

India, France explore ways to boost cooperation in Indo-Pacific

NEW DELHI, Apr 13:

India and France today explored ways to strengthen cooperation in the Indo-Pacific, including under a trilateral mechanism with Australia to address emerging challenges in the maritime and space domains.

In the talks between External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar and his French counterpart Jean-Yves Le Drian, the French side also decided to be part of India's Indo-Pacific Oceans Initiative (IPOI).

The two sides also recognised the importance of fast tracking the discussions on an India-EU trade and investment agreement, the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) said.

The two foreign ministers held extensive talks covering all aspects of the bilateral strategic ties as well as regional and global challenges.

"They explored ways to strengthen cooperation in the Indo-Pacific, including the India-France-Australia trilateral mechanism, addressing emerging challenges in the maritime and space domains and working together in the area of climate action and biodiversity protection," the MEA said.

"In this regard, India welcomes France's decision to take up the 'Maritime Resources' pillar of India's Indo-Pacific Oceans Initiative (IPOI)," it said in a statement.

At the East Asia summit in Bangkok in 2019, Prime Minister Narendra Modi pro-

posed setting up of the IPOI to conserve and sustainably use the maritime domain and to make meaningful efforts to create a safe and secure maritime domain.

The MEA said the two ministers held discussions on a number of regional and global issues of mutual interest and reiterated their shared commitment to a multipolar world and faith in multilateralism.

The French Minister arrived here on Monday evening on a three-day visit to explore ways to further boost cooperation between the two countries including in the Indo-Pacific region.

After the talks, Jaishankar said India and France will advance their shared post-COVID agenda through "close collaboration".

"A comfortable, substantive and productive discussion with FM @JY LeDrian. India and France will advance their shared post-COVID agenda through close collaboration," he tweeted.

French ambassador Emmanuel Lenain described the meeting as "excellent". "Excellent meeting b/w @JY LeDrian & @DrSJaishankar @MEAIndia. The ministers discussed all aspects of the bilateral strategic partnership, regional & global challenges and cooperation at the #UNSC," Lenain said in a tweet.

The MEA said that in the context of the changes in a Covid-impacted world, both

Ministers recognised the immense opportunities for greater collaboration in diverse sectors such as trade and investments, defence and security, health, education, research and innovation, energy and climate change.

Bilateral trade with France has witnessed a steady rise in the last decade reaching USD 10.75 billion in 2020.

"To tap the full potential of bilateral trade and economic relations, both sides recognised the importance of fast tracking the discussions on an India-EU trade and investment agreement," it said.

On Monday, the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) said the visit by the French Foreign Minister will pave the way for further strengthening of bilateral partnership across trade, defence, climate, migration and mobility, education and health sectors in the post-COVID-19 context.

The French embassy said Le Drian is undertaking the visit to strengthen strategic ties between France and India, boost cooperation in several fields, particularly the Indo-Pacific.

The defence and security ties between India and France are on an upswing in the last few years. India had signed an inter-governmental agreement with France in September 2016 for procurement of 36 Rafale fighter jets at a cost of around Rs 58,000 crore. Dassault Aviation, the manufacturer of Rafales, has delivered 14 jets to the Indian Air Force so far. (PTI)

FIR is not encyclopaedia which must disclose all facts and details: SC

NEW DELHI, Apr 13:

A first information report (FIR) is not an "encyclopaedia" which must disclose all the facts and details relating to the offence reported and courts should not go into the merits of the allegations when investigation by the police is in progress, the Supreme Court said today.

While observing that police must be permitted to complete the probe, the apex court said that high courts must appreciate that speedy investigation is the requirement in the criminal administration of justice and they should be slow in interfering with the criminal proceedings at the initial stage.

A bench headed by Justice D Y Chandrachud noted that it has come across several orders passed by high courts directing not to arrest the accused during the investigation or till the charge sheet is filed.

