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UP Govt orders probe into Ayodhya land deals

linked to officials, kin; seeks report in a week

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WHO sets stage for booster: Prioritise high-risk groups

KAUNAIN SHERIFF M NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 22

IN A significant announcement, the World Health Organisation said Wednesday that introduction of booster doses should be "firmly evidence-driven" and "targeted" at population groups at highest risk of serious disease, and frontline healthcare workers.

The WHO's statement on booster doses comes after its Strategic Advisory Group of Experts on Immunisation (SAGE) said evidence till date indicates "a minimal to modest reduction" of vaccine protection against severe disease over six months after the second dose. On October

duction of booster doses should be targeted at population groups in greatest need, but it also said it needed to deliberate on evidence for the booster dose.

could potentially set the ball rolling for India to look at administration of booster doses to the two priority groups. The interim statement on the booster has significant implications: first, because India closely follows the recommendations of the WHO: and second. India began vaccinating CONTINUED ON PAGE 4

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could be due to vaccination.

Out of 34 Omicron cases at Delhi hospital, 33 are fully vaccinated

ANONNA DUTT

NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 22

ALL BUT one of the 34 patients with the Omicron variant treated at Delhi government's Lok Nayak hospital were fully vaccinated, with at least two persons having received a booster shot, top officials have told The Indian Express

"So far, we have treated 34 persons with the new Omicron variant, 18 of whom have already been discharged. Except for one person, all others were vaccinated against Covid-19, meaning that the new variant is capable of infecting even those who have received their shots," **CONTINUED ON PAGE 4**

DELHI CURBS ON NEW YEAR, CHRISTMAS **GATHERINGS PAGE 6**

The WHO recommendations

DECEMBER 22 ON THE day The Indian Express published an investigative report that elected public representatives and relatives of state government officials bought land parcels in Ayodhya after the November 9, 2019, Supreme Court verdict clearing construction of a Ram temple in the district, Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath ordered an inquiry into transactions and sought a report within a week.

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LUCKNOW, NEW DELHI,

Special Secretary, Revenue, to look

into records of land deals revealed

Confirming this, Manoj Kumar Singh, Additional Chief Secretary (Revenue), Uttar Pradesh, said the Chief Minister has sought a report with relevant documents in the next 5-7 days. "Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath has taken cognizance of the newspaper report. An inquiry has been ordered on his directive. An officer of the rank of Special Secretary has been asked to conduct the probe," Singh told The Indian Express.

An official said Radhey Shyam Mishra, Special Secretary, Department of Revenue, has been asked to conduct the probe.

The investigation by The Indian Express of land records has found that at least 15 buyers of land parcels in Avodhva included local MLAs, close relatives of bu-



The Indian Express investigation Wednesday



reaucrats who have or are serving in Ayodhya, and local revenue officials whose job was to authenticate land transactions. **CONTINUED ON PAGE 4**

Winter Session Ends A Day Early

Protesting Opposition MPs read the Preamble to the Constitution, at Parliament on Wednesday. Both Houses were adjourned sine die. Prem Nath Pandey IN PARLIAMENT, PAGE 8

Opposition flagged deals in House: Matter of concern, need for inquiry

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, LUCKNOW, DECEMBER 22

HOURS BEFORE the UP government ordered a probe into The Indian Express report on how MLAs, Mayor and relatives of top bureaucrats and revenue officials acquired land within a 5-km radius of the proposed Ram temple site in Ayodhya, the Opposition ratcheted up the pressure, demanding an investigation into

this "matter of serious concern". While Leader of the Opposition in Rajya Sabha Mallikarjun Kharge raised the issue in the House, Congress leader Rahul Gandhi said "Hindutvawadi loots under the guise of religion". Calling it a "land fraud", AAP leader and Rajya Sabha MP Sanjay Singh demanded an investigation. CPM general secretary Sitaram Yechury too sought a probe, saying people mentioned in the report "hold high positions".

Wednesday, Kharge raised the matter, holding a copy of The Indian Express. "It is a very important issue. You might have seen in today's Indian Express which carried a story saying 'MLAs and Mayor, relatives Commissioner, SDM, DIG, officials buy land'.'

As soon as Rajya Sabha met

However, his request to raise the issue was turned down by Chairman M Venkaiah Naidu who said a newspaper cannot be **CONTINUED ON PAGE 4**

Father of Ayodhya DM also bought land 1 km from temple

SHYAMLAL YADAV AYODHYA, DECEMBER 22

THIS AUGUST, Anuj Jha, then District Magistrate of Ayodhya, referred to the revenue court, a case based on a complaint by a Dalit resident that his land was among 21 bighas illegally bought by the Maharishi Ramayan Vidyapeeth Trust. Even as that case is in court, relatives of at least three officials probing the trust bought land near the temple from MRVT, as reported by The Indian Express Wednesday.

Records investigated by The Indian Express show that Jha is also one of the officers – there are at least 15 in all – whose relatives bought land in Ayodhya after the Supreme Court verdict in November 2019 cleared the temple.

Records show that on May 28, 2020, a plot measuring 320.631 sq m in Mughalpura in Ayodhya, barely 1 km from the Ram temple site, was registered in the name of Badri Jha, father of Anuj Jha, a UP IAS officer. The cost: Rs 23.40 lakh.

Anuj Jha was DM of Ayodhya from February 21, 2019 until October 23. 2021. He is now CONTINUED ON PAGE 4

Haryana: Only fully vaccinated to be allowed in malls, banks

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE CHANDIGARH, DECEMBER 22

FROM JANUARY 1, all those above 18 years who are not fully vaccinated will not be permitted inside public places including restaurants, malls, banks, markets and government offices in Haryana, State Health and Home Minister Anil Vij announced in the Assembly on Wednesday.

"Entry at places like sabzi mandi, bars, restaurants, hotels, grain markets, departmental stores, liquor and wine shops, malls, shopping complexes, cinema halls, haats, local markets and other places of public gathering should be allowed only to fully vaccinated (both the doses of Covid-19 vaccines) people," said a detailed order sent to all deputy commissioners.

"Only fully vaccinated persons will be allowed to travel from bus stand, railway stations. Other places of gathering like religious places, petrol and CNG stations, LPG gas cylinder collection centres, sugar mills, milk booths, ration shops also to allow only fully vaccinated people. CONTINUED ON PAGE 4

Cong's new worry in Uttarakhand: Rawat says hands tied, time to rest

MANOJCG & AVANEESH MISHRA NEW DELHI, DEHRADUN, DECEMBER 22

pears to have weathered the political storm in Punjab, it seems to be heading for turbulence in Uttarakhand where elections are due in a couple of months. On Wednesday, the party's cam-



crocodiles in ocean of elections:

paign chief and former chief minister Harish Rawat hinted at dissatisfaction with the organisation and even retirement from

In a Facebook post and a series of tweets from his official Twitter account, Rawat said "power" has "left several crocodiles" in the "ocean of elections", representatives of those on are tying his hands, and that "it is time to rest".

However, speaking to reporters at a press conference later, he refused to elaborate on **CONTINUED ON PAGE 4**

Ravi Shastri, the coach who made winning a habit, guest at e-Adda today



EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 22

INDIAN CRICKET has progressed so much in the last five years that the only gripe is that they aren't winning the ICC tournaments. All other familiar tropes from the past have withered away under the coaching reign of Ravi Shastri.

Shastri, whose tenure as head coach ended recently and



Ravi Shastri

a 65 per cent winning run across all formats, is a genuine contender to win a Test series anywhere in the world, will be the guest at an online Adda hosted by The Indian Express on Thursday evening. He will be in **CONTINUED ON PAGE 4**





Beaten, awaiting surgery, HC only hope: Opp candidates attacked in Kolkata polls

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RAVIK BHATTACHARYA, **SANTANU CHOWDHURY** & SWEETY KUMARI

KOLKATA, DECEMBER 22

FAIYAZ AHMED Khan can't walk. But the CPM leader and threetime former councillor from the South Port area of Kolkata is busy. His legs bandaged and a worried wife looking on, Khan is drafting an appeal to Calcutta High Court. He says the police are yet to even record his statement after he was assaulted se-







Rabi Saha (Congress candidate), Rajarshi Lahiri (BJP) and Faiyaz Ahmed Khan (CPI-M) were among those assaulted. Ravik Bhattacharya, Santanu Chowdhury

verely outside a polling booth.

From a Congress candidate who was stripped in public to a BJP leader who fearfully scans a CCTV camera at home for intruders; from a CPM candidate

who is scared to lodge a police complaint to another BJP leader awaiting an eye surgery. The violence that trailed Sunday's Kolkata Municipal Corporation polls, where the ruling TMC

flexed its muscles to ensure a comprehensive win, has left several Opposition candidates and polling agents scarred - in mind and body

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POLICE FILE CHARGESHEET

Gogi's courtroom murder planned months in advance

JIGNASA SINHA NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 22

THE DELHI Police's chargesheet in the Rohini courtroom shootout, in which gangster Jitender Gogi

was shot dead, has stated that planning for the daring crime began two months earlier — that too from inside the capital's Mandoli jail. The chargesheet states that jailed gangster Sunil Balyan alias Tillu is the main conspirator. Gogi was shot dead on

September 24 by two assailants from the Tillu gang, while being produced in Rohini court for a hearing. The two assailants, Jagdeep Singh alias Jagga and Rahul, were gunned down by the Delhi Police. Police said the two were sent to Haiderpur a month before the incident for "training".

A Crime Branch team filed a chargesheet in the Rohini court last week, naming seven men, including the two deceased assailants, as accused. One of the seven accused, Umang Yadav, who was arrested with his cousin

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE

THE DELHI Police has initiated a

departmental enquiry and de-

Commissioner of Police and two

sub-inspectors for allegedly col-

luding with a man and delaying

a look out circular that helped

Vigilance department of Delhi

Police, a woman lodged a com-

plaint against her husband, Sunil

Datt, a UK national. A case was

registered at Punjabi Bagh police

According to a report by the

him escape to the UK.

NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 22

Policemen face enquiry for

'colluding with UK national'

Assistant



Jitender Gogi

Vinay two days after the incident, allegedly helped Tillu and the assailants.

In his disclosure statement, he revealed that he has known Tillu for a few months and around two months back. Tillu requested his help in killing Gogi. "Tillu used to call him (Yadav) through video calls... He conspired to kill Jitender alias Gogi when he was produced in court on 24.09,2021," states the chargesheet.

To execute the plan, Tillu allegedly sent Jagdeep and Rahul to Yadav's house. Jagdeep stayed at Yadav's house on August 23, while Rahul arrived two days be-

station on October 21. However,

on November 1, he fled to the UK.

The woman filed a complaint al-

leging that police officials of the

West district were in "con-

nivance" with Datt and helped

names of three policemen came

up — an ACP and two SIs. An en-

quiry was conducted by the

Special Commissioner of Police

(Crime). While the ACP was de-

moted to a "non-sensitive post",

the sub-inspectors were put on

temporary suspension. DCP

Special Cell Jasmeet Singh will

conduct the enquiry.

During the initial enquiry, the

him leave the country.

Plan made after the second wave

Tillu allegedly planned to eliminate Gogi in Rohini court because he thought the courts would be "less crowded" after the second Covid wave

He roped in jailed gangsters Naveen Dabas and Ashish Kumar to help him inside the jail, and used apps like Signal and WhatsApp to communicate with other associates, the chargesheet

knew about the workings of courts. He was asked to arrange coats that advocates wear, and "brief" the two assailants. Tillu, in his statement to the police, said he sent Yadav and

lagdeep to Panipat court on

September 13 and 7 for a "recce"

and to check police arrangement.

This was done because Gogi was

Yadav is a law student and

produced there in a murder case. Day of the incident Yadav and his cousin Vinay

took a vehicle and went to a mall at Rohini where Rahul and Jagdeep "changed their clothes to arbitral award to Anil Ambani's dress up like advocates". They Reliance Infrastructure-prothen went to Rohini court where Tillu's associate had sent another shooter. The men, however, refused to take him because he 'was not dressed properly".

The chargesheet states that Tillu was calling the men for up-

According to Tillu, he received a call around 1.30 pm about Gogi's death. "He was very happy with the news. However, shortly he came to know from TV installed in their cell that both assailants were shot dead, he became very sad...," reads the document.

Police said the accused were "nervous" after the incident and tried hiding or destroying evidence. Tillu gave his mobile phone and internet dongle to another inmate, Kumar, and asked him to destroy the devices.

Yadav meanwhile hid footage from CCTV cameras fitted at his house inside the "chimney" in his kitchen, police have stated.

Ex-bank manager held for loan scam in Ghaziabad

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 22

A FORMER Puniab National Bank loan manager was arrested by the Ghaziabad Police in connection with a large-scale loan scam. Police said that the accused, Priyadarshini, had allegedly bypassed banking rules to provide loans against wrongly valued assets. More than 39 cases have been filed in the scam estimated to be running into hundreds of crores, police said.

"The accused was arrested from Bisrakh in Greater Noida Tuesday. She is a key link in the scam and was responsible for many irregularities. The accused was in collusion with many stakeholders which resulted in overvalued loans being granted She was in a managerial position at the Chander Nagar branch. We will be arresting others too," said Nipun Agarwal, SP (City) Ghaziabad.

Police said that more than 20 cases are being investigated by officers in Ghaziabad while others are under the purview of the Economic Offences Wing (EOW), CBI and some are being monitored by the court.

HC seeks details of Metro's bank balance

SOFIAHSAN

NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 22

DELHI High Court Wednesday directed the Delhi Metro Rail Corporation (DMRC) to furnish details of all its bank accounts within a week and asked why it cannot take a loan from the banks to pay the 2017 moted Delhi Airport Metro Express Pvt Ltd (DAMEPL).

"Why don't you take the loan from the banks? You have a liability to pay... You cannot have this

much assets in bank accounts Why don't you take the loan.' Justice Suresh Kumar Kait asked DMRC during the hearing of DAMEPL's petition seeking en-

forcement of arbitration award. According to DAMEPL, DMRC owes it Rs 6,232.25 crore - a figure disputed by DMRC. DMRC has told court it is not in a position to make the payment and has offered to take over loans of DAMEPL instead of making payment directly. Submitting that banks have rejected the offer made by DMRC, DAMEPL told the court it would like to directly negotiate with banks as part of its business strategy and that its plea was not a "mercy petition" seeking charity.

Solicitor General Tushar Mehta, representing DMRC, termed the rejection of government offer by banks a very serious matter and termed Reliance's stand "arrogant". "I am not aware of this (banks' rejection). This needs to be examined by the banking division also," he said. DMRC, in an affidavit, told the court that it only has Rs 5,800.93crore in bank accounts, including Rs 1,642.69 crore of earnings –

Section 89 of The Metro Railways Act, 2002 states that only earnings of the Metro railway administration can be attached by a court in execution of a decree or order. The DMRC called it a matter involving national interests and said there will be a huge issue if Metro is stopped. 'This is a case where if the bank accounts are attached and Metro services come to an end, he will not gain and I'll not gain. This is a very important service.,," submitted senior advocate Parag P Tripathi, representing DMRC.

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Raiarshi said.

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The footage of the assault was

captured by an onlooker on a mo-

bile phone and shown on several

TV news channels. "I am unable

to step out because of my physi-

cal condition. But I will soon lodge

a police complaint. The TV chan-

nels showed everything but the

police have still not taken action,'

received a specific complaint. "All

gatherings were dispersed when-

ever we got information related

to any disturbance in the area,"

But at the Hedua Park cross-

ing in north Kolkata, Rabi Saha is

far from convinced. This 45-year-

old Congress candidate from

Ward 16 was not only assaulted

but stripped in public by miscre-

ants - again, the act was caught

on video that went viral on social

gathering in polling stations, and

took the help of police, too. That

is why I was targeted. I was taking

a stroll near my home at night af-

ter the election... The TMC men

first kicked me. When I fell, they

pulled down the shorts I was

lege student, said: "I took my fa-

ther to the hospital since he was

bleeding. Then I went to the po-

lice station at night. They said the

officer in-charge was not there

and asked me to come later.

Finally, on Monday afternoon, the

police took our statement and

complaint. No one has been ar-

tion that he was "making inde-

cent gestures at women", Saha

asked: "You think being in the

Opposition, one can dare point

fingers at TMC, let alone make

spokesperson and Saha's advocate, said their plea for the High

Court to step in has been ac-

Koustab Bagchi, Congress

Asked about the TMC allega-

Saha's daughter Ritisha, a col-

wearing," said Saha.

"I tried to stop TMC men from

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FROM PAGE ONE

DM's father

Director, Panchayati Raj in the state government and is based in Lucknow.

in ICC Test Betting Rankings

When contacted, Anuj Jha told The Indian Express: "Ayodhya is a religious place and my father is an elderly person. If he wants to live here in his last years, what is wrong in it? Can't he buy any land here? There is nothing wrong in it."

Records show that Badri Jha bought the "residential (nonagriculture)" land from one Mansharam Singh of Tulsinagar, Ayodhya. The address of Badri Jha mentioned in the registry is his village in Madhubani, Bihar.

Omicron cases

said Dr Suresh Kumar, medical director of Lok Nayak, which was the first hospital to be designated as the treatment centre for those suspected to be infected with the new variant.

He said that at least two international travellers had even received an mRNA booster shot.

All those confirmed to have Omicron had mild symptoms such as fever, sore throat and body ache. None of them was required to be put on oxygen or ventilator, he said.

"The good thing about the variant is that we have only seen mild symptoms in the patients so far. However, it could also be because of vaccination. If the infection starts spreading in the community, the fear is that those who remain unvaccinated might get severe symptoms,"

said Dr Kumar. He cautioned that with three of the persons admitted with Omicron not having any travel history, the new variant may have already started to spread in the community.

Five of the 34 patients admitted to the hospital with confirmed Omicron infection were citizens of European and African wahan kavi magarmachh chhor

countries, while the remaining 29 were Indian citizens. At present, with 57 patients, Delhi has the highest number of confirmed Omicron cases in the followed Maharashtra.

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The other patients in Delhi have been admitted to private hospitals such as Sir Ganga Ram, Max (Saket), Fortis (Vasant Kunj), and Batra hospital (Tughlakabad), which have also been designated as treatment centres for the new variant.

Fearing a surge driven by the new variant, the Delhi Disaster Management Authority on Wednesday said that no event or gathering to celebrate Christmas and New Year will be allowed in the city.

This comes a day after the Centre directed states to impose strict restrictions in districts reporting high positivity rates, stating that the Omicron variant is at least three times more transmissible than the highly transmissible Delta variant that drove the second wave of infections in the country.

The national capital recorded 125 Covid cases on Wednesday, at a positivity rate of 0.2%.

Cong's worry

his posts. Sources close to Rawat told The Indian Express that he is unhappy with the style of functioning of AICC state in charge Devender Yadav and suspects an attempt to sideline him. Tension between Rawat and Yadav had been brewing for a while, the sources said.

Taking to social media, Rawat posted: "Hai na ajeeb si baat, chunav rupi samudra ko tairna hai, sahyog ke liye sangthan ka dhancha adhikansh sthanon par sahyog ka haath aage badhne ke bajay ya toh muh pher karke khada ho ia raha hai va nakaratmak bhumika nibha raha hai. Jis samudra mein tairna hai satta ne

rakhe hain."

("It is strange, isn't it, I have to swim in the ocean of elections. Instead of stretching its arms for help, the organisational structure is either ignoring me or playing a negative role. The leadership has left several crocodiles in the ocean where I have to swim")

Another post read: "Jinke aadesh pe tairna hai, unke numainde mere haath-paanv bandh rahe hain. Mann mein bahut baar vichar aa raha ke Harish Rawat ab bahut ho gaya, bahut tair liye, ab vishram ka samay hai. Phir chupke se mann ke ek kone se awaaz uth rahi hai 'na dainyam na palayanam' badi upapoh ki sthiti mein hun. Naya varsh shayad raasta dikha de. Mujhe vishwas hai ke Bhagwan Kedarnath ji is sthiti me mera margdarshan karenge.'

("The representatives of those on whose orders I have to swim are tying up my hands and feet. On several occasions, it comes to my mind that I have swum enough and it is time to rest. Then another voice rises, asking me to never be helpless and never run away. I am in a dilemma. May the new year show me my path. I am sure that Bhagwan Kedarnath will show me the way.")

At the press conference, Rawat (73) said he would talk about the posts later. "The press conference today is on the issue of employment in the state and how the unemployed are in pain. The things I have said in tweets, I will talk on that some other time," he said.

Yadav did not respond to calls and texts from The Indian Express seeking comment.

But sources close to Rawat alleged that Yadav is creating hurdles in the Congress's election campaign, "The duty of the AICC in charge is to ensure coordination between various leaders. But there is a perception that Yadav himself is becoming the party. There is a very serious conspiracy against the Congress and Rawat. The BJP is hatching this conspiracy to ensure that the Congress does not come back to power," a leader close to Rawat told The Indian Express.

Another leader claimed that Rawat's posters and cut outs were "purposely" removed from "main spots" on the eve of Rahul Gandhi's public meeting earlier this week. "The in-charge did not take cognizance of it. Even small things like distribution of flags and passes were done by Yadav's people," he said.

Yadav, a leader alleged, had also spoken against those who took part in the agitation for statehood for Uttarakhand.

 $The \, Congress \, in \, Uttarakhand$ has long been troubled by factionalism, and has not yet projected a CM face for the elections next year. Many state leaders privately admit that the party may bank on Rawat this time. The Congress High Command had earlier entrusted the senior leader with the difficult task of resolving the intense infighting in Punjab, which resulted in the ouster of Amarinder Singh as

Recently, Congress organisation general secretary Mathura Dutt Ioshi had hailed Rawat' as "a very popular leader in the

WHO sets stage healthcare workers from

Ianuary 16 this year. In its interim statement, the SAGE also highlighted that decline in protection against severe disease in high-risk populations calls for targeted use of booster vaccination. "Evidence on waning vaccine effectiveness, in particular a decline in protection against severe disease in highrisk populations, calls for the development of vaccination strategies optimized for prevention of severe disease, including the tar-

UP Govt orders probe into Ayodhya land deals linked to officials, kin; seeks report in a week

One set of these transactions raises further questions of propriety and conflict of interest given that the seller in three cases, the Maharshi Ramayan Vidyapeeth Trust (MRVT), is under scrutiny — for alleged irregularities in purchase of land from Dalit villagers – by the very same officials whose relatives bought the land.

These three officials are MP Divisional Agrawal, Commissioner, Ayodhya, since 2019; November Purushottam Das Gupta, who

of Ayodhya between July 20, 2018, and September 10, 2021; and Deepak Kumar, who was Deputy Inspector General of Police (DIG) between July 26, 2020, and March 30, 2021. MRVT had acquired 21

was the Chief Revenue Officer

bighas (about 52,000 sq m) from a dozen Dalit families using a Dalit person Ronghai employed with the trust as a conduit for just Rs 6.38 lakh. Its value at the current circle rate varies between Rs 4.25 crore and Rs 9.58 crore.

sentatives and officials who either bought land themselves or whose relatives bought land are: Ayodhya Mayor Rishikesh Upadhyay, Ayodhya city MLA Ved Prakash Gupta, Gosaiganj MLA Indra Pratap Tiwari (now disqualified), then District Magistrate Anuj Jha, State Information Commissioner Harshvardhan Shahi, OBC Commission Member Balram Maurya, former Sub Divisional Magistrate Ayush Chaudhary

The other 12 elected repre-

Officer, Provincial Police Service officer, Arvind Chaurasia who is now in Meerut: retired IAS officer of UP cadre Umadhar Dwivedi, Kanoongo of several villages including Ganja Sudhanshu Ranjan, then Lekhpal of Ganja village Badri Upadhyay, and Dinesh Ojha, Peshkar of Bhan Singh, Assistant Record Officer, who is hearing cases against MRVT.

The total land bought by the 15 individuals, according to records, is 70,826 sq m, about

Opposition flagged deals in House: Matter of concern path of truth. Hindutvawadi Ayodhya. He demanded set-Choudhary said if this is what

read out and prior notice must be given. Kharge persisted and asked the Chairman to "take note" of the issue. "It is a very important newspaper," he said. At this, Naidu said: "Very important. I also like that newspaper like you and many other people. But the procedure in the House is that newspapers cannot be read. You have to give notice." Addressing a press confer-

ence later, Kharge said he wanted to raise the issue as it was important. He said it has become a practice now to adjourn the House as soon as the Opposition tries to raise an issue. "Today also... I said I want to raise a big, important issue. It concerns Ayodhya where such a big temple is being built for Ram... How much land has been grabbed, that too of Scheduled Castes, the poor... and big people there... because real estate prices are increasing, so they are buying land. I wanted to raise the issue. The moment I got up... Vande Mataram was played," he said.

Rahul Gandhi, in a Twitter post, said: "Hindu traverses the loots under the guise of reli-Addressing a press confer-

ence, Congress communication department head Randeep Surjewala said: "The sensational revelation which has come to light is a matter of serious concern. In Ayodhya, in and around the temple, BJP MLAs, BIP Mayor... and senior bureaucrats of Adityanath government are amassing wealth," he said, and read out names of 14 cases reported by The Indian Express.

"That is not all. Our Dalit brothers too have not been spared... Lord Ram is a symbol of faith... he is truth, love... but in Ram's Ayodhya, BJP leaders are looting land openly... our Prime Minister Modi is silent. He is not even uttering a word... We would like to know when he will order a probe into this land loot. The Prime Minister should come before the country and clarify his position," he AAP MP Sanjay Singh al-

leged BJP leaders and officers are "committing land fraud" in

ting up of an SIT, under the supervision of the High Court or the Supreme Court, to investigate the land deals.

who is now in Kanpur, Circle

"This scam is shameful. Every person has contributed for the construction of the Ram temple. Women have gone to the extent of selling their jewellery because of their faith and those in power have misused their trust and faith," he said. CPM general secretary Yechury said: "This should be

properly investigated and looked into as the people mentioned hold high official positions. This report suggests that there is a strong element of land speculation." The SP, in a Twitter post, said: "In Ayodhya, BJP mayor,

MLA and MPs have lined up to buy land and snatch away the rights of the Dalits. The probe into the purchase of land in an illegal manner is being done by those whose relatives have bought the land. This is the truth of the CM's zero tolerance to corruption. The people will answer.'

"is being done in a pure place like Ayodhya, then the BJP government has failed completely... There has been misuse of power in these purchases and sales, which is wrong and the SP condemns

BSP spokesperson M H Khan demanded an audit into the transactions of land in Ayodhya after the Ram temple verdict was announced. "The Supreme Court should order an audit into such transactions and those who have been involved in corruption and sale and purchase of land in a wrongful manner should face action," he said.

TMC Rajya Sabha MP Jawhar Sircar said: "The state governments have the power to stop such registrations. Particularly when big projects are announced, the government can freeze registrations in the area surrounding the project to prevent speculative pricing. Had the Uttar Pradesh government wanted, they could have stopped such

SP spokesperson Rajendra

cepted. The police refused to provide any information on this case. Speaking over phone, 44year-old Mukund Jhawar, the BJP

candidate from Ward 20, said he is with an eye specialist, preparing for a surgery Thursday. "I was beaten so badly that, according to the doctor, there is major damage to the right eye," said Jhawar, a textile agent. "I protested when I saw TMC

workers capturing booths at Ahiritola Banga Vidyalaya. They dragged me out and started beating me. Then, they took me to the Ahiritola crossing nearby and beat me in public. The police accepted my complaint only after a news channel arrived," said Jhawar, who stays near Nimtolla Ghat in

north Kolkata. Amitabha Chakraborty, senior Congress leader and polling agent for Santosh Pathak in Ward 45, is still in shock. "I suffered a crack on my hand. I am yet to come to terms with the fact that the police stopped me from catching false voters with fake IDs. Our agents were driven out of the booths by TMC workers, who beat me in front of the police," said the 59-year-old who is

also planning to approach the

High Court. When contacted over the phone, Manju Kar, the CPM candidate from Ward 122, savs she is scared to even lodge a police complaint. "My elder brother and I were severely beaten by TMC men after we protested against booth rigging. I received injuries on my hand but my brother suffered an eye injury," said Kar, 50. "I am waiting for a decision from my party on approaching the High

Commissioner of Police (Headquarters)SubhankarSinha Sarkar told reporters that 209 persons had been arrested for their alleged role in the poll violence. "We attended to every complaint received and each case is being looked into," Sarkar had said.

geted use of booster vaccina-

It said that based on a recent systematic review and meta-regression analysis, across the four WHO EUL Covid-19 vaccines that also includes Covishield being administered in India, vaccine effectiveness against severe Covid-19 decreased by about 8% over a period of 6 months in all

"In adults above 50 years, vaccine effectiveness against severe disease decreased by about 10%. Vaccine effectiveness against symptomatic disease decreased by 32% for those above 50 years of age," it said.

It said that the duration of protection against the Omicron variant "may be altered and is under active investigation". "More data will be needed to understand the potential impact of booster vaccination on the duration of protection against severe disease, but also against mild disease, infection, and transmission, particularly in the context of emerging variants," the WHO said.

It highlighted that the "degree of waning of immunity differs between vaccine products and target populations". "Circulating viruses -- in particular variants of concern; the extent of prior infection within a community at the time of primary vaccination; the primary vaccination schedule used (i.e. dose interval) and intensity of exposure are all likely to play a role in the findings on waning of protection but cannot be systematically assessed from current studies," it said.

The WHO reiterated the focus of Covid-19 immunisation efforts "must remain on decreasing death and severe disease, and

the protection of the health care system". It also highlighted that "broad-based administration" of booster doses "risks exacerbating vaccine access... by driving up demand in countries with substantial vaccine coverage and diverting supply while priority populations in some countries, or in subnational settings, have not yet received a primary vaccination series".

Ravi Shastri

conversation with Anant Goenka, Executive Director, The Indian Express Group, and Deputy Associate Editor Sriram Veera.

Shastri's career arc is as fascinating as it gets. He started as an elegant left-arm spinner and a tailender, became an allrounder, then transitioned into a very successful Test opener with hundreds in West Indies and Australia. When injury cut short his career, he became a leading commentator, travelling the length and breadth of the cricketing world. But his biggest assignment - and the toughest vet - was as India coach. He found an ally in captain Virat Kohli and together, they played a key role in transforming Indian

Under him, India refused to surrender at any point. The diffident pitch talk faded away, a high-quality fast bowling pack was unleashed, and the team began to win everywhere. The ambitions kept cranking up: from the odd Test wins overseas to winning entire series.

During the team's tour of Australia earlier this year, in the absence of Kohli and especially after several key players were injured, India were expected to cave in miserably. However, the

players responded magnificently to Shastri's call and scripted a most memorable series win. At home, meanwhile. Team India have been unbeaten. The only blips have been the

fact that India have been unable to win the ICC trophies -- they finished runners-up in the Test Championship in June and got knocked out in the semi-finals of the 50-over ODI World Cup in England in 2019 and were knocked out early in the T20 World Cup this year. The Express Adda is a series

of informal interactions organised by The Indian Express Group featuring those at the centre of change. Past guests at the event include actor Manoj Bajpayee, Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath, Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman, Punjab Chief Minister Amarinder Singh, CNN host Fareed Zakaria, actor Naseeruddin Shah, economist N K Singh, cricketer Rohit Sharma, and writer and Morgan Stanley strategist Ruchir Sharma.

Haryana

Both private and government sector banks to allow only fully vaccinated persons. Instructions to the banks may be given accordingly," it said. The order specified that vac-

cination should be made "mandatory for eligible students (more than 18 years old) of colleges/polytechnics". "Parks, yogashalas, gym and fitness centres to allow only those who have received second dose of Covid-19 vaccines. Truck and autorickshaw unions to allow only second dose passengers. Managers/ in-charges/ owners of these places to be instructed by deputy commissioners to ensure entry of only those who have received second dose... No individual, including government servants, to be allowed to visit government offices without being fully vaccinated," it

According to official data, the state's vaccination coverage is 93 per cent for first dose, and 60 per cent for second dose.

HC only hope On Wednesday, Khan filed a

petition before the High Court and demanded a court-monitored probe into allegations of booth capturing and false voting during the KMC elections. The 56-yearold candidate from Ward 75 is one of several such victims who say the High Court is their only hope for justice.

"On Sunday afternoon, I was at the Marine House polling station when around 100 TMC supporters and outsiders stormed in. They beat me and my agents,' said Faiyaz. "We are still in fear and shock. Apart from injuries on his legs and body, he has a blood clot on his nose," said Khan's wife Angira, who is a teacher.

"Two men have been arrested, and a probe is on," said Deputy Commissioner of Police (Port) Zafar Ajmal Kidwai, who did not confirm the political affiliation of those arrested.

About 7 km away on Lake Terrace Road, 40-year-old Rajarshi Lahiri can walk - barely. Seated on a chair at home, he keeps glancing at a TV screen linked to CCTV footage from the gate. "I caught a false voter and also called the police several times to disperse mobs outside a polling station. I was assaulted twice, once while I was on Facebook Live showing the miscreants following me," said Rajarshi, the BJP can-

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The Indian Agriculture Sector Witnesses Great Rabi Season!

With technological advancements taking centre stage at the heart of government policies and initiatives, the Agriculture sector of India has witnessed robust Rabi season harvests in Q1 FY2022, which is much better than the expected 17% GVA

HE Agriculture sector, currently valued at US\$ 370 billion, is one of the major sectors in the Indian economy. According to the Economic Survey 2020-21, GDP contribution by the Agriculture sector is likely to be 19.9% in 2020-21, increasing from 17.8% recorded in 2019-20. It is also the main source of livelihood for over 50% of Indian population. As per recent reports, the Indian agriculture, forestry & fishing industry has continued to defy the slowdown due to the pandemic, as observed in other sectors, and has continued to generate growth figures as shown by latest Gross Domestic Product (GDP) values.

The gross value added (GVA) by Agriculture has grown 4.5 percent in Apr-Jun FY22 when compared to FY21. In Apr-Jun FY21, the sector had reported a growth of 3.5 percent on-year. Agriculture was the only sector to grow for April-June FY21 among eight used to compute India's GDP. The overall Indian GVA at base price has risen 18.8 percent in Apr-Jun FY22 when compared to FY21. The Agriculture sector has added Rs 21,012 crore in the first three months of the fiscal in absolute monetary terms.

When compared to the figures of Apr-Jun FY20, Indian overall GVA shrank 7.8 percent in Apr-Jun FY22, despite a 8.2 percent growth in GVA by the Agriculture sector in Apr-Jun FY22 when compared to Apr-Jun FY20.

Though the state-wise lockdowns coincided with the Rabi season harvests, the early onset of Monsoons provided the great spur during this season for summersown crops, such as paddy rice, cotton, soybean and pulses, and also boosted crop yields too. The Agriculture sector saw record procurement of cereals, high food prices, and employment support schemes,



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multiple economists and rating agencies said in their reports.

"GVA growth in Q1 FY2022 was higher than our forecast of 17.0%, led by the robust rabi harvest, and modestly better than expected performance of manufacturing, mining and construction," Aditi Nayar, Chief Economist, ICRA said in a press release.

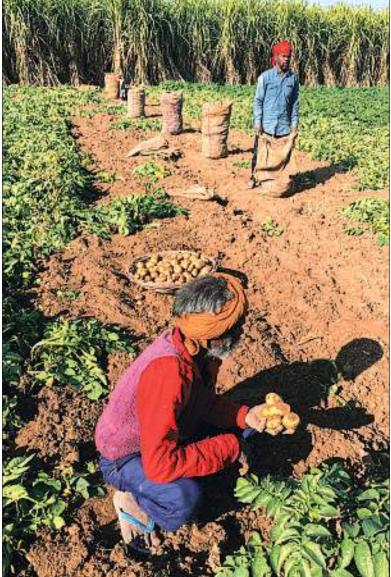
Apart from these achievements in this year, the Agriculture sector of India is also seeing a lot of technological innovations to bring out greater crop yields and increase farmers' income. Over the years, the government has taken major steps to aid and enhance the Agriculture sector with proven farming technologies and supportive policies. The recent evolution of digital technology in farming will further accelerate growth by ensuring higher crop yields and enhance sustainability by reducing water consumption and the use of agrochemicals.

With improved technological advance-

ments and better adoption of the technology, a wide range of solutions for the Agriculture industry, such as crop stress detection, pathogen detection, and monitoring, can be achieved.

In India, a digital agriculture mission has been initiated for 2021-2025 by the Government of India for projects based on new technologies, such as artificial intelligence, block chain, remote sensing and GIS technology, use of drones and robots etc. According to Agriculture Minister Narendra Singh Tomar, modernisation of the Agriculture sector will continue by infusing new technologies so that farmers can increase their income.

The Agriculture ministry has recently signed an MOU for pilot projects with CISCO, Ninjacart, Jio Platforms Limited, ITC Limited and NCDEX e-Markets Limited (NeML). Based on these pilot projects, "farmers will be able to take informed decisions on what crop to grow, what variety of seed to use and what best practises to adopt to maximise the yield. The agriculture supply chain players can plan their procurement and logistics on precise and timely information. Farmers can take informed decisions about whether to sell or



store their produce and when and where and what price to sell."

Cisco developed an Agricultural Digital Infrastructure (ADI) solution in August 2019 that enhances farming and knowledge sharing. This ADI is likely to play a vital role in the data pool that will be created by the Department of Agriculture under the National Agri Stack. The pilot project for this initiative will take place at Kaithal (Haryana) and Morena (Madhya Pradesh).

The Jio Agri (JioKrishi) platform launched in February 2020 digitises the agricultural ecosystem along the entire value chain to empower farmers. The pilot project for this initiative will take place at Jalna and Nashik (Maharashtra).

ITC has proposed to create a personalized 'Site Specific Crop Advisory' service to turn conventional crop-level generic advice into a personalised sitespecific crop advisory for farmers, using a digital crop monitoring platform, hosted on ITC's e-Choupal 4.0 digital platform. The pilot project for this initiative will take place at Sehore and Vidisha (Madhya Pradesh).

Apart from all these technological advancements in the sector, the Government of India has launched major digital applications to boost technology adoption among farmers. One such platform is eNAM. Launched in April 2016, the National Agriculture Market (eNAM) is a pan-India electronic trading portal that links the existing Agricultural Produce Market Committee (APMC) mandis, to create a unified national market for agricultural commodities. eNAM helps farmers sell products without the interference of any brokers or mediators, by generating competitive returns from their investment

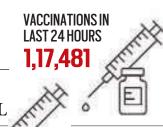




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BRIEFLY -

Gurgaon reports 29 Covid cases, highest in six months

Gurgaon: Gurgaon on Wednesday reported 29 Covid cases – the highest single-day spike in more than six months, with a positivity rate of 0.5 per cent. According to the district health department's bulletin, on June 11, the district had reported 33 cases. As per the bulletin, 927 Covid-related deaths have been reported in the district so far. Of the total Covid deaths, 611 are deaths of people with comorbidities.

Former Jio employee held for sale of stolen tower parts

Noida: A former Jio employee was arrested by the Noida Police for allegedly stealing components of mobile towers. According to police, the accused, Om Prakash Raghav, along with another man were targeting mobile communication towers and dismantling spare parts for illegal trade. Police have recovered items worth about Rs 40 lakh. "An FIR has been filed at Dadri police station. It was found that similar thefts had taken place in NCR. The accused had worked in a Jio company tower," said an offi-

Man jumps off hospital building, dies

New Delhi: A 21-year-old man allegedly committed suicide by jumping off the roof of Sanjay Gandhi Hospital building on Wednesday morning. Police said the man was admitted a day earlier beconsumed a poisonous substance. ENS



A health worker seen arranging oxygen cylinders at the CWG Covid care centre, as the capital sees a rise in Covid and omicron cases. Praveen Khanna

DISTRICT DCPs TO CONDUCT SURPRISE CHECKS

Amid Covid uptick, no Christmas and New Year gatherings allowed in city

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 22

DELHI Disaster Management Authority has directed that no Christmas or New Year events and gatherings shall be permitted in the national cap-

Stating that as per its December 15 order, all social, political, sports, entertainment, cultural, religious and festival-related gathering are prohibited, the DDMA has directed that "all District Magistrates and DCPs shall ensure that no cultural event/ gatherings/ congregations take place for celebrating Christmas or New Year in NCT of

On Wednesday, the city recorded 125 new COVID cases at a positivity rate of 0.2%.

In its order issued on Friday, the DDMA has observed several times that Covid appropriate behaviour and prohibitions and restrictions directed by it are not being complied with.

"Therefore, all District Magistrates as well as all District DCPs shall conduct surprise checks/raids in their respective areas and shall take strict penal action against defaulters...'

Raising alarm over the threat of Omicron, the authority has also called on various stakeholders to enforce Covid-appropriate behaviour. It has also directed officials to strengthen the enforcement machinery and deploy "sufficient number of enforcement teams on field for keeping

"All District Magistrates shall upscale IEC Campaign in their respective areas and implement

COVID CASES, POSITIVITY RATE SHOW UPTICK

the same in mission mode with residents of NCT of Delhi follow and imbibe the COVID appropri-

It has also asked the DMs to fice bearers of resident welfare associations and market traders

Covid cases as well as emergence of Omicron variant in NCT of Delhi and its possible threat, so that they may further sensitise their members/residents/shopkeepers". It has recommended that market associations implement a "no mask no entry" policy in its shops and workplaces and that they and RWAs not allow customers, residents and their areas and public places.

The DMs have also been directed to conduct surveys in their jurisdictions to identify pockets and localities which have potential of becoming super-spreader/hotspot of Covid virus and Omicron variant" and tracking, and implementing enforcement and containment

Experts weigh in: Trust the vaccine, but trust your mask even more

ANONNA DUTT

NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 22

THE NEW omicron variant of Covid-19 is more adept at evading vaccine-elicited immunity. leading to more breakthrough infections, said experts. At Lok Nayak hospital, which treated a majority of the omicron cases in Delhi, all but one infection was detected in fully vaccinated in-

Corroborating this, a researcher from the Institute of Genomics and Integrative Biology (IGIB), which is one of the 10 central laboratories of India's genomic sequencing network, said all of the omicron cases were in fully vaccinated individuals, meaning there is a possibility of another surge driven by the variant.

"Vaccination breakthrough is not uncommon even with other variants like alpha or delta, so it is expected. It is definitely the case with omicron. All travellers are fully vaccinated and yet we are detecting omicron infection in them. In fact, all the omicron cases detected at the lab are in fully vaccinated individuals most travellers are from the UK or US, where rates of vaccination are very high," said Dr Rajesh Pandey, senior scientist at IGIB.

He added, "And, this is with mRNA vaccines so we don't know what will happen with Covishield or Covaxin. From all that we know so far, the indication is that omicron has a higher level of immune evasion than delta. The good thing is, from what I have heard from the clinician, the disease hasn't been severe in these people."

Would that mean that fewer people will get severe disease and be hospitalised? Dr Pandey says there are too many variables at the population level to say that. "There are too many variables that kick in when a huge population is affected - how many days after vaccination are people getting the infection (antibody levels are higher during the initial months after vaccination), we have a variety of age groups and comorbidities, many remain unvaccinated.

your mask more. People should wear N95 masks for the next two months to prevent trans-



At Lok Nayak hospital, all but one infection was detected in fully vaccinated individuals. Archive

mission. If there is large scale transmission - even if the disease is mild - the virus might mutate to evade the existing immune response completely," said Dr Pandey. A high level of exposure to

the virus during the delta wave might work in India's favour.

"If you look at data from the US, nearly 73% of the infections are happening in vaccinated people. It is now certain that omicron does evade immunity by vaccines. But, in India, the seropositivity is quite high - over 90% in Delhi and over 80% in Bihar – which may offer better protection against the new variant. We are likely to have an outbreak, but probably not as bad as the UK or US," said Dr GC Khilnani, former head of the department of pulmonology at AI-IMS and chairman of pulmonary, sleep and critical care medicine at PSRI hospital.

India should have approved

a booster dose to better protect against omicron, said Dr Jacob John, former head of the department of virology at Christian Medical College in Vellore. "As soon as the WHO declared omicron as a variant of concern, we should have worked towards offering booster shots for better protection to the already vaccinated. We should also have approved vaccination in children who will now act as reservoirs for the virus even if they don't get sick, and some of them will. In addition, the government has been messaging about a successful vaccination drive but that is counter-productive as people maceutical interventions like masking, social distancing, and handwashing," he said.

'Gangster' shot in leg: Court calls probe team's handling of case 'dubious'

MAHENDER SINGH

NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 22

OBSERVING THAT the investigation agency has handled the case in the "most dubious manner", a Delhi court Monday granted bail to an alleged gangster, Rohit Gehlot, who was shot in the leg by the Dwarka district police last

Metropolitan Magistrate Vinod Kumar Meena said in his order, "The investigation agency has handled this case in the most dubious manner, not only the arrest of accused/applicant is made under highly suspicious circumstances, but also his role is under clouds in the present FIR. The only allegation against the accused is that he provided arms to the main accused, Arjun and Sonu. The arms have already been recovered from the main accused. This case is a fit case where the accused/applicant must be granted bail.'

CMM Meena also stated, "It is pertinent to mention here that through reply filed by police officials in an earlier application filed by Gehlot on November 12, four versions came before the court. The first version was filed by the DCP (Dwarka) through his media bytes, second was filed by SHO (Najafgarh). However, the third version, as made by the accused, Gehlot, when he was produced from

implant/fixtures/rod in his left court that he was picked up from his home on November 1 at Dwarka, Sector 16B and later shot in the leg after police blindfolded him.'

"The fourth version came to the notice of the court and the court had categorically dealt with all the four versions and it was observed that there were material differences in all those four versions. However, the third version, made by the accused, in the open court stands prima facie substantiated through CCTV footage, to the effect that he was taken from his house on

Advocate Kunal Sharma, appearing for Gehlot, in his submission said that he had been "wrongly arrested" by police of-

Najafgarh on November 2.

Tihar jail on a wheelchair with a

leg. He submitted before the by four police officers on the pretext that he was called by the DCP. He was taken to some flats to Uttam Nagar, where he was

November 1," he said.

Sharma also said in his submission that in a reply filed by the investigation officer it has been mentioned that involvement qua accused Gehlot came into notice only on November 4 after the interrogation of main accused Ariun and Sonu, whereas media reports published on November 3 cited DCP's version that he was arrested in connection with Mittal Sweets shootout case of

By Jan-end, 59 Metro stations will become pedestrian-friendly, less congested outside

GAYATHRI MANI NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 22

COMMUTING IN and around Delhi Metro stations is going to get smoother as 'multimodal hubs' at 59 stations under the phase III corridor will be finished by the end of January 2022. All these stations will have segregated pedestrian and vehicular zones - from walkways and footpaths to separate lanes for erickshaws and feeder buses.

The objective, officials say, is to promote pedestrianisation and reduce congestion,

"The utmost priority is to re-

tion that occurs outside Metro stations due to lack of parking havs for last-mile connectivity At many stations, e-rickshaws are parked just outside the stations, leading to chaos. This also creates problems for pedestrians, passengers and the elderly who travel by the Metro," said a senior DMRC official.

The Chattarpur station on the Yellow Line is the first to be developed as a multimodal hub. After the success of the project here, L-G Anil Baijal had in 2019 directed the DMRC to develop all Metro stations as multimodal



The major stations being developed include Jamia Millia Islamia. Express

After getting approval from the UTTIPEC, the Delhi Metro had commenced the development of Multi Modal Integration (MMI) facilities at 59 stations under phase-III in January, 2021.

All these stations will have designated space for threewheelers, feeder buses, e-rickshaw, cycle-rickshaw, cycles and cabs. Parking space for fourwheelers with space to charge evehicles will also be made avail-

"Effective engineering solutions have been ensured to segregate the pedestrian zone from the vehicular zone and stop the entry of two-wheelers into the former. Railing and fencing have been used to streamline or guide pedestrians towards parking ar-

The plan will also take into account the need to make these spaces disabled-friendly.

"Despite Covid constraints, the work is expected to be completed by the end of January 2022," said the official, adding that the work has been awarded to contractors in three different

The major stations being developed include Azadpur, Kalkaji, Okhla Vihar, Greater Kailash, Hauz Khas, Panchsheel Park, Jamia Millia Islamia, Sukhdev Vihar, Nehru Enclave, Shalimar Bagh, Kashmere Gate, Majlis Park,

an increase in our salaries, the

government doubled it in three

months... in October 2017, our

bill (for regularisation) was

NDMC to make some schools 'specialised'

GAYATHRIMANI NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 22

THE NEW Delhi Municipal Council (NDMC) is planning to convert some of its schools into specialised institutes to educate students in a particular field or subject, like mathematics, science, music, fashion technology, sports, cooking, dancing and others that they are specialised and skilled in. These will be called 'School of New India', said NDMC member Kuljeet Singh Chahal on Wednesday.

Also, to make the online classes available and accessible for all the children, especially those coming from the economically weaker sections (EWS), the NDMC is planning to provide tablets for students of classes IX and XII. This proposal was passed in the NDMC council meeting held Wednesday.

Besides, the NDMC is also upgrading 45 Atal Adharsh Vidyalaya and Navyug Schools with new labs, library, scientific teaching techniques, classrooms and staff rooms and other infrastructure.

"We are envisioning this project and it is also mentioned in the National Education Policy. We will identify some schools from NDMCs Atal Adharsh Vidyalaya and Navyug School and will develop them as specialised schools. Under this, EWS students will be educated in special fields and the students will get learn everything from Art to Science and Technology," said Chahal.

