachi on September 19, 1960, following nine years

of negotiations between India and Pakistan The Treaty has 12 Articles and 8 Annexures According to the provisions of the

According to the provisions of the Treaty, all the water of the "Eastern Rivers" of the Indus system — Sutlej, Beas and Ravi — shall be available for the "unrestricted use" of India. Pakistan shall receive water from the "Western Rivers" — Indus, Jhelum, and Chenab.

So why is Wednesday's decision by India significant?

The decision to suspend the IWT will straightaway give more options to New Delhion how to use the waters of the Indus

"For instance, India can immediately stop sharing water flow data with Pakistan. There will be no design or operational restrictions on India for the use of the water of the Indus and its tributaries. Also, India can now create storage on the Western Rivers, Indus, Jhelum and Chenab," PK Saxena, former Indian Commissioner for Indus Waters, which the testing to the Indian Commissioner for Indus Waters, and Indian Commissioner for Indus Waters. mer Indian Commission told The Indian Express.

India can also stop visits by Pakistani of-ficials to the two hydroelectric projects currently under construction in Jammu & Kashmir — the Kishenganga HEP on Kishenganga, a tributary of the Jhelum, and the Ratle HEP on the Chenab — Saxena said. "India can undertake reservoir flushing (a technique used to remove accumulated

sediment from reservoirs by releasing wa-ter through low-level outlets to scour out the sediment and transport it downstream)

on the Kishenganga project, which will increase the life of the dam," he said.
However, the suspension will not have an immediate impact on the flow of Water to Pakistan for a few years at least, Indial does not currently have the infrastructure to eight

Can Pakistan trigger any arbitration clause under the IWT in response to India's decision to suspend the Treaty?
The Indus Waters Treaty lacks an exit clause, meaning neither India nor Pakistan can legally abrogate it unilaterally. The Treaty has no end date, and any modification requires the consent of both parties.

But while the IWT cannot be exited, it does contain a dispute resolution mecha-nism: Article IX, along with Annexures F and G, lays out procedures for raising griev-

ances — first before the Permanent Indus Commission, then a neutral expert, and eventually, a forum of arbitrators.

Pakistan is yet to issue an official re-

Pakistan is yet to issue an official response to India's suspension of the MT.
However, in a 2016 interview with Down newspaper, a former Pakistani federal law minister, Ahmer Bilal Soofi, had said that arbitration may not offer much corcurse if India chooses not to follow the Treaty.
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In case India 'revokes' the treaty, it literally means it has minimed it. The dispute resolution mechanism under Article IX and Annexes Fand Goff the MVI. **EXPLAINED**

POLICY ther stop the flow of water into Pakistan, or to divert it for its own use. Article IX and Annexes F and G of the IWT will be of no use and assistance to Pakistan.

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It is limited to a dispute under the treaty and not meant to provide for specific per-formance of the treaty itself," Soofi had told Dawn. told Dnwn.
"Since there is no provision in the IWT
about its duration or suspension, there is no
avenue that Pakistan can approach for revival' of the treaty. Nor can Pakistan approach the International Court of Justice

seeking specific performance to implement the Treaty because of the Indian reservation

given under the ICJ statute that bars the fil-ing of a case by Pakistan against India. In

than six decades of the Treaty's existence. In September 2024, India sent another notice to Pakistan on this matter. Pakistan objects to the design features Parkstan objects to the design reatures of the two hydroelectric projects. Although they are "run-of-the-river" projects, which generate electricity without obstructing the natural flow of the river, Islamabad has repeatedly alleged that these violate the IWT. In its January 2023 notice to Pakistan, New Delhi cited Islamabad's continued "in-

any peaceful mechanism for seeking per-formance of the treaty by India," Soofi said.

Have India and Pakistan taken any other recent actions over the Treaty? The two hydroelectric projects in Jammu and Kashmir have been a bone of contention between India and Pakistan for years now, leading New Delhi toissue anotice, in January 2023, to Islamahad seeking the "modification" of the Treaty.

This was the first such notice in the more

Have India and Pakistan taken any

transigence" in implementing the Treaty.
The September 2024 notice by New Delhi sought the "review and modification" of the IWT. The word "review", according to experts, effectively signalled India's in-tent to revoke, and renegotiate the Treaty.

Both notices were issued under Article XII (3) of the IWT which states that "the provisions of this Treaty may from time to time be modified by a duly ratified Treaty

time be modified by a duly ratified Treaty concluded for that purpose between the two Governments". In January this year, the Neutral Expert appointed by the World Bank in 2022 under the terms of the WN, decided that he was "competer" to adjudicate on the differences between India and Pakistan regarding the design of two hydroelectric projects. This was a major win for India. The Expert, Michel Lino, decided after holding three meetings with the parties concerned During the meetings with the parties concerned During the meetings with the parties concerned During the meetings with the parties con-

cerned. During the meetings, Pakistan sub mitted that the "Points of Difference" raised by India did not fall within "Part I of by India did not fall within "Part I of Annexure" for the Treaty, effectively taking the issue outside the remit of the Neutral Expert. India, on the other hand, had argued that these fell "squarely and entirely" within the aforementioned part of the Treaty, mak-ing the Neutral Expert "duty-bound" to reder a decision on their merits. In a press note, the Expert said: "Having carefully considered and analysed the Parties' submissions. the Neutral Expert. Indis that he should moreotic resolutions.

he should proceed to render a decision on the merits of the Points of Difference."

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25 Some manner of music (3)

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To solve a Sudoku puzzle,
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1s = Very easy; 2s = Easy; 3s = Medium; 4s = Hard; 5s = Very Hard; 6s = Genius

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DAY TODAY

BY PETER VIDAL

ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr 20)
The Moon's
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signal that you w have to take very great care with all partnership and matrimonial matters. Partn are unlikely to be fobbed off with excuses, so you could be put on the spot, at last.

