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## Delhi sought Shringla meeting with Suu Kyi, junta gave cold shoulder

**SHUBHAJIT ROY** NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 23

INDIA SOUGHT a meeting with Aung San Suu Kyi, leader of Myanmar's National League for Democracy (NLD), while Foreign Secretary Harsh Vardhan Shringla was in the country, but the military leadership there did not respond, *The Indian Express* 

Shringla, who was on a working visit to Myanmar the last two days, met leaders of Suu Kyi's party. It was India's first highofficial outreach to Myanmar's military regime since the coup in February this year.

Earlier this month, Suu Kyi was sentenced to a four-year jail term by a Myanmar court which held her guilty of inciting dissent

Haridwar hate speeches target minorities, call for violence; DGP says illegal



Yati Narsinghanand at the gathering; police file FIR

**AVANEESH MISHRA** DEHRADUN, DECEMBER 23

A THREE-DAY 'Dharam Sansad' held in Haridwar saw a series of hate speeches targeting Muslims and calling for violence and as-

The controversial Yati Narsinghanand, facing several FIRs in UP, called for a "war against Muslims" and urged "Hindus to take up weapons" to ensure a "Muslim didn't become the Prime Minister in 2029."

Former Delhi BJP spokesperson Ashwini Upadhyay was among those who attended the meeting, held from December 17 various religious organisations, and presented Narsinghanand a

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THE DEPARTMENT of Telecom-

munications (DoT) has amended

the Unified License Agreement

asking telecom and Internet serv-

ice providers as well as all other

telecom licensees to maintain

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for at least two years, instead of

the current one-year practice. The

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Citing security, Centre

asks phone firms to keep



Shringla was in Myanmar for two days

in the first of a series of verdicts. Her sentence was later reduced to two years in jail. India had reacted sharply, underlining that the rule of law and the democratic process must be upheld, and any development there that "undermines these processes and accentuates differences is a matter of deep concern".

Shringla, who returned to New Delhi Thursday, met Senior General Min Aung Hlaing, head of the military regime and chairman of the State Administrative CONTINUED ON PAGE 2

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**TELLING NUMBERS** YOUNG INDIA'S HOPES, WORRIES

Police personnel at the district court complex in Ludhiana on Thursday. Gurmeet Singh

## 1 killed in Ludhiana court blast, CM says 'anti-national' forces

6 injured, blast in washroom; Channi links probe to Golden Temple sacrilege bid; CJI expresses concern

**DIVYA GOYAL GOPAL** LUDHIANA, DECEMBER 23

ONE PERSON died and six others were injured in a blast inside the Ludhiana District Court Complex Thursday noon, with Chief Minister Charanjit Singh Channi blaming "anti-national forces" and saying the probe into the incident will be linked to investigations in the sacrilege bid at Golden Temple and the FIR registered against SAD leader Bikram Singh Majithia.

Police said the blast occurred inside the public washroom on the second floor when the district court was functioning. The Centre has sought a report from state officials and sent teams **EXPRESS NETWORK** 

**MAJITHIA FILES BAIL** PLEA, SAYS FIR IS 'POLL STUNT' BY **CONG GOVT** 

**MAN LYNCHED IN KAPURTHALA HAD NEARLY 30 DEEP CUTS: POST-MORTEM PAGES 7, 9** 

from the National Investigation Agency (NIA) and the National Security Guard (NSG) to the spot. The police said that one body,

charred beyond recognition, was recovered from the spot. It is suspected that the deceased person

was either carrying the explosive or planning to plant it, they said. The police also did not rule out the possibility of a "suicide bomb" attack.

"Prima facie, it seems the deceased was carrying the bomb. The body of the suspect has not been removed from the site so that the probe is not hampered,' Channi said. Deputy Chief Minister and Home Minister Sukhjinder Singh Randhawa said a high alert has been sounded across Punjab.

Following the incident, Chief Justice of India N V Ramana spoke to the Punjab and Haryana High Court Chief Iustice Ravi Shankar Jha and "enquired about the development", according to CONTINUED ON PAGE 2

#### **CHAIRS HIGH-LEVEL MEET**

## **Amid Omicron** uptick, PM calls for caution and stricter vigil

Send Central team to states reporting surge, accelerate testing, says Modi

**KAUNAIN SHERIFF M** NEW DELHI. DECEMBER 23

WITH THE emergence of the highly transmissible Omicron variant of Covid-19 in several parts of the country, Prime Minister Narendra Modi Thursday emphasised that the fight against the pandemic is not over and directed authorities to send teams from the Centre to states which are reporting a surge in cases and have insufficient health infrastructure.

Modi chaired a high-level meeting days ahead of the Christmas and New Year festive season and directed the officials that "we should be satark (alert) and saavdhan (attentive)" in view of the new variant. After a presentation by the health ministry, he directed the authorities to ensure heightened and close monitoring of emerging hotspots through effective surveillance of cases.

"The fight against the pandemic is not over, he (the Prime Minister) said, and the need for continued adherence to Covid safe behaviour is of paramount importance even today," the Prime Minister's Office said in a

On Thursday, India detected

## **NIGHT CURFEW IN**

MADHYA PRADESH MADHYA PRADESH imposes night curfew, from 11 pm to 5 am; the state has not reported any Omicron case so far. MAHARASHTRA. **KARNATAKA** among states to announce curbs on Christmas and

New Year gatherings. PAGE 7 **U.S. CLEARS** second pill against Covid-19 PAGE 12

236 Omicron cases, of which 104 have recovered fully. At least seven states have reported Omicron cases in double digits: Delhi and Maharashtra accounted for 129 Omicron cases, more than half the total.

The country's total Covid-19 active case load stood at 78,291, with the weekly positive rate at 0.59 per cent. Significantly, it has remained under 1 per cent for iust over a month. As on Thursday morning, 7,495 new Covid-19 cases were reported. CONTINUED ON PAGE 2

Allahabad HC judge to **PM: Consider** stopping UP rallies, polls

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** LUCKNOW, DECEMBER 23

GRANTING BAIL to an accused in a criminal case, a judge of the Allahabad High Court, towards the end of his order, drew attention Thursday to the rise in cases of the Omicron variant and a possible third wave, and urged the Prime Minister to "take strong steps" and consider "stopping and postponing" rallies, meetings and elections.

Justice Shekhar Kumar Yadav, while urging the Registrar General of the Allahabad High Court to frame rules to deal with the situation, said in his order: 'Today again, elections to the Vidhan Sabha in UP are near, for which parties are holding rallies and meetings and gathering crowds of lakhs. It is not possible to observe Covid protocol in these programmes. If this is not stopped in time, then the result will be more frightening than the second wave."

"If possible, the elections scheduled in February should be postponed by one or two months because only if life continues, then election rallies will continue." he said.

Praising the PM, Justice Yadav said: "Our honourable Prime Minister has begun an exercise for Corona-free vaccination in a country with such a huge population. This is praiseworthy and the court praises it. We request the honourable Prime Minister to take steps and, in view of the frightening situation, consider stopping and postponing rallies and elections... jaan hai toh jahan hai."

## In 2nd wave, river was dumping ground

HARIKISHAN SHARMA

book that was launched Thursday.

Mishra, ĎG. National Mission for

eral of National Mission for Clean Ganga and head of Namami Gange, and Puskal Upadhyay, an

Telangana-cadre IAS officer and served the NMCG in various capacities for over five years during two stints and is set to retire on December 31, 2021. The book was launched on Thursday by **Economic Advisory Council to** the Prime Minister.

In one section titled "Floating CONTINUED ON PAGE 2

## for dead, admits Ganga mission chief Rajiv Ranjan Mishra is a 1987-batch

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THE GANGA became an "easy dumping ground for the dead" during the devastating second Covid wave and the problem was

Titled Ganga: Reimagining, Rejuvenating, Reconnecting, the book has been authored by Rajiv

additional time, sources said, was

based on requests from multiple

December 21, the DoT has said

all call detail record, exchange

detail record, and IP detail record

of communications "exchanged"

on a network must be archived

for two years or until specified

by the government for "scrutiny"

for security reasons. Internet

service providers will also have

to maintain details of "internet

telephony" in addition to the

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Through a notification dated

security agencies.

