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NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Friday transferred the Gyanvapi mosque case from Civil Judge to District Judge, Varanasi and said because of the "complexities" and "sensitivity" of the issue, it is better if a senior judicial officer having an experience of over 25-30 years handles this case.

The SC also took exception to selective leak of the survey report submitted by the court commissioners to the civil court, Varanasi. The apex court said once the report is presented, there could not be selective leaks. "Do not leak things to the Press, only the judge opens the report," it said.

The top court said its earlier interim order of May 17 directing protection of the area where "shivling" is said to be found and allowing Muslims to offer "namaz" on mosque premises shall remain in operation till the maintainability of the suit is decided by the District Judge and thereafter for eight weeks to allow the aggrieved parties to approach the higher court.

The bench also directed the District Magistrate to make adequate arrangements for "wazu" (ablation) for the Muslims coming for offering namaz in the mosque in consultation with the parties involved in the dispute. In an important observation, the top court also said the process to ascertain the religious charac-

ter of a place of worship is not barred under the Places of Worship Act of 1991.

A bench of Justices DY Chandrachud, Surya Kant, and PS Narasimha said the matter involves complexity and sensitivity and it would be better if a district judge handles the case and made it clear that it is not casting any aspersion on the Civil Judge who was earlier dealing with the suit.

"Having regard to the complexities of the issue involved in the case, in the civil suit and their sensitivity, we are of the considered view that the suit before the Civil Judge (senior division) Varanasi should be tried before a senior and experienced judicial officer of the Uttar Pradesh Higher Judicial Service," the bench said.

"We accordingly order and direct that the suit shall stand transferred from the file of Civil Judge (senior division) to the court of the District Judge, Varanasi for trial, and all the interlocutory and ancillary proceedings in the suit shall be addressed to and decided by the court of the District Judge," the bench said.

The SC directed the District Judge to decide on the priority of the application under Order 7 Rule 11 of CPC (on maintainability) filed by the mosque committee, which said the civil suit is barred by the 1991 Act, be decided upon the transfer of papers of suit from the Civil Judge (senior division).

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Security personnel stand guard as Muslims arrive in a large number at the Gyanvapi mosque to offer Friday prayers in Varanasi on Friday

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Huge turnout, namaz held peacefully

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■
VARANASI

Muslims reached the Gyanvapi mosque in large numbers on Friday to offer namaz, which passed off peacefully. When the Gyanvapi mosque complex became overcrowded with the namazis, in district administration and police urged them to go to

other mosques to offer namaz and had to close the entrance gate of the mosque for a short time.

The Anjuman Intezamia Masjid Committee, which looks after the management of the mosque, had a day earlier appealed to Muslims not to go to the Gyanvapi mosque in large numbers to offer namaz because they could face incon-

venience as the wazukhana had been sealed by the district administration on the directive of the court. But despite this appeal, the namazis reached there in large numbers.

The district administration had made no restriction on wuzu and had made arrangements of water for this religious ritual.

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SC panel terms Hyd rape
accused's encounter fake10 cops guilty,
their story is
concocted,
reports panelPIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■
NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court-appointed Justice VS Sirpurkar panel has found that the Hyderabad Police killed four accused, caught for the rape and murder of a woman veterinary doctor in a fake encounter in 2019.

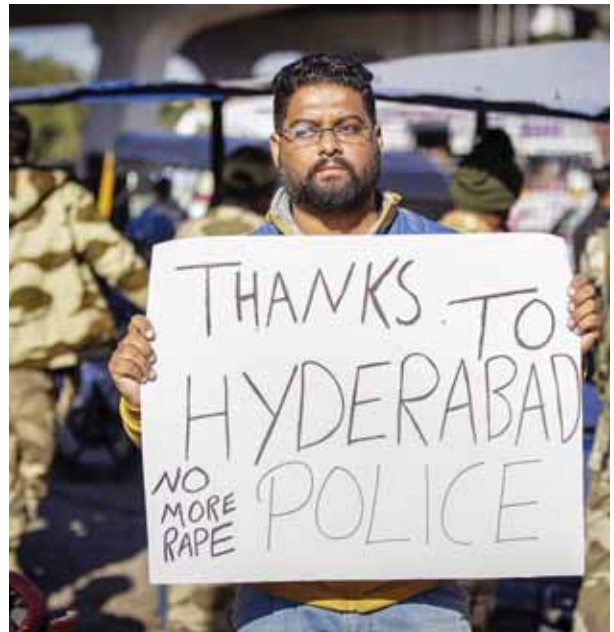
The panel rejected the police claims and recommended to prosecute 10 police officials present during the fake encounter under murder charges.

Rejecting the police claims that the accused snatched pistols and tried to harm the policemen and tried to escape, the panel said this police version is totally wrong and unbelievable. The panel said arrested accused were "deliberately fired upon by the police to kill them when they were taken to the sport of the crime".

The SC also turned down Telangana Government's plea to get a copy of the panel report and decided to send the report to the High Court to initiate charges against the policemen.

A bench comprising Chief Justice NV Ramana and Justices Surya Kant and Hima Kohli did not agree to the submissions of senior advocate Shyam Divan, appearing for the State, that the enquiry commission's report be kept in a sealed cover.

"This relates to the encounter case. There is nothing to keep here. The commission has found someone guilty.



We want to send the matter to the High Court," the bench said. "We have to send the case back to the High Court, we cannot monitor this case. A detailed report is submitted. Question is: What is the proper action to be taken? They have made some recommendations," the bench said, adding, "We direct the commission secretariat to provide a copy of the report to both parties..."

The four suspects — Mohammed Arif, Chintakunta Chennakeshavulu, Jolu Shiva, and Jollu Naveen — were arrested in connection with the gangrape and murder of a veterinary woman doctor on November 29, 2019. Later, the four accused were shot dead on December 6, 2019, on NH-44 near Hyderabad — the same highway — where the charred body of the 27-year-old veterinarian was found.

The Sirpurkar panel was

set up on December 12, 2019, to enquire into the circumstances leading to the encounter and was to submit the report in six months. The other members of the commission include former Bombay High Court judge Rekha Sondur Baldota and ex-CBI director D R Karthikeyan. The term of the enquiry panel has now been extended thrice. It was extended in July 2020 for the first time for six months.

The Telangana Police had said the accused were killed in an exchange of fire.

The incident took place around 6.30 am when the accused were taken to the site of the offence for the reconstruction of the scene of the crime as part of the investigation.

The police had claimed that on November 27, 2019, the woman veterinarian was kidnapped, sexually assaulted, and later found murdered.

Every regional language
worth worshipping: Modi

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Asking BJP workers to fix eyes on goals for the next 25 years after eight years of 'good governance', Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Friday cautioned against attempts to trigger controversies on the basis of languages, saying every regional language in the country is worth worshipping. "BJP sees a reflection of Indian culture in every regional language and considers them worth worshipping."

Addressing office-bearers meeting at Jaipur virtually, he continued his relentless attack on dynastic parties which, he said, were proving "fatal" for the growth of democracy.

Modi said while the BJP has brought development into the mainstream of national

politics, some political parties have been playing with the country's future for their momentary benefits.

For their selfish interests, the parties look for small tensions and weaknesses in the society to pour poison into them, Modi alleged, adding they incite people sometimes in the name of caste or regionalism. It is essential for the BJP, which is moving forward with its dream of "Ek Bharat, Shreshtha Bharat", to keep cautioning people against these forces and parties, he said.

"While the world is looking at India with hope, people in the country are looking at the BJP with great hope," he said, asking BJP workers to remain glued to goals for the next 25 years after eight years of "good governance".

After 2014, the BJP brought people out of "despair" and now people are full of aspirations, he said.

All the key office-bearers of the BJP are attending the two-day meet at Jaipur with BJP president JP Nadda at its head discussing ways to unseat Congress-led G-20 Government in Rajasthan in 2023 Assembly polls and work out strategy to win in other States like Gujarat and Himachal Pradesh which are to go to polls by this year-end and other States in 2023, including Madhya Pradesh, Karnataka, Tripura and Nagaland.

In his address Modi said in the past few days attempts are being made to spark controversies on the basis of languages and create division.

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Congress leader Navjot Singh Sidhu comes out after his medical examination following his surrender in the Patiala court at Mata Kaushalya Hospital in Patiala on Friday

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Land-for-Rly-jobs
scam: CBI books
Lalu, his familyPIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■
NEW DELHI

The CBI has registered a fresh FIR against former Bihar Chief Minister Lalu Prasad and his family members for allegedly taking over one lakh sqft land in Patna from candidates in lieu of group D jobs in Railways during 2004-09. Lalu was the Railway Minister in the UPA Government at that time.

The RJD has slammed the CBI for the raids and said the probe agency is acting at the behest of the BJP.

Hundreds of RJD workers gathered outside the residence of Rabri Devi when the searches were going on and raised slogans against the CBI.

Following the registration of FIR on May 18 by the Economic Offences Wing (EOW) of the CBI, the agency conducted search operations at 16 locations in Delhi, Patna and Gopalganj on the premises of Lalu, his family members, and other accused persons.

The CBI has named Lalu, his wife Rabri Devi, and daughters Misa Bharti and Hema Yadav, in addition to 12 other

persons who were given jobs in Railway zones of Mumbai, Jabalpur, Kolkata, Jaipur and Hajipur.

The Regular Case (FIR) is an outcome of a preliminary enquiry registered by the agency on September 23, 2021 related to the land-for-jobs scam in the Railways during Yadav's stint as Minister in the UPA regime.

According to the FIR, the candidates were appointed as substitutes in group D positions within three days of applying in "undue haste" by Railway officials and were later regularised "in lieu thereof the individuals themselves or their family members transferred their land".

The transfers were made through three sale deeds in the name of Rabri and one in the name of Misa and two gift deeds in the name Hema, reads the FIR.

One sale deed was executed in the name of a company AK Infosystems Pvt Ltd in which Rabri became a majority shareholder in 2014 and is currently one of the directors of the company, alleges the FIR.

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Supporters protest outside the residence of RJD chief Lalu Prasad during a raid by CBI in connection with an alleged land-for-jobs scam case in Patna on Friday

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CAPSULE

1 KILLED, 9 TRAPPED IN
J&K TUNNEL COLLAPSE

Jammu: A labourer was killed and 9 others are trapped after an under-construction tunnel collapsed on the Jammu-Srinagar national highway.

JET AIRWAYS GETS NOD
TO RESUME FLIGHT OP

New Delhi: Aviation regulator DGCA on Friday granted Jet Airways the Air Operator Certificate (AOC), allowing the airline to resume commercial flight operations.

ASHWANI APPOINTED
UNIFIED MCD SPL OFFICER

New Delhi: The Centre on Friday appointed IAS officers Ashwani Kumar and Gyanesh Bharti as the special officer and commissioner of the unified Municipal Corporation of Delhi (MCD) respectively, according to an order issued by the MHA.

India slams Bilawal
for J&K barb at UNPIONEER NEWS SERVICE/
AGENCIES ■ NEW DELHI \
UNITED NATIONS

India on Friday hit back at Pakistan Foreign Minister Bilawal Bhutto Zardari for his remarks in the UN Security Council on Jammu & Kashmir and said they are a "Pavlovian response" aimed to misuse any forum to malign New Delhi.

This terse response came after Bilawal brought up the issue of Jammu & Kashmir and abrogation of Article 370. Referring to abrogation of Article 370 as well as the recent decision of the Delimitation Commission on Jammu & Kashmir, he said these actions have complicated the matter and are an assault on the United Nations, the UN Security Council resolutions

and the Geneva Convention. Bilawal said "such actions make it very difficult for us to hold a dialogue with India".

Counsellor in India's Permanent Mission to the UN, Rajesh Parihar, termed them as "unwarranted remarks" on Jammu & Kashmir, saying comments made by Foreign Minister Bilawal are a "Pavlovian response" aimed to misuse any forum and every topic to propagate false and malicious propaganda against New Delhi.

"Pakistan representative made unwarranted remarks, which symbolises nothing but a 'Pavlovian' response aimed to misuse any forum, and every topic, to propagate false and malicious propaganda against my country," Parihar said.

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Markets gain
lost ground

PTI ■ MUMBAI

The Sensex surged over 1,500 points while the Nifty reclaimed the 16,000-mark on Friday, reversing the previous session's sharp decline in tandem with a recovery across global markets as investors resorted to bargain-hunting.

Snapping its two-day losing run, the BSE Sensex rallied 1,534.16 points or 2.91 per cent to close at 54,326.39. This was its biggest single-day jump in over three months.

Similarly, the broader NSE Nifty soared 456.75 points or 2.89 per cent to 16,266.15. All the 30 Sensex firms ended in the green. Nestle India, Tata Steel, Larsen & Toubro, Axis Bank, Sun Pharma and IndusInd Bank were among the other major winners.

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Calcutta HC terminates
job of Min's daughter

SAUGAR SENGUPTA ■ KOLKATA

In a landmark judgment that could "strike at the roots of nepotism and corruption" in recruitment processes of the Government, the Calcutta High Court on Friday terminated the employment of Ankita Adhikari — the daughter of junior Education Minister Paresh Adhikari.

The Minister's daughter was appointed as a political science teacher in a Government-run higher secondary school in Coochbehar in November 2018 bypassing petitioner Babita Sarkar, who had secured more marks than the defendant in a designated teachers' recruitment exam held by the School Service Commission. Ankita

had secured 61 marks in the exams while Babita had got 77.

Ankita's dismissal came on a day when her father was subjected to grilling by the CBI which had earlier been directed by the court to get to the roots of the racket.

"The single bench of Justice Avijit Gangopadhyay also directed the defendant to return the 41 months' salary in two installments. She has been asked to deposit the first installment in the office of the Registrar General by June 7, the second by July 7. She has been asked not to enter the school while the District Inspector of Schools has been asked to stop her salary," advocate Firdaus Shamim said.

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MNS chief defers Ayodhya visit

TN RAGHUNATHA ■ MUMBAI

In an apparent tactical retreat, MNNS chief Raj Thackeray on Friday announced that he was “temporarily” deferring his much-discussed visit to Ayodhya scheduled earlier for June 5. In a brief announcement made to this effect on his Twitter handle, the MNS chief did not cite any reason for postponing his visit to Ayodhya but said that he would talk about the issue at a later stage. Raj’s decision to postpone his visit to Ayodhya sparked speculation in the state political circles. One of the inferences being drawn are: since he has already bitten more than he can chew on by raking up the “Hanuman Chalisa” issue and associating himself indirectly with the Opposition, he wants to see if the timing of his visit to Ayodhya is right.

The inference should be seen in the light of the fact that his visit to Ayodhya will have happened around the time when Shiv Sena leader and Maharashtra Minister Aaditya Thackeray is visiting the place along with hundreds of party workers. Whether he likes it or not, Raj’s visit to Ayodhya will be compared with that of Aaditya, a thing that the MNS chief does not want.

Secondly, he wants to first decide whether he will formally tie-up with the BJP for the cru-



cial Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation (BMC) elections scheduled to be held in September/October this year. Maybe he wants to complete the seat sharing negotiations with the BJP first before embarking upon his visit to Lord Rama’s birth place.

The MNS chief’s decision to postpone his visit to Ayodhya has come in the midst of vociferous protests by some BJP leaders and activists in Uttar Pradesh and other northern states who are opposing Raj’s proposed visit to Lord Ram’s birth place.

A section of the BJP leaders and workers has for some time been demanding Raj’s unconditional apology for the treatment meted out to north Indians in the MNS agitation in 2008. The anti-Raj protests are led by BJP mp from Uttar Pradesh Brijbhushan Sharan Singh who warned that unless he apologises, Lakhs of his supporters would block his entry to Ayodhya on June 5.

At 44.4 degrees C, Delhi is 5 notches warmer than usual

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

As the severe heatwave swept the national Capital, the maximum temperature of Delhi on Friday settled at 44.4 degrees Celsius, which was five notches warmer than the normal temperature for this time of the year. However, the Capital city also witnessed thunderstorm or duststorm with light to moderate intensity rain and gusty winds with speed of 30-40 Km/h, in the evening.

The minimum temperature recorded at the Safdarjung Observatory was 28.2 degrees Celsius, which was two notches above the normal for this season, stated the weather station.

The relative humidity on Friday morning at 8:30 was recorded at 58 per cent and 22 per cent in the evening at 5:30.

The weather stations at Ridge, Ayanagar, Mungeshpur, Najafgarh, Pitampura, Palam, and Lodhi Road recorded maximum temperatures of 45.7 degrees Celsius, 46 degrees Celsius, 47.1 degrees Celsius, 47.5 degrees Celsius, 47 degrees Celsius, 45.1 degrees Celsius and 44.6 degrees Celsius respectively, according to India

Meteorological Department (IMD).

The IMD said that the thunderstorm or duststorm with light to moderate intensity rain and gusty winds with speed of 30-40 Km/h occurred over and adjoining areas of West, North-West, North-East, South-West, Central, New, East Delhi, and NCR (Bahadurgarh, Ghaziabad, Indirapuram, Chhapraula, Noida, Gurugram) Gohana, Gannaur, Hansi, Siwani, Sonipat, Tosham, Charkhi Dadri, Mattanhail, Jhajjar, Farukhnagar, Kosali (Haryana) Kandhla, Khatauli, Baraut, Bagpat, Meerut, Modinagar, Kithor, Garhmukteshwar (U.P.) for two hours.

“On Friday, severe heat wave conditions prevailed at isolated pockets over Himachal Pradesh, Haryana, Delhi, southwest Uttar Pradesh, northeast Madhya Pradesh, and Punjab,” IMD stated.

“Heatwave conditions prevailed over many parts of Haryana, West Rajasthan and north Madhya Pradesh; over some parts of Delhi and East Rajasthan; at isolated pockets over Himachal Pradesh, Punjab and south Uttar Pradesh,” IMD further said.

Shivpal receives Azam on release from Sitapur jail

PNS ■ LUCKNOW

Senior Samajwadi Party Sleader and former minister Mohammad Azam Khan was released from Sitapur district jail on Friday, a day after the Supreme Court granted him interim bail in a case of cheating.

The apex court granted the bail by exercising its powers under Article 142 of the Constitution.

Shivpal Singh Yadav, the estranged uncle of Samajwadi Party chief Akhilesh Yadav, and Khan’s two sons were present at the Sitapur prison gate to welcome Azam Khan.

Welcoming Azam Khan’s release from the jail, Akhilesh Yadav later tweeted, “Hearty welcome to Shri Azam Khan ji on his release on bail. With this decision of bail, the Supreme Court has given new standards to justice. I am sure that he will be acquitted in all other false cases. Lies have moments, not centuries.”

Azam Khan was accused in 88 cases registered against him and he has been in jail since February, 2020. Earlier, the court had granted him bail in 87 cases while the 88th case pertained to land-grabbing and forgery at Rampur Public School. Azam Khan was accused of forging building certificates to get recognition for the school.

Govt lifts prohibition on bamboo charcoal export; KVIC thankful

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ NEW DELHI

The Central Government lifted the “export prohibition” on bamboo charcoal, a move that would facilitate optimum utilization of raw bamboo and higher profitability in the Indian bamboo industry.

The Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC), which is supporting thousands of bamboo-based industries in the country, was persistently requesting the Government to lift the export restriction on bamboo charcoal. Chairman KVIC Vinai Kumar Saxena had written to the Minister of Commerce and Industries, Piyush Goyal, seeking to lift the export restriction on bamboo charcoal for the larger benefit of the bamboo industry.

“All the bamboo charcoal made from bamboo obtained from legal sources are permitted for export subject to proper documentation/certificate of origin proving that the bamboo used for making charcoal has been obtained from legal sources,” read the notification issued by the Directorate General of Foreign Trade (DGFT). Saxena thanked Minister Piyush Goyal for the

policy amendment saying the decision would reduce the high input cost of raw bamboo and make the bamboo-based industries, mostly in the remote rural areas, financially profitable.

“Bamboo charcoal has a huge demand in the international market and lifting of export prohibition by the government will enable the Indian bamboo industry to tap this opportunity and exploit the huge global demand.

“This will also ensure optimum utilisation of bamboo waste and thus contribute to the Prime Minister’s vision of Waste to Wealth,” Saxena said.

Notably, the Indian bamboo industry, at present, is grappling with extremely high input cost owing to inadequate utilization of bamboo. In India, bamboo is mostly used in manufacturing of Agarbatti wherein, a maximum of 16 per cent is used for manufacturing bamboo sticks while the remaining 84 per cent of bamboo is a complete waste.

As a result, the Bamboo input cost for Round Bamboo Sticks is in the range of Rs 25,000 to Rs 40,000 per MT as against the average Bamboo cost of Rs 4,000 to Rs 5,000 per MT.

Indrani walks out of Byculla jail

T N RAGHUNATHA ■ MUMBAI

After having been behind the bars for more than six and a half years for allegedly murdering her daughter Sheena Bora, media bigwig Indrani Mukerjea walked out of jail on Friday, two days after she was granted bail by the Supreme Court.

Fifty-year-old Indrani looked relaxed in her a white salwar-suit, make-up and her gray locks well-coiffed, as she stepped out of Byculla women’s prison and got into a waiting car along with her lawyer Sana R. Khan. It was not immediately known if she headed directly home or some other location.

When media persons buttonholed her for a comment, she feebly smiled and said: “Khula aasman dekha... Bahut Khushi hui...” (I saw the open skies and felt very happy”).

Indrani said she was feeling better but added had not made any future plans.

On Wednesday, the apex court granted bail to Indrani against a surety of Rs.200,000. She was enlarged on bail after she approached the various courts for the 10th time since she was arrested in August 2015.

Rakesh Asthana invites students from J&K to join YUVA initiative

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

Delhi Police Commissioner Rakesh Asthana on Friday invited students from Jammu & Kashmir, who are on a “Bharat Darshan” tour, to join the force’s YUVA initiative and assured them of jobs on completion of the course.

The CP appreciated this gesture of Jammu and Kashmir Police and thanked the children for accepting Delhi Police’s hospitality during their foray in exploring the nation. The CP

also offered two of them whose family members got martyred jobs on the completion of YUVA programme.

According to police, a total of 172 children of age group from 11 to 21 years from Reasi and Bandipora districts of Jammu and Kashmir are on a “Bharat Darshan” tour organised by the J&K Police under goodwill measures of the Ministry of Home Affairs.

“I want to offer the two students from Jammu and Kashmir whose family mem-

bers got martyred to join the YUVA programme of the Delhi Police and we will look after them and will provide them jobs,” Asthana said.

“We can take permission from the government and reserve some seats in YUVA for those children of Jammu and Kashmir whose parents got martyred or who need some kind of support,” he said.

“These are your formative years and whatever you see and learn during this period will make you become better human beings,” he said.

Huge turnout, namaz held....

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There was a heavy deployment of security personnel to ensure peaceful namaz at the Gyanvapi mosque.

Meanwhile, the Muslim side will file its objections to the Gyanvapi mosque complex survey report and stick to its stand that no structure like shivling has been found in the wazukhana (ablution place) of the mosque, as claimed by the

Hindu side.

“We have so far not received the certified copy of the survey report submitted by Special Court Commissioner Vishal Singh but will file our objections as some claims being made by the Hindu side on the basis of survey report are objectionable,” advocate of the Muslim side (defendant) Abhay Yadav told *The Pioneer* on Friday.

SC shifts Gyanvapi....

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“The application filed by the petitioners under Order 7 Rule 11 of the CPC shall be decided on priority by the District Judge on the transfer of the suit,” it said and posted the matter for further hearing in the second week of July.

Senior advocate CS Vaidyanathan, appearing for one of the Hindu devotees, who has filed the suit said the

appeals filed by the mosque committee have become infructuous against the order of the Allahabad High Court as all the orders of the trial court concerning the survey has been complied with. Senior advocate Huzefa Ahmadi, appearing for the mosque committee, said all the orders of the civil court are capable of creating a “grave mischief” and are in the teeth of the injunction provided by the 1991 Act.

Land-for-Rly-jobs...

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Lalu’s family allegedly paid Rs 3.75 lakh to Rs 13 lakh for the lands acquired by them which, according to circle rates, were approximately valued at Rs 4.39 crore, the CBI further alleged in its FIR. In the case of gift deeds to Hema, a person named Brij Nandan Rai allegedly transferred 3,375 sq ft land in Patna to a man called Hridayanand Choudhary for Rs 4.21 lakh in 2008. Choudhary subsequently transferred the land in 2014 to Hema.