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today's stars urge
you to put the past behind
you and get on with practical
affairs. There is no point at
all in raking over matters
which are best left alone. Also,
perhaps it's time to be kind and
let someone else off the hook.

GEMINI (May 22 - June 21)
A lively Moon is a pleasant presence in pour chart. By reducing your general level of irritability, it could make you much more sympathetic to others, increasingly able to charm partners, and hence that much groups successful with friends. more successful. With friends on your side, a number of obstacles will soon disappear.

CANCER (June 22 - July 23)

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and somewhat
perverse way,
you are probably
enjoying this period. Mars'
movement through intense
regions of your chart brings
out your latent conservation
your feeling that many thing
are best left as they are. And
maybe that's no bad thing.

LEO (uly 24 - Aug 23)
Take all due care and attention with financial matters, especially because if anyone is going to lose money or be over-charged, it's you! You should also take a practical attitude to social arangements, and ignore arrangements, and ignore the frankly impossible.



URCO (Aug 24 - Sep 23)

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LIBRA (Sep 24 - Oct 23)
Sensitive planetary activity brings out your confidence. In particular, it makes you increasingly sure of your ideas, and it gives you the necessary poetic skill to express yourself to good effect. That alone has to make the future worth waiting for.

SCORPIO (Oct 24 - Nov 23) Other people have only been able to put you down in the past because you have allowed them. Now it is definitely the right time to pay more attention to your own needs attention to your own needs and aspirations and lead a full life.

SACITIARUS (Nov 24 - Dec 22)

The Moon is

bound to get you
thinking, and
make you realise
that physically, financially
and emotionally, you need to
redefine your centre of gravity.
For now, all you should do is
plan. Action can be left until
later, even if sooner than
you think.

CAPRICORN (Dec 23 - Jan 20)

CAPRICORN (Dec 23 - Jan 20)
The Sun and
Mars are now in a
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Mars are now in a
Signifies a great deal
of intensity on your part. You
also seem to be suffering from
an attack of doubt or a lack of
confidence. Get on with tasks
until you succeed.

AQUARIUS (Jan 21 - Feb 19)

AQUARIUS(Jan 21 - Feb 19)

Vour emotional
situation is looking
ever more buoyant,
but everything
revolves around the choices
you allow yourself to take. At
the heart of all your feelings is
the question of commitment,
and the need to decide
whether to go, or to stay,
or to dither.

or to dither.

PISCES (Fe 20 - Mar 20)
Today's lunar alignments may alignment smy reprieve from difficult personal choices, and you a temporary reprieve from difficult personal choices, and you may find respite in dealing with business matters, or justin going out to search for bargains. One piece of advice though he sure to get value for money.

Solution: MORAL, SWIRL, UNHOOK, CABANA Answer: Tomarry is to get a **binocular** view of life. - Dean Inge

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PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF A PERSON ACCUSED

See Section 82 Cr. P.C.

Whereas complaint has been made before me that accused
Suneshwar Tigga@ Thapa So Manoj Thapa Ro H.No. 298, near
Mata Chowk, Rangpuri, New Delhi also at Village Seema Khas,
Post Kotam, P.S. Garu, District Latehar, Jharkhand has
Committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence in case
FIR 204/2022 UP 30 Stackies Act P.S. Gl Gilipport, New Delhi and it. has been returned to a warrant of arrest thereupon issued that the said Suneshwar Tigga @ Thapa cannot be found and whereas is that been shown to my satisfaction that the said Suneshwar Tigga @ Thapa cannot be found and whereas is @ Thapa has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the sovice of the said warrant !

gernagar has advantantly as service of the said varrantly. Proclamation is hereby made that the said accused Suneshwar Tigga @ Thapa of case Firz 204/2022 U/s 33 Excise Act, P.S. IG Airport, New Delhi is required to appear before this Court to answer the said complaint/case on or before 31.05.2025.

Sh. Pranav Joshi
Addl. Chief Judicial Magistrate-01
Court No. 02, Ground Floor, Main Bullding
Patiala House Courts,
New Delhi

PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE Of accused Person

OF ACGUSED PERSON

See Section 82 Cr. P.C.

Whereas complaint has been made before me that accused person(s) Amit Chouhan \$/o Kishan Singh, Rio: H-18 Rahul Garden Colony Near Behta Haijpur Lori Ghazibad, UP has committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence in FIR No. 3290/8/2014, US: 379/4/11PC, PS: Nand Nagri, Delhi and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest thereupon issued that the said accused person(s) Amit Chouhan, cannot be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said accused person(s) Amit Chouhan, has absconded (or is concealing him self to avoid the service of the said warrant). Proclamation is hereby made that the said accused person(s) Amit Chouhan, has absconded (or is concealing him self to avoid the service of the said warrant). Proclamation is hereby made that the said accused person(s) Amit Chouhan, or FIR No. 32908/2021, US: 379/411 IPC, PS: Nand Nagri, Delhi is required to appear before this Court to answer the said complaint is required to appear before this Court to answer the said complaint is required to appear before this Court to answer the said complaint is required to appear before this Court to answer the said complaint is required to appear before this Court to answer the said complaint is required to appear before this Court to answer the said court of the court to answer the said court of the court to answer the said court of the court to appear before this Court to answer the said court of the court to appear before this Court to answer the said court of the court of

PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE Of accused Person

OF ACCUSED PERSON
See Section 82 Cr. P.C.