Guest teachers versus guest teachers: As one group protests against Delhi govt, another speaks up for it "In 2016, when we demanded

SUKRITA BARUAH NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 22

MEMBERS OF a government schools' guest teachers group held a press conference in the Delhi Secretariat, denouncing recent protests by guest teachers in

the national capital as "political". The press conference, in which members of the Dilli Atithi Shikshak Sangh spoke, was held in the Delhi Secretariat's Media Centre.

This comes two weeks after hundreds of guest teachers held a protest near the Chief Minister's residence, once again demanding a policy that will let them work till the age of retire-

ment. Punjab Congress Chief Navjot Singh Sidhu had joined the protest, in response to Delhi CM Arvind Kejriwal joining a Punjab guest teachers' protest in Mohali. Another protest is scheduled to take place outside Deputy CM Manish Sisodia's residence Saturday. "The protests have been tak-

ing place for some time and some of our colleagues have recently even stopped being guest teachers. They are being politicised. And people like Sidhu, in whose states guest teachers are on the brink of suicide, are attending. We had seen our respected CM Kejriwal go there when those teachers were

protesting from atop a water

tank... These people are coming here and swaying us, they are swaying our colleagues. We appeal to them not to sully our image as teachers. Since our matters are resolved by speaking to the government from time to time, we don't even need to protest," said Anita Rathee, one of the guest teachers at Wednesday's press conference.

The teachers also spoke about different measures the Delhi government adopted to benefit them. The All Indian Guest Teachers

Association, which has been leading the protests in the capital, questioned the manner in which Wednesday's press conference was conducted. "How

can the government let a private organisation use its institutions? They are sitting in the Secretariat and delivering government statements, it is a misuse of government institutions... This is being done only to stop our protest on December 25," said Shoaib Rana, an AIGTA member. Government representatives

did not respond to queries on why the press conference was carried out in the Delhi Bhanu Priya, president of the

Dilli Atithi Shikshak Sangh, said, "We are lucky that we have an education minister like Manish Sisodia and we are very proud to say 'Shiksha mantri ho toh Manish Sisodia jaisa ho'."

New Delhi

passed in the Vidhan Sabha and was sent to the L-G. Because we are a Union Territory, it is hard to get bills passed by the L-G and this one didn't... but the government did not wash their hands of the issue when we asked them to find another way... the government made a policy for us to work till 60 years and that is also pending with the L-G... Besides this, the government has given us maternity leave and pay... we started getting respect in schools only under the Aam Aadmi Party government," said Bhanu Priya.





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BEYOND POLITICS

ONCE CLOSE allies, the BJP and Shiv Sena may be on rival sides now – drifting further in the past few months. But Prime Minister Narendra Modi does not appear to be in a mood to snap personal ties with leaders of Shiv Sena. On Wednesday, after Lok Sabha was adjourned sine die when the floor leaders met in the Speaker's chamber, the Prime Minister walked up to Shiv Sena leader Vinayak Raut and asked him about Chief Minister Uddhav Thackeray's health. He enquired if Thackeray was doing well after the cervical spine surgery he underwent recently.

RIFT WIDENS

DURING THE Winter Session of Parliament, which concluded on Wednesday, the distance between the ruling and opposition parties appeared to have widened. As Lok Sabha was adjourned sine die, Congress leader Sonia Gandhi hurriedly walked to Speaker Om Birla's chamber for the customary greetings; the Speaker is thanked and greeted by floor leaders for conducting the House at the end of the session. Sonia did not wait for Prime Minister Narendra Modi and his ministers to arrive at the chamber. On their part, Congress leaders said usually senior leaders of the government walk across the aisle to greet opposition leaders, which did not take place.

THE WAIT

MANY TOP higher educational institutes continue to run without full-time heads as fresh appointments remain pending. Even where appointments have been made, candidates are taking inordinately long to assume their new roles. First, Central University, Jammu waited for more than three months for IIIT Jabalpur Director Sanjeev Jain to take over as its Vice-Chancellor due to delay in processing of files at the Education Ministry. Now, it is the turn of Banaras Hindu University (BHU). On November 13, the BHU was conveyed that IIT Gandhinagar Director Prof Sudhir K Jain will be its new Vice-Chancellor. However, he is yet to take charge, with a BHU spokesperson saying that Prof Jain is completing the formalities required before he leaves Gandhinagar. The delay prompted the local NSUI unit to recently lodge a "missing" complaint with police.

Poll reforms Bill will make electoral rolls clean: CEC

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE PANAJI, DECEMBER 22

ELECTION (Amendment Bill), 2021 passed in Rajya Sabha on Tuesday will help make the electoral roll "very clean", as it will eliminate duplication of names in voter list, **Chief Election Commissioner** Sushil Chandra said on Wednesday.

The Bill, he said, enables "linking of electoral roll data with the Aadhaar ecosystem".

Addressing the media in Panaji, Chandra said: "This is a

very useful Bill...the reason for this particular linkage (with Aadhaar) is that in our electoral rolls...(many) persons (are listed) in two or three places. So that will help us in eliminating double voters - double names of same persons in one constituency...so the electoral roll will be very, very clean."

Asserting that no name will be deleted "without full verification", he said, "You will be given choices. Suppose you are a voter at two places and we come to know that, the natural process is I should ask you whether you would like to be a voter in Panaji



CEC Sushil Chandra

or at the other place. So, safeguards are there. This will ensure a very clean vote."

The Bill was passed by Rajya Sabha on Tuesday amid a walkout by the Opposition.

Chandra also said that in the upcoming elections, political parties will have to state reasons for fielding a candidate with criminal antecedents, "so that the public is well-informed about antecedents of candidates". The record of a candidate's criminal antecedents will have to be published in newspapers and TV at least thrice, and

parties will have to publish them

on their websites as well, he said. 'They will have to give reasons for choosing a person with criminal antecedents, and why they could not find a clean candidate and what was so specific about this person that they have chosen so that there is full knowledge about the candidate. Ultimately, it is the elector who will choose.'

The ECI officials were on a two-day visit to poll-bound Goa to review poll preparedness in the state.

For the first time, he said, there will be webcasting data analytics in Goa, for which IIT-Goa has also lent its expertise. There will be real-time monitoring of polling stations that will ensure booths will be absolutely impartial, queue management can be done through it, and if there are unwanted people in the polling booth they can be re-

moved," said Chandra

Goa CEO shifted

Panaji: The Ministry of Home Affairs on Wednesday transferred Goa's Chief Electoral Officer (CEO) Kunal to Delhi, along with the transfer of 16 other IAS officers from the AG-

MUT cadre. The transfer comes about two months ahead of Assembly polls in Goa and at a time that the summary revision of Goa's elec-

toral roll in underway.

On September 23, Goa unit of Congress had written to ECI seeking Kunal's replacement alleging "complete bias".

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A little warmth goes a long way

ReNew Power to distribute 2,00,000 blankets across 11 states this winter as a part of its Gift Warmth campaign



What is the idea behind this

initiative? Gift Warmth is ReNew's effort to bring a little comfort to the underserved suffering from harsh winters in the coldest regions of India. Our vision is that 'no one in India should suffer due to cold weather' and, in alignment with this, we distribute blankets to those in need. The programme is well integrated with SDG 13 (Climate Action) that aims to build climate

resilient communities. This year we plan to distribute 2,00,000 blankets across 11 states—nearly quadrupled from last year when we distributed 55,000 blankets across our sites. The idea germinated in 2015 when we were thinking of ways to bring together our ReNewers to go beyond work and impact communities. We read reports that people on the streets of Delhi were suffering due to cold, and, in some cases, losing their lives as well. We realized that, as we work towards larger sustainability goals to secure the planet's future, we need to support those who are affected by climate change today.

How is this initiative being implemented?

Gift Warmth, which started as an NCR-specific programme, has grown multifold to become a pan-India initiative. By virtue of Re-New's operational presence in many parts of the country, we are currently executing this programme at a national level. While the programme is anchored by ReNew Power, it works in partnership with state governments to implement. We have zeroed in on areas that face severe drop in temperatures during winters across Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh, Gujarat, Uttar Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, and Delhi NCR. We closely work with respective district administrations to identify vulnerable populations and then organize distribution drives for local communities through our employees across our wind and solar sites. The distribution and community mobilization are directly handled by our employees who come together this time of the year in large numbers. We also engage with prominent non-profits to scale our impact. It also helps us build a community that prioritises equitable development and

citizenship. This is the seventh edition of the ini-



Chief Sustainabilty Officer, ReNew Power

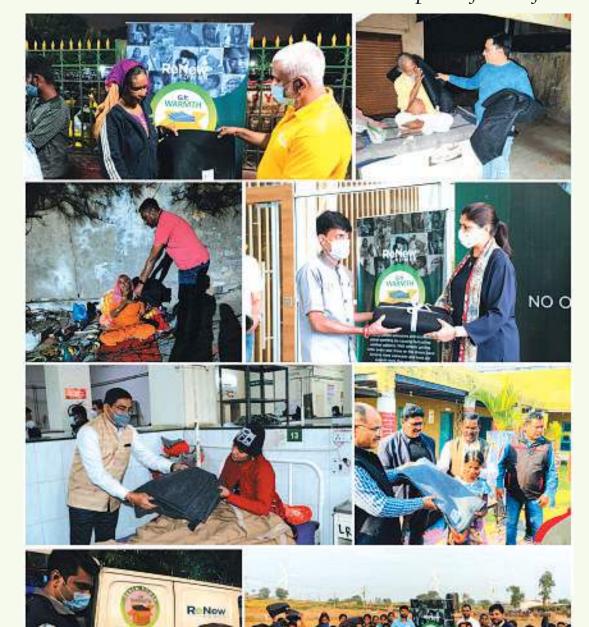
tiative. What have been the key learnings from the campaign thus far?

Most of us do not realize what it means not to have access to physical warmth. While at our end, we are only providing blankets, we have realized that even a blanket could give someone the power to dream for another day without being afraid of harsh, cold winters. We have observed how a good quality blanket not only gives a fighting chance for people, especially women who are often the last ones to get protection from harsh environments, to be there for their families, but also builds a strong sense of self-esteem and resilience. Though the winters are always harsh on the deprived and the destitute, the pandemic has only aggravated the situation for these communities. We learned that there were certain communities who were particularly impacted by the pandemic, such as the migrant workers, and we have also focused on supporting them during the campaign.

We realized early on in the pandemic that it had severely affected the general income levels of households and left many without the means to afford a basic blanket to protect their families. So, we increased our target segment pool to go beyond the BPL and the

What are the changes this year? Apart from number which has increased considerably.

We saw a higher participation from the Re-New Power community, with their families being part of the distribution drives across the country. We also received a lot of support from other corporates. Moreover, we witnessed an encouraging increase in the engagement from



Highlights from the 7th edition of Gift Warmth campaign from across India

various state governments. When there is a collective buy-in from stakeholders from various sectors, even the smallest of efforts gain significance by the sheer amplification in scale

How would you like to visualise this programme in the next few years?

In 2020, our aim was to touch 1 million lives in five years. We have already distributed 400,000 blankets till date and hope to go beyond our tar-

get well ahead of time. We see this initiative reaching across India as a self-sustaining national-level intervention, led by a consortium of leaders from India Inc.

Is there a larger issue that ReNew

New Delhi

Power is trying to address through Gift

Through the initiative, we are trying to put a potlight on the need for urgent of tion in our country. The catastrophic effects of climate change, if left unabated, will affect all of us, starting with the most vulnerable. Over the last few years, the government has intensified its efforts significantly to tackle this crisis through global commitments and strategic partnerships. There is a lot of potential, especially in the corporate sector, to accelerate these efforts. Every action, however small, matters now more than ever.

How can one become a part of this ini-

tiative? Anyone who wishes to join this campaign can donate by visiting **www.renewfounda**tion.in. We strongly believe that to reach the 2030 goals, every individual must do their bit and Gift Warmth is an effective and engaging way to contribute in this direction. We would urge as many people as possible to join our cohort of partners from India Inc. and civil societies to make a difference this winter.

What is corporate responsibility for **ReNew Power?**

As a clean energy company that has helped avoid 0.5% of India's carbon emissions, corporate responsibility is ingrained in our vision and our modus operandi. We are deeply engaged in supporting the communities we work with and accelerating national efforts for a sustainable future. We began our social responsibility journey in 2011, the year ReNew was formed. What started off as community welfare activities around our sites have become transformational development projects that align with the Sustainable Development Goals, impacting 200+ villages across India.

Is it necessary for corporates to be socially responsible?

Our world is more integrated and inter-connected than ever. It is not possible for corporates to operate alone in individual pursuit of economic outcomes. They are accountable to citizens, communities, and governments with whom they share space and resources. Social responsibility is no longer a 'nice to have' agenda; rather it is an integral part of doing business. It is imperative for corporates to integrate their clients, suppliers and partners into their sustainability agenda. Moreover, answering the call to address global crises, such as the pandemic or climate change, requires collaboration-led efforts by public-private-social stakeholders, and the potential for corporates to drive social outcomes cannot be overstated.

8 IN PARLIAMENT WINTER SESSION



Bringing Down The Curtain

Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla at a press conference in Parliament on Wednesday, the last day of the winter session. Prem Nath Pandey

GOVT-OPP KEEP UP BLAME-GAME

18 sittings in 24 days, session ends a day early

LIZ MATHEW & MANOJ C G NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 22

THE WINTER Session of Parliament, which began on a confrontational note with the government passing the farm laws repeal Bill without discussions and suspending 12 Rajya Sabha MPs for their conduct in the previous session, was adjourned sine die on Wednesday, a day earlier than scheduled.

With 18 sittings in 24 days, 11 Bills were passed; 13 Bills were introduced.

Beyond the numbers, the Opposition said $the\,session\,show cased\,a\,bullying\,government$ that rammed through Bills, did not provide proper replies to questions, and a Prime Minister who did not bother to attend Parliament except for brief customary appearances on first and last days. A majority of ruling party members, they said, chose not to be present in the House on many days despite a strict directive from the Prime Minister.

The government blamed the Opposition for Parliament not having debates. "Our first priority was to discuss the issue of price-rise. Unfortunately, when the Chairman and the Speaker gave them a chance, no one was ready. The Finance Minister was present with her replies," Parliamentary Affairs Minister Pralhad Joshi said on Wednesday.

He said the government was willing to hold $discussions \, on \, every \, issue. \, ``The Prime \, Minister"$



Parliamentarians in Rajya Sabha on Wednesday. RSTV/PTI

look into the issues raised by members during Zero Hour and there should be action on them. But the disruptions did not let up. It's not good for democracy," Joshi said. Asked about the Opposition's allegation

that Bills were passed without debates, Joshi said: "It's a baseless allegation. The Opposition should have let the House run."

In Rajya Sabha, the picture was gloomier. With the Opposition up in arms against "unwarranted (and) undemocratic suspension of 12 MPs in violation of rules of procedures".

Expressing his unhappiness over loss of time, Rajya Sabha Chairman M Venkaiah Naidu said, "I am not happy to share with you that the House functioned much below its potential. I urge all of you to reflect and introspect, collec-



PRODUCTIVITY OF Rajya Sabha was recorded at 48% in the winter session. According to data, 60.60% of Question Hour time was lost due to disruptions. Out of total scheduled sitting time of 95 hours and 6 minutes, the House discharged business only for 45 hours 34 minutes. A total time of 49 hours and 32 minutes was lost due to disruptions and adjournments.

tively and individually, if this Session could have been different and better. I don't want to speak elaborately on the course of this session, as that would lead me to make a very critical view."

With Lok Sabha functioning more days without disruptions, Speaker Om Birla said the Chair has tried to keep a balance. "While 100 MPs from the ruling side were given a chance to ask questions, 158 Opposition MPs got the chance; 324 Opposition MPs were allowed to raise a Zero Hour mention against 239 ruling MPs," Birla told the media.

In all, he said, "99 members participated in the 12-hour-26-minute discussion on Covid-

short-duration discussion on climate change. While criticising the government for not referring Bills to Parliamentary panels for scrutiny, the Opposition managed to send several Bills to House committees. The Biological Diversity (Amendment) Bill was referred to joint committees of both Houses; National Anti Doping Bill, Wildlife (Protection) Amendment Bill, Chartered Accountants, Cost and Works Accountants and the Company Secretaries (Amendment) Bill, Prohibition of Child Marriage (Amendment) Bill and Mediation Bill were sent to standing committees for detailed discussions.

Although it was listed for this session, the government did not bring in a key Bill – the Cryptocurrency and Regulation of Official Digital Currency Bill, which seeks to ban all but a few private cryptocurrencies while allowing an official digital currency by RBI - in this session. "There is a process to bring the Bill.... We are working on it; it will take time," Joshi said.

Ministers pointed out that the Opposition did not play a "constructive role" and "did not want to debate any issues in detail", and instead, disrupted proceedings. According to a Union minister, the Opposition "missed every chance to take on the government; did not have any strategy, nor had unity among themselves". This, the minister said, gave the government space to have its way.

The session also saw Opposition MPs repeatedly complaining about "unsatisfactory

Ready to express regret, but govt did not agree: Kharge

Suspended MPs committed a mistake and we were punished, says Leader of Opposition in Rajya Sabha

NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 22

AS THE stormy Winter Session of Parliament came to an end, Leader of Opposition in Rajya Sabha Mallikarjun Kharge Wednesday said he was ready to express "regret" on behalf of the 12 suspended lawmakers, which the government did not agree to as it wanted to push ills through without discussion.

Kharge also took potshots at Rajya Sabha Chairman M Venkaiah Naidu claiming that the government had exerted pressure on him and that he, as the guardian of the House, made no effort to resolve the standoff between the Treasury and Opposition benches.

Throughout this session, Rajya Sabha was repeatedly disrupted over the suspension of

Kharge said the government was not ready to resolve the stalemate over the suspension. "The day (the MPs were suspended) I was ready to express regret on behalf of all of them. Why take it forward... They committed a mistake and we were punished," Kharge told reporters along with Congress leader in Lok Sabha Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury and Congress chief whip in Rajya Sabha Jairam Ramesh.

Ramesh said Kharge had on November 29 and November 30 told Leader of the Rajya Sabha Piyush Goyal and Parliamentary Affairs Minister Pralhad Joshi that he was ready to express regret on behalf of everyone, but that Goyal had been insisting from day one that all the suspended members should apologise.

"I thought about it afterwards. Their intention was to pass every bill urgently... in the din without any discussion. They wanted to fulfill their agenda... Why were they doing that? I looked at the numbers. The UPA has 68 members in the Rajya Sabha. The other opposition parties have 50. There are two independents. So the opposition has a strength of 120. And the NDA has 118. So they thought if there is voting on the Bills that they were bringing... if division is sought... they will be in a minority. So they suspended 12 members on the very first day," Kharge said.

"The government hatched a conspiracy. They wanted to pass all bills and avoid facing crucial issues of national importance, be it inflation, unemployment, GDP slide, farmers' protest, Lakhimpur Kheri, resignation of Minister of State for Home Ajay Mishra....their intention was to let the House remain disrupted...so that they don't need to answer questions on these issues," he added.



Congress leaders Mallikariun Kharge Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury and Jairam Ramesh at a press conference in New Delhi on Wednesday, Anil Sharma

Kharge also criticised what he felt was the adjournment of the House at the slightest disturbance. "We give notice... and then even before we get up to speak... House is adjourned till 2 pm. You must have seen it. At least hear us for two minutes, one minutes or at least 10 seconds. The moment I get up... even before I speak... Chairman adjourns the House. Why? It happens under pressure from the government. The government was exerting pressure," he claimed.

"And the Chairman has repeatedly told us. I don't want to say anything against him... because he is senior... our Chairman... our guardian. But he has told us repeatedly that he cannot do anything. You and the government sort it out. We are fighting. How can we resolve... there should be someone who should mediate... But when he asked him... he says it is between you and the government and if the government does not agree what can I do," Kharge said.

Chowdhury said the Opposition wanted the House to function, but when Mishra's name came up, they thought of seeking answers from the government as he is a member of the Union cabinet. "We demanded a discussion and wanted that for the sake of morality, he should resign till the time the probe is over in the Lakhimpur Kheri incident," he said. "The tension in the House cropped up due to the arrogance of the majority of the ruling party. They only want to bulldoze through the majority they enjoy."

Chowdhury added: "We were never running away from a debate. We wanted a discussion on price rise, but it was listed after the Lakhimpur issue came up. They deliberately brought the price rise issue to stop us from raising the Lakhimpur issue."

- EXCERPTS OF STANDOUT SPEECHES DURING WINTER SESSION

'LGBTQ population, single men must also have access to this tech'

IAM a great admirer of our puranas, ithigaasams and epics... Our epics have so many instances of unconventional births... This government always says it draws inspiration from these puranas. But this law which they have drafted is not inspired by the liberal Hindu epics. In fact, this law has been drafted by somebody who has got a regressive, colonial, and Victorian mindset. This law has not come from Hindu liberal traditions.... I will tell you why.

This law excludes many people, rather than it includes. When I have given you so many instances of unconventional births and unconventional unions in our Hindu epics, this law only allows married people to have access to this technology. It does not allow LGBTQ people to have access to this technology. It does not allow single men to have access to this technology. So, this law is actually a Victorian law; it is not a Hindu law.

So, do not ever say that you are a government which is actually propagating Hindu values. The Hindu values are liberal values. You are, in fact, propagating a Victorian colonial value.



CHIDAMBARAM **CONGRESS** Lok Sabha, Dec 1

■ Assisted Reproductive Technology (Regulation) Bill,

This law does not take into account the new realities of India. Of course, these new realities are not new realities. These were there in our ancient scriptures. Those unions which were always there, were suppressed by the colonial mentality. These unions must also be given access to this technology. The LGBTQ population, live-in couples, and single men must also have access to this technology if they want so.

This law is discriminatory.... This law again is patriarchal. That is again a hallmark of this government and the hallmark of all it says. A person who is capable of donating an egg, has to be married and has to have a child who is at least three years old; only then can she become a donor. A single woman cannot be a donor. Again, this reeks of patriarchy....

The Surrogacy Bill was passed in this House without a debate. That Bill is still pending in Rajya Sabha. So, it has not yet become a law. But this Bill says there is going to be an Oversight Board which will draw its powers from the Surrogacy Act. Why are you bringing this Bill when that Bill has not become a law? There are many conflicts between these two laws....

You want the Aadhaar card for the donor because you want to identify the donor through that Aadhaar card. But the donor has to be anonymous. What if there is a leak of data?... As far as complaint mechanism goes. only the Board can complain. An individual cannot complain....

As I said in the beginning, this is the government which always says that it draws inspiration from our puranas. But this government is not at all acting in the way in which I have been taught Hindutva by my grandmother....

'Surrogacy Bill was like putting the cart before the horse'

OUR COUNTRY has, for long, awaited the legislation on Assisted Reproductive Technology.... So, it is at least laudable that the Hon, Minister and the government have brought this Bill, though the Surrogacy Bill was like putting the cart before the horse. It was brought here before. Surrogacy cannot take place unless invitro fertilization takes place. So, we brought the cart; now we are bringing the horse.

What I would like to say is this. I completely agree with Mr Karti (Chidambaram) here in point about the exclusion of single parents, transgenders and LGBT couples at this age; they should be brought in. They also have a right to become parents...

Before we go deep into the Bill, from my side, I would like to elaborate a little bit on the procedure. It is because the procedure has a great significance to this Bill today. As Dr (Heena) Gavit was saying that ovarian hyperstimulation might take place. Ovarian hyperstimulation is a killer disease. It is not talking about Gynaecology. Sometimes an IVF laboratory is mixed up with a pathological laboratory. It has nothing in common... A pathologist knows nothing about the IVF....



KAKOLIGHOSH DASTIDAR

Lok Sabha, Dec 1 ■ Assisted Reproductive Technology (Regulation) Bill,

It is a very humble moment for me. I am this country's first Transvaginal Ultrasound Sonologist.... Hon. Minister should give a thought to the things I have been speaking about. This Bill has to be changed.... It has to go to scrutiny and the Board must be manned by people who know the subject. But banks have to be completely abolished unless it is associated with an IVF laboratory manned by people who know the subject.... If a pathologist has been working on IVF for 30 years, welcome them. If a gynecologist is working on IVF for 30 years, welcome them. Otherwise, every gynecologist is not an IVF specialist because it is not taught in MBBS or MD curriculum....



TMC MP Derek O'Brien in the Parliament complex on Wednesday. Prem Nath Pandey

O'Brien: Modi slow-poisoning Parliament, manufacturing majority in RS

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 22

TMC RAJYA Sabha floor leader Derek O'Brien Wednesday said the government tried to "manufacture" a majority in the Upper House through the suspensions of Opposition MPs.

While 12 MPs – six from Congress, two each from TMC and Shiv Sena, and one each from the CPI and CPI(M) — were suspended from the winter session on November 29, O'Brien was suspended on Tuesday.

O'Brien's suspension had come on a motion moved by MoS V Muraleedharan, which accused him of "unruly and contemptuous behaviour, unbecoming (of) a member of the Rajya Sabha by brazenly throwing the Rajya Sabha Rule Book towards the Chair" during a discussion on the electoral reforms Bill, which was later passed through a voice vote.

His suspension lasted a day as the House was adjourned sine die on Wednesday.

Joining other suspended MPs at the Gandhi statue in the Parliament complex on Wednesday, O'Brien said, "Hitler burned down Parliament, Prime Minister Narendra Modi is slow-poisoning Parliament, This government has tried to manufacture a majority in the Upper House by suspending 12 MPs. Under this dispensation, democracy is being mocked and dismantled every day."

'Judges appointing judges unheard of... there is no diversity'

THERE IS a serious lacuna because though we decide on such matters, we have no role in the appointment of judges? Does this exist anywhere in the world? Absolutely, no! Judges appointing judges is unheard of... There has been a demand for a National Judicial Appointment Commission which should represent judiciary, executive, legislature, bar and the public with provisions of transparency and accountability. Let people know who are going to be our judges and their competence, ability and integrity. Should there be a system shrouded in mystery, secrecy and darkness?

Are we creating a system of patronage or give and take. Are we creating an oligarchy?... I am afraid we are creating an oligarchy. We have judges' families.... I vouch for the fact that there are brilliant judges with high levels of integrity from judges' families. But that should be exceptions not thumb rule in democracy, that should be exceptions.... Let me read a profile of a judge which I

happen to see at the High Court's website. Mr. Justice so and so, I won't mention his name, born on so and so date, belongs to a family associated with judiciary. His maternal great grandfather was Chief Justice of India, his maternal grandfather was a former acting Chief Justice, one of his maternal uncles was a former judge of the Supreme Court, his maternal uncle is a sitting judge of the Supreme Court. It is going on. It is like a long list.

We all talk about dynasty. The BJP members have been very harsh when they talk about dynasty in the Congress party, at least they have passed the test of winning the con-



JOHN BRITTAS CPI(M) Rajya Sabha, Dec 13 ■ High Court and Supreme Court

Judges (Salaries and Conditions of Service) Amendment Bill, 2021

fidence of the people. This is a clear case of a dynasty. Why are we keeping mum on this? The government has successfully spiked

the appointments of those (judges) who are inconvenient to them...The government has been sitting on the proposals of collegium whenever they find certain names who are

persona non grata for them. Some judges are transferred for unknown reasons as a punishment.... There are cases when the government had not consented to the names by collegium for years despite the fact that the Supreme Court had emphatically stated that once returned the executive must give consent. I am sure the key framer of the

Constitution and the first Law Minister, Dr B R Ambedkar will be turning in his grave seeing how judicial appointments are made and how the independence of judiciary is tampered with. He must be turning in his grave.

India is a diverse country....The present scheme of appointment ensures that only a particular class is rewarded by the government. A new class is being created. Of course, there are exceptions, I understand. There are

brilliant judges who come from judges' families.... During the expansion of the last Cabinet, it was said to include a sizable number of OBCs. SCs and STs....When it comes to the judiciary, we don't want such a diverse representation? Should we be oblivious about that? Do you want such representation only in the Cabinet?

Out of 47 Chief Justices of India till date, at least 14 have been Brahmins, From 1950-70, the maximum strength of Supreme Court was 14 judges and 11 of them were Brahmins.... There is no diversity in the judiciary.... I am not against Brahmins...I am not against any class. I am just completing it. This august House will be shocked to note that till 1980, there was no judge from the OBC in the Supreme Court, in the highest court of the country.

GOVT & POLITICS

In a first, CRPF puts women on VIP detail; Shah, Gandhis on list TMC not even

DEEPTIMANTIWARY NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 22

UNION HOME Minister Amit Shah, former prime minister Manmohan Singh and the Gandhi family will now be pro-

provided to them for security. Shah, Sonia Gandhi, Rahul Gandhi, Priyanka Gandhi Vadra and Manmohan Singh are all Zplus protectees of CRPF. This is the first time the force will deploy women commandos for VIP

the Central Reserve Police Force,

apart from the male contingent



initially deployed at the residence of the protectees

"Our first batch of women commandos comprising of 32 female combatants has completed its training in VIP security. They

Minister of

Nityanand Rai

State for

India does not have a refugee

policy. "All foreign nationals in-

cluding refuge seekers are gov-

erned by the provisions contained

in The Foreigners Act, 1946, The

Registration of Foreigners Act.

1939, The Passport (Entry into

India) Act, 1920 and The

Citizenship Act, 1955," Rai said in

the House that as of December 14

this year, 10,635 applications were

pending with the government for

Indian citizenship — 7,306 from

Pakistan, 1,152 from Afghanistan

and 161 from Bangladesh. A total

of 428 applications from stateless

people were also pending with

ship to illegal immigrants belong-

ing to the Hindu, Jain, Sikh, Parsi,

Christian and Buddhist commu-

nities from Pakistan, Bangladesh

and Afghanistan, was passed by

Parliament in December 2019

amid vehement criticism from the

Opposition, which claimed a com-

munal agenda behind the law as it

Home Minister Amit Shah had

said in media interviews that

nearly 600 Muslims from

Ranglade

Afghanistan had been granted

Indian Citizenship since 2014.

After the law was enacted,

The CAA, which grants citizen-

the government.

left out Muslims.

The minister also informed

will be ready for deployment by January 15. We have decided to detail them with our Z plus protectees," a senior CRPF officer said.

Sources said given the small size of the contingent, these women commandos will be initially deployed at the residence of the protectees.

"Since there are only 32 female combatants, each protectee will get only five or six women commandos. It will be difficult to deploy them for proximate security when there is movement given the small size of the contingent at this time. However, if required they can be attached to the women protectees during election rallies," the officer said.

Elections are due to be held in five states of Uttar Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Punjab, Manipur and Goa next year.

He added that the women commandos will be given proximate security duties in future as more women join the VIP security wing of the force.

This would, however, not be the first time that the Gandhis and Manmohan Singh would have protection of women commandos. Sources said when they enjoyed protection of the Special Protection Group (SPG), at that time too there was a small contingent of the SPG women commandos who provided residential security.

Gandhis and Singh were stripped of SPG security in November 2019 following which they were provided Z plus cover of the CRPF.

In 2012, the National Security Guard (NSG), which is the premier counter-terror force in the country that also provides VIP security, had similarly raised a 25member female contingent for VIP security. They were detailed to protect Bahujan Samaj Party (BSP) supremo Mavawati and All India Anna Dravida Munnetra Kazhagham chief J Jayalalithaa.

However, the two politicians initially showed reluctance to be protected by a newly raised women contingent and preferred to continue with their existing security. Following media reports on the issue, however, they relented.

Meanwhile, sources said, the Ministry of Home Affairs issued orders to withdraw security provided to former West Bengal minister Rajib Banerjee. The two-time MLA had resigned from the TMC in January ahead of Assembly elections and joined the BJP and was given central security following this. However, this October, Banerjee rejoined TMC..

At UP rallies,

Chhattisgarh

CM slams PM's

'Gujarat model'

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CHHATTISGARH CHIEF Minister

Bhupesh Baghel on Wednesday

hit out at Prime Minister Narendra

Modi and his "Gujarat model, un-

LUCKNOW, DECEMBER 22

race: Kejriwal **EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** PANAJI, DECEMBER 22 IN WHAT appears to be a sign of

in Goa election

conflicting interests in the larger Opposition space, Delhi Chief Minister and AAP national convenor Arvind Kejriwal hit out at the Trinamool Congress, saying the party is "not even in the race" for the upcoming Assembly elec-

Asked why he had spared the

TMC in his speech in Panaji on Tuesday even as he attacked the BIP. Congress and the Maharashtrawadi Gomantak Party (MGP), Kejriwal said, "You (the media) are giving the TMC so much importance. According to me, the TMC does not have even 1 per cent vote share. They came to Goa three months ago. Democracy does not function like this. In a democracy, you have to put in hard work, you have to work among the people. In your view the TMC may be important, but in my view, I don't think

the TMC is even in the race.' He said he did not feel the need to mention the TMC in his address. "Why should I? They are not even in the race. There are 1,350 (political) parties in the country, should I mention everyone?" he said at a press conference after the AAP launched its poll campaign with the Panaji rally on Tuesday.

The Goa TMC responded to Kejriwal's remarks with a tweet: We firmly believe in working for people and standing beside them through thick & thin. Those indulging in election forecasting and vote share predictions are simply reflecting their political immaturity and desperation. Let the people of Goa decide who should be taken seriously!

Kejriwal was speaking at a press conference to announce his 'sixth guarantee" – a corruptionfree government and doorstep delivery of government services -



TMC does not

vote share'

Govt: Most of those who got citizenship since 2018 minorities from Pakistan, Afghanistan, Bangladesh

DEEPTIMANTIWARY NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 22

WHILE THE rules for the Citizenship Amendment Act (CAA) are yet to be framed, government data shows a significant majority of those granted Indian citizenship since 2018 were mifrom Pakistan, Afghanistan and Bangladesh, and belonged to the Hindu, Sikh, Jain and Christian faiths.

According to data provided the government in Parliament, a total of 8,244 Hindus, Sikhs, Jains and Christians from the three countries applied for Indian citizenship, of which 3,117 were granted the same as of December 2021.

"Number of citizenship applications received from Hindu, Sikh, Jain and Christian minorities groups from Pakistan, Bangladesh and Afghanistan during the year 2018, 2019, 2020 and 2021 is 8,244. Number of Indian citizenship granted to people belonging to Hindu, Sikh, Jain and Christian minorities groups from Pakistan. Bangladesh and Afghanistan during the year 2018, 2019, 2020 and 2021 is 3,117," MoS Home Nityanand Rai told Rajya Sabha on Wednesday in a written response to a question.

In response to another question, Rai informed the House that between 2016 and 2020, as many as 4,177 people were granted Indian citizenship. Of these 628 2019 and 639 in 2020. Data for 2021 was not available.

Andhra launches one-time payment scheme for poor with outstanding govt housing loans

SREENIVAS JANYALA HYDERABAD. DECEMBER 22

THE ANDHRA Pradesh government has launched a programme which will enable poor beneficiaries with outstanding government housing loans to make a one-time payment, register the properties in their names and also get ownership

Under the One Time Settlement (OTS) programme, a payment of Rs 10,000 can be made for a property in villages, Rs 15,000 in municipalities, and Rs 20,000 in municipal corporations.

"Once OTS is paid, the registration in the beneficiaries' names would be done free of charge and they will be given ownership documents. Not only will their properties be regularised but they will also be able to sell at the existing market rates or transfer to their kin," said Andhra Minister for Municipal Administration and Urban Development Botsa Satyanarayana.

Authorities have already started accepting applications from eligible beneficiaries but the programme was officially launched Tuesday by Chief Minister Y S Jagan Mohan Reddy in West Godavari district.

The programme ends on

Under the programme, the state government will be waiving off outstanding housing loans worth Rs 10.000 crore of 40 lakh beneficiaries who availed loans from the Andhra Housing Corporation since 2011

AZADI KA AMRIT MAHOTSAV MEETING



Prime Minister Narendra Modi with Defence Minister Rajnath Singh and Home Minister Amit Shah in New Delhi on Wednesday. PTI

India should emerge as leader in post-Covid world order: PM

DIVYAA

NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 22 PRIME MINISTER Narendra

Modi Wednesday said India should emerge as a world leader in this post-Covid world order. Addressing the second

National Committee meeting on Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav here, the PM said the country is celebrating Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsay at a time the whole world is going through the Covid-19 crisis.

new lessons and shattered the existing structures which will

lead to the emergence of a new world order in the post Covid era. So, as we celebrate Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav, we should envisage a pivotal role for India and that it should emerge as a world leader in this post-Covid new world order," he said.

The first meeting of the Committee was organised on March 8, this year, days before the launch of the 75-week-long Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav cele brations by the Prime Minister.

The PM further stated that it century belongs to Asia; it is important to focus on India's

The PM emphasized that this is an opportune time to set our eyes on 2047 when the country will celebrate 100 years of independence. It is at that time that the current generation will be at the helm of affairs and the nation's destiny will be in their hands. "The current generation

stature in Asia in this century.

create a new future...' The members who attended the meeting included Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla, various state Ministers, political leaders, government officials among others.

Singh's son Jayant Chaudhary.

The party hopes to cash in on the

anti-BJP sentiment among farm-

ers in western UP, and Jayant and

Akhilesh have so far held several

rounds of discussions on seat

sharing. The party hopes to bring

together lats and Muslims, the

two constituencies that together

formed its core vote bank but

who went separate ways after

the 2013 Muzaffarnagar riots.

is fired with the motivation to

der which all public assets are sold off to private players". Baghel made the comments at two public rallies, one in Lakhimpur Kheri and the other here. In Lakhimpur Kheri, the Chhattisgarh chief minister said,

"In this country, two states are being talked about - Gujarat model and Chhattisgarh model. The Gujarat model is of the prime minister... But we are suffering because of the Gujarat model. That all properties are handed to a few people. Be it airports or railways, or the ONGC and steel plants. The land of Gujarat is pure because of the birth of Mahatma Gandhi who led the fight for independence and Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel who ensured the integration of the country. But now Gujarat has given not two but four people to the country. Two who sell, two who buy. Two are buying while two purchase.

State Congress president Ajay Kumar Lallu and other state party leaders were present at the event.

Baghel said, "... The Gujarat model is Ram naam japna, paraya maal apna [With deity Ram's name on lips, loot others' wealth]...what is the Chhattisgarh model of Sonia Gandhi, Rahul Gandhi, Priyanka Gandhi and Ajay Kumar Lallu? Soon after the rnment was formed there we waived loans worth Rs 9,000 crore. This is the Congress model.

The party, led by Sanjay

Led by estranged uncle

Shivpal, PSP says it is part of the

Samajwadi family. The party has

several former SP leaders, who

joined Shivpal following his feud

Singh Chauhan, has a base

among the Nonia community. It

didn't contest the 2017 polls.

■ Pragatisheel SP

even have 1%

ahead of the assembly polls in Goa expected in February. He had earlier announced five poll promises. which the AAP calls "guarantees" to the people of Goa - 300 units of power free for each household every month, unemployment allowance for mining and tourism dependents, free tirth vatra, a corporation for autorickshaw and taxi operators and Rs 1,000 to every woman above the age of 18.

"In the last 60 years the Congress has ruled for 27 years and the BIP and MGP ruled for 15 vears. Besides doing corruption. they haven't done anything for the state. If we are voted to power, AAP will give the first corruptionfree government in the state and this is Kejriwal's sixth guarantee to Goans," he said. Appealing to the people of Goa to vote for AAP, e said, "At least give us a chance.'

Kejriwal's swipe at the TMC comes in the midst of an aggressive push by the Mamata Banerjee-led party to make inroads into Goa.

The TMC declared in September that it would contest all 40 Assembly seats. Banerjee has made two visits to the state since then and entered into an alliance with the MGP, an estranged BJP ally. It has also poached three MLAs - two from Congress and one from NCP - besides inducting the former working president of Goa Forward Party and block-level leaders from parties including the BJP.

The AAP, which made its debut in Goa in the 2017 elections in which it drew a blank, has been attempting to make its presence felt this time around.

FULL REPORT ON www.indianexpress.com

Goa Cong fields ex-CM from Poreim; son says will defeat him for BJP

MAYURA JANWALKAR PANAJI, DECEMBER 22

A DAY after former Goa chief minister Pratapsingh Rane announced that he would contest the Assembly election from his bastion of Poriem in North Goa, the Congress's Central Election Committee Wednesday approved his candidature from the seat where he remains unde-

feated for almost 50 years. His son Vishwajit Rane, state health minister and BJPMLA, had said Tuesday that it was time his father bowed out from politics or he would contest against him from Poriem and win it for BIP.

After the Congress announced Rane's candidature on Wednesday, the unprecedented father-son electoral duel now seems inevitable in Goa.

On Wednesday, Vishwajit told The Indian Express: "Now there is no discussion that will



Pratapsingh Rane (left) and his son Vishwajit Rane

take place. I don't even have to campaign. I am not only confident lof winning but Lam worried that he[seniorRane]may come third."

He said the BJP was supportive of his candidature from Poriem. "My party is fully supporting me. Why won't they? They are winning a seat that they have never won," Vishwajit said.

Pratapsingh Rane, 83, had said on December 8 that he would not leave Congress. This was after BJP's Goa election incharge Devendra Fadnavis said the party would soon have the "blessings of Pratapsingh Rane".

party is also highlighting that its

incumbent CM Puskhar Singh

Dhami is much younger (46) in

comparison to Rawat. One of the

BJP's campaign slogans is "Abki

RLD to Mahan Dal, SP's new allies: the smaller parties ■ Janwadi Party (S) around in fortunes under Ajit

ASAD REHMAN

LUCKNOW, DECEMBER 22

AFTER ALLYING with Congress in the 2017 election and BSP in the 2019 Lok Sabha polls, and facing defeat in both, the Samajwadi Party has made it clear that it will ally with smaller parties for the UP elections. So far, it has tied up with several smaller parties, all of which, with the exception of the Rashtriya Lok Dal, have a base among OBCs in the state; the RLD has its presence among Jats in western UP. In the last few polls, the BJP

has won the support of non-Yadav OBCs. SP's alliances have been made with an eye on these A look at these parties:

AVANEESH MISHRA

DEHRADUN, DECEMBER 22

AMID the cutouts at the Congress

'Vijay Samman Rally' in Dehradun

on December 16, to mark India's

1971 victory over Pakistan, one

stood out in particular. Competing

with Indira and Rahul Gandhi in

size and display was a cutout of

the late Chief of Defence Staff

In the campaign for the hilly

state that has a large population

in the defence forces, it is not just

the Congress that is giving pride

of place to Rawat, who belonged

to Uttarakhand and died in a hel-

icopter crash on December 9. The

Modi government gave Rawat, his

wife and other defence officers

who died in the crash a big cere-

monial send-off, while the chief

ministerial face of the Aam Aadmi

Party, that is seeking to get a toe-

General Bipin Singh Rawat.



SP is eyeing OBC votes through its alliances. File

■ Suheldev Bharatiya Samai Party

hold in the state ruled by either

the BJP or Congress for 21 years,

Congress held a three-day-long

'Veer Gram Pranam Yatra' starting

BJP wrapped up a 'Shaheed

Samman Yatra', during which it

collected soil from villages of 1,734

"martyrs", before holding a cere-

mony for construction of a 'Sainya

Dham' in Dehradun to "honour

the spirit of pride in one's nation".

they expected the BJP, with its "na-

tionalism" pitch, to canvass for

Army votes, and it hopes to pre-

empt that. Pointing out that

"roughly every family in the state

has sent at least one person to the

Army" the leader said: "The 'Vijay

Samman Rally' by Rahul Gandhi

was dedicated to ex-soldiers and

it was a big success. We reminded

A senior Congress leader said

from Rawat's ancestral village.

After its Dehradun rally, the

Before the Congress rally, the

has called Rawat his mentor.

SBSP, a former BIP ally, has its base in eastern UP districts. It has influence among backward com-The RLD is hoping for a turn-

Prajapatis, Banjaras and Kashyaps. ■ Rashtriya Lok Dal

munities such as Rajbhars, Chauhans, Pals, Vishwakarmas,

At the Congress Vijay Samman Rally on December 16.

■ Mahan Dal Led by Keshav Dev Maurya,

the Mahan Dal was formed in 2008 and has a presence among Most Backward Castes such as Shakyas, Sainis, Mauryas and Kushwahas in west UP districts of Kasganj, Agra and Firozabad, and in around 150 seats in eastern UP.

In cutout, as 'mentor', Gen Rawat in Uttarakhand campaign pitch

with nephew Akhilesh in 2016. ■ Apna Dal -Kamerawadi

(Lohia)

In November, the Apna Dal-Kamerawadi headed by Krishna Patel announced her support for the SP. Krishna Patel is the mother of BJP ally and Union Minister Anupriya Patel.

model to Uttarakhand". Apart from Kothiyal's Army appeal, AAP is banking on its promises of electricity, jobs, free pilgrimage.

Congress, long divided between various factions, the biggest hope is former CM Harish Rawat, who heads the party's poll cam-

Congress organisation general sec-10% of the votes, and people are rallying behind him as it might be

Rawat its primary opponent, with senior leader Amit Shah directing its attacks on him at the launch of baar yuva sarkar (This time a government of the youth)". Atwo-term MLA, Dhami took over in July after the BJP changed CMs twice in a year – first bringing in Tirath Singh Rawat in place of Trivendra Singh Rawat in March; and then Dhami instead of Tirath Singh in July. As a Thakur from Kumaon, Dhami evens out the caste balance, with BIP chief Madan Kaushik, a Garhwal Brahmin. Dhami is only the second Thakur CM of the BJP from Kumaon region. The BJP government has also tried to placate

The BJP too considers Harish BJP campaign for drawing the move.

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stall photos of Indira Gandhi in house. Women in Uttarakhand love and respect Indira Gandhi due to her attachment to this region."

people of the sacrifices made by

the Gandhi family. Rahul Gandhi asked all Congress workers to in-"One Rank One Pension was a

Minister and Uttarakhand government spokesperson Subodh Unival said while the BJP has always worked for jawans and given them due respect, the Congress was using General Rawat's name for political gains.

very old demand of Army personnel and it was the BJP that fulfilled it. In the past, governments would iust send ashes of martyrs after cremation along with some compen-

came to power, it was decided that bodies would be sent home in proper coffins. The BJP has also provided several other facilities to exsoldiers," Uniyal said.

sation. After the BJP

Marking its poll debut in the state, AAP picked mountaineer and former Army officer Colonel Ajay Kothiyal as its CM candidate in August - it hasn't announced one yet in either Punjab or Goa where it is also contesting. Calling Rawat his mentor. Kothival said the late CDS had congratulated him on joining AAP and asked him to "bring the Delhi development

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paign in the state. retary Mathura Dutt Joshi claims Rawat "personally" commands 7the 73-year-old's last election.

Uttarakhand on October 30. The

priests unhappy over Kedarnath, Badrinath, Gangotri and Yamnotri dham being brought under the Devasthanam Board Act, by with-

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HC orders probe into lawyer's 'indecent behaviour' in virtual hearing

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE CHENNAI, DECEMBER 22

THE MADRAS High Court ordered CB-CID to register a suo motu FIR relating to purported video clips of a lawyer "found engaged in eroticism with a lady" during a virtual court session. Initiating suo motu criminal contempt proceedings against the lawyer, the court also asked the Chennai city police commissioner to take steps to block the circulation of the video.

The Bar Council of Tamil Nadu and Puducherry, meanwhile, prohibited the lawyer, RD Santhana Krishnan, from practising law in view of his "indecent behaviour while attending the court proceedings through virtual mode"

A division bench on Tuesday noted that "a video clipping showing the online Court proceedings of one of our brother Judges, in which, a male is found engaged in eroticism with a lady, is going viral in social media. This Court cannot afford to be a mute spectator and turn a Nelson's eve when such brazen vulgarity is publicly displayed amidst Court proceedings. Ergo, we take cognizance of the impugned video clipping for initiating suo motu criminal contempt proceedings and issue the following directions". The court said, directing the registry to register a suo motu criminal contempt proceedings and submit a report.

The court also issued a direction to the CB-CID to register a suo motu FIR and file a preliminary report on December 23 "naming the dramatis personae who are found engaged in the vulgar activity" and a direction to the registry to preserve the video recordings of the Court AFTER COVID-INDUCED SLUMP

Most IITs see rise in job offers to graduates

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI. DECEMBER 22

WITH THE first phase of the placement season drawing to an end, most IITs have registered a jump in job offers to graduating students in comparison to 2020, while some of the institutes have even surpassed pre-pandemic

Numbers shared by the IITs show that most received over 1,200 offers, with the participation of international companies rising considerably as against 2020, when recruitment was hit by Covid-induced disruptions across the globe. For example, the participation by interna-

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PRESIDENT RAM Nath Kovind

witnessed the country's mar-

itime prowess and combat capa-

bilities on Wednesday as the

Southern Naval Command or-

ganised an Operations

Demonstration (Op Demo) in

Kovind, Navy officials said,

also inspected INS Vikrant, an

Indigenous Aircraft Carrier (IAC)

that has completed two rounds

of trials and is likely to be com-

missioned mid-2022. "This was

the Supreme Commander's first

visit to the ship. He was provided

a first-hand brief on the progress

of trials towards commissioning

The President "expressed sat-

isfaction" on the progress of INS

Vikrant and appreciated efforts by

Indian Navy and Cochin Shipvard

to develop indigenous shipbuild-

ing capabilities, they added.

of the ship," officials said.

the Ernakulam channel.

NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 22

ment drive at IIT-Kanpur rose from 19 in 2020 to 47 this year.