“The value of said land as per prevailing circle rate at the time of gift was Rs 62.10 lakh,” the FIR alleged. According to the CBI probe so far, about 1.05 lakh sq feet land situated at Patna was acquired by family members of Lalu by making payment to the sellers in cash.

“The current value of seven parcels of land, including the land acquired through gift deeds, as per existing circle rate is about Rs 4.39 crore... Enquiry has revealed that parcels of land which were directly purchased by the family members of Lalu from the sellers were purchased at lower rates than the prevailing circle rates,” the FIR alleged.

The candidates were appointed in Railways without any advertisement or public notice issued for the purpose in the zonal railways.

Every regional...

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“BJP sees a reflection of Indian culture in every regional language and considers them worth worshipping. We have given importance to every regional language in the New Education Policy,” said the PM.

He sought party workers to not to fall in the trap of these controversies and be focused on their developmental goal.

“Prioritizing local languages in the new National Education Policy reflects our commitment to each regional language. The BJP considers Indian languages to be the soul of India and a link to a better future for the nation,” said the Prime Minister in the backdrop of controversy over whether Hindi is the national language vis-à-vis the other languages in the country.

“The BJP considers Indian languages as the soul of India and a link to a better future for the nation,” said Modi.

Recalling the political journey of the BJP, the Prime Minister said since the days of Jana Sangh, the forerunner to the BJP, patriotism, national interest and nation-building were at the centre of its policies and programmes. He said this patriotism has inspired the party to focus on development and trust.

India slams Bilawal...

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India exercised the right of reply at the Security Council open debate on “Maintenance of International Peace and Security — Conflict and Food Security” organised by the US, the Council President.

“The Union Territories of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh were, are and will always remain an integral and inalienable part of India. This includes the areas that are under the illegal occupation of Pakistan. No amount of rhetoric and propaganda from any country can deny this fact,” Parihar asserted.

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भोपाल, दिनांक 19.05.2022

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निम्नलिखित निर्माण कार्य हेतु दो लिफाफा पद्धति के अनुसार म.प्र. लोक निर्माण विभाग में केन्द्रीकृत व्यवस्था के अंतर्गत पंजीकृत ठेकेदार परसेन्टेज मोहर बंद निविदाये निर्धारित प्रपत्र पर ऑनलाईन आमंत्रित की जाती है।

S. No.	Tender No	Work	Probable Amount (In lakhs)	Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) (In Rs.)	Completion Period (Months)
1	2022_UAD_204691_1	CONSTRUCTION OF DRAIN AT NIRMILA DEVI MARG AND LALITA NAGAR MARKET WARD 83 ZONE 18	Rs. 107.98	Rs. 53992/-	09 months including rainy season

1. Interested bidders can view the NIT on website <https://mptenders.gov.in/>

2. The Bid Document can be purchased only Online from 19.05.2022 10:30 Hrs A.M. to 20.06.2022 05:30 Hrs P.M.

3. Amendments to NIT, if any, would be published on website only, and not in newspaper.

The Initial period of 5 (Five) year after completion shall be treated as Defect Liability Period (DLP).

EXECUTIVE ENGINEER
MUNICIPAL CORPORATION, BHOPAL

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Government of Odisha, e-Procurement Notice

INVITATION FOR BIDS (IFB)

B-205 Bid Identification No. C.C.E.DKI.(R&B) 01/2022-23 Email Id-sedklpwd@gmail.com

Letter No 1185 /Dt. 13/05/2022

The Chief Construction Engineer, Dhenkanal (R&B) Circle, Dhenkanal on behalf of Governor of Odisha invites Percentage Rate bids in double cover system to be received in ONLINE MODE from eligible contractors for construction of Building works as detailed below:

1. Name of the work : Building works

2. No of works : 03 (Three) Nos.

3. Estimated Cost : (Rs. 1,95,29,795/- to Rs. 7,32,11,873/- (as given in column No. 03 of table)

4. Cost of tender paper : Rs 10,000.00

5. Class of contractor : 'B', 'A', 'Special' & 'Super' (as given in column No. 06 of table)

6. Period of Completion of work : 07(Seven) to 15(Fifteen) Calendar months (as given in column No. 07 of table)

7. Date and time of availability of bid Document in the website : From Dt. 25.05.2022 to 5.30 P.M. of Dt.08.06.2022

8. Date of opening of bid : Dt.09.06.2022 at 11.30 hours

The bidders have to participate in ONLINE bidding only further details can be seen from the e-Procurement Portal: www.tendersodisha.gov.in. Any addendum / corrigendum / cancellation of tender can also be seen in the said website.

OIPR-3413211/0005/2223

Chief Construction Engineer
Dhenkanal (R&B) Circle, Dhenkanal

GOVERNMENT OF JAMMU & KASHMIR

OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER PWD (R&B) DIVISION RAMBAN

NOTICE INVITING TENDERS

Fresh e-NIT No: 18 of 2022-23 Dated:17-05-2022 to e-NIT No: 08 of 2022-23 Dated:27-04-2022 (E-tendering). (Double Cover System)

For and on behalf of the Lt. Governor of Jammu and Kashmir UT, the Executive Engineer PWD (R&B) Division Ramban invites tenders by e-tendering mode on % age rates from approved and eligible Contractors/Firms registered with J&K UT. CPWD, MES & Railways for the following work:-

S.No. 1 Name of Work :- Remodelling of Govt. Higher Secondary School at Thatharka (Under State Plan Education Sector).

Name of Division:- PWD (R&B) Division Ramban, Estimated cost of Work (in Lacs):- 539.05, Cost of Tender Doc. (in Rs) :- 6000, Earnest Money (In Lacs):- @ 2% of Adv. Cost, Time Allowed for completion :- 24 Months, Time & Date of Opening of tender (Technical Bid):- 27-05-2022 at 14.00 P.M., Class of Contractor :- 'A'

Position of AAA = ACCORDED

Position of funds = AVAILABLE

Technical Sanction = ACCORDED

1. Date of Issue of Tender Notice :- 17-05-2022

2. Period of downloading of bidding documents :- From 18-05-2022,10.00 A.M to 26-05-2022, 4.00 P.M

3. Date, Time and place of pre-bid meeting

4. Bid Submission Start Date :- 18-05-2022 up to 10.00 A.M

5. Bid Submission End Date :- 26-05-2022 up to 4.00 P.M

6. Submission of hard copy of tender documents :- Only successful bidder who is declared as L1 should submit the hard copy after opening of financial bids

7. Date & time of opening of Technical Bids (Online) -[The date should be one day after deadline for receiving of hard copies] :- 27-05-2022 at 14.00 P.M in the Office of the Superintending Engineer PWD (R&B) Circle Doda

8. Date & time of opening of Financial Bids (Online) :- To be notified after technical bid evaluation is completed

1. The Bidding documents Consisting of qualifying information, eligibility criteria, specifications, Drawings, bill of quantities (B.O.Q), Set of terms and conditions of contract and other details can be seen/downloaded from the departmental website www.jktenders.gov.in

Sd/- (Er. Vinod Kumar Gupta)
Executive Engineer
PWD (R&B) Division Ramban

No. DIP/J-1695/22 Dated: 19.05.2022

Calcutta HC....

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Earlier on Thursday following the court order, the CBI had filed an FIR against the Minister and his daughter, under IPC Sections 420 (cheating and dishonesty) and 120B (criminal conspiracy). Charges under the Prevention of Corruption Act had also been leveled against them.

Reacting to the judgment petitioner Babita Sarkar said that “this is not only my victory but also the victory of those hundreds of others — who had been deprived of their rightful employment and had been staging sit-in protests in various parts of Kolkata... this also proved

that the judiciary still is the last hope for the people like us.

Another candidate who had appeared for Group C examinations but failed to get appointed despite her name appearing in the Government panel said, “Many merit-list candidates are still waiting to be recruited and she was withdrawing salary for being the Minister’s daughter... I hope that this is a lesson for the high and the mighty.”

Meanwhile, Minister Adhikari was being interrogated for about 10 hours till reports last came in the evening. When contacted by the CBI, officials said that the Minister was circumventing many questions. He was not disclosing as to through whom did he get her daughter appointed because he had not yet become a Minister when her daughter got the appointment.

Incidentally Adhikari, a former

Forward Bloc MLA, had left the Left Front to join the TMC in 2018 after holding discussions with then Education Minister and TMC general secretary Partho Chatterjee. Soon after he joined the new party his daughter got an appointment.

Chatterjee who is the present Industry Minister too was facing the CBI probe in the School Service Commission recruitment scam. Already having been grilled for three hours on Wednesday he has been asked to appear before the central agency on May 25, sources said.

The High Court has already terminated jobs of more than 600 people and has also asked the investigators to find out how many more hundreds landed jobs through backdoors and whether there was a money trail to the irregular appointments.

The court found that hundreds of people were given jobs without them appearing in the selection tests held by the SSC which is otherwise an autonomous institution charged with recruitments in schools.

Chatterjee as the then Minister of Education had appointed a five-member panel to supervise the recruitment procedure and advise the SSC. All the five members of the panel were being interrogated by

the CBI following the Court order. A judicial committee led by Justice RK Bag (retired) had clearly indicted the Ministers and the advisory panel and recommended criminal proceedings against them.

Unified MCD’s Special Officer, Commissioner named by MHA

First Spl Officer Ashwani Kumar, Commissioner Gyanesh Bharti to take charge on May 22

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

The Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) on Friday issued a notification declaring IAS officer Ashwani Kumar of AGMUT cadre, 1992 batch, as the first Special Officer of the unified Municipal Corporation of Delhi (MCD), that will come into force from Sunday.

The present South Delhi Municipal Corporation (SDMC) Commissioner Gyanesh Bharti, a 1998-batch AGMUT IAS officer, has been appointed as the Commissioner of the unified MCD.

According to an order by the MHA, the appointments will come into effect from May 22, the day the three civic bodies are unified. Ashwani



Kumar, who was the Chief secretary of Puducherry, had recently been transferred to Delhi by the Central Government and was awaiting a posting.

Kumar had earlier served as the Principal Secretary to the Public Works Department in the Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi, before being transferred to Puducherry.

The present SDMC Commissioner Gyanesh Bharti, is the senior most among the three Municipal Commissioners of Delhi.

Bharti, who hails from Bihar, was posted as Joint Secretary and Cabinet Secretary with the Government of India before being repatriated to his parent cadre in 2019.

According to sources in the MCD, Special Officer Kumar will take over the duties of the elected Councilors of the MCD, till the elections take place again. He is likely to head the advisory committee while Bharti will act as head of the executive wing of the MCD. Kumar will have a final say in the functioning and working of the MCD.

Kumar's appointment is considered significant as he will play a vital role in the functioning of the unified municipal corporation, months before the civic elections.

Sources said that after the appointment of the Special Officer and the new Commissioner the exercise to reshuffle and reorganise the municipal staff will begin.

The municipal elections, however, will have to wait for a comprehensive delimitation exercise since the new law provides for a maximum of 250 municipal wards — fewer than the current 272.

Earlier, in a notification, the MHA said that the unified MCD will come into effect from May 22 as the terms of the three municipal bodies in the Capital are coming to an end.

The term of the SDMC ended on Wednesday, while the North Delhi Municipal Corporation (NMC) completed its tenure on Thursday and the East DMC (EDMC) will complete its term on May 22.

The civic bodies were trifurcated in January 2012, after which the SDMC, NMC and EDMC were created. The municipal corporations provided services to around 97 per cent of Delhi's population across 272 municipal wards.

There were 12 administrative zones under the MCD out of which SDMC got four (Centre, South, West, and Najafgarh); NMC got (Rohini, Civil Lines, Karol Bagh, City Sadar, Paharganj, Keshavpuram, and Narela); and the EDMC (Shahdara North and Shahdara South).

Varsities divided over CUET for PG admissions

JNU says will allow admissions through CUET this year; DU, Jamia will not

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Universities in the national Capital are divided over opting for the Common University Entrance Test (CUET) for admissions in post-graduate courses from the new academic session.

While the Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU) has announced that it will allow admissions to postgraduate and advanced diploma courses of proficiency programmes through the CUET, the Delhi University (DU) and Jamia Millia Islamia (JMI) University have informed that they will not conduct the admission process through CUET-PG this year.

Officials at DU and JMI said the admission process for post-graduate courses has already begun for the academic session 2022-23 and it will not be feasible to change the process on such a short notice.

University Grants Commission (UGC) Chairman M Jagadeesh Kumar said the CUET for PG admissions will be introduced from the 2022 academic session. However, he added that unlike the CUET-

UG, the CUET-PG is not mandatory for central universities. "The admission process has already begun and on such a short notice, the university cannot implement a new system.

The Academic Council and Executive Council of university will take a decision on matter and based on that, we will proceed," said DU Registrar Vikas Gupta.

JMI Registrar Nazim Husain Al-Jafri said the university will conduct admissions through ongoing procedure. "This year, we will conduct admissions through the ongoing procedure. For future years, we will decide on matter," he said.

The JNU announced on Friday that admissions to post-graduate and advanced diploma courses of proficiency programmes will be held through CUET this year. The exam for CUET-PG will be conducted in third week of July. The application process began on Friday and will conclude on June 18.

"The NTA will conduct Postgraduate Entrance Test for 42 central and participating universities for academic session 2022-2023. The CUET will provide a single-window opportunity to students to seek admission in participating universities across country," the UGC Chairman had said. The UGC's announcement on Thursday came weeks after

higher education regulator announced that CUET scores, and not Class-12 scores, will be mandatory for admission to 45 central universities and these universities can fix their minimum eligibility criteria. The DU announced last month that admissions for graduate courses would be held through

Central Universities Common Entrance Test (CUCET) from now on. The JMI had announced that it will conduct admissions for the academic session 2022-23 through CUET-2022 for 10 courses. Over 10.46 lakh candidates have registered for CUET-UG so far.

College of Art staff write to President, PM to stop merger into Ambedkar Univ

New Delhi: The employees association of College of Art has written to Vice-President Venkaiah Naidu and Prime Minister Narendra Modi, calling for an urgent "equitable and just" action to stop "merger" of the college into Ambedkar University.

This came on the day the BR Ambedkar University issued a notification, beginning the admission process for undergraduate (UG) and postgraduate (PG) courses in the College of Art.

In its letter on Thursday, College of Art Employees Association has made a "distress call to protect constitutional rights of the stakeholders of College of Art". "We, the employees of College of Art are aggrieved due to allegedly initiated unjust merger of college

into Ambedkar University," the letter read. They also demanded that BS Chauhan, the principal, be sacked and asked Naidu to "reprimand" him for his "mischievous" dismemberment of University of Delhi (DU).

"...Requesting you for an urgent equitable and just action stopping 'Merger' immediately and also removing Dr BS Chauhan from the position of Offg. Principal of College of Art, New Delhi," the letter stated.

Their other demand was to carry out admissions for 2021-2022 session to be conducted under DU "on war-footed priority". The association has alleged that consent of stakeholders i.e. students and employees was not taken by the management before starting the merger process. (SR)

2 CAs detained for ₹15 cr GST refund scam

ICAI Gurugram members allege wrong detention

STAFF REPORTER ■ GURUGRAM/NEW DELHI

The Central Goods and Service Tax department detained two Chartered Accountants (CAs) on Thursday night over an alleged ₹15 crore GST refund scam. The CAs were detained by the Directorate-General of GST Intelligence, Gurugram CGST department for issuing a certificate in a GST refund matter. But a group of CAs has called for a protest, terming the detention as malicious.

On Friday, Gurugram police said though a protest by the CAs

was continuing the GST office had been allowed to function. Members of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI), Gurugram chapter, said the two CAs had been wrongly detained by the department since May 17, and on May 19 they were sent to judicial custody. They claimed that about 40-50 CAs were also detained for nearly four hours by the department.

Terming the arrest "completely wrong," ICAI members said the refund was issued with connivance of officials. The protestors claimed that rather than punishing CAs, action should be taken against the benefitting party — a trader and GST official. According to police, a few days ago, some men had faked up a business and filed a refund of ₹15 crore of GST. The two CAs attested their documents and

aided in all official work which helped in release of refund. "After verification by CAs, officers, too, do their own scrutiny before releasing refund. So, why was refund issued without investigation in this case? And now they are blaming the CAs," the ICAI members asked.

The CAs alleged that there is an ongoing internal departmental investigation against CGST Commissioner Meenu Kumar and senior officials.

All information regarding the case has been forwarded to the PMO, the Finance Ministry, Enforcement Directorate, Haryana CM's office and, ICAI officials for further investigation. It was also alleged by CAs that Kumar is running a bogus refund syndicate in department amounting to approximately ₹25 crore.

Delhi Govt to redevelop 27 industrial areas

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

In a bid to create new employment opportunities, the Arvind Kejriwal Government has decided to redevelop 27 notified industrial areas in the national Capital.

The Delhi Government has entrusted the task of preparing the layout of these notified industrial areas to the Delhi State Industrial and Infrastructure Development Corporation (DSIIDC).

DSIIDC will appoint a consultant firm in the industrial area that will prepare the layout of the various industrial areas.

In this context, Industries Minister Satyendar Jain held a meeting with the office-bearers of the associations of industrial areas and local MLAs of the respective areas, at the Delhi Secretariat on Friday.

He discussed the redevelopment of these notified industrial areas along

with security measures. A separate budget provision has also been made by the government for the redevelopment of these industrial areas.

After the meeting, Jain said, "There are 27 notified industrial areas in Delhi and there are many industrial units running here. Initially, these industrial areas were categorized on the basis that they would be redeveloped.

However, this matter had been dragged on by the previous governments for years and little to no attempt was made to complete the initiative. Now, the Kejriwal government has taken the initiative to redevelop these areas.

A time limit has been fixed for preparing the layout plan of all these 27 areas." The expenditure on the consultants preparing the layout will be split on a 50-50% basis between the Delhi Government and the Industrial Association. This will be an exemplary model of cooperation between the

public and the Government.

The Delhi Government has announced that the notified industrial areas will be redeveloped in the next five years to generate employment opportunities for lakhs of people in the capital.

The Delhi government is working expeditiously towards making the industrial areas green, clean, and better. In addition, sewage, general waste treatment plants, drinking water supply, industrial waste disposal systems, and roads will be improved as well.

Moreover, processing centers, accredited test labs, training centers, business convention centers, raw-material banks, and logistics centers will be set up in the industrial areas.

The industrial areas to be redeveloped by the Kejriwal Government include Anand Parvat, Shahdara, Samaypur Badli, Jawahar Nagar, Sultanpur Majra, Hastals Pocket-A, Naresh Park Extension, Libaspur,



At 7070 MW, Delhi's power demand shatters records

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

The national capital's peak power demand broke all records late on Thursday night as Delhi's power demand clocked 7070 MW, the highest ever in the month of May.

According to sources in discoms, the capital city's power demand continues its northwards climb, creating new records along the way. Last night at 11:24 pm, the city's peak power demand not only clocked the season's highest of 7070 MW, but also the highest ever in the month of May.

"The highest peak demand on Friday was recorded at 6,943 that is also likely to shoot past 7,000 MW late in the night," discom official said. "It's only the fourth year in

Delhi's history when the capital's peak power demand has breached the 7000 MW. It breached the 7000 mark for the first time in 2018 (July 10), when it clocked 7016 MW.

The following year (2019), it clocked 7409 MW (July 2), the highest ever recorded in the history of Delhi. In 2020, it did not cross the 7,000 MW and peaked at 6314 MW. In 2021 (July 2), the city's peak power demand clocked 7323 MW," he said.

"This year, the expected peak power demand of around 8200 MW is an increase of around 285 per cent over the peak power demand of 2879 MW in 2002," he said.

"The city's peak power demand has increased by 10 per cent since May 1. Since April 1, Delhi's peak power

demand has increased by over 58 per cent," he informed. "This is the 15th time in 20 days of May that the national capital's peak power demand has crossed 6000 MW," he stated.

As per a senior BSES official, the strength of the network is also critical to ensuring a reliable power supply. BSES discoms have ramped up the network capacity by deploying both conventional and innovative solutions.

While informing about the steps taken by the BSES to ramped up the network capacity, he said, the discoms invested in substantial resources to strengthen the network and undertook several unique measures to ensure reliable power supply during the summer months.

DA of daily wagers hiked by Delhi Government

NEW DELHI: The Arvind Kejriwal Government on Friday raised dearness allowance for daily wagers in national Capital. The official said that monthly wages for unskilled laborers have been raised from ₹16,064 to ₹16,506 per month while wages for semi-skilled labourers have been increased from ₹17,693 to ₹18,187 per month.

Delhi's Deputy Chief Minister, Manish Sisodia said that move will benefit unskilled, semi-skilled, skilled and other workers in all scheduled employment under aegis of the Delhi Government.

"These steps have been taken in the interest of the poor and working-class, who have suffered disproportionately due to the current pandemic. This order shall also benefit those in

clerical and supervisory jobs," Sisodia added. Sisodia further said that people employed on minimum wages in the unorganised sector should also get the benefits of the dearness allowances, which are usually offered to state and central government employees.

"Minimum wages in Delhi are the highest in comparison to any other state. Delhi government is constantly revising the dearness allowance every six months, to provide respite to all workers of Delhi from the inflation," said Sisodia.

For skilled labourers, the wages have been increased from ₹19,473 to ₹20,019 a month. Additionally, the minimum wage rates for the supervisor and the clerical cadre of employees have also been revised, said an official. (SR)



The month-long Summer Fiesta for children started at the National Bal Bhawan in New Delhi with a cultural performance by wards of the institute. The summer workshop is an annual affair at this Education Ministry autonomous institution.

DFS gets robot firefighters

2 ROBOTS HELPED CONTROL A FIRE IN TIKRI KALAN PVC MARKET MONTHS AGO



STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

The Delhi Government has inducted two robots into the city's firefighting fleet. The robots were bought from an Austrian company and a few months ago a fire in the PVC market at Delhi's Tikri Kalan was controlled with the help of these robots.

Delhi Chief Minister, Arvind Kejriwal, took to Twitter to inform people about the robots and tweeted: "Our Government has procured remote-controlled fire fighting

machines. Our brave fireman can now fight fires from a maximum safe distance of up to 100 meters. This will help reduce collateral damage and save precious lives."

Meanwhile, Delhi Home Minister Satyendra Jain, said that there was an increase in cases of large-scale fires every year during the scorching summer days, and for the first time, such remote controlled robots have been brought into the country to deal with blazes.

"At present, the city Government has inducted two

FEATURES OF REMOTE-CONTROLLED ROBOT

- This machine can be operated remotely from a distance of 300 meters.
- It will not be affected by fire, smoke, heat, or any other adverse condition.
- It has a track system like army tanks, through which these robots can easily climb stairs.
- This robot can be easily used to extinguish fire in high-rise buildings, factories and underground places.
- There are many nozzles for the water outlet and it can be modified according to the need and the level of fire.
- It can break the window or door and extinguish the fire inside.
- Cameras can take stock of the situation inside the fire zone. With this, it will be easy to know whether a person is trapped inside or not.

such robots. If the trial is successful, more such robots will be inducted into the fleet. These remote controlled robots will prove to be major troubleshooters for the firefighters," said Jain. Atul Garg, Director, Delhi Fire Service (DFS), said that every robot is equipped with water pipes and is controlled using a wireless remote.

training to operate the robot. A separate Standard Operating Procedure has also been prepared, which will be followed to control the fire," said Jain. A high-resolution camera is installed in this robot as well, which is capable of showing clear pictures despite the presence of fire, smoke, and water around it.

Goraiya Gram opened in city to save sparrow

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

The Arvind Kejriwal Government has created a first-of-its-kind 'Goraiya Gram' in Garhi Mandu city forest in East Delhi for the protection and conservation of the State bird the sparrow. The Government also plans to develop to Mitraun city forest in South West Delhi, Alipur city forest in North Delhi and Jaunapur city forest in the coming days.

Delhi Environment Minister, Gopal Rai who visited the Goraiya Gram in Garhi Mandu, said that more such sparrow villages are planned at several other places in the Capital.

"Pollution and excessive use of pesticides is leading to a decline in the number of sparrows and considering this, the forest and wildlife department is trying to provide ecological support for the protection and conservation of the little bird," he said. "We have tried to give

them nesting places and food sources in the 'Goraiya Gram'. We do not only want to increase the green cover in Delhi but create a healthy ecological system and give a suitable environment to birds and animals," he said.