Whereas complaint has been made before me that accused person(s) Mangu @ Raju S/o Ram Saran, R/o: H.No. 3040, Gali No. 103 Block Sant Nagar, Burari, Delhi has committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence in FIR No. 218/2011, US: 3924/11/34 IPC, PS: Burari, Delhi and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest thereupon issued that the said accused person(s) Mangu @ Raju, cannot be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said accused person(s) Mangu @ Raju, cannot be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said accused person(s) Mangu @ Raju, cannot be found and concealing him self to avoid the service of the said warrant). Proclamation is hereby made that the said accused person(s) Mangu @ Raju, of FIR No. 218/2011, UIS: 392/411/34 IPC, PS: Burari, Delhi is required to appear before this Court to answer Burari, Delhi is required to appear before this Court to answer the said complaint on or before 31.05.2025. By Order

ofore 31.05.2025. By Order
Manuj Kaushal
Judicial Magistrate First Class- 04
(Central), Room No. 37
Tis Hazari Court, Delhi

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APPEARANCE OF ACCUSED PERSON
See Section 82 (2) Cr. P. C
Whereas a complaint has been made before me that accused
person, namely Amit \$6 sh. Ashok Rio H.No. 1223, Shiv
Ram Park, Nihal Vihar, Delh ialo sat. 1-123, Shiv Ram Park,
Delhi, have committed (or is suspected to have committed)
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said, Amit cannot be found and whereas it has been shown
to my satisfaction that the said, Amit has absconded (or is
concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant).
Proclamation is hereby made that the said accused, Amit
of under FIR. No. 86/21 Uls 33/38/58 Delhi Excise Act,
registered at P.S. Nihal Vihar, Delhi is required to appear
before this court to answer the said complaint on or before
26.05.2025.

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By Order Ms. Komal Garg Ld. JMFC-03, Room No 292 WD, Tis Hazari Court, Delhi

PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF ACCUSED

APPEARANCE OF ACCUSED

See Section 82 Cr.P.C.

Whereas complaint has been made before me that accused persons 1.5h. Rajat Mehla S/o Sh. Ashok Mehta (Mail) & 2.5mt. Valshno Dev W/o Sh. Rajat Mehla Office at 19. (Director (Hort.), Horticulture Department, M.C.D. Office, 4th Floor, 16, Rajpur Pload, Civil Lines Zone, Delih-110054 Nso: at B-1357, Gall No. 5B. Baba Colony, Buran, Delih-110054 Nso: at B-1357, Gall No. 5B. Baba Rod at PS. Buran, Delih and the two committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence Co. No. 374224 us 1384 Nct at RS. Buran, Delih and the two been returned to a warrant of arrest thereugon issued that the said 1. 5h. Rajat Mehta & 2. Smt. Valishno Devh have abscorded (or is concealing timeselves to avoid the service of the said warrant). Proceeding uls 82 Cr.P.C. has been initiated in the case. Proclamation is hereby made that the said 1. Sh. Rajat Mehta & 2. Smt. Valishno Devi Accused of Co. No. 374224 us 13h Nct at RS. Buran, Delhi is required to appear before this Court to answer the said complaint on 30.05.2025.

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THE APPEARANCE OF ACCUSED PERSON

(SEE SECTION 82 Cr.P.C.)

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Whereas complaint has been made before me that accused person(s) Sagar Sloo Subhash Chand Rice H. No. B 4/140-141, Sagar Sloo Subhash Chand Rice H. No. B 4/140-141, Sagar Milk Centre, Shop No. 1, Prophilip, Deli H. Stagar Milk Centre, Shop No. 1, Prophilip, Deli H. Stagar Milk Centre, Shop No. 1, Prophilip, Sagar Sa

Judicial Magistrate First Class North-West, Court No. 105 Rohini Courts, Delh

PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF ACCUSED PERSON

APPEARANCE OF ACCUSED PERSON
See Section 32 (2) (ii) Cr. P. C.
Whereas a complain has been made before me that accused
person namely Abhijit Sarkar Ko Sameer Sarkar Rio H.No. 80).
Birsa Nagar. Jamshedpur, Jharkhand-831004 also at A-64, 2"
Floor, Choudhary Balbir Singh Marg, Paschim Whar, New Dehil,
have committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence
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34/1208 IPC. has been registered at P.S. Crime Branch, New
Dehil and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest there upon
issued that the said, Abhijit Sarkar cannot be found and whereas
it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said, Abhijit Sarkar
has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the
said warrant).

said warrant). Proclamation is hereby made that the said accused. Abhijitt Sarkar of Fir No. 203/22 Dt.07.09.2022 Uts 3/4/5/12/9/55 DPG Act & 3/4/208 IPC. registered at P.S. Crime Branch, New Delhii is required to appear before this court to answer the said complaint on or before 02.07.2025.

DP/4820/Crime/2025

CJM, WD, Room No.146, 1st Floor Tis Hazari Courts, Delhi

PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF ACCUSED PERSON

Whereas complaint has been made before me that accused Rohit @ Kala, Sio: Shyam Singh, Rio: H.No.W-29/5/6. West Enclave Jhuggi, Mangolpuri, Delih has committed (or is suspected to has committed) the offence in a case vide FIR No.584/2022 UIS 25/54/59 Arms. Act registered at PS Mangolpuri, Delih air and it has been returned on a warrant of arrest thereupon issued stating that the said and work of the said variety of the said variety is supported by the said variety of is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant). Proclamation is Renety made that the said Rohit @ Kala accused of

Proclamation is hereby made that the said Rohit @ Kala, accused of FIR No.584/2022 U/S 25/54/59 Arms Act, P.S Mangolpuri, Delhi is required to appear before the court to answer the said complaint on or before 27.06.2025.

DP/5119/OD/2025

By Order Ms. Reetika Jain Judicial Magistrate First Class-05 Room No.105, North-West District Rohini Court, Delhi

DP/5080/N/2025

Fourth win, third spot

Opening bowling combination triggers SRH collapse before Rohit Sharma leads routine chase

SYNOPSIS: MI's new-ball bowlers land the initial punches on SRH, which the side could not recover from, despite Klaasen's heroics with the bat.