The top recruiters across the IITs have been American Microsoft, EXL Analytics, Google, Uber, Reliance India Limited, Goldman Sachs, and Rakuten Mobile, among

Among the older institutions, IIT-Kanpur, IIT-Delhi, IIT-Madras and IIT-Roorkee received 1,300, 1,250, 1,316 and 1,243 offers respectively. The offers received by IIT-Delhi is an increase of 45 per cent from last year's first phase, an official of the institute said. "There have also been 180 PPOs (pre-placement offers), which is the highest in the last five years,"

Kovind visits INS Vikrant, lauds

indigenous shipbuilding efforts

President Ram Nath Kovind inspects a Guard of Honour

during his visit to the naval base in Kochi. PTI

tion at Cochin Shipyard Ltd, Kochi.

According to the Navy, the indige-

nous share in the ship's construc-

tion is around 76 per cent of over-

Kovind will be reviewing the

Wednesday's Op Demo show-

cased the combat capability of

ships and aircraft, including sim-

ulated beaching reconnaissance

all cost of Rs 19,341 crore.

naval fleet in February.

IIT-Madras and IIT-Kanpur received 400, 226 and 156 PPOs respectively.

IIT Kharagpur has claimed

that it created the "all-time highest placement record in the history of IITs" in its first phase through more than 1,100 placement offers by December 3 the third day of placements. More than 1,500 students were placed by the seventh day of the placement drive, "which surpassed all the previous years total placement figures", the institute said in a statement.

An IIT-Delhi official said the average compensation offered also rose - an observation shared by authorities of the "Around 80 per cent of the

students who showed interest in availing placement facilities in this phase have been recruited up to now, with selections on over 350 job profiles from over 200 companies," said an official from the institute.

Abhishek Kumar, who heads the Centre for Career Development at IIT-Guwahati, said 837 students, accounting for 86.52 per cent of the graduating undergraduates, have been placed so far. The remaining data was being compiled, he said.

At IIT-Kanpur, the highest packages offered so far are \$2,87,550 by an international company and Rs 1.2 crore by a

domestic company. In total, 49 offers above 1 crore have been received, making it the highest the institute has received so far.

The institute's director, Prof Abhay Karandikar, said the numbers are a positive indication of the "steady revival of the economy and the increase in core sector jobs".

The highest domestic and international offers at IIT-Roorkee so far have been Rs 1.8 crore and Rs 2.15 crore respectively, and more than 22 students at IIT-Delhi have received offers with an annual CTC in the range of Rs 0.9 - 2.4 crore.

Meanwhile, the highest offer at IIT-Bombay is a PPO by Ube for \$2,87,000 per annum.

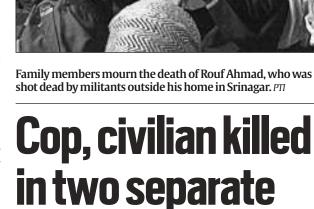
BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY (AMENDMENT) BILL

On discussion table:

finished products, a

debate, and rejection

proposed levy for



attacks in Valley

ASI Ashraf shot in Anantnag, civilian in Srinagar

BASHAARAT MASOOD

SRINAGAR, DECEMBER 22

A POLICE officer and a civilian were shot dead in Kashmir on Wednesday, officials said, in two separate incidents as the Valley

sees a surge in militant attacks. Police said Assistant Sub Inspector (ASI) Mohammad Ashraf was shot at Bijbehara town of south Kashmir's Anantnag. The officer, a resident of Awantipora in Pulwama district, died while being shifted to hospital in Srinagai

In a separate attack, militants shot dead a civilian, Rouf Ahmad, outside his residence at Mirjanpora neighbourhood of old Srinagar city. Ahmad was rushed to hospital where doctors declared him brought dead.

While J&K Police have been the main targets of militants in Kashmir, attacks on civilians have also intensified since October this year, especially in According to official records,

41 security personnel were killed in J&K this year, 21 of whom were policemen. In the Valley, where 28 security personnel died in militant attacks, 20 belonged to the I&K police. On December 13, militants

fired on a police bus at Zewan in the outskirts of Srinagar city, killing three police personnel and wounding 11. The attack came iust three days after militants attacked a police party in Bandipore and killed two police personnel.

In a string of militant attacks early October, seven civilians were killed in Srinagar. Three of those killed were local residents from the minority communities, and two migrant street vendors

The attacks forced the J&K administration to shunt out the Srinagar police chief, Sandeep Choudhary, and replace him with Rakesh Balwal, an IPS officer who earlier worked with the

Day after Haldia refinery fire, IOC team, police begin probe

HAI DIA DECEMBER 22

A DAY hours after a massive fire broke out at its refinery in Haldia. Corporation (IOC) team arrived from New Delhi on Wednesday to probe the cause of the blaze that killed three persons and caused injuries to 44 others. Even as IOC authorities are vet

to ascertain the exact cause of the incident, sources said that after primary investigation by the district police, it was found there was a leak in a naptha gas pipeline may have led to the blaze.



Shankari Majhi's son Debabrata is undergoing treatment in Kolkata.

Eyewitnesses also claimed that the fire started at the naptha gas pipeline of the plant.

Sources at the company said that while the cause of the flash fire was not yet clear, the shutdown process that was being undertaken at the refinery, included the purging of various chambers. vapour may have been left behind due to some process going awry".

Later, a forensic team of the West Bengal Police went to the spot and collected evidence. East Medinipur SP K Amarnath said, "In a preliminary investigation, we found that there may have been some misconduct. We are investigating everything and after that we will determine the persons responsible for this.'

Haryana lowers drinking age from 25 to 21 yrs

witnessed high-speed runs by fast

interceptors, shore bombard-

ment, helicopter manoeuvres.

sonar dunk operations, boarding

operations and cargo sling opera-

tions by helicopters, officials said.

manning of the yard and arms of

the Sail Training Ship 'Tarangini'...

The event concluded with a per-

formance by the naval band and

"The day's highlights were

Chandigarh: The Haryana government has amended its Excise Act, reducing the age limit for the purchase, sale or consumption of liquor from 25 years to 21 years.

Sabha on Wednesday, the con-

Giving its rationale for this amendment, the government said the age may be brought down "as many other states have prescribed lower age limits", a spokesperson said. "Moreover, socio economic conditions... have changed drastically from the time when the provisions were incor-

a fly-past," they added.

An Amendment Bill in this rerd was nassed in the Vidhar cluding day of the winter session.

porated in the Excise Act..." **ENS**

Benefit Sharing (ABS) from companies on their end product, rather than the raw materials. Chairman of the Expert Committee on Biodiversity Rules and Guidelines on Access Benefit

ESHAROY

NEW DELHI. DECEMBER 22

A LEVY meant to pay local com-

munities equitably for using bio-

logical resources conserved by

them was a contentious point in

discussions surrounding the

Biological Diversity (Amendment)

Bill, 2021, with officials and experts

picking holes in multiple aspects.

secretariat on February 11 to dis-

cuss the Bill, tabled recently in Lok

Sabha by Environment Minister

Bhupender Yadav, a senior official

called for levying Access and

At a meeting of the cabinet

Sharing, A K Goyal, said this was because "raw material is of no value and the end product is of very high value", according to the minutes of the meeting. The proposal, which would

essentially have meant a higher share for local communities, was overruled by Environment Secretary R P Gupta and AYUSH secretary Rajesh Kotecha, who said imposing ABS on finished they involve various additional inputs, The Indian Express has learnt.

ABS comes under the Biological Diversity Act, 2002. Its 2014 guidelines ensure that benefits derived from the use of biological resources are shared in a fair manner among the local communities that possess traditional knowledge regarding its use.

What this means is that when large companies use medicinal markets. This has drawn heat from environmentalists. The AYUSH Ministry said in the meeting that codified tradi-

or other indigenous plants for

their products, they have to pay

ABS to the communities that

tween 0.1 and 0.5 per cent -

of producer categories has been

among the main thrusts of the

proposed amendments brought

in by the ministry in order to lib-

eralise the biodiversity-related

The ABS levied in India is be-

ABS exemption for a number

conserve and protect them.

which critics say is very low.

tional knowledge – where the source of biodiversity and identity of owner are known should be exempted from the Act. But non-codified knowledge - often passed down orally over generations - should be brought under its purview. This suggestion is part of the amendment Bill that has now been referred to a

Joint Committee of Parliament. While the ministry has proposed the relaxation of norms to allow foreign investment in Indian companies that deal in biodiversity products, as well as Indian research institutes, it is the proposals for ABS that have been most controversial.

of the biggest biodiversity crises with the increasing loss of species etc, and these proposed amendments have diluted the existing norms – decriminalising penalties... The intent of the government is very clear, and that is to help commercial enterprises profit and not to protect biodiversity, which is the main purpose of the Act," said environmental lawyer Ritwick Dutta.

Mehbooba likens govt to Zia's rule, says Pak still regretting regime

ARUN SHARMA JAMMU, DECEMBER 22

TARGETING THE BJP-led government, PDP chief Mehbooba Mufti on Wednesday likened it to the one led by Gen Muhammad Ziaul-Hag in Pakistan, and said the neighbouring country is still paying for the seeds of hatred sown by the military dictator.

"A general who ruled our neighbouring country told the people that there that he will bring real Islam. Teaching the people about religion, he created so much of hatred that instead of books children found guns in their hands. You can see result of that today," she told a party rally at Bhatindi in Jammu. "Today, Pakistan is neck deep in debts. The people there are regretting that they supported the general..."

"Now see, what is happening on our side today. Our democracy is finished, our Constitution is gone and Jammu and Kashmir has been made a laboratory. Things are first tested here and then used elsewhere the country," she said, referring the UT administration calling Army after power employees went on indefinite strike in protest against



PDP chief Mehbooba Mufti at a meeting in Jammu. PTI

privatisation of assets.

Instead of talking with the agitating employees, the administration called the Army, she said. If they want to train their guns from the Army's shoulders for everything, the PDP leader said. "then what is the difference between them and that general in Pakistan".

She also referred to Muhammad Ali Jinnah in her address. "Muhammad Ali Iinnah fought for India's Independence struggle.... but we have one complaint against him that he partitioned our country and separated Hindus and Muslims from each other... But if you look around in our country today, there are thousands of Jinnahs who... are now dividing people as Hindus and Muslims," she said.

Delhi court directs CBI to probe Deshmukh in leak of 'PE report' ported CBI Preliminary Enquiry

ANAND MOHAN J

NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 22

THAT former Maharashtra home minister Anil Deshmukh was not arraigned as an accused in a CBI final report, a Delhi court on Wednesday directed the CBI to investigate the NCP leader in connection with the leak of sensitive and confidential information related to a corruption case, observing that the agency "seems to have forsaken the man pulling the strings".

Special Judge Sanjeev Aggarwal passed the order while taking cognizance of a charge sheet filed against Deshmukh's lawyer Anand Daga and CBI subinspector Abhishek Tiwari. "The CBI seems to have left the

engine / horse pulling the cart, thereby only arraigning those travelling in cart, as without pull of engine or horse the ride of cart or conspiracy would not have been possible... Despite mountain of apparent evidence, CBI seems



Maharashtra Anil Deshmukh

to have forsaken the man pulling the strings or the controlling mind or master mind or head while only chargesheeting the hands, for reasons best known," the court said in its December 22 order.

Tiwari and Daga were arrested after the leak of the pur-

(PE) report, which had found that no cognizable offence was made out against Deshmukh on the allegations of corruption levelled by former Mumbai Police commissioner Param Bir Singh in the Bombay High Court. The leaked report, the CBI alleged, was circulated on social media as part of a "larger conspiracy to

subvert the investigation". In its December 22 order, the Delhi court directed the CBI to "discreetly and thoroughly further investigate the role of Deshmukh in present matter with utmost alacrity, in a time bound manner".

The agency has been directed to file a status report in this regard within four weeks of the order "without fail"

The court made the observations after noting that both Daga and Tiwari were closely associated with Deshmukh and "may have been acting in tandem with him, who may be the controlling mind of the larger conspiracy".

The judge further noted that the two "may only be hands, as he [Deshmukh] would have been and was the main beneficiary from the leakage of the contents of above PE".

On December 17, the last date of hearing, the court had discussed the contents of the charge sheet, noting that Tiwari had received "illegal gratification" for leaking sensitive and confidential information related to the alleged corruption case against Deshmukh.

From Oting killings to AFSPA shadow, verse gives voice to anger in Nagaland (25) from Pfütsero in Phek district

TORA AGARWALA

GUWAHATI, DECEMBER 22

MORE THAN two weeks ago, when she first heard about the killing of six men from Oting village by security forces in a purported case of mistaken identity, rage swept over Theyie Keditsu,

an English professor in Kohima. A passionate cook, Keditsu happened to be invigilating an exam in college. "With no kitchen in sight [to let off steam], I turned to a piece of paper, and wrote a recipe," she says. It listed "life" ("free-range" or "whole") as the main ingredient, substitutable with a "lump of coal". "two minutes of silence" or "Rs 5 lakh in cash". These could be cooked in an iron "AFSPA" pot, simmered slowly, stirred gently, until the "memory" was "reduced to the consistency of for-

Keditsu called it "Recipe For Peace", and the 40-year-old's poem went viral on social media. "One of the ways I have been processing my reaction to the Oting incident has been by writing poems," she says.

Keditsu is not alone. Across Nagaland, in the aftermath of the Oting incident that claimed 13 civilian lives in all, there has been an outpouring of grief through the written word. Since December 5, poems, stories and songs dot social media timelines, with Nagas across age groups and tribes finding a common lan-

guage to grieve a collective loss. "There are many sensitively written poems that mirror our grief," says Sahitya Akademiwinning poet and author, Easterine Kire. "We are in deep grief. We call

the young ones that were murdered, our sons. We take death very seriously and when it concerns death by unjust measures, national memory is seared by it and elegies, poems, prose writings as well as paintings, sculptures of the incident become some of the channels for people to express their grief," Kire says.

For many in Nagaland, the incident has brought back the bitter taste of living under the Armed Forces Special Powers Act

Riathung Ngullie, 36, who grew up in Kohima, recalls in a Facebook post how a tyre bursting on a road in 1995 had led forces to open fire in Kohima in panic. "We packed our bags,



At a protest in Mon, Nagaland, for repeal of AFSPA. PTI

utensils and rations to escape into the jungle. I was a child but I could smell and sense fear that feeling never left me." he writes.

Like Ngullie, various accounts and memories of living under the shadow of AFSPA are being retold

and shared. "But as much as these memories of a palpable sense of insecurity from my childhood stir up, I realise how much forgetting I have done deliberately, to the point of denial -- just to make living under AFSPA bearable," says

Keditsu, the professor. The deliberate 'normalising' is

reflected in "Sometimes", a poem by Emisenla Jamir, a 34-year-old who teaches literature in Kohima. She writes: "Sometimes, when I pass the faded greens with/guns in their hands,/I forget...that this land, wrapped/ in festivals and songs/is still tied with/ribbons of barbed wire.'

Looking back, Jamir says: "I had written this poem when I was stuck in traffic, behind an army truck. It struck me how much we had normalised the presence of the military here."

Some others turned to writing on an instinct. Kohima-based poet Beni Sumer Yanthan said she "impulsively" put a "bunch of sentences on Twitter". Her poem "Oting" has now even been translated to Tamil. "When

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people started sharing it, I realised that so many were thinking like me," she says. So overwhelming is the

sense of anger and despondency that Dreamz Unlimited, arguably Nagaland's most famous YouTube channel, known for parodies on social and political issues, registered their protest through a biting three-minute film about living in a militarised society. The YouTubers end with a message: "Repeal AFSPA."

"What happened is no laughing matter and we were in no mood to joke," says Tiakumzuk

Aier, a member of the group. For those even younger, sheltered from the violence as relative peace had emerged in Nagaland, Oting is a harsh reminder of the lived realities of their parents and grandparents. Zacukho Tetseo

movement. Tetseo says he grew up hearing tales from his grandfather about the men who died and the homes they lost. It led him to write the lyrics of "Holding on", a tribute rap song in 12 hours. Kemya, on the other hand, never

met her grandfather but had

heard how he was an "unsung

and H Kemya Yanlem (23) from

Mon district, where Oting is situ-

ated, had grandfathers who were

involved in the Naga freedom

hero of his time". In fact, Kemya accompanied

her parents to the funeral of the 14 who died, and later came up with a poem on it. "I guess age doesn't really matter here. We are all grief-stricken and are all trying to find a way to let it out and heal," she says.

issued against **SAD's Majithia**

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE CHANDIGARH, DECEMBER 22

A LOOKOut circular was on Wednesday issued against SAD leader and former Puniah minister Bikram Singh Majtihia who was booked in a drugs case on Monday evening.

In a correspondence to the Punjab Police, the Bureau of Immigration (BOI) wrote that "this LOC shall remain in force until and unless a deletion request is received by BOI from originator itself".

Majithia was booked under sections 25 (allowing premises, etc, to be used for commission of an offence), 27 A (financing illicit traffic and harbouring offenders) and 29 (abetment and criminal conspiracy) of the Narcotic and Psychotropic Substances (NDPS) Act.

The FIR was registered at the Punjab State Crime Police Station in Mohali on the basis of a Special Task Force (STF) report in the drugs racket, submitted to the Punjab and Haryana High Court in 2018 and since kept under wraps. The STF had taken into account the money laundering investigations carried out by the Enforcement Directorate into eight drug cases in Punjab from the end of 2013 to 2016.

The brother-in-law of SAD president Sukhbir Singh Badal, Majithia is a powerful figure in the party and wielded considerable clout in the previous Akali



Former Puniab minister Bikram Singh Majtihia

government. The Congress and other parties have long accused Majithia of links with the state drug racket, an allegation that both Majithia and SAD have de-

The Special Investigation Team constituted by Punjab police to investigate the case against Majithia on Wednesday recorded the statement of Punjab's anti-drug Special Task Force chief ADGP Harpreet Singh Sidhu. It was on the basis of the report of Sidhu, which in turn was based on Enforcement Directorate report, that the case against Majithia was registered on Monday evening. Police on Wednesday also got in touch with retired deputy director of Enforcement Directorate Niranjan Singh who had probed the Punjab drugs case. The threemember SIT is headed by Assistant Inspector General

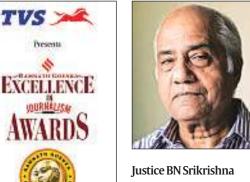
Lookout circular 'Content will only be found at ground zero'

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 22

ORIGINALITY OF ideas, the rigour involved in reportage and the impact the stories have had on society - these are among the factors that the esteemed jury members kept in mind while picking the winners from among entries for the Ramnath Goenka Excellence in Journalism Awards, 2019.

The winners of 2019 were chosen by an eminent jury comprising Justice BN Srikrishna, jurist and former Judge of the Supreme Court; Tom Goldstein, Professor and Dean, Jindal School of Journalism & Communication, O P Jindal Global University; Dr SY Quraishi, former Chief Election Commissioner; and KG Suresh, Vice Chancellor, Makhanlal Chaturvedi National University of Journalism & Communication.

Administered by the Ramnath Goenka Memorial Foundation, the awardees are honoured at a physical event every year but the uncertainty of the pandemic has meant that the



2019 award winners will be celebrated in print and online over the next 15 days.

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The year under review factored in coverage in print, digital and broadcast media and categorised them under business and economy, politics, environment, science and technology, Invisible India, investigation, civic awareness, arts and culture, sports. photo journalism and reportage in Hindi and regional languages.

shortlist includes

Ascension, Procession, Summer of

Soul (...Or. When the Revolution

Could Not be Televised), The Velvet

Underground, etc. The nomina-

tions' voting will begin on

January 27 and results will be

announced on February 8. The

award ceremony will be held on

March 27 in Los Angeles, the US.

tion house Black Ticket Films, the

documentary began grabbing

eyeballs since it won Special Jury

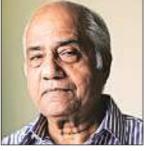
(Impact for Change) and

Audience awards at the

Sundance Film Festival in

January. And since has picked up

Realised by the duo's produc-



Tom Goldstein

All jury members concluded that at a time when legitimate journalism is under attack, the winners staved on their path despite challenges and held up the truth that is all too frequently suppressed.

Prof Tom Goldstein of the Jindal School of Journalism & Communication, OP Jindal Global University, was impressed by the variety and depth of the winners' stories. "With Press freedom being challenged even in locations where such freedom has been taken for granted. I would urge all young journalists to stay as well informed as possible and em-



brace technological change," he said. The one story he felt should be done now is to find answers to the question, "Does India's robust democracy have a future?"

KG Suresh, Vice Chancellor, Makhanlal Chaturvedi National University of Journalism & Communication, said the winners were proof that "journalism is not dead yet" in this country. He said, "Desktop journalism is no journalism. The Ramnath Goenka Award recognises real ground reporting. At the end of the day, content will only be found on Ground Zero. Threats will always be there. By being a journalist, you



K G Suresh

have already accepted that these things will happen.'

Dr SY Quraishi

Contrary to perception, Suresh further believes that print media will not just live but continue to thrive. "The responsibility of fact-checking rests on the shoulders of journalists. People are coming back to print due to the reliability factor. Digital media is yet to establish that credibility," he said. He also argued for an analysis of the "infodemic" an unprecedented overdose of information — in rural areas, small towns and people who are semi-literate or illiterate. "Are our people equipped to handle the

huge magnitude of information? And is that leading to socio, economic and political changes in the society? There's a lot of manipulation happening, "he said.

Arguing for boldness and obectivity in investigative stories, Dr SY Quraishi, former Chief Election Commissioner, said, "In the World Press Freedom Index for 2020, India was ranked 140 out of 180 countries. This is a shame for the world's largest democracy." He felt that the media fraternity needs to introspect, feel embarrassed about being labelled as lapdogs of the establishment and defeat polarisation.



TANUSHREE GHOSH

NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 22

AS INDIA'S official entry PS

Vinothraj's Tamil debut feature

drama Koozhangal (Pebbles)

bows out of the Oscars race,

Delhi-based filmmakers Rintu

Thomas and Sushmit Ghosh-di-

rected documentary Writing

With Fire has made it to the

shortlist, among 15 films.

Selected from a pool of 138

films, it will advance to the next

stage, in the Documentary

Feature category, of the 94th

Academy Awards. The cate-







Indian documentary Writing With Fire enters Oscar shortlist







Banking Partner

Chief of Radha Soami Satsang visits Punjab CM

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RADHA SOAMI Satsang Beas chief Baba Gurinder Singh Dhillon on Wednesday called on Punjab Chief Minister Charanjit Singh Channi at his residence.

Channi had visited the Dera in Beas on Tuesday. Sources said the Dera chief had told Channi that he would be away for a few weeks, following which Channi had requested him to visit him

A government statement said Channi and his family sought the blessings of Baba Gurinder Singh to serve the state

Later in the day, the government also released the Dera chief's picture with Channi and the latter's family. The statement added that the Dera chief appreciated the pro-people initiatives of the Channi government. He also complimented the efforts of the government in tackling the situation across the state by motivating people for vaccination and other precautions to keep the infection under control.

It is learnt that deputy CM Sukhjinder Singh Randhawa was also a part of the meeting at Channi's residence and a few days ago, the Dera chief had visited his residence in Dharowali.

Among the five general sec-

retary posts, only party MPs

Locket Chatterjee and Jyotirmoy

Singh Mahato have been re-

tained. Senior leaders Agnimitra

Paul, Dipak Barman, and

Jagannath Chattopadhyay have

been elevated to the post of gen-

vaccine doses to Myanmar

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FOREIGN SECRETARY Harsh Vardhan Shringla on Wednesday handed over 10 lakh doses of 'Made in India' vaccines to the representatives of the Myanmar

two-day visit, in the first such



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Poll rout: BJP revamps Bengal unit Kolkata: A day after BJP was The new committee has 12 state secretaries and 11 vice-

presidents

eral secretaries.

routed in the Kolkata Municipal Corporation elections, the party on Wednesday revamped its West Bengal unit and made several changes in leadership positions. BJP won only three of the 144 wards in the city's civic body.

In a new state committee that was announced, the party has let go several of the old guard and brought in new leaders.

Charge sheet filed against BSP MP for abetting rape victim's suicide

MANISH SAHU

LUCKNOW, DECEMBER 22

THE UTTAR Pradesh Police has filed a charge sheet against Bahujan Samaj Party (BSP) MP Atul Rai for allegedly abetting the suicide of a 24-year-old woman and her friend in August.

Rai has been in a Prayagraj jail since June 2019 for allegedly raping the woman in Varanasi residence the year before. The victim and her friend set themselves on fire outside the Supreme Court on August 16 to bring attention to the case. They died days later.

The police recently filed a charge sheet against former IPS officer Amitabh Thakur, who was forced into retirement by the Home Ministry in March in "public interest", in the same case.

"The police have filed chargesheets against Atul Rai and Amitabh Thakur in the Lucknow Commissioner DK Thakur told reporters on Wednesday.

A police officer said the chargesheet was filed under IPC sections relating to false evidence, abetment of suicide, provoking breach of peace, criminal intimidation, and criminal conspiracy, among others.



The documentary highlights Khabar Lahariya, India's only and first-of-its-kind rural newspaper run by

28 international awards till date, including at the US's Telluride Mountainfilm Festival, Spain's Valladolid International Film Festival, Norway's Nordic Docs, and IDFA Amsterdam.

Dalit women since 2002

"As filmmakers, Rintu and I have always been interested in amplifying stories of resilience and hope. Writing With Fire has had a wonderful journey this year and it's heartening to see a film from India being cherished by audiences across the globe — the Academy shortlist is icing on the cake," said Ghosh, who'd earlier won the National Award for the Best Agriculture Film for Timbaktu

Writing With Fire highlights Khabar Lahariya, India's only and first-of-its-kind rural newspaper run by Dalit women since 2002, which has evolved from a social experiment to a social necessity.

sition in recent years. It follows Meera Devi and her journalists, armed with smartphones and unwavering grit, as they "break traditions on the frontlines of India's biggest issues and within the confines of their own "If we don't adapt, we don't

The film captures Khabar

Lahariya's print-to-digital tran-

survive," says Meera, in the film's trailer. Another scribe says, she becomes upper-caste Brahmin, when required, in a world where women reporters, especially if they are Dalit, are told by male respondents to "speak within

their limits".

In 2015, an online photo story about Khabar Lahariya led the directors to this group of semi-literate Dalit women journalists "who were reporting, producing, marketing, distributing their own newspaper in rural India, which is unique because that's a region (Bundelkhand) where journalism is entirely male dominated, and belonging to the dominant caste." Thomas said to American feminist journalist and political activist Gloria Steinem in an online conversation last week.



Red Cross Society.

Shringla is in Myanmar on a

high-level outreach from India after Myanmar's military deposed the democratically-elected government of Aung San Suu Kyi in a coup on February 1. "Issues relating to humanitarian support to Myanmar, India-Myanmar border concerns," the Ministry of External Affairs said in a statement on Tuesday.



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NEEDED: FIREWALLS

Electoral rolls need to be cleaned up. But linking them with Aadhaar raises concerns that need to be addressed

NTUESDAY, RAJYA Sabha passed The Election Laws (Amendment) Bill, 2021 to enable the linking of electoral rolls with the Aadhaar ecosystem. The rationale for doing so seems clear — linking the two will help identify duplicate voters, purge the electoral rolls of multiple enrolments, and help put an end to the practice of fraudulent voting. Moreover, in a country marked by a high degree of internal migration, where migrants at times find themselves disenfranchised, linking the two could help them in exercising their right to vote. While an earlier exercise to link the two was paused, with the Supreme Court ruling that "the Aadhaar card scheme is purely voluntary and it cannot be made mandatory till the matter is finally decided by this Court one way or the other", in principle, there can be no disputing the need to verify and "purify" the electoral rolls.

However, while attempts to address long-pending electoral reforms are welcome, there exists considerable ambiguity in the present instance. If the linking is indeed voluntary -Law Minister Kiren Rijiju has unequivocally stated in Parliament that "it is voluntary... not compulsory or mandatory" - then it is debatable to what extent this will be effective in weeding out the duplicate enrolment. Also, how will it be implemented for millions of voters across the country? Moreover, doing so will place the burden of proof on the voter, not the state. There is a legitimate concern that, in practice, the line between voluntary and mandatory may be breached. This is because the government will presumably define the "sufficient cause" on which basis a person chooses not to opt for the linkage. Lack of clarity over the definition could spark apprehensions that tighter restrictions will be imposed to link the two, making it either difficult or unfeasible to opt out of the process.

Aadhaar, or the unique identification architecture, when it was first laid out, was meant to provide an identity to every resident of India. Over the years, its scope has been steadily expanded – from the filing of income tax returns to Covid vaccines now. It has also been used effectively in plugging leaks in an array of social welfare schemes. But the benefits that stem from this linkage will depend on the seamless integration and effective working of systems. This may not be as straightforward, as has been brought home by the instances of exclusion errors in accessing entitlements under various social security schemes. As experts have also pointed out, there is an inherent tension between maintaining privacy and shoring up the integrity of electoral rolls. Firewalls will need to be put in place, and strengthened. The risks and dangers of "profiling" the voters will need to be examined. These issues need to be thoroughly debated. It is troubling that the amendments were passed without a detailed discussion in the House. The consequences of ramming through laws without adequate consultation and debate in Parliament were underlined by the agitation against the farm laws. The government would do well to initiate a larger discussion on the bill it has pushed through with undue haste.

IN CHOPPY WATERS

As more Indian fishermen are detained by Sri Lanka, hard questions need to be asked in the Palk Strait

HE SRI LANKAN Navy has detained 68 Indian fishermen and seized 21 trawlers off the Tamil Nadu coast over the last few days. The Centre urgently needs to dial Colombo and secure their release. It also needs to sit with the Tamil Nadu government and work out a solution to the crisis brewing in the waters between the Tamil Nadu coast and Sri Lanka. Colombo has been accusing Indian fishermen of poaching in its waters. And its navy has been proactive in arresting Indian fishermen $and\ capturing\ Indian\ vessels\ on\ charges\ of\ trespassing\ -- \ last\ year, as\ many\ as\ 74\ Indians$ were arrested and 11 boats seized. The Ministry of External Affairs negotiated their release but the problem is far from settled.

The crux of the matter seems to be overcapacity on the Indian side and the building scarcity in the Palk Strait due to overfishing. Colombo has been complaining that Indian trawlers violate the IMBL (international maritime boundary line) and fish in Lankan waters, depriving its own boats of catch. In October this year, Lankan fishermen, most of them Tamils, launched a flotilla from Mullaitivu to Point Pedro in the north to protest the alleged poaching. Sri Lanka's fisheries minister, Douglas Devananda, reportedly raised the issue in a meeting with US diplomat Martin Kelly recently. New Delhi and Colombo had instituted a Joint Working Group (JWG) to address issues related to fishing in 2016, following a 2+2 initiative. Ever since the civil war in Sri Lanka ended in 2009, the Palk Strait has been especially roiled with the Lankan navy frequently confronting Indian fishermen, forcing hundreds to spend jail time in Colombo. The fact is that there are too many fishing boats trawling the Strait. When Colombo banned fishing after civil war broke out in the Jaffna peninsula in the 1980s, Indian fishermen found greater access to catch in the Lankan waters. As a result, in three decades, the number of Indian vessels more than trebled. With Lanka lifting the ban after 2009 and its boats and crews demanding their share of the sea, the catch has dwindled. Desperate fishermen now risk arrest and even death to cross the IMBL.

Clearly, the Palk Strait can't feed so many trawlers. The government must work out an economic package to buy out excess capacity so that the confrontation in the seas ends and fishing can be a sustainable vocation in the Tamil Nadu coast.

${ m A}$ duty to laugh

Madras High Court order is a relief. It feels good to laugh with the court

UDGES, WHEN THEY hold court, are usually sombre and serious, their verdicts typically range from lofty to grim. But sometimes, judges are faced with the theatre of the absurd — all things seem now prosecutable on one pretext or the other. The list of taboo subjects seems to be growing daily; comedy shows are cancelled and cases filed if a militant organisation gets wind of irreverence. It is this context that makes Madras High Court Justice GR Swaminathan's order calling for a "duty to laugh" so refreshing.

Justice Swaminathan's intervention was prompted by the Vadipatti police filing an FIR against an office-bearer of the CPI(ML) for a Facebook post while on a holiday with his family. The caption read, "Trip to Sirumalai for shooting practice". "Any reasonable person," asserted the order, "would have laughed it off". After all, "Paper warriors are also entitled to fantasise that they are swadeshi Che Guevaras". The judge pointed to the hyper-sensitive times we live in. "A real cow, even if terribly underfed and emaciated, shall be holy in Yogi's terrain. In West Bengal, Tagore is such an iconic figure that Khushwant Singh learnt the lesson at some cost. Coming to my own Tamil Desh, the all-time iconoclast 'Periyar' Shri E V Ramasamy is a super-holy cow... But all over India, there is one ultimate holy cow and that is national security."

Then the Court took a flight of fancy, rare in the judiciary. He imagined a seasoned satirist — like Jug Suraiya or EP Unny (chief political cartoonist at this newspaper) — demanding that the "correlative of the right to be funny" is the "duty to laugh". In other words, rather than arrest people for making a joke that is off-key or touches close to home, the powers-thatbe need to lighten up. The judge's humour will likely not be appreciated by the dour guardians of hurt sentiments. For the rest of us, it was good to laugh with the Court.

The missing debate



Using Aadhaar to clean electoral rolls is fraught with risk of disenfranchisement of marginalised

SUBHASHIS BANERJEE AND SUBODH SHARMA

THE MANNER OF passing the Election Laws (Amendment) Bill, 2021 in the Lok Sabha with incredible haste — without putting up the legislative text for public consultations beforehand, and without any discussion whatsoever - was disconcerting. We perhaps lost an opportunity to comprehensively address the crucial issues.

Considering that the Registration of Electors Rules, 1960, (RER) was formulated under the Representation of the People Act, 1950 well before the digital age, it is undeniable that they required urgent reforms. But that not only required a careful understanding of the new challenges and technological possibilities, but, more importantly, also required the patient building of public trust and concurrence through a consultative process. Both, linking the voter IDs with Aadhaar, and the tension between transparency and privacy of electoral rolls - one of making them publicly and digitally available, versus keeping them inaccessible to prevent analytics driven profiling and influencing of voters — are tricky and contentious issues, and the need for adequate debate and discussions cannot be over-emphasised.

Given the ready availability of a nationwide digital identity instrument, it is inevitable to consider the possibility of using it for electoral rolls. However, on close examination – even setting aside the issue of legislative competence in view of the 2018 Supreme Court judgment on Aadhaar restricting its use only to welfare disbursal and income tax - the move appears to be ill-advised for several reasons.

First, Aadhaar is not meant to be a citizenship proof but only a digital identity for all residents. Residence of 182 days can make even a non-citizen eligible for an Aadhaar ID.

Second, even according to public statements by several government functionaries, Aadhaar was only meant to be an identity proof but not an address proof. In contrast, the RER clearly stipulates address to be a key index for electoral rolls. Moreover, the enrolment processes for voters' lists and Aadhaar

Most importantly, maintenance of the voters' lists is a primary responsibility of the ECI, which is an independent Constitutional body, whereas Aadhaar is a government instrument and UIDAI is under government control. Since the ECI has no control on either enrolment or deduplication in Aadhaar, it appears inappropriate and a potential conflict of interest — to use Aadhaar for electoral rolls. In particular, since Aadhaar is directly used for disbursal of welfare and direct benefit transfers, linking it with voter ID may provide a direct method for the government to influence and manipulate voters. It is the responsibility of the ECI to ensure that not only are the electoral processes clean, but also that

they appear to be clean.

are completely different. Whereas Aadhaar enrolment is based on production of existing documents and the "introducer system", voter enrolments involve physical verification and "house visits" by a registration officer or representative. It even allows the Booth Level Officers (BLO) to make judgments on age and proof of residence in order to ensure that the homeless and the marginalised may be included, though this perhaps is rarely practised in reality. Third, there are no publicly available au-

dit reports either on the efficacy of Aadhaar deduplication or on the authenticity of the Aadhaar database. Even the Supreme Court accepted the Unique Identification Authority of India's (UIDAI) claims on the integrity of the Aadhaar database at face value without any scrutiny. Using Aadhaar to clean the electoral rolls is fraught with the risk of disenfranchisement, especially of the marginalised communities. Indeed, there are numerous reports of large-scale deletion of voters without proper verification in Andhra Pradesh and Telangana due to EPIC-Aadhaar linkage. It is to be noted that there is also ample publicly documented evidence of largescale exclusion in PDS and welfare disbursal

due to Aadhaar Fourth, and most importantly, maintenance of the voters' lists is a primary responsibility of the ECI, which is an independent constitutional body, whereas Aadhaar is a government instrument and UIDAI is under government control. Since the ECI has no control on either enrolment or deduplication in Aadhaar, it appears inappropriate — and a potential conflict of interest — to use Aadhaar for electoral rolls. In particular, since Aadhaar is directly used for disbursal of welfare and direct benefit transfers, linking it with voter ID may provide a direct method for the government to influence and manipulate voters. It is the responsibility of the ECI to ensure that not only are the electoral processes clean, but also that they appear to be clean.

Finally, Aadhaar is a ubiquitous ID that is used in a variety of applications. Linking it with the voter ID will open up avenues for profiling and targeting of voters. This is of particular concern because neither the UIDAI nor the ECI have publicly audited architectures for purpose limitation and protection against insider attacks. While profiling using public data is not illegal according to current laws, both the electorate and Parliament need to clearly understand the risks of such profiling.

It is well understood in computer science that even without using sophisticated analytics techniques, it is far easier to win elections through digital analysis of electoral rolls than through attacking the electronic voting process, especially when election results are available at booth-level granularity. For example, in a keenly contested constituency with say one per cent margin, profiling and selectively influencing a little over one per cent of the most vulnerable voters using the electoral roll data, or manipulating as many entries in the electoral roll itself, can swing the result. Hence, both privacy and integrity of the electoral rolls are of paramount importance in the digital age, and the clear tension between the two makes the problem challenging.

The RER of 1960 clearly opted for transparency as a means to the integrity of the electoral rolls, thereby ensuring that all additions and deletions can be publicly audited. However, with the possibility of digital processing of electoral data, the risks associated with such complete transparency have increased manifold. Yet, there are several modern techniques from cryptography and computer science that may help mitigate the risks by enabling both privacy and public auditability. An electoral reforms bill at the onset of 2022 needed to explore and address these issues head-on.

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Profit Isn't Enough

Socially responsible investing could reform capitalism from within

RAJNI BAKSHI

WITHIN WEEKS OF the disappointing outcomes of the COP 26 gathering in Glasgow, here is a reminder of hope. It comes in the form of a new book by veteran planet and people champion, Amy Domini, sharing reflections on her journey and the difference it has made.

Domini, the "Founding Mom" of socially responsible investing (SRI) in the United States, has played a key role in ensuring that one-third of all investments in that country are now made on the basis of social and environmental standards. So when Domini asserts that together we can each do something relevant to address the world's multiple crises, she is not romanticising individual action.

The reflections in her new book, Thoughts on People, Planet & Profit, are vital because she shows how institutional structures can be created to defy those who put profits before people.

In the 1970s, when Domini started out as just another stockbroker, the notion of social or environmental criteria influencing investment decisions was unimaginable. In 2020, the Forum for Sustainable and Responsible Investment in the USA estimated that 33 per cent of the total of \$51.4 trillion under professional management is now invested using some responsible and impact investing criteria.

How did this change come about? For Domini, the turning point came over three decades ago when she found that work-asusual required her to recommend a company that was about to get a big military contract. It is time, she decided, not to inHas SRI made a big enough difference? Or has it been absorbed as a terminology or window-dressing while money-profits still ruthlessly dominate? These are questions on which the jury will be out for a long time. And yet, it is not excessively optimistic to view SRI as the beginning of a potentially powerful movement that could yet reform capitalism from within.

vest in killing machines. At that time, such thinking was anathema. For a money manager to mix up morality or ethics with profit-making decisions was tantamount to compromising their fiduciary duty.

SRI was able to challenge these assumptions by actually expanding the definition of fiduciary duty. It demonstrated that ignoring environmental and social impact factors was bad risk management. Above all, SRI succeeded in making moral choices significant.

For example, Domini's funds focused on improving working conditions across the world. They worked with NGOs and investor coalitions to ensure that companies ensured some basic standards of safety, working hours and pay. This is because SRI leaders, like Domini, were appalled to discover that in Latin America alone almost a million people were being used as forced, unpaid labour. As she says: "When Wall Street asks for better behavior, retailers are willing to deliver it."

According to Domini, one of the earliest social shareholder resolutions was filed in 1969 at The Dow Chemical Company when investors opposed the company's production of napalm, the chemical deployed by the US army in Vietnam with horrific consequences. More recently, companies have been mobilised to oppose genocide in Darfur and uncover corporate links to the military regime in Myanmar.

Anyone looking for the working details of SRI will have to seek out Domini's earlier works among the vast variety of "how-to" literature about this field that has appeared in the last twenty years.

Thoughts is for those who may still doubt that it is possible to sit at the centre table of global finance and also actively care about the well-being of people and the planet. For instance, Domini's actions as an investor have been driven by her outrage that "agribusiness convinces unhealthily overfed people in America to eat more beef because it is profitable; meanwhile, children in the Southern hemisphere starve from lack of grain which has been used to feed beef cattle."

Most people are accustomed to seeing such inter-connections being made by protesting political activists at a picket-line outside a WTO or World Bank meeting. Domini's achievement lies in building upon such perspectives to create financial instruments through which these ethical concerns moved mountains.

 $Has\,SRI\,made\,a\,big\,enough\,difference?\,Or$ has it been absorbed as a terminology or window-dressing while money-profits still ruthlessly dominate? These are questions on which the jury will be out for a long time. And yet, it is not excessively optimistic to view SRI as the beginning of a potentially powerful movement that could yet reform capitalism from within. The force of the climate crisis has certainly generated a motivational force even more compelling than what turned Domini from being just another stockbroker to a woman with a history-making mission.

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DECEMBER 23, 1981, FORTY YEARS AGO

SIKH LEADER'S MURDER

THE .38 BORE revolver used to gun down Santokh Singh, president of the Delhi Gurudwara Prabhandak Committee is missing, according to the police. The Delhi Police Commissioner P S Bhinder has ordered the crime branch to take over investigation of the case. A senior police officer said investigations are on to find out if the assailant Sohan Singh Sandhu who was killed by Santokh Singh's bodyguard was alone or had some accomplices, "though his chances of his being there with accomplices were very remote". Dhanna Singh, the bodyguard of the Jathedar, who was the only other eyewitness besides the driver and another companion said he heard shots being fired from other directions also. Dhanna Singh said that he fired in the air to "scare away people" as there was danger to his life after the Jathedar

BJP EXCLUDED

THE BHARATIYA JANATA Party is being kept out of the Opposition unity moves because of the reservations of Congress (S). Leaders of the Lok Dal, Janata and Congress (S) will meet next week to chalk out a programme for united action on major issues.

According to Congress (S) sources, the party did not want to join hands with the BIP on issues other than civil liberties and assault on democratic institutions.

TURMOIL IN POLAND

POLISH MILITARY RULERS have confirmed that Solidarity Chief Lech Walesa was under house arrest in Warsaw and has had talks with the government as reports said that more than 200 people had been killed since martial law was imposed 10 days ago. BBC reported that military ruler General Wojciech Jaruzelski was no longer

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well-designed and adequately funded social

protection floor for all workers and families.

portal will only be entitled to a pre-existing

accident insurance policy that carries a tiny

premium. Beyond this, no expansion of social

security/protection presently appears to be

on the cards. The e-Shram portal merely lists

13 existing social security and social protec-

tion schemes and six other employment

generation schemes for which sections of

Two major existing programmes in the above list which differ from the others as

they are already covered by central legisla-

tions are those aimed at food security and

rural employment - MGNREGA and the

National Food Security Act (NFSA). The lat-

ter has the widest coverage among social

protection programmes. Despite cynicism in

certain circles, both within and outside gov-

ernment, these two programmes have

formed the major bulwark against jobless-

carry differing eligibility criteria, some drawn

from the Socio-economic Caste Census car-

ried out in 2011, others related to poverty sta-

tus, age etc. These criteria are far more de-

manding, and often quite different from the

information, based on self-declaration,

which is required for worker's registration

on the portal. The schemes require to be

clubbed, and restructured with simpler eli-

All other schemes are non-statutory and

ness and hunger in the pandemic period.

workers could be eligible.

So far, however, workers registered in the

THE IDEAS PAGE

Weaving a safety net

E-Shram portal needs to be followed by the restructuring of social security and social protection programmes, their simplification



Ravi Srivastava

AS PER THE second quarter GDP estimate, the Indian economy is nearing its pre-pandemic level which is undoubtedly comforting news. But this has to be tempered by the fact that the recovery is far from complete for informal workers, including circular migrants, who form the vast majority of the workforce. Their deep-seated vulnerability was thoroughly exposed by the pandemic, and is closely linked to the vulnerability of the growth process marked by incomplete recovery of private consumption and investment.

Data from all major sources show that employment is yet to recover. The complete panel results from CMIE show that the employment-population ratio for the period May-August 21 was 36.8 per cent compared to 39.6 per cent in the same period two years ago and the unemployment rate for both rural and urban areas is still considerably higher. The consumer sentiment survey by CMIE also shows that most households perceived their current incomes as lower than their incomes two years ago. Persistent hunger and poverty underlie the low incomes and consumption. Further, greater health and educational deprivation threatens to increase the ever-growing chasm between the rich and the poor, even for future

This calls not only for emergency shortterm measures but also more effective longterm policies. Instituting universal social protection, as enshrined in the Constitution and in global human rights compacts, should be an important pillar of this strategy. Detailed empirical analysis supported by the ILO and UN also indicates that this is a prerequisite for equitable and sustainable growth through its mildly redistributive demandboosting impact.

The emergency requirements dictated by the pandemic led the Supreme Court, in May 2021, to order a time-bound inclusive and universal registration system for informal workers and circular migrants. The e-Shram portal which has come into existence now is meant to fulfil this mandatory requirement, although registration had been recommended by the National Commission for Enterprises in the Unorganised Sector (NCEUS), and was already mandated by the Unorganised Workers' Social Security Act more than a dozen years ago. The portal has by now registered more than 120 million workers, 61 per cent from just four states — Uttar Pradesh, West Bengal, Bihar and Odisha. It also captures the migration status of workers albeit with very scanty information.

The pace of registration has raised expectations regarding universal social protection and social security coverage among these workers. In a speech on December 10, the Union Minister of Labour has also reiterated his government's commitment towards this objective. But this will involve a move from a patchwork of existing schemes towards creating specific statutory entitlements for social security as envisaged in the Code for Social Security, as well as the creation of a



21, expenditure by the central government on all major social security/protection programmes has shown a declining trend from about 1.64 per cent of GDP in 2015-16 to 1.25 per cent of GDP in 2019-20.

Finally, there is the important issue of the role of the states in extending and universalising social protection. States in India have played a pivotal role in innovating and extending social protection. However, in the new scheme of things, their role remains unclear. The Code on Social Security restricts the scope of state schemes to a very few insignificant areas. Several states had also developed registration mechanisms for delivering programmes that are difficult to synchronise with the new national registration mechanism. Considerable thought has to be given as to how the new design will accommodate the role of the states.

It is worth reiterating that universal rights-based social protection will not only alleviate unwanted distress but also lead to equitable and sustainable growth. The new Code on Social Security, despite several limitations, incorporates a legal framework for universal social security of informal workers and the government has also accepted the need for universal social protection. The e-Shram registration mechanism can be seen as a small stepping stone towards these goals, provided further steps are taken. These include restructuring social security and social protection programmes on a statutory basis and simplifying them to promote universalisation. This will also require that states and all relevant stakeholders are involved at all stages of the process. Most of all, the central government has to be prepared to prioritise expenditure on social protection. This will only begin to happen once the mindset that views expenditure on the poor as a dole, rather than as an investment, undergoes a change.

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A time for electoral reform

"Everybody wants the return of the familiar routine of the pre-Covid years, but

WHAT THE OTHERS SAY

that requires government competency."

Union cabinet's attention to streamlining preparation of voter lists is welcome. It must also take up other pending proposals



S Y Quraishi

A WIDE RANGE of electoral reform proposals has been pending with the government, several of them for over two decades. Successive governments have evaded these, claiming a lack of consensus. The three reforms - common electoral rolls for Vidhan Sabha and panchayat elections, extending the qualifying date for registration of young new voters, and $linking \, of \, Aadhaar \, with \, electoral \, rolls \, -t \, aken$ up by the Union Cabinet on December 15 are, therefore, significant. Subsequently, on Tuesday, the Rajya Sabha passed the Election Laws (Amendment) Bill that seeks to link the electoral rolls with the Aadhaar database. The Lok Sabha had passed the Bill on Monday.

Currently, separate electoral rolls are maintained for elections to the Lok Sabha, Vidhan Sabha and local government bodies (panchayats or municipal). For years, the ECI has been advocating a common electoral roll for all elections — I remember discussing this at the annual joint meeting of ECI and State Election Commissions (SEC) in 2011 where many state election commissioners had the same opinion.

There are two types of election management bodies in the country — the ECI that conducts the Lok Sabha and Vidhan Sabha elections and SECs that conduct panchayat and municipal elections. The SECs have the option of either adopting the electoral rolls created by the ECI or preparing such rolls on their own. Most prefer to use the rolls prepared by the ECI. Some states, however, develop their rolls independently. These are Uttar Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Madhya Pradesh, Kerala, Odisha, Assam, Arunachal Pradesh, Nagaland and the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir.

The process for making electoral rolls is laid down in the Registration of Electors Rules, 1960. The primary unit of electoral rolls is the assembly election constituency. Several such constituencies are aggregated to make a Lok Sabha constituency or broken down to make municipal or panchayat wards.