Clean Ganga

IDAS officer who has worked

## **Sudden restrictions on** medical exports force call records for two years companies to look abroad

**PRANAV MUKUL** & ANIL SASI

NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 23

AD HOC EXPORT restrictions on essential medical supplies, especially since the onset of the pandemic early last year, is promptmultiple manufacturers and suppliers of these goods to explore the option of setting up alternate manufacturing bases outside the country to service their customers. CONTINUED ON PAGE 2

**Policy** vagaries hurt brand

TO INSULATE from policy vagaries, producers of medical gear are planning to set up manufacturing units abroad. The government says India is not unique in banning shipments, but firms say not fulfilling commitments damages brand.

## WIPE OUT IN GOA. WIPE OUT IN ALGARVE. WIPE OUT IN CHERATING. WIPE OUT IN BALI. WIPE OUT IN TARRAGONA.



## Heard Virat Kohli on captaincy, now Ganguly needs to speak: Ravi Shastri

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** MUMBAI, DECEMBER 23

INDIA'S LIMITED-OVERS captaincy change could have been handled better "with good communication", and now that Virat Kohli has given his side of the story, BCCI president Souray Ganguly has to present his version, former India head coach Ravi Shastri said on Thursday.

Speaking at The Indian Express eAdda, Shastri said: "I have been part of this system for many years, I was part of this team for the past seven years. With good communication, this can be handled much, much better, instead of it being out in the



The Indian EXPRESS

Ravi Shastri at *The Indian* Express e-Adda on Thursday



public domain. Virat has given his side of the story, it needs the president of the board to come

and give his side of the story, or give some clarification on whatever has happened. That is all."

According to Shastri, it is not about whether Kohli or Ganguly was lying. "The question is, what is the truth. You want to know the truth and that can only come with dialogue and communication. Nothing else," he said.

"One person is going to sit on one side and say something. Other person is going to sit on the other side and say something. There has to be some clarity and you need dialogue from both sides, not one side," he said. Days after Ganguly had said

that he personally told Kohli not to give up the T20I captaincy, Kohli told reporters that there had been no communication from the board once he had CONTINUED ON PAGE 8 Trying new things at new places is hard. So we make life easier by helping our customers find familiar comfort, wherever their adventures take them. No wonder then, that we have 100 million+ app downloads. Our 157k+ storefronts across the globe help them spend less time thinking about where to stay and more time thinking about their next surfing lesson.

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#### PM meeting

Amongst those who attended the meeting were the Cabinet Secretary, Principal Scientific Advisor, DG ICMR, Member (Health) in Niti Aagyog, CEO of National Health Authority and Secretaries in the departments of Home, Health and Family Welfare, Pharmaceuticals, Biotechnology, AYUSH and Urban Development.

With districts reporting low vaccination coverage, and likely more vulnerable to the new Omicron variant, the Prime Minister also asked officials to send teams from the Centre to assist states ramp up vaccination coverage. As on Thursday, India had administered 140.31 crore doses with 89 per cent of the adult population having received the first dose and 60.5 per cent both the doses. "PM directed that States need to ensure that the eligible population is fully vaccinated against Covid-19 and to proceed to meet the target in a saturation mode," the PMO said.

The PM also directed the officials to further accelerate the testing for quick identification of cases and for time containment and treatment, and specifically asked states to send adequate number of samples for genome sequencing in a prompt manner.

"Heightened and close monitoring of emerging clusters and hotspots through active, prompt and effective surveillance should continue. The focus should also be

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on effective contact tracing for curbing the spread of the transmission," Modi told the officials, the PMO statement said.

"He directed the officials to work with the states on a regular basis and review the status of preparedness of various components of health infrastructure including training and capacity building of human resources, timely availability of ambulances, readiness of states to operationalise Covid facilities for institutional quarantining, and effective and supervised monitoring of those in home isolation," the PMO said.

#### Ludhiana blast

a statement from the apex court. The CII "expressed deep shock" at the incident and "hoped that law enforcing agencies will pay necessary attention to ensure protection for court complexes".

Ludhiana Commissioner Gurpreet Singh Bhullar said: "Around 12.15 pm, a loud explosion was heard from the washroom on the second floor of the court complex. As per preliminary investigation, the source of the blast could not be ascertained but one person, whose body has been recovered from the spot, is the main suspect. We are trying to identify him. Forensic experts have started the probe."

An FIR has been registered under sections 302 (murder), 307 (attempt to murder) and 124-A (sedition) of IPC, sections 3, 4 and 5 of Explosives Act, and sections 13, 15, 16 and 18 of the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act.

Those injured have been identified as Sandeep Kaur (31), a photostat machine operator; Kuldeep Singh Mand (50), an advocate; Manish Kumar (32), a policeman; and Sharanjit Kaur (25), Krishan Khanna (75) and Gurpreet Kaur (35), who were visitors to the court complex. They are said to be "out of danger".

The court building is in a highsecurity zone where the Police Commissioner's office is also located. Chief Minister Channi was scheduled to address a public rally at Mullanpur Dakha in Ludhiana, about 25 km from the blast site, at 2 pm Thursday.

Channi visited the blast site and said: "The Punjab elections are approaching. Some anti-national and anti-Punjab forces are trying to disturb peace in Punjab. First, there was a sacrilege attempt at Golden Temple in Amritsar where they failed. Now, this blast has happened. We are not going to spare the culprits.'

Speaking to reporters later, while visiting the injured in hospital, Channi said the probe in the blast case and the recent sacrilege bid are being linked to the FIR registered (on Monday) against Majithia under sections of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (NDPS) Act.

"It will be clarified in the probe if someone is doing all this to save himself. Why such a horrendous incident took place only after Majithia was booked. We are also probing this angle to the recent dastardly acts," he said.

"Since the day we started taking action against drugs, such incidents have been happening. First in Amritsar, then in Kapurthala  $where \, no \, sacrilege \, happened \, and \,$ today when there was a court hearing in Mohali (in the Majithia case). Our agencies are hinting that it might be the handiwork of drug smugglers or those who want to create fear in Puniab." he said.

Sources in Delhi said Union Home Secretary Ajay Bhalla spoke to Punjab officials about the incident, and that the Ministry of Home Affairs has sought a report

from the state. Incidentally, minutes before the blast, the hearing of a rape case against Lok Insaf Party MLA Simarjeet Singh Bains had concluded in a court room on fifth floor. The MLA's counsel had filed an application in response to nonbailable warrants issued. SAD leader and counsel for the complainant, Advocate Harish Rai Dhanda, claimed that he was the "target" of the blast.

## (ENS/DELHI)

#### India-Myanmar Council, and key junta members

dealing with foreign relations. He also met the military-backed Solidarity Development Party (USDP) and some civil society members. These apart, he met ambassadors, including those of the US, Australia and Japan, and UN representa-

During his meetings, Shringla "emphasized India's interest in seeing Myanmar's return to democracy at the earliest; release of detainees and prisoners; resolution of issues through dialogue; and complete cessation of all violence," the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) said.

He reaffirmed India's strong and consistent support to the ASEAN initiative and expressed the hope that progress would be made in a pragmatic and constructive manner, based on the five-point consensus, the MEA said in a statement.

As a democracy and close neighbour, the MEA said, "India has been involved in the democratic transition process in Myanmar and in this context has worked with various stakeholders in developing capacities on democratic systems and practices". It said India proposes to renew these efforts for Myanmar to emerge as a stable, democratic,

federal union in accordance with the wishes of its people.

Shringla also raised "matters related to India's security" in the wake of the Churachandpur incident--Assam Rifles commandant Colonel Viplav Tripathi, his wife, son and four personnel were killed when their convoy was attacked by militants last month -- and the need to put an end to any violence while ensuring peace and stability in the border areas.

In his conversations, the two sides reiterated their commitment to ensure that "their respective territories would not be allowed to be used for any activities inimical to the other".