"The first information report is not an encyclopaedia which must disclose all facts and details relating to the offence reported. Therefore, when the investigation by the police is in progress, the court should not go into the merits of the allegations in the FIR. Police must be permitted to complete the investigation," said the bench, also comprising Justices M R Shah and Sanjay Khanna.

"It would be premature to pronounce the conclusion based on hazy facts that the complaint/FIR does not deserve to be investigated or that it amounts to abuse of process of law," the bench said in its 64-

page verdict. The top court delivered the judgement by which it quashed the September last year interim order of the Bombay High Court which had directed that "no coercive measures shall be adopted" against the accused in respect of an FIR lodged in 2019 on allegations of cheating, forgery and others.

The bench noted that in a given case, there may be allegations of abuse of process of law by converting a civil dispute into a criminal dispute, only with a view to pressurise the accused.

It said similarly, in a given case the complaint itself on the face of it can be said to be barred by law.

"The allegations in the FIR/complaint may not at all disclose the commission of a cognizable offence," it said, (PTI)

adding, "In such cases and in exceptional cases with circum-spection, the high court may stay the further investigation."

It said at the same time, there may be genuine complaints or FIRs and the police or the investigating agency has a statutory obligation and duty to enquire into the cognizable offences.

"Therefore, a balance has to be struck between the rights of the genuine complainants and the FIRs disclosing commission of a cognizable offence and the statutory obligation/duty of the investigating agency to investigate into the cognizable offences on the one hand and those innocent persons against whom the criminal proceedings are initiated which may be in a given case abuse of process of law and the process," it said.

10th Death Anniversary

In fond memory of Mr Ari Daman Jain (5-7-1949 to 14-4-2021). Words cannot express our feeling of losing you. We remember you every moment with utmost respect and love in our heart. Time can never erase your presence in our lives.

REMEMBERED BY:-
Mrs Neelam Jain - Wife
Anmol & Mansha - Son & Daughter-in-Law
Mani & Sunil - Daughter & Son-in-Law
Shelly & Ankur - Daughter & Son-in-Law
Vesna & Satish Jain - Sister & Brother-in-Law
Suman & Triptai Jain - Sister & Brother-in-Law
Neelam & Late Shri Komal Jain - Sister & Brother-in-Law
Sarthak, Sanya, Bhavya, Poojika, Devang, Atham
Mob: 9797996359



Ari Daman Jain

OBITUARY

With profound grief and sorrow, we inform the sad demise of our sister **Mrs Roopa Mattoo Koul**, wife of Prof. C L Koul, Mansa Devi Complex Chandiagarh. Originally resident of Shivpora, Broadway, Srinagar.

GRIEF STRICKEN:
MATTOO PARIWAR
C L MATTOO
DR VINOD MATTOO
VESSUS, TIKOOS, SUMBLYS, VASHNAVIS,
KACHROOS, PARI MOOS, KAULS, SELIS, RAINAS
AND KHAZANCHIS.
CONTACT NO.
985861945, 9796214662



Mrs Roopa Mattoo Koul,

MASVAR & VARWAHAR

One year passed since you left us but your memories will remain with us in our hearts forever. Your guidance will always remain a source of inspiration to us. May God rest your soul in peace.

Masvar & Varwahar of Late Sh Bansi Lal Koul (Ganjoo) S/o Late Raghunath Koul Swarn Vihar is performed on 14th April and 15th April 2021.

Deeply Missed & Remembered by
KOUL'S, GANJOO'S, ABROL'S, DHAR'S & BAKSHISHI'S
9419197762, 9419193121, 9810902444



Late Sh Bansi Lal Koul (Ganjoo)

10TH DAY/KRIYA

With profound grief and sorrow, we regret to inform the sad demise of our beloved father **Sh Subash Chander Chopra** S/o Late Sh Badri Nath Chopra R/o Bhadu, Billawar who left for heavenly abode on 06-04-2021.

10th Day will be performed on 15-04-2021 at our residence at about 10.00 am.

Kriya will be performed on 18-04-2021 at our residence.