Considering that a voter for all three tiers of elected bodies is the same, why is it that she finds her name missing from one of the rolls, mostly the panchayat rolls? This is particularly surprising when the officials responsible for making both these rolls are the same. A common electoral roll is thus a logical solution. A common experience has been the stuffing of bogus voters in the panchavat/municipal rolls. This perhaps happens because becoming a panchayat member has become extremely lucrative since the panchayats started getting crores as funds after the PRI Act, 1993. Corrupt practices are proportionately higher in PRI polls.

The process of making electoral rolls requires manpower from all governmental departments. A major chunk of the work falls on schoolteachers. Their involvement in nonteaching work takes its toll. A common electoral roll will obviate the need for deploying them repeatedly, besides saving enormous costs. The only difference between the PRI

and Vidhan Sabha rolls is that the former has information about the ward in which the voter lives. The enumerator (usually the Booth Level Officer) knows the ward number of each home. All she needs to do is to write it in an additional column, which will be masked for state legislature elections and unmasked for PRIs where elections are conducted ward-wise.

The ECI and SECs can issue joint instructions for preparing the common rolls. The roll-making machinery stays the same. Since different elections are held at different times, rolls must be always ready. These should be made every year. Pilot studies may be conducted in random constituencies to identify the discrepancies between two sets of rolls and their reasons.

The second Cabinet decision was about the eligibility date of new voters. According to Section 14(b) of the Representation of People Act of 1950, only those who have turned 18 on or before January 1 of the year are to be registered. This implies that all those who turn 18 between January 2 and December 31 of a year must wait till the next year. This technicality results in the exclusion of a large section of 18-year-olds.

The ECI has been expressing concern over these issues for some time. It had sent mem $or and ums \, to \, the \, government \, about \, common$ electoral rolls in 1999 and 2004. It had also sent a letter to the Law Ministry on November 4, 2013, which recommended the issuing of a voter card to an individual ideally on their 18th birthday, or updating voter rolls every month or quarter. The current government has begun addressing these issues, which is undoubtedly a progressive step.

On August 13, the PMO called a meeting to discuss ways to issue a common electoral roll. The SECs derive their powers to supervise local body elections from Articles 243K and 243ZA of the Constitution. Amendments to these articles to make a common electoral roll for all elections of the country compulsory was discussed at the meeting. Second, all state governments would have to change their electoral laws to adopt ECI electoral rolls for local elections. A committee of the Ministry of Law and Justice under Sushil Kumar Modi has proposed quarterly cut-off dates for voter registration - January 1, April 1, July 1 and October 1.

The proposal to link electoral rolls with Aadhaar was first mooted by the ECI in 2015 but work on it had to be stopped when the Supreme Court ruled that Aadhaar cannot be used except voluntarily for beneficiary-oriented schemes. In my view, the linking will help in identifying duplicate voters, something that ECI has been desperately attempting for years using various "de-duplication" software with limited success. But how will this "voluntary" linking be implemented? Will 90 crore voters be asked individually?

Any progress in addressing the vexed issue of electoral reform – even in a piecemeal manner — is welcome. The time has, however, come for the government to consider the 40-plus pending proposals, instead of selectively going for politically motivated reforms like simultaneous elections and elec-

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The e-Shram registration mechanism can be seen as a small stepping stone towards these goals, provided further steps are taken. These include restructuring social security and social protection

gibility criteria to make them universal and entitlement-based for all informal workers through statutes, rather than being left to political exigencies and whims of governments. Any blueprint for universal social protection will have to further consider financing states and all relevant requirements and allocation of adequate funds. The Code on Social Security does not propose any fresh funding mechanism other than for gig and platform workers. The expansion of social security/protection has has to be prepared to been languishing in India mainly because of prioritise expenditure on a lack of commitment towards higher fundsocial protection. ing. However, except in the crisis year 2020-

programmes on a statutory basis and simplifying them to promote universalisation. This will also require that stakeholders are involved at all stages of the process. Most of all, the central government

Minding the courtroom

In certain cases, judicial reform could be better served by SC's withdrawal

Prashant Reddy T & Chitrakshi Jain

ON DECEMBER 1, a bench of the Supreme Court gave wings to the Chief Justice of India's (CJI) vision for the creation of a National Judicial Infrastructure Corporation (NJIC) to administer judicial infrastructure across the country. Since early this year, the CJI has made multiple speeches on the need for an NJIC to improve the quality of judicial infrastructure in the country. His office also sent a proposal on these lines to the Law Ministry, as disclosed by the Union Law Minister on December 3 during question hour in Parliament.

Rather than wait for the Minister to respond through the administrative route, the CJI's colleagues on the bench have taken up the issue on the judicial side and have given the Law Ministry three weeks to reply to its proposal for a "national umbrella organisation" to deal with the issue of judicial infrastructure. One cannot help but get the impression that the court is trying to secure through the judicial route what it is unlikely to get through administrative negotiations.

Separate from the idea of whether an NJIC is a correct solution, there are serious issues of constitutional propriety with how the Supreme Court is gradually taking over the administration of the district judiciary. While the Supreme Court is the apex judicial institution, the Constitution clearly vests the administration of district judiciary (appointments, budgeting, daily running) with the High Courts and state governments. Over the last three decades, the Supreme Court, in utter defiance of this scheme, has gradually anointed itself the de facto administrative head of all courts in India.

This incremental usurpation of administrative power began with the All India Judges Association (first case) where the AIJA, representing the judges appointed to the district judiciary, approached the Supreme Court through the PIL route to secure better service conditions for their members. Since that first judgment in 1991, there have been at least three other major judgments in cases involving the AIJA, in 1993, 2002 and 2020 where the Supreme Court has been in a tussle with the Union and state governments over the issue of pay for the district judiciary. The latest iteration of this litigation which began in 2015 continues to date.

In another litigation, Malik Mazhar Sultan v. UP Public Service Commission, the Supreme Court has been monitoring the recruitment cycles of judges for the district judiciary who are selected through open examinations in various states and has prescribed timelines within which states are expected to complete recruitments. In its original avatar when this case was filed in 2006, the Supreme Court was required to decide a legal question regarding the UP Judicial Service Rules, 2001. Somewhere along the way, this regular appeal got transformed into a vehicle for the Supreme Court to control the way appointments are made to the district judiciary - the case continues to date and has expanded to include infrastructure.

A third series of litigation, Imtiyaz Ahmad v. State of UP, which was an appeal filed originally in 2009 against a prolonged stay of criminal proceeding granted by the Allahabad High Court, was transformed by the Supreme Court into a vehicle for an assortment of judicial reforms. The first iteration of this litigation involved only directions to the Law Commission to study specific issues but somewhere along the way, the Supreme Court passed directions on the use of a specific formula by all High Courts to calculate the required number of judges for the district judiciary. The new method of calculation contradicted a formula proposed by the Supreme Court in 2002 in one of the AIJA cases. On December 1, this same case became the launchpad for the Supreme Court's demand for the creation of a "national umbrella organisation" to look after the judiciary's need for infrastructure.

In several of the examples given above, the Supreme Court ends up summoning government officials and registrars of High Courts to stand before them and provide explanations, while also claiming that the proceedings are non-adversarial. The other common feature in these cases is the amici curiae appointed by the court to advise it on

the nature of judicial reforms to be implemented. The amici in these cases are generally selected from amongst the senior lawyers of the Supreme Court. Not only do most amici have little experience of practising before the district judiciary, but they also usually lack the skill and time required for policy research. Most importantly, court-appointed amici rarely point fingers at the judiciary for their shortcomings. There is nary a squeak about the opacity with which High Courts are administered or the complete lack of accountability mechanisms within the judiciary.

This courtroom policy-making by the Supreme Court, apart from being fragmented across various benches and amici, with little hope for consistency, is also undemocratic since it lacks avenues for public participation. It also treats principles like federalism (which the court has held to be part of the "basic structure") very casually, often proposing "one size fits all" solutions for the entire district judiciary across India, with little attention being paid to the differences between states.

In certain cases, judicial reform could be better served by the Supreme Court's withdrawal. It must begin by creating a culture of transparency within the judiciary.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Kudos

THIS REFERS TO the report, 'MLAs & Mayor, relatives of Commissioner, SDM,DIG, officials buy land in Ayodhya after SC cleared Ram temple' (IE, December 22). Kudos to The Indian Express investigative team for the expose. The impropriety and conflict of interest are manifest where buyers are close relatives of officials probing the seller. The modus operandi of Maharishi Ramayan Vidyapeeth Trust (MRVT), using its Dalit employee as a conduit to buy land parcel from Dalit villagers and then get it donated to itself is a deliberate act of circumventing the provisions of the Uttar Pradesh Revenue Code Rules, which prohibits a non-Dalit to buy from a Dalit owning less than 3.5 bigha of agriculture land unless cleared by the District Magistrate. The detailed description suggests a web of corruption and connivance. The report shows how Dalits are vulnerable to exploitation despite legal provisions meant to protect them. Therefore, it is incumbent on the Yogi Adityanath government to follow up on this report with a thorough probe and take appropriate action.

LR Murmu, Delhi

Trust deficit

New Delhi

THIS REFERS TO the editorial, 'Lines of interest' (IE, December 22). Since the time the special status of J&K was revoked two years ago, every move of the Centre has been viewed with suspicion, and so it is with this delimitation exercise. There may be justification for more seats coming Jammu's way as compared to the Valley, but it is imperative for the Commission redrawing electoral boundaries to elaborate on the parameters adopted to arrive at these numbers. New Delhi has to bear in mind that winning the trust of the Valley people has been a chimaera for it so far. Unless it is achieved, there can't be any long-lasting peace in

Vijai Pant, Hempur

NOT BY AGE ALONE

THIS REFERS TO the editorial, 'Knotty answer' (IE, December 22). The government's intention behind raising the marriage age of women to 21 may well be good, but if the objective is to empower women, then other measures such as better educational and employment opportunities for women would be much more effective. Empowered people think and act for themselves, which is possible only with education and financial security, not so much with the age of marriage. The fact that despite the current minimum marriage age for women being 18, almost a quarter of them break this barrier is proof enough that legal provisions alone without greater educational, health and employment opportunities, may not work. Women's empowerment needs a holistic approach, not a narrow legal one.

Hemant Contractor, Pune

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Bays No. 67-70, Sec.-2, Panchkula-134151 (Website: www.hssc.gov.in) PHYSICAL SCREENING TEST (PST) CHANGE OF TIME/SHIFT

In continuation of earlier Commission notice dated 11,12,2021 to the candidates regarding PHYSICAL SCREENING TEST (PST) for the post of Male Constable (G.D.) against Advt. No. 04/2020, Cat. No. 01 of Police Deptt., Haryana. It is hereby informed that there is change in time/shift of PST of some candidate which are called on 26.12.2021 & 27.12.2021. The candidate who have download the admit card for PST scheduled on 26.12.2021 & 27.12.2021 are advised to download their admit card again due to change of Time/Shifts.

Note I: Candidates shall note that there is change only in time/shift of PST for 26.12.2021 & 27.12.2021 of some candidates. No Change in Schedule of PST Dates. Candidates whose PST is scheduled on 26.12.2021 & 27.12.2021

shall download their admit cards again. Note II: The other terms & conditions of Notice dated 11.12.2021 will remain same and may be read as part of this notice.

Secretary,

Place: Panchkula Haryana Staff Selection Commission, Dated: - 22nd December, 2021 Panchkula

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State Wetland Authority, Haryana invites filled application form up to 05/1/2022 for becoming 'Wetland Mitras' of 2 Wetlands in the Haryana State namely Sultanpur National Partk, Gurugram & Bhindawas Wildlife Sanctuary, Jhajjar to increase public participation in conservation of these wetlands. Any individual, group of individual institution who has interest and willing to provide their time and services for protection, management and beautification of thesewetlands without any self consideration and financial benefit can apply to become Wetland Mitras.

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Joint Director For Director General, Environment & Climate Change Department cum-Member Secretary,

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EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE CHANDIGARH, DECEMBER 22

EXPRESS NETWORK

THE PUNJAB government on Wednesday told its employees they won't get their salaries if they don't furnish their Covid

vaccine certificate. It has asked the employees to register their full or provisional vaccination certificate number with the state government's human resources portal iHRMS.

If they fail to do so, they will not be able to get their salaries, the government said in an order.



The move is seen as the state's attempt to encourage more employees to get vaccinated. File

The move is being seen as the state government's attempt to

encourage more employees to get themselves vaccinated against Covid as concerns escalate over the new variant of coronavirus, Omicron.

THE INDIAN EXPRESS, THURSDAY, DECEMBER 23, 2021

In the order issued on Tuesday, the state finance department asked all senior officers, head of the departments, divisional commissioners. deputy commissioners and others to ensure compliance.

According to the order, an arrangement for entering the Covid vaccination certificate number on the Integrated Human Resource Management System

MP orders probe

into graft charges

(iHRMS) portal has been made. Government employees should be informed that they should register the Covid vaccination certificate number of both doses with the iHRMS, said the order, adding if any employee has got one dose administered, he/she should register the number of the provisional certificate.

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It also asked to link the Covid vaccination certificate number with the salary module so that in case an employee does not furnish information regarding vaccination, his/her salary is not released.

Cong's Kerala unit working president PT Thomas dies

Tender Notice for College Canteen

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EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE THIRUVANANTHAPURAM, DECEMBER 22

CONGRESS STATE working president and legislator PT Thomas, 70, died at Christian Medical College in Vellore on Thursday morning. Diagnosed with cancer, Thomas has been undergoing treatment at a hospital for the last few weeks. He is survived by wife Uma, and sons Vishnu and Vivek.

One of the vibrant leaders of the Congress. Thomas has represented Thrikkakara assembly constituency in Ernakulam since 2016. Earlier, he had got elected to the Assembly from Thodupuzha seat in 1996 and

2001. He had been a Member of Parliament, representing Idukki constituency, from 2009 to 2014.

Thomas had been made the working president of the party in the recent reconstitution of the state unit of the Congress.

In the long array of the Congress leaders in Kerala, Thomas has always stood apart as a man of strong conviction. Within the party, he has been known as a revolutionary leader for adopting progressive and secular stand on all issues

A writer, Thomas has been closely associated with library movement and cultural activities. He had forayed into Congress politics through its student wing, Kerala Students Union.

ment has ordered a probe after revelations that one panchayat block in Vidisha district had funded nearly 6,000 weddings in two years under a welfare scheme - a "high" number by all estimates. The Sironj block of Vidisha

IRAM SIDDIQUE

BHOPAL, DECEMBER 22

THE MADHYA Pradesh govern-

district paid Rs 30 crore to 5.976 beneficiaries under the Mukhyamantri Kanyadan Yojna between April 2019 and May 2021, state's Mineral Resources and Labour minister Brijendra Pratap Singh said in a reply in the Assembly on Wednesday. In the same period, Sironj municipal area spent Rs 40.8 lakh on eight weddings, while Lateri municipality spent Rs 76.5 lakh on 15 weddings under the scheme.

The Yojna provides Rs 51,000 as financial assistance to newly married couples to help economically weaker families marry off their daughters. Most of the beneficiaries are labourers registered with the state's Building and Other Construction Workers Board.

The minister gave the figures while replying to a question by his party colleague and MLA from Sironj, Umakant Sharma, who had alleged "the figure was

in marriage scheme too high". Sharma alleged "fake beneficiaries" had been propped up to "usurp the benefits by cor-

rupt employees". Speaker Girish Gautam also questioned the minister on the figures: "How is it possible that around 6,000 weddings were held and Rs 30 crore was spent in a single block considering the Covid period?" He urged the minister to constitute a team

to investigate the matter. Sharma said he first came to know of the alleged corruption after two beneficiaries from Ghutua village complained they had not received complete payment. He said the complaints were probed and found to be true. "That was when", Sharma added, "I sought details of the scheme's beneficiaries in Sironj block and learnt there were nearly 6,000 of them."

Sharma has blamed the CEO of the Janpad panchayat in Vidisha for the alleged corruption and demanded he be suspended and transferred to ensure a fair probe. "The CEO has been in Sironj for over two years and was in Lateri before this. Despite two attempts by the state government to transfer him out, he has remained there after getting a stay from the court," Sharma told The Indian Express.

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ost of tender paper to be made online payment system Superintending Engineer, Further details can be seen from the e-procurement portal http://tenderodisha.gov.in Kalahandi RWS&S Division The original documents should be scanned and uploaded OIPR-25005/11/0031/2122

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IMPORTANT NOTICE

This is notified for the information of rail passengers that Railways have decided to provide the additional stoppage to Train no. 12957/12958 Ahmedabad-New Delhi-Ahmedabad Swarn Jayanti Raidhani Express at Sabarmati Railway Station on an experimental basis for a period of 6 months w.e.f. 23.12.2021 as per details given below:

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E-Tender No.: 8NT-24-LMG-2021 22, Dated: 17-12-2021; E-Tender at ryited by the undersigned for the following ork; Name of work : Trial of Intrusion Detection System in Lumding-Guwahat ection of Lumding division N.F.Railway Tender Value : ₹3,30,26,651.1; Closing o E-Tender at 15:00 hrs. and Opening at 15:30 hrs. on 10-01-2022. For details please visi Cole www.imps.gov.in DSTE, Lu

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E- Procurement Tender Notice No 35/2021; Dated: 17-12-2021. Sealer inders are invited for the following works: ender No. 01215061, Description Slued insulated rail Joints, Specin: IRS Manual of GIRS (1898) Corrigendum No.5 of Sept/2016 Drg T-5843 etc. Approximate Value 88,23,804.00; Tender Quantity: 726 Nos, Tender Due on: 11/01/2022, Tende No. 02215412, Description: 11KW(UE)10 800 SQMM HT CABLE. Approxima Tender Value: ₹99,93,600.00; Quantity 300MTRS; Tender Due on: 11/01/2022 Tender No. 02215411, Description 1KV(UE)1C 400 SQMM HT CABLE Approximate: Tender Value 193,60,000.00: Quantity: 5000MTRS Tender Due on: 11/01/2022 Tender No 2215419, Description: 4C10SQMN XLPE CABLE. Approximate Tender Value: ₹73,86,800.08; Quantity: 20000MTRS: Tender Due on: 11/01/2022 VOTE:- For full details of Tender notice an erster documents. Tenderer may log or to the website (www.ireps.gov.in) respective bidder who intend to part above tenders are required to log in emselves with the above website and submit their offer electronically, if they are stready registered with IREPS. In case the are not registered with IREPS, they are advised to obtain class-Iff Digital Signature Certificate from the certifying agencies under Govt, of India IT Act 2000 and articipate in the above tenders.

Principal Chief Materials Manager/Co Northeast Frontier Railway (Construction Organisation)

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E-TENDER INVITING NOTICE Tender is invited through e-tendering fo the Supply of 14000 no. Earthing Rod (2540x20 mm) against tende specificaiton no. PVVNL-MT/MM/105/21-22 Earnest Money Deposit (EMD):- Rs. 61000.00, Last Date of tender submission & Time: 24.01.2022 at 14:00 hrs., Date of tender opening (Part-I & II) & Time: 24.01.2022 at 16:00 hrs. Note:- In case of any amendment in tende specification or date of extension, the same shall be uploaded on e tender website <u>www.etender.up.nic.in</u> and <u>www.pvvnl.org</u> Superintending Engineer (MM-I) "Help line Number For Information o Theft of Electricity: "1800-180-3002 (Meerut), & 9412207451" "SAVE ELECTRICITY IN THE INTEREST OF THE NATION" Sd/ Superintending Engineer (MM-I) For Managing Director पत्रांक -11535 दिनांक 22.12.2021

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DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES OFFICE OF THE ADDITIONAL CHIEF ENGINEER DRAINAGE CIRCLE, UNIT-8, BHUBANESWAR-751012 E-PROCUREMENT NOTICE NO. SEDC-BBSR-11/2021-22

email ld:-sedrainagebbsr12@gmail.com

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1.	Name of Works	:	Improvement to River Mouth of Bahada Nalla near Haripur and Bahana Nalla near Markandi under Gopalpur Constituency.			
2.	Nature of Work	:	Renovation through Dredging			
3.	Total number of Packages	:	1 nos. individual package.			
4.	Estimated Cost	:	Rs. 7,00,04,164/-			
5.	Bid Identification No.	:	SEDC-BBSR/DD-BAM-34/2021-22			
6.	Period of completion	:	11 (Eleven) Calendar months.			
7.	Availability of Tender On-Line	:	24.12.2021, 11.00 Hours to 11.01.2022, 17.00 Hours.			
8.	Date of Opening of Technical Bid	:	12.01.2022 at 11.00 hours in the O/o the Additional Chief Engineer, Drainage Circle, Unit-8, Bhubaneswar.			
9.	Class of Contractor	:	Special And Super Class.			
10.	Bid Security	:	Bid Security Declaration			
11.	Cost of Tender paper	:	Rs. 10,000/-			
12.	Procurement Officer	:	Additional Chief Engineer, Drainage Circle,			

details can be seen from the Govt. web vww.tendersorissa.gov.in.

Addendum / Corrigendum/ Cancellation if any required will be published only n Govt. web site www.tendersorissa.gov.in

Additional Chief Enginee

Drainage Circle, Bhubaneswa OIPR-32375/11/0009/2122

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1	HSVP SONEPAT	ANNUAL MAINTENANCE OF SEWERAGE SCHEME IN SECTOR - 23, U/E, SONIPAT. "CLEANING OF 8", 10", 12", 16", 18", 20" & 24" I/D SEWER LINE WITH POWER BUCKET TYPE MACHINE INCLUDING MACHINE, OPERATOR & DIESEL ETC. COMPLETE IN ALL RESPECT AND ALL OTHER WORKS CONTINGENT THERETO". (INCLUDING ONE YEAR MAINTENANCE IN DEFECT LIABILITY PERIOD FREE OF COST + 1 OTHER WORK	CLOSING DATE 27.12.2021	29.05 LACS	https://etenders. hry.nic.in	01302233814 xensonipat@ gmail.com			
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1.	MICAD DIVISION BHIWANI	PLANNING, DESIGN, SUPPLY, INSTALLATION, TESTING, COMMIS- SIONING AND OPERITION A MINITENANCE FOR 3 VEARS (INCLUD- ING THREE YEARS FIRE MAINTENANCE OF ON-FARM MICRO LIRI- GATION SYSTEM), AFTER ONE VEAR ASSURED PERFORMANCE ASSURED FROM THE COMMISSION OF THE WASSURED FROM THE LATER, OF SOLAR POWERED INTEGRATED MICRO - IRRIGATION (MI) SCHEMES IN THE COMMAND OF THE EXISTING CAMAL OUT- LETS OF VARIOUS DISTRIBUTARIESMINORS IN BHIWANI DISTRICT OF HARTHAN AUCLIUNG LOW PRESSURE PIPELINE INFRASTRICO UNDER HYBRID ANNUTTY BASED MODEL (HAM) 3 NO WORKS)	CLOSING DATE 03.01.2022	5201.25 LACS	https://etenders. hry.nic.in	8222856403 xenbhiwanicad@ gmail.com
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l	22/235 dt. 14.12.2021 which is
l	to be opened on 07.01.2022
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1	HVPNL	2021_HBC_199519_1/63/T5kNL/2021-22 DT 10.12.2021	THE TENDER WAS TO BE OPENED ON DATED 20-12-2021, NOW DATE EXTENDED UPTO 27-12-2021, DUE TO NON TURNING UP MINIPUM BIDDERS I.E. 03 NOS. BIDDERS	www.hvpn.org.in	0172-2583789 pro@tvpn.org.in
2	HVPIVL	NET NO 23/CWD-2/VOL-XEIJ/HVPN/28/21- 22 DATED 10/11/2021	DATE OF OPENING BID 21/12/2021(11:00 HRS) LAST DATE OF ONLINE BID 9JBMISSION IS EXTENDED UPTO 30/12/2021 (13:00 HRS) (SOCIETIES & CONTRACTORS)	www.hvpn.org.in	0172-2583789 pro@frvprvorg.in
3	HVPML	NET NO 31/CWD-2/WOL-XEII/HVPN/2021- 22 BATED 24/11/2021	DATE OF OPENING BID 21/12/2021(11:00 HRS) (AST DATE OF ONLINE BID SUBMISSION IS EXTENDED UPTO 30/12/2021 (13:00 HRS) (SOCIETIES & CONTRACTORS)	www.hypn.org.in	0172-2583789 pro@hypr.org.in
4	HVPNL	NIT NO 22/AMB/95 KV IND AREA-IOC LINE/2021-22 DATED 10:07.2021	THE TENDER WAS TO BE OPENED ON DATED 21.12.2021. NOW BID SUBMISSION DATE EXTENDED UPTO 20.12.2021. (16:00 HRS) DUE TO NON TURNING UP MINMUM BIDDERS 1E. 3 NO. BIDDERS.	www.hvpn.org.in	0172-2583789 pro@hspn.org.In
5	HVPNL	2021_HBC_196322_1/01/NPCCKNI/2021- 22 DT 02.12.2021	THE TENDER WAS TO BE OPENED ON DATED 20-12-2021, NOW DATE EXTENDED UPTO 05-01-2022, DUE TO NON TURNING UP MINIMUM BIDDERS LE. 03 NOS. BIDDERS	www.hspn.org.in	0172-2583789 pro@freps.org.in
6	HVPNL	2021_HBC_198798_1/G0/T5KNL/2021-22 DT 07.12.2021	THE TENDER WAS TO BE OPENED ON DATED 22:12:7021, NOW DATE EXTENDED UPTO 03:01-2022, DUE TO NON TURNING UP MUNIMUM (EDDERS 1.E. 03 NOS, 600DERS	www.hypn.org.in	0172-2583789 pro@hvpn.org.in
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8:	HMPNA	QDP-1343 BET NO 1226 DATED 08.11.2021	CORRIGENDUM-L/EXTENTION OF DUE DATE OF SUBMISSION UPTO 05.01.2022 UPTO 17.00 HRS.	www.hypn.org/n	0172-2583789 pro@hipr.orq.in

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8	HOPPAL	QDP-1343 NET INO 1226 DATED 08.11.2021	CORRIGENDUM-1/EXTENTION OF DUE DATE OF SUBMISSION UPTO 05.01.2022 UPTO 17.00 HRS.	www.hypn.org/m	0172-2583789 pro@hipn.org.in
ž.)	HAPPAL	QDP NO 1337 NIT NO 1220 DATED 21.10.2021	THE LAST DATE OF ORLINE BID SUBMISSION IS EXTEREDED UP TO 12.01.2022 UP TO 17:00 HRS.	www.hypn.org.in	0172-2583789 pro@frign.org.in
6	HVPNL	2021_HBC_198798_1/60/TSIONL/2021-22 DT 07.12.2021	THE TENDER WAS TO BE OPENED ON DATED 22:12-2021, NOW DATE EXTENDED UPTO 03:01:2022, DUE TO NON TURNING UP MINIPUM BEODERS LE, 03:NOS, BIODERS	www.hvpn.org.in	0172-2583789 pro@hvpn.org.in
5	HVPNL	2021_HBC_196322_1/01/NPCCKNI/2021- 22 DT 02.12.2021	THE TENDER WAS TO BE OPENED ON DATED 20-12-2021, NOW DATE EXTENDED UPTO 05-01-2022, DUE TO NON TURNING UP MINIMUM BIODERS LE. 03 NOS. BIODERS	www.twpn.org.in	0172-2583789 prolijtvpn.org.in
e	HVPNL	NIT NO 22/AMB/G6 KV IND AREA-IOC LINE/2021-22 DATED 10:07:2021	THE TENDER WAS TO BE OPENED ON BATED 21.12.2021. NOW BID SUBMISSION DATE EXTENDED UPTO 30.12.2021 (16:00 HRS) DUE TO NON TURNING UP MINMUM BIDDERS 1E. 3 NO. BIDDERS	www.hvpn.org.in	0172-2583789 pro@hypr.org.in
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T	PANCHAYATI RAJ KATTHAL	CONST. OF CHAMAR CHAUPAL AT VILLAGE CHANDLANA BLOCK DHAND + 1 OTHER WORK	20.12.2021 30.12.2021	20.65 LACS	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	0176234748 prexeeng.kt/@hry.nic.in
2	IRRIGATION & WATER RESOURCES DEPARTMENT HARVANA CHARKHE DADRI	REHABILITATION OF BALANCE LENGTH OF GUDANA MINOR FROM RD 12075 TO 21000 (TAIL) AND SEESHWALA SUB MINOR FROM RD 7000 TO 13000	CLOSING DATE 10.01.2022	75.31 LACS	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	01250-297003 xen-lwscdr.im@gov.in
3	PANCHAYATI RAJ GUHLA	CONST. OF I.P BLOCK STREET FROM MAIN ROAD TO KOHING ACADEMY AT VILLAGE TATIANA BLOCK	21.12.2021 28.12.2021	13.64 UACS	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	01743221545 Bopoguhla@gmail.com
4	PANCHAYATI RAJ PANIPAT	CONST. OF COMMUNITY CENTRE AT VILLAGE CHANDOLI BLOCK PANIPAT DISTT. PANIPAT.	22.12.2021 05.01.2022	76.94 LACS	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	9355815400 preveeng.prip@hry.nic.in
5	PANCHAYATI RAJ PANIPAT	RETENDER DISPOSAL OF WASTE WATER LIQUID WASTE MANGEMENT WITH 5 YEARS O AND M AFTER CONPLETION OF THE PROJECT VILLAGE GARHI TYNGYAN BLOCK SAMALKHA DISTT, PANIPAT + 2 OTHERS		64.6 LACS	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	9355815400 prexeeng.prip@hrysric3n
6	PANCHAYATI RÁJ PANIPAT	RETENDER DISPOSAL OF WASTE WATER LIQUID WASTE MANGEMENT BY CONSTRUCTED WETLAND TECHNOLOGY WITH 5 YEARS O AND IN AFTER COMPLETION OF THE PROJECT VILLAGE NAIN BLOCK MATLAUDA DISTT. PANIPAT.	23.12.2021 31.12.2021	100.01 LACS	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	9355815400 prexeatg.prp@hry.nic.in
7	PANCHAYATI RAJ PANIPAT	RETENDER CONSTRUCTION OF VICC VILLAGE BLAWA BLOCK ISRANA DISTT. PANIPAT.	23.12.2021 31.12.2021	26.53 LACS	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	9355815400 prexeeng.pnp@hry.ric.in
8	PANCHAYATI RAJ SONIPAT	COMPLETION OF STADIUM VILLAGE JAULI BLOCK GOHANA DISTRICT SONIPAT + 1 OTHER WORKS	22.12.2021 31.12.2021	13 LACS	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	8053296883 bdpogohana@gmail.com
9.	PANCHAYATI RAJ. SONIPAT	CONSTRUCTION OF STREET FROM RAINESH S/O NARAYAN TO H/O DHAJJA +5 OTHER WORKS	15.12.2021 27.12.2021	45.9 LACS	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	8053206883 bdpcgohana@gmail.com
10	CIVIL AVIATION DEPARTMENT GOVT OF HARYANA CHANDIGASH DIDIA	PURCHASE OF TWIN ENGINE HELICOPTER FOR THE USE OF STATE VIPS	22.12.2021 07.02.2021	5% OF THE TOTAL VALUE OF THE FINANCIAL	http://haraviation.gov.in	9780493979 cavaton@hry.nic.in
11	PANCHAYATI RAJ NARAINGARH AMBALA	CONSTRUCTION OF COMMUNITY SANITARY COMPLEX AT VILLAGE CHANGRA & NANDUVIALE	22,12,2021 29,12,2021	4.19 LACS	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	01734284022 bdponaraingarh@hry.nic.in
12	PANCHAYATI RAJ KAITHAL	CONST. OF NEW GEN CHAUPAL IN HIRDHA PATTI AT VILLAGE HARIPURA, BLOCK KALAYAT 3 OTHER WORKS.	22,12,2021 03,01,2022	45.34 LACS	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	01746234748 preseeng.kt/@hry.nic.in
13	PANCHAYATI RAJ KAITHAL	GREY WATER NAVIAGEMENT PROJECT WITH 5 YEAR OPERATION 8. MAINTENANCE AT VILLAGE ARNOLI + 1 OTHER WORKS	22.12.2021 05.01.2022	418.91 LACS	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	01746234748 preseeng.kt/@hry.nic.in
14	PANCHAYATI RAJ KURUKSHETRA	CONSTRUCTION OF MODEL PONDS	23.12.2021 14.01.2022	412.99 LACS	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	9416483487 prexeengJork@hry.nic.in
15	PANCHAYATI RAJ AMBALA	CONST OF ANAGANWARI CENTRE BUILDING AT VILLAGE BARERI KHURD BLOCK NARAINGARH	22.12.2021 29.12.2021	9.10 LACS	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	0171-2551368 prexeeng.amb@hry.nic.in
16	PWO B&R HISAR	CONSTRUCTION OF NEW PWD REST HOUSE BUILDING AT SIRSA (PDG. 11 KV ELECTRIC SUBSTATION ONLY)+1 OTHER WORKS	23.12.2021 07.01.2022	61.53 LACS	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	9466724918 pwd eeed- hissar@hry.nic.in
17	IRRIGATION & WATER RESOURCES DEPARTMENT HARVANA CHARKHE DADRI	INTERNAL CLEARANCE OF SATNALI FEEDER FROM K.M. 23,920 TO 36,523 + 5 OTHER WORKS	CLOSING DATE 04.01.2022	50.5 LACS	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	7986275131 xenmgcdxd11@gmail.com

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UHBVN	32/2021-22	CONST. OF PAVER BLOCK COURTYARD, MAIN GATE, OUTSIDE ROAD, DRAINAGE AND MISC. WORK IN M&T LAB KARNAL. CLOSING DATE 28.12.2021 OPENING DATE 29.12.2021	https://etenders. hry.nic.in	9356063248 xenciviluhbvn- panchkula@gmail. com
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—•**बुद्धिपत्र** :— इस कार्यालय के पत्र संख्या 7326/सिंकामंम/निविदा/दिनांक 03.12.2021 द्वारा आमंत्रित की गई आनलाइन निविदा सूचना . संख्या 06/अधी0अभि0/2021–22 में अंकित तिथियों को निम्नवत संशोधित किया जाता है:–

तिथियों का विवरण निम्नवत है: पूर्व में अंकित तिथि संषोधित तिथि संख्या दिनांक 28.12.2021 को 01.00 बजे अपरान् नेविदा आमंत्रण की तिथि दिनांक 05.01.2022 को 01.00 बजे अपरान्ह। दिनांक 21.12.2021 को प्रातः 09 बजे से दिनांक दिनांक 21.12.2021 को प्रातः 09 बजे से दिनां अपलोड करने की तिथि | 05.01.2022 को 01.00 बजे अपरान्ह तक। 28.12.2021 को 01.00 बजे अपरान्ह तक। आनलाइन निविदा खोले दिनांक 05.01.2022 को 03.00 बजे सायं दिनांक 28.12.2021 को 03.00 बजे सायं। HPID-172405 Date 21.12.202

Form No. 3 (See Regulation-15 (1)(a)/16(3)

DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL DELHI(DRT 3)

4th Floor, Jeevan Tara Building, Parliament Street, New Delhi-110001 Summons under sub-section (4) of section 19 of the Act, read with sub-rule (2A) of rule 5 of the Debt Recovery Tribunal (Procedure) Rules, 1993. BANK OF BARODA VS M/S BIMLA MARU FASHIONS PVT LTD AND ORS

(1) M/S Bimla Maru Fashions Pvt Ltd And Ors F-20, 1st Floor, East Of Kailash South Delhi Also At: Satish Kumar Mathur Liquidator 803, A Plot No. 27, New Jyoti Society, Sector 4, Dwarka, New Delhi-110078 (2) Mr Sanjay Maheshwari Director Of M/S Bimla Maru Fashions Pvt Ltd, B-35 Sec 44, Noida, Up-201303 (3) Mr Yogesh Maheshwari Director Of M/S Bimla Maru Fashions Pvt Ltd. J-001, Ground Floor, Pearls Gateway Tower, Plot No D8, Sec-44, Noida, Up-201303 (4) Mrs Bimla Maheshwari Director Of M/S Bimla Maru Fashions Pvt Ltd, A-148, Sec-41, Noida, Up-201301 (5) Mr Gopal Dass Maheshwari A-148, Sec-41, Noida, Up-201301 (6) Mrs Ritu Shree Somani W/O Mr Sanjay Maheshwari, B-35, Sec 44, Noida, Up-201303 (7) Mrs Shweta Maheshwari W/O Mr Yoges

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WHEREAS, OA/142/2021 was listed before Hon'ble Presiding Officer/Registrar on 16/12/2021 WHEREAS this Hon'ble Tribunal is pleased to issue summons/ notice on the said Application under section 19(4) of the Act, (OA) filedagainst you for recovery of debts of Rs. 30,28,20,230.24/-(application along with copies of documents etc. annexed) In accordance with sub-section (4) of section 19 of the Act, you, the defendants are directed as under (i) to show cause within thirty days of the service o summons as to why relief prayed for should not be granted; (ii) to disclose particulars of properties o assets other than properties and assets specified by the applicant under serial number 3A of the origina application (iii) you are restrained from dealing with or disposing of secured assets or sach other assets and properties disclosed under serial number 3A of the original application, pending hearing and disposal of the application for attachment of properties; (iv) you shall not transfer by way of sale, lease or otherwise, except in the ordinary course of his business any of the assets over which security interest is created and/ or other assets and properties specified or disclosed under serial number 3A of the original application without the prior approval of the Tribunal (v) you shall be liable to account for the sale proceeds realised by sale of secured assets or other assets and properties in the ordinary course of business and deposit such sale proceeds in the account maintained with the bank or financial institutions holding security interest over such assets You are also directed to file the written statement with a copy thereof furnished to the applicant and to appear before Registrar on 28/01/2022 at 10:30 A.M. failing which the application shall be heard and decided in your absence. Due to ongoing Pandemic situation all the matters will be taken up through Video Conferencing and for that purpose: -(i) All the Advocates/Litigants shall download the Cisco Webex application software; (ii) Meeting ID and Password for the next date of hearing qua cases to be taken by Registrar/Recovery Officer-Land Recovery Officer II shall be available one day prior to the next date at DRT Official Portal Le. drt.gov.in under the Public Notice Head. (iii) In any exigency qua that, the Advocates/Litigants can contact the concerned official at Ph.No.23748469. NOTICE BE PUBLISH-IN THE INDIAN EXPRESS (ENGLISH) AND DAINIK

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MEANWHILE,

RESEARCHERS FIND TREASURES IN SHIPWRECKS

The Israel Antiquities Authority announced the discovery of remnants of two shipwrecks off the Mediterranean coast, replete with a sunken trove of hundreds Roman and medieval silver coins. The finds made near the ancient city of Caesarea were dated to the Roman and Mamluk periods, around 1,700 and 600 years ago.

WORLD



UNITED KINGDOM HarperCollins settles with Abramovich over book

London: HarperCollins on Wednesday settled a libel dispute with Russian businessman Roman Abramovich over a book about President Vladimir Putin by agreeing to amend certain passages relating to the reasons for buying Chelsea football club. In the 2020 book, British journalist Catherine Belton chronicles Putin's rise to power and how his associates from the former Soviet spy services rose to positions of wealth and influence after he won the top Kremlin job in 1999. Lawyers for Abramovich had argued in court that the book was defamatory as it claimed he had bought Chelsea FC as a vehicle to corrupt the West a claim Abramovich denied. REUTERS

MYANMAR Scores feared dead at jade mine landslide

At least one person was killed and scores were missing after a landslide of dirt and rubble ripped down the waste heap of a Myanmar jade mine, sweeping workers searching for fragments of the gems into a lake and burying them under the debris. One body had been recovered from the scene and around 50 people still unaccounted for had likely also died, a fire department official said. REUTERS

Pakistan gets ADB loan worth \$1.543 billion

Islamabad: The Asian Development Bank (ADB) on Wednesday signed six financing loans to cash-strapped Pakistan worth USD 1.543 billion, to help reform and upgrade the country's energy sector, roads, civic and health infrastructure.

JAPAN Panel suggests no change to emperor system

Tokyo: A government panel has retained Japan's male-only imperial succession system despite a sharply shrinking number of men in the royal family. It submitted a report to Prime Minister Fumio Kishida on Wednesday proposing wavs to ensure there are enough

GERMANY Former nurse convicted of killing 4 disabled

potential successors. AP

Berlin: A former nurse at a home for the severely disabled in eastern Germany was convicted of murder and given a 15year sentence on Wednesday for killing four residents. The state court in Potsdam ordered the 52-year-old woman sent to a pyschiatric hospital. Judges found that the defendant fatally wounded the four residents on April 28.

Germany moves legislation to remove ban on doctors 'advertising' abortions

ASSOCIATED PRESS BERLIN, DECEMBER 22

GERMANY'S JUSTICE minister says he will present legislation next month to remove from the country's criminal code a ban on doctors "advertising" abortions, one of several more liberal social policies that the new government plans.

The three parties that form Chancellor Olaf Scholz 's government have long-opposed the current rules, but they were defended by the center-right Union bloc of ex-Chancellor Angela Merkel,



Minister Marco Buschmann

which is now in opposition. Justice Minister Marco Buschmann said in comments to the Funke newspaper group published on Wednesday that there is a "huge reform backlog" on social policy. He said the first step will be to scrap a paragraph in Germany's

criminal code that bans "adver-

WELCOMING WINTER SOLSTICE

Wednesday, to welcome in the winter solstice. Reuters

Sri Lanka sacks

amid food crisis

PRESSTRUST OF INDIA

THE SRI Lankan government on

Wednesday sacked a top bureau-

crat handling the crucial agriculture

sector, a day after he warned of

an impending food shortage due

the ongoing economic and social

has removed agriculture secretary

Prof Udith Jayasinghe and ap-

pointed DMLD Bandaranayake in

his position, a statement from the

President's Office said. Though no

official reason was given for

lavasinghe's removal, observers

opine that it might be due to his

warning of a possible food crisis

and the measures suggested to

On Tuesday, Jayasinghe said,

"People must be prepared to

"There is a possibility of food

shortages happening due to the

current economic and social prob-

make sacrifices to face the short-

ages of food. We have to stop im-

porting apples and oranges, prior-

ity has to be given to the needy

such as the elderly, the expectant

mothers and the sick," he said.

lavasinghe asserted that it was im-

portant to address the issue rather

website hirunews.lk, Jayasinghe

pointed out that if the Sri Lankan

economy is able to restrict the im-

port of non-essential food and

beverages and focus only on es-

sential imports, such as milk

powder, it will be of great assis-

tance to future development.

than criticising what caused it. According to a report in news

mitigate the situation.

lems we are facing".

President Gotabaya Rajapaksa

crisis in the country.

COLOMBO, DECEMBER 22

agri secretary

Revellers gather at the Stonehenge stone circle in Amesbury, Britain, as the sun rises on

Libyan election

collapses with no

plan out of crisis

A security officer stands in front of the High National

in large parts of the country in-

cluding the son of Muammar

Gaddafi and a military leader

that had been seen as the

best hope in years of bringing an

end to the decade of violence

that has engulfed Libya since a

NATO-backed uprising ousted

for voting cards for the election

in what politicians on all sides in

Libya have said is a sign of strong

in Tripoli and other western ar-

eas by armed groups, the col-

lapse of the electoral process

risks aggravating local disputes

and triggering a new round o

REUTERS

However, with mobilisations

popular desire for a vote.

Very large numbers of Libyans had already registered

At stake is a peace process

who assaulted Tripoli.

Gaddafi in 2011.

Election Commission in Benghazi, Libya. Reuters

tising" abortions, and which carries a fine or a prison sentence of up to two years.

Under a compromise in 2019, Merkel's government left the ban formally in place but allowed doctors and hospitals for the first time to say on their websites that they perform abortions. They were not, however, allowed to give more detailed information.

Buschmann said the socalled paragraph 219a constitutes a "penal risk" for doctors performing legal abortions who give factual information on the internet, and that is "absurd."

"Many women who wrestle with themselves on the question of an abortion look for advice on the internet." he said. "It cannot be that, of all people, the doctors who are professionally best qualified to inform them aren't allowed to provide information there."

Other changes to social policy planned by the new governing coalition include scrapping a 40-year-old law that requires transsexual people to get a psychological assessment and a court decision before officially changing gender, a process that often involves inti-

FDA clears Pfizer's Covid pills for high-risk patients aged 12 and above

THE NEW YORK TIMES DECEMBER 22

FOOD and Drug Administration on Wednesday authorised the first pill for Covid-19, offering an effective defense against severe illness that will arrive as the country endures another surge of the pandemic.

The drug, developed by Pfizer and known as Paxlovid, is authorised for Covid patients age 12 and over who are vulnerable to becoming severely ill because they are older or have medical conditions such as obesity or diabetes. Tens of millions of Americans — including both vaccinated and unvaccinated people - will be eligible if they get infected with the virus. The treatment could be available within a few days.

Pfizer's laboratory studies indicate that its pills are likely to work against the Omicron variant, which has rapidly become the dominant form of new cases in the United States.

The treatment is meant to be taken as 30 pills over five days. Patients take three pills at a time: two of Pfizer's pills and one of a low-dose H.I.V. drug known as ritonavir, which helps Pfizer's drug remain active in the body longer.

A clinical trial indicated that Paxlovid was highly effective when taken soon after an infection. In a final analysis of a key study conducted while the Delta variant was surging, Pfizer's drug reduced the risk of hospitalization or death by 88 percent when given to high-risk unvaccinated volunteers within five days of the start of their symptoms.

Paxlovid appears to be more effective than a similar antiviral pill from Merck, known as molnupiravir, that is still awaiting authorisation by the FDA. In a clinical trial, Merck's drug reduced risk of hospitalisation and death for high-risk patients by 30 per cent.

data, insight

navirus vaccine even as much of the world, including India. continues to consider the need and feasibility of a third 'booster' shot. Israel was the first countries to roll out the first doses of the vaccine last year, and was able to return to normalcy sooner than most other countries; its new experiment too will likely offer valuable indications to vaccination

the Omicron wave that is engulfing the world".

their country and Hong Kong." Wednesday that after the elections,

Omicron forces global call for booster shots

With restrictions in place, citizens urged to get vaccinated

REUTERS

SYDNEY, DECEMBER 22

SINGAPORE SUSPENDED quarantine-free travel bookings and Australia renewed its vaccination push on Wednesday as surging Omicron infections just days before Christmas forced authorities to impose new curbs and expedite booster shots.

Governments globally have tightened social mobility restrictions and made urgent pleas for citizens to vaccinate as Omicron emerges as the dominant strain of the coronavirus, upending reopening plans that many hoped would herald the start of a postpandemic era in 2022.

Singapore will freeze all new ticket sales for flights and buses under its programme for quarantine-free travel into the citystate from Thursday to January 20, the government said on Wednesday, citing risk from the fast-spreading Omicron.

"Our border measures will help to buy us time to study and understand the Omicron variant, and to strengthen our defences, including enhancing our healthcare capacity, and getting more people vaccinated and boosted," the health ministry said in a statement.

In Hong Kong, Cathay Pacific Airways Ltd said it would cancel some passenger flights in January after the Asian financial centre tightened quarantine rules

Japan reported its first sus-



Governments globally have tightened social mobility curbs. AP

pected case of community transmission of Omicron on Wednesday.

Countries are also looking to shorten the time between second vaccination shots and boosters. However, wary of public lockdown fatigue, there is reluctance to return to the strict curbs imposed during the spread of the Delta variant earlier this year.

Australian Prime Minister Scott Morrison on Wednesday announced new vaccination funding for clinics and pharmacies. He also urged the states to reopen hundreds of vaccination hubs, shut down when doubledose rates in adults topped 80%.

Australia on Wednesday reported more than 5,000 daily infections for the first time during the pandemic, with the bulk of cases in its most populous states of New South Wales and Victoria.

Cases drop in South Africa

Johannesburg: South Africa's noticeable drop in new Covid-19 cases in recent days may signal that the country's dramatic Omicrondriven surge has passed its peak, medical experts said. Daily case counts, however, are unreliable, as they can be affected by uneven testing, reporting delays and other fluctuations. But they are offering one tantalising hint — far from conclusive yet — that Omicron may recede after a ferocious spike.

After hitting a high of nearly 27,000 new cases nationwide on Thursday, the numbers dropped to about 15,424 on Tuesday. In Gauteng province , including Johannesburg, and Pretoria the decrease started earlier and

"The state of Israel is contin-

uing to stand at the forefront of

the global efforts to deal with

the pandemic. The citizens

of Israel were the first in

the world to receive the third

dose of the Covid-19 vaccine

and we are continuing to pio-

neer with the fourth dose as

well", Prime Minister Bennett

Israel prepares to administer fourth dose of Covid vaccine

HARINDER MISHRA JERUSALEM, DECEMBER 22

ISRAELIS poised to begin administering the fourth dose of the Covid-19 vaccine for medical personnel and people aged 60 and above in a bid to curb the spread of Omicron infections in the country, the Prime Minister's

Office said on Wednesday. The announcement comes after a top panel of medical experts had recommended on Tuesday to begin administering the fourth dose of the Covid-19 vaccine.

Those eligible for the fourth dose can administer only if four months have passed since the third dose, the panel said.

Most of the vaccinated in Israel have received the Pfizer/BioNTech vaccine.

Israel Prime Minister Naftali Bennett welcomed the decision, terming it "wonderful news that

A first, could offer valuable ISRAELIS thought to be the first

country in the world to approve a fourth dose of the coroprogrammes elsewhere.

will assist us in getting through

said in a statement. "I call on everyone who meets the criteria that the members of the committee have set: Go and get vaccinated. Take responsibility for the health and livelihoods of all of us. The vaccines save lives," he explained.