India shares a 1700-km border with Myanmar. "Any developments in that country have a direct impact on India's bordering regions. Peace and stability in Myanmar remain of utmost importance to India, specifically to its North Eastern Region," the MEA The Foreign Secretary con-

veyed India's continued humanitarian support for the people of Myanmar. In the context of Myanmar's fight against the Covid-19 pandemic, he handed over 1 million doses of Made-in-India vaccines to the Myanmar Red Cross Society. A part of this consignment would be utilised for communities living along Myanmar's border with India. A grant of 10,000 tonnes of rice and wheat to Myanmar was also an-

New Delhi has steered clear of criticising the Tatmadaw. Myanmar's military, as it has been wary of Beijing's growing influence and the high stakes involved to maintain peace and security along the India-Myanmar border. India's statements so far have been based on pragmatism as turmoil has engulfed the neighbour.

New Delhi feels that instead of ondemning the Myanmar military leadership, it should work with partner countries to lean on the military to work together to resolve their differences in a peaceful and constructive manner.

Delhi has engaged with Myanmar through civilian and military channels. In October 2020, Shringla and Army chief General M M Naravane visited Myanmar together, and met the entire leadership, including top military officers and Suu Kyi.

### Hate speeches

On Thursday night, the Uttarakhand Police said it had filed an FIR under Section 153A (promoting enmity between different groups and acts prejudicial to harmony) against Waseem Rizvi and "others". The former chairman of the Shia Waqf Board, Rizvi, recently converted to Hinduism and changed his name to Jitendra Narayan Tyagi. Police said they would be "adding more names once the investigation starts".

After the FIR, Uttarakhand government spokesperson Subodh Unival said: "Whatever happened at the Haridwar Dharam Sansad was wrong. Police will take required action against those involved and responsible."

Known for his controversial remarks targeting Muslims and accused of inciting communal tension, Narsinghanand, the head priest of a temple in Ghaziabad, had also been accused of making objectionable comments regarding women leaders in BJP.

The speeches at the Haridwar became public Wednesday. Narsinghanand said that once it had captured India, "Islamic jihad will be the most powerful," He called upon Hindus to take action besides economic boycott. "Forget swords... battle will be won by those with better weapons," he said.

Asked about his presence at the meeting, former BJP spokesperson Upadhyay told The Indian Express: "It was a three-day event and I was there for one day, during which I was on the stage for around 30 minutes and talked about the Constitution. What others said before and after me, I am not responsible for it." He said he gave those present on the dais copies of the Constitution as it is difficult to procure one in Hindi.

On Thursday evening, Upadhyay issued a video statement that he was at the event for "10 minutes" on "the last day". He said his purpose was to highlight the unaccomplished parts of the Constitution, "such as population control, illegal immigration control, and control of religious conversions". Former Uttarakhand CM and Congress poll campaign head Harish Rawat called the meeting unconstitutional. "This is an example of the kind of society we are building," Rawat said accusing the BJP of encouraging such "elements"

AIMIM president Asaduddin Owaisi tweeted that he had asked the party state unit to file a police complaint. "It's a clear case of incitement to genocide," he posted.

Uttarakhand DGP Ashok Kumar told The Indian Express the FIR had been registered following a written complaint by a local resident. "The person who gave us the complaint gave only one name, that of Rizvi, and mentioned others as unidentified as he did not know their names. Naming only one person was not a conscious decision and we will be adding more names once the investigation starts. Action will be taken as per the law against those responsible. What happened is wrong and fully illegal. Soon after we came to know about it we initiated the FIR process," he said.

### Ganga book

Corpses: A River Defiled", the book provides a chilling account of the pandemic's impact on the Ganga, and states that five years of intense work to "save" the river appeared to be coming undone in days. "As the number of bodies

swelled and multiplied because of the Covid-19 pandemic, overwhelming district administrations and stretching the functional limits of crematoria and burning ghats of UP and Bihar, the Ganga became an easy dumping ground for the dead," reads the book.

But it cites data provided by districts to state that "no more than 300" bodies were dumped in the river and "not the 1,000 plus reported". Certain portions of the book make it clear that they were authored by Mishra. For instance, the book states: "I was recuperating from a severe Covid-19 attack in the Gurugram-based Medanta, a super-speciality hospital when I heard about the unclaimed, halfburnt and swollen corpses floating in the holy Ganga in early

It states: "Television channels, magazines, newspapers and social media sites were awash with macabre images and stories of bodies being dumped unceremoniously into the river. It was a traumatic and heart-breaking experience for me. As the Director General of the NMCG, my job is to be the custodian of the health of the Ganga, to rejuvenate its flow, ensure its return to its pristine purity and to ensure the same for its tributaries after years of neglect."

On May 11, when the second wave was peaking, the NMCG under Mishra asked all 59 District Ganga Committees to take "necessary action" to address the issue of floating dead bodies and submit an "action taken report".

Days later, it asked UP and Bihar to submit a "detailed report" on the issue, following which UP began collating district-wise data of "unidentified dead bodies or unclaimed corpses" from the Ganga and its tributaries. Later, a senior UP official told Central officials in a meeting that the disposal of dead bodies in rivers was prevalent in the central and eastern regions of the state.

The book goes on to highlight poor Covid management in all riparian states along the Ganga. 'Poor management of funeral services, miscreants taking advantage of the situation to dump bod-

ies into the river instead of cremating them, and adverse publicity from the media only added to our discomfort and helplessness," it says. "Adding to our woes was the fact that the NMCG has no direct power or authority to punish miscreants or to initiate action against those disposing of the dead in the river or burying them on the river banks "reads the book

Discussing the tradition of burying the dead on the banks of rivers among some communities in UP, the book reads: "Floating corpses or the dead being buried on the banks are not an unusual spectacle for those living in close quarters near the river... However, the swelling numbers and the macabre images accentuated the enormity of the crisis... It was during my stay at the hospital that I realized the urgency of the mat-Another portion that bears

Mishra's stamp states: "After reading the reports of various district magistrates and panchayat committees, I realized that the number of bodies dumped into the river was no more than 300 (definitely not the 1,000 plus reported by a section of the media). The problem, moreover, was confined only to UP (between Kannauj and Baliya), and the bodies found in Bihar were also those floating from UP." The book also refers to how Mishra issued directions to district administrations on May 11, just two days after he was discharged from hospital. "I also realised that mere use

of force was not going to do the trick due to the ignorance of the rural population about Covid-19 cremation protocol and no access to oximeters and testing facilities. Moreover, poverty-stricken people who had used up all their money on doctor's fees and medicines to fight Covid-19 were in no position to pay the enhanced cremation charges nearly trebled within days," the book says.

"I authorized the district authorities to use the funds from the District Ganga Committee to fund dignified cremations in case

## Call records

usual IP detail record for a period of two years, the notification said.

"It is a procedural order. Many security agencies pointed out to us that they needed data even afterayearsince most investigations take more than that to be completed. We had a meeting with all service providers who agreed to keep the data for the extended period." a senior DoT official said.

Under Clause No. 39.20 of the licence agreement that the DoT has with the operators, the latter have to preserve records including CDRs and IP detail records (IPDR), for at least one year for scrutiny by the Licensor (which is DoT) for "security reasons," and the Licensor "may issue directions/instructions from time to time" with respect to these records. The licence condition also goes on to mandate that CDRs be provided by mobile companies to law-enforcement agencies and to various courts upon their specific requests or directions, for which there is a laid-down protocol.

Senior executives from telecom and Internet service providers said that even though the government asks companies to keep these details for at least 12 months, the norm is to keep it for up to 18 months.

"Whenever we destroy such details, we notify the liaison office or the officer of the time period for which the data is being wiped. If any additional requests come to us through proper legal channels, we keep that data. But then everything else is removed within the next 45 days," an executive at a telecom service provider said.