TANISHQ VADDI

AFTERINITIAL jitters, Hardik Pandya's men have now found the right plan to fully utilise the firepower in the squad as they registered their fourth consecutive win to continue their mid-season surge. For the third game in a row, the bowlers did the job for Mumbai Indians, restricting the specific has below a street before the specific between the same properties.

the opposition to a below-par total, before the opposition to a below-par total, before the batters made a mockery of the chase. As for Pat Cummins' side, it was another forgettable night as their batting woes came back to haunt them again.

Hunting in pairs

Both Deepak Chahar and Trent Boult al-most perform a similar role in T20 cricket: take the new ball and get whatever little swing is on offer. Against Sunrisers Hyderabad, both of them executed their

Hyderabad, both of them executed their bowling plans to the "T.

Though it was Boult who picked the first wicket, it was Chahar who had set the tone in the opening over. He was around the off-stump channel, pegging away at the good-length area. Abhishes Kharma and Travis Head, who love to stamp their autority from ball one, just did not get a ball to hit.

The breakthrough came on the eighth

The breakthrough came on the eighth ball of the innings when Boult threw one wide half-tracter which Head, instead of cutting - one of his most productive shots - tried to manufacture something that wasn't there, and the ball took the toe-end on the way to Amann Dhir at wide third man.

The muddled thinking did not end there is han Kishan soon followed, deeming himself out despite anyone hardly appealing for a leg-side catch. The umpire was not initially going to give it out, but soon changed his mind and raised the finger as Kishan started walking back. No spike was seen on the snickometer later.

Kishan started walking back. No spike was seen on the snickometer later. Then Abhishek cut one straight to the point fieldera shoult slipped a knuckle-ball after realising the wicket was holding a bit, and Chahar picked up Nitish Kumar Reddy to match Boult's two wickets in the Powerplay. These setbacks reduced SRH to 24/4 in the Powerplay. Boult would return in the final over to pick two more with perfect workers.

yorkers.

Klaasen soars

It was 2019 when Alzarri Joseph, with his six wickets, helped Mumbai to bundle out SRH for 96 at this very ground. At 34/5 on Wednesday, they were in danger of breaking that dubious record. But it was Klaasen's 44-ball 71 that saved their blushes on the night

Klaasen's 44-ball /1 that saved their blushes on the night. Wednesday was not the first time SRH has needed Klaasen to deliver this season, and despite the impressive innings, the team management would be wondering whether it came too late to salvage their

season. The South African came into bat in the fine South Arrican came into bat in the fourth over of the innings, and it required a different knock from him than what he is used to playing for franchise or country. Both Chahar and Boult were bowling a

testing spell at that stage, and Klaasen had to ride the tough stage out while his part-ners kept walking back to the pavilion.



Rohit Sharma underscored his new-found form with 70 runs off 46 balls against SRH on Wednesday. Sportzpics/BCCI

No edge, still Ishan walks off he made his way to the pavilion. Upholding the spirit of the game would have won him some fairplay points, if only he had indeed edged the ball. After a few deliveries had passed, when the snickometer was finally shown,

New Delhi: IPL cricket fell to farcical levels early in the game between Sunrisers Hyderabad and Mumbai Indians at Uppal when Ishan Kishan walked off when hardly any of the opposition appealed for a caught-behind decision.

He had indeed not touched the ball and even the umpire was ini-

tially not inclined to support the appeal. Deepak Chahar's delivappeal. Deepak Chahar's delivery swung down the legside and umpire Vinod Seshan was extending his arms to signal a wide when Kishan started to walk towards the dressing room. What ensued over the next few seconds was a comedy of errors. Seeing the umpire preparing to call a wide, Ishan tried to get back into his crease, confusing Seshan further

ing Seshan further. He gestured to raise his right index

He gestured to raise his right index finger more than twice, only to abort. When he did eventually give Kishan out, the batsman sheepishly walked off without ever contemplating taking a review. Mumbai Indians skipper Hardik Pandya came over to tap Kishan on his helmet as

matic of the brainless batting the SRH top order displayed.

The powerplay saw some bizarre batting from the hosts in the face of some disciplined bowling, in conditions which provided just a hint of swing, but Kishan walking off without edging the ball takes the cake

thing.

The episode was sympto-matic of the brainless batting the

the cake.

They were so inclined to hit the ball They were so inclined to hit the ball in the air, as if they saw no fielders at all. KL Rahul's exploits against Lucknow Super Giants on Tuesday showed players are often more motivated to perform against their former franchise, Ishan, on the other hand, idd his former team a big favour by offering his wicket basically for free FMS.

it proved that the ball had eluded every

It was when young Vignesh Puthur The duo combined to build a 99-run came into the attack that he started to un-leash his back-foot assault. As the innings stand in 63 deliveries. While Klaasen kept attacking the spinner, Manohar ensured no leash his back-foot assault. As the innings went on, the fluency started to come A majestic cover-drive against Hardik Pandya came in the phase of the innings when he went into fifth gear, which indicated that he was dictating the tempo of the game. What helped Klaasen's cause is that Jasprit Bumrah did not look at his fluent best, which let SRH off the hook after the initial damage. The wicketkeeper-batsman also found a reliable partner in Abhinav Manohar, who was brought in as the impact sub.

attacking the spinner, Manohar ensured no wickets fell at the other end. The two went after Bumrah with some unusual shots. Klaasen, just before getting out, played a reverse-ramp over short fine-leg, while Manohar's six over extra-cover did get under the skin of Mumbai's ace pacer.