The decision by the Health Ministry panel is pending approval of the ministry's director general. The nod is likely in a few days when the ministry releases clearer guidelines on a fourth shot. Israel has reported a total of 341 cases of the Omicron variant, and one death so far. PTI

China's Xi endorses Hong Kong's 'patriots only' poll Executive Carrie in Beijing on

ASSOCIATED PRESS BEIJING, DECEMBER 22

CHINESE LEADER Xi Jinping on Wednesday endorsed Hong Kong's first legislative elections held under new laws ensuring that only "patriots" who have shown loyalty to Beijing could run as candidates.

Sunday's elections for the 90seat Legislative Council were swept by politicians backed by China's ruling Communist Party, Just 20 seats



Xi Jinping

were directly elected, and the turnout of 30.2% was the lowest since the British handed Hong Kong over to China in 1997. All candidates were vetted by a

largely pro-Beijing committee before they could be nominated. Xi told Hong Kong Chief

he is certain Hong Kongers will join in "realising the great rejuvenation of the Chinese nation". The execution of the new elec-

tion system adheres to the 'one country, two systems' principle,"Xi said, referring to the threadbare framework under which Hong Kong was to retain its own political, social and financial institutions for 50 years, "Our fellow citizens will promote the tradition of loving

The elections had been postponed for a year after the opposition swept elections for district counsellors. They followed widespread and increasingly violent antigovernment protests in 2019 that prompted Beijing to impose a sweeping National Security Law on Hong Kong, followed by a reorganisation of the electoral process and transformation of the makeup of the Legislative Council to stack it with pro-Beijing loyalists.

LIFE AFTER TAKEOVER EVEN MORE CHALLENGING

AHMED ELUMAMI &

AYMANAL-WARFALI

LIBYA'S PARLIAMENT said

Friday's planned presidential

election would not go ahead,

leaving the internationally

backed peace process in chaos

and the fate of the interim gov-

The electoral commission pro-

posed pushing back the voting

date by a month, confirming a de-

lay that had been widely expected

amid ongoing disputes over the

rules, including the eligibility of

several divisive major candidates.

limitations of a winner-takes-all presidential vote involving can-

didates viewed as unacceptable

Disagreements showed the

TRIPOLI, BENGHAZI

ernment in doubt.

Afghanistan: Young Taliban fighters face the challenge of peace

JORGE SILVA KABUL, DECEMBER 22

THE GENERATION of young Taliban fighters that conquered Kabul has gone through the euphoria of victory to face an uncertain future as the country they won after two decades of war plunges ever deeper into economic crisis.

Most have known only fighting and while their battlefield memories may be a source of pride, they must now adjust to a world that wants to forget about war.

For the moment, four months after the fall of Kabul, many still bask in the achievement of overcoming the United States and its allies after a struggle that ruled their lives for so long.

"When I started in the Jihad against the Americans, I was 14 or 15 years old," said Nasratullah, a 24-year-old from Wardak province. "During that time, my brother was our group leader and I used to participate in some battles only. But when I turned 20, I spent all my time with the mujahidin and in battle."

Recently married, he is now in charge of security at a Kabul police station, but had only a walkie talkie with him as he walked across a dusty cricket field. "I am so delighted because



Young Taliban fighters who conquered Kabul face an uncertain future amid the deep economic crisis. Reuters

we have fulfilled all the ambitions that we have been carrying for the past 20 years."

For the people of Kabul, a city many Taliban fighters had never seen before their victory, the first

reaction to the fall of the capital was very different.

Thousands were killed and maimed by Taliban suicide bombers during their long campaign to overthrow the Western-backed government and for many in Kabul the sight of the long-haired fighters on the streets caused only shock and fear.

That feeling has eased as the Kalashnikov-wielding insurgents in their rag-tag mix of loose traditional clothing and combat jackets have been replaced by uniformed security forces.

But fears of revenge against anyone associated with the for-

New Delhi

mer government remain, and there are concerns over what will happen to women and to girls who are still largely excluded from high school education. Nasratullah blamed American propaganda for tarnishing the image of the Taliban.

"They used all their resources, they have brainwashed the people, they used every way to show us as bad people.'

For their part, the Taliban fighters have memories of war, which shape the way they look

at the world now. Mansoor, from Maidan Wardak province, who carries the title Mawlawi given to those

respected for their religious

7th district of Kabul. 'The prison was not for me, was for them all these years. We were physically detained. but our ideas were freer than ever." "When I was free, I joined

knowledge, spent 14 or 15 years

in the insurgency, eight of them

in the notorious Bagram prison

outside Kabul where many

you are a prisoner, I told them

those who had come to be oc-

cupiers are the real detainees,'

he said in the red-carpeted po-

lice station where he now

oversees security for the

"When Americans told me

Taliban were held.

the fight the next day.'

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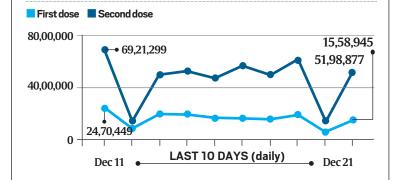
If there are questions of current or contemporary relevance that you would like explained, please write to explained@indianexpress.com

CORONAVIRUS DASHBOARD

INDIA TOTAL DOSES

138,34,78,181

(1st DOSE: 82,85,19,766; 2nd: 55,49,58,415)



DOSES ON DECEMBER 20 67,57,822 DEC 19: 21,07,107 (1st DOSE: 6,41,639; 2nd: 14,65,468)

DOSES ON DEC 19, BY STATE

TOP 5		BOTTOM 5*	
Uttar Pradesh	13,50,965	Punjab	63,700
Maharashtra	6,38,534	Chhattisgarh	120,303
West Bengal	5,60,026	Delhi	1,31,067
Madhya Pradesh	5,20,003	Assam	1,59,298
Bihar	4,23,963	Jharkhand	1,90,126
*Excluding states smalle	r than Delhi by populo	ation (Census 2011)	

ACTIVE CASES 79,097

0.3.170from Dec 19 Source: Ministry of Health & Family Welfare; Dec 21 figures updated on Dec 22

Pandemic's projected impact on drinking, disease & death

NEW RESEARCH

🚰 SHUBHRA RANJAN

ALCOHOL SALES and consumption increased during the start of the Covid-19 pandemic. In new research published in the journal Hepatology, a team led by investigators at Massachusetts General Hospital (MGH) projected rates of liver disease and associated deaths due to increased alcohol consumption during of MGH's Institute for Technology the pandemic in the

United States Using data from a national survey of US adults on their drinking habits, they found that excessive drinking (such as binge drinking) increased by 21% during the pandemic. The scientists simulated the drinking trajectories and liver disease trends in

all US adults. They estimated that a one-year increase in alcohol consumption during the pan-1,000 cases of liver cancer by 2040. In the short term, alcohol consumption changes due to Covid-19 are expected to cause 100 additional deaths and 2,800 additional cases of liver failure by 2023, MGH said in a press release.

The researchers noted that a sustained increase in alcohol consumption for more than one year could re-

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sult in 19-35% additional mortality. "Our findings highlight the need for individuals and policymakers to make informed decisions to mitigate the impact of high-risk alcohol drinking during the Covid-19 pandemic in the US," the release quoted senior author Jagpreet Chhatwal, associate director

> Assessment and an assistant professor of radiology at Harvard Medical School, as saying.

"While we have projected the expected impact of societal drinking changes associated with the Covid-19 pandemic without any interventions, we hope that our research can help jumpstart needed conversa-

tions at every level of society about how we can respond to the many bedemic will result in 8,000 additional havioural changes, coping mechadeaths from alcohol-related liver dis- nisms, and choices that have shortease, 18,700 cases of liver failure, and and long-term implications for the health of individuals, families and communities in America." lead author Jovan Julien, a data analyst at the MGH Institute for Technology Assessment and a PhD candidate at the Georgia Institute of Technology, was quoted as saying.

Source: Massachusetts General Hospital

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SIMPLY PUT QUESTION & ANSWER

Personal laws in marriage

A Bill amending the Prohibition of Child Marriage Act clears the decks for the application of the law across religions, notwithstanding their customs. What issues does this raise; how have courts ruled on this?

APURVA VISHWANATH NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 22

A BILL proposing to increase the age of marriage for women, and ensuring harmony in the age limit across religions, was introduced in Lok Sabha this week and then referred to a Parliamentary Standing Committee. Both aspects of the proposed amendment to the Prohibition of Child Marriage Act, 2006 have raised a debate on female autonomy and the application of personal laws in marriage.

What does the amendment propose?

The amendment proposes three changes. First, the law proposes to increase the minimum age of marriage for a woman. By amending the definition of a "child" in Section 2(a) to mean "a male of a female who has not completed twenty-one years of age", the Bill makes the minimum age of marriage same for both men and women. Currently, it is 18 years for women and 21 for men.

Second, it also increases the window for a "child" to file a petition to declare a child marriage void. Under the law, child marriages, although illegal, are not void but "voidable." A child marriage can be declared null and void by a court when either party to the marriage files a petition under Article 3(4) of the 2006 Prohibition of Child Marriage Act. A "void" marriage, as opposed to a divorce, in legal terms, would be as if the marriage had never taken place in the first place.

"The petition under this section may be filed at any time but before the child filing the petition completes two years of attaining majority," Section 3(4) currently reads, allowing a woman to file for declaration of the child marriage as void before she turns 20 and for the man before he turns 23. After that, the marriage would be deemed valid and the couple can file for divorce.

The Bill proposes to extend this window for both the woman and the man to five years after attaining majority. Since the age of majority is 18 for both, this would mean that either the man or the woman can file a petition to declare the child marriage void before they turn 23, or until two years after reaching the new minimum age of marriage.

The third, crucial change proposed is the introduction of a "notwithstanding" clause.



The Prohibition of Child Marriage (Amendment) Bill, introduced in Lok Sabha this week by Women and Child Development Minister Smriti Irani (above), has been referred to a Parliamentary Standing Committee. Praveen Khanna

This essentially clears the decks for equal appliisting Act does not make child marriage autocation of the Prohibition of Child Marriage Act

What is the opposition to the

The key argument in favour of raising the age is in correlation to health and social indices such as infant mortality, maternal mortality, and nutrition levels among mothers and children. However, since the age of majority is 18, increasing the age of marriage is viewed as a paternalistic approach by the state in personal matters of an individual.

across religions, notwithstanding any customs.

Additionally, the application of the child marriage law across faiths sets the stage for a debate on the limits of personal law.

In Lok Sabha, ET Mohammed Basheer of the Indian Union Muslim League said the Bill was unconstitutional and was violative of Article 25 of the Constitution, which guarantees the freedom of conscience and free profession, practice and propagation of religion.

Another criticism is that increasing the minimum age of marriage will further push many marriages to the brink of illegality and marginalise vulnerable sections. Since the exmatically illegal, the increase in minimum age might not really benefit women. It could bring those who aid the marriage of a woman over the age of 18 under the ambit of a law that sanctions imprisonment of up to two years.

Has the law not been applied to all religions earlier?

The 2006 law is considered a special legislation with a stated objective to prevent child marriages. While special legislation is applied over 'general law', experts have often pointed out that the Prohibition of Child Marriage Act suffers from a lacuna since it does not explicitly say that the law would trump general law.

Since Muslim law recognises "attaining puberty", which is legally assumed at 15 years, as the minimum age of marriage, it raises questions as to whether the child marriage law can apply to Muslims.

The Statement of Objects and Reasons in the Bill states: "In order to address the issues of women in a holistic manner, as a measure for empowerment of women, gender equality, increasing the female labour force participation, make them self-reliant and to enable them to proposes to - (i) amend the Prohibition of Child Marriage Act, 2006, to reinforce its application overriding all other existing laws, including any custom, usage or practice governing the parties in relation to marriage....'

How have courts interpreted the child marriage law so far?

High Courts have differed in their interpretation of the law.

The Karnataka High Court, in a decision in the case of Seema Begaum D/O Khasimsab vs State Of Karnataka (2013), said that "no Indian citizen on the ground of his belonging to a particular religion, can claim immunity from the application of the P.C.M".

In February this year, the Punjab and Haryana High Court granted protection to a Muslim couple (a 17-year-old girl married to a 36-year-old man), holding that theirs was a legal marriage under personal law. The HCexamined provisions of the Prohibition of Child Marriage Act but held that since the special law does not override personal laws, Muslim law will prevail.

Has there been overriding of personal laws before?

There are several instances of personal law being replaced with secular law that applies to all religions equally. For example, in Shabana Bano v Imran

Khan (2009), the Supreme Court held that a divorced Muslim woman is entitled to claim the maintenance from her husband under Section 125 of the Criminal Procedure Code even after the expiry of iddat (mourning) period, as long as she does not remarry. Under Muslim law, the award of the maintenance is provided only during the iddat period. In 1996, the Supreme Court agreed with a

Kerala High Court view that even though the Ecclesiastical Court can grant a divorce or nullify a Christian marriage, the Church cannot solemnise a second marriage of a party till the marriage is dissolved by a court. In Shayara Bano v Union of India (2017), the

Supreme Court declared the practice of instant triple talaq as unconstitutional although it is provided for under Muslim law. In a 1960 case, the Supreme Court held that

the Transfer of Property Act, 1882 would apply over Muslim law on transfer of property.

Omicron rising, but Delta still dominant

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one lakh new coronavirus cases on Wednesday, the first time it has crossed this level since the beginning of the pandemic. Over 1.06 lakh cases were detected in a 24hour period, which over 13,000 more than the previous highest of 93,000 recorded a few days ago, Sky News reported.

The UK has been witnessing the fastest spread of the newly-discovered Omicron variant, with more than 50,000 cases confirmed so far.

Most cases in Europe

Data from the World Health Organization (WHO) shows that seven of the ten countries with the highest number of cases in the last seven days are in Europe, the other three being the United States, South Africa and Vietnam.

Omicron has now spread to 106 countries. the WHO has reported. In the week between December 13 and 19, more than 41.77 lakh new cases were detected across the world, of which over 26.11 lakh (63%) came from

highest-ever single day case count of nearly 50,000 on Tuesday, while France said it expected the daily count of cases to exceed one lakh very soon due to the spread of the Omicron variant. The country is currently averaging over 50,000 cases a day.

For the time being, though, both France and Spain have decided against any fresh restrictions for the Christmas. Germany and Portugal have announced post-Christmas restrictions. In

Germany, no more than 10 people would be allowed in private gatherings from December 28, while nightclubs would shut down, the BBC reported. Portugal has ordered pubs and nightclubs to close down from December 26.

Vaccines

Kerala's SilverLine: why it has been planned, why it is facing protests

Israel is preparing to provide a fourth dose of the coronavirus vaccine to its healthcare workers and older population. Coronavirus cases have been rising in Israel as well, with more than 900 infections being reported on Tuesday.

Oxford University, we have taken preliminary steps in producing an Omicron variant vaccine, in case it is needed and will be informed by emerging data," the company said in a statement.

Delta still dominant

Although most of the new cases around the world, especially in Europe, are believed

to have been caused by the Omicron variant, the WHO said Delta continued to be the dominant variant of concern glob-

Of the over 10.51 lakh genome sequences done between October 20 and December 19 across the world. close to 10.1 lakh, or about 96%. were found to be of the Delta variant, and only about 17.000 (less than 2%) were of Omicron.

The WHO numbers was based on the sequences deposited in public databases such as GISAID. Individual countries have confirmed many more Omicron cases. The UK, for example, has reported more than 45,000 confirmed cases of Omicron infection till now. Not all genome sequences are immediately

But the WHO said the Delta variant had not completely gone away. "Following the classification of Omicron

as a variant of concern, many countries have adopted targeted sequencing strategies to detect the variant. The change in sampling strategy, away from community-based surveillance sequencing, may result in biases in the proportions of variants being reported. Thus, the recent declines in the proportion of Delta variant reported by some countries may reflect changes in sampling strategy, rather than declines in the proportion of Delta variant cases among all Covid-19 cases," the WHO said.

It said the overall risk related to the Omicron variant remained "very high".

"Recent evidence indicates that Omicron variant has a growth advantage over the Delta variant and is spreading rapidly... It remains uncertain to what extent the observed rapid growth rate can be attributed to immune evasion, intrinsic increased transmissibility, or a combination of both. There are still limited data on the clinical severity of Omicron. Hospitalisations in the UK and South Africa continue to rise, and given rapidly increasing case numbers, it is possible that healthcare systems may become overwhelmed," it said.

22nd December 2021 5th January 2022 Pharmaceutical major AstraZeneca said it had begun work on developing an Europe, the WHO said in its weekly report. For more details: +91-9910812719 | www.shubhraranian.com Besides the UK, Spain too recorded its Omicron-specific vaccine. "Together with deposited in the global public databases.

VISHNU VARMA

KOCHI, DECEMBER 22

PROTESTS ARE taking place across Kerala against SilverLine, a semi high-speed railway project that envisages trains running at 200 km/h between the state's northern and southern ends. The project, estimated to cost Rs 63,940 crore, is billed as one of the biggest infrastructure plans being pushed by the Pinarayi Vijayan government.

What is the SilverLine project?

The proposed 529.45-km line will link Thiruvananthapuram in the south to Kasaragod in the north, covering 11 districts through 11 stations. When the project is completed, one can travel from Kasaragod to Thiruvananthapuram in less than four hours at 200 km/hr. On the existing Indian Railways network, it now takes 12 hours. The deadline for the project, being executed by the Kerala Rail Development Corporation Limited (KRDCL), is 2025. KRDCL, or K-Rail, is a joint venture between the Kerala government and the Union Ministry of Railways created to execute big railway projects.

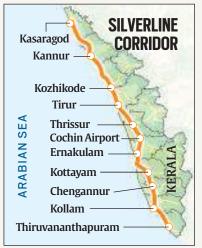
What was the need for the project?

Urban policy experts have long been arguing that the existing railway infrastructure in Kerala cannot meet the demands of the future. Most trains run at an average speed of 45 km/hr due to a lot of curves and bends on the existing stretch. The government claims the SilverLine project can take a significant load of traffic off the existing stretch and make travel faster for commuters, which in turn will reduce congestion on roads and help reduce accidents. The government claims the line will also

reduce greenhouse gas emissions, help in expansion of Ro-Ro services, produce employment opportunities, integrate airports and IT corridors, and enable faster development of cities it passes through.

What are its features?

According to K-Rail, the project will have



trains of electric multiple unit (EMU) type, each with preferably nine cars extendable to 12. A nine-car rake can seat a maximum of 675 passengers in business and standard class settings. The trains can run at a maximum speed of 220 km/hr on a standard gauge track, completing journeys in either direction in under four hours.

As per the alignment, the railway line, beginning from Thiruvananthapuram, will have stations in Kollam, Chengannur, Kottayam, Ernakulam (Kakkanad), Cochin Airport, Thrissur, Tirur, Kozhikode and Kannur before culminating in Kasaragod (see map). The Cochin International Airport Limited (CIAL) has already offered 1 acres for the station there.

Of the 11 stations, three will be elevated (Thiruvananthapuram, Ernakulam and Thrissur), one underground (Kozhikode) and the rest at grade. At every 500 metres, there will be under-passages with service roads.

Where does the project stand now?

The state government has begun the process of land acquisition after the Cabinet approved this in June this year. Out of 1,383 hectares needed to be acquired, 1,198 hectares will be private land. The Cabinet has also approved administrative sanction to get Rs 2,100 crore from the Kerala Infrastructure Investment Fund Board (KIIFB), the central investment arm of the government.

As part of the first stage of acquisition, local revenue and K-Rail officials are on the ground, demarcating land and placing boundary stones. This is done to give the officials a sense of how much private land will have to be acquired and the number of families who will be displaced. While CM Vijayan has written to Prime Minister Narendra Modi requesting his 'personal intervention' to give all necessary clearances, the Centre has only given in-principle approval to the project. The line is expected to be constructed using equity funds from the Kerala government, the Centre and loans from multilateral lending agencies.

Why are there protests against the

Political parties such as the Congress, BJP and Indian Union Muslim League (IUML) as well as citizen outfits such as K-Rail SilverLine Viruddha Janakeeya Samiti have

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been spearheading separate protests. A petition signed by 17 Opposition MPs from the state said the project was an "astronomical scam in the making" and would sink the state further into debt. The petition, addressed to the Union Railways Minister, said the project was financially unviable and would lead to displacement of over 30,000

The Samiti and green activists allege that SilverLine would cause great environmental harm as its route cuts through precious wetlands, paddy fields and hills. The Samiti said the building of embankments on either side of the major portion of the line will block natural drainage and cause floods during heavy rains. The Kerala Paristhiti Aikya Vedi, a forum of ecology experts, has urged the government to abandon the project and explore sustainable solutions.

E Sreedharan, former Delhi Metro head who has joined the BJP, termed the project "ill-conceived" and defectively planned. He said the present proposal needs a lot of correction including its basic track width.

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDING ENGINEERAGRA CIRCLE, P.W.D AGRA

Short Time E-Tender Notice inviting

Letter No.: 6946 / 14M-A.C/2021 Date :- 15-12-202 The Superintending Engineer Agra Circle, U.P.P.W.D. on behalf of Governor of Uttar Pradesh invites the

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ıra	on of Sanction	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Mathura	New Construction Work of Mathura Sadabad to Radharani Temple Old Devi Mata Temple Road Via Nagla Saval to Con- nect the Religious Place in Distt. Mathura	49.00	-	Rs. 2000.00STC +300.00TC+ 36.00GST = 2336.00	Four Months	Executive Engineer, Construction Di- vision-1, P.W.D., Mathura	Superintending Engineer, Agra Circle, P.W.D., Agra	Chief Engineer, Agra Zone, P.W.D., Agra	Class A, B & C
Mathura	New Construction Work of Yamuna Expressway(Baldev Un- derpass) to Dargah and Mahadev Baba Temple Road to Connect the Religious Place in Distt.	90.00	-	Rs. 2000.00STC +300.00TC+ 36.00GST = 2336.00	Four Months	Executive Engineer, Construction Di- vision-1, P.W.D., Mathura	Superintending Engineer, Agra Circle, P.W.D., Agra	Chief Engineer, Agra Zone, P.W.D., Agra	Class A& B
Mathura	Mathura New Construction Work of Dangheta to Mokhh Dham Link Road to Connect the Religious Place in Distt. Mathura	39.00	-	Rs. 2000.00STC +300.00TC+ 36.00GST = 2336.00	Four Months	Executive Engineer, Construction Di- vision-1, P.W.D., Mathura	Superintending Engineer, Agra Circle, P.W.D., Agra	Chief Engineer, Agra Zone, P.W.D., Agra	Class A,B,C&D
Mathura	New Construction Work of Ymuna Expressway to Bandi Anandi Ancient Devi Mata Temple Road to Connect the Religious Place in Distt. Mathura	89.00	-	Rs. 2000.00STC +300.00TC+ 36.00GST = 2336.00	Four Months	Executive Engineer, Construction Di- vision-1, P.W.D., Mathura	Superintending Engineer, Agra Circle, P.W.D., Agra	Chief Engineer, Agra Zone, P.W.D., Agra	Class A& B
Mathura	New Construction Work of Pushkara Devi Temple Road to Con- nect the Religious Place in Distt. Mathura	49.50	-	Rs. 2000.00STC +300.00TC+ 36.00GST = 2336.00	Four Months	Executive Engineer, Construction Di- vision-1, P.W.D., Mathura	Superintending Engineer, Agra Circle, P.W.D., Agra	Chief Engineer, Agra Zone, P.W.D., Agra	Class A, B & C
Mathura	New Construction Work of Nagla Arjun to Moni Baba Ashram Road to Connect the Religious Place in Distt. Mathura	37.50	-	2000.00STC +300.00TC+ 36.00GST = 2336.00	Four Months	Executive Engineer, Construction Di- vision-1, P.W.D., Mathura	Superintending Engineer, Agra Circle, P.W.D., Agra	Chief Engineer, Agra Zone, P.W.D., Agra	Class A,B,C&D
Mathura	New Construction Work of Kishanpur to Nagla Bhambhu Kali Temple and Radharani Temple Road to Connect the Religious Place in Distt. Mathura	47.00	-	Rs. 2000.00STC +300.00TC+ 36.00GST = 2336.00	Four Months	Executive Engi- neer, Construc- tion Division-1, P.W.D., Mathura	Superintending Engineer, Agra Circle, P.W.D., Agra	Chief Engineer, Agra Zone, P.W.D., Agra	Class A, B & C
Mathura	New Construction Work of Baldev Mai to Kali Mata Temple Road to Connect the Religious Place in Distt. Mathura	50.00	-	Rs. 2000.00STC +300.00TC+ 36.00GST = 2336.00	Four Months	Executive Engineer, Construction Di- vision-1, P.W.D., Mathura	Superintending Engineer, Agra Circle, P.W.D., Agra	Chief Engineer, Agra Zone, P.W.D., Agra	Class A, B
Mathura	New Construction Work of Madaur to Place of Samadhi Shri Shri1008 Baba Fakkad Das and Dashaharaghat Road to Connect the Religious Place in Distt. Mathura	102.80	-	Rs. 2000.00STC +300.00TC+ 36.00GST = 2336.00	Six Months	Executive Engi- neer, Construc- tion Division-1, P.W.D., Mathura	Superintending Engineer, Agra Circle, P.W.D., Agra	Chief Engineer, Agra Zone, P.W.D., Agra	Class A& B
Mathura	New Construction Work of Mathura Sadabad Road to Nagla Kothi Mahadev Temple Road to Connect the Religious Place in Distt. Mathura	132.50	-	Rs. 2000.00STC +300.00TC+ 36.00GST = 2336.00	Six Months	Executive Engi- neer, Construc- tion Division-1, P.W.D., Mathura	Superintending Engineer, Agra Circle, P.W.D., Agra	Chief Engineer, Agra Zone, P.W.D., Agra	Class A& B
Mathura	New Construction Work of Ancient Shiv Temple of Nagla Jatvan of Majra Angai Gram Road to Connect the Religious Place in Distt. Mathura	112.50	-	Rs. 2000.00STC +300.00TC+ 36.00GST = 2336.00	Six Months	Executive Engineer, Construction Division-1, P.W.D., Mathura	Superintending Engineer, Agra Circle, P.W.D., Agra	Chief Engineer, Agra Zone, P.W.D., Agra	Class A& B
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Mathura	New Construction Work of Lohra Bridge to Bandi Anandi Kuldevi Temple Road to Con- nect the Religious Place in Distt. Mathura	64.30	-	Rs. 2000.00STC +300.00TC+ 36.00GST = 2336.00	Four Months	Executive Engineer, Construction Di- vision-1, P.W.D., Mathura	Superintending Engineer, Agra Circle, P.W.D., Agra	Chief Engineer, Agra Zone, P.W.D., Agra	Class A, B & C
Mathura	New Construction Work of Yamuna Expressway to Nagla Heta Missing Link Road.	54.50	-	Rs. 2000.00STC +300.00TC+ 36.00GST = 2336.00	Four Months	Executive Engineer, Construction Di- vision-1, P.W.D., Mathura	Superintending Engineer, Agra Circle, P.W.D., Agra	Chief Engineer, Agra Zone, P.W.D., Agra	Class A, B & C
Mathura	New Construction Work of Rajoi Burj to Nagla Chheetar Singh Road.	72.00	-	Rs. 2000.00STC +300.00TC+ 36.00GST = 2336.00	Four Months	Executive Engineer, Construction Di- vision-1, P.W.D., Mathura	g Superintend- ing Engineer, Agra Circle, P.W.D., Agra	Chief Engineer, Agra Zone, P.W.D., Agra	Class A, B
Mathura	Work of Shahid Smarak(Baltikari) to Hathras Border Missing Link Road.		_	2000.00STC +300.00TC+ 36.00GST = 2336.00	Months	Engineer, Construction Di- vision-1, P.W.D., Mathura			Class A, B
Mathura	of Mathura Sadabad to Nagla Anta Missing Link Road.	67.40	-	2000.00STC +300.00TC+ 36.00GST = 2336.00	Months	Engineer, Construction Di- vision-1, P.W.D., Mathura			3 Class A, B & C
Mathura	Work of Nagla Vala to Pachavar Missing Link Road. New Construction	139.30	-	+300.00TC+ 36.00GST = 2336.00 Rs.	Months Six	Engineer, Construction Division-1, P.W.D., Mathura			B Class A, B
	Singh to Nagla Cheta Missing Link Road.	72.00	-	+300.00TC+ 36.00GST = 2336.00 Rs. 2000.00STC	Four Months	Construction Di- vision-1, P.W.D., Mathura Executive Engineer,			A, B & C Class A& B
	Road. New Construction	158.60	-	+300.00TC+ 36.00GST = 2336.00 Rs. 2000.00STC	Six Months	Construction Division-1, P.W.D., Mathura Executive Engineer			Class.
	Ramcheliya Missing Link Road. New Construction Work of Khanpur to Highway	90.70	-	+300.00TC+ 36.00GST = 2336.00 Rs. 2000.00STC	Six Months	Construction Division-1, P.W.D., Mathura Executive Engineer,			& B Class A& B
	Hospital Missing Link Road. New Construction Work of Nagla Ratti to	71.70	-	36.00GST = 2336.00 Rs. 2000.00STC	Four Months	vision-1, P.W.D., Mathura Executive Engineer,			B & C Class A& B
	Road. New Construction Work of Nahar ki Patri Gadh-	92.00	-	36.00GST = 2336.00 Rs. 2000.00STC	Six Months	vision-1, P.W.D., Mathura Executive Engineer,			A& B Class A, B & C
	Jorbal Road. New Construction Work of Burj Dataram to Churmura Bridge	46.80	-	36.00GST = 2336.00 Rs. 2000.00STC +300.00TC+	Four Months	vision-1, P.W.D., Mathura Executive Engineer, Construction Di-			Class A, B & C Class A& B
	Missing Link Road. New Construction Work of Nagla Ber to Nagla Radhey Missing	70.00	-	36.00GST = 2336.00 Rs. 2000.00STC +300.00TC+	Four Months	Mathura Executive Engineer, Construction Di-			
	New Construction Work of Bekunthpur to	74.00	-	2336.00 Rs. 2000.00STC	Four Months	Mathura Executive Engineer,			B&C Class A, B&C
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	Link Road. New Construction Work of Mant Jawra Jaiswa Bakla Road to Missing	43.00	-	36.00GST = 2336.00 Rs. 2000.00STC +300.00TC+	Four Months	vision-1, P.W.D., Mathura Executive Engineer, Construction Di-			Class A, B & C Class A& B
	Link of Raya Neemgaon Road New Construction Work of Bahadin Gram to	87.50	-	36.00GST = 2336.00 Rs. 2000.00STC	Six Months	vision-1, P.W.D., Mathura			
ıra Mathura	Baba Dayal Temple Road Via Polua Road. New Construction Work of Nahar ki Patri of	125.50	-	+300.00TC+ 36.00GST = 2336.00 Rs. 2000.00STC	Months Six Months	Construction Division-1, P.W.D., Mathura Executive Engineer,			& B Class A& B
Mathur	Raya Mant to Missing Portion of Baggad Road Via Churahansi Road.	88.30	-	+300.00TC+ 36.00GST = 2336.00	Six	Construction Division-1, P.W.D., Mathura			B Class A& B
Mathura	Work of Raya Mant to Janakpur Road Via Mant Branch Cannal of Km-1 From Ashagarhi Road.			2000.00STC +300.00TC+ 36.00GST = 2336.00	Months	Engineer, Construction Di- vision-1, P.W.D., Mathura	Superintending Engineer, Agra Circle, P.W.D., Agra	Chief Enginee Agra Zone, P.W.D., Agra	Glace A & D
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OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER AGRA CIRCLE, P.W.D AGRA **Short Time E-Tender Notice inviting**

Letter No.: 6948/14M-A.C/2021 Date :- 15-12-2021 The Superintending Engineer Agra Circle, U.P.P.W.D. on behalf of Governor of Uttar Pradesl invites the percentage rate bids online from the eligible and approved registered Contractors. As The work Comprises of specialized Road work, hence contractors bidding for this work must be registered in Road work with UP PWD. Bidders are advised to note the minimum qualification criteria specified in Clause 4 of the Instructions to Bidders to qualify for the award of the contract

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1	Mathura	Widening of Mahavan Jagadishpur Khanpur Road with Interlocking.	233.00	-	Rs. 2000.00 STC +300.00TC+ 36.00GST = 2336.00	One Month	Executive Engineer, Construction Division-1, P.W.D., Mathura	Superin- tending Engineer, Agra Circle, P.W.D., Agra	Chief Engineer, Agra Zone, P.W.D., Agra	Class A
2	Mathura	Widening of Baldev Baroli Kailash Road to Midawali Road with Interlocking.	207.00	-	Rs. 2000.00 STC +300.00TC+ 36.00GST = 2336.00	One Month	Executive Engineer, Construction Division-1, P.W.D., Mathura	Superin- tending Engineer, Agra Circle, P.W.D., Agra	Chief Engineer, Agra Zone, P.W.D., Agra	Class A
3	Mathura	Widening of Baroli to Kachnau Road with Interlocking.	135.00		Rs. 2000.00 STC +300.00TC+ 36.00GST = 2336.00	One Month	Executive Engineer, Construction Division-1, P.W.D., Mathura	Superin- tending Engineer, Agra Circle, P.W.D., Agra	Chief Engineer, Agra Zone, P.W.D., Agra	Class A & E
4	Mathura	Widening of Mathura Sadabad to Dagheta Road with Interlocking.	101.00	-	Rs. 2000.00 STC +300.00TC+ 36.00GST = 2336.00	One Month	Executive Engineer, Construction Division-1, P.W.D., Mathura	Superin- tending Engineer, Agra Circle, P.W.D., Agra	Chief Engineer, Agra Zone, P.W.D., Agra	Class A & E
5	Mathura	Widening of Mathura Sadabad to Saray Daud Via Radoi Road with Interlocking.	140.00	-	Rs. 2000.00 STC +300.00TC+ 36.00GST = 2336.00	One Month	Executive Engineer, Construction Division-1, P.W.D., Mathura	Superin- tending Engineer, Agra Circle, P.W.D., Agra	Chief Engineer, Agra Zone, P.W.D., Agra	Class A & E
6	Mathura	Widening of Raya Sadabad to Byohi Bijhari Road with Interlocking.	137.00	-	Rs. 2000.00 STC +300.00TC+ 36.00GST = 2336.00	One Month	Executive Engineer, Construction Division-1, P.W.D., Mathura	Superin- tending Engineer, Agra Circle, P.W.D., Agra	Chief Engineer, Agra Zone, P.W.D., Agra	Class A & E

3. Bid document with detailed terms and conditions will be available online on website http://etender.up.nic.in and Prahari (http://wms.upppwd.gov.in/Prahari) From 24-12-2021 30.12.2021. Bids must be submitted online only at e-tendering portal of http://etender.up.nic.in and Prahari App with all documents as per GO No 14/2020/879(1)/ 23-7/2020/176(\text{\text{\$\pi\)}}0/06 Dt 25.08,2020 on or before 12:30 Hours Dt. 30-12-2021. Technical Bid received online will be opened

. The prospective bidders who do not posses Digital Signature Certificate (DSC) must get the same issued from approved agencies before submission of bids. 5. Contractor should Quote their rates without G.S.T. which shall be paid extra as per applicable a

the time of payment.

6. Labour Cess @ 1.00% will be Deducted from contractors bill at the time of payment. . Original MM-11 forms proof of royalty shall have to be produced at time of every running bill in

accordance to Principal Secretary, Directorate of geology & mining utter Pradesh Letter No-2146/86-2019-52(lk0)/2019 Dt. 30.09.2019, G.O. No- 115(1)/86-2020 dated 15.01.2020 and other relevant Government orders, circulars for all the materials procured from the quarries. . The bidders are required to submit Original receipt of Internet Banking of E-tender portal Account

as per G.O. No.-742/78-2-2018-42 I.T./2017 T.C., I.T. & Electronics Section-2 Dated- 03-12-2018 (1) Online Tender Cost towards the cost of bid document (As per Column 6) by Internet Banki

(2) Regarding the deposit of Performance security/Additional Performance Security/Bid security/Earnest Many from the bidder. It will be mandatory to submit an affidavit for the earnes money as per the instructions of ENC UP PWD Lucknow L. No. 3951/MT/General Section 60M.T/2020 Dated, 13/04/2021 and U.P. Government Lucknow GO No. 16/2020/A-1- 10 Bharat Sarkar/10-2020 Dated. 29-12-2020.

). The validity date of exemption of Performance Security/Additional Performance Security/Bid Security/Earnest Money from the bidder in Government order No.-16/2020/ए0-1-10 शा0स0 / दस-2020 dated 29-12-2020 is 31.12.2021. Therefore, in condition of the contract being formed after 31.12.2021. it is mandatory to provide Performance Security/Additional Performance Security as per GO No.-742 / 78-2-2018-42 आई0टी0 / 2017 टी0सी0-49 आई0टी0 & इलैक्ट्रानिक्स

(Brijesh Kumar Deepak) Construction Division-1, P.W.D., Mathura

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(Anand Kumar) Agra Circle, P.W.D.,

2. Time allowed for completion is including Rainy Season.

of E-tender portal Account (Non Refundable).

3. Bid document with detailed terms and conditions will be available online on website http:// etender.up.nic.in and Prahari (http://wms.upppwd.gov.in/Prahari) From 24-12-2021 to 30-12 2021. Bids must be submitted online only at e-tendering portal of http://etender.up.nic.in and Prahari App with all documents as per GO No 14/2020/879(1)/ 23-7/2020/176(L00)/06 Dt 25- 08-2020 on or before 12:30 Hours Dt. 30-12-2021. Technical Bid received online will be

opened on 31-12-2021 at 12:30 Hours. The prospective bidders who do not posses Digital Signature Certificate (DSC) must get the same issued from approved agencies before submission of bids.

Contractor should Quote their rates without G.S.T. which shall be paid extra as per applicable a the time of payment. Labour Cess @ 1.00% will be Deducted from contractors bill at the time of payment

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(1) Online Tender Cost towards the cost of bid document (As per Column 6) by Internet Banking of E- tender portal Account (Non Refundable). (2) Regarding the deposit of Performance security/Additional Performance Security/Bid security/Earnest Many from the bidder. It will be mandatory to submit an affidavit for the earnest money as per the instructions of ENC UP PWD Lucknow L. No. 3951/MT/General Section/60M.T./2020 Dated. 13/04/2021 and U.P. Government Lucknow GO No. 16/2020/A-

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UPID No. 172347 Date: 21.12.2021 www.up.gov.nic.ii

1- 10-Bharat Sarkar/10-2020 Dated, 29-12-2020.

(Brijesh Kumar Deepak) Executive Engineer Construction Division-1, P.W.D., Mathura

(Anand Kumar) Superintending Engineer Agra Circle, P.W.D.,

e-Procurement Cell

URBAN DEVELOPMENT & HOUSING DEPARTMENT NAGAR PARISHAD CHATRA JHARKHAND **Very Short e-procurement Notice**

e-Tender Reference No.- UDD/CH/NPC/05/2021-22 (2nd Call) Dated-22.12.2021 Sl. No. Particular Details Development of Shahid Binay Bharti Mega Park with Sports Name of Work Corridor under Nagar Parishad Chatra. (Part-1) Estimate Cost Earnest (Rs.) Money (Rs.) BOQ (Rs.) 4,72,51,000/- 4,72,600/- 10,000/-Completion 18 Months Date of Tender Uploading in 27.12.2021 at 11:00 AM Website- http://jharkhandtenders.gov.in Bid Submission Start Date & Time 27.12.2021 at 11:30 AM 03.01.2022 upto 5:00 PM Last Date/Time for Receipt of Bid Last Date for Received of EMD/Cost 04.01.2022 upto 5:00 PM, in the office of Executive Officer, Nagar of BOQ. Parishad, Chatra (Jharkhand) Date & Address for Opening 05.01.2022 upto 11:00 AM, in the office of Executive Officer, Technical Bid. Nagar Parishad, Chatra (Jharkhand) Name & Address of Office inviting Executive Officer, Nagar Parishad, Chatra (Jharkhand) Tender Contact No. of Procurement Office +91-8340343116

Helpline No. of e-Procurement Cell 0651-2480345 Any change can be seen on Website http://jharkhandtenders.gov.in Any other information can be seen on http://jharkhandtenders.gov.in

PR 259989 Urban Development(21-22)D

Executive Officer, Nagar Parishad Chatra

OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER **7[™] CIRCLE, PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT GOPESHWAR** Ph.No/Fax No: 01372-252173, Email : sepwdgope@rediffmail.com

National Competitive E-tender Notice Superintending Engineer, 7th Circle, P.W.D, Gopeshwar invites bid ON BEHALF OF Hon,ble Governor of Uttarakhand by e-tendering under two bid system for the following works Information regarding bid will be available from 27-

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S. N.	District	Name of Work	Amount of Earnest Money (Rs. Lakhs)	Cost of e-tender document	Validity of tender	Completion Period (in months)	Contractor's Category of Registration
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
1.	Chamoli	Surface Improvement by SDBC on Pokhari-Gopeshwar M/R (SH-35) Km 37 to 45. Under	3.98	5000+ GST	120 Days	9 months	Category B & above for Road works.

Before opening of Bid upto 3:00 PM. following documents to be submitted physically to this Office or of office the Executive Engineer, Provincial Division, P.W.D. Gopeshwar along with On-Line submission of the same:

F.DR. of Earnest Money 2021-22.

S.N. 7351/50Yatayat(Rudr)-7/2021 **E-Tendering**

- Rs. 100.00 Non-Judicial Stamp for Bid Validity with duly signature on revenew ticket. Required Category Registration Copy.

सहारनप्र

- Technical Bid.
- Disposal of tender will be as per Uttrakhand G.O.no-47/XXVII(7)32/2007 dt-02-04-2018.

Superintending Engineer Seventh Circle, P.W.D., Gopeshwar



Dated- 21.12.2021

Superintending Engineer, 7th Circle, Public Works Department, Gopeshwar on behalf of "Governor of Uttrakhand" invites tender by E- tendering under Two- Bid System for the following works. Information regarding bid will be available from 26-12-2021 on http://www.uktenders.gov.in

S. N.	Name of Work	Amount of Bid Security (Rs. Lakhs)	Validity of Tender	Cost of Tender Document	Completion Period (in months)	Contractor's Category of Registration
1.	Metalling and Painting of Sirai Nandwangaon Bhatwari Motor Road in Km 4, 5 and 6 Under State Sector in Block Jakholi in District Rudraprayag.	3.50	120 Days	5000+ 900.00 G.S.T.	9 Month	Category "B" and above for Road Work

Bid will be submitted online at website www.uktenders.gov.in.

One day before the opening of the e-tender, the following records will have to be physically submitted in this office or in the office of the Executive Engineer, Provincial Division Public Works Department, Rudraprayag by 3.00 pm and the following records will also be uploaded online.

FDR of earnest money pledged in favour of Superintending Engineer, 7th Circle, P.W.D., Gopeshwar. Seperate DD of tender cost and GST will be payable to Executive Engineer, PD. PWD, Rudraprayag. Rs. 100.00 non-judical stamp with Rs. 1.00 Revenue ticket duly signed for bid validity.

Required category Registration-copy.

Technicial Bid. Superintending Engineer

7th Circle. P.W.D., Gopeshwar कार्यालय कार्यपालन अभियन्ता

लोक स्वास्थ्य यांत्रिकी, खण्ड- कबीरधाम (छ.ग.)

निविदा आमंत्रण सूचना ऑनलाईन निविदाएं "प्रपत्र-ए" में प्रतिशत दर पर नीचे उल्लेखित कार्य के लिये DWSM, KABIRDHAM की ओर से

कार्यपालन अभियंता एवं सदस्य सचिव DWSM द्वारा एकीकृत पंजीयन व्यवस्था ई-रजिस्ट्रेशन निविदा आमंत्रित की जाती है।

कार्य का विवरण:- कबीरधाम जिले के विभिन्न विकासखण्डों में स्वीकृत रेट्रोफिटिंग नल जल प्रदाय योजनांतर्गत पेयजल प्रदाय एवं इत्यादि कार्य। विटा सचना क्रमांक निविदा योजना का नाम एवं विक

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151/Dt.14-12-2021	88827		115.73
152/Dt.14-12-2021	88828	विकासखंड बोड़ला के ग्राम उसरवाही मे रेट्रोफिटिंग नल जल प्रदाय पेयजल प्रदाय एवं इत्यादि कार्य।	88.32
153/Dt.15-12-2021	88830	विकासखंड बोड़ला के ग्राम बोदलपानी मे रेट्रोफिटिंग नल जल प्रदाय पेयजल प्रदाय इत्यादि कार्य।	123.76
154/Dt.15-12-2021	88835	विकासखंड बोड़ला के ग्राम अंजना मे रेट्रोफिटिंग नल जल प्रदाय पेयजल प्रदाय इत्यादि कार्य।	84.57
155/Dt.15-12-2021		विकासखंड बोड़ला के ग्राम जामुनपानी मे रेट्रोफिटिंग नल जल प्रदाय पेयजल प्रदाय इत्यादि कार्य।	135.48
156/Dt.15-12-2021	88926	विकासखंड कवर्धा के ग्राम सुरजपुरा मे रेट्रोफिटिंग नल जल प्रदाय पेयजल प्रदाय इत्यादि कार्य।	93.51
157/Dt.15-12-2021	88928	विकासखंड कवर्धा के ग्राम मोहगांव मे रेट्रोफिटिंग नल जल प्रदाय पेयजल प्रदाय इत्यादि कार्य।	126.02
158/Dt.15-12-2021	88930	विकासखंड कवर्धा के ग्राम लिटिपुर मे रेट्रोफिटिंग नल जल प्रदाय पेयजल प्रदाय इत्यादि कार्य।	106.10
159/Dt.15-12-2021	88947	विकासखंड स. लोहारा के ग्राम सिघौरी मे रेट्रोफिटिंग नल जल प्रदाय पेयजल प्रदाय इत्यादि कार्य।	99.26
160/Dt.15-12-2021	88948	विकासखंड कवर्धा के ग्राम खंडसरा मे रेट्रोफिटिंग नल जल प्रदाय पेयजल प्रदाय इत्यादि कार्य।	81.23

उपरोक्त निर्माण कार्यों की निविदा की सामान्य शर्ते, धरोहर राशि, विस्तृत निविदा विज्ञप्ति, निविदा दस्तावेज व अन्य जानकारी

ई-प्रक्योरमेंट वेब पोर्टल https://eproc.cgstate.gov.in से दिनांक 14.12.2021 से देखी जा सकती हैं। निविद डाउनलोड करने की अंतिम तिथि:- 05.01.2022

कार्यपालन अभियंता लोक स्वास्थ्य यांत्रिकी खण्ड, कबीरधाम (छ.ग.)



OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER 12th Circle P.W.D. Pauri

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etter No. 7250/141 Yata- 12/2021-22

Dated : 21-12-202 **Notice Inviting Tender**

Superintending Engineer, 12th Circle. Public Works Department Pauri on behalf of Hon'ble Governor of Uttarakhand, invites item rate e-tender (two bid system) of the following works. For further details please log in to http://www.uktenders.gov.in from 27-12-2021.

SI. No.	Name of Work	Earnest Money (in Rs Lakh)
1	2	3
1.	Package-I Resurfacing work with 25 mm SDBC in Pauri- Khirsu- Srinagar, MDR Km. 27 to 33 and, Km. 40 to 45. Total 13 Km(C.D.Srinagar) under SAS 2021-22.	4.50
2.	Package-II Resurfacing work with 25 mm SDBC in Sungarkhal Seekukhal Jwalpadevi Motor Road, MDR Km 5, 6, 7,8, 11,12, 14,22.23.24 Total 10 km (C.D.Pauri) under SAS 2021-22.	3.50
3.	Package-III I. Resurfacing work with 25 mm SDBC in Lansdowne Deriakhal Motor Road, MDR Km 8,9,10,11,12 Total = 5 km. (P.D.Lansdowne) under SAS 2021-22.	5.60
	II. Strengthening work by 25 mm SDBC in Dauntiyal-Chapdeth-Basda Motor Road, ODR Km 13 to 16 and 19 to 25 total 11 Km (C.D.Dugadda) under SAS 2021-22.	
4.	Package-IV Resurfacing work with 25 mm SDBC in Haldukhal Nainidanda Motor Rosd, State Highway 9 Km 197,198, 201 to 209, 213, 214, 215 total 14 Km (P.D.Lansdowne) under SAS 2021-22.	4.90
5.	Package V I. Resurfacing work with 25 mm SDBC in Thalisain Bungidhar- Deghat-Manilaa-Dountiyal Marchula Motor Road, State Highway-52 km 38 to 40, km 41 to 43, 46 and 48 to 50 Total 10 km.	9.40
	II. Resurfacing work with 25 mm SDBC in Late Shri Geetaram Pokhriyal Motor Road (Marchula-Saraikhet-Baijro-Pokhada-Satpuli Motor Road, State Highway -32 km 87, km 93 to 94, km 102 to 103, km 106 to 111 Total 11km	
	III. Resurfacing work with 25 mm-SDBC in Maithanaghat-Dhom-Jhakni-Takulsari-Rasiyamahadev Diwoli-Bandarkot-Nowlapur Motor Road, MDR Km 23 to 26, Km 30 to 31 Total 6 km. (C.D.Bajro) under SAS 2021-22	
6.	Package-VI 1. Resurfacing work with 25 mm-SDBC in Late Shri Jagmohan Singh Negi Motor Road, State Highway 09 Km 39, 40, 41, 47, 58 Total 5	3.30
	II. Resurfacing work by 25 mm SDBC in Yamkeshwar Link Road, Village Road Km 2 to 7 Total 6 (C.D.Dugadda) under SAS 2021-22.	