Another executive at a telecom company said there would be "hardly any additional costs" to keep this data for two years as these details are stored in text format which does not take up a lot of space. "This data most is just who duration of the call, and it is in text format, like a list on an Excel sheet. In our opinion, there would be hardly any additional costs," the executive said, adding that globally, the norm is to keep this data between six months to up to two years depending on the jurisdiction. Most countries, an industry expert said, allow this data to be kept for extended periods with an option for the user to get their data deleted in case they exercise their right to be forgotten. In March last year, The Indian

called up whom and what was the

Express had reported that the government has been seeking call data records of all mobile subscribers across several pockets of the country for specific days. The government had then said that these call records were being asked as the government had received complaints regarding "quality of service of Telecommunications Network, call drops, echo, cross connections, incomplete or poor caller experi-

In an official statement, the Ministry of Communications had then said: "There is no infringement of privacy of any person. No personal details are collected. There is no tracking of any phone number." It said data of calls had been sought to address "numerous complaints" regarding "qualof service Telecommunications Network, call drops, echo, cross connections, incomplete or poor caller experi-

#### Medical exports Hindustan Syringes and Medical

Devices (HMD), the country's biggest syringe manufacturer that owns the DispoVan and Kojak brands and exports to over 100 countries, is actively exploring setting up a manufacturing base outside India to insulate itself partly from sudden policy tweaks that impact their client commitments. a top executive said. Narang Medical Ltd. another Delhi-based medical equipment maker, is considering moving overseas lock, stock, and barrel overseas, over the next 4-5 years.

The issue of policy certainty gains salience again with the new Omicron variant of the coronavirus being highly transmissible and the demand for medical items including syringes likely to remain high. The World Health Organisation has already set the stage for booster doses of Covid-19 vaccine with priority being given to those population groups at the highest risk of serious disease, and frontline healthcare workers. On October 4, 2021, to discourage outbound shipments, the Directorate General of Foreign Trade (DGFT) announced export restrictions requiring companies to obtain a license or government approval to ship syringes abroad. Just days later, on October 9, the Ministry of Health clarified the restrictions applied to three categories of syringes essential for the vaccination programme.

Rajiv Nath, Managing Director, HMD, and coordinator of the Association of Indian Medical  $Device\,Industry(AIMED) told\,The$ Indian Express, "We asked the government to remove the restriction on exports of insulin syringes. These syringes cannot be used for Covid-19 vaccination anyway and the Ministry of Health has supported our request to DGFT (Directorate General of Foreign Trade); 8-10 million Insulin syringes are lying with us as pending orders from countries like Thailand, Morocco, Myanmar and the United Arab Emirates.'

"It has taken us many years for us to build relationships. This disruption gives India a bad (name)... as a supplier of medical products," Nath said. Hence there was a "serious thought" on setting up capacity outside India. "When the export ban came, since we are a global supplier, we got invitations from many countries that they have a shortage. Iran, Saudi Arabia, Oman, Uganda — they reached

out to us to put up a plant over there," he said.

This is something to be definitely seen strategically in the long-term. You can't do it in one month's time." Nath said. HMD's manufacturing units in India have a capacity of 1.5 billion auto-disable syringes per annum, which the company plans to ramp up to 1.8 billion syringes a year by March 2022. After multiple petitions, syringe makers were allowed an increased quota for export of insulin syringes. Companies such as HMD expect to clear the stock of pending orders by December end.

Earlier, in January 2020, as the global outbreak of coronavirus intensified, the Centre had imposed a ban on export of personal protective equipment such as masks and clothing. The restrictions were lifted over the months as India progressively built domestic manufacturing capacity in these items, but the ban put multiple traders of such products in trouble. "As soon as the pandemic hit,

the prices of certain essential items surged 10 times. Since we were getting orders from our global customers, we procured the items at inflated rates. We took the payment made by our customers and paid our suppliers too. But suddenly, without notice, exports were banned, saddling us with deliverable goods with no export permission. By the time the ban was lifted, the prices cooled off, causing huge losses," said Parveen Narang, Wholetime Director at Delhi-based Narang Medical, a manufacturer and supplier of hospital furniture, orthopaedic implants, autoclaves, suction machines, with exports to 80-odd countries. It also sells products including masks, PPE kits, thermometers, oxygen concentrators, orthopaedic implants, etc.

The company had set up an af-

filiate in Florida in 2015, which it leveraged during the export ban to meet supply commitments in the Americas and Africa. "We were lucky that we had a company in the US that gave us the ability to continue providing these Covid-19 essentials. Almost 90 per cent of our business comes from export to countries in Latin America like Mexico, Argentina, Colombia, Dominican Republic, in addition to African countries and Europe," he said. Narang said he has readied plans to become a US citizen, and eventually move his manufacturing base from Ghaziabad in Uttar Pradesh to either Mexico or Colombia, over the next 5-6 years. "We employ around 250 people now in the entire company, and barring 25 in the senior management, we had to lay off the remaining," he said.

While honouring supply commitments, any lapse is always difficult to redeem, Narang said. "In December 2019, we had taken some large orders for a variety of medical equipment at a medical devices event in Dubai but weren't able to deliver to our customers. Next month (January 2022), I have to face these customers again in Dubai in another such expo," he said. In April this year, soon after the second wave hit the country, the Centre had also abruptly halted export of Covid-19 vaccines to ramp up the inoculation drive in the country. Shortly after that, Pune-based Serum Institute of India, one of the biggest vaccine manufacturers globally, signed a pact with the United Kingdom to invest 240 million pounds to expand its vaccine business and set up a new sales office there. The restrictions, which had hit global initiatives like Covax, were lifted in November.

A senior government official, however, said India was not unique in banning shipment of essentials. Bans imposed by the Ministry of Finance, or the Department of Commerce have been "time-bound and product specific", keeping in view the emergency in the country, the official said.

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## 3 THE CITY

# 18,000 flats up for sale under DDA special housing scheme

**ABHINAV RAJPUT** 

NEW DELHI DECEMBER 23

DELHI Development Authority Thursday launched a special housing scheme in which 18,335 flats are on sale in four categories - Higher Income Group (HIG), Middle Income Group (MIG), Lower Income Group (LIG) and Janta flats - at areas such as Jasola, Dwarka, Rohini, and Narela.

There are 205 flats in the HIG category of which 182 are at Jasola. These are priced between Rs 1.9 to Rs 2.1 crore. There are 976 flats in the MIG category in areas like Dwarka Sector 19, Dwarka Sector 16, Narela Sector A1. In 1 BHK category of LIG, 11,452 flats are up for sale in areas like Narela, Rohini, Sirsapur. There are 5,702 Janta flats, mostly in Narela.

A senior DDA official said people can apply for the scheme **ON OFFER** 

HIG(3BHK)

202 Jasola, Vasant Kunj, Paschim Vihar

HIG(2BHK)

3 Vasant Kunj block F MIG(2BHK) 976 Dwarka, Vasant Kunj,

Jahangirpuri, Narela

LIG(1BHK)

11,452 Dwarka, Rohini, Zafrabad, Narela Sirsapur, Lok Nayak Puram

EWS or Janta flats 5,702 Manglapuri, Narela, Rohini, Shivaji Marg till February 7: "Based on the response, draw of lots is likely to be held in February end."

People can apply till Feb 7

The scheme is online and people can use the DDA website to register, he added. The flats are mostly old flats that could not be sold in previous schemes.

The allottees will be eligible for subsidy under the Centre's

**Increase salary** of guest teachers: Sisodia to edu dept Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 23

(PMAY) if they avail of a home

loan from a bank or a financial in-

stitution, said the DDA. Applicants

applying in more than one cate-

gory will have to deposit registra-

tion or application money for the

higher category, said the official.

suance of demand letter, posses-

sion letter, conveyance deed and

uploading of documents will be

completely online. "Applicants

should keep their login creden-

As per DDA rules, both hus-

band and wife can apply for flats

separately, subject to fulfilment

of eligibility criteria. However, if

both are declared successful,

only one shall be allotted a flat

and the application money of the

other will be refunded. One per-

son can submit only one appli-

cation either under their own

name or as a joint co-applicant.

tials safe," he said.