Sohail Madan, assistant director, Bombay Natural History Society, said, "The spunky bird thrives in places that have plenty of grains and insects. But the use of pesticides and insecticides has led to a scarcity of food for them. The toxic chemicals have driven them away."

"We have planted native berries like karonda and kundni, grasses and shrubs, and kept feeder boxes, artificial nests and earthen pots in the sparrow village, which was opened to the public last month," the conservationist, who helped build the Goraiya Gram, said. Two insect hostels have also been created at the 'Gauraiya Gram' as sparrows feed on insects and worms. A



forest department official said this is the first such effort in national Capital to make people aware about the protection and conservation of State bird.

"The rapid decline in the number of sparrows had hogged headlines a few years ago. Several studies attributed it to urbanisation and mindless use of pesticides and insecticides, and even electromagnetic radiation. So we thought

of doing something. A baseline survey will be conducted after six months and thereafter, we will count number of sparrows after a year to establish the impact of our conservation efforts," the official said.

House sparrow or the passer domesticus is listed as 'least concern' in the Red List of Threatened Species of the International Union for Conservation of Nature.

CBI books Amrapali Leisure director in bank fraud case



FIR against builder, director filed for cheating banks of ₹230.97 crore

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The CBI has filed an FIR against builder Amrapali Leisure Valley Developers Pvt Ltd, its director Anil Sharma and others for allegedly cheating Bank of Maharashtra and Andhra Bank (now UBI) of ₹230.97 crore.

Following the registration of the case, the agency conducted searches at four locations including at New Delhi, Noida and Ghaziabad in Uttar Pradesh at the premises of the accused which resulted in recovery of incriminating documents, the CBI in a statement said.

In its FIR, the CBI has alleged that Amrapali Leisure Valley Developers Pvt Ltd was sanctioned a term loan for construction of flats at Greater Noida. However, despite taking full disbursement of the loans, the project is still incomplete and the account turned non-performing asset (NPA) on March 31, 2017. It was also alleged that the borrower company had

made rampant diversion of funds to various other companies.

Besides borrower company and its director Anil Kumar Sharma, the CBI has booked other directors/erstwhile director/corporate guarantors-Shiv Priya, Suvash Chandra Kumar, Pankaj Mehta, Atul Mittal, Ashish Jain, Gagandeep Singh and unknown public servants and private persons.

The banks had sanctioned credit facilities to develop a housing building at the Tech Zone IV in Uttar Pradesh's Greater Noida on a plot measuring 1.06 lakh square metre, the FIR alleged.

Some Amrapali Group flat buyers had approached the Supreme Court owing to the non-delivery of promised flats to them in Noida and Greater Noida area where the company had promised to develop and sell 42,000 units.

The apex court had ordered a forensic audit in the affairs of the company, the complaint has alleged.

The forensic audit revealed that the group allegedly diverted ₹5,619 crore through different companies -- Amrapali Leisure Valley Developers Pvt Ltd, Amrapali Homes Projects Pvt Ltd, Ultra Home Constructions Pvt Ltd and Amrapali Grand.it said.

ED attaches DDPL assets worth ₹185 cr in money laundering case linked to PACL

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The Enforcement Directorate (ED) has provisionally attached immovable assets worth ₹185 crore and bank balances amounting to ₹7.51 crore belonging to DDPL Global Infrastructure Private Limited (DDPL) and others on money laundering charges in a case linked to PACL India Ltd.

Besides DDPL, assets of Unicorn Infraprojects and Estates Private Limited and Brightview Projects and Estates Private Limited have also been attached under Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA).

PACL had collected money from the public under different schemes for allotting plots in different parts of the country or giving an option to take back their expected tentative value of land in lieu of the allotted plot under the scheme on maturity. PACL was doing business of real-estate and sale of agricultural land in the country through their agents and local office. PACL got double benefit by creating easy equity for procurement of land and later taking the benefit on the appreciation of the land prices.

The ED probe revealed that PACL transferred Rs 101 crore (out of the investors' money) in Dhanashree Developers Private Limited,



PACL had collected money from the public under different schemes for allotting plots in different parts of the country or giving an option to take back their expected tentative value of land in lieu of the allotted plot under the scheme on maturity

out of which ₹26 crore was transferred to DDPL. Further, PACL transferred ₹2,285.79 crore to one Prateek Kumar who invested ₹94.61 crore in DDPL and Unicorn. PACL also transferred ₹110.95 crore in Systematix Venture Capital Trust through its 25 front com-

panies, which was invested in DDPL and Unicorn in form of Optionally Fully-Convertible Debentures (OFCD) and equity, the ED said in a statement.

With PACL funds, DDPL and Unicorn purchased land parcels at Vasai, Palgarh, Maharashtra. The two companies also entered into various agreements with different entities for sale of FSI and construction of residential-cum-commercial projects and generated huge profits.

"At this stage of investigation, land ad-measuring 3,39,984.2 square meters at Vasai and bank balances amounting to ₹7,51,78,480 have been attached," the agency added.

Gujarat ex-IAS officer booked in bribery case

CBI raids premises of all accused in grant of arms licence case

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The CBI has registered a case against former Collector of Surendranagar district of Gujarat, Kankipati Rajesh (2011-batch IAS officer of Gujarat cadre), and others in a bribery case involving grant of arms licence, and conducted searches at the premises of the accused persons.

Besides Rajesh, the agency has also booked proprietor of Jeans Corner, Surat, Md. Rafiq Menon, who was arrested after the searches. Menon allegedly acted as a middleman in the bribery episodes.

"The case has been registered on the allegations of demand and receipt of illegal gratification/bribe related to grant of arm licences, allotment of Government land and regularization of encroached Government land in the name of ineligible beneficiaries," the CBI said in a statement.

A Preliminary Enquiry (PE) was earlier registered on a request from the Gujarat Government in the matter.

The Regular Case is an outcome of the PE that pointed to prima facie culpability of the accused IAS officers and others in the bribery allegations, officials said.

Searches were conducted at the premises of accused officer in Gandhi Nagar and that of the private person in Surat besides Rajahmundry (Andhra Pradesh) which led to recovery of several incriminating documentary and digital evidence, the CBI further said.

Memon, who acted as the IAS officer's middleman and allegedly used to collect bribe money for him. He was arrested from Surat after the searches. Rajesh is presently serving as the Joint Secretary in the General Administration Department of the Gujarat Government in Gandhinagar.

The IAS officer is facing allegations of sanctioning arms licenses to ineligible persons during his stint as Collector of Surendranagar as also regularising encroached government land and allotting land to ineligible beneficiaries, officials said.Memon will be produced before the Special Court, CBI Cases, Ahmedabad for further action.

Give Karti 3-day prior notice before arresting him: Court to CBI

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

A Delhi court on Friday directed the CBI to give a three-day prior notice to Congress MP Karti Chidambaram if it required arresting him in connection with the Chinese visa scam case linked to Vedanta Group's power project in Punjab. Dismissing Karti's anticipatory bail petition, Special Judge MK Nagpal also passed the order to Karti appear before CBI within 16 hours after landing India. Karti is currently in Europe.

The plea was opposed by the CBI, which said it was not maintainable at this stage. CBI also stated that the agency will give notice before 48 hours at least if he was required to be arrested. The court, however, directed that in case the CBI was required to arrest the accused, he needed to be given notice prior to three working days.

On Thursday, the Court had sent Chidambaram family's Chartered Accountant S Bhaskaraman to four days CBI custody. The CBI FIR said that ₹50 lakh bribe was accepted from Vedanta Group's power company for illegally issuing 263 visas to Chinese technicians in August 2011, when Chidambaram was the Home Minister.

SC extends time for committee to submit report on Pegasus row

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Friday extended the time for submitting the report by the apex court-appointed technical and supervisory committees to look into the Pegasus row, saying 29 "infected" mobile phones are being examined for the spyware and the process should be over in four weeks. A bench headed by Chief Justice N V Ramana said the technical committee has been examining mobiles for the spyware and has also recorded statements of persons including some journalists and activists.

Standard operating procedure for testing the 'infected devices' will be finalised too, it said, adding the probe by the technical committee may be over by the May end and then the supervisory judge would be making a report for the perusal of the bench. Referring to the receipt of an interim report, the bench, also comprising justices Surya Kant and Hima Kohli, said that the technical committee, which has received 29 mobiles for examining the spy-



ware, has developed its software for this purpose and issued notices to some government agencies and individuals including journalists.

"Preferably, the process by the technical committee should be over in four weeks and the supervisory judge should be informed. The supervisory judge shall submit his report thereafter. List sometime in July," said the bench.

The bench did not pass any order concerning the request made by senior lawyer Kapil Sibal, who has been appearing for some petitioners, that the interim report be made available to the parties. Solicitor General Tushar Mehta, appearing for the Centre, said the report being an interim one

need not be made public at this stage.

The bench, which on October 27, last year had ordered a probe into the allegations of use of Israeli spyware by government agencies for targeted surveillance of politicians, journalists, and activists, has now fixed the case for further consideration in July. The panel, which included three experts on cyber security, digital forensics, networks, and hardware, was asked to "inquire, investigate and determine" whether Pegasus spyware was used for snooping on citizens and their probe would be monitored by a former apex court judge R V Raveendran.

The panel members were Naveen Kumar Chaudhary, Prabaharan P, and Ashwin Anil Gumaste. Justice Raveendran, who is heading the monitoring panel, has been assisted by former IPS officer Alok Joshi and Sundeeep Oberoi, Chairman of Sub Committee in International Organisation of Standardisation/ International Electro - Technical Commission/Joint Technical Committee - in monitoring the inquiry of the technical panel.

CEC, EC decide to give up their perks, privileges

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ NEW DELHI

The Chief Election Commissioner (CEC) Rajiv Kumar and Election Commissioner Anup Kumar Pandey have decided to give up certain perks and privileges available to them.

According to an Election Commission statement, the two have decided not to avail exemption from income tax on sumptuary allowance and to surrender two of the three Leave Travel Concessions (LTC) available each year.

"It was decided to send the proposal to the Central government for appropriate action. Further, CEC and ECs will avail only one LTC in a year in place of three LTCs presently available to them," the statement said.

After assuming the charge as the chief election commissioner on March 15, Kumar on Friday held the first meeting of the Election Commission, along with fellow Election

Commissioner Pandey.

At present, there is one vacancy in the poll panel which had been a three-member body since October 1993. "Among other things, the Commission reviewed the perks and privileges available to the CEC and Election Commissioners (ECs), including the income tax exemptions given to them on sumptuary allowance," the statement said.

The CEC and ECs draw salary, perks and perquisites as per Section 3 of the Election Commission (Conditions of Service of Election Commissioners and Transaction of Business) Act, 1991. They are entitled to a monthly sumptuary allowance of Rs 34,000.

There is no income tax payable by the CEC and ECs on this allowance. They are also entitled to three LTCs in a year for self, spouse and dependent members of the family.

The Commission felt the need of observing austerity in personal entitlements.

SpiceJet barred from Delhi Op for flouting 'daily payment' rule

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ NEW DELHI

Several aircraft belonging to Slow-cost carrier SpiceJet were stopped from operating by Air Traffic Control (ATC) at the Delhi airport on Friday morning as the airline didn't make the requisite daily payment to Airport Authority of India (AAI). Passengers of SpiceJet flights on Friday took to social media to complain how their flights at Delhi airport were delayed.

The airline's spokesperson said the daily payment was delayed due to a software glitch and the flights are now operating normally. "Due to a technical snag in SAP, the automatic daily payment could not be processed. This is being made manually to AAI which has been apprised of the issue. SpiceJet's flight operations are now continuing as normal," a SpiceJet spokesperson said.

Sources said that Air Traffic Control, which is an



arm of AAI, was instructed not to give clearance to the airline's aircraft to take-off as the payment was not made. Generally, airlines pay for facilities provided by AAI like route navigation, landing, parking etc on a monthly basis. Under cash and carry mode an airline has to pay daily for the facilities used at an airport.

AAI has put SpiceJet on "cash and carry" mode since 2020, due to the airline's inability to clear airport dues. SpiceJet has to make daily payments to the AAI to operate flights after the airline was put on a "cash and carry" basis by the authorities as it had failed to clear its previous dues.

Cong Chintan Shivir failed to achieve anything meaningful: PK

PNS ■ NEW DELHI/PATNA

Election strategist Prashant Kishor on Friday said the marathon brainstorming session held by Congress in Udaipur "failed to achieve anything meaningful" and asserted that the Congress was facing an "impending electoral rout" in Gujarat and Himachal Pradesh, states ruled by the BJP where assembly polls are due later this year.

Kishor, who recently turned down an offer to join the Congress, further expressed that the 'Chintan Shivir' only helped in "prolonging the status-quo".

"I have been repeatedly asked to comment on the outcome of Udaipur Chintan Shivir...In my view, it failed to achieve anything meaningful other than prolonging the status quo and giving some time to the Congress leadership, at least till the impending electoral rout in Gujarat and Himachal Pradesh," said Kishor. Kishor has since launched a political movement 'Jan Suraj', aimed at transforming the politics in his home state of Bihar.

China has built second bridge in area occupied since 1960: India

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ NEW DELHI

With China building a second bridge on the Pangong Tso(lake)in Ladakh, India on Friday said it is in an area that has been under illegal occupation of that country since 1960. Also, New Delhi has never accepted such illegal occupation of India's territory,

it was reiterated.

The assertion came on a day when Congress leader Rahul Gandhi attacked the government on the issue and said a "timid and docile response will not do." The Prime Minister must defend the nation, he said.

Reports about satellite images showing the construction of the second bridge came

out two days ago. Imagery showed that the bridge is capable of handling tanks and armoured columns thereby enabling China to rapidly deploy its forces in times of crisis.

Reacting to the reports, External Affairs Ministry spokesperson Arindam Bagchi said here "We have seen reports of a bridge being constructed

by China onPangong Lake alongside its earlier bridge."

"Both these bridges are in areas that have continued to be under the illegal occupation of China since the 1960s," Bagchi said. He was replying to media queries on the matter.

"We have never accepted such illegal occupation of our territory, nor have we accepted the unjustified Chinese

claim or such construction activities," the spokesperson said. He also said "We have made it clear on several occasions that the union territories of Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh are an integral part of India and we expect other countries to respect India's sovereignty and territorial integrity."

As regards preparations to

deal with any challenge, Bagchi said the government has stepped up development of border infrastructure especially since 2014, including construction of roads and bridges.

"The government remains committed to the objective of creating infrastructure along the border areas to not only meet India's strategic and security requirements but also facil-

itate the economic development of these areas," he said.

The spokesperson said the government keeps a constant watch on all developments that have a bearing on India's security and takes all necessary measures to safeguard its sovereignty and territorial integrity. Meanwhile, Rahul Gandhi said India's national security and territorial integrity are

non-negotiable and the prime minister must defend the nation. "China builds first bridge on Pangong. GOI: We are monitoring the situation. China builds second bridge on Pangong. GOI: We are monitoring the situation," Gandhi said on Twitter.

"India's national security and territorial integrity is non-negotiable.

Made in India c-TB tube to benefit other countries too

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ NEW DELHI

Starting later this year, the Union Government will introduce a newly approved 'Made in India' tuberculosis (TB) infection skin test called 'c-TB', a cost effective tube, that the Union Health Minister Mandukh Mandaviya said would be of immense benefit to other high burden countries as well.

He said this while addressing the 35th board meeting of the "Stop TB Partnership" through video-conferencing in the national capital recently.

Highlighting the severe impact of the Covid-19 pandemic on TB programmes in high burden countries, the

Union Health Minister said several new initiatives had been taken in the country to turn the crisis into an opportunity under the leadership of the Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

Several health initiatives have been taken, such as a 'bidirectional testing' of TB with Covid, house-to-house TB detection campaigns, scaling up of rapid molecular diagnostics at sub-district levels, use of artificial intelligence and digital tools, Jan Andolan and most importantly, decentralisation of TB services to Ayushman Bharat Health and Wellness Centres as part of comprehensive primary healthcare.

Mandaviya also informed

that a new initiative, "Adopt people with TB" will be launched this year based on Indian values of collectivism which will urge corporates, industries, organisations, political parties and individuals to come forward and adopt TB infected people and families, and provide them with nutritional and social support.

"We are also actively involving elected representatives in India like the Members of Parliament, Members of Legislative Assemblies in the states, members of urban local bodies and panchayat representatives at the grassroots level in raising awareness and advocating for TB across the country," the Union Minister said.

Centre asks States to launch 'Har Ghar dastak' to regain vaccination drive momentum

New Delhi: Taking exception to the slowed-down Covid-19 vaccination drive in a majority of the States, the Centre has asked them to accelerate the recent placid momentum, the Centre on Friday advised all States to plan for a two-month-long 'Har Ghar Dastak' campaign 2.0 from next month.

The Union Health Ministry urged the States and UTs to significantly expedite the pace towards full vaccination coverage by saturating all eligible beneficiaries, as per an official from the Min. In a meeting of states and union territories, he said that Union Health Secretary Rajesh Bhushan strongly advised that it should be ensured there is no

wastage of Covid vaccines at any cost. "This must be ensured through active monitoring and on the basis of 'first expiry first out' principle, where does that expire earlier should be used for vaccination first, states and union territories were told," said the official.

Highlighting the urgent need for an intensive 'mission mode' push to Covid vaccination across the country to accelerate the recent placid momentum, the Union health secretary has advised them to plan for a two-month long 'Har Ghar Dastak' campaign 2.0, during June-July, with detailed district, block and village levels plans, the official added.

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Vaccination after infection with Covid-19 causing SARS-CoV-2 is associated with a decrease in the likelihood of long Covid symptoms, as per a large study of UK adults published by The BMJ on Friday.

It stressed that causality cannot be inferred from this observational evidence, but said vaccination "may contribute to a reduction in the population health burden of long Covid, at least in the first few months after vaccination." Thus making the case for continuing with vaccination strategy.

Vaccines against Covid-19 are effective at reducing rates of

coronavirus infection, transmission, hospital admission, and death.

Evidence also suggests that long Covid is reduced in those who are infected after vaccination, but the effectiveness of vaccination on pre-existing long Covid is less clear.

The latest survey by the UK's Office for National Statistics (ONS) shows that 44% of people who report long Covid have had symptoms for at least one year, two thirds of whom report symptoms severe enough to limit their day-to-day activities.

So a team of researchers set out to estimate associations between Covid-19 vaccination and long Covid symptoms in

adults with SARS-CoV-2 infection before vaccination.

They drew on ONS data for 28,356 adults aged 18-69 years (average age 46; 56% women; 89% white) who received at least one Covid-19 vaccine dose after testing positive for SARS-CoV-2 infection.

They then tracked the presence of long Covid symptoms over a seven month follow-up period (February to September 2021).

Long Covid symptoms of any severity were reported by 6,729 participants (24%) at least once during follow-up.

Before vaccination, the odds of experiencing long Covid changed little over time.

Under-construction Jammu tunnel collapses; 1 dead, 9 still missing

MOHIT KANDHARI ■ JAMMU

One construction worker from West Bengal was found dead while the fate of nine others remained unknown after an under construction 'adit' tunnel collapsed near 'Khooni nallah' between Ramban and Ramsoo along the Jammu-Srinagar National Highway late Thursday night. Three laborers were safely rescued from the accident site late in the night by the rescue teams launched by the district administration.

At least nine trapped workers could not be rescued during the day-long joint rescue operations conducted by the teams of National Disaster Response Force, State Disaster Response Force, civil army and police authorities.

According to official sources, the rescue operations were hampered by the inclement weather conditions late Friday evening and the same were suspended by the authorities to prevent further loss of lives. The rescue operations would be resumed on Saturday morning.

Deputy Commissioner Ramban, Masrat-ul-Islam who led the rescue teams late Thursday night told reporters at the accident site on Friday, "at around 10.45 p.m, 1 first



received an information that mouth of an 'adit tunnel' to tunnel T4 have collapsed. We immediately mobilised our teams and rushed to the accident site. We started the rescue operations around 12.00 a.m". The rescue operations were delayed because the accident site was still active and the rescue teams were not allowed to launch the operations to avoid further loss of lives". Three laborers were rescued late last night while we recovered one dead body of a labourer from West Bengal during the day. Out of these three one of them has been referred to the Government Medical college hospital in Jammu. He said the rescue teams were still looking for 9 survivors as they remained untraceable. Out of these four hailed from West Bengal, two from Nepal, 1 from Assam and

two others were locals.

Masrat UI Islam informed the adit tunnel which collapsed was an escape tunnel which is normally used for emergency purposes, supplies and ventilation. It was only punctured three meters when it collapsed late Thursday night. "Unfortunately there was not enough space for the labourers to move inside the tunnel which could have saved them. We are still keeping our fingers crossed and hope to find some people alive", he added.

Official sources claimed a major tragedy was averted as the accident was reported late in the night when only about one dozen people were present on duty. During the day more labourers work at the under construction tunnel site.

Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha who is constant-

ly monitoring the situation in Ramban. He also chaired a high-level meeting with senior officials at the Civil Secretariat and discussed the progress of rescue operations.

Expressing concern over the incident, the Lt Governor said rescue operations will continue on war footing till the last person is reached.

According to a local eyewitness the tunnel collapsed around 10.15 p.m when big boulders hit the front portion. Local reports suggested the construction agency had triggered local blasts at the construction site earlier.

"It was pitch dark. There was no power supply in the area. The labourers were trapped under the debris", claimed Yasir, an eyewitness.

Another eyewitness Manjeet said, some labourers were standing on the mouth of the tunnel and others were working on the ground when suddenly big boulders hit them and everything including heavy machinery was buried. Senior officers of the National Highway Authority of India along with Divisional Commissioner Jammu Ramesh Kumar Jangid, ADGP Police, Jammu range Mukesh Singh and representatives of the project execution agency visited the spot to take stock of the

rescue operations.

Divisional Commissioner Ramesh Kumar Jangid said, teams of NDRF, SDRF local police and civil authorities are all working together to rescue the survivors from the accident site. He said the machinery was mobilised late in the night and rescue operations were launched to rescue the trapped workers, "We are facing challenges because we have to first cut the boulders and then push the same downhill to create gaps to look for survivors. We have to ensure safety of the rescue workers and using minimal machinery to prevent fresh landslide in the area", said DC Ramban Masrat-ul-Islam.

An expert Geologist Prof GM Bhat observed, "it appears the project execution agencies are going ahead with unplanned excavation, subletting the job to non professional people".

They are blasting the rocks by adopting an 'unscientific' approach. Prof Bhat claimed the rocks in the region are strong enough. The mishaps are not happening due to natural causes even though the region falls in the seismic zone IV and V. The mishaps are happening because the agencies on the ground are adopting an unscientific approach of blasting the rocks.

India exported wheat worth \$473 m in April

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

India has exported wheat worth \$ 177 million in March and \$473 million in April this year. The government data showed that India exported wheat even at a time when about eight nations, including Ukraine, Belarus, Turkey, Egypt, Kazakhstan and Kuwait, had imposed wheat export restrictions. Top sources said that several countries have approached the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA), seeking clarification on whether their requests for Indian wheat would be fulfilled.

According to sources, over three dozen countries have sought food grains from India, with many others hinting they would also need them. On May 13, the government banned all private wheat exports with immediate effect to control rising domestic prices and ensure food security of India, neighbouring nations and vulnerable countries. The G7 nations had criticised the Indian government's decision to restrict the exports.

"Still, after the conflict began on February 24, 2022, India has exported wheat worth USD 177 million and USD 473 million in March and April, respectively, despite facing challenges of low wheat production as a result of extreme heat wave that enveloped the northern part of the country that caused shrivelled grains and resultant drop in yield per acre," one of the sources said.



According to the DGFT (Directorate General of Foreign Trade) notification, wheat exports are allowed on the basis of permission granted by the Government of India to other countries to meet their food security needs and based on the request of their governments.

Among the wheat exporting countries, India ranked 19th in 2020, 35th in 2019, 36th in 2018 and 2017, which shows that it has an insignificant share (0.47 per cent) while seven countries (Russia, the US, Canada, France, Ukraine, Australia and Argentina) have largest share in the overall quantity of wheat export in the past five years, sources said.

"A negotiation-based approach instead of conflict would have prevented removal of nearly a quarter of wheat exports from Russia and Ukraine," the source said, adding "export restrictions have been a regular feature of major food producers which has adversely affected India too".

Egypt and Turkey have also

been importing significant quantity of wheat from India and have no locus standi for asking for open exports after having restricted them. Besides wheat, a number of other food products have been restricted for exports and these include curbs on exporting vegetable oil by Argentina, Kazakhstan, Cameroon, and Kuwait.