(C.D.Dugadda) under SAS 2021-22. Note: 1- For the above mentioned works, Tender Cost will be 5000+18% GST, Bid Validity-120 days and Time of

2-The Contractor should be registered in Class 'A' or in equivalent category in the road work in Central or State Government or its PSUs for the work mentioned at sl.no. 5. For remaining works, the Contractor should be registered in Class 'B' or in equivalent category in the road work in Central or State Government or its PSUs.

APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION



General public is hereby informed that an unidentified female namely Unknown, S/o: Unknown, R/o: Unknown was found dead on 14.12.2021 at 10:28 AM on KM Pole No. 1528/16-1528/18 in between Down Main Line Near Hari Nagar Ashram Flyover, Delhi. In this regard DD No. 8A dated 14.12.2021 has been lodged at Police

Station, Hazrat Nizamuddin Railway Station. Identification of unidentified female dead body is as under:

Name: Unknown, Age: 30/35 Years, Height: 5'1" Complexion: Wheatish, Injury: Face crushed, left leg chopped off and right hand broken, Wearing: Red Colour Suit, Yellow Shirt, Blue & Khaki Colour Two Salwar.

If anyone has any information or clue about this female deceased may kindly be inform undersigned.

Police Station, Hazrat Nizamuddin Railway Station Ph; 011-24356743, 24358593 DP/412/RLY/2021

APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION



General public is here by informed that an unidentified person (depicted in the photo) name: unknown, residence and family is unknown about 40-45 years of age was found dead at KM Pole No. 21/17 -21/19, UP Railway Line, Near Fatak No. 14, Holambi Kalan Railway Station, Delhi due to train accident on 19.12.2021. In this regard a DD No. 7A, dated 19.12.2021 U/S 174 Cr.PC has been registered at Police Station Subzi Mandi Railway Station, Delhi. Dead body has been preserved in Subzi Mandi

Mortuary for 72 hrs. for Identification. His physical description is as under:-

Sex: Male, Age: About 40-45 years, Height: 5'5" ft., Complexion: Wheatish, ID Mark: Tirath Ram is written on right hand, Injury Mark: Left hand and left leg broken, head injury & scratches on body, Wearing: Coca Cola colour Jersey & Grey colour Lower. Any person having any information or clue about the deceased may kindly inform to the undersigned on the following address or

P.S. Subzi Mandi Railway Station, Delhi Ph. No. 011-23692455 DP/420/RLY/2021 Mob. No- 9811998063

SEARCH FOR MISSING/KIDNAPPED



Teléphoné Numbers.

a girl (depicted in the photo), Namely: Geeta D/o Ramesh Chand R/o Plot No. 3, Gali No. 12, Press Enclave, Delhi has been missing/kidnapped since 19.10.2021 from the area of P.S. Ranhola, Delhi. In this regard a case vide DD No.76A dated 20.10.2021 has been lodged at Police Station Ranhola, Delhi. Her physical description is as Geeta under:-

General Public is hereby informed that

Age: 18 Years, Height: 5'6", Complexion: Wheatish. Face: Round, Wearing: White Colour Top & Jeans and White Colour Shoes in feet.

Any person having any information/ Clue about this missing/kidnapped girl, may inform SHO, Ranhola, Delhi at E-

mail Id-cic@cbi.gov.in or website: http://cbi.nic.in

Phone: 011-24368638, 24368641 Fax No. 011-24368639

DP/1306/OD/2021

SHO P.S. Ranhola, Delhi Outer Distt., Delhi Ph. No. 011-28363001, 28363003

JAMMU & KASHMIR

WATER RESOURCES REGULATORY AUTHORITY CAMP OFFICE: Syed Chowk, Brein Nishat, Srinagar-191121. Tele No. 0194-2461829, Fax No.: 2461867

Website: www.jkswrra.nic.in, E-mail: jkwrra@gmail.c **EXTENSION IN DATES FOR RECEIPT AND OPENING OF BIDS** -NIT NO. 01 OF JKWRRA OF OCTOBER 2021 DATED 29.10.2021 The schedule for receipt and opening of bids invited vide the above

e-NIT is extended and the revised schedule shall be as under a) Bid Submission End Date (Online) : 10.01.2022 at 1600 Hrs Clarification Start Date 27.12.2021 at 1030 Hrs Clarification End Date 31.12.2021 at 1600 Hrs.

d) Date of Opening of Technical Bid (Online)

11.01.2022 at 1500 Hrs Sd/-(Sukhpal Singh, KAS) Secretary J&K Water Resources Regulatory Authority

No.: JKWRRA/T-75/2021/1638 Date: 20.12.2021 DIPK-NB-6057

कार्यपालक अभियंता का कार्यालय

पथ निर्माण विभाग, पथ प्रमंडल, जामताडा ई-प्रोक्योरमेंट सूचना सं0 -06/2021-22

शुद्धि पत्र

अतिअल्पकालीन ई-प्रोक्योरमेंट सूचना सं0-06/ 2021-22 (PRNo.-259410 Road (21-22)-D के द्वारा कार्य Restoration of Submerssible type temporary hume pipe causeway on Rajia River in Rupnarayanpur-Jamtara-Govindpur road(via Pokhariya more) (km 46.54) for the Year 2021-22 हेतु निकाली गई निविदा में ई-निविदा का वेबसाईट पर प्रकाशन की तिथि अपरिहार्य कारणवश 20.12.2021 के स्थान पर 24.12.2021 एवं ई –निविदा प्राप्त करने की अंतिम तिथि 03.01.2022 के स्थान पर 08.01.2022 की जाती है। शेष शर्ते यथावत रहेंगें।

कार्यपालक अभियंता, पथ निर्माण विभाग, पथ प्रमंडल, जामताड़ा PR.NO.260011 Road(21-22):D

कार्यालय अस्पताल अधीक्षक दाऊ कल्याण सिंह स्नातकोत्तर संस्थान एवं अनुसंधान केन्द्र, डी.के.एस. भवन, रायपुर (छ.ग.)

क्रमांक/डी.के.एस./क्रय/2021/3800 रायपर दिनांक 20/12/2021

निविदा आमंत्रण सूचना

डी.के.एस. सुपरस्पेश्यिलटी चिकित्सालय रायपुर के विभागों के उपयोग हेतु IMPLANTS (Annexure-2) क्रय किया जाना है इस हेतु मोहरबंद निविदायें निर्माताओं तथा उनके अधिकृत विक्रेताओं (Dealers of Sub Dealers) से आमंत्रित की जाती है। निविदा प्रपत्र तथा शर्ते कार्यालयीन दिवस में प्रातः 11.00 बजे से संध्या 5.30 बजे तक आवेदन प्रस्तुत कर रुपये 1000.00 (रुपये एक हजार मात्र) का अधीक्षक, डी.के.एस. सुपरस्पेश्यिलटी चिकित्सालय रायपुर के नाम से देय डिमाण्ड ड्राफ्ट अथवा नकद जमा कर दिनांक 06.01.2022 तक कार्यालयीन दिवस में क्रय शाखा से प्राप्त किये जा सकते है,

जो वापसी योग्य नहीं है।	
1. निविदा प्रपत्र विक्रय की अंतिम ति	थि:- 06.01.2022 संध्या 5.30 बजे तव
2. निविदा जमा करने की अंतिम तिथि	i:- 13.01.2022 दोपहर 2.00 बजे तव
3. निविदा खोलने की अंतिम तिथि :-	13.01.2022 संध्या 4.00 बजे
4. निविदा जमा करने का स्थानः-	अस्पताल अधीक्षक,
	डी.के.एस. सुपरस्पेश्यिलटी
	चिकित्सालय रायपुर
5. निविदा कोलने का स्थानः-	अस्पताल अधीक्षक,
	डी.के.एस. सुपरस्पेश्यिलटी
	चिकित्सालय रायपुर
	अस्पताल अधीक्षक
	कल्याण सिंह स्नातकोत्तर संस्थान एवं
66070	अनुसंधान केन्द्र, रायपुर (छ.ग.)



BHARATIYA RESERVE BANK NOTE MUDRAN (P) LIMITED (Wholly owned subsidiary of Reserve Bank of India) P.O.: RBNML, Salboni - 721132, Paschim Medinipur, West Bengal ne No.: 03227-280176 / 280317; Fax No.:03227-28

OPEN TENDER ENQUIRY (OTE)/NATIONAL COMPETITIVE BIDDING (NCB) Tenders under Two Part bidding system are invited from experienced, resourceful reputed and bonafide Suppliers/Service Providers/Agencies/Contractors (as applicable) for the following:-

. CONSTRUCTION OF NURSERY SCHOOL BUILDING AT BRBNMPL SALBONI, TENDER NO. 016/SAL/MMD-CIVIL/2021-22. [ESTIMATED COST-₹3,87,08,000/-]

Last date of submission of the above tender is 25.01.2022 by 11:30 Hrs. Fo downloading tender documents and other details, kindly visit our website www.brbnmpl.co.in. Further extension or amendment/s, if any will be uploaded or our website only. General Manager



UJVN LIMITED

H.O.: "UJJWAL', Maharani Bagh, GMS Road, Dehradun-248006 Telephone.: 0135-2763808, Fax- 0135- 2763508, CIN No. U40101UR2001SGC025866, Website: www.ujvnl.com पत्रांक सं. 1021

E-Tender Notice

Office of the Executive Engineer (E&M -III), Vaysi Project, Dakpathar, UJVN Ltd. invites online bid from interested parties Brief summary ender is given below

NIT No: 06/EE(E&M-III)/VP/2021-22

Name of work: - Hiring one no. 32 (30+2) seater Bus for one year on contract basis for Transportation of staff of Vyasi Power Project Estimated cost: 3262860.00 (Taxes Extra)

Date of Availbility of bid document on website: 24.12.2021 from 11:00 hrs Last date for submission of bids on website: 13.01,2022 upto 17:00 hrs For fuller & further details kindly visit e-procurement portal http://uktenders.gov.in

> Executive Engineer (E&M-III) "Avoid wasteful use of Electricity

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THE BRAITHWAITE BURN AND JESSOP **CONSTRUCTION COMPANY LIMITED**

(A Government of India Enterprise Regd. Off.: 27, Rajendra Nath Mukherjee Road, Kolkata - 700 001 Phone No. (033) 2248-5841-44; Fax: (033) 2210-3961 E-mail: info.bbjconst@bbjconst.com; Website: www.bbjconst.com

NOTICE INVITING E-TENDER

e-Tenders are invited, UNDER TWO-BID SYSTEM, from reputed Agency for Supply, Fabrication & Transportation of Galvanized H-Beam Sleepers with all Fittings, Fixtures, Fastening and based on approved drawing & technica specifications

Bid No.: GEM/2021/B/1787990 Dated 22.12.2021; EMD: Rs.5,00,000/-Bid No.: GEM/2021/B/1788492 Dated 22.12.2021; EMD: Rs.5,00,000/-;

Tender documents may be downloaded from https://gem.gov.in and/o www.bbjconst.com (Bid ID: GEM/2021/B/1787990 & GEM/2021/B/1788492). -Bids (Two-Cover System) can be uploaded in GeM Portal up to 15:00 hrs. on or before 12.01.2022 and the opening of e-Bids (Technical) will be on 12.01.2022 at 15:30 hrs. "Corrigendum". if any, would appear only on the BBJ's website & GeM portal and not be published in any newspaper.

Govt. of Jharkhand OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER Field Survey Division, Advance Planning, Road Construction Department, Nirupan Bhawan, 4th floor, 56-Set Chowk, Doranda, Ranchi-834002 e-mail--- eercdapfsdran-jhr@nic.in

e-Procurement Very Short Notice 2nd Call

1-	Name of Work	ed 21.12.2021 Consultancy Consultancy services for preparation of
1-	Name of Work	complete Land Acquisition Plan with ownership
		details and preparation of cost of acquired land as
		per latest guidelines, Resettlement and
		Rehabilitation Plan & Forest Diversion Proposal as
		required for Maniadih to Sarra via Machhiyara Road
		at Dhanbad district in the State of Jharkhand, from
		Consultants empanelled in Category- I with the
		Road Construction Department, Government of
		Jharkhand vide letter no -686 dated 29-01-2019
2-	Tentative Length of Work	12.814km
3	Work completion time	30 Days
4	Date and Time of Publishing of	23.12.2021, 05.00 PM
	Tender on official website	
5-	Last date and Time of	30.12.2021, 12.30 PM
	submission of Tender (With	, in the second
	Tender Fee and EMD)	
6-	Date and Timing of Bid	31.12.2021, 12.30 PM
	opening	
7-	Tender Inviting Authority	Executive Engineer, Field Survey Division,
		Advance Planning, RCD, Ranchi, Nirupan Bhavan,
		56 set Chowk, Doranda, Ranchi- 834002, Mobile
		No-9431591027
8-	Bid Submission Address	Chief Engineer (Communication), Road
		Construction Department, 1st Floor, Engineer
		Hostel No-2, Dhurwa,Ranchi-834004
9-	Mode of Bid Submission	e-Tendering (http://jharkhandtenders.gov.in)
10	Previous PR No.	258211 Road (21-22)

For further information please go through the website http://jharkhandtenders.gov.in **Executive Engineer**

Field Survey Division, A.P Road Construction Department, Ranchi

NORTH CENTRAL RAILWAY

PR259995 (Road)21-22*D

	Tender Notice No: PRYJ/Br/L/2021-	-22/07 Office of the				
	Dated: 20.12.2021	Dy Chief Engineer/Br./Line/PR				
	E-Tendering Tender Notice					
Dy. Chief Engineer/Bridge/Line/North Central Railway/Prayagraj acting for behalf of the President of India, invites E-TENDERS on prescribed form following work up to 14:30 hrs. on 24.01.2022. The details of the Tender are						
	Tender No.	2021-09				

following work up to 14:30 hrs. on 24.01.2022. The details of the Tender are as under:-					
Tender No.	2021-09				
Name of Work	Supplying and installation of Automated water level gauge with solar power including maintenance and subscription charges for 01 years at Bridge No. 1139/1 (Dhasaan River LAR -KURJ section), Bridge No. 1006/1 (Narayan River, BIN-AGC Section), Bridge No. 1176/1 (Sindh River, BIN-AGC Section), Bridge No. 1275/2 (Yamuna River, JHS-CNB section), Bridge No. 1411/1 (Betwa River, JHS-MKP section), Bridge No. 1361/1 (Bagain River, JHS-MKP Section), Bridge No. 1361/1 (Bagain River, JHS-MKP Section), Bridge No. 1361/1 (Roari River, BIX-ETW Section), Bridge No. 1330/1 (Koari River, BIX-ETW Section), Bridge No. 1330/2 (Yamuna, River BIX-ETW Section) of JHS Division and Bridge No. 1333/2 (Yamuna, River BIX-ETW Section) of Agra Division (total 11 Nos.) over N.C. Railway.				
Approx. Cost of Work (Rs.)	₹ 1,13,54,728/-				
Earnest Money (Rs.)	Nil				
Cost of Tender Form (Rs.)	Nil				
Completion Period	06 Months				
Date of Opening of Tender	24.01.2022				
Eligibility Criteria for Similar work	Supply Installation, Testing and Commissioning of Automated Water Level gauge and its Integration with TMS, BMS & other applications				
Note:- Railway Board vide letter No.	2020/CE-I/CT/3E/GCC/Policy dtd 30 12 2020				

has advised that Ministry of Finance vide OM No. F.9/4/2020-PPD, dated 12.11.2020 titled "Bid Security / Earnest Money Deposit has advised to take from bidders Bid Security Declaration in lieu of Bid security / Earnest Money Deposit. The above instructions shall be followed for all works & services tenders on Indian Railways published on or after 18:00 hrs. of 16.01.2021 and shall be valid for all the tender issued till 31.12.2021 (including 31.12.2021).

(1) The complete information along with tender document of above E-Tenders shall be available on Website www.ireps.gov.in up to 14:30 hrs. upto the due date o tender opening i.e. 24.01.2022. (2) Bids other than in the form of E-Bids shall not be accepted against above tenders. For this purpose, vendors are required to ge registered with IREPS website along with Digital Signature Certificat ssued by CCA under IT Act-2000. (3) Rates entered into Financial Rate page and duly signed digitally shall be considered. Rates and any other financial entity in any other form / letter head if attached by vendors shall be straightway ignored and shall not be considered. (4) Document being attached should be signed by the tenderer or its body. **(5)** Payment of Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) in respect of e-tendering shall be accepted through net banking or payment gateway only. (6) In case of any difficulty helpdesk available on the website of IREPS may be approached. (7) Online tender can be submitted up to 14.30 hrs. on 24.01.2022. (8) Supplier of Goods and/o services would be the subject to GST Act, and Rules as applicable from time to time (9) The Tenderer has to submit necessary documents in compliance of clause 10 to 18 (Part-I) of GCC July'2020 mandatorily, otherwise offer will be considered as complete offer and accordingly shall not be considered.

f North central railways www.ncr.indianrailways.gov.in @CPRO NCR

OSBI

Networking & Communication Department, State Bank of India, Global IT-Centre, Sec-11, CBD Belapur, Navi Mumbai - 400614 NOTICE INVITING TENDER

RFP NO: SBI/GITC/NW&C/2021-22/814 Dated: 23.12.2021 Bids are invited by State Bank of India from the eligible bidders for PROCUREMENT OF 4G LTE CONNECTIVITY FOR OFFSITE ATMs. For details, please visit 'Procurement news' at https://www.sbi.co.in and e-Procurement agency portal https://etender.sbi/SBI/

Commencement of download of RFP: From 23.12.2021. ast date and time for submission of bids: 17.01.2022 up to 15:30 hrs.

Networking & Communication Department

Petronet LNG Limited

NOTICE INVITING TENDER (NIT) FOR SELECTION OF CONTRACTOR FOR SHIP-SHORE LINK SYSTEM UPGRADATION AT NORTH JETTY AT PETRONET LNG LIMITED, DAHEJ

nterested parties are requested to visit our website www.petronetIng.in fo detailed eligibility criteria along with other necessary details for issuance of

Note: PLL reserves the right not to issue the tender document and/or accept or eject any or all the bids at any stage of the process and/or modify the process vithout assigning any reasons on its sole discretion. No separate notification shall be issued in press. Bidders are requested to visit the website regularly to keep themselves updated.

Deputy Manager (C&P) PETRONET LNG LIMITED

GIDC Industrial Estate, Plot No. 7/A, Dahej, Taluka Vagra, Dist. Bharuch - 392130, Dahej, Gujarat, Tel No: 02641-670232/233/235/231 E-mail id: materials@petronetlng.in. sumitkumar@petronetlng.in



ग्रेटर नोएडा औद्योगिक विकास प्राधिकरण लाट नं.-1, नॉलेज पार्क-IV, ग्रेटर नोएडा सिटी,

नत्रांकः जी०एम०/(अभियन्त्रण)/2021/332ए

ई-निविदा आमंत्रण सूचना

नहाप्रबन्धक (अभियन्त्रण) ग्रेटर नोएडा औद्योगिक विकास प्राधिकरण द्वारा मुख्य कार्यपालव भ्रधिकारी, ग्रेटर नोएडा की ओर से ई–निविदा आमंत्रण सूचना संख्यां– जी०एम०,

(अभियन्त्रण)/2021/332 दिनांक 22.12.2021 के माध्यम से उल्लेखित क्रम संख्या-01 से 45								
पर अंकित कार्य की ई–निविदायें आमंत्रित की जाती है। समस्त नियम व शर्ते ग्रेटर नोएडा प्राधिकरण की वेबसाइट www.greaternoidaauthority.in पर ई–निविदा लिंक एव								
प्राथिकरण को पंषसाइट www.greaternoidaauthority.in पर इ—ानापदा लिक रूप ई—पोर्टल https://etender.up.nic.in पर उपलब्ध है किसी परिवर्तन, संशोधन व अतिरिक्त								
	ाओं के लिए उक्त वेबसाइटें देखते रहें ।	11-11-1-1-11-11-11-11-11-11-11-11-11-11						
क्र. स	काय का नाम/वक सकिल	अनुमानित लागत						
1	स्मार्ट विलेज जलपुरा (फेस-1) का विकास कार्य। (वर्क सर्किल-3)	रु० 570.82 लाख						
2	ग्रेटर नौएडा प्राधिकरण के कार्यालय में फसाड लाईट की आपूर्ति, स्थापना, परीक्षण, का कार्य एवं संचालन, अनुरक्षण कार्य । (वर्क सर्किल-ईएण्डएम-2)	रु० 514.76 লাख						
3	ग्राम इटैहरा में 6%, आबादी भूखण्डों का अवशेष विकास कार्य। (वर्क सर्किल-3)	ক০ 466.02 লাভ্ৰ						
4	सैक्टर एवं ग्राम की आन्तरिक सीवरेज सिस्टम (जोन-1) का 3 वर्ष तक अनुरक्षण कार्य (पार्ट-1) (वर्क सर्किल—सीवर)	ক০ 446.31 লাভ্ৰ						
5	सैक्टर ओमीक्रोन-3 की आन्तरिक सड़कों का रिसरफेसिंग कार्य। (वर्क सर्किल-6)	ক০ 444.43 লাভ্ৰ						
6	नवादा रोटरी से मढ़ैया रोटरी तक 60 मी० चौड़ी रोड एवं सेक्टर पाई-1, तथा पाई-2 के साथ 45 मी० चौड़ी रोड का तीन वर्ष तक अनुरक्षण का कार्य। (वर्क सर्किल-5)	ক০ 346.08 লাভ্র						
7	डेल्फी रोटरी से नटों की मढैया तक 60 मी० चौड़ी रोड (मेन कैरेज) एवं सैक्टर-36, 31, स्वर्ण नगरी, सिग्मा-1 तथा ईकोटैक साइड की सर्विस रोड का रिसरफेसिंग कार्य। (वर्क सर्किल-5)	ক০ 315.59 লাভ্র						
8	डेल्टा-1, 2 एवं 3 की 60 मी० चौड़ी पेरिफेरल रोड का तीन वर्ष तक अनुरक्षण का कार्य। (वर्क सर्किल-5)	ক০ 259.45 লাভ্ৰ						
9	सैक्टर बी.जेंड.पी. एरिया का 3 वर्ष का अनुरक्षण का कार्य। (वर्क सर्किल-4)	ক০ 249.05 লাভ্ৰ						
10	सैक्टर चाई—फाई में 80 मी०, 60 मी० एवं 45 मी० चौड़ी का 3 वर्ष का अनुरक्षण का कार्य। (वर्क सर्किल-4)	ক০ 224.54 লাভ্ৰ						
11	सैक्टर जू-3 का 3 वर्ष तक अनुरक्षण कार्य। (वर्क सर्किल-6)	ক০ 189.38 লাভ্ৰ						
12	रमार्ट विलेज अमीनाबाद उर्फ नियाना का विकास कार्य। (फेस-1) (वर्क सर्किल-8)	ক০ 174.19 লাভ্ৰ						
13	सैक्टर जीटा-1 व जीटा-1 के चारों तरफ का 3 वर्ष तक अनुरक्षण कार्य। (वर्क सर्किल-5)	ক০ 168.14 লাভ্ৰ						
14	सैक्टर–बीटा-1, बीटा-2, एल्फा-2, डेल्टा-2 एवं सैक्टर-36 में वेन्डर मार्केट/किसान मार्केट का निमार्ण कार्य। (वर्क सर्किल-5)	ক০ 161.25 লাভ্ৰ						
15	सैक्टर गामा-1 का 3 वर्ष तक अनुरक्षण कार्य। (वर्क सर्किल-5)	ক০ 157.29 লাভ্ৰ						
16	सैक्टर बीटा-1 का 3 वर्ष तक अनुरक्षण कार्य। (वर्क सर्किल-5)	ক০ 147.39 লাख						
17	सैक्टर बीटा-2 का 3 वर्ष तक अनुरक्षण कार्य। (वर्क सर्किल-5)	रु० 147.44 লাভ্র						
18	अमृतपुरम रोटरी से डेल्टा-2 रोटरी एवं अर्थोरिटी रोटरी से गोल्फ कोर्स रोटरी तक 60 मी० चौड़ी रोड का 3 वर्ष तक अनुरक्षण कार्य। (वर्क सर्किल-5)	কo 144.48 লাভ্ৰ						
19	ग्राम जुनपत में आर.सी.सी. ड्रेन एवं सी.सी. रोड का अवशेष कार्य। (वर्क सर्किल-6)	ক০ 140.53 লাভ্ৰ						
20	सैक्टर-36 का तीन वर्ष तक अनुरक्षण का कार्य। (वर्क सर्किल-5)	₹০ 137.12 লাख						
21	सैक्टर गामा-1, 2, अल्फा-1, 2, एवं डेल्टा-1, 2, 3 में वॉटर सप्लाई	रु० 136.15						

के लिए क्लोरिनेशन प्लांट की आपूर्ति एवं स्थापन (36 माह लाख ऑपरेशन एवं अनुरक्षण सहित) (जोन-1) (वर्क सर्किल–जल) 22 सैक्टर ज-1 का 3 वर्ष तक मरम्मत एवं अनरक्षण कार्य। ক৹ 114.98 लाख 23 सैक्टर-2 के पॉकेट—सी. एवं डी. की आन्तरिक सड़को का ে 112.53 रिसरफेसिंग का कार्य। (वर्क सर्किल-3) लाख 24 सैक्टर जू-3 के साथ 60 मी० चौड़ी रोड़ का 3 वर्ष तक अनुरक्ष ক৹ 111.62 कार्य। (वर्क सर्किल-6) लाख 25 सैक्टर सिग्मा-1 का 3 वर्ष तक अनुरक्षण कार्य। (वर्क सर्किल-5) হo 108.57 लाख 26 सैक्टर म्यू के साथ 60 मी० चौड़ी रोड़ का 3 वर्ष तक अनुरक्षण रु० 99.58 कार्य। (वर्क सर्किल-6) लाख 27 ग्राम हैबतपूर के 10%, आबादी भूखण्डों का अवशेष विकास कार्य रु० 92.28 (पार्ट-1)। (वर्क सर्किल-1) लाख 28 ग्राम सैनी में आर.सी.सी. रोड, ड्रेन एवं कल्वर्ट का अवशेष कार्य रु० 88.40 (वर्क सर्किल-2) लाख 29 सैक्टर बीटा-1 में सी– ब्लॉक की 18 मी० चौड़ी रोड़ के साथ रु० 71.90 आर.सी.सी. ड्रेन का निर्माण कार्य। (वर्क सर्किल-5) लाख | 30 | ग्रेटर नोएडा में जोन-2 एवं जोन-3 में वॉटर सप्लाई के विभिन्न रु० 62.13 रिधानों पर पम्प हाउस का मरम्मत कार्य। (वर्क सर्किल-जल) लाख 31 सैक्टर अल्फा-1 में कामर्शियल बेल्ट का तीन वर्ष तक अनुरक्षण रु० 60.35 (वर्क सर्किल-5) लाख 32 1 नग सी०एन०जी० विद्यत यॉत्रिक शवदाय संयत्र की मोक्ष धाम रु० 59.89 सफीपुर में आपूर्ति एवं स्थापना व तत्सम्बन्धित कार्य। लाख (वर्क सर्किल-4) 33 हिन्डन ब्रिज (कुलेसरा के पास) ग्रेटर नौएडा एन्ट्री प्वांइट पर रु० 56.16 मरम्मत एवं नवीनीकरण का कार्य। (वर्क सर्किल-3) लाख | 34 | सैक्टर ईकोटैक-8 का 3 वर्ष तक अनुरक्षण कार्य। (वर्क सर्किल-7) ক৹ 56.11 लाख 35 ग्राम पाली में शमशान घाट के लिए एक कमरा, शेड, चबूतरा एवं रु० 51.03 इण्टरलॉकिंग टाईल्स का कार्य। (वर्क सर्किल-6) लाख ग्राम मकोड़ा में सी.सी. रोड़ का मरम्मत कार्य। (वर्क सर्किल-6) रु० 48.09 लाख 37 सैक्टर ओमीक्रोन-3 के मध्य 60 मी० चौड़ी रोड़, सैक्टर म्यू एवं रु० 45.48 म्यू-२, सैक्टर रिक्रेशनल ग्रीन-5 सैक्टर म्यू-२ के साथ विविध लाख सिविल कार्य। (वर्क सर्किल-6) 38 ग्राम पाली में प्ले ग्राउन्ड का विकास कार्य। (वर्क सर्किल-6) ক৹ 40.74 लाख 39 ग्राम डेरीन में सी.सी. रोड़ एवं ड्रेन को ऊचा उठाने, रोड का रु० 38.85 मरम्मत कार्य। (वर्क सर्किल-3) लाख 40 ग्राम जैतपुर-वैशपुर, पाली पल्ला, मकोड़ा, जुनपत, मुबारकपुर, रु० 34.67 साकीपुर की स्ट्रीट लाईटों का 1 वर्ष का अनुरक्षण कार्य। लाख (वर्क सर्किल-ईएण्डएम-2) 41 सैक्टर म्य-2 में अफोर्डेबिल मकानों की (ग्राम के साथ की तरफ) रु० 29.63 वाउन्डीवॉल का अवशेष कार्य। (वर्क सर्किल-६) लाख 42 सैक्टर अल्फा-1 में स्टाफ क्वार्टरों का मरम्मत कार्य रु० 28.19 (वर्क सर्किल-5)

(अ) क्रम सं० 01 से 10 तक दिनांक— 23.12.2021 से 05.01.2022 को 5:00 बजे तक अपलोर किया जा सकता है। प्राप्त ई-निविदाओं की प्री-क्वालिफिकेशन दिनाक 07.01.2022 क 11:00 बजे तक खोली जाएगी. एवं कम सं० 11 से 23 तक दिनाक- 23.12.2021 र 03.01.2022 को 5:00 बजे तक अपलोड किया जा सकता है। प्राप्त ई-निविदाओं की प्री–क्वालीफिकेशन दिनांक 05.01.2022 को 11:00 बजे तक खोली जायेगी **।**

43 ग्राम धुमानिकपुर (डेरी मच्छा) के शमशान घाट में मरम्मत एवं

आर.सी.सी. प्रोटेक्शन वॉल का निर्माण का कार्य। (वर्क सर्किल-4)

44 बिल्डर्स एरिया में पी-7 में रोटरी आर-2 रोड़ के चारों ओर

45 ग्राम बिसरख जलालपुर में बारातघर का मरम्मत कार्य।

(वर्क सर्किल-3)

इण्टरलॉकिंग टाईल्स का कार्य। (वर्क सर्किल-2)

(ब) क्रम सं० 24 से 45 तक दिनाक—24.12.2021 से 03.01.2022 को 5:00 बजे तक अपलोड किया जा सकता है। प्राप्त ई-निविदाओं की प्री-क्वालिफिकेशन दिनांक 05.01.2022 को 11:00 बजे तक खोली जाएगी। महाप्रबंधक (अभियन्त्रण

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APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION

General public is hereby informed that one unidentified dead body of male Namely: Unknown, S/o: Unknown, R/o: Unknown, Age: about 45 years, Height: 5'6", Complexion: Shallow, Face: Oval, Built: Thin, Wearing: Black colour pant and black jacket and Sky blue Shirt, who was found at Rani Jhansi Road, Idgah Round about,



infront of Anjuman Hospital Delhi. In this regard a case DD No. 64-A dt. 14.12.2021 has been registered at P. S. Desh Bandhu Gupta Road, Delhi.

Any person having any information or clue about the above deceased may kindly inform to the undersigned on the following address or telephone nos.

P. S: Desh Bandhu Gupta Road Delhi DP/1152/CD/21 Tel. No.011-23537374, 23613252

APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION



General public is hereby informed that an unidentified male Age: About 40 years, Height: 5'5", Face: Oval, Build: Thin, Complexion: black, wearing light sky colour caller's T-Shirt, grev colour sweater and blue colour jeans was found unconscious on 19.12.2021 at Pandara Park, Opp. Sarvodaya Kanya Vidyalaya, Pandara Road, New

Delhi. He was admitted in Lady Harding Medical College Hospital, New Delhi where doctor declare him brought dead. In this regard DD No. 58-A dated 19.12.2021 has been lodged at P.S. Tilak Marg, New Delhi. The deadbody has been preserved for identification for 72 hours in the mortuary of Lady Harding Medical College Hospital, New Delhi.

Any person having any information or clue about the deceased may kindly inform to the undersigned on the following address or telephone nos.

SHO: P.S. Tilak Marg, New Delhi Ph.: 011-23382100, 23385571

SEARCH FOR MISSING/KIDNAPPED GIRL

General Public is hereby informed that one girl (depicted in the photo) namely Sejal Shukla D/o Krishna Kant Sukhla R/o H.No.44, Gali No.7/7, in front of Mother Dairy, Near Vikas Valley Public School, Vikas Nagar, Delhi Aged-20 Years has been reported missing/kidnapped since 20.10.2021 from the area of P.S. Ranhola, Delhi vide DD No.84A Dated 20.10.2021 registered at Police Station Ranhola,



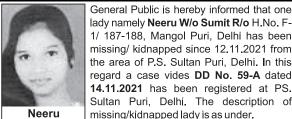
Sejal Shukla

Delhi. Her physical description is as under:-Complexion: Shallow, Height: 5'5", Face: Round Clothing: Grey coloured T-shirt, Black coloured pajami and

Slipper in Feet. Any person having any information/Clue about this missing/kidnapped girl, may inform SHO, Ranhola, Delhi at E-mail: cic@cbi.gov.in or website: http://cbi.nic.in

Tele No : 011-24368638 or 24368641 FAX No.: 011-24368639 SHO, Ranhola, Delhi Tel.: 011-28363001, 28363002, 28363003 DP/1303/OD/2021

SEARCH FOR MISSING/KIDNAPPED



missing/ kidnapped since 12.11.2021 from the area of P.S. Sultan Puri, Delhi, In this regard a case vides DD No. 59-A dated 14.11.2021 has been registered at PS. Sultan Puri, Delhi. The description of missing/kidnapped lady is as under.

Name: Neeru, Husband's Name: Sumit, Age: 23 years, Height: 4'0", Face: Oval, Complexion: Fair, Wearing Yellow colour Suit & Salwar and brown Colour sandal in

If anyone having any clue/information, kindly inform the undersigned.

Website: http://cbi.nic.in e-mail : cic@cbi.gov.in Fax : 011-24368639 Ph.: 011-24368638, 24368641 DP/1345/OD/2021

P.S., Sultan Puri, Delhi Ph.: 011-25472410 25472166

SEARCH FOR MISSING/KIDNAPPED WOMAN



this woman namely Neha Gupta W/o Shyam Gupta R/o H.No. RZF 355, Nihal Vihar, Delhi Age: 23 years, Height: 4'8", Face: Round, Complexion: Shallow, wearing pink colour suit-salwar and sandle in feet, has been missing/kidnapped alongwith her daughter namely Siya: Age: 3 years, since 04.12.2021 from

the area of P.S. Nihal Vihar, Delhi. In

this regard DD No. 49-A dated

General public is hereby informed that

07.12.2021 has been lodged at P.S. Nihal Vihar, Delhi. Any person having any information or clue about this missing/ kidnapped woman & her daughter may kindly inform to the following.

SIYA E-mail: cic@cbi.gov.in Website: http://cbi.nic.in Fax: 24368639. Tel.: 24368638/24368641

SHO: P.S. Nihal Vihar, Delhi, Ph.: 011-25946700. 25946710



अल्पकालीन ई–निविदा सूचना निम्नलिखित ई–निविदाएं सम्बन्धित क्षेत्रों की विद्युत आपूर्ति सुचारू रूप से बनाये रखने हेतु प्रस्तावित कार्य M&R/O&M मद में बाह्य एजेन्सी के माध्यम से कराने के कार्य। उक्त ई-निविदाओं का प्रथम एवं द्वितीय भाग www.etender.up.nic.in पर दिनांक 26.01.2022 को 12:00 बजे तक भरा जा सकता है। निविदा विशिष्टीकरण एवं अन्य नियम व शर्तें www.etender.up.nic.in/ www.pvvnl.org पर देखे। अधोहस्ताक्षरी को बिना कारण बताये ई-निविदा निरस्त करने का पूर्ण अधिकारी होगा एवं स्वयं को अपडेट रखने के लिये उपरोक्त वेबसाईट को नियमित रूप से देखते रहना चाहिए। 1:-ई-निविदा संख्या 59/2021-22:-अधिशार्स अभियन्ता, विद्युत वितरण खण्ड–द्वितीय, मुजफ्फरनगर के कार्य क्षेत्रान्तर्गत उपकेन्द्र बिरालसी पर स्थापित 11 केवी वी0सी0बी0 की मरम्मत का कार्य। 2:-ई-निविदा संख्या 60/2021-22: अधिशासी अभियन्ता, विद्युत वितरण खण्ड-द्वितीय, मुजफ्फरनगर के कार्य क्षेत्रान्तर्गत उपकेन्द्र दुधली गर स्थापित 11 केवी वी0सी0बी0 की मरम्मत का कार्य। नोट- प्रति ई-निविदा की धरोहर राशि रू 6000.00 व निविदा शुल्क रू. 1180.00, हस्ता./-अधीक्षण अभियन्ता विद्युत वितरण मण्डल-प्रथम, जफ्फरनगर, (राष्ट्र हित में बिजली बचायें) "Help line No. 1800-180-3002" पत्रांक 7643/वि.वि.मं.प्र.-मु.नगर/कैम्प, दिनांकः22/12/2021

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OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER RWSS DIVISION, RAIRANGPUR **INVITATION FOR BIDS**

E-mail-eerwss_rai@nic.in, eerwss.rai@gmail.com e-PROCUREMENT NOTICE

IDENTIFICATION No. 60 RWSS/RRPUR- 2021-2022/ Dated 21.12.2021 The Superintending Engineer, RWSS Division, Rairangpur on behalf of Governor of Odisha, invites percentage rate bids to be

received in online mode for the following works from the eligible experienced contractors in similar nature of work, registered with State Govt. & contractor of equivalent Grade/ class registered with Central Govt. / Railways.

1. Nature of work :- a) Execution of clubbed up PWS schemes to different villages of Bijatala, Bisoi, Bahalda, Jamda

& Tiring Block under RWS&S Division Rairangpur in the District of Mayurbhanj.

2. No. of packages : - 10(Ten) nos. :- 11(Eleven) months : - ₹10000.00 3. Period of Completion 4. Cost of tender

: - ₹ 372.16 Lakhs to - ₹ 446.25 : - (As mentioned in Tender Call Notice) . Estimated cost

. Class of Contractor

. Date and time of availability of bid documents in Portal: -from 10 hours of 30.12.2021 to 17.00 to hours of 17.01.2022

Receipt of bid cost, bid security, documents: - Online only

Date & time of opening of technical bid: - Dt. 18.01.2022 at 16.00 hours onwards.

10. Other Documents: - (As mentioned in DTCN)

11. The bidders have to participate in on-line bidding only. Further details can be seen from the website https://www.tendersodisha.gov.in

12. Any addendum / Corrigendum / Cancellation of tender can also be seen in the said website.

Superintending Enginee RWSS Division, Rairangpui OIPR-25010/11/0036/2122

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	No. Name of work		S. Name of Work Amount put E/Money to Tender (FMD)		Tender Fee (Non- Refundable)	Date of release of Tender /Tender Id.	Last date/time of receipt of tender				
ľ	1	Boring of tub Sadar Bazar	newells in Shastri Nagar Ward, AC-19 under EE (Central)-II.	₹ 49,20,250/-	onice	500/-	Dt. 21/12/2021 2021_DJB_213245_2	04/01/2022 Upto 3.00 PM			
			t of AC water main from A- 290 nastri Nagar, Sadar Bazar AC-		memorandum No. F.9/4/2020 PPD and DJB	500/-	Dt. 21/12/2021 2021_DJB_213245_6	04/01/2022 Upto 3.00 PM			
	3	300, 250, 20 with 300, 20 near Janta	t of old and damaged 450, 10, 150mm dia. C. I. water line 0, 150, 100mm dia. D. I. pipe Park UGR to 20 No. Road, Baljeet Nagar AC-24 under	₹ 32,89,532/-	endorsement No DJB 2020-21/ Misc- II (PT)/971 Dated. 23/12/2020	500/-	Dt. 21/12/2021 2021_DJB_213245_7	04/01/2022 Upto 3.00 PM			

Further details in this regard can be seen at. https://govtprocurement.delhi.gov.in SSUED BY P.R.O. (WATER)

Advt. No. J.S.V. 871 (2021-22)

Sd/- (P. C. Sharma) Asst. Executive Engineer(T)M-5

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MEGHALAYA INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT & FINANCE CORPORATION

No. MIDEC/REP/2821/92/1373 Dated Shillong the 22nd December, 2021 NOTICE INVITING REQUEST FOR PRPOSAL FOR SELECTION OF SERVICE PROVIDER FOR MEGHALAYA YOUTH ENGAGEMENT AND TRAINING

The Government of Meghalaya plans to implement foundational skill development program in all the districts and blocks of Meghalaya to a selected set of youth. For this purpose, Government of Meghalaya is keen to procure the services of an agency/firm.

MIDFC (on behalf of Government of Meghalaya) seeks proposals from above such agencies/firms that can provide soft skill & life skill training to a large section of youth of the state. The details of the eligibility, scope of work & selection methodology has been outlined in the RFP document.

Interested Parties are requested to download the Request for Proposal (RFP) document from http://mbda.gov.in/tenders and submit their RFP in prescribed format complete in all respect shall be submitted in the PDF files. The documents are to be sent to midfcmegh@gmail.com before the Proposal due date and time.

Hard copy of proposals shall be submitted on following address: Chief Operations Officer (C.O.O) Meghalaya Infrastructure Development Finance Corporation Ltd. (MIDFC) House No. L/A-56, Lower Nongrim Hills, Shillong East Khasi Hills Meghalaya-793003 (India)

Shri Rajeev Arora, Executive Director, Meghalaya Infrastructure Development Finance Corporation Ltd., Meghalaya House, Near Priya Cinema Hall, Kusum Pahari, Capt. Ribhu saxena marg, Vasant Vihar, Delhi-110057

Last date of submission of proposals is 13.01.2022 before 3:00 PM

For more details please visit http://www.mbda.gov.in

MIPR No. 1815

Chief Operations Officer (COO),MIDFC

झारखण्ड सरकार ग्रामीण कार्य विभाग मुख्य अभियंता का कार्यालय १०२, द्वितीय तल्ला, अभियंत्रण भवन, कचहरी रोड, राँची

<u>ई-निविदा आमंत्रण स्वना</u>

ई–निविदा संख्या:-140/2021-22/RWD/GIRIDIH दिनांक :- 22.12.2021 मुख्य अभियंता, ग्रामीण कार्य विभाग, झारखण्ड, राँची द्वारा निम्न विवरण के अनुसार e-procurement पद्धित से निविदा आमंत्रित की जाती है।

ानवर्ष जानात्रस वर्ग जाता है।							
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1.	RWD/ GIRIDIH/16/ 2021-22 बालगोविन्द मिश्र के घर से चैंगचाचो होते हुए सोनतिगढ़ी (सोनदिघी) नदी तक पथ निर्माण कार्य (ले– 2.400 कि०मी०)		2,14,03,900.00	दो करोड़ चौदह लाख तीन हजार नौ सौ रू० मात्र	12 माह		
2.	RWD/ GIRIDIH/17/ 2021-22	डोमाटांड़ जगदीश ठाकुर के घर से तिलैयाटांड़ भाया बजरंगबली मंदिर तक पथ निर्माण कार्य (लं– 2.000 कि०मी०)	1,25,29,100.00	एक करोड़ पच्चीस लाख उनतीस हजार एक सौ रू0 मात्र	09 माह		

- 2. वेबसाईट में निविदा प्रकाशन की तिथि:— 03.01.2022
- 3. ई—निविदा प्राप्ति की अंतिम तिथि एवं समय:— 14.01.2022 अपराहन 5.00 बजे |
- 4. (क) मुख्य अभियंता कार्यालय, ग्रामीण कार्य विभाग, अभियंत्रण भवन, कचहरी, राँची अथवा (ख) जिला नियंत्रण कक्ष, राँची ु अथवा **(ग)** जिला नियंत्रण कक्ष, **गिरिडीह** में से किसी भी कार्यालय में निविदा शुल्क, अग्रधन की राशि, शपथ पत्र के मूल प्रति एवं अपलोड किये गये तकनीकी योग्यता दस्तावेज की एक प्रति जमा करने की तिथि:— 17.01.2022 पूर्वाहन 10.00 बजे से अपराहन 3.30 बजे तक |
- 5. निविदा खोलने की तिथि एवं समय:— **18.01.2022** पूर्वाह्न 11.30 बजे |
- 6. निविदा आमंत्रित करने वाले पदाधिकारी का नाम एवं पता:— मुख्य अभियंता, ग्रामीण कार्य विभाग, 102, द्वितीय तल्ला, अभियंत्रण भवन, कचहरी चौक, राँची, झारखण्ड, पिन- 834001
- ई-निविदा प्रकोष्ठ का दूरभाष सं0- 0651-2207818
- निविदा शुल्क झारखण्ड राज्य में अवस्थित भारतीय स्टेट बैंक / अन्य राष्ट्रीयकृत बैंक द्वारा निविदाकार के नाम / अकाउंट से ही निर्गत बैंक ड्राफ्ट के रूप में कार्यपालक अभियंता, ग्रामीण कार्य विभाग, कार्य प्रमण्डल, गिरिडीह के पक्ष में एवं गिरिडीह में भुगतेय होगा जो लौटाया नहीं जायेगा।

विस्तृत जानकारी के लिए वेबसाईट jharkhandtenders.gov.in में देखा जा सकता है। नोडल पदाधिकारी ई-प्रोक्युर्मन्ट सेल PR260091 (Rural Work Department)21-22*D



NATIONAL BANK FOR AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT



Plot No. C-24, 'G' Block, Bandra-Kurla Complex, Bandra(E), Mumbai - 400 051.

ISSUE OF DUPLICATE BOND CERTIFICATE Notice is hereby given that the following Bhavishya Nirman Bond Certificates have been reported lost/misplaced/ not traceable by the bondholders, and NABARD intends to make payment/ issue duplicate certificates in lieu thereof, in due course.

Any person who has a valid claim on the said bond certificate should lodge such claim with NABARD at its Head Office address given above within 21 days herefrom:

Sl. No.	Name of the Investor / Bond holder	Allotment Date	Folio No.	No. of Bonds	Original Certificate No.
1	Prateek Jain	01-Aug-08	310496791	6	20080800005020
2	Anirban Chatterjee	01-Jul-08	310503240	35	20080700004072
3	Rohit Jaiswal (Deceased) Medha Jaiswal (Nominee)	01-Jan-09	310451002 (Deceased Id) 310451011 (Nominee Id)	5	20090100008871
4	Bharatbhai Makodbhai Vithani	31-Mar-09	310405191	5	20090300014802
5	Ashish Vishwanath Patil	01-Apr-10	311003938	20	2010040000000041
6	Malay Kamlesh Sevak	01-Nov-08	310471739	5	20081100007043
7	Ushma Chirag Desai	01-Jun-08	310515001	5	20080600002644
8	V. K. Sood, (Deceased), (Nominee - Kavita Sood)	01-Nov-07	310582417 (Deceased Id) 310751936 (Nominee Id)	1	20071100000950
9	Archana Sood, (Deceased), (Joint holder - Samit Sood)	01-Nov-07	310582395 (Deceased Id) 310582379 (Joint holder Id)	1	20071100000949
10	Samit Sood	01-Nov-07	310582379	1	20071100000948
11	Ananya Kiran	01-Oct-07	310605743	2	20071000000299
Place: N	Mumbai	1	1	I	y. General Manager

Date: 23/12/2021

NABARD

No 15141570M Rank HAV (Gnr Rajesh Kumar unit of 60 Medium **ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT** Regiment resident of VPO -Jol, PO-Mansai, Tehsil-Nadaun, Distt

aled Tenders for and on behalf of the President of India are invited by Divisiona Railway Manager (WA/C) Western Railway, Pratapnagar, Vadodara-390004 for the Approximate Earnest money

5.44.294.78	r. o.	Tender No. & Name of Work	cost of the work (in Rs.)	to be deposited (in Rs.)
Disinfection of U/G Sump, Overhead tanks and PVC tanks through mechanical means under the jurisdiction of SSE/W/PRTN for 2 years (4 times in a year). DRM BRC 135 of 2021-22			6,64,711.92	
5.44.294.78		Disinfection of U/G Sump, Over mechanical means under the jurisdic		
		DRM BRC 135 of 2021-22 Vadodara Division: - Annual	5,44,294.78	As per bid Security declaration

24 months under the jurisdiction of Senior Section Engineer (Work) Nadiad As per bid Security 3. DRM BRC 136 of 2021-22 61.49.052.00 Vadodara Division:- Provision of Indeclaration

3rd line of Tori - Shivpur section and any situ fabrication of Glued joints at various locations in Vadodara Division. As per bid Security 4. DRM BRC 137 of 2021-22 CEE/C/S/MHX" E-Tender No. 19,01,606.54 declaration Surat - Makarpura section:- Pre EL/C/S/MHX/ETEN/ 18/21-22, Approx and Post Tamping track measurement Survey using Timble Gedo Vorsys cost of the work :- 9,70,26,581/-, Cost trolley system in the jurisdiction of DEN(S) BRC. of Tender form : Rs. Nil, Availability of

DRM BRC 138 of 2021-22 67,69,280.00 tender : On IREPS website www.ireps.gov.in, Earnest money to be deposited :- Not Applicable. Completion period of the work: 06 months, Date and time for closing of Date and time for submission of tender and opening of e-tender: Tender is to be tender: 11.01.2022 at 12.00 hrs.