The process of application, is-

AMIDST PROTESTS by guest teachers demanding regularisation, Deputy CM Manish Sisodia has directed the Directorate of Education to increase their salary.

In his letter to the Directorate, Sisodia stated that his meeting with a delegation from a government schools' guest teachers' group, Dilli Atithi Shikshak Sangh, on Wednesday prompted him to issue the direction.

"The major request of guest teachers, as mentioned in their representation, is regarding revision of remuneration. I agree with them since the increase in the cost of living, compounded by economic hardship in many families due to Covid, necessitates upward revision in remunerations. Therefore, it is directed that the Directorate of

The delegation Wednesday had held a press conference at the Delhi Secretariat after the meeting, denouncing the protests by guest teachers as "political" and listing out how the government's

teacher earns Rs 1,345 per day, a trained graduate teacher Rs 1,403, and a primary teacher Rs 1,364 per day.

FORM NO. CAA. 2 [Pursuant to section 230 (3) and rules 6 and 7)]
NATIONAL COMPANY LAW TRIBUNAL, CHENNAI BENCH
COMPANY APPLICATION NO. CA(CAA)/109(CHE)/2021 In the matter of Scheme of Amalgamation of

**Pricol Wiping Systems India Limited** (Transferor Company/100% Subsidiary Company)

Pricol Wiping Systems India Limited,

Registered Office: 109, Race Course, Coimbatore – 641018

... Applicant / Transferor Company

Notice of meeting of unsecured creditors

Notice is hereby given that by an order dated the 1st December, 2021 the Chennai Bench of the National Company Law Tribunal has directed a meeting of unsecured creditors of the Applicant / Transferor Company to be held for the purpose of considering, and if thought fit, approving with or without modification, the Scheme of Amalgamation of the aforesaid Applicant / Transferor Company with M/s Pricol Limited.

In pursuance of the said order and as directed therein further notice is hereby given that a meeting of unsecured creditors of the aforesaid Applicant / Transferor Company will be held at the Registered Office of the Company at 109, Race Course, Coimbatore - 641018 Tamilnadu on Tuesday, 15th day of February, 2022 at 11.00 A.M.

Copies of the said Scheme of Amalgamation, and of the statement under section 230 can be obtained free of charge at the registered office of the company. Persons entitled to attend and vote at the meeting may vote in person or by proxy, provided that all proxies in the prescribed form are deposited at the registered office of the company not later than 48 hours before the meeting. Forms of proxy can be obtained at the registered office of the Company.

The Tribunal has appointed Mr.P.Krishnamoorthy, Director of the Applicant / Transferor Compan failing him, Mr. Siddharth Manoharan, Director of the Applicant / Transferor Company, as chairperson of the said meeting. The above mentioned Scheme of Amalgamation, if approved by the meeting, will be subject to the subsequent approval of the Tribunal.

Chairperson appointed for the meeting Dated this 23rd day of December 2021

Education should increase the remuneration of guest and contract teachers," read the letter.

policies had benefited them.

This comes two weeks after hundreds of guest teachers held a protest near the CM's residence, once again demanding a policy that will let them work till the age of retirement. Another protest is scheduled to take place outside Sisodia's residence Saturday.

The All India Guest Teachers Association, which has been leading the protests, said it will proceed with Saturday's protest.

Currently, a postgraduate

\* The Selection will be held at national level through audition test. The candidate must have completed a minimum of 15 years and should not have crossed 35 years as on 01.01.2022

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Any other information log on to Gurukul website www.drgangubaihangalgurukul.com & Contact No: 9483871222

Nitish Patil, IAS Deputy Commissioner, Dharwad

Place: Dharwad Date:24.12.2021

& Co-Chairperson, Dr. Gangubai Hangal Gurukul Trust (R),

## Man killed for resisting robbery bid

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** NEW DELHI DECEMBER 23

A 24-YEAR-OLD man was allegedly beaten to death and his friend was severely injured for resisting a robbery bid in South Delhi's Sangam Vihar. Police said one of the accused has been arrested

CCTV footage of the incident, uploaded on social media, shows five men approaching the two victims who are walking on the street. The men get into a scuffle. Later, two of the accused are seen kicking and thrashing the victim. They pick up stones and bricks and hit the victim on his face and other parts multiple times. Their associates are also seen picking up pieces of rubble from

the street and throwing them on one of the victims. After beating them up, the accused dump them in a small canal.

The victim was identified as Jatin Kumar. His friend, Pankaj Kumar (21), who has been discharged from hospital, lodged a complaint saying he and Jatin were returning from a party on Monday night when a group of men accosted them. "They asked us to give them our belongings, but we refused. They started beating us and forcibly tried to loot us. We resisted... They threatened to kill us... they picked up stones and thrashed us. While beating us... they took Rs 3,000 from Jatin's wallet and some documents. They dumped us in the canal and fled," he alleged in the FIR.

Pankaj told police that he and Jatin were lying in the canal for some time.

He finally managed to get up and called Jatin's brother, who then rushed him to AIIMS Trauma Centre. The FIR states that Jatin suffered multiple injuries on his face and succumbed to injuries.

Additional DCP (South) Harsh Vardhan said, "We registered a case on the complaint of the victim's friend and identified all the accused using CCTVs. Sections of murder have been added in the case. We found that the accused took Rs 3,000 from the deceased and killed him. One of the accused, Ramjan Ali, has been arrested."

Police are conducting raids to arrest the other accused.

Jatin, a resident of Sangam Vihar, is survived by his parents and brother and worked odd jobs. Pankaj works at a courier company.



## हुआ भव्य कुंभ का आयोजन



आस्था के प्रतीक कुंभ मेले का कराया भव्य आयोजन

सारा इमानक्षर, टाम क्मब्र





**OMICRON IN 13%,** 

SAMPLES SEQUENCED

New Delhi: Omicron ac-

counted for 13% of all sam-

ples that were sequenced, as

per the documents reviewed

in the meeting. Delta and its

sublineages continue to be the dominant variant in cir-

culation in Delhi, found in

41% of the samples that were

sequenced. The significant

proportion of omicron vari-

ant sequences could be a re-

sult of a sampling bias as

India's genomic sequencing

consortium, INSACOG, had

asked all laboratories across

the country to prioritise

samples of international

travellers who might be car-

rying the new variant. **ENS** 

DELTA IN 41%

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#### **CAPITAL RECORDS OVER 100 CASES AGAIN**

## Amid omicron scare, CM says emphasis is on home isolation, ready to test 3 lakh a day we go in this cold?'

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 23

THE DELHI government plans to create capacity to conduct 3 lakh tests a day and take care of 1 lakh persons a day in need of home isolation, with the looming threat of the new omicron variant and rise in Covid cases, Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal said Thursday after a review meeting.

The government also plans to create up to 37,000 Covid-19 beds across its own, central government, MCD-run, and private hospitals. Of these, over 10,500 will be ICU beds, as per the plans discussed in the review meeting.

"From what we know about omicron so far, it spreads quickly but it is quite mild. The number of hospitalisations and deaths is less. We are preparing keeping this in mind. The first thing is if it spreads a lot, we need to strengthen our testing infrastructure. We are creating capacity to conduct up to 3 lakh tests a day, if needed. Now, we do around 60,000-70,000 tests a day," Kejriwal said.

Delhi on Thursday reported 118 cases and 61,322 tests were conducted.

He added that to avert an oxygen crisis like the one seen during the second wave, the government has arranged for 15 tankers to transport oxygen that will be delivered in the next three weeks; five tankers each of 5, 10 and 15 MT capacity.

Since the second wave, the government has also created 442

**BRIEFLY** —

**Bharat Darshan** 

Home Minister

New Delhi: The Bharat

Darshan Park, spread over

8.5 acres, will be opened

for visitors on Saturday on

the occasion of former

Prime Minister Atal Bihari

Vajpayee's birthday, South

MCD Mayor Mukesh

Suryan said. He said Home

Minister Amit Shah would

inaugurate the waste-to-

art park at Puniabi Bagh.

which has replicas of 17

monuments built using

scrap material.