"These have resulted in significant price rise and India has been at the receiving end," the source said.

As wheat exports from India trickled to a stop, anxious importing nations have started putting in diplomatic requests as the list of countries seeking the grain continues to increase,

About a dozen countries have reached out to the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA), seeking clarification on whether their requests for Indian wheat would be fulfilled, officials said. On the other hand, as many as 47 countries have sought food grains from India, with many others hinting they would also need them.

DA fundamental right & legal, rules Calcutta HC



PNS ■ KOLKATA

In a landmark judgment the Calcutta High Court on Friday ruled that Dearness Allowance was both, legal and fundamental right related to the right to life.

This, even as the Bengal government continued to suffer judicial setbacks with Division Bench of Justice Harish Tandon directing the State to clear the DA of the government employees within three months.

The DA would be paid under the West Bengal Services (Revision of Pay and Allowances) Rules, 2009, advocates of the petitioners said.

Accordingly the "DA would have to be calculated in terms of the All India Consumer Price Index average 536 (1982=100)," sources said. "The Division Bench of Justice Harish Tandon and Justice Rabindranath Samanta

said that DA is a legal right of the government employees. The court has upheld the order of the SAT (state administrative tribunal) which was passed in July, 2019 while rejecting the writ petition of the state government, Shamim said adding the Court upheld the earlier order given by the State Administrative Tribunal.

According to estimates about 10 lakh government employees and pensioners would be benefited by the judgment.

Reacting to the order BJP state spokesperson Samik Bhattacharya said that "the Government was trying to convince the Court that it had shortage of funds ... even the Chief Minister had also attacked the government employees saying they were 'barking' as if they were dogs ... but at the same time she had the funds to give doles to win votes."

CM Yogi stresses on strict compliance with traffic rules, road safety

PNS ■ LUCKNOW

Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath stressed on strict compliance with traffic rules with special emphasis on road safety and directed officials to take action against encroachments along expressways, national highways, Public Works Department roads, city roads and others by running a joint campaign with the departments concerned.

On Friday, Yogi directed officials to take strictest action against people in case of illegal recovery by traffic police, transport, geology and mining and GST personnel under the policy of zero tolerance towards corruption. In this regard, detailed guidelines were issued by the Home department to all divisional commissioners, district magistrates, four commissioners of police, and all district police chiefs.

Additional Chief Secretary (Home) Awanish Kumar Awasthi said that with special

focus on removing encroachments, illegal parking lots and illegally-operated auto, taxi and bus stands by the roadside, officers had been directed to take effective steps.

"It will also ensure that traffic on public roads is not obstructed," he said.

Officials were instructed that no vehicle like school bus, private bus, Transport department bus, private contract bus, truck, two-wheeler and four-wheeler be allowed to operate without the fitness certificate. They were further instructed to stop overloading of vehicles and initiate effective action under Gangsters Act/Goonda Act against illegal parking lots /vehicle stand operators.

The directive further said that vehicles should not be allowed to park at entry points in big cities and legal action be ensured against the dhaba owners concerned if vehicles were found parked at the roadside by dhabas without parking facilities.

Only meaningful debates, discussions enhance dignity of House: Om Birla

PNS ■ LUCKNOW

Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla stressed that shouting slogans and showing placards neither add to the prestige of the members nor the dignity of legislature and only meaningful debate and discussions in the House enhance the dignity of the legislature.

Birla said this after inaugurating a two-day orientation programme for newly-elected members of UP assembly in Lucknow on Friday.

Of the total 403 members of UP assembly, a sizable 128 are first time legislators and 200 MLAs have been elected for a second or more terms. Of the total legislators, 47 are women members.

"The better discussion and dialogue in the House, the more there will be an increase in dignity and prestige of the legislature. People's representatives must adopt the highest standards of conduct in the House and maintain the sanc-



tity of the legislature," the Lok Sabha speaker said.

Birla further said, "By creating disturbance inside the House or by shouting slogans and waving placards, neither the prestige of the members nor the dignity of the House increases. Therefore, we should not encourage such practices. Legislatures are platforms for debates and discussion and not for sloganeering."

The Lok Sabha speaker said that serious and purposeful discussions and dialogue would lead to better outcomes in the form of better legislations which would bring

positive change in the lives of the people.

"Law is meant to change people's lives, to ensure rights to the people and to make their life easier and simpler. Therefore, the more simple and easy the laws become, easier and speedy justice will be delivered to the people," he said.

Referring to the importance of attendance in the House, Birla said that low attendance of MLAs in legislative assemblies was a matter of serious concern.

"The longer public representatives sit in the House, the more they get guidance from their senior and experienced legislators and there will be meaningful discussions and dialogues in the House," he opined.

Emphasising on taking inputs from the people for making laws, Birla said that people's representatives should get inputs from the people so that their hopes and aspirations could be incorporated in legislation.

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12.	Shashi Bhushan, Sunita Kumari, A 19 Ground Floor Mansaram Uttam Nagar Delhi, A/c No:-LBNOD00004863197	Flat No E/ 002, Ground Floor, Block- E Spls Aawasiya Yojna Khasra No 1541 Min 1542 Min 1543 Min 1565 Min 1569 Min And 1571 Minjal Nigam Road, Nh-24 Village Khushiya Pargan Dasna Tehsil And Ghaziabad Uttar Pradesh 201001	01/04/2022 Rs. 15,01,087.69/-	03/01/2022
13.	Uma Gaur, Sudhir Kumar, House. No- 187 Iind Floor, Mansi Vihar Sec 23 Sanjay Nagar, Ghaziabad, Ghaziabad, Uttar Pradesh A/c No:-LBDEL00004353303	Flat No A-11004, 11th Floor, Tower A, Village Basantpur Land Graft Metro Homes, Tower A, Nh- 58 Opp Him College, Meerut Road Senteli Tehsil, Modi Nagar, Ghaziabad, Uttar Pradesh 201001	01/04/2022 Rs. 19,42,569/-	15/01/2022
14.	Yogesh Prakash Mishra, Jai Prakash Mishra, Upendra Nath Pandey, 489/18 Uma Nagar South Deoria, Deoria, Uttar Pradesh A/c No:- LBDEL00001806278	Plot No-181, Pockect- C, Sector-20, Yamuna Expressway, Greater Noida, Uttar Pradesh 201308	01/04/2022 Rs. 16,23,523.04/-	13/12/2021
15.	Pratap Singh Chaudhary, Ankit Chaudhary, H No- 3348 B Chandler Lok, Mothers Pride School, DLF Phase- 4 Gurgaon, Gurgaon A/c No:- LBGUR00002105456	Plot No 306, Manhar Garden, Agra 282001	31/03/2022 Rs. 26,89,716/-	06/05/2021
16.	Mukesh Kumar, Mousam Kumari, Flat No- 416, Charms Solitaire, Ahinsa Khand 2, Indrapuram, Ghaziabad A/c No:- LBGHZ00002070276	FLAT 0608, Tower- D, Spring View Heights, Village Shahpur Bhameta, Ghaziabad 201001	31/03/2022 Rs. 4,782/-	11/06/2021
17.	Vineet Kumar, Ranjana Rani, Flat No-112, Sector-16 B, Vasundhara, Ghaziabad, Ghaziabad A/c No:- LBNOD00002080644	Flat No Gf 07, Ground Floor, Tower- C, Gardenia Gateway, Plot No -09, Sector 75 Noida, Noida 201301	06/04/2022 Rs. 57,33,457/-	08/02/2022
18.	Sonia Verma, Ajaydeep Verma, 191, Pocket A, Delta 1st, Back Side India, Oil Petrol Pump, Greater Noida, Noida A/c No:- LBNOD00003450302	Plot No 174, Block- A, (Casurina Estate), Sector- Omicron- A1, Greater Noida, Noida 201307	06/04/2022 Rs. 28,99,195/-	15/01/2022
19.	Ashish Dass, Sunita., 214, Dda Flats, Hastal, Vikas Puri, NR Kendriya Vidyalaya, New Delhi, Delhi A/c No:- LBDEL00002440013	Flat No 2302, Tower- O, 23rd Floor, Ajnara Le Garden, Plot No Gh- 02, Sector-16 Greater Noida, Noida 201307	06/04/2022 Rs. 27,08,929.12/-	30/12/2021
20.	Rakesh Kumar, Kusum., H No 1/11393, B 1 Street No 10, Delhi, 110032, Near Kerocine Oil Deep, Near Kerocine Oil Deep, Delhi A/c No:- LBDEL00005490364	Flat No 1A/12 A 05, On 12 A Floor Block 1 (Part A), Khasra No 1015, 1023/1, 1023/2, And 1023 Min, Nh-58, Rajnagar Extn., Ghaziabad-	06/04/2022 Rs. 21,95,957/-	05/02/2022
21.	Mohammad Shahid, Mohd Israr, H No I 549, Gali No 7 A, Sangam Vihar S O Pushpa Bhawan, South Delhi, Delhi 110062, Delhi A/c No:-LBDEL00005155312	Flat No- D- 005, Spls Aawasiya Yojna Situated At Jai Nigam Road, Govind Puram Extn., Block D, Ground Floor Khasra No 1541 Min And 1542 Min 1543 Min 1565 Min 1569 Min And 1571, Nh-24, Min Village Khushiya Pargan Dasna, Ghaziabad-201017	06/04/2022 Rs. 18,22,419.5/-	03/01/2022
22.	Devi Lal, Meena., D- Coy-11- Jat Pin-911211 C/o 56 APO, Delhi Cantt, New Delhi, Delhi A/c No:- LBDEL00004724276	Flat No H- 312, 3rd Floor "Oxirich Sanskriti", Phase 2- Tower H, Khasra No 302 304 214 215 216 217 218 225, Village Thadatehsil Tijara BhivadiAlwar 301001	06/04/2022 Rs. 14,53,134/-	03/01/2022
23.	Mahendra Yadav, Dropati A-29, 3nd Floor, Pandav Nagar, Delhi A/c No:- LBDEL00001983023	Flat No- 401, 4th Floor, Tower- B8, Plot No- GH01, Sector-16 B, Supertech Eco Vill-2, Greater Noida-201307	06/04/2022 Rs. 14,55,577.3/-	30/12/2021
24.	Rajmee Baruah Sudarshan, Sudarshan Ramakrishna Chettur, Bg- 1- 133, Sfs Flats, Paschim Vihar, S O West New Delhi, Delhi A/c No:- LBGUR00004374987 & LBGUR00004375337	Flat No 303, 3rd Floor, Tower- 6, Vatika- Turning Point, Tower West End 6, Sector 88- B, Gurgaon 122001	06/04/2022 Rs. 30,52,958/- Rs.2,37,289.79/-	30/12/2021
25.	Manoj Kumar Seth, Meenu Seth, G 253 Gali No 33 West Karawal Nagar, North East Delhi, Delhi, Delhi A/c No:- LBDEL00005345828 & LBMAT00004813625	House On- 228, Bearing Nagar Nigam, Premises No- 228, New Radhey Shyam Colony Jaisinghpura Banger,teh And Distt Mathura 281001	06/04/2022 Rs. 2,07,570/- Rs.10,23,554/-	03/01/2022
26.	Preeti Khanna, Deepak Khanna, 747, First Floor School, View Apartment Arun Vihar Sec 28, Noida A/c No:- LBNOD00002361776 & LBNOD00005309629 & LBDEL00002362672 & LBNOD00004620624	Apartment No- 306, 3rd Floor, Tower No- 12 A Lotuspnanache, Plot No- GH 05, Sector-110 Noida 201301	06/04/2022 Rs.9,25,048/- Rs.3,35,669/- Rs.9,55,294/- Rs.10,01,137/-	03/01/2022
27.	Prem Kanthi, Varun Kumar, 0-203 Jaipuria Sunrise, Green Indrapuram, Ghaziabad A/c No:- LBGHZ00004917785 & LBGHZ00001810998 & LBDEL00002037113	Flat No.304, 2nd Floor, Plot No. Shakti Khand- III/64, Indrapuram, Ghaziabad Ghaziabad 201001	06/04/2022 Rs.21,342.78/- Rs.5,83,695.9/- Rs.17,175/-	03/01/2022
28.	Jai Prakash Pandey, Shiv Kumari Pandey, F- 23 B F Block East Vinod Nagar, Delhi A/c No:- LBDEL00001913727 & LBDEL00003505847	Plot No - 1 / 98, MIG Ground Floor, Sec-1, Vaishali Ghazia Bad Ghaziabad Uttar Pradesh201010	06/04/2022 Rs.21,18,560.4/- Rs.6,235/-	03/01/2022
29.	Varun Mittal, Shakuntla 3/138 1st Floor Sunder Vihar, Paschim Vihar New Delhi, Paschim Vihar New Delhi, Delhi A/c No:-LBDEL00004782801 & LBDEL00004782878	Plot No-138, First Floor Without Roof Rights Block-3 Sunder Viharpaschim Vihar Delhi Delhi110063	06/04/2022 Rs. 19,32,177.2/- Rs. 11,02,816.3/-	29/12/2021
30.	Vinod Kumar Sharma, Sukriti Sharma, Wz-122 A, Minakshi Garden, Delhi, Delhi A/c No:- LBDEL00003957823 & LBDEL00005314217	Plot No C-72, Block No- Csector-2 Noida Gautam Buddha Nagar 201301	06/04/2022 Rs.6,08,518/- Rs.7,09,881/-	03/02/2022
31.	Kavita Rani Kumar, Parikshit Kumar, Nitin Kumar, Surinder Kumar, Varun Narang, Flat No 102, Maitri Apartment, Sector 9 Rohini, New Delhi, Delhi A/c No:- LBDEL00002823292 & LBDEL00002831037	Flat No:- 14, Ground Floor, Block D, Pocket - 12, Sector - 7 Rohini, Delhi110085	08/04/2022 Rs. 22,07,447.6/- Rs. 15,21,903.9/-	03/02/2022
32.	Satish Kumar Ranga, Sunita Kumari Ranga, RZC 81, Block C, Near Primary School, Main Road, Mahavir Enclave, Delhi A/c No:- LBDEL00002257352 & LBDEL00005163121	Flat No A 801, 8th Floor, Block A, Plot No 10, The People's Conservative C GHS Ltd, Sector 18 Dwarka, Delhi110075	06/04/2022 Rs. 38,87,696.9/- Rs.69,759/-	06/12/2021
33.	Sagar Tikoo, Neha Kaul, B1, Plot No-164, Gyan Khand-4, Indrapuram, Ghaziabad, Ghaziabad A/c No:- LBNOD00002888922 & LBNOD00002923301	Flat No 25202, 25th Floor, Tower Cinnamon, Mahagun Mywoods, Phase-III, Sec-16 C, Plot No Gh 04, Greater Noida, Noida- 201307	08/04/2022 Rs.30,13,915/- Rs.80,556/-	02/07/2021
34.	Manthosh Kumar, Susipata Das, 2001 Tower 13, Exotica Dream View, Plot No Gh -01/ A, Sector 16 C, Noida A/c No:- LBNOD00002372711 & LBNOD00005375768	Flat No-T-13-2001, 20th Floor, "Exotica Dreamville" Situated At Plot No- Gh-01/ A, Sector-16 C, Noida-201301	08/04/2022 Rs. 25,67,104/- Rs.1,13,715/-	11/01/2022
35.	Rakesh Shah, Rameshwar Sah, E-102 Old Chandarawal, Civil Lines, Delhi, Delhi A/c No:- LBDEL00005133680 & LBDEL00004309910	Flat No 51, Block- F-18 Second Floor Pocket - 003, Sector- G-8, Narela, Delhi-110085	08/04/2022 Rs.39,736.3/- Rs.12,56,651.8/-	03/01/2022
36.	Kanhैया Lal, Alekh Kumar Gupta, 15/128, HIG Duplex, Vasundhara, Ghaziabad A/c No:- LBDEL00001331569	Flat No- AE-202, Avantika Chiranjiv Vihar, Ghaziabad 201001	31/03/2022 Rs. 14,88,896.01/-	03/01/2022
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WTO WELCOMES QUAD ON PANDEMIC IP RESPONSE

Prospects of text-based negotiations on an intellectual property response to COVID-19



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At a General Council meeting on May 10, WTO members agreed that the outcome document emerging from the informal process conducted with the Quad (European Union, India, South Africa and the United States) opens the prospect for text-based negotiations on an intellectual property (IP) response to COVID-19. Efforts should be made to bring a waiver on the cost of COVID-19 vaccinations, as the least developed countries cannot afford the costly vaccinations. The QUAD is the right forum to take this initiative along with other members. DG Okonjo-Iweala thanked delegations for the “constructive spirit” shown during the General Council meeting. Following an impasse of more than a year in the Council for Trade-Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights (TRIPS), the text was forwarded by DG Okonjo-Iweala and shared immediately by TRIPS Council Chair Ambassador Lansana Gberie (Sierra Leone) with all delegations, who had the opportunity to express their initial views about the proposal at a formal meeting on the TRIPS Council on May 6. In their discussions facilitated by DG Okonjo-Iweala and working with Deputy Director-General Anabel González, the Quad adopted a problem-solving approach aimed at identifying practical ways to clarify, streamline and simplify how Governments can override patent rights, under certain conditions, to enable diversification of production of COVID-19 vaccines. China announced at the meeting that it will not avail itself of the flexibilities under the Quad waiver text provided that language is used opening benefits of the waiver to all devel-



oping members while encouraging those with capacity to export vaccines to opt out. China and several other members rejected a second option in the text that would restrict waiver eligibility to those developing countries that exported more than 10 per cent of the world’s vaccine doses in 2021. Ambassador Gberie urged members to be pragmatic in working for an outcome on the waiver text by the time ministers gather in Geneva for the WTO’s 12th Ministerial Conference (MC12) between June 12-15. The issue of food security and the impact of the Ukraine crisis was also addressed at the General Council meeting. The United Kingdom presented a joint statement endorsed by more than 50 WTO members underlining the importance of maintaining open and predictable agricultural markets and trade to ensure the continued flow of food. Members then took the floor to voice their views on how best to address the sharp rise in commodity prices and ensure food security, particularly among countries most dependent on food imports.

The majority of the members appreciated India providing food security to the least developed countries on humanitarian grounds. India and the US have resolved their disagreements on food security issues, paving the way for the implementation of a global trade pact. The deal to simplify trade procedures was done at a WTO meeting summit in Bali in Indonesia last year. However, India has been blocking implementation of that agreement. It wanted assurances that its food security programme would not be challenged under the WTO’s rules. India’s concern was that complaints based on rules limiting farm subsidies might undermine its spending on food stockpiles intended to ensure that the poor have enough to eat. Food security programmes are covered by a so-called “peace clause” in which countries agreed to refrain from making such challenges until 2017. The US has now agreed to extend that commitment, in effect indefinitely. This bilateral agreement between the US and India still has to be endorsed by the full WTO membership, and it’s likely to be discussed in WTO’s 12th Ministerial Conference (MC12) in Geneva. *(The writer is former Senior Professor, International Trade and Member, Vivekananda International Foundation. The views expressed are personal.)*

UP Government’s trillion-dollar hopes

Looking at the past, it doesn’t seem probable but it is indeed an aspirational goal and would require a comprehensive action plan for all economic sectors

Uttar Pradesh has 16 percent of the population of India but contributes only 8 percent to its GDP. If UP was to be a country it would be the fifth largest country in the world. At the time of Independence, the per capita income of UP was the same as the national average but today it is less than 50 percent of the same at ₹65,431 per annum. It is true that UP has become the third largest economy with the current GDP of around \$220 billion (₹17 lakh crore) but in terms of per capita income it is second from the bottom.

Recently the UP Government has issued a tender for hiring a consultant to take the UP economy to \$1 trillion by 2027. Looking at the past this does not seem very probable as it would involve the UP economy growing at a rate of more than 30 percent per annum. However, it is indeed an aspirational goal and would require a comprehensive action plan for all sectors of economy because what is required is not an incremental push but a quantum leap.

UP is primarily an agricultural economy with 25 percent of the GSDP coming from this sector which employees more than 65 percent of the population. This is one of the main reasons for the poverty in the State as large number of people are under employed or in a State of disguised unemployment and, hence, not contributing to the economic development of the state. UP has nine agro-climatic zones and each would require a separate strategy for deciding upon issues like cropping pattern and also on ways to improve the productivity to bring it above the national level.

There are huge regional imbalances with western UP being far ahead of eastern UP in terms of productivity and income of farmers. Similarly, Bundelkhand is a rain-fed area where most of the farmers only taking one crop in a year. However, the same Bundelkhand if provided with adequate drip and sprinkler irrigation facilities can become a hub for citrus fruits, vegetables, medicinal herbs. Moreover, the real problem is the fragmentation of holdings with average size of land holding being 0.80 hectare meaning that most of the farmers are small and marginal and this has a huge impact on their viability. They are often in urgent need of cash and dispose of the produce at low prices. Aggregation of farmers through farmer producer companies is the answer. Further, huge investment is required in development of cold chains and storages so that the farmers can store their produce and release them in the market at an appropriate time.

Animal husbandry is often a neglected sector but it has been my experience that this can significantly add to the income of the farmers. A mission should be launched to bring about a dairy revolution in the state with its entire complement of feed, fodder, medicines, artificial



ABOVE ALL THE STEPS OUTLINED, UP REQUIRES A MAJOR GOVERNANCE OVERHAUL. E-GOVERNANCE AND M-GOVERNANCE HAVE TO BE BROUGHT IN ALL THE SECTORS. THERE HAS TO BE A RESULT-ORIENTED PERFORMANCE EVALUATION SYSTEM FOR OFFICERS

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insemination, chilling plants and processing centers. Similarly, a neglected sector of UP is that of fisheries where the state has a potential of growing at more than 15 percent per annum and through this the farmers of UP can become agribusiness entrepreneurs.

MSME sector is next only to agriculture in terms of generating employment and this is a vital sector for the state of UP. A forward looking and dynamic MSME policy is required which provides credit, technology and market to the MSME sector. Often the governments focus only on bringing in new industry but the existing industries also need a supporting hand. A separate cell has to be created to cater to the problems of the micro sector which is more than 90 percent of the MSME. This sector is largely unorganized and needs an approach specifically suited to its needs. Noida is the industrial hub of UP but industries need to move to other regions of the state.

The textile and leather sector has a great potential for developing and also generating large scale employment. Noida can easily become a hub for the electronic industry. Lucknow, Prayagraj and several other tier II cities have great potential for development of the IT sector which will give a big push to the UP economy. Besides, the network of expressways the eastern freight corridor and Delhi Mumbai corridor can easily stimulate industrial development in large areas adjoining to them.

The game-changing sector is

the agro-processing one. A very small percentage of agriculture produce is processed today. At every block level a center for the development of the food processing sector can easily be developed which will provide employment to rural youth near their homes and there would be little need for labor to migrate to other states. These centers can be developed as rural growth engines which will have a transformational impact on the economy.

The vital sectors for the development of UP are health and education. The Government will have to invest heavily in these sectors and also bring about improvement in the governance to make quality health care and education accessible to all.

A special mission for improvement in the learning competencies at the primary education level has to be given the highest priority and the gross enrolment rate in higher education increased to 50 percent. Special attention will have to be given to the recruitment of teachers, motivating them, holding them accountable and developing their capacities. The state requires many more medical colleges, nursing institutions and institutes of paramedics. District hospitals have to be converted into centers of excellence.

The energy sector in the state is in the need of large-scale reforms at the distribution level to cut down on line losses and eliminate power theft. Smart meters have to be introduced and many

more power generating plants are required. Solar energy should remain a major area of focus.

UP needs more rapid urbanization and to make cities act as engines of growth innovative means of funding the creation of urban infrastructure is required. Urban governance and urban financing are two areas where a lot of specialization is required. Moreover, greater devolution of powers to the elected urban bodies is the need of the hour.

Above all the steps outlined UP requires a major governance overhaul. E-governance and M-governance have to brought in all the sectors. There has to be a result-oriented performance evaluation system for the officers. Monitoring of schemes and projects has to be vastly improved by use of technology. Time bound clearances and approvals to be implemented in all sectors. The transfer industry has to be abolished. Training and orientation of the officers must be ensured to build their capacity. Finally, for a large state like UP it is important to go in for a major governance reform of decentralisation and delegation of powers to the divisions and district as well as elected local bodies.