Dv. CEE/C/S/MHX. Patna PR/1400/CONS/ELEC/T/21-22/28

Hamirpur (H.P.) PIN- 177006 have

changed date of birth my wife Sunita

Devi from 17.07.1981 to 18.03.1979

vide affidavit no. AX155515 dated

09.12.2021 before Notary Public

EAST CENTRAL RAILWAY

e-TENDER NOTICE

S.No. (1) Name of the work with its

location:- "Design, Drawing,

Modification, Supply, Erection, Testing

and Commissioning of 25KV OHE

between Balumath-Kushmahi Including

other loacation under Dy

Suratgarh.

WESTERN RAILWAY-VADODARA DIVISION e-TENDER NOTICE NO. DRM-BRC 134 TO 138 OF 2021-22

	Tender No. & Name of Work	cost of the work (in Rs.)	to be deposited (in Rs.)			
	DRM BRC 134 of 2021-22 Pratapnagar (PRTN) Cleaning and	6,64,711.92	As per bid Security declaration			
Disinfection of U/G Sump, Overhead tanks and PVC tanks throug mechanical means under the jurisdiction of SSE/W/PRTN for 2 years (4 time in a year).						
	DRM BRC 135 of 2021-22 Vadodara Division:- Annual	5,44,294.78	As per bid Security declaration			

naintenance contract for cleaning of underground Drainage and manhole for

(Bridge Zone No.14 of 2021-22)-New Works and all ordinary repairs and maintenance work up to Rs. 5,00,000.00 of each for bridge work including Road Over Bridge under the jurisdiction of ADEN North) Bharuch.(Re-invited)(R-1)

submitted on 13.01.2022 before 15.00 Hrs. and is to be opened on same date at 15.30 Hrs. Website particulars and notice for location where complete details can be seen & Address of the office from where the tender form can be purchased: Website @www.ireps.gov.in Divisional Railway Manager (WA/C)Western Railway.
Pratapnagar, Vadodara-4. W/623/NIT of 2021-22 dated 21.12.2021

BRC-205 ıs: 🖪 www.facebook.com/WesternRly Follow us: ☑www.twitter.c

GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA "e" PROCUREMENT NOTICE OFFICE OF THE CHIEF CONSTRUCTION ENGINEER, KHORDHA (R&B) CIRCLE, KHORDHA WORKS DEPARTMENT Tender call Notice

E-mail: rbcirclekhurda@gmail.com stage rate hid in double cover system in ONLINE MODE form eligible

From 10.00 AM of Dt. 03.01.2022 to 05.00 PM of Dt. 18.01.2022

Bid Identification No. CCE-Khordha (R&B) Circle-17/2021-22 Memo No The Chief Construction Engineer, Khordha (R&B) Circle, Khordha on behalf of Go e Uniet Construction Engineer, Khordha (H&B) Circle, Kh ntractors for Buildings work as detailed in the table below Nature of Work

Building Works

 No of Work
 Tender Cost
 Class of Contractor 8 Nos Rs.10000.00 (On-Line) A Class , B Class , Special Class and Super Class

Available of Bid document in the Website

Last Date of receipt of tender
Date of opening of Bid

B-875

The Bidders have to participate in ONLINE bidding only. Further details can be seen from the Website: https://tender.org.nalso.be.seen.in.the.said.website.



Government of Odisha "e" Procurement Notice **WORKS DEPARTMENT**

Bid Identification No. C.C.E.K.C., Keonjhar No. 16 12021-22 e-mail: ccekeonjharpwdcircle@gmail.com/sekcpwd_keonjhar@yahoo.com

Letter No. 5140 dt. 15.12.2021 2 Nos Bridge/ Road Work

2. Estimated cost Rs. 209.47 Lakhs & 804.36 Lakhs 6 (Six) Calender Months & 11 (Eleven) Calender Months 3. Period of completion

 Date and Time of availability of Bid document in the portal
 Last date / Time for receipt of bids in the portal From 11.00 Hours of 27.12.2021 to 16.00 Hours of 12.01.2022 16.00 Hours of 12.01.2022

6. Date of opening of Bid from Portal 12.00 Hours on 13.01.2022

7. Name and address of the officer inviting Bid Chief Construction Engineer, Keonjhar (R&B) Circle, Keonjhar-758001 Further details can be seen from the e-procurement portal "http://tendersodisha.gov.in"

Chief Construction Engineer, Keonjhar (R&B) Circle, Keonjhar OIPR-34033/11/0019/2122



B-873

No of the work

SABARMATI RIVER FRONT DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION LTD. (SRFDCL) Azadi Office: 2nd Floor, "Riverfront House", B/H H.K. Arts College

Amrit Mahotsav Pramukh Swami Maharaj Marg. (Riverfront Road - West), Ahmedabad - 380009 Tel/ Fax: +91 - 79 - 26580430 • websites: www.sabarmatiriverfront.com PRESSION OF INTERES

SRFDCL invites Expression of Interest from the reputed, well-experienced (design of Irrigation structures and River Bridges) Consultants for the Consultancy services for designing of barrage cum bridge across the Sabarmati River connecting torrent power plant on west bank to camp Sadar bazar on east bank, Ahmedabad. Bid document is available on web sites: www.nprocure.com,

Interested consulting firms having similar experience are requested to submit the bid with required details up to 16.00 Hrs. January 18, 2022.

Date: 23-12-2021

SRFDCL

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Strates And	e-mail: delhija	lboardeesdw	<u>/i@gmail.com</u> : Ph. 011-2	9813170				
	PRESS NOTICE	INVITED T	ENDER NO: 13 (2021	<u>-22)</u>				
3.	Name of work	Estimated	Date of release of tender in	Last date / t	ime of receipt of			
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				Procurer	ment solution			

03.01.2022 at 01:00 PM 21.12.2021 at 04:07 PM mprovement & Servicing of 930 HP 11 KV (Tender ID : 2021 DJB 213211 1). Further details in this regard can be seen at (https://delhi.govtprocurement.com) (K. S. RAI)

ISSUED BY P.R.O. (WATER) Advt. No. J.S.V. 868 (2021-22

www.ahmedabadcity.gov.in or www.sabarmatiriverfront.com.

EXECUTIVÈ ENGINEER (SDW)-I STOP CORONA, WASH YOUR HANDS, WEAR MASK & MAINTAIN SOCIAL DISTANCE

KALYANA KARNATAKA ROAD TRANSPORT CORPORATION

Central Office, Sarige Sadana, Main Road, Kalaburagi-585102 No. KKRTC/Co/CSP/470/2021-22

"E"- AUCTION NOTICE

Scrap Vehicles and Materials available at various units of KKRTC will be sold through e- Auction to be conducted by M/s. M.S.T.C. (A Govt. of India undertaking), The e-Auction schedule is as under:-

Scrapped Materials: 10.01.2022 To 12.01.2022, Scrapped Vehicles: 13.01.2022 The interested Bidders may log on to www.mstccommerce.com for further details

and registration. They may also contact M/s. M.S.T.C. Ltd, at bellow mentioned address for needful clarification. Address: M/s. M.S.T.C. Ltd., No. 19/5, 19/6, 3rd Floor, Kareem Tower, Cunningham Road,

Bengaluru-560052, Contact phone Nos: 080-22260054, 22266417, 22287356, Fax No: 080-22256365. KKRTC Contact Phone Nos; 7760686172 / 7760992029

DIP/Kalaburagi/833/MC&A/2021-22

Station ('B'-Category)

Sd/- Controller of Stores and Purchases

Sunita Kumari spouse of No 15141570M Rank HAV (Gnr Rajesh Kumar resident of VPC -Jol, PO-Mansai, Tehsil-Nadaun. Distt -Hamirpur (H.P.) PIN- 177006 have changed my name from Sunita Kumari to Sunita Devi vide affidavit no. AX155512 dated 09.12.2021 before Notary Public

EAST CENTRAL RAILWAY

Suratgarh.

E - Tender Notice No. CE/2021/13, Date: 21.12.2021 E-Open tender No - 02216474SP to be opened on 13.01.2022 at 11.30 hr SN.-(01) Name of the work with its **location:-** Fabrication and Supply of : (1) I in 8.5 Diamond Crossing with double slip (Curved Switch) BG for 60 Kg Rails on PSC sleepers lay out with CMS Acute Crossing, Obtuse Crossing, Curve Switch and fastening to RDSO Drg. No. T-6494. (Complete set with fittings) Quantity- 15 Sets (2) I in 8.5 Diamond Crossing with single slip (Curved Switch) BG for 60 Kg Rails on PSC sleepers lay out with CMS Acute Crossing, Obtuse Crossing, Curve Switch and fastening to RDSO Drg. No. T-6493. (Complete set with fittings). Quantity- 13 Sets (3) I in 8.5 Diamond Crossing without slip BG for 60 Kg Rails on PSC sleepers lay out with CMS Acute Crossing, Obtuse Crossing and fastening to RDSO Drg. No. T-6492. (Complete set with fittings). Quantity-07 Sets. **Location-** Office of Principal Chief Engineer, East Central Railway Hajipur. **(02) Approx. cost of the** work: Rs. 8,79,50,415.91 (03) Earnest Money to be deposited: Nil (04) Date & Time for closing of tender and opening of tender: 11.30 Hrs. on 13.01.2022 (05) Website particulars where complete details of tender can be seen: Related tender documents can he seen or downloaded from website

http://www.ireps.gov.in. Dy. CE/TSP/HJP PR/1406/HQ/Engg./T/21-22/40

NORTH CENTRAL RAILWAY, PRAYAGRAJ First Corrigendum

Corrigendum No. 30212443 Date 22.12.2021. On behalf of the President of India, Principal Chief Materials Manager India, Principal Chief Materials Manager, North Central Railway, Prayagraj is issued a following corrigendum related to Tender Opening Date in EPS Advt. Tender No. 30212443A due on 28.12.2021 published against EPS Tender Notice No. 21/85 dated 03.12.2021 and RO No. 1266/21(AN). Tender No. 30212443A Particulars: Tender Opening Date From: 28.12.2021 To. 10.01.2022. Other Terms & Conditions of Tender remain unaltered

RailMadad Helpline No. 139 1266/21(AN)

दक्षिणांचल विद्युत वितरण निगम लि० CIN:U31200UP2003SGC027460

अल्पकाकीन ई-निविदा सूचना नेविदा सं0 145 / 2021—22—विद्युतं वितर खण्ड द्वितीय हाथरस के अन्तर्गत निजी नलकूप संयोजनों पर मीटर स्थापित करने का कार्य निविदा सं0 146/2021—22—विद्युत वितरः खण्ड तृतीय सासनी हाथरस के अन्तर्गत उपखण्ड प्रथम/चतुर्थ सिकन्द्राराङ / हसायन के क्षेत्रान्तर्गत निजी नलकू संयोजनों पर मीटर स्थापित करने का कार्य निविदा सं0 147/2021—22—विद्युत वितरप खण्ड तृतीय सासनी हाथरस के अन्तर्गत उपखण्ड द्वितीय/तृतीय सासनी /हाथरर जं0 के क्षेत्रान्तर्गत निजी नलकूप संयोजनों फ मीटर स्थापित करने का कार्य। निविदा सं 148 / 2021—22—विद्युत वितरण खण्ड चतुथ सादाबाद के अन्तर्गत निजी नलकूप संयोजने पर मीटर स्थापित करने का कार्य। निविद विक्रय तिथि एवं खुलने की दिनांक 10.01.202 अन्य सम्बन्धित जानकारी ई–प्रोक्योरमैंट पोर्टर https://etender.up.nic.in पर उपलब्ध है |

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ARMY PUBLIC SCHOOL (APS), NEW CANTT, ALLAHABAD Tele No: 0532-2420772, email: armyschoolalld@gmail.com School website: armypublicschoolalld.org

Sealed tenders for construction of activity room (Porta Cabin) at APS, New Cantt, Allahabad are invited on or before 13 Jan 2022. Details of tenders are at school website. PRINCIPAL

Notice Inviting Tenders (E-Tendering Process)						
SI.No	Tender Inviting Authority	Specification No	Total			
SE / Computer Centre		CC-26	1			
⊕ T.	AMIL NADU TRANSMI	SSION CORPORATION	N LTE			
2. CE / C / Transmission T-44						

DIPR / 4215 / Tender / 2021 "சோதனை கடந்து சுதந்திரம் அடைந்தோம், சாதனை புரிந்து சரித்திரம் படைப்போம்."

RESERVE BANK OF INDIA **ESTATE DEPARTMENT, PATNA**

Notice for e-Tender The Reserve Bank of India invites open e-tenders on MSTC portal from eligibl

Sanjiv Dayal

Regional Directo

contractors/firms for the following works: Last date for submissi S.No **Estimated Value** 1 Supply, Installation, Testing & commissioning Rs. 47.40 06.01.2022 (SITC) of Inverter technology floor standing Tower and split Air Conditioner for Bank's 14:00 hrs).

Please refer to our website <u>www.rbi.org.in</u> for further details.

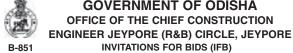
Main Office Premises at Patna

Date/दिनांक: 23.12.2021

State Bank of India LOCAL HEAD OFFICE, KOLKATA floor, Block-B, Samriddhi Bhavan, 1 Strand Road, Kolkata- 700001 Phone No. 033-22436677, e-mail: agmcivil,lhokol@sbi.co.in

PRE-QUALIFICATION OF CONSULTANT/ ARCHITECT CUM PMC FIRM State Bank of India (SBI) invites Expression of Interest from Architect/ consultant firm having minimum 7 years' experience in constructions of Offices Commercial Complexes, Hospitals, Bank Buildings, Institutional Buildings in sealed two envelopes system (technical bid and price bid) for the pre-qualification of Architectural/ Consultancy cum PMC firm through design empetition for rendering comprehensive Architectural Consultance for construction of Bank's buildings at Durgapur, West Bengal. The prequalification criteria, scope of the services to be offered, terms and conditions of appointment and the detailed format etc. for submission of the application form for the purpose can be downloaded from our website **www.sbi.co.in** under procurement news. Last date for submission of complete application form along with all attachments is on 20.01.2022 up to 5.00 PM.

Place - Kolkata Assistant General Manager (P&E) Date: 23.12.2021



INVITATIONS FOR BIDS (IFB) Bid Identification No. C.C.E.J..C (R&B)- 18/2021-22 Date. 18.12.2021 No. 5568

Nature of the work: BUILDING WORKS

GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF CONSTRUCTION

02 (Two) Nos.

Rs. 10,000/- Each

Rs. 100.94 Lakhs to 476.31 Lakhs.

07(Seven) Months to 08(Eight)Months

Bid Security Declaration (Schedule-K)

"B", "A" & "Special" Class according to

From 10 00 hours of 29 12 2021 to

Period of completion: 5. Cost of Bid Document: 6. Bid Security (EMD): Class of Contractor:

Total No. of Works

3 Estimated cost:

8. Date & time of availability of bid document in the portal:

9. Last date / Time for receipt of bids in the Portal: Opening date of Bid:

17.00 hours of 10.01.2022 17.00 hours of 10.01.2022 10.00 hours of 11.01.2022 Chief Construction Engineer Jeypore 11. Name and address of the

work

Officer Inviting Bid: (R&B) Circle, Jeypore Further details can be seen from the e-procurement portal https://tendersodisha.gov.in Any addendum / corrigendum / cancellation tender can also be seen in the said website only.

> Chief Construction Engineer Jeypore (R&B) Circle, Jeypore OIPR-34108/11/0023/2122

Bank of India

ZONAL OFFICE, PATNA ZONE

CORRIGENDUM

NORTHERN RAILWAY Tender Notice No.21-10-Parking-MB-C-21 Dated-21.12.2021 Sr. Divisional Commercial Manager, Northern Railway, Moradabad for & on behalf of the President of India, e-tender for the fol

S N	Name of Work & Place	Area (in sq-meter)	Reserve Price for 01 year (excluding GST)	Earnest Money (2% of reserve price of 3 years)	Completion of period	Cost of Tender Form (With 18% GST	Address of website from which tender documents can be downloaded	Last Date & time of submission
1.	Contract for Car Parking Stand at Bareilly Railway Station, ('A-1'-Category)	656.53 Sq-m	Rs. 1,87,452/-	Rs. 11,300/- to be paid through online payment gateway	3 Years	Rs. 2,360/- to be paid through online payment gateway		
2.	Contract for Car Parking Stand at Shahjahanpur Railway Station, ('A'-Category)	484.04 Sq - m	Rs. 1,95,840/-	Rs. 11,800/- to be paid through online payment gateway	3 Years	Rs. 2,360/- to be paid through online payment gateway		
3.	Contract for Cycle Scooter at Bulandshahar Railway Station ('D'-Category)	400 Sq - m	Rs. 18,396/-	Rs. 1,200/- to be paid through online payment gateway	3 Years	Rs. 1,180/- to be paid through online payment gateway	www.ireps.gov.in	Up to 14:00 hrs. on 13.01.2022
4.	Contract for Cycle Scooter Stand III at II Entry of Moradabad Railway Station ('A'-Category)	622 Sq - m	Rs. 2,85,000/-	Rs. 17,100/- to be paid through online payment gateway	3 Years	Rs. 2,360/- to be paid through on l ine payment gateway	(E-tendering mode)	and will be open on the same day
5.	Contract for Cycle Scooter Stand at Nagina Railway Station ('D'-Category)	160 Sq-m	Rs. 2,60,004/-	Rs. 15,600/- to be paid through online payment gateway	3 Years	Rs. 2,360/- to be paid through online payment gateway		
6.	Contract for Cycle Scooter Stand at Laksar Railway	132.02 Sq-m	Rs. 2,73,456/-	Rs. 16,500/- to be paid through online	3 Years	Rs. 2,360/- to be paid through online		

Note- 1. Single packet system shall be adopted in this tender. 2. In case of any difficulty helpdesk and learning centre available on the website IREPS may be approached. 3. Tenderer(s) are advised to read tender document carefully before participating in the tender. SERVING CUSTOMERS WITH A SMILE

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Please refer our published Sale Notice, dated 25.11.2021 in Indian express, Delhi Edition Sale Notice of Branch: Patna Recovery, M/s Vidyadaan, (i) Owner of Property: Arun Kumar Verma, Admeasuring 111.30 Sq.mt., Boundary: North East: Open at Gr. Floor, North West Flat No. G-302. South East: Tower-F South West: Common passage then Flat No. G-304, (ii) Owner of Property: Arun Kumar Verma, Admeasuring 250.83 Sq.mt. **Boundary:-** North: P/O others S.M. 45 ft., South: 25 ft. wide road S.M. 45

ft., East: P/O Sh. Surya Kumar Singh S.M., West: P/O others S.M. 60 ft. (iii) Owner of Property: Surya Kumar Singh, Admeasuring 195.00 Sq.mt., Boundary:- North L/O others S.M. 35 ft. Smt. Rukman Garg, South: 25 ft. wide road S.M. 35 ., East: L/O others S.M. 60 ft. Smt Rukmani Garg, West: P/O Dr. Arun Kumar Verma S.M. 60 ft. be read. Rest all the contents in the Newspaper regarding this will emain unchanged.

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Note: Gold, silver rates at Delhi spot market, gold per 10g, silver per 1 kg; Crude oil (Indian basket) as of December 22

② ₹60,498

SENSEX: 56,930.56 ▲ 611.55 (1.09%) NIFTY: 16,955.45 ▲ 184.60 (1.10%) NIKKEI: 28,562.21 ▲ 44.62 HANG SENG: 23,102.33 ▲ 131 FTSE: 7,298.66 ▲ 7,298.66 DAX: 15,471.70 ▲ 24.26

INTERVIEW WITH MINISTER OF ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

'Have 20-year roadmap for semiconductor units'

WITHIN A week of being approved by the Union Cabinet, the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology on Tuesday notified the new scheme for domestic manufacturing of semiconductor wafer fabrication facilities. There is significant interest, Minister of Electronics and Information Technology ASHWINI VAISHNAW said in an interview to AASHISH ARYAN. from both global and domestic companies. Edited excerpts:

There have been schemes to encourage domestic manufacturing of semiconductor chips and fabrication, which are very similar to what has been announced this time. Those schemes did not take off. What is different this time?

Three things are very different. The first is that today there is an ecosystem that can consume the chips which are manufactured. Electronic manufacturing is today a \$75-billion industry, on the way to becoming \$250 billion in 5 years. That is a very big difference. Secondly, all along, we had been thinking only of silicon fabrication. This time, the thought process is for the entire ecosystem, which includes silicon fabrication, display fabrication, 15-odd compound semiconductor fabrication and the entire design unit.

We were thinking of 50 companies, but looking at the response we are getting, we might go beyond 100 companies. Then there are the 85,000 semiconductor engineers. So, that is the second difference. The third is a commitment for 20 years. So, instead of a one-off project, here we are committing to the industry that we have a roadmap of 20 years, in which talent, more fabrication units, and co-operation with the states will be considered. It is not based on our thinking but the way the industry has given us feedback. There is very extensive consultation with the industry. designers, equipment manufacturers, state governments, con-



Ashwini Vaishnaw

How many applicants are you expecting overall?

In the silicon and display fabrication units, these are very bigticket items. That will always be a very limited area because there are only four or five companies who dominate this entire industry. But in the compound semiconductor and the ATMP (assembly, testing, marking and packaging) segment, which is what goes into automobile, power electronics, and telecom equipment, we might even exceed 15 applicants, which is

what we had targeted earlier. In design, of course, we had targeted 50 applications, but might get more than a hundred.

Semiconductors is a very niche industry. There are requirements such as extremely pure water. Are there any specific geographies you have in mind for the industries?

Ultra-pure water is always manufactured. So, wherever plant is put, it will be part of the unit. So, that is not geography dependent.

Double or triple redundant power is a design issue, which can be very easily handled. The third thing which people look for is high-tech engineers. So, what is the kind of facility that the applicant would be providing for them, and what kind of ambiance these engineers like to live in. That will also have a play in the decision for the unit.

There are some domestic companies such as Tata, which have expressed interest in semiconductor chip manufacturing. Is the Ministry consulting them?

All domestic companies interested in manufacturing these products have been consulted.

What will the scheme entail to support demand aggregation?

Luckily, electronics manufacturing is today a very well established industry. So, that is going to primarily have the consumption of these chips. The automobile industry, which is the second big consumer, is a highly organised industry. The power electronics industry, which is a bit fragmented at the lower voltage side, is again very organised at the larger level. And then there is the telecom equipment manufacturing.

These are the four large consumers. That is the level of aggregation. We will not be saying that we will buy and tell you the market, Our value add is more in guiding them. The industry itself is very organised.

Have any global companies shown interest?

It would be unfair to give any names. One prominent company said all the countries around the world are putting in multiples of tens of billions of dollars, which is par for the course. What we have done different, according to them, is the 85,000 semiconductor engineer commitment. For the second plant, and the subsequent growth, you need the local talent. Otherwise, how do you grow this Full interview on

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ZEEL, Sony seal deal to merge

ENSECONOMIC BUREAU MUMBAI, DECEMBER 22

THREE MONTHS after announcing a merger proposal, Sony Pictures Networks India Pvt Ltd (SPNI) and Zee Entertainment Enterprises Ltd (ZEEL) on Wednesday said they have signed definitive agreements to merge ZEEL with SPNI and combine their linear networks, digital assets, production operations and programme libraries.

The structure remains as per earlier announcement, with Sony holding 51 per cent stake in the entity and promoters holding 4 per cent while the rest will be held by the public. The merger proposal was first announced on September 22 after Invesco, the largest shareholder of ZEEL, sought an extraordinary general meeting of ZEEL for the removal of Punit Goenka, MD and CEO, and appointment of six directors. The agreements follow the conclusion of an exclusive negotiation period. After closing, the new combined company will be publicly listed. Under the terms of the definitive agreements, SPNI will have cash balance of \$1.5 billion at closing, including through infusion by current shareholders of SPNI and the promoters of ZEEL — the Subhash Chandra family.

Under the transactions contemplated by a non-compete agreement, Sony Pictures Entertainment (SPE), through a subsidiary, will pay a non-compete fee to certain promoters (founders) of ZEEL, which will be HOLDING PATTERN

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primary equity capital into SPNI, entitling the promoters of ZEEL to acquire shares of SPNI, which would eventually equal approximately 2.11 per cent of shares of the combined company on a postclosing basis. After the closing, SPE will indirectly hold a majority 50.86 per cent of the combined company, the promoters (founders) of ZEEL will hold 3.99 per cent and other shareholders 45.15 per cent. Goenka will be the combined company's managing director and CEO. The majority of the board of directors of the combined company will be nominated by Sony group and will include current SPNI MD and CEO N P Singh.

The promoters of ZEEL had agreed to limit the equity that they may own in the combined company to 20 per cent of its outstanding shares, "This construct does not provide the promoters of ZEEL any pre-emptive or other rights to acquire equity of the combined company from the Sony Group, the combined company or any other party...," it said.

Goenka said, "This merger presents a significant opportunity to jointly take the businesses to the

RULES KICK IN FROM JANUARY 1

Merchants to RBI: Not prepared, extend tokenisation deadline

GEORGE MATHEW & SUNNY VERMA

MUMBAI/NEW DELHI, DEC 22

WITH THOUSANDS of stakeholders yet to onboard the tokenisation platform and "RBI regulated entities not prepared" for the new initiative, digital payment firms and merchant bodies have petitioned the Reserve Bank of India to extend the deadline for implementation of the new credit and debit card data storage norms, or card-on-file tokenisation (CoF). The RBI mandate on tokenisation kicks in from

If implemented in the present state of readiness, the new RBI mandate could cause major disruptions and loss of revenue, especially for merchants, they said in a letter to the RBI. "Disruptions of this nature erode trust in digital payments and reverses consumer habits back towards cash-based Alliance of India (MPAI) and the Alliance of Digital India Foundation (ADIF) said in a joint letter. They have voiced their concerns over industry readiness on the RBI directive on card-on-file tokenisation and urged the central bank for an extension of the December 31 deadline for implementation of card data storage norms. Sources said some banks have also written to the RBI seeking extension of implementation of the new norms.

An estimated 5 million customers, who have stored their card

Amazon-Prione

New Delhi: Amazon said it

will acquire Prione, its JV with

'Amazon sues ED'

New Delhi: Amazon is taking

the ED to court, seeking to

quash a probe into one of its

2019 deals, a court filing

shows. Amazon and ED did

not respond to requests for

Washington: The US grew at a

New Delhi: HP has started

making PC products in India.

Bharat FIH IPO

New Delhi: Bharat FIH, an arm

of FIH Mobiles and a Foxconn

firm, has filed papers to raise

overRs5,000 crore via an IPO.

Brussels: The European

Commission proposed a

law that would implement

a global deal on minimum

tax rate. **REUTERS**

Minimum tax

2.3 per cent rate in Q3. AP

HP laptops

comment, **REUTERS**

US economy

Catamaran. PTI

BRIEFLY —

EXPLAINED Whatis tokenisation TOKENISATION REFERS to replacement of actual credit and debit card de-

tails with an alternate

code called the "token",

which will be unique for a

ken requestor and device.

combination of card, to-

details for online transactions on various platforms, could be impacted if the online players and merchants are not able to implement the changes at their backend. E-commerce platforms, online service providers and small merchants could be especially hit. Equated monthly instalments and subscription-based transactions that are paid through stored cards

Online merchants can lose up to 20-40 per cent of their revenues post December 31 due to tokenisation norms, and for many of them, especially smaller ones, this would sound the death knell, causing them to shut shop, according to participants at a virtual session on Digital Payments and the India Media Consumer by the CII's Media and Entertainment Committee on Wednesday.

"India has an estimated 98.5 crore cards, which are used for about 1.5 crore daily transactions worth Rs 4000 crore. The value of the Indian digital payments industry in 2020-21, as per RBI's annual report, was Rs 14,14,85,173 crore. Digital payments have triggered and sustained economic growth, especially through the trying times of the pandemic...While RBI's intent is to protect consumer interest, the challenge on ground pertains to implementation," the CII said in a statement, In September, the RBI prohibited merchants from storing customer card details on their servers with effect from January 1, and mandated adoption of CoF tokenisation as an alterna-

tive to card storage. Tokenisation refers to replacement of actual credit and debit card details with an alternate code called the "token", which will be unique for a combination of card, token requestor and device. A tokenised card transaction is considered safer as the actual card details are not shared with the merchant during transaction processing. ers who do not have the tokenisation facility will have to key in their name, 16-digit card number, expiry date and CVV each time they order something online.

Digital firms blamed the banks for laxity in implementing the RBI directive. "In the scenario that banks are lax on preparedness, the brunt of that will be borne by merchants in the form of loss of revenue. We are looking at revenue losses of anywhere between 20-40 per cent at the minimum should that be the case. It's also important to note that it's only after

the readiness of bank, card net-

works and API's are made available that merchants are even able to take effective measures on their part to comply," said Sijo Kuruvilla George, executive director, Alliance of Digital India Foundation, a think tank for India's digital start-ups. Stating that the "RBI regulated

entities are not prepared", the letter said the RBI policy change affects three major players: banks, intermediary payment systems and merchants. "Merchants cannot start the testing and certification of their payment processing systems until banks, card networks, and PA/PGs are certified and live with stable APIs for consumer-ready solutions," the joint letter said. The two bodies have sought a phased implementation of the new mandate, a minimum time frame of six months for merchants to comply post readiness of banks, card networks, and payment aggregators/payment gateways, as well as the generation of consumer policy change. They claimed in the letter that "RBI regulated entities are not prepared in the absence of a hard mandate to comply".

According to Vishal Mehta. Chair of Governing Council of the MPAI (a consortium of merchants that leverages digital payments), this unpreparedness will impact recent digital payments adopters even deeply. The frequency and intensity of phishing attempts will go as entire card details are to be entered for each transaction, causing significant rise in irreversible fraudulent transactions, Mehta said.

Kamath bets on digital supercycle Mumbai: National Bank for

Financing Infrastructure and Development Chairman K V Kamath said digital supercycle is going to be 20-25 per cent of economy over the next 3 years. This is in addition to the country's growth at 8-9 per cent, he said. ENS

2.0 and Swachh Survekshan 2022."

Adding 33 unicorns in a single year has helped India displace

'India goes past UK to be 3rd

top country hosting unicorns'

the UK to be third in a list of nations home to enterprises valued at over \$1 billion each, as per a Hurun Research Institute report India was placed fourth when

it comes to the number of unicorns last year

The US and China occupy first

'No longer appropriate to stick to policy stance'

MPC member Jayanth Varma said monetary policy

is not the right instrument to deal with Covid

ENSECONOMIC BUREAU MUMBAI, DECEMBER 22

RESERVE BANK of India's (RBI's) Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) member Jayanth Varma has said the monetary policy is not the right instrument to deal with the Covid pandemic and it's no longer appro-

priate to stick to the policy stance first adopted in May last year.

"I believe that monetary policy is no longer the right instrument to deal with the Covid-19 pan-

demic whose economic effects (as opposed to its health effects) have diminished greatly...," Varma said at the MPC meeting, according to

minutes released by the RBI.

said there is growing uncertainty over the evolving global macroeconomic outlook. On the domestic front, even as the prospects for economic activity are improving, there is still a slack with key drivers remaining below their pre-pandemic levels, Das said. Full report on www.indianexpress.com

KERALA WATER AUTHORITY e-Tender Notice

Tender No: e tender No. SE/PHC/KKD/26/2021-22. JJM 2021-22 - Phase II-Providing FHTC in Chelannur Grama Panchayath (Phase 2) by extending pipe lines from the pipe lines already laid under JICA Scheme and Phase 1 JJM. EMD : Rs. 500000. Tender fee : Rs. 15000. Last Date for submitting Tender 14-01-2022 05:00:pm. Phone: 0495 2371046. Website: www.kwa.kerala.gov.in, KWA-JB-GL-6-767-2021-22 PH Circle, Kozhikode

Rajasthan State Road Development And Construction Corporation Ltd., JAIPUR Date 21.12.' **निविदा सूचना**/2021-22 सरकार के अभियोत्रिकी विभागों द्वारा पंजीकृत एवं अनुभवी संवेदकों से निर्धारित प्रपत्र में ई-प्रोक्यूरमेन्ट प्रक्रिया of Haridev Joshi University of Journalism and Mass Com hmi Kalan, District Jaipur. UBN:RRC2122WLOB00487 ऑनलाईन निविदा प्रपत्र डाउनलोड करने की अवधि दिनांक 20.12.2021 प्रातः 09.00 बजे से 10.01.2022 सार्य

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office at Electric Sub-station, Knowledge Park-IV, Greater Noida - 201310 (U.P.)" for procurement of 50 MW non-solar renewable power during 01.05.2022 to 30.09.2022 as per the Guidelines of Ministry of Power, Go dated 30.03.2016. Bid Document is available on www.mstcecommerce.com. The Company reserves the right to reject all or any of the Bids or cancel the

bidding process at any stage without assigning any reasons whatsoever and without any liability. For any clarification, contact at e-mail id powertrading@noidapower.com or

Head (Power Purchase)

नगर निगम, प्रयागराज । अति- अल्पकालीन ईं-निविदा आमंत्रण सूचना

-नगर निगम, प्रयागराज द्वारा 80 कार्यों की ई-निविदा ट बिड सिस्टम के आधार पर दिनांक 03.01.2022 को अपरान्ह्र 3.00 बजे तक आमंत्रित की जाती है। जो कि दिनांक 03.01.2022 को ही सांय काल 4.00 बजे निविदा समिति के समक्ष खोली जायेगी। निविदा संबंधी समस्त वांछित विवरण यथा-कार्य का नाम, धरोह की धनराशि, निविदा शुल्क, कार्याविध एवं विस्तृत शर्तें इत्यादि ई-निविदा की वेबसाइ http://etender.up.nic.in पर अपलोड की गयी है। इच्छुक निविदादाता निविदा में नियम एवं शर्तों वे अनुसार उक्त वेबसाइट से दिनांकः 23.12.2021 की सांय 05:00 से डाउनलोड कर प्रतिभाग कर सकते हैं

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Rajasthan State Mines & Minerals Limited (A Government of Rajasthan Enterprise)

Description of Work NIT No. & Date Construction of Cement Concrete road from Peepli Tiraha -Tender no. to S-Curve and Repairing of Various BT Roads at Jhamarkotra Mines, Distt. Udaipur (Rajasthan) Contract value Rs. 390.00 Lacs,

ont-19/2021-22 ated 17.12.2021 BN No. EMD 7.80 Lacs, Tender Fees Rs. 4720/-ML2122WSOB00162 her terms & conditions have been given in detailed tender for which please visit us a

our website <u>www.rsmm.com</u> or <u>www.sppp.rajasthan.gov.in</u> or <u>eproc.rajasthan.gov.i</u> or contact GGM (Contract) on above address.

BRUHAT BENGALURU MAHANAGARA PALIKE Office of the Executive Engineer, Chamarajpet Division, BBMF Anganawadi Center, 2nd Main, T.R. Mill Road, Bengaluru-18 No.: EE/CMP/TEND/E-Proc/08/21-22 Date: 21.12.2021

INVITATION FOR SHORT TERM TENDER (IFT) (Two Cover System) (Through GOK e-Procurement Portal only) The Executive Engineer (Chamarajpet), BBMP, Bengaluru

invites tenders from eligible contractors registered in Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike or equivalent registration with CPWD / KPWD / Railways / MES / National Highway or any State Government Organizations for the construction of works detailed in the table below.

SI. No.	Name of the Work	Approximate Value of Works (Rs. in Lakhs)	EMD (in Rs.)
1	Digging and Commencing of 4 Borewells providing water supply connections for it, Repair and maintenance of existing borewells at Ward Jurisdiction at Ward No. 141.	60.00	1,20,000/-
2	Improvements flood damaged Lingayat burial ground premises and surrounding area in Ward No. 141 and Development for flood damaged burial ground premises balance portion work in Ward No. 141.	150.00	2,25,000/-

Calender of events: (1) Tender documents may be downloaded from the e-procurement portal of the Government of Karnataka from 27.12.2021. (2) Pre bid meeting: 07.01.2022 at 4:00 p.m. (3) Tenders must be submitted online through e-procurement portal on or before 4:00 p.m. on 11.01.2022 and the opening of tenders will be as per the e-procurement portal guidelines. (4) Opening of Technical bid document for two cover date 13.01.2022 at 4:15 p.m. (5) Opening of Financial bid document date 15.01.2022 at 4:15 p.m. Further details may be obtained from the above office during office hours or website https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in.

Sd/- Executive Engineer, Chamarajpet Division, BBMP

COVID-19. DO NOT PANIC, BE AWARE

New Delhi

Goyal calls for single identification number

ENSECONOMIC BUREAU NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 22

COMMERCE MINISTER Piyush Goyal on Wednesday called for the creation of a single identification number for businesses and individuals in place of the existing system requiring several identification numbers, such as Aadhaar, PAN and TAN, to make services available more auickly.

very logical. Right from Aadhaar, TAN, PAN and DIN number, we have so many numbers, can we not bring in something like an American social security number which covers so many things?' Goyal said. He added services like the DigiLocker and National Single Window System should be combined to reduce the need for unnecessary repetition of work for businesses.

PRE-BUDGET MEET: FM ENDS CONSULTATIONS

Economists: Focus on growth, reforms

New Delhi: Economists Wednesday called on the government to continue with bold reforms and keep up the focus on growth and reconstruction, sources said.

In a pre-Budget consultation meeting with Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman, some economists impressed upon the government not to unduly worry about the fiscal trajectory for FY23 and continue to bolster expenditure.With this, Sitharaman concluded her consultations for FY23 Budget on Wednesday



Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman at pre-Budget meeting. via @FinMinIndia

They presented suggestions, in-

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INVITATION OF TENDER

Agra Municipal Corporation invites online Technical and Financial Bids from eligible bidders to undertake "Selection of Project Management Consultant (PMC) for Swachh Bharat Mission

For detailed scope of work and tender conditions, prospective bidders may refer to RFP which can be downloaded from the web portal: https://etender.up.nic.in/AMC website: https://nagarnigamagra.com

	Nikhil Tikaram Funde (IAS)
Contact Person for any clarification	Executive Engineer, AMC, Contact No. 9319406016
Earnest Money Deposit (EMD)	Rs. 2 Lakhs
Cost of Tender Document (Non-Refundable)	Rs. 5000+18% GST
Financial Bid Opening Date and Time	Will be intimated later
Technical Bid Opening Date and Time	05/01/2021 at 2PM
Last Date and Time of Submission of Bid (Online)	05/01/2021 at 12PM
Pre-bid meeting Date & Venue	28/12/2021
Bid Document Download Date	23/12/2021
Date of Publishing of Bid	23/12/2021

cluding rationalisation of personal income-tax slabs and deepening the bond market. FE

CLASSIFIEDS & TENDERS

Classifieds

PERSONAL

I, Namrata Mathur W/O Naresh Seth R/o 1/1 Ram Kishore Road, Civil Lines, Delhi-110054, have changed my name and shall hereafter be Known as 0070766194-1 Namrata Seth.

I, Manoj Chauhan S/o Satyapal Chauhan R/o 19, Khirki Village, Malviya Nagar, Delhi-110017 have changed my name from Manoi Kumar to Manoi Chauhan for all future 0070766213-1

I, LAKSHMI PERLA Dependents of SANTOSH, President of H.NO.23-10-06, CHINNIPILLI STREET, VZM, A.P-535002 have changed my Name from LAKSHMI PERLA to PERLA LAKSHMI vide Affidavit dated 22-12-2021 before Baljit Singh (Notary) BCP Delhi.

0040596652-2

I, Komal Khanna W/o Manpreet Singh R/o GH-13/821 Paschim Vihar, Delhi-110087 have changed my name to Koma Kaur Gulati after marriage 0040596655-1

I, INDERJIT, S/O RAM DULARE, R/o FLAT.NO B-1201.NIRALA EDEN-PARK, AHINSA KHAND 2,

changed my name to INDERJEET YADAV. 0040596699-4 I, Babu Lal Sarose S/o Bhola Nath R/o 8-A, Navsena Apartments, West Enclave, Pitampura, Delhi declare that

INDIRAPURAM, GHAZIABAD,

UTTAR PRADESH 201014.

Babut at Sarose and Babut at Saroj is the same person that is 0040596653-1 I, Arfa Begum, W/o Amjad khan,R/o-B-84,Veena Enclave, Nangloi,N.Delhi -110041,Have

Changed my Name from Annu to ARFA BEGUM both are same person. 0040596674-5 I Usama S/o Mohammad Furqan R/o H.No.6798, Gali Beri Wali,

Ahata Kidara, Bara Hindu Rao, Delhi-110006 have changed my name to Mohammad Usama for all purposes. 0040596591-6

I Sonu Negi S/o Shri Mangal Singh Negi R/o Kamalpur Kamal Vihar, Gali No. 14, A-Block, Burari, Kamalpur Majra Burari, Delhi-110084 have changed my name to Sunil Negi 0040596645-1

I Shiy Bhayan Yaday S/o Sh. Dadu Lal Yadav R/o H.No.C-7/21, Behind Rajiv Gandhi Cancer Hospital, Sector-5, Rohini, Delhi-110085 declares that my name has been wrongly written as Shiv Bhawan Yadav in my PAN Card No.AAXPY6859Q instead of Shiv Bhavan Yadav. My correct name is Shiv Bhavan Yadav which may be amended accordingly. 0040596591-5

I Satya W/O Shri Mahender Kumar R/O DDA Flat no.2, Pocket-F. Shaikh Sarai Phase-I New Delhi-110017, Have changed my name from Satya to Satyawati for all future 0040596665-1 purposes.

I Sakshi D/O, Mahender Panwar R/o K-2, Vatika India Next, Sector 83 have changed my 0040596649-1 purposes

I Prashant S/O Ramesh Kumar R/O-221, Sector-9 Bahadurgarh, Jhajjar Haryana-124507, Have Changed my Name to Prashant Bhardwaj.

0040596685-8

I Nirmla Panchal W/o Om Parkash Panchal R/o.H.No.33. Gali No.2 Natthu Colony, Ballabgarh have changed my name to Nirmala Panchal.

0040596699-10

I Mukesh Kumar S/o Sh. Ram Swroop R/o 23/9, 3rd Floor, Old Rajinder Nagar, Central Delhi, Delhi-110060 have changed the name of my minor daughter from Pihu Bokolia to Priyavrinda Bokolia for all 0040596591-8 purposes.

I.Aman Dass S/o Munna Dass, R/o BE 165, USF Hari Nagar BE block Delhi, have changed my name to Aman Nick.

I Mahesh Kumar S/o Shri Mam Chand R/o H.No.72, New Rajdhani Enclave, Vikas Marg, Delhi-92, have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Mahesh Sharma, use for all purpose in future.

I HITHERTO KNOWN AS RAJINDER KAUR / SARABJEET KAUR W/O BALVINDER SINGH R/O H.NO.6/185, DDA FLATS, KALKAJI, NEW DELHI-110019, HAVE CHANGED MY NAME SHALL HEREAFTER BE KNOWN AS SARABJEET KAUR.

I Chandra Shekhar Ram S/O, Dukkhi Ram R/o 1199, 2nd Floor Dda Flats, Kondli Gharoli, Mayur Vihar, Phase-3, Delhi-110096 have changed my name

to Chandra Shekhar

I Abin Punnuse S/o Abraham Punnuse R/o H-6, Type-3, Mirdard Lane, MAMC Campus I.P.Estate, Central Delhi, Delhi-110002 have changed my name to Abin Abraham for all 0040596591-7 purposes.

I,SAJJAN KUMAR AGRAWAL S/O RAM KARAN DAS R/O A-8, SANGAM APARTMENT, SECTOR-9.ROHINI.DELHI-110085. CHANGED MY NAME TO SAJJAN We,Ranjana Ojha,W/O-Shailendra Kumar Oiha.S/O-Avadhesh Kumar Ojha,R/O-Hare Krishna Dham,B-2,Ashok Vihar, Phase-2, Delhi-110052, have changed name of our minor daughter DOB-29/10/2012 Ankita to Ritisha Ojha. 0040596674-2

It is for general information that I,Neeraj Gupta,W/o Late.Sumit Gupta R/o-D-71 Sector-12, Noida.U.P..declare that name of mine has been wrongly-written as Priyanka Gupta in my minor son Arush Gupta(14Years) School-Record.The actualname of mine is Neeraj Gupta, which may be amended 0040596671-10 accordingly.

I.hitherto known as Garima Sharma,D/o Bhagwan Das Arora, residing at, 6D, Block-B, SFS-Flats Fast-of-Kailash Shriniwaspuri, South-Delhi-110065, have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Garima Arora.

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I,Sohan Pal Singh S/o,Raj Kumar Tyagi R/o-WZ-12B, Gali-No.12, Ramgarh Colony, New Ramesh-Nagar, N.Delhi-15, have changed my name to Sohan Lal 0040596679-6

Mohd. Ayub Khan S/O Phuman R/O V-25, Sector-C, Bhagwati Vihar,Uttam Nagar,New Delhi-110059, Have Changed my Name to Ayub Khan.

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I,Shri kumar,S/o-Shiv Narayan, R/o-b-320, Dera Gazi Khan Parwana Road, Pitampura, Delhi-110034, have changed my name to Shashi Bhushan.

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I,Satvinder kaur,W/o-SH. Harvinder singh, R/o-A-241, J.J. Colony, Choukhandi, Tilak Nagar, Delhi-110018, Have Changed my Name from Jasvinder Kaur to Satvinder Kaur for all future purposes.

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I,Sanjay Kumar,S/O-Late Shri Dev Raj Bajaj,R/O-WZ-235, Street.No-04,Sri Nagar,Rani Bagh.Shakur Basti.Delhi-110034, have changed my name to Sanjay Bajaj. 0040596685-7

I,Sagar Rathee S/o Sh.Rajiv Rathee, H.No. 286/16, Jatwara Mohalla, 8-Biswa, Tehsil Bahadurgarh Distt. Jhajjar (Haryana), have changed my name,From sagar to sagar 0040596685-6 rathee.

I,SARITA W/O ANIL KUMAR SINGHAL R/O BH-14,EAST SHALIMAR BAGH, DELHI-110088. HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO SARITA DEVI SINGHAL 0040596679-4

I,Rita Srivastava,W/o Gaurav Srivastava R/o.WZ-22A, Third Floor, Gali.No-13, Krishna-Park, Tilak-Nagar, Delhi-110018, have changed my son's name from Aarvan Srivastava to Arvan Srivastava, for all Purposes.

I,Ranjeet Singh S/o Surender Jit Singh R/o-H.No.2 KH-9/10-9/11,Block-B,Gali No.10, Swaroop, Nagar Delhi-110042, changed my name to Ranjit

Singh.

I.Raiinder Kumar S/o-Banarsi Dass,R/o H.No.CGN-023,DLF Tower N.DLF Capital Green Phase-1,15 Shivaji-Marq Delhi-110015, have changed my name to Rajender Agga

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I,Paramjit Singh S/o Santokh Singh R/o A-57.Lok-Vihar. Pitampura, Delhi-110034, have changed my name to Paramjit Singh Gaba. 0040596699-2

I,Paramjeet Kaur,W/o Paramjit Singh,R/o A-57, Lok-Vihar, Pitampura, Delhi-110034, have changed my name to Paramjeet Kaur Gaba.

I,POOJA SONAVA,Spouse of, ASHISH SONAVA, resident of, VI+PO-BAMBORI TFH-CHOTTISADRI, DIST-PRATAPGARH, RAJASTHAN -312614, have changed my name, from POOJA SONAVA to POOJA PANCHOLI, videaffidavit, dated-22.12.2021.

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I.Nilesh Kumar S/o Chhote Lal R/o D-420, Madipur Colony, New Delhi-110063, have changed my name to Nilesh for 0040596679-8 all purposes.

I,Naresh Kumar,S/o Chottu Lal R/o F-185, Shakurpur Delhi-110034,Have lost my DDA And NOC Certificate Flat No. 132, Ground-Floor, Plot.No.21, Pocket-6,Nasirpur Dwarka Delhi. 0040596695-2

I.NISHA.W/O SURESH KORI. ADD-D-23,GALI NO-8.LAHARI COLONY, EAST ARJUN NAGAR SHAHDARA DELHI-110032, Changed my name to NISHA KORI, permanantly.

0040596683-7 **I,Ms.Natasha** Rajora,D/o-Sh.Ved Prakash, Mother Name-Sunita Rani, Birth Date-01-10-1994, aged-27,Birth place Rohtak (Haryana)R/o-H.No.1240,Vikas Marg,Sec-51,South city-II, Gurgaon,(Haryana),have changed my,name,from Natasha to Natasha Rajora, for all future purposes.

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I,Smriti Vig W/o Piyush Kapoor R/o-405, Sector-30, Faridabad have changed my name to Smriti Vig Kapoor after marriage. 0040596699-6

I,Manoj S/O-Ishwar Singh R/O,H.No-145, MCD-FLats Nimri Colony-2, Ashok-Vihar Ph-4,Delhi-110052,have changed my name to Manoj Choudhary.