Rohit closes it out

A score of 143 was never going to be enough on the night. Rohit Sharma, coming into form in the last game against Chennai

STANDINGS

	M	W	L	Т	Pts	NRR
GT	8	6	2	0	12	1.104
DC	8	6	2	0	12	0.657
MI	9	5	4	0	10	0.673
RCB	8	5	3	0	10	0.472
PBKS	8	5	3	0	10	0.177
LSG	9	5	4	0	10	-0.054
KKR	8	3	5	0	6	0.212
RR	8	2	6	0	4	-0.633
SRH	8	2	6	0	4	-1.361
CSK	8	2	6	0	4	-1.392

Super Kings, continued from where he had left off. It was a sluggish surface which played into his hands. As soon as the ball was pitched back-of-

length, he had all the time in the world to slap it through that mid-wicket region.

slap it through that mid-wicket region. Despite Jaydev Unadkat, playing in place of Mohammed Shami, getting rid of Ryan Rickelton cheaply, the outcome was never really in doubt. Will Jacks, coming in at No 3, opened his account with a six over mid-wicket, as he proceeded to stitch a 64-run partneship with Rohit, taking the game out of SRH's reach. Though Zeeshan Ansari had Jacks holing out to long-on, the SRH shoulders had already dropped. Incoming batsman Suryakumar Yadaw

uers nad already dropped. Incoming batsman Suryakumar Yadav ensured that the hosts were put out of their misery with more than four overs left. Their fourth successive win took Mumbai Indians to third on the points table and improved their Net Run Rate to 0.673.

BRIEF SCORES: Sunrisers Hyderabad 143 for 8 in 20 overs (Klassen 71, Manohar 43;Boult 4/26) lost to **Mumbai Indians** 146 for 3 in 15.4 overs (Rohit 70, Surya 40;Unadkat 1/25) by seven wickets

How KL Rahul turned around his T20 game: by having fun in IPL

VENKATA KRISHNA B

ON THE eve of Delhi Capitals match agains ON THE eve of Delhi Capitals match against Chennai Super Kings at the MA Chidambaran Sadium, Kuldeep Vadavwent about mesmerising his teamnates for a while until KL Rahul padded up and walked into the nets. For the next 20-odd minutes, all the eyes turned into the 33-year-old bats-man, who used his feet to come down and loft the wily spinner, brought out the slog-sweeps, reverse-sweeps and made Kuldeep look no different to the rest nt the why spinner, brought out the slog-weeps, reverse-sweeps and made Kuldeep ok no different to the rest. As Rahul walked back, one could hear

look no different to the rest.

As Rahlu walked back, one could hear him say "that was fur." It is the theme that played out in Dubai during the Champions Trophy that was held just weeks before the Playea, which was held just weeks before the Playea, which was held just weeks before the session, Rahul captivated with his effortless stitting. On those slow, challenging decks, Rahul's strike rate stood at 9790. Thankfully for India, in the big picture scheme of things, Rahul's having flun not just at the nest but also in the matches. This IPL for Delhi Capitals, Rahul's showing how far has developed as a middle-order batsman. Not so long ago, Rahul's comments "strike-rates are overrated" had become a meme material. In a T20 era where strike-rates took precedence over other valiables, it appeared Rahul was stuck in adifferent valiables, it appeared Rahul was stuck in adifferent valiables, it appeared Rahul was stuck in a different with a dembraced till they were humbled in the 2022 20 World Cup.

That semi-final outing against England remains Rahul's last 120 appearance for remains Rahul's last 120 appearance for remains Rahul's last 120 appearance for

That semi-final outing against England remains Rahul's last T20 appearance for India. When India decided to move on, it was interesting that they decided to do so without him, for it also happened to be the person of the perso tus in the death overs. Rahul was a trans-formed batsman since then, now demoted

formed batsman since then, now denote to No 6, an even more challenging role in ODIs where he would get to face minimum deliveries most often.

But in T20s, when he went back to opening with Lucknow Super Giants, time and again the criticism levelled against Rahul was he got into a shell. In three seasons with the franchise, he went at a strike-rate: 153.8, 113.22 and 136.13. While it has made many feel he was a lishility in T2Ns more so after feel he was a liability in T20s, more so after India not even looking at him in the shorter format, his stocks haven't gone down. During the last IPL auctions as he entered the auc-

"I think somewhere along the way I lost that fun of hitting boundaries and hitting sixes. I wanted to take the game deep, deep, deep and that somehow stuck in my head," Rahul told Kevin Pietersen on IPI website.

tion pool, there was fierce bidding between Royal Challengers Bengaluru, Kolkata Knight Riders and Chennai before Delhi bought him

Riders and Chennai before Delhi bought him for Rs 14 crore.

"I think somewhere along the way I lost that fun of hitting boundaries and hitting sixes. I wanted to take the game deep, deep, deep and that somehow stuck in my head."
Rahul told Kevin Pietersen on IPI. website.
"But now I have realised I need to go back... cricket's changed, and T2O cricket, especially, is only about hitting boundaries. The team that hits more boundaries and sixes ends up winning the game," he added.
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Now, with his fitth different trancrise in Delhi Capitals, Rahul seems to be finding the game that went missing. He may no longer be the opener, instead transforming himself into a versatile batsman who could be slotted anywhere and still get the job done with minimal fuss.

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It is also worth recounting, this is his first
IPL since 2019, where he isn't leading the
team. And this is the first season since 2018
when he was striking at 158.41 - that

- when he was striking at 158.41 - that Alaul's strike-rate has crossed the 150 mark as he has been going at 153.81 this season. An increase in the strike-rate hasn't hap-pened because of blind slogging. If anything, he is doing it in the most authoritative style, by taking the attack to the opposition. If his take down of Noor Ahmad swung the game in Delhi's favour in Chennai, at his home ground Mchinnawamy Sadum, he was at his punishing best against Josh Hazlewood. On Tuesday olayine his former franchise On Tuesday, playing his former franchise Lucknow, he killed the chase in the middle-overs going after Ravi Bishnoi with a trade-

overs going after Ravi Bishnoi with a trade-mark slog-sweepixe-rate, it is hard to find any tweaks he has made to his compact tech-nique. "I am not thinking about taking it deep or any of that stuff, Just see the ball and try to be aggressive and put the pressure on the bowler and the opposition and just enjoy hit-ting boundaries." Rahul said. Watching Rahul these days, it is hard to licisarere He is known frim in the middle. And

disagree. He is having fun in the middle. And watching him bat has been fun too.