UP must move fast if India has to develop. The trillion-dollar economy may not be easy but a much higher than the national growth rate is essential to take the people of UP out of the poverty cycle and make UP one of the developed states of the Union.

POINT COUNTERPOINT

IT (PERARIVANAN'S RELEASE) IS CONDEMNABLE AND UNFORTUNATE. A TERRORIST IS A TERRORIST AND SHOULD BE TREATED AS ONE. — CONGRESS CHIEF SPOKESPERSON RANDEEP SINGH SURJEWALA



THOUGH DELAYED, IT'S A HISTORIC VERDICT. IT GIVES US JOY, SATISFACTION AND RELIEF. WE HAD PROMISED THE RELEASE OF ALL SEVEN CONVICTS. — TAMIL NADU CM AND DMK LEADER MK STALIN

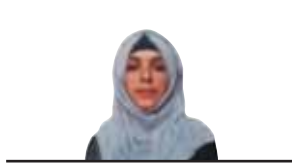
Girls drop out of remote Poonch village school for lack of roads

Basic development infrastructure and safe environment are needed in remote J&K to push up girls’ enrolment numbers

Remoteness of a village is one of the biggest hindrances that young girls have to overcome to be able to claim their right to basic education. Chikri Ban village in Mandi block in the border district of Poonch in Jammu and Kashmir is one such place where young girls have been struggling hard to get educated.

Located at 3,349 ft, Chikri Ban is surrounded by the mighty Pir Panjal range. The word ‘Ban’ stands for ‘forest’ and one have to trek for two-three hours through a forest to reach this village.

For a long time, the villagers have been demanding construction of roads, but to no avail. Qamar Din, a resident, says that the students have to walk thirteen kilometres to Loran High School situated in



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Loran village, the closest high school for students belonging to Chikri Ban village. By the time these students reach school, they feel tired and are unable to concentrate on lectures. For girls, it’s even more difficult as before and after school, they have to contribute to the household chores, which includes cooking, cleaning and fetching water for the family. Compared to boys, girls get lesser time for themselves. Despite the struggles, girls in this village manage to complete middle school but as the talks of higher education start surfacing, their parents start opposing.

Entrenched in poverty, most families prefer not to send their daughters outside their village to acquire higher education. Shaziya, 15, and Tayyaba, 11, two sisters from the village, dropped



out of school since their parents could not afford further studies. Lack of a secondary school has limited their opportunities and chances to advance in their lives. Fatima Zahra, 26, the Deputy Sarpanch of the village, also reflected how the absence of basic facilities such as water, electricity, secondary schools and roads is affecting the education of current generation

and jeopardising the future of an entire population.

As there is no road, these students have to trek their way to school through a forest which means increased chances of animal attacks, especially during the summer season. Shamima Akhtar, 37, a mother of four children and a resident of the village, informed that her daughters had to drop

out right after middle school as there is no high school nearby. “The trek to reach the motorable road is quite risky as there are high chances of attack by wild animals. We fear sending our children to school through that route. Even the teachers of primary and middle schools fear coming all the way up,” informed Shamima. While boys have the option to shift closer to their schools, girls are not easily allowed to leave their houses. As a consequence, they are forced to discontinue their education. Locals reported that many young people were attacked by bears in the past, some of whom died on the spot.

These factors along with other development challenges have collectively contributed to the low female literacy rate in

the village. Ayesha Kausar, a 21-year-old student, highlighted that the most girls in this village are educated only up to Class 8, 7, and 5. “Young girls here have a keen desire to pursue education after completing primary and middle education but due to lack of development in our village, they are deprived of their dreams. People in the village work really hard to earn a meagre income and are able to make their ends meet. Sending their children away from home means extra expenses which they cannot afford. If they have to make a choice, they send boys and force girls to stay back and concentrate on household chores,” expressed Ayesha, who has rented an accommodation for ₹10,000 per month to attend her college, which is 15 km away from Chikri Ban.

A survey conducted by the National Statistical Office (NSO), mentioned that female literacy in Jammu and Kashmir is 68%, which is much lower than the male literacy rate of 85.70%. The female literacy rate in rural Jammu and Kashmir is lower than urban areas, at 66% and 75.70%, respectively. The survey also reveals that only a meagre percentage of females (2.8%) in Jammu and Kashmir are graduates and above whereas the percentage for males is 8.4%.

Given that girls are subjected to various social and cultural norms, the unavailability of basic development infrastructure and a safe environment can affect their lives in different ways. No access to education today means a darker tomorrow. This needs to change.

Lanka closes schools, limits work amid fuel shortage

AP ■ COLOMBO

Sri Lankan authorities on Friday closed schools and asked public officials not to come to work in a desperate move to prepare for an acute fuel shortage that is expected to last days amid the nation's worst economic crisis in decades.

The Public Administration Ministry asked the public officials — except for those who maintain essential services — not to come to work on Friday “in a view of current fuel shortage and issues in transport facilities” across the country.

State and government approved private schools also closed Friday amid the worsening fuel shortage, with thou-



sands of people waiting in queues at fuel stations across the country for days at a time.

Sri Lanka is now almost without gasoline and faces an acute shortage of other fuels as well.

The government has been struggling to find money to pay for the importation of fuel, gas and other essentials in recent

months as the Indian Ocean island nation is on the brink of bankruptcy.

Its economic woes have brought on a political crisis, with the government facing widespread protests and unrest.

For months, Sri Lankans have endured long lines to buy those essentials, most of which come from abroad. Shortages of

hard currency have also hindered imports of raw materials for manufacturing and worsened inflation.

Protesters blocked main roads to demand gas and fuel, and television stations showed people in some areas fighting over limited stocks. Authorities have announced countrywide power cuts of up to four hours a day because they can't supply enough fuel to power generating stations.

Sri Lanka has suspended repayment of about \$7 billion in foreign loans due this year out of \$25 billion to be repaid by 2026. The country's total foreign debt is \$51 billion.

The finance ministry says the country currently has only \$25 million in usable foreign

reserves. Protesters have occupied the entrance to the president's office for more than a month, calling for President Gotabaya Rajapaksa to resign.

Months of anti-government rallies have led to the near-dismantling of the once-powerful ruling family, with one of the president's brothers resigning as prime minister, and other siblings and a nephew leaving their Cabinet posts. Protesters accuse the Rajapaksas of triggering the crisis through corruption and misrule. Sri Lanka's new Prime Minister Ranil Wickremesinghe said Monday that about \$75 billion is needed urgently to help provide essential items, but the country's treasury is struggling to find even \$1 billion.

Prez Rajapaksa swears in 9 Mins amid eco crisis

PTI ■ COLOMBO

Sri Lankan President Gotabaya Rajapaksa swore in nine new ministers on Friday in an effort to ensure stability until a full Cabinet is formed in the debt-ridden island nation engulfed in the worst economic crisis since its independence.

The ministers were sworn in after a delay of more than a week since the president appointed new Prime Minister Ranil Wickremesinghe.

Rajapaksa reappointed five-time former Sri Lankan prime minister Wickremesinghe, after his predecessor — the president's brother Mahinda Rajapaksa — resigned in the wake of violent attacks by his supporters on peaceful anti-government protesters.

His resignation automatically dissolved the Cabinet, leaving an administrative vacuum.

The new ministers include two from the main Opposition Samagi Jana Balawegaya (SJB), while the rest come from Rajapaksa's own Sri Lanka Podujana Peramuna (SLPP) and from the group which had resigned from the ruling coalition. President Rajapaksa had appointed four ministers last week. Still, no finance minister has been appointed which is significant in the wake of ongoing negotiations with the IMF for a possible bail out.

The Cabinet will be limited to 25 members, including the President and the Prime



Minister, according to media reports.

Former minister Nimal Siripala de Silva representing Sri Lanka Freedom party (SLFP), independent MPs Susil Premajayantha, Wijayadasa Rajapaksa, Tiran Alles were among the new nine ministers sworn in on Friday.

Nimal Siripala De Silva Ports has been appointed as the minister of Naval and Aviation Services, Susil Premajayantha as the minister of education, Keheliya Rambukwella took oath as the health minister, while Wijeyadasa Rajapakse as the minister of Justice, Prison Affairs, Constitutional Reforms.

The other ministers appointed include Harin Fernando as the minister of Tourism and Land, Ramesh Pathirana as minister of Plantation Industries, Manusha Nanayakkara as the minister of Labour and Foreign Employment, Nalin Fernando as the minister of Trade, Commerce, and Food Security and Tiran Alles as the minister of Public Security.

UN rights chief to visit China next week, travel to Xinjiang

AP ■ GENEVA

The United Nations' top human rights official will visit China next week on a trip that will take her to the Xinjiang region, where rights groups and some Western governments allege the Chinese government is committing geno-

cide and serious abuses against Uyghurs and other Muslim minorities.

U.N. High Commissioner for Human Rights Michelle Bachelet will start her six-day visit on Monday, her office said Friday. She will visit Guangzhou, Kashgar and the Xinjiang regional capital of Urumqi.

Terror attack in E Burkina Faso kills 11 soldiers

AP ■ OUAGADOUGOU (BURKINA FASO)

Eleven soldiers were killed and nearly two dozen injured by jihadis targeting a military base in eastern Burkina Faso, the government said.

Injured soldiers have been taken to hospital and aerial support killed 15 attackers trying to flee after Thursday's attack in Madoari in Komienga province, Burkina Faso's army said in a statement.

For six years the West African country has been ravaged by violence linked to al-Qaida and the Islamic State group that has killed thousands and displaced nearly 2 million people. Muttinous soldiers ousted the democratically elected pres-

ident in January promising to stem the violence, but since then attacks have increased.

Within a 72-hour period last week nearly 60 people, including civilians and security forces, were killed in violence targeting villages in four regions across the country, according to an internal security report for aid workers seen by The Associated Press.

“This attack in Madoari is yet another indication of militants' capability to target security forces bases and unfortunately showing the severity of (the) security situation in northern and eastern regions,” said Rida Lyammouri, senior fellow at the Policy Center for the New South, a Moroccan-based organization focused on economics and policy.

OFFICE OF THE RECOVERY OFFICER-II DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-II, DELHI

4th Floor, Jeevan Tara Building, Parliament Street, New Delhi-110001
PROCLAMATION OF SALE

Notice Under Rule 38 of the Second Schedule to the Income Tax Act, 1961 Read with Section 25(a) the Recovery of Debts due to Banks & Financial Institutions Act, 1993.

RC No. 312/2014 Dated: 04.05.2022
In the matter of: ICICI BANK V/S. BHARAT SOMASTAMB

To, CD# Bharat Somastamb S/o. Sh. Krishan Gopal Somastamb R/o. House No. 523, Sector-21C, Faridabad, Haryana- 121001. Also at:- Bharat Enterprises, G1/203A, Indira Enclave, Sector-21-D, Faridabad- 121002.

Whereas in execution of ibid RC No.312/2014 dated 28.08.2014 in OA No.308/2013 drawn up by the Hon'ble Presiding Officer, Debts Recovery Tribunal-II, Delhi, the CD is to pay to the applicant Rs. 12,16,823/- (Rs. Twelve Lacs Sixteen Thousand Eight Hundred and Twenty Three Only) has become due from you as per the ibid Recovery Certificate drawn in OA No. 308/2013 by the Presiding Officer, Debts Recovery Tribunal-II, Delhi. The applicant is entitled to recover a sum of Rs. Rs. 12,01,823/- (Rs. Twelve Lacs One Thousand Eight Hundred and Twenty Three Only) alongwith pendente lite and future interest @15.01% per annum w.e.f. 18.10.2013 till realization with cost of Rs.15,000/- and costs from the Certificate Debtor (CD), failing which the amount shall be recovered by sale of the hypothecated vehicles. In case of any shortfall, the same shall be recovered from the personal movable and immovable assets of the CD.

2. And whereas the undersigned has ordered the sale of the hypothecated vehical mentioned in scheduled property for satisfaction of the said Recovery Certificate.

3. Notice is hereby given that in the absence of any order of postponement, the said hypothecated vehicle (mentioned under the schedule of property below) shall be sold through e-auction through https://auctions.cardekho.com/ auctions@cardekho.com, by e-auction at 11:00 AM on 14.06.2022.

4. The CH Bank shall ensure that prospective bidders are allowed inspection of the said hypothecated vehicle (mentioned under the schedule of property below) before day of auction for which interested individuals may contact the concerned officer of CH Ms. Kalayani Preeti (MOB: 9599281817).

5. The sale shall be of the movable property of the above named Certificate Defaulters (CD), subject to the liabilities and claims attaching to the said hypothecated vehicle, if any.

6. The sale shall be stopped if, before lot is knocked down, the arrears mentioned in the said certificate, interest costs (including cost of sale) are tendered to the officer conducting the sale or proof is given to his satisfaction that the amount of such certificate alongwith the interest and costs has been paid to the undersigned.

7. At the sale the public generally are invited to bid either personally or by duly authorized agent. No officer or other person, having any duty to perform in connection with this sale shall, however, either directly or indirectly bid for, acquire or attempt to acquire any interest in the property sold.

8. The property is being sold on "AS IS WHERE IS" BASIS and "AS IS WHAT IS" BASIS. The sale shall be subject to the conditions prescribed in the Second Schedule to the Income Tax Act, 1961 and the rules made thereunder and to the following further conditions.

9. The particulars specified in the Schedule have been stated to the best of the information of the undersigned, but the undersigned shall not be answerable for any error, mis-statement or omission in this proclamation.

10. The Reserve Price and Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) be fixed as follows:-

S. No.	Details of property	Reserve Price (In Rs.)	Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) (In Rs.)
1.	Mercedes Benz/ E280CDI, bearing Registration No. HR- 51Y-0945.	1,00,000/-	10,000/-

11. The amount by which the biddings are to be increased shall be determined by the Officer conducting the sale. In the event of any dispute arising as to the amount of bid, or as to the bidder, the lot shall at once be again put to auction.

12. Intending bidders shall be required to pay Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) by way of pay order/demand draft payable at New Delhi and in favour of Recovery Officer-II, DRT-II, Delhi before the start of bidding and identity proofs, address proofs etc. The said deposit shall be adjusted in the case of successful bidders; and in the case of unsuccessful bidders the same shall be refunded without interest, on the date of sale.

13. Successful highest bidder shall have to deposit 25% of the sale proceeds by way of pay order/demand draft payable at New Delhi and in favour of Recovery Officer-II, DRT-II, Delhi, within 24 hours (next working day) by way of bank draft, after adjusting the EMD stated above, failing which the EMD shall be forfeited.

14. The purchaser shall deposit the balance 75% of the sale proceeds alongwith poundage fee @ 2% upto Rupees 1,000/- @ 1% of the sale price exceeding Rupees 1,000/ within 15 days from the date of auction. The Poundage fees shall be deposited through a demand draft payable in favor of the Registrar, DRT-II, Delhi.

15. In case of default, the amount earlier deposited by the bidder, if the undersigned considers fit, after defraying the expenses of the sale shall be forfeited and the property shall be resold, and the defaulting purchaser shall forfeit all claims to the property or to any part thereof or of any part of the sum for which it may subsequently be sold.

16. The undersigned reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids if found unreasonable or postpone the auction at any time without assigning any reason.

S. No.	Description of property to be sold with names co-owners where the property belongs to the defaulter and any other persons co-owners	Revenue assessed upon the property or any part thereof	Details of any encumbrances to which the property is liable	Claims, if any, which have been put forward to the property and other known particulars bearing on its nature and value.
1.	Mercedes Benz/ E280CDI, bearing Registration No. HR- 51Y-0945.	No information	No information	No information

Given under my hand and seal of this Tribunal at New Delhi on this 04.05.2022.

(Dattatrey Bajpayee)
Recovery Officer-II
DRT-II, Delhi

DMI Finance Private Limited CIN - U65929DL2008PTC182749 Express Building, 3rd Floor, 9-10 Bahadur Shah Zafar Marg, New Delhi-110002

STATEMENT OF AUDITED STANDALONE AND CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL RESULTS FOR THE QUARTER AND FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2022

S. No.	Particulars	(Rs in Millions)					
		For the quarter March 31, 2022	Current Year ended as on March 31, 2022	For the quarter March 31, 2021	Previous Year ended as on March 31, 2021	Current Year ended as on March 31, 2022	Previous Year ended as on March 31, 2021
1	Total Income from Operations	2,999.50	9,106.27	1,978.64	7,644.51	9,199.11	7,689.22
2	Net Profit / (Loss) for the period (before Tax. Exceptional and/or Extraordinary Items)	204.48	781.53	(169.81)	312.02	805.21	321.10
3	Net Profit / (Loss) for the period before tax (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary Items)	204.48	781.53	(169.81)	312.02	805.21	321.10
4	Net Profit / (Loss) for the period after tax (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary Items)	149.50	577.80	(132.95)	223.08	583.03	269.28
5	Total Comprehensive Income for the period [Comprising Profit / (Loss) for the period (after tax) and Other Comprehensive Income (after tax)]	760.76	1,205.34	(127.93)	228.06	1,211.15	274.27
6	Paid up Equity Share Capital	6,567.00	6,567.00	6,436.58	6,436.58	6,567.00	6,436.58
7	Reserves (excluding Revaluation Reserve)	6,125.11	6,125.11	4,840.76	4,840.76	6,332.53	5,050.01
8	Securities Premium Account	25,707.55	25,707.55	23,495.35	23,495.35	25,707.55	23,495.35
9	Net worth	38,480.87	38,480.87	34,853.90	34,853.90	38,688.29	35,063.15
10	Paid up Debt Capital/Outstanding Debt	27,517.80	27,517.80	19,975.17	19,975.17	27,540.34	19,975.17
11	Outstanding Redeemable Preference Shares	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
12	Debt Equity Ratio	0.72	0.72	0.57	0.57	0.71	0.56
13	Earnings Per Share (of Rs. 10/- each) (for continuing and discontinued operations)						
1.	Basic:	0.21	0.82	-0.21	0.35	0.83	0.42
2.	Diluted:	0.21	0.81	-0.19	0.32	0.81	0.39
14	Capital Redemption Reserve	81.21	81.21	81.21	81.21	81.21	81.21
15	Debt Redemption Reserve	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
16	Debt Service Coverage Ratio	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
17	Interest Service Coverage Ratio	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.

Notes to the Financial Results:

1. The above results are an extract of detailed format of the quarterly/annual Financial Results filed with the stock exchange under Regulation 52 of SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015. These financial results are available on the website www.dmfinance.in and on the website of BSE (www.bseindia.com)

2. For items referred in Regulation 52(4) of (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015, the pertinent disclosures have been made to BSE Limited (BSE) and can be accessed on the website of BSE (www.bseindia.com) and on the Company's website www.dmfinance.in

3. There is no Debenture Redemption Reserve created as Non-Banking Finance Companies (NBFC) registered with Reserve Bank of India are not required to create DRR for privately placed debentures.

4. Figures for the prior year / period have been regrouped and / or reclassified wherever considered necessary.

5. The Company has provided adequate disclosures related to COVID-19 while submitting financial statements to BSE.

6. The above results have been approved by the Audit Committee and subsequently approved by Board of Directors at their respective meeting held on May 20, 2022.

For DMI Finance Private Limited
Sd/-
Yuvraja Chanakya Singh
Joint Managing Director

Date: May 20, 2022

Place: New Delhi

Branch Office: ICICI Bank Limited, 3rd Floor Shal Tower, New Rohtak Road, Karol Bagh, Delhi- 110005

PUBLIC NOTICE - TENDER CUM AUCTION FOR SALE OF SECURED ASSET

[See proviso to rule 8(6)]

Notice for sale of immovable assets

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the Physical possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of ICICI Bank Ltd. will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is", as per the brief particulars given hereunder,

Sr. No.	Name of Borrower(s)/ Co-Borrowers/ Guarantors/ Loan Account No.	Details of the Secured asset(s) with known encumbrances, if any	Amount Outstanding	Reserve Price Earnest Money Deposit	Date and Time of Property Inspection	Date & Time of Auction
(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	(F)	(G)
1.	Sonu Kumar (Borrower), Shiv Kumar (Guarantor), Lan No. LBNOD00002252451	G/ UH-801 8th Floor, Tower-G Urban Homes, Shahpur Bamhetta, NH-24 Ghaziabad, 201001 Super Area: 585 Sq. fts	Rs. 19.07, 584.42/- as on May 13, 2022	Rs. 16.25, 000/-, Rs. 1,62,500/-	01. June 2022, From 12:00 Noon to 01:00 PM	03. June 2022, From 12:00 Noon to 01:00 PM

The online auction will be conducted on website (URL Link-<https://disposalhub.com>) of our auction agency M/s NexXen Solutions Private Limited. The Mortgagors/ noticee are given a last chance to pay the total dues with further interest till June 10, 2022 before 05:00 PM else these secured assets will be sold as per above schedule. The Prospective Bidder(s) must submit the Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) Demand Draft (DD) (Refer Column E) at ICICI Bank Limited, 3rd Floor Shal Tower, New Rohtak Road, Karol Bagh, Delhi-110005 and thereafter they need to submit their offer through the above mentioned website only on or before June 10, 2022 before 05:00 PM along with scan image of Bank acknowledged DD towards proof of payment of EMD. Kindly note, incase prospective bidder(s) are unable to submit their offer through the website then signed copy of tender documents may be submitted at ICICI Bank Limited, 3rd Floor Shal Tower, New Rohtak Road, Karol Bagh, Delhi-110005 on or before June 10, 2022 before 05:00 PM. Earnest Money Deposit DD/PO should be from a Nationalised/Scheduled Bank in favour of "ICICI Bank Limited" payable at Delhi.

For any further clarifications with regards to inspection, terms and conditions of the auction or submission of tenders, kindly contact ICICI Bank Limited on 9372730494 or M/s NexXen Solutions Private Limited on 9710029933/9810029926/01244233933

Please note that Marketing agencies 1. M/s NexXen Solutions Private Limited. 2. Augeo Asset Management Pvt Ltd have also been engaged for facilitating the sale of this property.

The Authorised Officer reserves the right to reject any or all the bids without furnishing any further reasons. For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please visit www.icicibank.com/n4p4s

Date: May 21, 2022

Place: Delhi/ NCR

Authorized Officer

ICICI Bank Limited

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform to the public at large that Mr. Rajender S/o Mr. Deshraj Singh, who is purchasing the Property No. 77A, area measuring 50 Sq. yds. Carved out of Kharsa No. 2171, Situated at Shri Shankar Colony, Village Vohla, Hapur, Distt. Ghaziabad U.P. from Mr. Brahmal S/o Sh. Harish Chand, who had purchased the subject property through Sale Deed Dated 25.10.2021. Vide Doc. No. 13289, and same to be financed & mortgaged by Roha Housing Finance Pvt. Ltd. However, Original Sale Deed Dated 10.03.2016 (Doc. No.4410) executed by Mr. Ankur Tyagi S/o Mr. Pradeep Kumar in favour of Mrs. Shikha who Sh. Vinod Kumar, has been lost and not available and an FIR has been lodged on 20.05.2022 with LR No.41285/2022 for loss of document. If any Person having any type of claim/right/interest over the said property may inform in writing at the address mentioned below, about his objections within 7 days from today, failing which it shall be presumed that the said property is free from all type of Encumbrances, lien, Charge, disputes etc.

Lucem Legal LLP
Office No. G-03, at Ground Floor, on Plot No. D-61, Sector-2, Noida, UP - 201301
Contact # 0120-4130438

Public Notice

This is to inform general public that M/s Shivam Education Society of India is the owners of Land area measuring 11 Kanal 8 Marla Out of Kharsa No. 98/22 (8-0) 231 (5-8) Total area measuring 11 Kanal 8 Marla. Situated at Residential Lohani Tehsil & Distt. Bhiwani Haryana vide Gift Deed dated 21.06.2007 executed by Sh. Devendra Kumar & Sh. Jagendra Singh in favour of M/s Shivam Education Society of India in respect of Kharsa No. 98/22 (8-0) 231 (5-8) Land area measuring 11 Kanal 8 Marla Out of Kharsa No. 2235. Anyone who find the above said documents shall handover the same to the Manager of M/s. Avansh Financial Services Ltd having its Building No. 7E, 5th Floor, Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Building, Jhandewalan Extension, Delhi-110055. Above said owners are availing loan on above said property from M/s. Avansh Financial Services Ltd by mortgaging the said property. In case anyone has any objection regarding mortgage of the said property, the same may be raised within 10 days of this publication to Mr. Muneesh Dhanani/ Mr. Sudhir Jain (Advocates), Law Veritas, Unit no 907, 9th Floor, GD-TIL Tower, (B-08), Netaji Subhash Place, Delhi-110034 or contact at 9066707172/9816228636 (M).