**Faridabad** 

reports first

omicron case

Gurgaon: Faridabad re-

ported its first case of the omicron variant. Health

department officials said a

24-year-old woman, who

had travelled from Canada

to Faridabad, tested posi-

tive for Covid. Genome se-

quencing showed she was

infected with the omicron

variant. Faridabad CMO Dr

Vinay Gupta said: "Since

she arrived from a not 'at-

risk' country, her sample

was taken among 2% ran-

dom samples at airport...

Her two close contacts

have also tested positive

for Covid. Their samples

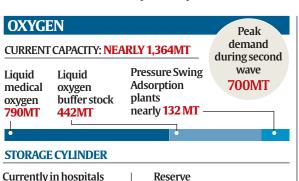
have been sent for genome

sequencing ..." ENS

park to be

unveiled by

**BOOSTING OXYGEN, BEDS, MANPOWER** 



- **TO BE ADDED**
- 16 more PSA plants to be procured by mid-January ■ 15 tankers — five each of 5, 10, and 15 MT capacity
- Two cryogenic cylinder bottling plants to be commissioned with capacity of 1,400 jumbo cylinders a day

MT of buffer oxygen capacity and added pressure swing adsorption plants that can generate around 132 MT of oxygen. At the height of the second wave, Delhi needed over 700 MT of oxygen but there was a shortage of supply leading to the deaths of at least 32 critical Covid patients.

The government is preparing for up to 1 lakh new cases a day. In comparison, over 28,000 cases were recorded during the second wave which was driven by the fast-spreading delta variant.

Since cases are likely to be mild, Kejriwal said, the government is also strengthening its home isolation infrastructure. "We appeal that people stay home unless they have severe symptoms. We will try to treat you in the comfort of your home. We are strengthening the home isolation module. As soon as you get your Covid positive report, you will get a phone call from us and will be told that the Delhi government will remain in touch. Next day, a medical team will visit your home and give you a kit with medicines, instructions, and oximeter. There will be daily tele-

consultation after that. The hiring

**6,000** D-type big cylinders

#### HOSPITAL BEDS (as on 22/12/21)

Total beds 9,035 (Vacancy:

Oxygen beds 8,424 (Vacancy:

**HUMAN RESOURCES** 

hire up to 25% more doctors,

■ Hospitals allowed to

40% more nurses and

paramedics till March

need of hospitals

■ Doctors for You to run

■ Doctors for You to be

hired for three more CHCs

of agencies will happen in the

next couple of days. I have given

has enough medical teams to visit

only 1,100 homes a day. This will

be increased to 1 lakh, Kejriwal

said. The government has already

floated a tender to hire an agency

that will remain in contact with

all positive cases during the pe-

As per the plan, the list of all

positive cases will be shared with

the team by 7 am each morning

and the first call will go out the

same day by 12 noon. The next

riod of home isolation.

At present, the government

this direction today," he said.

four Covid Health Centres

for isolating patients not in

ICU beds 2,796 (Vacancy: (Vacancy: 98.9%)

#### **EQUIPMENT &** CONSUMABLES

1,382

- Two-month stock of 32 medicines to be created ■ Tenders for hospital
- beds, patient monitors, ECG machines, high-flow nasal oxygen

cannulas, oximeters in



day a team of ANM, ASHA, or

paramedics will visit the house

and provide home isolation kits.

The persons will be "discharged"

on the 10th day if they were

asymptomatic for the previous

three days. Any person whose

oxygen concentration drops be-

low 94% will be recommended for

a hospital transfer and ambulance

facility will be available, according

to the plan documents available

other countries is that there is a

shortage of manpower because

there are a huge number of cases.

"What we have heard from

with The Indian Express.

We will have to arrange sufficient manpower. Medicine stock for two months is being created; it will be purchased within the next few days," he said.

The government will maintain a stock of 32 medicines including anti-viral drugs like Remdesivir, immune-modulator Tocilizumab, and corticosteroid dexamethasone used for treat-

The government is creating a stock of antifungal medicines, Amphotericin Posaconazole, that are used for

ing Covid patients.

the treatment of mucormycosis.

Plea in HC to

allow prayers

on Christmas;

religious places

can stay open,

NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 23

A DAY after the Delhi Disaster

Management Authority (DDMA)

announced a ban on Christmas

and New Year-related gatherings

and congregations in the na-

tional capital, a petition was filed

before the Delhi High Court on

Thursday challenging the prohi-

bition. The petition, which seeks permission for holding

worship services in churches for

Christmas and New Year, is likely

to come up for hearing on Friday.

that authorities have permitted

bars, restaurants, and auditoriums to function with 50% capacity and

theaters with 100% capacity but

"completely barred religious gath-

erings", in violation of Article 14 of

"All ardent devotees of

the Constitution as well as the

Christianity... have been prohib-

ited in Delhi from attending

chapel masses on eve of

Christmas but citizens are al-

lowed to have gala dinners and

shopping etc on Christmas...," ar-

gues the plea filed through advo-

cate Manoj V George and others.

Thursday that religious places

will remain open on Christmas

and New Year's Eve for prayers

subject to strict compliance of

Covid-appropriate behaviour.

However, the DDMA clarified

right to freedom of religion.

The petition filed by Kamlesh Jacob and Jacob Oommen argues

says DDMA

has four children aged between 1 and 6 to look after: "Where will we go with our children in the winter? We have faced a lot of problems due to the lockdown; we barely got to eat one meal a day. Are we supposed to sleep on the road without work and food? I will sit inside my house with my children, they can mow us down. I will not go anywhere until the government provides

us proper rehabilitation." Among the residents is class IX student Sumit, who is also a part-time blacksmith. Since the lockdown, he has not been to at-

Facing eviction, 33 families at Azadpur basti ask: 'Where will



A portion of the DMRC's Phase IV corridor is set to come up at Gadiya Lohar Basti. Tarini Vyas

#### **GAYATHRI MANI** & TARINI VYAS

NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 23

THE PUBLIC Works Department (PWD) will go ahead with an eviction drive at Azadpur's Gadiya Lohar Basti, where a portion of the DMRC's Phase IV corridor is set to come up. The move has left the lives of 33 families, comprising 250-300 people, who live in the basti in limbo.

On December 13, the PWD issued eviction notices to the families to vacate the area by December 21. It also warned that if they don't, it will demolish the clusters and not take responsiility for damages.

The families have now demanded that the Delhi government either rehabilitate or provide them houses. "We will not move an inch until the government provides permanent rehabilitation or houses under the 'Jahan Jhuggi Wahin Makaan' scheme, as was promised during the elections. We are not homeless people who will move to a ranbasera or a shelter home. We have been living here for more than four decades," said Dharmendra, pradhan of the basti. Salma, a blacksmith, said she

tend online classes due to lack of

access to a smartphone. But the 14-year-old is working hard to buy one. "I work day and night making tawas, iron tools, hammer and other things, so I can buy a phone and study. If they remove us, where will I go and stay? I request the government to not destroy our education and health in this cold weather," he said.

Another resident, Asha, who has a three-month-old daughter, complained of lack of toilet facilities at the basti: "Women have to wake up early and defecate in an open naala... many times, people make videos of us. Rather than demolishing our houses, the government should fulfil its promises.'

When contacted, a senior PWD official said, "This is government land which has been encroached for years. The eviction will not be postponed as a portion of the Delhi Metro's Phase IV corridor is coming up on this road. We issued the eviction notice, and the Special Task Force (STF) Encroachment will carry out demolition. The matter will be sent to the SDM for further discussion and approval."

A DMRC official confirmed the same: "Extension of the Magenta Line (Janakpuri West to RK Ashram corridor) is on this route. Work on this section has started in different packages. This section will pass through Azadpur, covering the densely populated area."

Taking suo motu cognisance of the matter, the Delhi Commission for Protection of Child Rights has issued a notice to the PWD asking it to stop the eviction drive as it will affect the health and well-being of children and women. The Housing Land and Rights Network (HLRN), a non-profit organisation, also filed a petition in Delhi High Court and the matter is listed for Friday.