KL Rahul is the top-scorer for Delhi Capitals in IPL with 323 runs. Sportzpics/BCCI

CHESS QUEEN

How 'free-spirited' Humpy lost and found motivation to play at top level

YOU COULD be someone that dreams in black-and-white checks since forever that you can remember and go onto very close to World No 1 inwomen's chess. But one sleep-less night with mosquitos swarming the hotel room of the event you are competing in

tel room of the event you are competing to can still throw all plans into disarray, Good thing then that Koneru Humpy has enough experience in swatting away such ir-ritants and keeping her poise. Fighting from extremely precarious sit-uations in the penultimate round to hold onto a draw after blundering, the 38-year-old, did well to secure a Knight-ending against Nurgyul Salimova and finished tops jointly with Chinese Zhu Jiner or JP points. Abetter tie-break score however gave India's finest women's Chess slower the tilt win at finest women's chess player, the title win at Pune's Women's Grand Prix.

Pune's Women's Grand Prix.

5.6 million tuned in on the live online broadcast over the 9 rounds - a record for any women's Grand Prix, but the chess chatrooms crescendoed with over 1000 on the FIDE feed as Humpy rode a rollerocaster to ensure the win. Zhu Jiner had won her final agme earlier, which mean't Humpy had to tie up the decisive result against the Bulgarian, and she keet it clinical.

Humpy reckons she has rediscovered her sharpness in the classical format, which had gone missing last year.

"It's been a long time since! did well in classical. I had struggled the whole of last year, losing heavily, so I was happy to impove in that format," she said. "The upsturn started after winning the Rapid world title," between the world with the she had so the was top of the charts at the Monaco Grand Prix too, ringing in 2025.
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Monaco Grand Prix too, ringing in 2025.
At 38, stringing together wins is not as breezy or stomping as it used to be. But the Rapid world title eignited a spark that had been dulling, as her confidence slowly transferred to the longer format. She wasn't unware of the fading light, the flagging motivation, which is why she saw each win over younger, snappier opponents as a stride forward in rediscovering her verve, finding her groove.

Motivated to play

"After the second rapid title, I felt moti-Atter the second rapid title, I felt moti-vated to play again. Chess wasn't same as when I was younger, it was challenging. But I ve started feeling the buzz especially when I beat talented youngsters, some 15 - 20 years younger than me," she says. "It feels reassur-ing to get those wins," she stresses. No one would ve faulted her had she

ensure the wm. Zhu Jiner had won her final game earlier, which meant Humpy had to be up the decisive result against the Bulgarian, and she kept it clinical. While the Candidates spot wasn't sealed, While the Candidates spot wasn't sealed, in chess. But the claws had stayed sharp with



Women's GM Koneru Humpy won the Pune Grand Prix on Wednesday, FIDE

the world title missing, though there's no hint of desperation of time and opportunities passing her by. Tim not really bothered about qualification for Candidates. I'll follow other Grand Prix results like normally, but no stress. Will focus on my tournaments in

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guard riposte in the draw against Alina Kashlinskya was the mark of someone whose mind was composed and not wavering under dealine pressure. She converted avery small advantage against Zhu into a win and kept resisting doggedly against Alina, drawing out a blunder in an attritional draw. "It was a good tournament in Pune except the poor game yesterday (Tuesday). That was a complete mistake," she would say, though she had held her ground and reckoned fortune favoured her courage.

tune favoured her courage.

Push for strong support system
The push to qualify for Candidates firstshe still can in multiple ways - and the world
title, is a little more emotive for the Indian title, is a little more emotive for the Indian chess fratemity as the upcoming women's World Championship cycle is viewed similar to how Sachin Tendulkar chased the 50 over World Cup in 2011.

Pune's GM Abhijeet Kunte who has fol lowed Humpy's career for years says she de-serves a strong support system - a complete team, comparable to what the Chinese WGMs get, once she makes the Candidates

WGMs get, once sinc manned out.

"She's playing really well, relaxed and confident, with no desperation. But for the world tile push, she should form a complete team - coach and seconds of course but also a should form a complete team - coach more than the condition of the coach mentor who addresses the long team - coach and seconds ofcourse but also an elite level mentor who addresses the long term problems that have kept her from win-ning. She is extremely well motivated, but we need to put together a crack team for her extending all support to help her fight," he savs.

extending an support to neip net night, ne says. Humpy hasn't spoken particularly about who her previous teams have been, in ear-lier title pursuits. But Pune could be a start of a renewed impetus as she finds glee and grit in the classical format.

in the classical format. Mobbed by Pans in hundreds who hiked up to a private club property, all waiting for heal-flashined autographs on posters and cutouts with her pictures as well as chess sets. Humpy knows she has a huge following moting for her.

The online buzz peaked as she raced to win her? The point. She's feeling groovy about the classical gig too - she doesn't need the world title badly, but string back relaxed and

coolly calculating, she could be in the best frame of mind to go after it too.