NORTHERN RAILWAY

Invitation of Tenders through E-procurement systems

Deputy Chief Materials Manager, Northern Railway, Central Hospital, New Delhi-110005 for and on behalf of the President of India, invites e-tenders through e-procurement system for supply of the following items:-

Sl.No.	Tender No.	Brief Description	Qty.	Closing Date
1.	82220086D	Injection Meropenem 1 gm	12600 Nos.	13.06.2022
2.	82222406A	Inj. Trastuzumab 440 mg/ 50 ml	330 Nos.	14.06.2022
3.	82221030A	Inj. TDM-1 100 mg (Ado- Trastuzumab Emulsion)	150 Nos.	14.06.2022

Note: 1. Vendors may visit the IREPS website i.e. www.ireps.gov.in for details.

Tender Notice No.: AMI/2022-23/NRCH/05 Dated: 19.05.2022

1209/22

SERVING CUSTOMERS WITH A SMILE

GOVERNMENT OF CHHATTISGARH, WATER RESOURCES DEPARTMENT OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER WATER RESOURCES & GROUND WATER SURVEY CIRCLE SIHAVA BHAWAN CAMPUS, CIVIL LINES, RAIPUR (C.G.)

ePROCUREMENT TENDER NOTICE

eProcurement Portal: <https://eproc.cgstate.gov.in>

(3rd Call)

System Tender No. : 99694 /NIT No. : 10/SAC/2022-23, Raipur, Dated : 18.05.2022

Online Tenders are Invited for The Following Works up to 06.06.2022 at 17:30 Hour (1ST) :-

Name of Work:

RENOVATION OF HEAD WORK, HEAD SLUICE, REMODELING AND C.C. LINING FROM R.D. 0 TO 2550 M OF MAIN CANAL, CONSTRUCTION OF 06 NO. STRUCTURE (05 NO.V.R.B. 01NO. SUPER PASSAGE) AND 10 NO OUTLETS OF PALOUD STOP DAM OF ARANG BLOCK OF RAIPUR DISTRICT.

Probable Amount of Contract: Rs. 126.32 Lakhs

The details can be viewed and downloaded online directly from the Government of Chhattisgarh Integrated e-Procurement Portal <https://eproc.cgstate.gov.in> from Date 25.05.2022, at 17:31 Hours (1ST) onwards.

NOTE : All eligible/interested contractors/bidders are mandated to get enrolled on the Integrated e-procurement portal (<https://eproc.cgstate.gov.in>) and get approval on specific vendor class from PWD under Centralized Contractor/Supplier Registration in order to download the tender documents and participate in the subsequent bidding process.

Sd/-
EXECUTIVE ENGINEER

Water Resources Division, Raipur

for Superintending Engineer, Water Resources & Ground Water Survey Circle, Raipur (C.G.)

R.o. No.- 913337

R.o. Dated- 20.05.2022

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given to the General public that by Mr. Harneet Singh (35 %) S/o Mr. Surinder Singh Chaham 2) Mr. Tarun Dholani (30 %) S/o Mr. Veeru Mal Dholani 3) Mr. Mohit Baruta (20 %) S/o Mr. Rakesh Baruta 4) Mr. Harish Chander Verma S/o Mr. Kishan Lal Verma (15%), as owner of a Property No. 108 & 109, Upper Ground Floor, Front LHS(Northern Western Portion) of Area Measuring 65 Sq. Yards, Capital Area 38.5 Sq. Ft., out of Kharsa No. 794 to 797 & 816 to 820, Situated in the Area of Village Nawada and now colony known as Om Vihar, Phase-I, Uttam Nagar, New Delhi-110059, vide registered sale deeds Dated 27.07.2021 and

12 killed in Russian attacks in Severodonetsk

AP ■ KYIV

Russian forces attacked the cities of Lysychansk and Severodonetsk in Ukraine's eastern region of Luhansk, the region's governor said Friday.

Serhiy Haidai said in a Telegram messaging app post on Friday that 12 people were killed in Severodonetsk as a result of the assault, and more than 60 houses were destroyed across the region.

He added that the attack on Severodonetsk "was unsuccessful - the Russians suffered personnel losses and retreated." His remarks could not be independently verified.

Ukraine's General Staff in its morning update on Friday also said that the Russians tried to assault Severodonetsk but suffered losses and retreated. Meanwhile, Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy thanked the United States for the \$40 billion aid package, which got final congressional approval on Thursday.

"This is a demonstration of



strong leadership and a necessary contribution to our common defense of freedom," Zelenskyy said in his nightly video address to the nation.

He also thanked the European Union for its support. "And for our partners this is not just an expense or a gift. This is their contribution to security," Zelenskyy said. "For

defending Ukraine also defends them from new wars and crises that Russia could provoke if it is successful in the war against Ukraine. Therefore, we must together ensure that

Ukraine 'repels' Russian attack as war grinds in east

AP ■ KYIV

Ukrainian authorities on Friday said their troops repelled a Russian attack in the east, as Moscow struggled to gain ground in the region that is now the focus of the war even as it intensified its campaign there.

Battered by their months-long siege of the vital port city of Mariupol, Russian troops need time to regroup, Britain's Defence Ministry said in an assessment — but they may not get it. The city and the steel-works where Ukrainian fighters have held off Russian assault for weeks have become a symbol of Ukraine's stoic resistance and surprising ability to stymie a much larger force.

On Friday, a number of soldiers — just how many was unclear — were still holed up in the Azovstal plant, following the surrender of more than 1,700 soldiers in recent days.

With the battle for steel plant winding down, Russia has already started pulling troops back from the site. But British assessment indicated Russian commanders are under pressure to quickly send them else-



where in the Donbas "That means that Russia will probably redistribute their forces swiftly without adequate preparation, which risks further force attrition," the ministry said. The Donbas is now President Vladimir Putin's focus after his troops failed to take capital in early days of war.

Pro-Moscow separatists have fought Ukrainian forces for eight years in region and held a considerable swath of it before Russia's February 24 invasion. But the effort to take more territory there has been slow-going.

In a sign of Russia's frustration with the pace of the war, some senior commanders have been fired in recent weeks, British Defence Ministry said. Russian forces attacked cities of Lysychansk and Severodonetsk, both in Luhansk region of Donbas, region's governor said on Friday.

UN warns war in Ukraine will add to hunger woes



UNITED NATIONS

AP ■ UNITED NATIONS

The UN food chief is warning that the war in Ukraine has created "an unprecedented crisis" of escalating food prices that has sparked protests. World Food Program Executive Director David Beasley said growing hunger

will add at least 47 million people to the 276 million "marching to starvation" before Russia's invasion of its smaller neighbour.

Beasley told a UN Security Council meeting Thursday that 49 million people in 43 countries are already "knocking on famine's door." He stressed that conflict, the impact of climate change, and the COVID-19 pandemic were already affecting food security but the war in Ukraine, which grows enough food for 400 million people, now has "the longest bread lines in the world." He said leaders must help open Ukraine's ports and increase food production.

US accuses Russia of weaponising food in Ukraine war

AP ■ UNITED NATIONS

US Secretary of State Antony Blinken has accused Russia of weaponising food and holding grain for millions of people around the world hostage to help accomplish what its invasion of Ukraine has not — "to break the spirit of the Ukrainian people".

He told a UN Security Council meeting called by the United States that the war has halted maritime trade in large areas of the Black Sea and made the region unsafe for navigation, trapping Ukrainian agricultural exports and jeopardizing global food supplies.

Blinken said the meeting, which he chaired, was taking place "at a moment of unprecedented global hunger" fuelled by climate change and COVID-19 "and made even worse by conflict." Since Russia's invasion on February 24, he said, its naval



operations have sought to control access to the north-western Black Sea and the Sea of Azov and to block Ukrainian ports which the United States assesses to be "a deliberate effort" to block safe passage and shut down shipping.

"As a result of the Russian government's actions, some 20 million tons of grain sit unused in Ukrainian silos as global food supplies dwindle, prices skyrocket, causing more around the world to experience food insecurity," Blinken said.

**कार्यालय — प्राचार्य**
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शासकीय आई.टी.आई.परपोड़ी जिला-बमेतरा द्वारा जारी निविदा निरस्त की सूचना
शासकीय औद्योगिक प्रशिक्षण संस्था परपोड़ी जिला बमेतरा द्वारा व्यवसाय कोषा, वेल्डर, मैकेनिक डीजल, फिटर एवं सिविंग टेक्नालॉजी के लिए औजार एवं उपकरण क्रय करने हेतु सीलबंद लिफाफे में आवेदन आमंत्रित किया गया था, जिसकी अंतिम तिथि 27/05/2022 दोपहर 1:00 बजे तक थी इस निविदा को अप्रतिहार्य कारणों से निरस्त किया जाता है।

हस्ता / —
प्राचार्य

शासकीय औद्योगिक प्रशिक्षण संस्था
परपोड़ी जिला बमेतरा (छ.ग.)

Ro.No. - 91328/3
Ro.Date -20/05/2022

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Mr. Sandeep Kumar
S/o. Mr. Krishan Pal (Borrower)
R/o. Flat No. 304, Tower 7, Plot No. 76. Grant Front Sigma-4, Greater Noida, Noida, UP-201304.
Whereas in execution of ibid RC No.90/2019 dated 16.02.2019 in OA No.43/2017 drawn up by the Hon'ble Presiding Officer, Debts Recovery Tribunal-II, Delhi, the CD is to pay to the applicant Rs. 13,10,815.64/- (Rupees Thirteen Lacs Ten Thousand Eight Hundred And Fifteen & Paise Sixty Four Only) has become due from you as per the ibid Recovery Certificate drawn in OA No. 43/2017 by the Presiding Officer, Debts Recovery Tribunal-II, Delhi. The applicant is entitled to recover a sum of Rs. 12,95,815.64/- (Rupees Twelve Lacs Ninety Five Thousand Eight Hundred and Fifteen & Paise Sixty Four Only) alongwith future interest @10.25% per annum w.e.f. 24.12.2016 till realization with cost of Rs.15,000/- and costs from the Certificate Debtor (CD), failing which the amount shall be recovered by sale of the hypothecated vehicle. In case of any shortfall, the same shall be recovered from the personal movable and immovable assets of the CD.
2. And whereas the undersigned has ordered the sale of the hypothecated vehicle mentioned in scheduled property for satisfaction of the said Recovery Certificate.
3. Notice is hereby given that in the absence of any order of postponement, the said hypothecated vehicle (mentioned under the schedule of property below) shall be sold through e-auction through https://auctions.cardekho.com/ auctions@cardekho.com, by e-auction at 11:00 AM on 14.06.2022.
4. The CH bank shall ensure that prospective bidders are allowed inspection of the said hypothecated vehicle (mentioned under the schedule of property below) before day of auction for which interested individuals may contact the concerned officer of CH Ms. Kalayani Preeti (MOB: 9599281817).
5. The sale shall be of the movable property of the above named Certificate Defaulters (CD), subject to the liabilities and claims attaching to the said hypothecated vehicle, if any.
6. The sale shall be stopped if, before lot is knocked down, the arrears mentioned in the said certificate, interest costs (including cost of sale) are tendered to the officer conducting the sale or proof is given to his satisfaction that the amount of such certificate alongwith the interest and costs has been paid to the undersigned.
7. At the sale the public generally are invited to bid either personally or by duly authorized agent. No officer or other person, having any duty to perform in connection with this sale shall, however, either directly or indirectly bid for, acquire or attempt to acquire any interest in the property sold.
8. The property is being sold on "AS IS WHERE IS" BASIS and "AS IS WHAT IS" BASIS. The sale shall be subject to the conditions prescribed in the Second Scheduled to the Income Tax Act, 1961 and the rules made thereunder and to the following further conditions.
9. The particulars specified in the Schedule have been stated to the best of the information of the undersigned, but the undersigned shall not be answerable for any error, mis-statement or omission in this proclamation.
10. The Reserve Price and Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) be fixed as follows:-

S. No.	Details of property	Reserve Price (In Rs.)	Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) (In Rs.)
1.	Renault Fluence bearing Registration No. UP 16BE-5195	4,50,000/-	45,000/-

11. The amount by which the biddings are to be increased shall be determined by the Officer conducting the sale. In the event of any dispute arising as to the amount of bid, or as to the bidder, the lot shall at once be again put to auction.
12. Intending bidders shall be required to pay Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) by way of pay order/demand draft payable at New Delhi and in favour of Recovery Officer-II, DRT-II, Delhi before the start of bidding and identity proofs, address proofs etc. The said deposit shall be adjusted in the case of successful bidders; and in the case of unsuccessful bidders the same shall be refunded without interest, on the date of sale.
13. Successful highest bidder shall have to deposit 25% of the sale proceeds by way of pay order/demand draft favoring the Recovery Officer-II, DRT-II, Delhi, within 24 hours (next working day) by way of bank draft, after adjusting the EMD stated above, failing which the EMD shall be forfeited.
14. The purchaser shall deposit the balance 75% of the sale proceeds alongwith poundage fee @ 2% upto Rupees 1,000/- @ 1% of the sale price exceeding Rupees 1,000/ within 15 days from the date of auction. The Poundage fees shall be deposited through a demand draft payable in favour of the Registrar, DRT-II, Delhi.
15. In case of default, the amount earlier deposited by the bidder, if the undersigned considers fit, after defraying the expenses of the sale shall be forfeited and the property shall be resold, and the defaulting purchaser shall forfeit all claims to the property or to any part thereof or of any part of the sum for which it may subsequently be sold.
16. The undersigned reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids if found unreasonable or postpone the auction at any time without assigning any reason.

S. No.	Description of property to be sold with names co-owners where the property belongs to the defaulter and any other persons is co-owners	Revenue assessed upon the property or any part thereof	Details of any encumbrances to which the property is liable	Claims, if any, which have been put forward to the property and other known particulars bearing on its nature and value.
1.	Renault Fluence bearing Registration No. UP 16BE-5195	No information	No information	No information

Given under my hand and seal of this Tribunal at New Delhi on this 04.05.2022.

(Dattatrey Bajpayee)
Recovery Officer-II
DRT-II, Delhi

Russia's aggression against our state has no success, not militarily, economically or any other."

Zelenskyy said Ukraine's monthly budget deficit is \$5 billion "and so to survive in the war for freedom, we need quick and sufficient financial support." The US has announced a shipment of \$100 million in military equipment to Ukraine, separate from what will be coming from the \$40 billion approved by Congress.

The latest package includes 18 more howitzers as well as anti-artillery radar systems, both of which the US has provided to Ukraine already since Russia invaded Ukraine on February 24.

Zelenskyy said Russian troops were intensifying their attacks in the Donbas. "It is hell there and that's not an exaggeration," he said in his nightly video address to the nation. "The brutal and completely senseless bombardment of Severodonetsk. Twelve dead and dozens wounded there in just one day."

Zelenskyy said Russian strikes on the northeastern Chernihiv region included a terrible strike on the village of Desna, where he said many were killed and rescuers were still going through the rubble.

"The bombing and shelling of our other cities, the air and missile strikes by the Russian army, are not simply military

operations in a time of war... It is a conscious and criminal attempt to kill as many Ukrainians as possible," Zelenskyy said.


"To destroy more homes, public sites, businesses. This is what will be qualified as genocide of the Ukrainian people and for which the occupiers will definitely be brought to justice." A veteran Russian rock musician faces charges of discrediting the army for remarks made at a concert on Wednesday. Charges against Yuri Shevchuk, singer for the band DDT, were sent to an administrative court on Thursday.

He could face a fine of up to 50,000 rubles (\$800).

After the war began, Russia passed a more severe law making the spread of "fake news" about the conflict punishable by up to 15 years in prison. During the concert in Ufa, Shevchuk questioned the aims of the war and why young Russians and Ukrainians are fighting and dying in a war that is also costing the lives of civilians.

"Old people, women and children are dying," he said. "For some kind of Napoleonic plans of our latest Caesar, yes?" "The motherland, my friends, is not the ass of a president that you have to lick and kiss all the time. The motherland is a poor grandmother selling potatoes at train station. That is motherland," he added.

PUBLIC NOTICE
Public at large is hereby informed that my client Smt. Kusum Singh Widow of Raghu Nath Singh R/o. B-28, Shakti Vihar, Mohan Garden, Uttam Nagar, New Delhi-59, hereby disown, debar and sever all relations with her son Manish Kumar and his wife Smt. Jyoti Singh from all her movable and immovable properties due to their insulting, derogatory and cruel behavior with my client and other family members. Anybody dealing with them in any manner shall do so at their own risks and costs. My client shall not be responsible for the same.
Krishan Kumar -Advocate
Ch. No. B-108, B.G.S. Block,
Tis Hazari Court, Delhi -110054
PUBLIC NOTICE
My Clients VISHNU KUMAR MISHRA son of SHRI DURGA PRASAD MISHRA, AND NIRMALA MISHRA wife of SHRI VISHNU KUMAR MISHRA, both resident of J-66, GALI NO. 2, MISHRA MARKET, KARTAR NAGAR, SEELAM PUR, DELHI-110053, have severed all relations from their SON MR. DEEPANSHU MISHRA aged 24 years, debar him from all their moveable and immovable properties because of his misbehaviour. My client will not be responsible for any act/transactions/deal done by him.
Raj Kumar and Associates (Advocate)
Delhi High Court
33A, Krishan Kunj, Extn.-II, Laxmi Nagar, Delhi-92

**Office of the Superintending Engineer**
3rd Circle, Public Works Department, Pithoragarh
E-Mail : sepwdp@rediffmail.com

Letter No. : 3239/962 C-03/2022
E-Tender Notice
Dated : 18/05/2022

The Superintending Engineer, 3rd Circle, Public Works Department Pithoragarh invites tender through E-Tendering (**Two Bid System**) on behalf of Hon'ble Governor of Uttarakhand for following works. All other information will be available from date **21-05-2022 at 5.00 Pm** onward on website <http://www.uktenders.gov.in>

Sl. No.	Name of Work	Earnest Money (In Lac)	Cost of Tender (In Rs.)	Validity of Tender (day)	Period of Completion (months)	Contractor's Category of Registration
1	Improvement of Ganai-Bankot Motor Road in Gangolihat constituency, District Pithoragarh under State Sector in Year 2021-22 & 3 years maintenance (Km. 1 to 5)	4.92	5000.00 + 18% GST	120	15	Category "B" and Above for Road works in any State Govt./ Govt. of India/ Govt. Undertaking
2	Improvement of Badari main road to Khatera Bichkoli Arkani M/r under State Sector (Length 2.400 Km.) in Munakote block of District Pithoragarh.	4.00	5000.00 + 18% GST	120	12	Category "B" and Above for Road works in any State Govt./ Govt. of India/ Govt. Undertaking

**Branch Office:** ICICI Bank Ltd, 3rd Floor, Plot No- 23, New Rohtak Road, Karol Bagh, Delhi- 110005

The following borrower/s have defaulted in the repayment of principal and interest of the loans facility obtained by them from the Bank and the loans have been classified as Non-Performing Assets (NPA). A notice was issued to them under Section 13 (2) of Securitisation and Re-construction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act-2002 on their last known addresses, however it was not served and hence they are hereby notified by way of this public notice.