GRIEF STRICKEN
Smt. Subash - Wife
Smt. Anita & Nareesh Chopra - Bhabhi & Brother
Smt. Shavali & Deepak Chopra - Daughter-in-law & Son
Smt. Anita & Sanjeev Chopra - Daughter-in-law & Son
Sh Rohit Chopra - Son
Smt. Kamlesh W/o Late Sh Krishna Chand - Sister
Smt. Suresh & N.D. Abrol - Sister & Brother-in-law
Smt. Kanta & Sant K. Abrol - Sister & Brother-in-law
Smt. Rakhi & Rajinder Sawhney - Daughter & Son-in-law
Smt. Meenakshi & Tarsem Verma - Daughter & Son-in-law
Grand Children: Suryansh, Anshika, Devanshi, Vishu
Contact No. 8803598945, 9149782792, 8803172140, 9419155543



Sh Subash Chander Chopra

OBITUARY

WITH PROFOUND GRIEF & SORROW, WE REGRET TO INFORM THE SAD DEMISE OF OUR BELOVED MOTHER **SMT USHA DHAR (JIJI)** W/O LATE SHAM SUNDER DHAR, ORIGINALLY RESIDENT OF NARSINGH GARH, SRINAGAR KASHMIR (H.NO. 5B, LANE NO. 2, LAXMIPURAM, CHINORE, JAMMU) AT PRESENT HYDERABAD ON 12TH APRIL 2021.

TENTH DAY SHALL BE PERFORMED ON 21ST APRIL 2021 AT HYDERABAD.

GRIEF STRICKEN
Daughter-in-law & Son
Smt. Rashmi (9788114283) & Sh Amit Dhar (7330998875)
Daughter & Son-in-law
Smt. Meenakshi Arora (9967351112) & Sh Sanjay Arora
Grand Children: Khusi, Idha
Samast Dhar, Chrunugoo, Arora, Kaul, Kachroo, Khar, Kaul Parivar



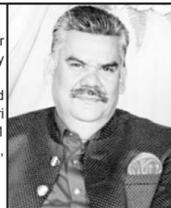
SMT USHA DHAR

AADH-BARKHI

You are remembered every moment in our lives. Time flies away but not a single day passes without you in our thoughts.

Aadh Barkhi (6 MONTHS) of our beloved **SH PAWAN KUMAR GUPTA JI** R/o Rajouri will be performed on Thursday 15th April-2021 at 11:30 am at our residence Ward No 12, Rajouri.

Deeply Missed By:-
Pammy Gupta (Wife)
Tania Gupta (Daughter)
Saksham Gupta & Samaksh Gupta (Sons)
All Family Members.
Phone No. 9797488155, 9622068155



SH PAWAN KUMAR GUPTA JI

REMEMBRANCE ON 12TH DEATH ANNIVERSARY

"You taught us everything except how to live without you and our heart still aches in sadness and secret tears still flows, what it meant to lose you no one will ever know. You are always in our hearts"

DEEPLY REMEMBERED BY
Sat Paul Sundhan - Husband
Sons & Daughters-in-Law
Ashwani Sundhan & Renu Sundhan
Amit Sundhan & Meera Sundhan
Vasu, Shriya, Tarushi & Shivanya - Grand Children

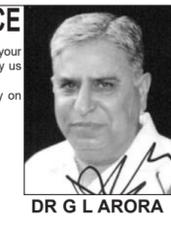


Late Smt. Sudershna Devi

BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE

We thought of you today. Your laugh, your eyes, your humor and your smile. These memories of you carry us through the hard days.

We know that you are watching over us, especially on this day, Happy Birthday
REMEMBERED BY:-
Mr. Atul Arora & Mrs. Deepali Arora - Son & Daughter-in-Law
Mr. Arpit Arora & Mrs. Anshika Arora - Son & Daughter-in-Law
Mrs. Shalini Arora & Mr. Satish Arora - Daughter & Son-in-Law
Anurudh, Tamil, Sarthak, Kavya, Aakarsan & Arsh - Kids
Mrs. Shiva Building Material
Mrs. Arora Building Material
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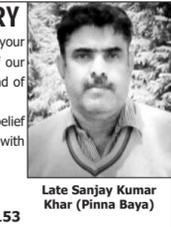
DR G L ARORA

FIRST DEATH ANNIVERSARY

It has been 1 year since you left us for your heavenly abode. We miss you in every beat of our heart, in every blink of our eyes, in every second of time and in every moment of the day.