BRIEFLY -

Super Cup: Inter Kashi knock out BFC

Bhubaneswar: Inter Kashi knocked Bengaluru FC out of the Super Cup in penalty shootouts after both sides in penalty shootouts after both sides were locked 1-1 in regulation time. Ryan Williams gave Bengalturu FC the lead in the 61st minute but Inter Kashi equalised through Matija Babovic in the 87th minute to take the match to the shootout. David Humanes Munoz, Bijoy V, Nikola Stojanovic, Artira Das and Matija Babovic scored their penalties for Babovic scored their penalties for Inter Kashi, while Ryan Williams, Sunil Chhetri and Jorge Pereyra Diaz were the successful penalty takers for BFC. PTI

Asian youth Boxing: 6 Indians enter semis

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Amman: Rudraksh Singh Khaidem
(46kg) showed technical superiority on
his way to a flawless 3-0 win over
Kyrgyzstars Aidar Mussev as all six
Indians in action on Methensedy adunced to the semifinals of the AsianU15 & U-17 Boxing Championships. In
the men's U-15 category, Harsil (37kg)
and Sanchit Jayami (49kg) secured commanding 5-0 victories, while Sanskar
Vinod Aram (35kg) posted a solid-41
un. Prisknit Balami-40kg) eleded uta
hard-fought 3-2 win over Mongolia's
Akhmyetkhan Nursalyem. In the Akhmyetkhan Nursalyem. In the women's U-15 section, Milky Meinam (43kg) dominated Yeldana Abdigani of Kazakhstan with a 5-0 verdict. **PTI**

DP World Tour launch \$4 million India event

New Delhi: DPWorld and the DPWorld Tour have launched the DPWorld India Tourhave launched the DP World India Championship, a new USD4 million tournament, which will be the largest pize-fund event to be held into the country. The event, co-sanctioned with the Professional Coff Tour of India (PCIT), will take place at the Delhi Golf Club from October 16-19. The championship will be the eighth of nine events in the Backey phase of the 2025 Race to Dubal, building towards the season-ending DP World Tour Playoffs and culminating in the DP World Tour Championship at the DP World Tour Championship at Jumeirah Golf Estates in Dubai, PTI

David challenges Goliaths

SAI coach, sports psychologist Keerti Tiwari coaches young long jumper David P to push his limits

IT IS easy to mistake **Keerti Tiwari** for an athlete. She's in good shape, is lithe, and might as well have been one of the fellow jumpers egging on the participants in the men's long



egging on the participants in the men's long jump. However, it turns out is she's a Sports authority of India (SAI) coach with a Master's degree in sports psychology from INIPE in Gwalior, a deemed sports university. She's on her feet every other minute during competition, reviewing each jump and quickly giving feedback to athletes. At the Mahanaj's College Ground during the men's long jump final, Keert is focussed on David P. a 23-year-old, On paper, David is

the men's long jump linal, Keert is focussed on David P. a 23-year-old, On paper, David is not the favourite in a field that includes national record holder Jeswin Aldrin. Because of recent hamstring strains, David and Aldrin are not at their best. Aldrin took the lead in the second round with 73S metres, but David came roar-ing back with 7.94m in the fourth to clinch the weld model.

ing back with 7.94m In the round the final gold medal.

Though none of the jumpers in the final qualified for the Asian Championships or crossed the 8-metre mark, an interesting batter of the properties of the season protle on the cards is expected as the season pro-gresses. Commonwealth Games silver medal-ist Sreeshankar Murali is set to return in about

ist sreesanitari vuurainiseet oi rettum in aukin hinee monthis after kinee surgery. David could emerge as the dark horse and give the experi-enced jumpers a run for their mook, en "This year or next year! viill break (the na-tional record)." David said. The long jumper from Salem has no idols. "See! I want people to take my name like Mike Powell's," he said con-fidently.

being patient and supporting him during the injury phase. "Other sponsors tend to get impatient with athletes but I didn't face any such issues."

Keerti, 32, is aware she is one of the youngest coaches on the Indian athletics circuit. Her coaching philosophy is about being collaborative rather than being dictatorial. Five athletes she trains are competing at the Federation Cup.
"Some are speed impress, some are proper." Pedecation Customers of Compenies at the Federation Customers of Compenies and Pedecation Customers of Compens I have said this, so you must do as I say. When it comes to workouts, I discuss with the athletes and we come to a decision. Athletes have to be happy with the workout and also trust the coach. Only then will we see good re-sults. If I am a dictaor then it could even result in injury for the athletes. Keertis and. A former 400-metre runner, Keerti participated at the All India University level but did-n't medal. She was struck by the shortage of fidently.

Keeti was the first person he thanked for winning the gold. The Keeti-David coach-rainee partnership, which has been in place for three years, is starting to reap rewards. "He jumped 734 metres in his first major competition of the year which is agood sign. Delieve he canjump8 20 metres this year," Keeti said.

But David knows that his ambitions of making ith gebend on staying as injury-free as possible. Because of injuries; a quadriceps the arm of the place of the properties of the place of the

the whole of last year. He thanks the coach, his physio and the Olympic Gold Quest team for



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David P secured a 7.94m jump to defeat

being patient and supporting him during the

n't medal. She was struck by the shortage of good coaches, especially women. "One of my mentors told me if you are so interested in

Federation Cup Senior Athletics nships and in the process qualified for next month's Asian Athletics Championships.
Vithya clocked 56.04 seconds to win
the gold medal at Maharaja's College

VITHYA BOOKS ASIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS BERTH

bronze medallist, improved the meet record in women's 400m hurdles at the

Vithya's winning time was better than the previous meet record of 57.21 sec-onds clocked by Saritaben Gayakwad in 2019 in Patiala. The qualifying standard for the

Asian athletics championships was 57.80 seconds. ENS

DAY 3 RESULTS

(All Finds)

MEN: 300m steeplechase
(Asian Q time 8:39.17): 1. Sunil
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(Joliya Jinabhai (Cujarat) 8:43.82, 2.
) Vikram Singh (Army) 8:44.30, 3.