Sr. No.	Name of the Borrower/ Co-Borrower/ Guarantor/ (Loan Account Number) & Address	Property Address of Secured Asset / Asset to be Enforced	Date of Notice Sent/ Outstanding as on Date of Notice	NPA Date
1.	Anupam Mehrotra, Namrata Kakkar Flat-375, Tower- J, Fifth Avenue Gaur City-1, Gautam Buddha Nagar, Greater Noida West/ LBNOD00004970130	Flat No B-2506, 25th Floor, Tower-b, Ajnara Panorama Tower, Plot No Gh-04, Sector-22 Yamuna Expressway, Industrial Development Area District, Greater Noida, Noida 201307	06/04/20 Rs. 3229322.72/-	30/09/2021
2.	Rekhha Gupta, Ansh Gupta H No- H 297, Plot No- 29 Rama Krishna Vihar, Patparganj I P Extn, New Delhi/ LBDEL00002127538	A-706, Plot No Gh-08A, SEC-CHI-V, Durva Greens, Dist Gautam Budh Nagar, Greater Noida 201307	06/04/20 Rs. 78,29,686/-	31/01/2021
3.	Rohit Sharma, Pramod Kumar Sharma R/6-130 Raj Nagar Ghaziabad/ LBDEL00002086511	Flat No B-1406 14th Floor, Snowberry Tower Greenarch Plot No Gh-10A Sector- Techzone-IV Greater Noida (West) Noida 201307	06/04/20 Rs. 26,61,742.25/-	31/01/2021
4.	Sumanth Kumar Shah, Seema Devi H No. Y-143, Gali-71, Laxmi Vihar, Adarsh Enclave, Prem Nagar-II, Kirari Suleman Nagar/ LBDEL00005128183	Plot No 4/428, Pocket 04, First Floor Sector 22 Rohini, Delhi 110085	06/04/20 Rs. 29,84,121.6/-	11/06/2021
5.	Tushar Maheshwari,anjuman. H No 39 B Pocket A, DDA Flats, Sukhdew Viharnew Delhi/ LBDEL00002388968	Flat No 1206, 12th Floor, Supernova East Supertech, Super Nova Plot Bearing No 03 Sector 94 Noida- 201301	06/04/20 Rs. 61,13,840/-	30/09/2021
6.	Veenu Jain,puneet Jain E 162, Plot 8 Pocket 4, Jalvayu Vihar, Greater Noida, Rampur Jagir L A, Suraj Pur Gautam Buddha Nagar,greater Noida/ LBNOD00002413370	Flat No 4021, 2nd Floor, Tower 4, Ats Allure, Plot No P7 / TS-02A, Sector 22d, Yamuna Express Way, Industrial Development Authority, Greater Noida, Noida 201307	06/04/20 Rs. 41,05,872/-	30/09/2021
7.	Abhishek Kumar, Komal Sharan B-20, 1st Floor, Paryavaran Complex, Saket/ LBGHZ00005193256	Flat No C2/701, 7th Floor, Tower No C2, Shree Vardhman Gardenia, Sector 10 Sonipat, Haryana Sonipat 131001	06/04/20 Rs. 44,35,418/-	06/05/2021
8.	Amarjeet Singh Bhatia, Satwant Kaur Flat No 904, Everest Tower, Omex Heights, Sec 86 Faridabad/ LBDFB00002507638	Flat No AM-B-704, 7th Floor, Tower-B, Plot No Gh-01, Ajnara Ambrosia, Sector-118 Noida, Gautam Buddha Nagar, Noida 201301	06/04/20 Rs. 44,52,463/-	31/10/2021
9.	Sushil Kumar Bhagat, Pooja, A2-84B, Hastsal Road, Uttam Nagar, New Delhi/ LBGUR00004949441	Unit No C-12/336, 1st Floor, Yamuna Vihar, Delhi 110053	06/04/20 Rs.51,24,843/-	31/12/2020
10.	Swati Sinha, Jitendra Kumar Sinha 103, Tower 7, Panchsheel Pratishtha, Sector 75, Plot No 16, Noida/ LBDEL00002670585	Flat No 103, First Floor, Tower 7, Panchsheel Pratishtha, Plot No 16, Sector 75 Noida, Gautam Buddha Nagar, Noida 201301	06/04/20 Rs. 52,59,315/-	06/03/2021
11.	Surinder Kumar, Simmi Chandel 152 A, D Block, Patel Garden, Kakraula Village/ LBDEL00002359676	Flat No B-1801, 18th Floor, Tower B, Estella, Sector 103, Gurgaon, Haryana, Village Dhanwapur Tikampur, Gurgaon- 122022	06/04/20 Rs. 52,06,696/-	06/05/2021
12.	Abhijit Datta, Aditi Datta C 1001, Suncity Heights Sec 53, DLF Golf Course Road/ LBGUR00002171589	Harmony 1 K/E/1605, Beethoven'S 8,16th Floor, Sector 107, Gurgaon 122002	06/04/20 Rs.54,81,229/-	06/05/2021
13.	Kanuj Tandon, Mudit Gupta Wz - 35 1ind Floor Asalat Pur Janak Purb-1 West Delhi New Delhi/ LBDEL00004944199	Flat No-2, 9th Floor, Khasara No 123 124 133/659, South Court 2, Gram Narsinghpur, Sangarer, Jaipur- 302017	06/04/20 Rs. 50,29,644/-	06/05/2021
14.	Saroj Kumar, Neha Nanda A-1 Ground Floorplot No 719 Niti Khand- 1 Indrapuram Ghaziabad/ LBDFB00002713198	Flat No-1, GF, Niti Kand-1/719, Indrapuram, Ghaziabad- 201001	08/04/20 Rs.59,09,827/-	31/01/2021
15.	Saroj Kumar, Neha Nanda A-1 Ground Floorplot No 719 Niti Khand- 1 Indrapuram Ghaziabad/ LBDFB00002713228	Flat No B2- First Floor, Plot No 215, Niti Khand, Idirapuram	08/04/20 Rs.10,44,801/-	31/01/2021
16.	Ankit Batra, Pushpa Batra 25 Borboleta St Tarnet, Victoriatarneil, Melbourn 3029 Melbourne 3029/ LBGHZ00004755611	Flat No 402, 4th Floor, Speedway Avenue-Tower 3A, Plot No-GH-A2, Sector-25, Jaypee Greens, Greater Noida- 201307	08/04/20 Rs. 5,53,18,614/-	03/01/2022
17.	Vikram Madhok, Dhruv Madhok B-362, New Friends Colony/ LBDEL00001980242	2802, 28th Floor, Tower- Krh-14, Krescent Homes, Wishtown Noida, Jaypee Greens, Noida- 201301	06/04/20 Rs.46,13,344/-	31/01/2021
18.	Poonam Tandon, Kushal Pal Singh R 164 B Pratap Vihar, F and R Vlak Ghaziabadf and R Vlak/ LBGHZ00002666057	Villa No E107 Plot No BGH-A Sec- Surajpur Site-C (Extn) Phase-1, Plot No BGH-A Sector Surajpur Site-C (Extension) Phase-1 Noida	17/03/20 Rs. 22,38,726.99/-	06/03/2021
19.	Amit Goel, Rajrani. Pc Goel 25 First Floor Shakti Khand-4, Indrapuramuttar Pradesh/ LBGHZ00004305281	Flat No-1804 18th Floor Tower T2, Plot No Gh-16F, Unibera Tower 3, 4 & 5 Sector-1 Greater Noida, Noida, Uttar Pradesh	12/03/20 Rs. 72,63,351.84/-	31/01/2021
20.	Amit Goel, Rajrani. Pc Goel 25 First Floor Shakti Khand-4, Indrapuram Uttar Pradesh/ LBGUR00003332303	Flat No. T 02/1502, 14th Floor, Rps Auria, Sector 88, Faridabad	12/03/20 Rs.58,20,541.92/-	31/01/2021
21.	Sashwat Garg Raj Kumar Garg, Kuheli Vincom Pvt Ltd, Rajat Garg, Seema Garg, R-12/53 Raj Nagar, Kavi Nagar Kavi Nagar Kavi Nagar/ LBGHZ00005231159	R- 12 /53, Raj Nagar, Kavi Nagar, Ghaziabad	26/03/20 Rs. 2,55,75,132.92/-	03/01/2022
22.	Sashwat Garg, Raj Kumar Garg, Kuheli Vincom Pvt Ltd, Rajat Garg, Seema Garg-12/53 Raj Nagar, Kavi Nagar Kavi Nagar/ LBGHZ00005339955R	R- 12 /53, Raj Nagar, Kavi Nagar, Ghaziabad	26/03/20 Rs. 49,47,274/-	03/01/2022
23.	Arvinder Pal Singh Agard Singh, Golf Link, Lodi Road H O, Lodi Road H O, Lodi Road H O/ LBDEL00002186042	Plot No 97, Block 10, Ground Floor, Golf Link, Delhi- 110003	04/04/20 Rs.1,51,74,244.33/-	11/01/2022
24.	Arvinder Pal Singh Agard Singh, Golf Link, Lodi Road H O, Lodi Road H O, Lodi Road H O/ LBDEL00002186043	Plot No 97, Block 10, Ground Floor, Golf Link, Delhi- 110003	04/04/20 Rs.39,26,222.65/-	11/01/2022
25.	Arvinder Pal Singh Agard Singh, Golf Link, Lodi Road H O, Lodi Road H O, Lodi Road H O/ LBDEL00002432285	Plot No 97, Block 10, Ground Floor, Golf Link, Delhi- 110003	04/04/20 Rs.41,79,914/-	11/01/2022
26.	Arvinder Pal Singh Agard Singh, Pamela Singh, Golf Link, Lodi Road H O, Lodi Road H O, Lodi Road H O/ LBDEL00005079797	Plot No 97, Block 10, Ground Floor, Golf Link, Delhi- 110003	04/04/20 Rs. 1,75,79,230/-	11/01/2022
27.	Arvinder Pal Singh Agard Singh,pamela Singh, Golf Link, Lodi Road H O, Lodi Road H O, Lodi Road H O/ LBDFB00005361609	Plot No 97, Block 10, Ground Floor, Golf Link, Delhi- 110003	04/04/20 Rs. 77,27,811/-	11/01/2022
28.	Arvinder Pal Singh Pamela Singh, Golf Link, Lodi Road H O, Lodi Road H O, Lodi Road H O/ LBDEL00002921407	Plot No 97, Block 10, Ground Floor, Golf Link, Delhi- 110003	04/04/20 Rs.35,95,082/-	11/01/2022
29.	Hitenar Kumar Babita. A Upadhayay Block Shakarpur Shakarpur LBDEL00002052747246	Pent House Ksi 0042501 Wishtown Noida, Jaypee Greens, Noida-	04/04/20 Rs.1,85,996/-	31/01/2021
30.	Hitenar Kumar Babita. A Upadhayay Block Shakarpur Shakarpur LBDEL00002048909246	Pent House Ksi 0042501 Wishtown Noida, Jaypee Greens, Noida-	04/04/20 Rs.66,51,454/-	31/01/2021
31.	Tact India Pvt Ltd, Akhilesh Kapoor, Neeru Kapoor Tact India Pvt Ltd, 51 Harton Complex Sector 18 Electronics City, Sector 18 Electronics City, Sector 18 Electronics City/ LBDEL00004898448	Plot No.-51, Hartton Complex Electronic City Sec-18, Gurgaon	04/04/20 Rs. 1,99,90,073.2/-	12/01/2022
32.	Tact India Pvt Ltd Akhilesh Kapoor, Neeru Kapoor Tact India Pvt Ltd, 51 Harton Complex Sector 18 Electronics City, Sector 18 Electronics City, Sector 18 Electronics City/ LBDEL00005448598	Plot No.-51, Hartton Complex Electronic City Sec-18, Gurgaon	04/04/20 Rs. 23,62,030/-	12/01/2022

The steps are being taken for substituted service of notice. The above borrower/s and/or their guarantors (as applicable) are advised to make the payments of outstanding within period of 60 days from the date of publication of this notice else further steps will be taken as per the provisions of Securitisation and Re-construction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002.

Date : May 21, 2022
Place: Delhi/ NCR

Authorized Officer
ICICI Bank Limited

Markets bounce back, investors richer by ₹5L cr

New Delhi: A sharp rebound in equity markets made investors richer by over ₹5 lakh crore on Friday, with the BSE benchmark Sensex rallying 1,534 points after a rough day in the previous trade.

Making a dashing come-back after the previous session's heavy sell-off, the 30-share BSE Sensex rallied 1,534.16 points or 2.91 per cent to settle at 54,326.39.

The rally in equities helped the market capitalisation of BSE-listed firms jump by ₹5,05,143.44 crore to reach ₹2,54,11,537.52 crore.

"Market took a complete U-turn from Thursday's slump as bargain hunting following the recent crash and recovery in other Asian indices bolstered the sentiment back home," said Amol Athawale, Deputy Vice President - Technical Research, Kotak Securities Ltd.

The BSE benchmark had dived 1,416.30 points or 2.61 per cent to close at 52,792.23 on Thursday.

All the Sensex firms ended in the green, with Dr Reddy's, Reliance Industries, Nestle, Tata Steel, Larsen & Toubro, Axis Bank, Sun Pharma, IndusInd Bank, State Bank of India and HDFC emerging as the biggest gainers.

"Markets rebounded sharply and gained nearly 3 per



cent, in continuation of the pre-vailing volatile trend.

The benchmark witnessed a gap-up opening, taking cues from the Asian counterparts and gradually inched higher as the session progressed," said Ajit Mishra, VP - Research, Religare Broking Ltd.

In the broader market, the BSE smallcap gauge jumped 2.13 per cent and the midcap index rallied 1.98 per cent.

As many as 2,497 stocks advanced, while 777 declined and 144 remained unchanged.

"The market displayed a confident yet calm rally

throughout the day, supported by fortified global markets, especially the Asian market.

The Chinese central bank cut a key interest rate to support growth, injecting optimism into emerging markets," said Vinod Nair, Head of Research at Geojit Financial Services.

All BSE sectoral indices ended higher, with realty jumping 4.22 per cent, followed by metal (3.75 per cent), capital goods (3.14 per cent), industrials (3.05 per cent), healthcare (3.04 per cent) and energy (2.97 per cent). **PTI**

CCPA issues notices to Ola, Uber for unfair trade practices

New Delhi: Consumer protection regulator CCPA on Friday said it has issued notices to cab aggregators Ola and Uber for unfair trade practices and violation of consumer rights.

The Central Consumer Protection Authority (CCPA) has given 15-days time for these two companies to reply to the notices.

"We have issued notices to both Ola and Uber. Most of the consumer complaints received in the last one year are related to the deficiency in services and other unfair trade practices," Central Consumer Protection Authority (CCPA) Chief Commissioner Nidhi Khare told PTI.



The CCPA has issued notice to online ride-hailing platforms Ola and Uber concerning unfair trade practices and violation of consumer rights.

The authority pointed out that a significant number of complaints have been lodged by consumers across the country on multiple issues, which affect their rides booked through both the ride-hailing platforms.

As per the data from the National Consumer Helpline (NCH), 2,482 grievances were registered by consumers against Ola, and 770 grievances were registered against Uber from April 1, 2021, to May 1, 2022. **PTI**

Gold jumps ₹231, silver rallies ₹585

New Delhi: Gold in the national Capital on Friday jumped ₹231 to ₹50,608 per 10 grams in line with a jump in global precious metal prices, according to HDFC Securities.

In the previous trade, the precious metal finished at ₹50,377 per 10 grams.

Silver also rallied ₹585 to ₹61,657 per kg from ₹61,072 per kg in the previous trade.

In the international market, gold was trading higher at USD 1,845 per ounce and silver was flat at USD 21.92 per ounce.

"Gold prices traded firm with spot gold prices at COMEX trading 0.23 per cent up at USD 1,845 per ounce on Friday. Gold prices kept firm trading with dollar decline and fall in US bond yields," said Tapan Patel, Senior Analyst (Commodities), HDFC Securities. **PTI**

'Utility vehicles' share in new car sales likely on upward trajectory

Mumbai: Share of utility vehicles in the overall sales of new cars is expected to be on an upward trajectory amid growing popularity of such vehicles and automakers' reduced focus on compact hatchbacks owing to rising production costs, Fitch Ratings said on Friday.

The increasing share of higher-margin UV (Utility Vehicle) sales will help carmakers cushion the impact on production cost due to high commodity prices and compliance to additional safety standards, it said.

Citing SIAM (Society of Indian Automobile Manufacturers) data, Fitch said that UV's volume share in overall car sales increased to 49 per cent in the previous fiscal, up from 28 per cent in the year-ago period. This underscores the rising popularity of UVs over hatchbacks and sedans, whose combined share dropped from 66 per cent to 48 per cent.

Within the UV category, the share of entry- and mid-level UVs in overall car sales rose to 38 per cent in the financial year ended March 2022 from 20 per cent in FY19, underscoring customers' shift in favour of vehicles offering more space and versatile road capabilities, it said.

The agency said that higher numbers of new launches in UVs compared to hatchbacks in the past few years have supported growth. Fitch Ratings believe UVs are well-positioned to gain further share in overall car sales as UVs remain popular, particularly among upgraders and high-income customers who are typically less price conscious than buyers of entry-level cars. Entry- and mid-level UV sales rose by 21 per cent year-on-year in FY21 and 35% in FY22, reflecting resilient demand despite the COVID-19 pandemic, it stated. Still, the rising production costs will weigh on demand and profitability for the price-sensitive compact hatchbacks and sedans, according to the ratings agency. High commodity prices and more stringent vehicle safety and emission standards have caused 20—30 per cent increase in entry-level car prices since 2018, it said. **PTI**

India to pitch for solution to food stockholding at WTO meet



New Delhi: India will make a pitch for finding a permanent solution to the issue of public stockholding for food security in the WTO meet in Geneva starting June 12, an official said.

Besides, issues including agri subsidies and World Food Programme will be on the agenda of the 12th ministerial conference, the highest decision making body of the 164-member World Trade Organization (WTO), the official said.

For the meeting, the Indian team will be led by Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal. "Finding permanent solution to public stockholding will be our key demand," the official added. **PTI**

Thermax net falls 4.4% to ₹103 cr in March quarter

New Delhi: Thermax on Friday reported a 4.4 per cent decline in consolidated net profit at ₹102.54 crore for the quarter ended March.

The company had reported a consolidated net profit of ₹107.35 crore in the year-ago period, according to a BSE filing.

Total income of the company in the March quarter was at ₹2,027.62 crore as against ₹1,610.34 crore in the same period a year ago.

"Profit After Tax (PAT) stood at ₹103 crore, down 4 per cent as compared to ₹107 crore in the corresponding quarter of FY21.

Profitability was lower due to increased commodity and freight costs during the quarter," the company said in a statement.

The consolidated net profit of the company rose to ₹312.31 crore in the fiscal year 2021-22 from ₹206.58 crore in 2020-21. **PTI**

Cartelisation going to be challenge, says FM

New Delhi: Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman on Friday said "cartelisation is going to be a challenge" and stressed on the need to look at supply disruptions in order to ensure that there are no monopolistic or duopolistic situations causing either price hikes or supply manipulations.

Amidst rising inflation which has also raised concerns about the economic recovery from the coronavirus pandemic, the minister said there are a few grievances that input costs of materials have gone up in spite of India having quite a big capacity to meet the country's own demands and also for exports.

There is a global shortage of commodities and raw materials as well as disruptions in the value chains and supply chains due to the pandemic and the war situation in Eastern Europe, she noted.

Addressing the 13th annual day function of the Competition Commission of India (CCI) in the national capital, Sitharaman said there are disruptions of various kinds.

"There are very many stages at which disruptions are coming in.

Are they genuinely disruptions caused by COVID or war, there is a need to look into these disruptions, look into the causes for the short supply



and also assure that there are no monopolistic or duopolistic situations causing either price hikes or supply manipulations," the minister said.

Sitharaman, who is also in charge of the corporate affairs ministry, said in the last two years, the CCI has stood up and met the challenges with a lot more positivity.

"Challenges are getting more complex, more nuanced and more technology-driven. So, the Competition Commission will have to have such skill sets so that you are never behind the curve and you are on top of the issues," she said.

According to her, cartelisation is going to be a challenge also due to companies scaling up and growing into areas which are of great demand.

"There could be a situation where cartelisation is a possible threat... Cartelisation is the larger word I am using and cartelisation itself is a self-explanatory word but I am also

Sebi tweaks cyber security, cyber resilience framework of bourses, clearing corps, depositories

New Delhi: Capital markets regulator Sebi on Friday tweaked the cyber security and cyber resilience framework of stock exchanges and other market infrastructure institutions and mandated them to conduct a comprehensive cyber audit at least two times in a financial year.

Along with the cyber audit reports, they have been directed to submit a declaration from the MD and CEO certifying compliance by the market infrastructure institutions (MIIs) -- stock exchanges, clearing corporations and depositories -- with all Sebi



guidelines and advisories related to cyber security issued from time to time, according to a circular.

Under the modified framework, MIIs should identify and classify critical assets based on their sensitivity and criticality for business operations, services and data management. **PTI**

BUSINESS BRIEFS

PLATFORM FOR CRYPTO TRADERS
New Delhi: BitMEX, one of the world's largest crypto trading platforms, launched BitMEX Spot Exchange for retail and institutional traders as the company looks to expand its product offering. BitMEX Spot aims to attract and introduce new retail and institutional clients. "BitMEX is one step closer to providing our users with a full crypto ecosystem to buy, sell, and trade their favourite digital assets," said BitMEX CEO Alexander Höpner.

FDI inflow hits all-time high of USD 83.57 bn in 2021-22

New Delhi: India has recorded the "highest ever" annual FDI (foreign direct investment) inflow of USD 83.57 billion in 2021-22, the commerce and industry ministry said on Friday.

In 2020-21, the inflow stood at USD 81.97 billion, it added.

"India is rapidly emerging as a preferred country for foreign investments in the manufacturing sector," the ministry said.

"India has recorded highest ever annual FDI inflow of USD 83.57 billion in the Financial Year 2021-22," it noted.



FDI equity inflow in manufacturing sectors has increased by 76 per cent in 2021-22 (USD 21.34 billion) compared to 2020-21 (USD 12.09 billion).

In terms of top investor countries, Singapore is at the top with 27 per cent followed

by the US (18 per cent) and Mauritius (16 per cent) during the last fiscal.

Among sectors, computer software and hardware attracted maximum inflows. It was followed by the services sector and automobile industry, the ministry said.

To further liberalise and simplify FDI policy for providing ease of doing business and attract investments, reforms have been undertaken recently across sectors, such as coal mining, contract manufacturing, digital media, single-brand retail trading, civil aviation, defence, insurance and telecom. **PTI**

NTPC net profit jumps 12% to ₹5,199 cr in March quarter

New Delhi: State-owned power giant NTPC on Friday posted a nearly 12 per cent jump in consolidated net profit to ₹5,199.51 crore in the March quarter, mainly on the back of higher revenues.

The consolidated net profit of the company was at ₹4649.49 crore in the quarter ended on March 31, 2021, according to a regulatory filing.

Total income in the latest March quarter rose to ₹37,724.42 crore from ₹31,687.24 crore in the same period a year ago.

The consolidated net profit climbed to ₹16,960.29 crore in the last fiscal from ₹14,969.40 crore in 2020-21.



In the last financial year, total income rose to ₹13,4994.31 crore from ₹11,5546.83 crore in the year-ago period.

NTPC's board has recommended a final dividend of ₹3

per equity share for the 2021-22. This will be in addition to the interim dividend of ₹4 per equity share for the paid in February 2022.

The average power tariff of the firm was at ₹3.98 per unit

in 2021-22 as against ₹3.77 per unit in 2020-21.

The coal supply to power plants increased to 52.28 Million Metric Tonnes (MMT) in the March quarter from 45.68 MMT in the same period a year ago. Similarly, the coal supply to power plants rose to 195.63 MMT in the last fiscal from 170.24 MMT in 2020-21.

The supply of imported coal also increased from 1.07 MMT in the March quarter from 0.31 MMT in the same period a year ago.

During 2021-22, the imported coal supply to power plants rose to 2.47 MMT from 0.92 MMT in 2020-21. **PTI**

RBI to pay ₹30,307 cr dividend to Govt for FY-22

Mumbai: Reserve Bank of India (RBI) on Friday said its board has approved a dividend payment of Rs 30,307 crore to the government for the financial ended March 2022.

The board approved the transfer of Rs 30,307 crore as surplus to the central government for the accounting year 2021-22 while deciding to maintain the Contingency Risk Buffer at 5.50 per cent, RBI said in a statement.

The decision on the dividend payment was made in the 596th meeting of the Central Board of Directors of RBI, headed by Governor Shaktikanta Das, held on



Friday. Last year in May, RBI declared a dividend of Rs 99,122 crore for the nine-

month period (July 2020 to March 2021). The dividend was paid for that period as RBI

aligned its financial year with the government's financial year.

Earlier, RBI used to follow July-June period earlier as against government's April-March financial year.

During its meeting, the board reviewed the current economic situation, global and domestic challenges and the impact of recent geopolitical developments.

The board also discussed the working of RBI during the year April 2021 – March 2022 and approved the annual report and accounts for the accounting year 2021-22, the statement said. **PTI**

Rupee inches 3 paise higher to close at 77.53 against US dollar

Mumbai: The rupee inched 3 paise higher to close at 77.53 (provisional) against US dollar on Friday, supported by a rebound in domestic equities.

At the interbank forex market, the rupee opened at 77.51 against the greenback and moved in a range of 77.49 to 77.60 in the day's trade.

The rupee finally ended at 77.53, higher by 3 paise over its previous close of 77.56.

According to Dilip Parmar, Research Analyst, HDFC Securities, the lack of dollar



demand and rebound in domestic equities augur well for the rupee.

The dollar is about 2 per cent off its recent high, seen last week, as risk-assets rebound after the People's Bank of China

(PBOC) announced a 15 bps cut in the 5-year Loan Prime Rate to support the economy.

The dollar index marked the first weekly decline after six weeks of upward movement, driven by position liquidation and preference for other currencies to emerge at a lower level. On the domestic equity market front, the BSE Sensex rebounded 1,534.16 points or 2.91 per cent to end at 54,326.39, while the broader NSE Nifty jumped 456.75 points or 2.89 per cent to 16,266.15. **PTI**

JK Tyre & Industries Q4 profit falls 80% to ₹38 cr



New Delhi: JK Tyre & Industries on Friday reported 80 per cent decline in consolidated net profit at ₹38.22 crore for the fourth quarter ended March 31, 2022, impacted by higher expenses primarily due to rise in input costs.

The company had posted a net profit of ₹194.96 crore for the same period of previous fiscal year, JK Tyre & Industries said in a regulatory filing.

Revenue from operations in the quarter stood at ₹3,311.83 crore as against ₹2,927.28 crore in the year-ago period, it added.

Total expenses were higher at ₹3,280.78 crore as compared to ₹2,673.58 crore in the corresponding period a year ago, with cost of materials consumed rising to ₹2,219.63 crore from ₹1,839.4 crore in the same quarter previous year.

For fiscal year ended March 31, 2022, consolidated net profit was at ₹201.24 crore as compared to ₹330.93 crore, down 39.2 per cent. Revenue from operations was at ₹11,982.96 crore as compared to ₹9,102.2 crore in FY21. **PTI**



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The fact that he (Virat) was working so hard in the nets and trying to find rhythm away from the playing games, away from the contest, allowed him to keep that confidence up

— MIKE HESSON

ROYALS FINISH IN TOP-2

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Po.	TEAM	M	W	L	NR	Pts	NRR
1.	GT (Q)	14	10	4	0	20	0.316
2.	RR (Q)	14	9	5	0	18	0.298
3.	LSG (Q)	14	9	5	0	18	0.251
4.	RCB	14	8	6	0	16	-0.253
5.	DC	13	7	6	0	14	0.255
6.	KKR	14	6	8	0	12	0.146
7.	PBKS	13	6	7	0	12	-0.043
8.	SRH	13	6	7	0	12	-0.230
9.	CSK	14	4	10	0	8	-0.203
10.	MI	13	3	10	0	6	-0.577

PTI ■ MUMBAI

Ravichandran Ashwin, once again, proved his utility with the bat when his team needed it the most as Rajasthan Royals defeated Chennai Super Kings by five wickets to finish the IPL league phase in Top-2 here on Friday.

Ashwin remained unbeaten on 40 off 23 balls as RR completed the chase of 151 with two balls to go, grabbing the second place to set up a blockbuster clash with Gujarat Titans in the first play-off next Tuesday.

Moeen Ali top-scored for CSK with a 57-ball 93 before RR staged a remarkable comeback to restrict the yellow brigade to 150 for six in the allotted 20 overs.

Young Yashasvi Jaiswal (59 off 44 balls) got RR off to a brisk start with back-to-back boundaries off Mukesh Choudhary in the innings' first over.



In fact, by the time the first over of their innings came to an end, RR qualified for the play-offs on net run rate, leaving Royal Challengers Bangalore and Delhi Capitals to fight for the fourth spot.

Simarjeet Singh struck early for CSK, sending back the dangerous Jos Buttler (2), who edged an away going delivery to Moeen's waiting hands at slip.

Jaiswal struck two more successive boundaries in the next over and to give

► boundarymeter

4s	1863
6s	965

RR innings stability, the 20-year-old opener added 51 runs for the second wicket with captain Sanju Samson (15).