We miss you dearly but are comfortable by the belief that you are in eternal peace in Vaikunth dham with Papa ji and watching over us always.

DEEPLY REMEMBERED BY:
All Family Members (Nagrota)
9818330887 / 7889531032 / 6006276153



Late Sanjay Kumar Khar (Pinna Baya)

CONDOLENCES

With profound grief and sorrow we inform the sad and untimely demise of our beloved Shri Praveen Tufchi S/o Lt. Sh. Kashi Nath Tufchi originally resident of Sheshyar Habbaakal at present Indore who left for heavenly abode on 12/04/2021. May the departed soul rest in Everlasting Eternal peace. Aum Shanti Aum.

GRIEF STRICKEN:
Smt. Anita Tufchi (Wife)
Shri Nikhil Tufchi & Archana (Son & Daughter-in-law)
Shri Ramesh Tufchi & Smt. Vesna (Brother & Sis-in-law)
Smt. Vijay Tufchi & Sh. V.M. Kar (Sister & Brother-in-law)
Smt. Shama Peer & Sh. R.K. Peer (Sister & Brother-in-law)
Neema, Shanil & Tanya (Daughters)
TUFCHI'S, KAR'S, PEER'S, BHAT'S, BAKSHI'S
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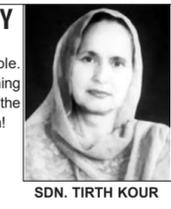


Shri Praveen Tufchi

19TH DEATH ANNIVERSARY

DEAR GRANDMA,
The pain of losing you is immeasurable. I know the biggest star in the sky that is shining the most is you. I hope you are living well in the world of creator. Rest peacefully in heaven!
DEEPLY MISSED BY:
Grand Children
Gursheel, Tamandeep, Kavneet, Ishveen, Tarandeep, Gurrattan.

Mob : 9419284842, 7298264006

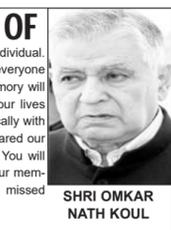


SDN. TIRTH KOUR

IN LOVING MEMORY OF

The effects of loss are acute and unique to each individual. Not everyone mourns in the same way, but everyone mourns. Your love will light our way and your memory will forever be with us. There are special people in our lives who never leave us, even after they are not physically with us. Death ends a life, not a relationship. We've shared our lives these many years. You touched our hearts. You will live on in our dreams. Your life was a blessing, your memory a treasure, you are loved beyond words and missed beyond measure.

JALALIS AND KHARS



SHRI OMKAR NATH KOUL

Facebook, Instagram users can now appeal to Oversight Board for removal of harmful content

NEW DELHI, Apr 13:

An independent board set up by Facebook to look into hate speech and other undesirable content on the platform today said it will now accept cases from Facebook and Instagram users who believe the company wrongfully allowed such content to remain on these social media platforms.

Facebook, which has faced flak in many parts of the world over various issues, including data breaches and handling of hate speech, had set up the Oversight Board last year.

The board includes former judges, journalists and human rights activists, who review appeals from users on material that has been taken down from Facebook and Instagram, and make binding content decisions for the social networking platforms.

"Enabling users to appeal content they want to see removed from Facebook is a significant expansion of the Oversight Board's capabilities," Thomas Hughes, director of the Oversight Board Administration, said in a statement.

The Oversight Board said this new capability -- long sought by advocates of independent content moderation -- represents an important step toward delivering a more principled and transparent model of content moderation.

Decisions made through the Board's independent judgment are binding on Facebook.