I, Mohan Lal Bairwa, S/o Radhe Shvam Bairwa.R/o B-143. Gali.No.3, Mangla puri phase 2,Palam Colony,New Delhi-110045 changed my name to Mohan Lal. 0040596683-9

I,Mohammed Nasir Ansari,S/o Mohammed Hasim Ansari, R/o.B-2/51, B-Block, Gali No.11, Dashrath Puri, Delhi-110045, have changed my name to Md 0040596683-10

I,Manoj Kumar,R/o-2031,2ndfloor, Multani Mohalla, Ranibagh, delhi-110034 have changed my minor daughter's name,from Nishtha to 0040596685-4 Harshita.

I,Mahesh Aggarwal,S/o Satyapal Aggarwal R/o-91,1st-Floor, Type-4, North-West Moti-Bagh, Delhi, have changed my name to Mahesh Kumar 0040596699-7 Aggarwal.

I,MEENA RANI GUPTA W/O RAHUL GUPTA R/O 29 BLOCK BD PITAMPURA DEI HI-110088 HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO 0040596671-3 MEENA GUPTA.

I,LAL BACHCHAN,S/O DAMODAR,R/O RZ-26P/7A, GALI.NO-36, INDRA-PARK PALAM-COLONY.SOUTH WEST-DELHI-110045,inform That My correct-Name is LAL BACHCHAN AND RAJU MANDAL both are the same person. That My LIC-Policy No:330830023.

I,Kundan,S/o-Shashi Bhushan. R/o-B-320, Dera Gazi Khan Parwana Road, Pitampura,

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name to Kundan Kumar. 0040596685-2 IJugesh Chittorya,S/o Bhagwan Das Ho.No-84,UGF, Pkt-16, sector-20, Nithari, Rohini, New Delhi-110086.

Delhi-110034, have changed my

I,Jaskararn Singh S/O- Avtar Singh R/O-WZ-G/45.Sant-Nagar Extn Tilak-Nagar Delhi-110018, Have Changed My Name To Jaskaran Singh

changed my name to Jugesh

I,Japjeet Singh,S/O Sukhvinder Singh Dhaliwal R/O,K-4/11, Model Town-ii, Delhi-110009, have changed my name to Japjeet Singh Dhaliwal

I,INDRA KUMARI W/o-DEEPAK CHAUHAN R/o-256,VILLAGE-PASVARA TEHSIL-**GARHMUKTESHWAR HOLI** CHOUK BAHADUR-GARH

HAPUR, U.P-245208, Changed my name to INDRA CHAUHAN. 0040596699-1 I,Farha w/o Mohd.Irfan,R/O N-12, ground-floor, jagat Ram park,Laxmi-Nagar,Delhi-110092, have changed my

0040596683-5 I.FIROS BAGAM W/O ALLA WALA R/O 2204 RODGRAN LALKUAN

name, from Alnoor to Farha, for

all, future purposes

DELHI-6, HAVE CHAN GED MY NAME TO FIRDOS BEGUM.

0040596683-11 I.Dishita Bisht,D/o Sh.Karan Singh Bisht R/o.H.No.B-102, BPTP Park Serene, Sector-37D,Gurugram,Haryana-122001, have changed my name, from Dishita to Dishita

Bisht.for all purposes in future. 0040596695-3 I,Deepika Sharma,R/O-304, Arunodaya Apartments, Vikaspuri,New Delhi-110018,

have changed my Minor son's name, From Jai Amit Bakshi to Jai Sharma, for all purposes.

I,Deepika Amit Bakshi,D/O

Bhupender kumar Sharma R/O-304, Arunodaya Apartments, Vikaspuri.New Delhi-110018. have changed my name to Deepika Sharma,for all purposes. 0040596671-2

I.Chhava Hemraiani W/O. Aekaansh Punwani, have changed my name to Chya Punwani for all purposes post 0040596695-1 wedding.

I,Barkha W/o Pradeep Kumar Dubey,R/o E-43&42,E-Block, Mansarampark,Uttam Nagar, Delhi-59 have changed my name to Barkha Dubey.

I,BHUVAN CHANDRA,S/o Sh.

Sadanand Padeliya,R/o H.No.230, Street.No.11, Sant-Nagar, Burari, Delhi-110084,

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have changed my name, from BHUVAN CHANDRA to BHUVAN CHANDRA PADELIYA, for all, future purposes. 0040596685-5 **I,Ashok** Sharma S/o-Banwari Lal.R/o Flat.No.304.Tower-V3.

131028, have changed my name

to Ashok kumar,for all future

Kingsbury-Tower, tdi city, kundli,Sonipat,Haryana

purposes. I,Arjuman W/o Late.Mohd Jameel Siddiqui,R/o-181/4, 2nd-Floor, Zakir Nagar, Okhla, New Delhi-110025, changed my name Arjuman to Babra Siddiqui, for all future

purposes.

I.Anuradha Goel alias Anuradha Gupta Alias Radha Gupta, W/o-Pankaj Gupta and D/o-Shravan Goyal, R/o-H.No.3013/11 D, Gali.no.18,Ranjeet Nagar,Patel Nagar, S.O central, Delhi, Delhi-110008, have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Anuradha Gupta for future.

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I, Savitri Devi w/o Kundan Singh Rawat R/o H.No.50, Street no.19, Block C-1, Khajuri Khas, Delhi-110094, have changed my name to Savitri Devi Rawat for all future purposes. 0040596662-1

I,ATUL S/O RAM AWATAR R/o B-103, G-2, SURYA NAGAR, CHANDER NAGAR, GHAZIABAD (UP) have changed my name to ATUL UPADHYAY. 40596683-2

I,ANIL KUMAR TYAGI,S/O SUKHRAJ SINGH TYAGI R/O 272,BRAHMAN PARA,TOKH RAM KI-KOTHI, BURARI, DELHI-110084.CHANGED MY NAME TO 0040596685-1 ANIL KUMAR.

I,ANIL KUMAR S/O PREM CHAND R/O BH-14.EAST SHALIMAR BAGH,DELHI-110088.HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO ANIL KUMAR SINGHAL. 40596679-3

I,AAKRITI,D/O.VIJAY KUMAR, NAGAR, D.K MOHAN GARDEN WEST DELHI-110059, Changed my name to AAKRITI SAXENA, permanantly. 0040596683-4 , Vandana Panchal W/o Amit

Panchal R/o H.No.172, Gali

No.16, Onkar Nagar, Tri Nagar,

Delhi-110035, have changed my

name to VANDANA for all future 0070766207-1 purposes. I, Trishana D/o Anil Kumar,R/o H.No. B 31, Village Dayalpur, Karawal Nagar Delhi, have changed my name to Trishna

Choudhary. 0040596699-8 I. Satvanand S/O Jai Bhagwan Upadhayay, R/o Near S B College, Maula Bag, Arrah, Bhojpur, Nawada, Bihar-802301, have changed my name and shall hereafter be Known as Satyanand Upadhyay.

0070766195-1 I. S. K. Ansar Ali S/o, S.K. Hasen Ali R/o-3/1/A, Motinagar, N.Delhi-15, have changed myminor son's name Minhuz Ali to

Minhaj Ali.D.O.B.-01/06/2007. 0040596679-7 I, Renu Wadhwa, W/O Shri Vaibhav Wadhwa, R/O-F-25/141,Sector-3,Rohini,Delhi-110085, have changed my name

from Renu Bala to Renu

Wadhwa for all purposes. 0040596674-1

I, Ranjit Singh S/O Amar Singh, R/o RZ-324, HNo-321 To 333, Bhram Puri, Nangal Raya, South West Delhi-110046, have changed my name and shall hereafter be Known as Ranjieet 0070766193-1

I, Rajinder Kumar s/o Uttam Chand, R/o H.no. RZ-39A/1, Mahavir enclave, New Delhi, have changed my name to Rajinder Kumar Mehra, for all purposes. 0040596679-1

I.Adesh Jindal.R/o G6/25-26 Sector-11 Rohini Delhi-85, Change My Name to Adesh Kumar Gupta For All Purposes 0040596683-8

I, Raghbir Singh, S/O Shri Darshan Singh, R/O D-6/233, Sector-6, Rohini, Delhi-110085, $have\, changed\, my\, name\, to$ Raghubir Singh. 0040596674-3 I, RAVI KUMAR, S/O GAJAY SINGH,R/o Plot.No.324, SF-2, Gvan Khand-First. Indirapuram, Ghaziabad (UP) have changed my name to RAVI

SINGH. 0040596671-9 I, RAMA RAO PERLA Dependents of SANTOSH.P resident of H.NO.23-10-06, CHINNIPILLI STREET, VZM, A.P-535002 have changed my Name from RAMA RAO PERLA TO PERLA RAMARAO vide Affidavit dated 22-12-2021 before Baljit Singh (Notary)

I, Qyamuddin S/o Mehboob Ali R/o-7000, Gali Karkhane Wali. Beri Wala Bagh, Azad Market, Delhi-110006 have changed my name to Qayamuddin

I, Pallavi Singh D/O Rambali Singh, W/O Ariun Singh Chaudhary R/o Villa No-5, 3G Homes Crimson Villas Kadugodi Road Kadugodi Plantation Bengaluru Karnataka-560067, have $changed\,my\,name\,and\,shall$ hereafter be Known as Payal Singh. 0070766197-1

I, Narendra Kumar S/o Ashok Kumar R/o-5/33-5/33A, F/F, Gaiiu Katra, Shahdara, Delhi 110032 have changed my name to Narender Kumar.

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LOST & FOUND

It is notified for the public information that, my builder buver agreement.allotment $letter, letter \, of \, possession \,$ offered and, letter of acceptance of possession of property bearing,no.D-7/13,Exclusive-Floors,DLF Phase 5, Gurugram (Harayana) has been lost.If found,please return to Satyendra-Verma,D-7/13, Exclusive Floors, DLF. Phase 5, Gurugram (Harayana) .M/No.+91-9837008315.

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COURT NOTICE

IN THE COURT OF

Sh. Ajay Garg, ADJ-01, Patiala House Courts, New Dell GP-08/2021 Harjinder Kaur 🛛 Petitione he Secretary, Govt. of NCT o Delhi & Ors. ... Respondent The General Public Through State Govt. of NCT of Delhi Whereas a petition under section 8(2) of the Hindu minority and guardianship act 1890 for the permission to sell (share of the ninor) immovable property is D 81, Naraina Vihar, New Delhi 110028, has been filed. Notice is hereby given to the general public that any person having objection for granting permission to sell th aforementioned property may file the same in the court personal or through counsel on or befor

e next date of hearing

Given under my hand the seal of

22.01.2022

the court on the 21th day of December,2021. ADJ-01 Patiala House Courts New Delhi

LOST AND FOUND

ORIGINAL SALE DEED OF RESIDENTIAL PLOT BEARING NO. 121, ABHAY KHAND -2, ADMEASURING 162 SQ METERS, AKANKSHA RAJASV ADHIKAR SEHKARI AWAS SAMITI LIMITED GHAZIABAD BELONGING TO ME KASHI NATH SHUKLA S/O LATE SH KAILASH NATH SHUKLA, C 35. SECTOR 30 . NOIDA -20130 HAVE BEEN LOST. FIR HAS BEEN LODGED IN CRIME BRANCH DELHI POLICE VIDE LR No 1024994/2021 DATED 07/12 2021 FOUNDER MAY SEND TO KASHI NATH SHUKLA. C-35 SECTOR-30, NOIDA-201301 (M)-9971900294

PUBLIC NOTICE

ate Shri Pancha Ram, R/o Hou ate Shri Pancha Ram, R/o House, No. AD-33, Shalimar Bagh, Delhi 110088, has instructed me to notif, or general information that they nave severed forthwith all the relations with his son namely Shr Keshav Chand and his wife Mrs Seema Rani, from all his movable and immovable properties and immovable properties Anybody who deals with them ir any manner shall be doing so or is/her own responsibilities an my client shall not be responsible for their acts of omission and

KAMESHWAR PRATAP SING Ch. No. 438, Civil Wing Tis Hazari Courts, Delhi-5

PUBLIC NOTICE Mahesh Chand Sharma am the owner of Property bearing no 53, Pocket 13, Sector 3, Block C Rohini Pocket 13, Sector 3, Block C Rohini New Delhi. One of the original title deed of this property i.e Supplementary deed registered vide document no 21571 Book no 1, vol 2761 pages 197-198 at Sub registrar VI, Delhi on 27-09-2002 executed between H. S Sachdeva and Pushpa Singh (through her attorney Mithlleshi Sharma) and Mahesh Chand Sharma has been lost. An FIR has also been filled with Police in respect of the filled with Police in respect of the above lost original deed. I intend to create an equitable mortgage on the said property for a loan/credit facility from State Bank of India, SME NSP broach Br codo 04294.

ranch, Br code 04381.

Punit Jain (Advocate)

PUBLIC NOTICE My client Mohd. Iqbal S/o Mohd. Saddiq has lost the original last page of Conveyance Deed dated 02/06/2005 registered before the concern registrar vide Document no.5380 in Addl. Book registrar vide Document no.5380 in Addl. Book no. 1, Volume no. 1539 on page 3 to 4 registered on dated (2016/2005 executed by DDA in Isvour of Mohd. Iqbal Sio Mohd. Saddig, in respect of Property is DDA built up LIG Flat bearing no. 48-G on Third Floor, Block-R. Dilshad Garden, Delhi. Any person possessing the above said lost documents and using them in any manner will do so at his/her own cost and are legally liable. My client shall not be responsible for the said documents in any manner at any point of time. If Any person corporation/bank etc. has any claim to word the above said relevant property, the same should be lodged to me and also with the above staded branch of state bank of India. the above stated branch of state bank of India karkardooma within 15 days from the date of this publication, post expiration of which, any claim right, title, interest or objection, if resected eived shall be treated as null and void ar

hall be treated as waived. NARENDRA KUMAR, ADVOCAT CHAMBER NO. F-321, 3rd Floor DISTRIC COURT KARKARDOOMA DELH

PUBLIC NOTICE

Be, it known to general public at large, under instructions from and on behalf of my client, Smt. Anjana Aggarwal, W/o Sh. Praveen Kumar Aggarwal, R/O 983, Mohalla Ram Nagar, Gulaothi, District Bsr. U.P. Gulaothi, District Bsr. U.F. 245408, being the owner and is possession of the property bearing khasra no. 32/2, Gali No 2, Vilage Libaspur, Swaroo, Nagar, Delhi, that our client is the sole and absolute owner of the said property, as per the decre and judgment dated 09.11.201 and judgment dated 09.11.201.
passed by the court of LD. ASCJ
North, Rohini Courts in civil sui
no. CS SCJ 535131/2016, titler
as "Anjana Aggwral V Umakant"
The execution pending agains the same is pending before th the same is pending before the similar court. If anybody deals, executes any documents or takes over the possession of the said property, in any manner, he/she shall do so at his/her own risk, costs and consequences.

My client shall not in any manne liable and responsible for the TANU SINGHAI

PUBLIC NOTICE Re: Entire Ground Floor without roof/ terrace rights (the said floor), part of Property bearing No. 347A/2B, area measuring 100 sq. yds., Out of 200 sq yds.,, built on Plot No. 112, falling Khasra No. 1536/624, situated i Village Chandrawali alias Shahdai abadi Bhola Nath Nagar, R.S. Block Gali-No. 13, Illaga Shahdara, Delhi

same.

110032.

Notice is hereby given to the general public including Banks, Financial Institutions, etc., that our client, Mr. Pradeep Verma S/o Mr. Prabhu Dyal Verma R/o H. NO. 217/A Street NO-11 Bhola Nath Nagar Shahdara New Delhi 110032. (hereinafter called the "Purchaser" intends to purchase the said floor from Mrs Alk Bhatia W/o Mr. Avinash Bhatia R/o H. NC 382-A/5 Gali NO-02 Bhola Nath Naga Shahdara New Delhi-110032. (hereinafi called the "Seller"). In this connection, the sell favour in respect of the said floor and the said Deed is registered as Document No.1346 in Book No. 1, Volume No. 1768 pages 18-27, on 26/02/2019 in the office of concerned Sub-Registrar. The seller has further informed that initially, the said property was owned by Mr Shyama Saran Chatterjee and after his death, in terms of his Will, the property devolved on Mrs. Kashiwari Devi, (wife), Kumari Meera Chatterjee, (Daughter) , Mr. Shakti Dha Chatterjee, and Mr. Chandika Prashad Chattere (sons). Later on, Mrs Kashiwari Devi an Chatterjee. Mr Chandika Prashad Chatterj executed a Relinauishment Deed in favour o Mr Shakti Dhar Chatterjee vide Docum No.7151 dated 12/04/12 in respect of share in the said property. Thus, Mr Shak Dhar Chatterjee became the absolute owner o the said property. Shri Shakti Dhar also expire and in terms of his Will dated 12/04/2012. tl property was inherited by his son, h Shubobroto Chatterjee and thus, he became t owner of the said property and executed a Sale Deed in respect of said floor in favour of the seller. The seller has further informed our any litigation pending regarding the said floo

Any person including Bank/s, Financial Institution/s. relative/s having any claim, right, title or any interest of any nature whatsoever into or upon the aforesaid floor is hereby called upon to make the same known, in writing, with documentary evidence, by Registered AD Post, to the undersigned at the address mentioned herein below within 10 days. of publication of this notice and in the event no response having been received to the notice, the title of the seller to the said floor shall be deemed to be clear of any charge (encumbrance of any nature whatso anv subsequent cláim shall not bind o

> Amit Kumar Khurar M/s Intellective Law Offices A-74, LGF, Defence Colony, New Delhi -110024.

PUBLIC NOTICE

General Public is hereby informed that my Client Mr. Victor Masih, S./o Late Mr. Vasuff Mr. Vasu

PUBLIC NOTICE

Or Client, Nirmala Verma w/o

Dinesh Verma R/o J-94, Gali No. 5-A, J Block, Laxmi Nagar Delhi-92 is withdrawing the Delhi-92 is withdrawing the debar notice of her son Ritesh Verma published in The Hindu and Veer Arjun newspaper on 29/05/2019. From Today Ritesh Verma is legal heir of my client & has interest in her all movable and immovable properties. Deepak Bhargava (Advocate Delhi High Court Add: 98, Krishan Kunj, Laxmi nagar, Delhi-110092

PUBLIC NOTICE

PUBLIC NOTICE

I, NEELAM GOEL wife of late Sh. Suresh Goel, resident of D-795, Saraswati Vihar, Pitampura, Delhi is the owner and in possession of Property No.795, in Block-D, land area measuring 191.66 sq.yds., situated at Saraswati Vihar, Pitampura, Delhi. One WILL dated 03.03.1987 executed by Sh. Bamwari Lal Sehgal, in the previous chain/documents pertaining to the said property has been lost/misplaced and not traceable till date against which the Complaint has been lodged vide LR No.1070833/2021 on 18.12.2021 if any body found, the same may be submitted or contact to me.

PUBLIC NOTICE Be it known to general public at large that my client **Kewal Krishan S/o Late**

Sh. Lal Chand and Shukla Rani W/o Kewal Krishan both R/o B-2/438 Yamuna Vihar, Delhi-110053 have severed their all relations and disowned their son Sumit Bhatia and his wife Soni Bhatia and Grandson Krishana Bhatia from their all movable and immovable properties due to their bad behaviour & misconduct Any person(s) deals with them shall be doing at his/her own risk & responsibilities S.K. Gupta (Advocate

Ch.No. D-209, Karkardooma Court, Delhi

below:-

PUBLIC NOTICE General Public is hereby informed tha under instructions from and on behalf or under instructions from and on behalf o my client SUBRAMANYAM S/o Late Kaveri, R/o E-504, DDA Colony, Khyala New Delhi-110018 have disowned lebarred/discard his Daughter SAVITA rom all his immovable properties and noveable assets, & severed al elations with her due to her dis bedience and mis-behavior. Any bod dealing with her, will do at his/her/thei own risks, costs and responsibility and my client and all his other famil mbers shall not be responsible fo acts done by themselves J.C. Trikha (Advocate) Ch. No.M-4 Tis Hazari Courts, Delhi-54

PUBLIC NOTICE It is for the information of the General Public that my client namely Sh. Vinod Kumar Slo Chander Bhan and his wife Babita, both R/o 1808 A/39, Joor Bagh, Tril Nagar, Delhi-110035 have disowned their both son Sh. Jay Basoya and his wife Sonu A Komat and Mukung Basoya and his wife Sonu @ Komal and Mukund Basoya and his wife Monika, from their all movable and immovable properties and have severed all relations from them. Anybody dealing with them shall do so at his/her/their own risk, cost and consequences and my clients will not be responsible for any act. ed or dealing done by them

PUBLIC NOTICE

GAURAV AHLAWA CHAMBER NO 80 DWARKA COURT COMPLE SECTOR- 10 DWARKA NEW DELI

PUBLIC NOTICE Rai Krishan, R/o C-775, Vika declare that the document

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NOTICE INVITING E-TENDER

Arsenal's ads for crypto 'fan tokens' banned in Britain

ASSOCIATED PRESS LONDON, DECEMBER 22

PREMIER LEAGUE club Arsenal's promotion of fan tokens broke advertising regulations and have been banned in Britain for taking advantage of consumers' inexperience in cryptocurrencies.

The London team said fan tokens were used to encourage participation and were different to cryptocurrencies, which are virtual currencies used as a means of

The Facebook and website posts included a video featuring players Ben White, Calum Chambers and Kieran Tierney.

The Advertising Standards Authority said in an announcement Wednesday the ads took advantage of consumers' inexperience or credulity and trivialized investment in crypto assets, failed to illustrate the risk of the investment and did not make clear the "token" through the Socios company was a crypto asset, which could only be obtained by opening an account and exchanging with another cryptocurrency.

Token buyers can also make money in return by trading the digital assets at a price determined by the market's supply and demand, and ultimately by the team's performances and actions, so can fluctuate significantly

Owners can sell and trade their tokens using Chiliz, one of the many cryptocurrencies based on blockchain technology.

Socios lists almost 50 partnerships with clubs, including Premier League champion Manchester City, Barcelona, Juventus and Paris Saint-Germain. The clubs and Socios tout the tokens as a means of giving fans a say in decision-making but that is often reduced to votes on which songs to play ahead of games rather than anything substantial.

However, some of the clubs have faced issues given the lack of regulation of the space. Last month, Manchester City suspended a partnership with a cryptocurrency startup named 3Key that appeared to have a minimal corporate presence.

Britain's Financial Conduct Authority categorizes the tokens as crypto assets, a complex and sophisticated investment subject to frequent change in value and one that could potentially lead to large losses.

"We acknowledged that the ads did not promote the fan tokens as an investment or financial product," the advertising watchdog, the ASA, said. "However, the product was a crypto asset regardless of how it was promoted and the ads did not contain any information that capital gains tax (CGT) could be payable on profits from

What are 'fan tokens' and why supporters buy them?

FAN TOKENS are a type of NFT (nonfungible token) which is a digital-only asset. Like Bitcoin and similar digital currencies, fan tokens are volatile assets and their value can drastically change overnight.

Fans can purchase said crypto tokens with real-world money to gain access to exclusive content and augmented-reality games. Among other rewards and perks, the fan token holders also get to vote on mostly minor decisions related to their clubs. These fan tokens are created by a crypto platform called Socios. According to the Socios website, fan tokens "give you the status of a true influencer. Step up and help your team take the right decisions by voting on all their official polls..."

Earlier this year, Lionel Messi's signing on fee at Paris St Germain includes some of the French club's cryptocurrency fan tokens. Using these tokens, fans can vote on decisions including kit designs, goal music and the team's destination for a pre-season tour.

investing in crypto assets. We therefore considered the potential tax implications were not made sufficiently clear to consumers considering investing in it."

The club said it promoted the tokens responsibly by reminding fans they only needed one token to vote in decisions, and that they should only purchase what they could afford. It also urged buyers to seek independent financial advice if required.

The ads trivialized investment in crypto assets and took advantage of consumers' inexperience or credulity by not making clear that CGT could be payable on profits from investing," the ASA said. "We concluded the ads were irresponsible and breached the code."

The Arsenal Supporters' Trust has previously raised concerns about the Socios

Bronze comes with a reality Zverev predicts forming Big 3 check for Indian hockey

Asian Champions Trophy result shows path ahead won't be straightforward

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE DECEMBER 22

THE ASIAN Champions Trophy might lack an overall context but for India, the last one week has shown that their path to an Asian Games gold, and through that to the Paris Olympics, won't be as straightforward as many would have imagined.

On almost all counts - be it depth of talent or the amount of investment, the number of matches they play or the scale of recent achievements - the Tokyo Olympics bronze medallists are head and shoulders above the rest of Asia. Curiously though, the team has struggled to translate that dominance on the field, as evidenced by their performance in Dhaka over the past week.

South Korea scripted a stunning comeback, equalising with 0.01 seconds remaining, to beat Japan 4-2 via a tie-breaker to win the gold medal. India, meanwhile, huffed their way past a resilient Pakistan, who haven't qualified for the last two Olympics, beating them 4-3 to finish third in the fiveteam tournament. It was a classic India-Pakistan match: free-flowing attacks, porous defences, lacking structure and discipline but providing plenty of goals.

But looking at the bigger picture, however, the bronze medal at the Asian Champions Trophy holds little significance. If anything, it has only extended India's wait for a continental title.

The last time India outrightly won an Asian competition was four years ago, when the Sjoerd Marijne-coached team clinched the Asia Cup. Since then, they have lost in the semifinals twice - in the Asian Champions Trophy this week and at the 2018 Asian Games - and the only final they reached during this period, at the ACT in 2018, got washed out due to heavy rain.

India only have themselves to blame for being unable to stamp their authority on Asian hockey, despite routinely pulling off podium finishes at global events. On most occasions, complacency and indiscipline have contributed to the slip-ups. And India nearly tripped once again on Wednesday against Pakistan. Nothing illustrated this better than India's

plight in the closing stages of the match. After overcoming a 2-1 half-time deficit, India secured a two-goal cushion in the final quarter. But soon after going 4-2 up, they relaxed, allowed Pakistan to reduce the margin, then made clumsy tackles in desperation, leading to the team getting reduced to nine men, which nearly cost them the match.



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Tough act to follow

The reason India finished on the podium at the Olympics was that they stuck to the game plan, were always strong on the ball, made sharp runs off possession, played aggressively without sacrificing their structure, and maintained a high level

Half of the players from the medal-winning side were rested for this tournament as coach Graham Reid used this event to give opportunities to some players who hadn't played internationally for more than two years. The lack of exposure showed throughout the competition in terms of decisionmaking with the ball, off-the-ball running and the general inability to cope with the

pressure and intensity of the games.

In the last two years, owing to the pandemic, India had focused single-mindedly on preparing for the Olympics. But the Junior World Cup and the Asian Champions Trophy have shown the amount of work that needs to be done to bring those outside the Olympic core group up to standard. The fact that India fielded a largely sec-

ond-string side in this competition can't be an excuse either as other teams have had it worse. Pakistan, for instance, couldn't even train properly for a couple of years due to paucity of funds while South Korea hadn't had meaningful international games for this duration. Japan, like India, had rested some of their Olympic stars. Still, India couldn't beat South Korea, lost

to Japan and struggled to beat Pakistan. Malaysia, who didn't travel to Dhaka due to Covid-related travel restrictions but will most certainly compete at the Hangzhou Asian Games where the stakes will be higher, will only make it trickier for India. Since the purpose of this competition was

to give the players some match time, India won't panic yet. But as the team heads into a busy 2022, the Asian Champions Trophy will serve as a timely wake-up call.

with Djokovic, Medvedev

REUTERS DECEMBER 22

OLYMPIC CHAMPION Alexander Zverev is confident a changing of the guard is almost complete in men's tennis with next year's big silverware likely to be shared between Novak Djokovic, Daniil Medvedev and himself.

Germany's Zverev beat Djokovic en route to gold at the Tokyo Olympics and then ended the year by winning the ATP Finals title for the second time. Djokovic won three of the year's Grand Slam titles but his old rivals Rafa Nadal and Roger Federer failed to add to their collections with the trio tied on 20 majors each.

World number two Medvedev beat Diokovic in the US Open final while Zverev reached two Grand Slam semis. Heading into the next season Federer, 40, is recovering from knee surgery while Nadal, 35, is in the early stages of his comeback from an injury.

"I think next year could be very similar to the last six months from this year," Zverev, named German Sportsman of the Year this week, told Eurosport Germany's Das Gelbe vom Ball podcast. "Before, there used to be always talk about Nadal, Federer and Djokovic – now the big titles were the Olympics, U.S. Open, Turin (ATP Finals) and Wimbledon, and they were all won by Medvedev, Djokovic and me. I don't expect it to be any different next year."

Zverev believes the number one spot is a viable target. "I know I'm not far away from it, but for that I also have to win tournaments and Grand Slams," he said. The 24-year-old could become number one if he wins the Australian Open and Diokovic misses the tournament because of its Covid-19 vaccine stance.

The situation with Novak and Australia is still a big question mark," he said. "Of course, I hope that he will be allowed to play, that's very clear. There are thousands of mathematical calculations, if he doesn't play Australia and I win the Australian Open, then I'm number one in the world and so on and so forth.'

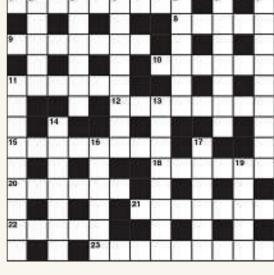
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ALEXANDER ZVEREV, WORLD NO. 3

CROSSWORD 4619



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- 1 Tasty fruit centre in a new assortment (9)
- Jump over net (5) She made her name in drama
- 10 Sharp reminder
- 11 Presumably he likes
- painstaking people (6)
 12 The area isn't developed well 15 US visitors to Europe have
- probably come across it 18 Naughty ladies men dream of
- 20 Valiant choir somehow held a
- note(6) 21 When the graceful child
- arrived(7)
- 22 Clergyman in drink is confused (5)
- 23 Not solemn perhaps, just sleepy

DOWN

- 2 Fair lady who improved her English (5)
 3 Ill-fated US soldier trapped in
- overturned wagon (6)
- Flier is embarrassed by the take-off(8)
- Trace elevating oriental game
- 6 She comes to a fishy end
- Banality strangely interests
- 11 The point of a savage attack
- 13 Not saying much but understood on the vessel (8) 14 For about a pound a girl sees
- part of America (7) 16 Is included amongst those
- who are against rumours 17 Craft in which wives seldom
- 19 A number make money and

gain experience (5) Solutions Crossword 4618: Across: 1 Baby-sit, 4 Peach, 7 Also, 8 Grasping, 10 Spirit lamp, 12 Beetle, 13 Ostend, 15 Impoverish, 18 Consumes, 19 Limb, 20 Ridge 21 Raiment. **Down**: 1 Beads, 2 Bassinet, 3 Turtle, 4 Past master, 5 Amid,

OVER THE HEDGE by Michael Fry & T Lewis







CALVIN & HOBBES by Bill Watterson





I'LL MAKE IT FAST, DAD.





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THAT'S OKAY. "HE SEES





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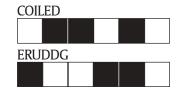


JUMBLED WORDS

Given below are four jumbled words. Solve the jumbles to make proper words and move them to $\,$ the respective squares below. Select the letters in the shaded squares and jumble them to get the answer for the given quip. is just a___of one's whole life. - Muhammad Ali (3,3,.,6)

6 Haggard, 9 Fieldmouse, 11 Definite, 12 Bouncer, 14 Coheir. 16 Habit. 17 Enid.





Answer: Old age is just a record of one's whole life. - Muhammad Ali SOLUTION: PEACE, JUROR, DOCILE, DRUDGE

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

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DAY TODAY

ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr 20) You may have every right to be pleased with your prowess at work, However, over the next few weeks you will have to face up to a

number of hard choices which will affect your personal life and colour the way other people see you. An emotional adventure will be well worth it, though.

TAURUS (Apr 21 - May 21) Is there some way in which you can rearrange your

your creative aspirations? Certainly there are many intriguing ideas afoot, all of which could form the basis of an interesting experiment. Yet the results will not be clear for another two months at least.

GEMINI (May 22 - June 21) You can ignore family pressures or no longer. Today's intense lunar angles will compel you to deal with all long-delayed questions

coming to the fore. Don't expect instant agreement or approval. But, then, you are growing used to waiting.

CANCER (June 22 - July 23) Important discussions may be

more difficult than you anticipate. The simple reason is that everybody seems to place such unrealistic hopes on the outcome. Stick to your guns for now, and keep a close eye on the reactions of people you

LEO (July 24 - Aug 23) Financial news may

not be pleasing, but the net result could be positive if it enables you to reorganise your affairs. There are some

commitments which cannot be changed, but you still have some room for movement. And that, at least, has to be the VIRGO (Aug 24 - Sep 23)

Today's planetary aspects will offer

you a shot in the

arm, shaking you out of any complacent corners or ruts you've been hiding in. Don't expect dramatic events just yet, you may have to wait a few more days before the lie of the land is clear.

New Delhi

BY PETER VIDAL

LIBRA (Sep 24 - Oct 23)

Something may happen to worry or upset you. Perhaps you will feel that other people are blaming you unfairly for things you haven't done. However, such concerns are illusions which will be dispelled when the facts are

SCORPIO (Oct 24 - Nov 23) You'll enjoy social

known. But that won't be until

next week.



up on excessively conventional standards of behaviour. After all, you really don't have to be the same as everyone else. SAGITTARIUS (Nov 24 - Dec 22)

It is professional rather than private affairs which are the focus of your

concern today. The last thing you want to do is get involved in a quite unnecessary public slanging match, so watch your step, and give partners time to

catch up with your desires. CAPRICORN (Dec 23 - Jan 20) The planets are on your case so to speak. The cosmos

is expecting you to do your duty by combining self-interest with your higher principles. Quite apart from such lofty questions, you are still experiencing powerful travel stars. Sometimes you just have to pack and get going.

AQUARIUS (Jan 21 - Feb 19) Check out new investment opportunities, and



don't be unduly concerned if a previous course of action now appears to be distinctly unpromising or unprofitable. Act fast but keep

your options open, for although your planets are concealing their intentions at the moment, you don't have long to wait.

PISCES (Feb 20 - Mar 20) There's a burst of turbulence in the



to pick a fight or provoke you somehow. And what you have to do now is keep very calm and never rise to the bait.



I believe all athletes should be free to voice their concerns and sports should never flinch from making those points. But it is still better to have open dialogue and sporting relationships than pulling up the drawbridge."

SEBASTIAN COE

WORLD ATHLETICS PRESIDENT

IPL: CVC Capital set to get all clear

DEVENDRA PANDEY MUMBAI. DECEMBER 22

CVC CAPITAL Partners, an investment firm, whose links to online betting and gambling companies had been a sticking point after its successful bid for the new Ahmedabad IPL franchise, is set to get the all clear from the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI). CVC Capital will be given a 'Letter of Intent' soon as the three-member legal committee has given the green signal, a BCCI source said.

CVC was the second highest bidder when two new IPL teams were auctioned in October. CVC had won the rights to own the Ahmedabad franchise for Rs 5,625 crores, while Saniiv Goenka's RPSG Group bagged the Lucknow franchise for Rs 7.090 crore.

A day after CVC was announced as the successful bidder for the Ahmedabad franchise, reports emerged that they have links with betting companies abroad.

Under the 'portfolio companies' list on the CVC Capital Partners' website is Tipico, a sports betting and online gaming company, and Sisal, a betting gaming and payments, consumer/retail company. The CVC has invested in Formula 1, football and rugby and IPL franchise ownership will be their first entry in the Indian cricket market.

In its recent BCCI annual general body meeting, the BCCI office-bearers had apprised about the CVC development. The members were informed that CVC has two funds, European funds and Asian funds. While its European funds have links with (sports) betting companies, where betting is legal, its Asian fund is clean. CVC had invested from their Asian fund, a BCCI official had said.

The BCCI has also decided to extend the deadline for the two new IPL teams to sign three players before the mega auction set to be held in February.

The earlier deadline for new teams to sign players was December 25.

On the day CVC won the bid for the Ahmedabad team in October, former IPL Commissioner Lalit Modi, had questioned the BCCI decision on allowing betting companies to buy IPL teams. "I guess betting companies can buy an IPL team. must be a new rule. Apparently, one qualified bidder also owns a big betting company. what next? does BCCI not do their homework? what can Anti-corruption do in such a case? #cricket," Modi tweeted.

Auction on Feb 7-8

PTI adds: The BCCI is planning to hold the two-day mega Indian Premier League auction on February 7 and 8 in Bengaluru, a senior BCCI official said on Wednesday. It could well be the last mega auction that BCCI might conduct as most of the original IPL franchises want it to be discontinued.

"Unless the COVID-19 situation worsens, we will have the IPL mega auction in India. The two-day event will be held on February it in Bengaluru, Preparations are underway," a senior BCCI official told PTI on conditions

There were reports that auction will be held in the UAE but as of now, BCCI has no such plans. However with the emergence of Omicron variant of COVID-19 and cases on the rise, the situation will remain fluid but if there are restrictions with regards to overseas travel (unless all owners decide to use charter planes), conducting it in India will be less of a logistical nightmare.

This year's IPL will be a 10-team affair with Sanjiv Goenka owned Lucknow franchise along with venture capital firm CVC owned Ahmedabad making their debut.

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A leading man facing unprecedented pressure extending beyond the field, a coach looking to kickstart the stint by shedding his good boy image, and a buoyant pacer primed to breathe fire into the attack against an opposition led by a dogged man ready for tough contests and tougher conversations at home. *India's tour of South Africa* is set to be the stage for overarching narratives

Tve never run away from pressure, it brings the best out of me as a person'

South Africa Test captain Dean Elgar reflects on the unique aspects of the leadership role in his country, and how he sees the upcoming series against India unfolding

SRIRAM VEERA

You are the senior-most player and Test captain now. How has the team culture and environment within the team changed over the years?

There has been a massive transformation. When I started in 2012, the culture was strong but it was old-school mentality. There were a lot of big strong personalities then that ran the team pretty well. But now the culture is very strong too. We have made every player feel welcome as much as possible. Even with the younger guys, we have tried to make them feel as if they have been here for a few years already. I think that's because they are more comfortable with the environment. We have also lost a lot of players, but we also have some young players which can be good as they bring a different spinoff to the environment and it's something for me to get used to as well. It's a work in progress, of course, but it's a lot stronger than what other people outside think of us.

How difficult is it to be captain of a country like South Africa? How are you handling the pressure with so many things happening?

It depends how you handle that pressure. I have to see it as a privilege, and not a curse, burden. South Africa has its own challenges with regards to a lot of dynamics that make

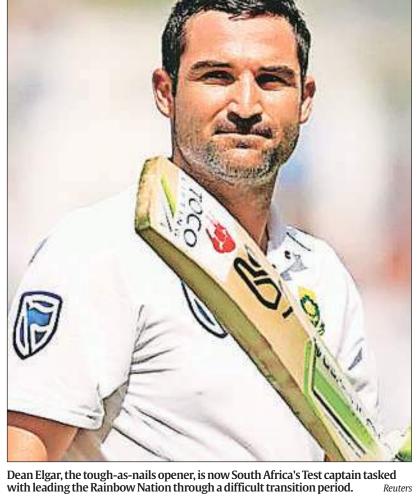
up South Africa; it's pretty unique and special. I don't think there is another country in the world that has to deal with this kind of dynamrun away from pressure, I think it brings the best out of me as a person. My personality gravitates towards such challenges that come with the job. I kind of enjoy it.

There is always light at the end of the tunnel even though it can seem like a small light sometimes! There is always a glimmer of hope.

Being captain of South Africa isn't just a cricket job; there are so many moral dynamics involved from inclusiveness, racism, and such. No other cricketing captain has to face this kind of pressure.

They are important for our social development. The way we have gone and the way things are right now in the team, I have never seen it better. The way guys respect each other and respond to one another is pretty

It's one of the biggest challenges, of course. I have to connect with each and every one who is playing and who potentially will



be coming into the team. I am fortunate that I have very good relationships with everyone right now. I have been around long

enough and they know the kind of man I am.

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It's about finding a balance in the roles within oneself. Away from the field, you have to be a friend and someone who is willing to listen and learn. On the field, you have

to kick into a different personality almost, as a leader. It's one of the biggest challenges having good people around you is important. You have to talk and learn.

Did you also have to educate yourself to be more socially aware about, say, what it means to be a young Black cricketer or the challenges Afrikaans face?

As a cricketer in South Africa, you must be able to have those conversations with the guys. You can't be in a bubble. It happens by having conversations with players, understanding them, the issues. The conversations we have had in the past have been good from

an educational point of view. It's still a work in progress. We mustn't stop learning about each other. We have to sit down and listen more. Listening is such an important skill in my role. Also speak, so that they understand you. Be honest in your communication.

I have spent a lot of time talking with Temba Bavuma. We know each other for many years, from A sides and for Proteas. another comfortable with each other, to be able to speak to one another about all these things and it's been a learning curve for all

And guys need to know that you are not going to use it to your own advantage. Trust and being comfortable with each other. I think I have got that with my team-mates.

Have those conversations and the whole lived experience of the transition, not just in a cricket team but in the country, changed you in some ways?

Definitely. It has certainly made me more emotionally attached to the guys. It makes me a bit more concerned and warv about the past. It definitely is a massive learning curve. We all have a unique story, be it black, white, Afrikaans, English Afrikaans; in South Africa, it's just that we have a lot more diversity.

Moving to cricketing matters, you have had 10 different opening partners in the last five years. Has it affected you?

It's been quite a lot and has been disruptive. I didn't think it would affect me as a

of a setback to my career. I am not going to use that as an excuse. It has put me in a more resilient position. It has not made me a better player or a worse player but has helped me develop as a character. Moving forward, I hope we have a solid opening pair with myself and Aiden Markram.

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World over, there seems to be some sort of opening pair issues.

It looks like it. Perhaps the T20 influence. I don't have the answer to it. It's a specialised position and sometimes people forget the basics and fundamentals. But that's my opin-

You are seen as a fighter, someone who doesn't give up or give an inch to the opposition. How did that personality develop?

From my childhood, I guess. I have always had to work hard. Back in my teenage days, going against adults, I would be stubborn, refuse to let them get me out. Even in the backyard, I would refuse to let the adults get me out. Childhood plays a massive role in the kind of person you are. I have a job to do. My job is there to go out, get runs, and get my team in a position to win. My character off the field is totally different to the character

on the field. I am not there to make friends on the field. I am not going to let anyone walk over me.

Your interesting battle with Ravichandran Ashwin is going to resume. Looking forward to it?

Definitely, it has been a talking point. Ash is a world- class spinner. He has got the upper hand against me in India, but I have also

done pretty well against him. We have had battles in county cricket too - the pitch I remember there was like Nagpur, I guess (laughs). The ball spun quite a bit. It doesn't matter where you play in the world, it will is a lot of mutual respect.

What makes someone like Jasprit Bumrah tough for an opener?

He is a world-class bowler and South African conditions suit him a lot with bounce and extra seam movement. It's another great challenge. There are other good pace bowlers too in India; so, it should be a good contest.

You have a good bowling attack but have lost quite a few senior batsmen like Hashim Amla, Faf du Plessis and AB de Villiers. Still see advantage at home?

Yes, we have to be mindful of that loss of experienced batters: you can't fill those positions quickly but it has given a lot of opportunities to a talented young pool of batsmen. It's going to be a challenge going into a big series knowing that we might have one or two young inexperienced batsmen. But they have performed in domestic cricket. It's an opportunity and if you don't grab them, there are other people waiting.

We have an upper hand that we are playing in South Africa, we know our conditions more than India but then India are the best team in the world. We know that they are coming here to try and beat us, which they haven't done before. It's going to be a tough contest but I am pretty confident since we are playing at home.

You have a Kolpak returnee in Duanne Olivier, the bowler coming back to play for you. A word on him.

He is a massive player for us. He has been given the opportunity because he has done well in domestic cricket.

People left because they weren't given opportunities in South Africa. Every player has a choice and they actually took a massive gamble in going there and it has paid off for them. I don't see any problem with that. If a young talented player feels they have to go overseas to explore opportunities, so be it.

You must have read about the captaincy changes in India. Virat Kohli is just the Test captain now and Rohit Sharma takes over the white-ball role. Do you think all these changes might unsettle India? How has your experience of playing India changed over the years?

I don't see it affecting India too much. I think Rohit and Virat are similar stature players and characters. Rohit is quieter than Virat

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but India will still have a winning mindset. They are still going to be in a good leadership position. Virat is still the Test captain and he has lots of vears left for India as a leader. India will still be quite a good

India's travel record has been brilliant in the last few years. That's one thing Virat has obviously wanted to do and they came out and competed well in Australia, in

England, here. How is the situation with

the Omicron variant

progressing? Our bio-bubble is world class. The situation isn't ideal but within the bubble,

things will be good for the guys. I am pretty confident.

How do you think Bavuma has come on as a leader and player?

As a leader, he has come leaps and bounds. There is a lot of responsibility on Temba's shoulders being given such a big honour to captain the white-ball teams. In Test cricket, as a player, he needs to work hard on his game but he is just one innings away from realising his potential as a Test batter. He is a very talented batter and needs to turn those 30s-40s into hundreds. And then, he can be on his way. He is not far from being a very good Test cricketer.

Finally, advantage South Africa or even

I think we are still the favourites going into the home series. Even though we haven't played a lot of cricket in recent times, we have been good in what we have played. Anything can happen in Test cricket and India certainly is a very good side. Virat would no doubt want to come and beat South Africa in South Africa. This series is going to be so good. I can't wait for it to start.

BRIEFLY

Mendy charged with another count of rape

Chester: Manchester City player Benjamin Mendy has been charged with another count of rape. The France World Cup winner is now accused of eight offenses against five different women, including seven counts of rape relating to four women. He appeared at Chester Crown Court on Wednesday for a hearing ahead of his trial next year. The earlier charges are three counts of rape alleged to have happened in October 2020, sexual touching this January, one count of rape in July and two counts of rape the following month. Mendy was suspended by City when he was charged in August. Mendy has been refused bail & is being held in a prison in Liverpool. He joined City from Monaco in 2017 and has won the Premier League

After Worlds silver, Srikanth back in top 10

New Delhi: Riding on his historic World Championship silver, India's Kidambi Srikanth jumped four places to regain his place in the world's top 10 in the latest Badminton World Federation (BWF) rankings. The 28-year-old from Guntur was rewarded for his final finish in Huelva, Spain as he grabbed the 10th position in the rankings. Young Lakshya Sen, who also secured a maiden bronze at World Championship in his first campaign at the event, jumped two spots to the 17th position but B Sai Praneeth slipped two places to be at the 18th spot, HS Prannoy's quarterfinal finish in Spain saw him improve six places to the 26th spot. In women's singles, two-time Olympic medallist PV Sindhu remained static at seventh place, while Saina Nehwal, who is recovering from multiple injuries, is at the

Jeremy's category likely to be axed in Paris

New Delhi: Battling to survive as an Olympic sport, weightlifting's world governing body is likely to introduce six new divisions among a total of 10 for the 2024 Paris Games, retaining only four from the Tokyo edition, a move that will see Indian teen sensation Jeremy Lalrinnunga's current category being lopped off the roster. The proposal needs to be approved by the International Weightlifting Federation's General Council before being sent to the International Olympic Committee (IOC) for its nod. The proposed weight categories for Paris 2024 include five each for males and females. They are 61kg, 73kg, 89kg, 102kg and +102kg for men, and 49kg, 59kg, 71kg, 81kg and +81kg for women.

Cases will be isolated but games will go on: CSA medical officer

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THE BCCI and Cricket South Africa have mutually agreed that the upcoming Test and ODI series between the two teams will continue even if there is any COVID-19 case among players or support staff and close contacts will not be forced into isolation, the host board's medical officer Shuaib Manjra has said. India will start their three-match Test series against the Proteas on December 26 at the Centurion followed by Tests in Johannesburg (January 3-7) and Cape Town (Jan 11-15).

The Tests will be followed by three ODIs on January 19, 21 and 23.

While there is a specific agreement that BCCI can pull out of the tour in case situation in South Africa, where the new variant Omicron was found, worsens, a senior official said that they are not contemplating any such move as of now. "There is an agreed medical protocol between Cricket South Africa (CSA) and the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI),' Cricket South Africa provided Manjra's, said.

"Considering that everyone within the Bio-Secure Environments' (BSE) and the broader cricket ecosystem will be vaccinated, any positive case will isolate within their designated hotel room if clinically stable, or an alternate space within the hotel." he added.

Respective team doctors will take care of the players in case any of them test positive for the virus. "They will remain under the care of their respective team doctors. Any contacts (close or incidental) will continue playing and training with non-pharmaceutical interventions strictly observed. All team members will undergo symptom screening and COVID-19 testing daily, and the tour will proceed as planned," he added.

New Delhi

Ajaz dropped from New Zealand Test squad

Wellington: New Zealand have left out left-arm

spinner and history-maker Ajaz Patel from their squad for the upcoming two-match Test series against Bangladesh. The left-arm spinner created history earlier this month, when he became just the third man to take 10 wickets in an innings against India at the Wankhede Stadium in Mumbai.

Rachin Ravindra and Daryl Mitchell were the two spin bowlers in the squad. Speaking of Ajaz's exclusion, New Zealand head coach Gary Stead admitted the left-arm spinner is unfortunate to miss out. He, however, insisted that they were following a 'horses-for-courses selection policy'. "You do feel for Ajaz after his record-breaking display in India. However, we've always applied a horses-for-courses selection policy and believe the players selected best fit the way we want to take on Bangladesh

The injury-enforced absence of Kane Williamson means Tom Latham will stand in as New Zealand's captain for the series. ENS

here at home," stated Stead in a statement.

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