However, Samson again failed to translate his start into a substantial contribution as left-arm spinner Mitchell Santner had the batter caught and bowled. Devdutt Padikkal (3) did not last long and was bowled by Moeen to leave RR at 76 for three in the 12th over, and with some work left to do.

Having brought up his half-century in 39 balls, and after a six over long-on, the well-set Jaiswal got out to Prashant Solanki while trying to clear the fence.

Back from Guyana after celebrating the birth of his child, Shimron Hetmyer (6) arrived at the crease with high hopes of finishing it for RR, but could not do much as he fell to Solanki.

However, Ravichandran Ashwin kept RR in the hunt with his sensible batting at one end.

Earlier, Moeen blazed away in the power play but slowed down considerably thereafter as Chennai Super Kings struggled for runs in the back 10.

Batting first after his skipper Mahendra Singh Dhoni won the toss, Moeen smashed his way to a 19-ball 50, and was 59 off 24 at the end of the first six power play overs, with CSK racing away to 75 for the loss of one wicket.

In all, Moeen made 93 off 57 balls with 13 fours and three sixes.

However, after being at the receiving end of Moeen's brutal onslaught during which the England all-rounder made a bowler of Trent Boult's calibre look like an uncapped player by bludgeoning him for 26 runs in an over, the RR bowling unit made a fine recovery.

I will play IPL next year: Dhoni

PTI ■ MUMBAI

Iconic two-time World Cup winning India captain Mahendra Singh Dhoni on Friday said he will "definitely" play in the IPL next year as not doing so would be "unfair" to the city after which the Chennai Super Kings is named and which treats him like its own.

With this, the 40-year-old Dhoni put to rest speculations around his participation in the lucrative league next season.

"Definitely, I will play next year. It would be unfair not to say thank you to Chennai, to not play in Chennai. It won't be nice to the CSK fans," Dhoni said at the toss for CSK's final match of the ongoing season, against Rajasthan Royals.

"Whether 2023 will be my last year or not, that is something we will have to see."

The former India skipper's fandom knows no bounds and some time back, a social media post of one admirer painting his house in Cuddalore, Tamil Nadu in Chennai Super Kings' yellow colour, along with portraits of Dhoni, had gone viral.

Two days ago, Dhoni's heartfelt reply to a distraught CSK fan's letter won hearts.

Four-time champions CSK endured one of their worst IPL campaigns, as they



went out of reckoning for a play-offs spot quite early in the season.

Most of CSK's senior players like Dhoni (206 runs), Ambati Rayudu (271) and Robin Uthappa (230) haven't had a great IPL and that has been the biggest failure of the 'Yellow Brigade'.

The bowling suffered a lot because of the absence of an

injured Deepak Chahar and the inability to retain Josh Hazlewood.

There were also speculations of rift in the CSK camp after Ravindra Jadeja and the franchise decided to unfollow each other on social media platforms after the former stepped down from captaincy and left the bubble citing an injury.

DC meet MI in virtual quarter-final

PTI ■ MUMBAI

Delhi Capitals will have their fortune in their own hands as they aim to pull all stops against season's favourite whipping boys Mumbai Indians in what will be a virtual IPL "quarter-final" clash for Rishabh Pant's men.

While DC have everything to play for, MI will like to cap off the season on a winning note although it would count for little for the five-time champions, who suffered due to poor auction strategy.

In case of Mumbai Indians, the only area of interest is whether legendary Sachin Tendulkar's son Arjun finally gets a game after having warmed the bench for 27 straight games across two seasons.

Skipper Rohit Sharma has indicated that they would blood some new faces in the final game. So far 22 players have played in 13 games.

The equation is as simple as it can get for the Capitals (+0.255) as they simply need to beat Mumbai Indians to pip Royal Challengers Bangalore (-0.253) on better net run-rate.

While MI have endured their worst season this time, Capitals have been guilty of inconsistency with seven wins and six defeats in their 13 games.

In fact, it was their victory over RCB in the previous game that ensured back-to-back full points for them.

There have been days when Capitals have been extra-ordinary, with a David Warner (427 runs) or Mitchell Marsh (251 runs) or Rovman



Experienced players will have to step up against MI: Ponting

PTI ■ MUMBAI

Delhi Capitals head coach Ricky Ponting feels his team is peaking at the right time but wants his big guns to deliver in what will be a virtual IPL quarterfinal for them against Mumbai Indians on Saturday. Speaking about their next game, Ponting said, "I have got full confidence in the players that they will have a really good game on Saturday. It's been an up and down season for us, but we've played some good cricket. I always talk about playing our best

Powell (207 runs) upping the ante in batting. Spinners Kuldeep Yadav (20 wickets, 8.45), Axar Patel (6 wickets,

cricket at the business end of the tournament and peaking at the right time. I've got a feeling that the boys are about to do that."

The Australian legend added that the experienced players will have to step up for the team in the crucial match against Mumbai Indians.

"Davey has done a really good job at the top of the order. We have also seen how destructive Mitchell Marsh can be at the number three slot. And among the bowlers, Kuldeep has been exceptional throughout the season."

7.37) and Lalit Yadav (4 wickets, 8.33) have also done a decent job with the ball in a number of games.

Not able to contribute to team's cause was bothering me: Virat

PTI ■ MUMBAI

Virat Kohli on Thursday said not being able to contribute to the team's cause and his failure to live up to his own expectations bothered him the most during his prolonged lean patch in this year's Indian Premier League.

Kohli roared back top form with a 54-ball 73 to help Royal Challengers Bangalore register a thumping eight-wicket win over table-toppers Gujarat Titans and stay alive in the play-off race.

"It was an important game. I was disappointed that I haven't done much for my team and that is what bothers me, not the stats. Today was a game where I was able to create an impact for the team. Puts us in a good position."

"There are expectations because of the performances that you have put in. You need to keep the perspective right. You can forget the process in order to live up to the



expectations," Kohli said at the post-match presentation ceremony after being named player-of-the-match.

Kohli said he had batted for one-and-a-half hours at the nets on Wednesday in his

bid to find his mojo back.

"I have worked really hard. I batted 90 minutes in the nets yesterday. I came in very free and relaxed."

Kohli compared his current situation with a few instances from the past.

"It is in that spur of the moment why is it happening to me. It goes back to 2018 in England when I was dropped on 21 and the juggernaut could have started again like it did on the 2014 tour. I won't be standing here being ungrateful for all that I have achieved." The batting superstar said the first boundary off Mohammed Shami gave him the confidence that he is not far away from getting his touch back.

"With the very first shot of Shami, I felt I could hit lengths balls over the fielder's head. I knew that tonight was the night when I could kick on. It has been wonderful that I have got so much support in this edition. I am forever grateful to all the love that I have never seen before," Kohli said.



Wade reprimanded for code of conduct breach

PTI ■ MUMBAI

Gujarat Titans batter Matthew Wade was reprimanded for breaching the IPL code of conduct during their game against Royal Challengers Bangalore.

"Mr. Wade admitted to the Level 1 offence under Article 2.5 of the IPL Code of Conduct and accepted the sanction," the IPL said in a statement.

"For Level 1 breaches of the Code of Conduct, the match referee's decision is final and binding," it added.

While the statement did not give any reason for the breach, Wade was livid after being adjudged LBW, in what was a controversial call and attracted empathy from Virat Kohli.

Wade was sure that he under-edged a sweep shot off Glenn Maxwell and took no time in reviewing the on-field decision, which was out.

However, despite a clear deviation in the ball's trajectory before it thudded onto the pads, the UltraEdge did not detect it and the TV umpire stayed with the on-field umpire's call.

Australia retain WC winning squad for CWG

PTI ■ MUMBAI

The Australian women's cricket team has retained its World Cup winning squad for the Commonwealth Games in Birmingham, where it will open its campaign against India on July 29.

Australia have named the same squad for their T20I tri-series with Ireland and Pakistan as well.

The tri-series in Northern Ireland provides the ideal preparation for Meg Lanning's side, under interim head coach Shelley Nitschke, who will have to step up following Matthew Mott's departure.

Mott took up the coaching



role of the England men's white-ball coach.

Besides dominating the 50-over World Cup in New Zealand, Lanning's side are also T20 World Cup champions,

and come off recent series wins in the format over rivals England and India.

Squad: Meg Lanning (C), Rachael Haynes (VC), Darcie Brown, Nicola Carey, Ashleigh

Gardner, Grace Harris, Alyssa Healy, Jess Jonassen, Alana King, Tahlia McGrath, Beth Mooney, Ellyse Perry, Megan Schutt, Annabel Sutherland, Amanda-Jade Wellington.



Sindhu in Thailand semis

PTI ■ BANGKOK

Two-time Olympic medallist PV Sindhu eked out a three-game win over world number 1 Akane Yamaguchi of Japan to make it to the semifinals of the Thailand Open Super 500 tournament here on Friday.

The sixth seeded Indian

prevailed 21-15, 20-22, 21-13 over second seeded Japanese in 51 minutes to set up a clash with Olympic champion Chen Yu Fei of China.

Sindhu came into the match with a 13-9 head-to-head record and dished out another fine performance to notch up her 14th victory over the reigning World Champion.

3 Covid cases confirmed in Kiwi camp

PTI ■ BRIGHTON

Three members of the New Zealand touring party, including senior batter Henry Nicholls, are in isolation after testing positive for Covid-19 on the morning of the first Tour match against Sussex in Brighton.

The New Zealand team is in England for a Test series.

Nicholls, pacer Blair Tuckner and bowling coach Shane Jurgensen have begun five days of hotel room isolation after producing positive Rapid Antigen Tests on Friday morning.

The remainder of the squad members have returned negative tests and will continue to be monitored and tested as required

Hurdles faced in career made me mentally strong: Nikhat

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Hardened by the difficult circumstances in her career, newly-crowned World Champion boxer Nikhat Zareen said she has adopted a combative approach where "whatever happens I have to fight and give my best."

Continuing her stellar run, Zareen out-punched Thailand's Jitpong Jutamas by unanimous 5-0 verdict to clinch the fly-weight (52kg) Gold in Istanbul on Thursday.

"These two years, I focused on my game only and whatever the weaknesses were there in my game, I tried to improve," Zareen told reporters after her bout.

"I worked on my strong points and on where I lacked in my game. I worked on the aspects where I needed to work and made myself strong."



"All those hurdles which I have faced in my career have made me strong. I have become mentally strong after all these and my thought process is that whatever happens, I have to fight and give my best," she added.

Zareen's golden feat comes two-years after she had written to then sports minister Kiren Rijiju asking for a "fair trial" for the Olympic Qualifiers.

Zareen was trolled on social media mercilessly for this while the legendary Mary Kom had caustically asked "Who Nikhat Zareen?"

Zareen eventually lost the bout to Mary Kom in the trials, missing out on a chance to qualify for the Tokyo Games.

The 2011 junior world champion also had to overcome a career-threatening shoulder injury, which kept her out of the ring for a year and saw her miss all the big-ticket events

like the Commonwealth Games, Asiad and World Championships in 2018.

"In 2017, I dislocated my shoulder, I had to go under surgery and then I didn't take part in any competition for a year. I came back in 2018 but I wasn't at my peak so I missed the big tournaments CWG, Asiad and World Championships."

"But I didn't give up and after the comeback in 2019 haven't looked back. I have taken all competitions as an opportunity and I believed in myself. Because of that here I'm today."

Zareen will now prepare for the Commonwealth Games trial for which she will have to drop her weight and come down to 50kgs.

"In the CWG there's a 50kg division, I will prepare for that now."

NADAL DISMISSES DOUBTS OVER FOOT INJURY

AP ■ PARIS

Rafael Nadal has played down concerns over the chronic foot issue that resurfaced in Rome last week as he prepares to launch his bid for a 14th French Open title.

The Spaniard limped to a third-round loss to Denis Shapovalov at the Italian Open, but practised in front of thousands of fans at Roland Garros on Wednesday without any obvious discomfort.

"There is nothing to recover," Nadal told reporters on Friday. "What happened in Rome is something that happened very often in my practices."

"I was suffering after that for a couple of days, but I feel better. That's why I'm here."

Nadal began the year with a 20-match winning run, capturing a second Australian Open title to claim a record 21st Grand Slam and move ahead of Novak Djokovic and Roger Federer.

The 35-year-old then missed six weeks with a rib injury sustained during his run to the final in Indian Wells, where he suffered his first loss of the season to Taylor Fritz.

Nadal complained of a recurring foot problem in Rome, but he appears confident it can be managed in Paris.

"The pain is there always. It's not going to disappear now. It's about if the pain is high and strong enough to allow me to play with real chances or not," he said.

"It's something that I live every day with, so it's nothing new for me and is not a big surprise."

"So I am here just to play tennis and to try to make the best result possible here in Roland Garros. And if I don't believe that this thing can happen, probably I will not be here."

Nadal, defending champion Djokovic and new teenage



star Carlos Alcaraz have been drawn in the same half of the tournament.

"In terms of tennis, of course the top of the draw you see the names, of course is a very tough one. But we are in a Grand Slam, and you never know what can happen," he said.

World number one Djokovic and Nadal, ranked five, are seeded to meet as early as the quarter-finals.

Nadal lost to Djokovic in the semi-finals 12 months ago, but has an astonishing record of 105 victories against just three defeats at the tournament since his title-winning debut in 2005.

He goes into the French Open without a clay title to his

name in 2022, and insisted he is not the favourite for a title he has won 13 of the past 17 years.

"No, I mean, for sure not, because the results says that I am not, but is something that

never worried much to me," said Nadal.

"Probably when I was a

Nadal plays '30% better' at Roland Garros: Zverev

AP ■ PARIS

Alexander Zverev believes Rafael Nadal plays "30% better" at Roland Garros as he backed either the 13-time winner or defending champion Novak Djokovic to triumph at the French Open.

German world number three Zverev, who is seeded to meet Djokovic in the semi-finals, said Nadal seems to have shrugged off the recurrence of a foot injury which saw him limp to an early defeat in Rome last week. "I just watched Rafa practice and it's funny because all of a sudden his forehand

is just 20 miles an hour faster. He moves lighter on his feet," said Zverev.

"There is something about this court that makes him play 30% better, just being on this court."

World number one Djokovic, bidding for a third Paris title to move level with Nadal on 21 Grand Slams, comes into the tournament with a sixth Italian Open under his belt.

The Serb, who turns 35 on Sunday when the French Open starts, is also fired up by missing out on his Australian Open defence in January when he was deported

favourite, I never considered myself the favourite."

OSAKA 'WORRIED'

Naomi Osaka admitted Friday that she was "worried" over her return to the French Open, fearing she had "offended" people when she controversially quit the 2021 tournament.

The Japanese superstar, a former world number one and a four-time major winner, pulled out of Roland Garros 12 months ago after she was fined and threatened with a Grand Slam ban for refusing to honour media commitments.

Osaka, the world's highest-earning sportswoman last year with a \$55 million income, then took a break from the sport, revealing she had been suffering bouts of depression.

"I'm not going to lie. Like when I first came here, I was very worried," the 24-year-old said as she attended the official press day for the French Open which starts Sunday.

"I was just kind of worried that there were people that I offended some way and I would just kind of bump into them."

"Of course I also didn't like how I handled the situation."

Osaka, who withdrew after just one match in 2021, went on to skip that season's Wimbledon as well.



Swiatek 'aware' long winning run could end at French Open

AP ■ PARIS

World number one Iga Swiatek said on Friday she was prepared for her 28-match winning streak to be snapped at the French Open, where she will attempt to lift the trophy for the second time.

The 20-year-old has won the last five tournaments she has entered, triumphing on clay in Stuttgart and Rome, and arrives in Paris as the overwhelming favourite for the title.

"I'm aware that this streak is something that may be coming to an end soon, so I don't want to be like heart-broken when it's going to happen," said Swiatek.

"I think being aware of that is pretty healthy."

"I haven't played a Grand Slam since the streak started. So I guess we're going to see if everything I have been doing before is going to be enough. But I have really positive thoughts," she added.

Swiatek became Poland's first Grand Slam singles champion when she won at Roland Garros in 2020, a tournament that was delayed until September-October

because of the pandemic.

Her title defence ended in a quarter-final defeat by Greece's Maria Sakkari last year, but she returns with more belief and self-assuredness after filling the vacuum left by the shock retirement of Ashleigh Barty.

"I'm more relaxed," said Swiatek, who made the last four of the Australian Open in January.

"I proved to myself and to other people that I can be in the top of the game, and before I wasn't feeling that much confidence, so this year I feel much more peace."

Swiatek replaced Barty at the top of the rankings at the start of April. She hasn't lost since February and her winning run is the longest on the WTA tour since Serena Williams won 34 matches in a row in 2013. "The world has changed, for sure," she said. "I feel like with my new ranking, people around are treating me a little bit differently."

"But I feel like I'm staying the same player and the same person. Still I feel like there is a lot to improve, so I think these are the main keys that this is my base that I'm leaning on."

Klopp confirms 'Liverpool legend' Origi is leaving Anfield



AP ■ LIVERPOOL

Liverpool manager Jurgen Klopp confirmed on Friday that striker Divock Origi will leave the Premier League club at the end of the season.

The Belgium international has not played enough matches to trigger an extension to his contract and has

been heavily linked with a move to AC Milan. The 27-year-old has been a bit-part player since he joined Liverpool in 2014 but has scored vital goals including two in an astonishing comeback against Barcelona in the Champions League semi-finals in 2019.

Origi also scored in the

final that year as Liverpool lifted their sixth European Cup against Tottenham.

"I expect Div to get a special reception, or farewell, or whatever," said Klopp, whose side are just one point behind Premier League leaders Manchester City with one game left.

"He is, and will be for me, forever a Liverpool legend (and) one of the most important players I ever had."

"That sounds completely strange with the amount of games he had, but it is, and was, a pure joy to work together with him."

Klopp, whose side host Wolves on Sunday, said it would be a "harsh moment" when Origi leaves Anfield.

"I remember so many things when I think about Div that's incredible — important goals, injuries... bad injuries, and all these kinds of things — ups and downs," he said. "He is a Liverpool legend, no doubt."

Liverpool, who are still in the hunt for an unprecedented quadruple, must win on Sunday and hope Pep Guardiola's City slip up at home against Aston Villa.

Dortmund part ways with coach Marco Rose

AP ■ DORTMUND

Head coach Marco Rose has left Borussia Dortmund after just one year in charge, the Bundesliga runners-up said on Friday.

Borussia Dortmund and Rose "ended their collaboration" following an "intensive analysis of the season", the club said in a statement.

The team had "not gotten the most out of our potential in a number of areas", Dortmund CEO Hans-Joachim Watzke said.

Rose said he was still convinced by his plans for Dortmund, but saw that he did not have the "100 percent" backing of the club.

Dortmund finished second in the Bundesliga in the 2021-2022 season, trailing Bayern Munich by eight points.

Dortmund struggled to pressure Bayern, who eased to their tenth consecutive title. They also failed to advance from their Champions League group stage where they met Ajax, Sporting and Besiktas.

Rose's side subsequently



lost to eventual finalists Rangers in the knockout stages of UEFA's second competition, the Europa League.

The expectations were high for Rose, who joined Dortmund from Borussia Moenchengladbach last year.

The team would discuss their future coaching team internally "over the coming days", the club said.

Pochettino in the dark over Mbappe's future

AP ■ PARIS

Paris Saint-Germain coach Mauricio Pochettino insisted on Friday he has no idea where Kylian Mbappe will play his club football next season as the striker's contract in the French capital comes to an end.

Mbappe is expected to reveal in the coming days whether he will join Real Madrid or accept a lucrative offer to stay at PSG, with an announcement potentially being made in the hours after the French champions play their final game of the Ligue 1 season at home to Metz on Saturday.

"I don't know what his decision is. I think it's a personal matter for Kylian and for the club," Pochettino said at a press conference ahead of the Metz match.

"There are lots of rumours going around but the player is the one who will have to talk about this."

"If I knew what his decision was I wouldn't be the one to talk about it."

Mbappe, who joined PSG from Monaco in 2017, last week won the Ligue 1 Player of the Year prize and comes into the final weekend of the season as



the division's top scorer with 25 goals. Rumours are swirling in France and in Spain about when he will confirm where his next contract will be.

Pochettino said he hoped the 23-year-old would remain at PSG even if uncertainty surrounds the coach's own future despite the Argentine and his staff having a year left on their own deals.

"I hope Kylian is still here for many years to come but I also can't lie. I don't know what is going to happen," he said.

"We have a year left on our contracts so we will potentially

be here next season. I just hope tomorrow (Saturday) we can enjoy celebrating the club's 10th league title."

One player who is definitely expected to move on is Angel di Maria, with the 34-year-old Argentine winger's own contract expiring and PSG understood to be happy for him to leave.

PSG have cantered to the Ligue 1 title, equalling Saint-Etienne's French record for most league championships, but their season has been soured by defeat against Real Madrid in the Champions League last 16 in early March.

Everton seal Premier League survival after epic escape

AP ■ LIVERPOOL

Everton staged a dramatic fightback from two goals down to preserve their Premier League status with a 3-2 win against Crystal Palace, while Burnley climbed out of the relegation zone after a 1-1 draw at Aston Villa on Thursday.

Frank Lampard's side recovered from conceding twice in the first half as Michael Keane and Richarlison netted after the break before Dominic Calvert-Lewin's late winner sparked wild celebrations at Goodison Park.

After a nerve-jangling battle to avoid playing outside the top-flight for the first time since 1954, Everton can finally relax with one game to play.

Their thrilling comeback was a microcosm of Lampard's reign since he took over in January, with Everton staring disaster in the face before pulling back from the brink.

Everton are four points

above the relegation zone, leaving fourth-bottom Burnley and third-bottom Leeds scrapping for survival.

Burnley, who host Newcastle in Sunday's final round of fixtures, climbed above Leeds on goal difference thanks to their point at Villa.

They will be safe if they match Leeds' result at Brentford on the last day.

Whatever happens at the weekend is unlikely to surpass the emotion at Goodison, where fans wept tears of joy during a frenzied post-match pitch invasion.

Palace silenced the boisterous crowd with their 21st minute opener.

Vitalii Mykolenko allowed Jean-Philippe Mateta to get in front of him and the Palace forward headed in Eberechi Eze's free-kick.

Several bottles were thrown towards Mateta and the atmosphere turned even more toxic in the 36th minute



when Jordan Ayew poked home after Abdoulaye Doucoure failed to clear.

But Lampard had labelled the game "all or nothing" and Michael Keane gave Everton a

vital 54th minute lifeline, the defender applying the finishing touch from Mason Holgate's

header.

Revitalised, Everton laid siege to the Palace goal and Richarlison hooked the equaliser past Jack Butland in the 75th minute.

With Goodison at fever pitch, Dominic Calvert-Lewin completed the comeback in the 85th minute with a clinical header that sparked a jubilant pitch invasion.

BURNLEY SAFE FOR NOW

At Villa Park, Burnley's Maxwell Cornet won a penalty on the stroke of half-time when he was bundled over by Emiliano Buendia.

Cornet had missed Burnley's only previous penalty this season and Ashley Barnes stepped up this time, sending Emiliano Martinez the wrong way with a cool strike for his first goal since February 2021.

In the 48th minute, Buendia volleyed Villa's equaliser from John McGinn's

cross, with Burnley protesting that a foul throw should have been given in the build-up.

Burnley finished with 10 men after Matt Lowton was sent off for a high tackle on Calum Chambers in stoppage-time.

Chelsea effectively guaranteed a third place finish with a 1-1 draw against Leicester at Stamford Bridge.

Given their vastly superior goal difference advantage over fourth placed Tottenham, who sit three points behind them, the Blues will not be caught.

After Chelsea's painful penalty shoot-out defeat in the FA Cup final against Liverpool on Saturday, Arsenal's defeat at Newcastle on Monday had secured a top four finish for the Blues.

James Maddison gave Leicester a sixth minute lead from the edge of the area before Marcos Alonso bagged Chelsea's equaliser, volleying

home in the 35th minute.

Thursday's drama was only an appetiser for what will be a thrilling final day of the season.

Manchester City will be crowned champions for a fourth time in five seasons if they beat Villa at the Etihad Stadium.

But second placed Liverpool, one point behind Pep Guardiola's team, would steal the title if City drop points and they defeat Wolves at Anfield.

In the battle to qualify for next season's Champions League, Tottenham need to a win at Norwich to be certain of pipping Arsenal, who host Everton and are two points behind their north London rivals.

Manchester United can qualify for the Europa League with a win at Palace, although they would drop into the Europa Conference League with a defeat and a West Ham victory at Brighton.