Hughes noted that the Oversight Board was created to ensure that fewer decisions

about highly significant content issues be taken by Facebook alone.

Better decisions can be delivered through an independent and transparent process that works to safeguard human rights and freedom of expression and the latest announcement is another step towards realising this, Hughes said.

Since October 2020, users have been able to appeal to the Oversight Board about their own content being removed.

With an expanding rollout over the coming weeks, users -- after exhausting Facebook's appeals process -- will receive an Oversight Board Reference ID and can formally appeal for independent review.

The content eligible for review includes posts, status updates, photos, videos, comments and shares, the statement said.

As content will be live on Facebook and Instagram, many people may report the same piece of content. In these cases, multiple user appeals will be gathered into a single case file for the Board, providing greater context of the impact of the content.

As with appeals on content that users want restored to Facebook, users may appeal to the Oversight Board once they have exhausted the appeals process with the company, the statement said.

The Oversight Board started receiving cases in October 2020. So far, the Board has received over 300,000 user appeals and thousands of public comments. (PTI)

Decision on excise duty cut on petrol, diesel when time comes: CBIC chairman

NEW DELHI, Apr 13:

The Government will look to reduce prices of petrol and diesel through a cut in taxes when the time comes, the head of the agency responsible for excise and other indirect tax collections said today.

Record excise duty on petrol and diesel helped indirect tax collections rise by more than 59 per cent in the fiscal year ended March 31 (2020-21) when compared to the previous year.

"We are very hopeful that revenue in the coming months is going to be very strong," Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC) Chairman M Ajit Kumar said over a video call with journalists to give out tax collection numbers.

"As far as reduction in fuel prices are concerned, it is a matter that is being looked into constantly and I am as sure as and when the time comes, a view will be taken on that," he said.

He was asked if the government was considering reducing excise duty on petrol and diesel to give relief to consumers.

He, however, did not elaborate on the timing.

The Government last year raised excise duty on petrol by Rs 13 per litre and that on diesel by Rs 16. Excise duty on petrol now totals Rs 32.90 a litre and makes up for 36 per cent of the Rs 90.56 a litre retail selling price of the fuel in Delhi.

Excise duty on diesel totals Rs 31.80 and makes up for 39 per cent of the retail selling price of Rs 80.87.

Together with state VAT, taxes make up for 55-60 per cent of the price that consumers pay.

Petrol prices crossed Rs 100-mark in some places in Rajasthan, Maharashtra and Madhya Pradesh in February as international oil soared. But as soon as elections to five states including West Bengal, Tamil Nadu and Kerala were announced, the prices hit a freeze button.

And they declined a bit when international prices dipped on worries about demand recovery amid a resurgence of Covid infection. Petrol had hit an all-time high of Rs 91.17 a litre in Delhi in February and diesel touched a record Rs 81.47.

CBIC member (Budget) Vivek Johri said a 59.2 per cent growth in excise collections is partly "explained by an increase in the rate of tax".

"If there is a cut that will have an impact on revenue collection from excise," he said.

Also, there has been a dip in consumption as states imposed partial lockdowns to curb the spread of coronavirus infection.

"Because of COVID, you would have seen recent reports of a dip in consumption of petroleum products, particularly diesel, motor spirits (petrol) and other fuels. So revenue will be a function of where the rates settle, if at all there is a change in the rates, and the level of consumption that we see in the economy," he said.

Last month, Oil Minister Dharmendra Pradhan had told Parliament that the tax collected on petrol and diesel was Rs 52,537 crore in 2013, which rose to Rs 2.13 lakh crore in 2019-20 and swelled further to Rs 2.94 lakh crore in the first 11 months of 2020-21 fiscal. (PTI)

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SHORT TERM NOTICE INVITING TENDER
e- NIT No- TLMD-IV/J/01 of 2021-2022.
DATED: 08-04-2021.