(Tarini Vyas is an intern with The Indian Express)

Shoppers throng the Sarojini Nagar market, most flouting social distancing norms, Thursday. Tashi Tobgyal

## Sarojini Nagar packed, admin mulls curbs

**ABHINAYA HARIGOVIND** NEW DELHI DECEMBER 23

THE POPULAR Sarojini Nagar market saw a deluge of shoppers on Thursday - most violating social distancing norms - prompting the district administration to consider curbs to stem the crowd.

On Thursday, announcements were being made via a microphone at the market, asking people to keep masks on and follow Covid-related restrictions while police, civil defence volunteers, and staff of the New Delhi Municipal Council (NDMC) attempted to enforce protocol.

Prakash Meshram said the situation will be also be monitored on Friday: "Maybe over the weekend, we will go for a system where half the shops are open on Saturday and half on Sunday, though this is not official vet."

According to an NDMC official, they were engaged in clearing "encroachments" from streets to avoid overcrowding. A vehicle was deployed Thursday to clear wares of vendors who

set up shops along the roadside. A police officer posted at the market said: "Fines of Rs 2,000 are being imposed on those not wearing masks, spitting, and fail-

SDM Meshram said around 70 staffers from the DM and SDM offices have been posted at the market to keep an eye on crowds. "Covid testing is being done here; around 1,500 to 1,600 people were randomly tested on Wednesday, Around 160 people were vaccinated on Wednesday, including shopkeepers and the

public. Shopkeepers have been

asked to get their staff vaccinated.

The camp at the market begins at

around 9 am," he added. Kuldeep Singh Sawhney, president of the Sarojini Market Shopkeepers Association, said crowds are expected to reduce

the crowd grows, but eases up in the evening. It will thin out after Christmas... it happens during this time of the year. Staffers at shops are being vaccinated, and most have already been vaccinated... Shopkeepers are not allowing people into shops if they

aren't wearing masks." Shop owners said efforts were being made to ensure that those wearing masks are allowed into shops. Om Dutt Sharma, who owns a clothes shop, said: "It's a big market. We can only appeal to people to wear masks and visit if they absolutely need something."

## Court orders FIR against cops for setting pitbull on family's pet dog

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 23

A COURT ordered an FIR against senior police officials after the family of a man accused in a robbery case alleged that a group of policemen barged into their home and unleashed a pitbull on their pet dog, which died of iniuries

Additional Chief Metropolitan Magistrate Babru Bhan, in his order passed on Wednesday, said the allegations were not "bald and baseless".

The court said it was "conscious of the fact that police have to perform their task under extremely difficult circumstances".

It, however, observed that "... if police resort to violence to apprehend the accused and adopt custodial atrocities to gather evidence, they are accountable for violation of fundamental rights as law nowhere permits custodial atrocities for the purpose of

collection of evidence" The court ordered registration of FIR against SHO Inspector Arvind Kumar, SI Nimesh, ASI Neeraj Rana and constables Sunny, Arun, Vineet and other erring officials for offences under IPC sections 323 (causing hurt), The family of a man accused in a robbery case alleged that a group of policemen barged into their home and unleashed a pitbull on their pet dog, which died of injuries

for criminal intimidation) and 509 (word, gesture or act intended to insult the modesty of a woman), among others. The JCP concerned has been

342 (punishment for wrongful

confinement), 506 (punishment

asked to carry out a fair probe.

The alleged incident took place on December 7. The family alleged that police personnel came to their house with a pitbull and unleashed the dog on their pet because it barked at them. A video was uploaded online that purportedly shows a woman pleading and the personnel hurling abuses.

The matter came to light when the robbery accused was produced before a duty magistrate two days later. He alleged before the court that he was beaten up in police custody.

## 50 Shows In Delhi, Says Sisodia

## Musical on B R Ambedkar to be released on January 5

### **EKTAA MALIK**

NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 23

IN AN attempt to bring the life and works of Dr BR Ambedkar to a larger audience, the Delhi government has mounted a musical on the late leader. Tickets are available for free on babasahebmusical.in.

Deputy Chief Minister Manish Sisodia said on Thursday, "The event will begin from January 5, and 50 shows will be held in Delhi, two shows in a day

– at 5 pm and 8 pm. It will done on a grand scale in a big venue, Broadway style.'

Asked about the event in the light of the current Covid situation, he said "we will take a call" as the situation evolves.

"But all Covid protocols will be followed. The show will be free, but pre-booking online will be required. We are releasing the number for that today, or it can be done by visiting the event's website. The hall is huge but still limited seats will be there, so booking will be required," he added.



Tickets are available for free. Express

The musical is being directed by Mahua Chauhan, and veteran theatre artist Roshan Abbas is serving as the creative 'We have Rohit Roy playing

the titular role of Babasaheb, and Tisca Chopra and Ashish Vidyarthi in key roles. Omung Kumar is doing the sets, and Kausir Munir has written the lyrics for the same. Indian Ocean band has created the music," said Abbas.

On why the government chose Ambedkar as a subject for a cultural extravaganza,

Social Welfare Minister Rajendra Pal Gautam said. "Babasaheb is the greatest sapoot (son) that India has ever seen. He was the architect of our Constitution. We have the most unique constitution in the world because of him.'

Mahua Chauhan, writer and choreographer, said: "We are presenting the musical through a group of students, who start off as a blank page, and slowly they build up a portrait of this multidimensional leader, learning about him in the process."

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Directorate of Information and Publicity, Government of NCT of Delhi

Scrutiny needed, govt shouldn't push Bills in

hurried manner: Kerala MP to PM

NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 23

TAKING STRONG exception to the way the government pushed

RSP MP N K Premachandran,

a member of the panel of chair-

persons to preside over Lok

Sabha, demanded a special ses-

sion of Parliament on the occa-

sion of Azadi Ka Amrith

Mahotsay to "discuss about the

**LIZ MATHEW** 

## 6 GOVT & POLITICS





## CELEBRATING INDIA@75

WITH THE Narendra Modi government pulling out all stops in celebrating Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsay. Indian embassies are going to great lengths to organise events as part of the programme to commemorate 75 years of India's independence. The Indian embassy in Lebanon recently organised a film screening of Kangana Ranaut-starrer 'Manikarnika'. The embassy tweeted that there was "enthusiastic participation by the Indian community & Lebanese friends of India" in the screening of the movie as part of Amrit Mahotsav. Ambassador Suhel Ajaz Khan took the lead in organising the event.

## CLEANLINESS PLEDGE

AGRICULTURE SECRETARY Sanjay Agrawal along with other officials of the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare took a "swachhta pledge" under Swachh Bharat Mission on Thursday. After taking the pledge, each official is expected to devote 100 hours per year or two hour per week to voluntary work for cleanliness. They are also supposed to encourage 100 other people to take this pledge.

#### SIDDHA DAY

AYUSH MINISTRY celebrated 5th Siddha Day on Thursday. On the occasion, Ayush Minister Sarbananda Sonowal participated as the chief guest. Siddha Day is observed on the eve of the birthday of Agathiyar, who is believed to be the founding father of Siddha, one of the traditional Indian forms of medical treatment. This year, the Siddha Day celebration — on "Strength of Siddha Medicine for Communicable Diseases" was jointly organised by Central Council for Research in Siddha, National Institute of Siddha and Directorate of Indian Medicine & Homeopathy, Government of Tamil Nadu.

## Maharashtra clears Bill with stricter punishment for crimes against women

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** MUMBAI, DECEMBER 23

MAHARASHTRA THURSDAY became the second state in India after Andhra Pradesh to approve death penalty for heinous offences of rapes and gangrapes, unanimously passing the Shakti Criminal Laws (Maharashtra Amendment) Bill.

The Bill, which aims to curb crime against women and children, provides stricter punishment including death penalty in rape cases.

In December 2019, the Maharashtra government announced it would bring a law on the lines of the Andhra Pradesh's Disha Act with a provision of death penalty for rape. In December 2020 a draft Bill making changes to existing laws on violence against women and children was presented by the government. It had provisions for enhancing punishment including death penalty for rape and fine on perpetrators of violence, faster investigation and quicker disposal of cases.