Rohit Verma (Harynan) 8:44.80; 400m hurdles (Asian Q time 49.19
seconds): 1. Vashas P (Karnataka)
49.32 seconds, 2. Subhas Das (SuV)
5.011 seconds, 3. Ruchit Mori (Cujarat)
5.018 seconds, Hammer throw (Asian
Q mark 71.80m): 1. Dammeet Singh
(Reliance) (83.0m). 2. Praween Kumar
(Rajasthan) 63.84, 3. Gurdev Singh
(Punja) 60.78 s. (Punjab) 60.78m.

WOMEN: 400m hurdles (Asian Q time 57.80 seconds); 1. Vithya Ramraj (Tamil Nadu) 56.04 seconds, 2. Anu R (Kerala) 58.26 seconds, 3. Ashwin R (Learla) 58.26 seconds, 3. Ashwin R (Learla) 10.241; 3000m steeplechase (Asian Q time 948.48); 1. Manju Ajay Yadav (Madhya Fradesh) 10:3408, 2. Nikita (Rajashan) 10:3196, 3. Chanchal (Harynan) 11:10.40; Triple jump (Asian Q mark 13.68 m); 1. Niharika Vashisht (Punjab) 13:49 m, 2. Sandra Babu (JSW) 13:48 m, 3. Sheena NV (Kerala) 13:25m; Shot put (Asian Q mark 16.58 m); 1. Vidhi (Uttar Pradesh) 16:10m, 2. Srishti Vig (Delhi) 16:06m, 3. Shiksh (Harynan) 16:05m 3.Shiksha (Haryana) 16.05m.

coaching you should take it up," Keerti said. "Having a Masters in sports psychology is an advantage because I can read their state of mind when athletes are on the runway." She gets her validation when the athletes win medals. So far, she believes she is on the right track, guiding ahthers like Powid at SA'Is National Centre of Excellence in Bengaluru. "I feel prout when Is stand in the pashion and see my athletes on the podium. When they win medals also are they confidence best lam the medals also are they confidence best lam the medals also are they confidence best lam the. medals I also get the confidence that I am do-ing the right thing," the coach said.

Avoiding tuitions

AVOIGING TUITIONS
David turned to sports to avoid 'special class' at school and tuition. He convinced his parents to enroll him at the 'Do-or-Die' track and field academy in Salem. 'They wanted me to focus on something, Instead of tuition, they said 'ok 'to athletics. I was happy,' David said. However, for a year he kept his parents in the dated beauthors here here with users."

the dark about where he actually was."Hoved playing street cricket. I was a bowler. I didn't go for athletics training, "David ultimately ran out

of luck when a neighbour spotted him playing on the streets and informed his parents. His furious mother disrupted the street cricket match and gave him a whacking with a rope in front

rious mother disrupted the street cricker match and gase him a whacking with a rope in front of everyone.

That was the end of his cricket. But his parents were still welling to give him another opportunity in athlieis. His poor marks in Class 10 exams gave his father Patturaj, a mechanic, and mother Jayaseelin nother option. My two older sisters were good students. One of them got 89 per cent and the other 95 per cent. I got only about 50 per cent. After Class 10 results1 look up athletics seriously, in Class 11 he jumped 5-50m and by Class 12 twos 7-85 m; Towds aid. The gamble to give his all mathletics has paid off. The medals apart, his parents are overjoed that he has got a stady job.

"I am with the Southern Railways and posted at Erode. I am the first person from my family tog et a Central government Job." David said. His next aim to cross the 4-meter mark consistently even as he aims for Aldrin's national record.

Pak athletes' visa delay prompts postponement of SAFF C'ship

PRITISHRAJ NEW DELHI, APRIL 23

THE SOUTH Asian (SAAF) Senior Athletics mpionships have been postponed for the second unie in seven months, osterishly due to the delay in granting visas to the Pakistani contingent. The tournament was scheduled from May 3-5 at the Birsa Munda Athletics

Stadium, Ranchi, but is now expected to be held in the second or third week of June. The tournament was originally scheduled for October 4-6, 2024, but was postponed a few weeks before the event. "Reference to the Circular dated 4 April 2025 regarding South Asian (SAAF) Senior Athletics Championships scheduled to be held from 3rd to 5th May scheduled to be held from 3rd to 5th May 2025 at Ranchi, Jhardhand, India. In this regard, it is informed that the South Asian (SAAF) Senior Athletics Championships 2025 have been postponed, and the new dates will be announced soon," a letter signed by Athletics Federation of India (API) scretary Sandeep Mehta read.

The event was expected to bring athletes from India, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, Bangladesh, Nepal Rbutan, and the Maldives together in a three-day event. The team from Bhutan had laready arrived in Ranchi and were training. While there is noreason given for the post-postponent The (Indian Purpers has learnt that

already arrived in Ranchi and were training. While there is noveson given for the postponement. The Indian Express has learnt that the postponement has been triggered by the delay in granting visas to Pakistani athletes. A tist of 43 athletes, including reiging Olympic Javelin Champion Arshad Nadeem, was sent by Pakistan. There was a delay in the visa process of Pakistani athletes, and that is why the event has been postponed: a source dose to the development informed.

The event can the held after the first week of next month, as the elite athletes will be preparing for the Asian Athletics

of next month, as the elite athletes will be preparing for the Asian Athletics Championships beginning on May 27 in Cumi, South Korea. "There is no clarity on the new dates of the tournament, but the event will likely be pushed to the second or thind work of June, depending on the Carity on the visas of Pakistani athletes," the source added. Apart from Arshad Nadeem, the fastest South Asian sprinter and Birmingham Commonwealth Games bronze medallist Yupun Abeyloon of Sri Lanka and 2022 Asian Games 400m bronze medallist Aruna

Games 400m bronze medallist Aruna Darshana of Sri Lanka have confirmed their participation for the event.