The Executive Engineer Transmission Line Maintenance Division-IV, Ambedkar Chowk, Jammu on behalf of Managing Director, JKPTCL of UT of Jammu & Kashmir, invites online bids under two bid system i.e. Technical bid and Financial bid through J&K Govt. website <https://jktenders.gov.in> from reputed, experienced and financially sound Original Equipment Manufacturers/ Authorized Dealer/Authorized Channel Partner fulfilling the eligibility criteria specified in the standard bidding documents are invited for the works detailed below. The cost on account of Tender Document in the shape of DD (Non Refundable) from any Nationalized/ Scheduled Bank may be pledged to Executive Engineer TLMD-IV, Jammu.

The complete bidding process is online. However, hardcopies consisting of Tender fee and EMD in the form of Bid Security Declaration in Cover-I and Techno-Commercial bid (as per SBD) in Cover-II should reach to the office of Executive Engineer Trans. Line Maintt. Division-IV, Ambedkar Road, Jammu on or before the last date of submission of e-bid. Financial bids must be submitted online only as per prescribed format.

The Standard Bidding Document is available at website <http://jktenders.gov.in>.

S.N	Scope of Work	Qty	Estimated Cost	Tender Fee	Time of Completion
1.	Design, Engineering, Manufacturing, Supply, Erection, testing & commissioning of Hybrid Switching (GIS) arrangement for creation of 132KV Line Bays at 220/132/33KV GSS Barn for intersection of 2nd Circuit of 132KV Barn-Jourian Transmission Line and other Bays per detailed scope of works. (Complete Job)	As Per BOQ	Rs. 734.37 Lacs	Rs. 5000/-	180 days

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Executive Engineer
Trans Line Maintt. Division-IV,
JKPTCL Jammu

DIP/J-220-P/21
Dated: 12-04-2021

The information regarding schedule of downloading of the tender document, seeking of clarifications and submission dates thereof is as per the table below:

CRITICAL DATES		
Date & Time of downloading of Standard Tender Document	Document	The Standard Tender Document can be downloaded over http://jktenders.gov.in from 08-04-2021 (02.00 PM)
A	Sale of Tender Document (Start)	08-04-2021 (02.00 PM)
B	Sale of Tender Document (End)	23-04-2021 (02.00PM)
C	Clarifications start date	09-04-2021 (10.00 AM)
D	Pre-Bid Conference	15-04-2021 (12.00 Noon)
E	Clarifications end date	16-04-2021 (02.00PM)
F	Replies to Clarifications	17-04-2021
G	e-Tender submission (start) date & time (Submission of e-tender fee, EMD and other supporting documents in PDF/XLS format)	12-04-2021 (10.00 AM)
H	e-Tender submission (end) date & time (Submission of e-tender fee, EMD and other supporting documents in PDF/XLS format)	23-04-2021 (02.00PM)
I	Online Commercial and Technical e-Tender opening date & Time	24-04-2021 (03.30 PM)
J	Online financial e-Tender opening date & time (Only of the technically qualified Tenderers)	Will be communicated to the Technically Qualified Tenderers
K	Venue of opening of technical & financial e-Tenders	Office of Executive Engineer, TLMD-IV, Ambedkar Road, Jammu
L	Cost of Tender document (Non-refundable)	Rs.5,000.00 (Rupees Five Thousand only)
M	Venue of Pre-Bid Conference	Office of Executive Engineer, TLMD-IV, Ambedkar Road, Jammu
N	Amount of Earnest Money Deposit	In the shape of Bid security Declaration

1. Bidders are advised to study the Bidding Document carefully. Submission of e-Bid against this Standard Bidding Document (SBD) shall be deemed to have been done after careful study and examination of the procedures, terms and conditions of the Standard Bidding Document with full understanding of its implications.

2. The bidders need to submit the proof/cost of e-Bid document as stated in the above table through Demand Draft pledged to Executive Engineer Transmission Line Maintenance Division-IV, Ambedkar Chowk, Jammu, payable at Jammu. The scanned copy of the Demand Draft must be enclosed along with the e-bids but the original Demand Draft should reach the office of Executive Engineer Transmission Line Maintenance Division-IV