The Bill was finally tabled and

passed by the Maharashtra Assembly on Thursday.

The Bill provides for death penalty or life imprisonment for cases of heinous offences of rape, gang-rape and rape and gangrape on women under 16 years of age, punishment to men, women and transgenders in a woman and intimidating a woman by any mode of communication, and completing the investigation in 30 days.

Other provisions include punishment such as imprisonment up to three months and a fine of Rs 25 lakh or both against the social media platform, internet or mobile telephony data providers for failure to share data for police investigation.

In case of filing false cases or providing false information to any person, it provides for punishment such as imprisonment of not less than three years and up to three years and a fine of Rs 1 lakh.

In acid attack cases, the punishment is imprisonment of at least 15 years that may extend to the remainder of a convict's natural life, and a fine to be paid to the victim. The Bill will now be tabled before the Legislative Council.



**KIRAN PARASHAR** 

BELAGAVI. DECEMBER 23

THE KARNATAKA Right to Freedom of Religion Bill, 2021, commonly known as the anticonversion Bill, was passed by voice vote in the legislative Assembly on Thursday amid strong opposition from the Congress party. The Bill will now be debated by the legislative Council. If passed, Karnataka will become the ninth state to have such a legislation. The debate on the controver-

sial Bill on Thursday saw several twists and turns after the BJP claimed that a draft of the current Bill was actually framed by the Congress when it was in power between 2013 and 2018 – a charge denied by the opposition party.

Former chief minister and Congress Legislature Party leader Siddaramaiah said the Bill was part of the hidden agenda of the RSS while Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai said the agenda of the RSS is an open secret.

Siddaramaiah began the debate, saving the Bill was unconstitutional and unnecessary since there is a provision under the Indian Penal Code to book cases against forcible conversion. He was referring to IPC 295 (a), which states, "Deliberate and malicious acts, intended to outrage religious



Protests in the Assembly on Thursday. PTI

feelings of any class by insulting its religion or religious beliefs." State Law and Parliamentary

Affairs Minister JC Madhuswamy said the state Law Commission had recommended a legislation on the issue and that the Congress government under Siddaramaiah had cleared it for Cabinet discussion in 2016 but it was never taken up. After Siddaramaiah sought the documents related to the matter, Speaker Vishweshwar Hegde Kageri adjourned the House for more than 20 minutes.

When proceedings resumed, Siddaramaiah acknowledged he had signed a document to place a draft Bill before the Cabinet but asserted that it never came before the Cabinet. He later produced a petition submitted on November 5, 2009 to the then chief minister B S Yediyurappa by RSS-backed activists and writers, seeking an anti-conversion law to emphasis that the Bill was part of the RSS agenda.

He said the Bill was a product of the BJP government from 2009. Yediyurappa, who was in power in 2009, intervened and admitted that a petition was received during his time and that the BJP was always interested in introducing the law. "After going through the Bills of other states, we are passing it here, whether Congress accepts or opposes it," he said.

Opposition JD(S) leader H D Revanna alleged that the anticonversion Bill was being tabled through an "understanding" between the Congress and BIP.

## Took shape in '12 under BSY, was less stringent

**KIRAN PARASHAR** BELAGAVI, DECEMBER 23

THE ANTI-CONVERSION Bill, cleared on Thursday took shape during the BJP rule under BS Yediyurappa in 2012. But provisions in the draft of the previous version were less stringent.

After preparing the draft of Karnataka Dharma Swatantrya Act, EXPLAINE

2012, the state Law Commission sent it the Law Department for scrutiny September 21. 2013, a few months

after the Siddaramaiah-led Congress government came to power. After clearance, the draft was supposed to come up for discussion before Cabinet in 2016. However, the then government did not take it up.

The previous draft did not consider conversion by marriage unlawful. Also, the burden of proof was on the prosecution.

The present Bill states that any marriage that has happened for

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NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 23

A DAY after Leader of the

Opposition in the Rajya Sabha

Mallikarjun Kharge claimed that

Chairman M Venkaiah Naidu had

left it to the government and

Opposition to resolve the stale-

mate over the suspension of 12

MPs from the House, and that he

said he "cannot do anything", the Rajya Sabha Secretariat Thursdav

lenged Kharge's assertion that the

House was repeatedly adjourned

any other leader, the Raiva Sabha

Secretariat regretted the "factu-

Without naming Kharge or

at the slightest disturbance.

On suspension, RS

counters Kharge's

incorrect narrative'

claim: 'Factually

the sole purpose of unlawful conversion by the man of one religion with the woman of another, either by converting himself before or after marriage or by converting the woman before or after marriage, shall be declared as null

Also, the previous draft said.

In case of a

woman, a person belonging to SC/ST or minor, the imprisonment was extended to two years and Rs 10,000 fine.

According to the latest Bill, punishment will be three years five years with a fine of Rs 20,000. In case of SCs and STs, minors, or mentally-challenged persons, the imprisonment will extend up to five years and fine

Bills in a hurried manner without discussion and the "recurrent amendments to existing laws in piecemeal manner", a senior Lok Sabha MP has written to Prime Minister Narendra Modi, seeking his intervention to and void by the family court. 'strengthen the credibility" of Parliamentary democratic sys-It also says the burden of

proof is on the accused.

Punishment for contravention of the provisional section may extend to one year imprisonment or with fine which may extend to Rs 5,000 or with

in jail but which may extend to

smooth, effective and disruption free functioning Parliament without invoking expulsion/suspension of

RSPMPNK Premachandran

members". Pointing out that the Prime Minister's

cussion, decision and dissent in Parliament was not complied with, Premachandran said scrupulous scrutiny of various clauses of the Bills are essentially required for a fruitful legislation. He criticised the manner in which the Election Laws (Amendment) Bill, 2021 was in-

message for detailed debate, dis-

troduced and passed in the Lower House f Parliament — on the same day as the supplementary list of business. According to the MP from Kollam in Kerala, the members

were denied their democratic right to propose amendments when the Bills were passed on the same day. Premachandran's letter

comes in the backdrop of the Opposition alleging that the government pushed the Bills in Parliament without detailed discussion and did not follow rules and procedures during the Winter Session, which concluded on Wednesday.

One of the most vocal voices in the House, who questioned the Treasury benches for "not Premachandran criticised the government's move to bring repeated amendments to existing laws in "piecemeal manner".

#### MEGHALAYA SPEAKER **REJECTS CONG DISQUALIFICATION PLEA AGAINST 12 DESERTERS**

**PRESS TRUST OF INDIA** SHILLONG, DECEMBER 23

MEGHALAYA SPEAKER Metbah Lyngdoh on Thursday rejected Congress's plea to disqualify its 12 MLAs who deserted the party and joined TMC and declared their move as "valid" under the 10th Schedule of the Constitution.

Congress leader Mukul Sangma, his aide Charles Pyngrope, who is a former Speaker and 10 others had on November 25 merged with TMC making it the principal Opposition party in the state. "I am satisfied that the merger of 12 members of Indian National Congress is valid under the 10th schedule of the Constitution and does not attract disqualification," the speaker said. "I do not find merit in the submissions made in the petition filed by Ampareen Lvngdoh, MLA...

Prime Minister Narendra Modi and UP CM Yogi Adityanath in Varanasi, Thursday. Anand Singh

## PM: Talk of cow may be crime for some; for us it is sacred, mother

Unveils 27 projects, including a dairy, in his constituency — Varanasi

**MAULSHREE SETH** LUCKNOW, DECEMBER 23

PRIME MINISTER Narendra Modi Thursday said that "the cow is a mother to us and sacred", and those who consider this to be a "crime" do not realise that the livelihood of crores of people depends on cattle.

The Prime Minister made the remarks at a rally after inaugurating and laying the foundation of 27 projects worth more than Rs 1,500 crore in Varanasi, his parliamentary constituency. This was his second visit to Varanasi in as many weeks. Among the projects he inaugurated was the "Banas Dairy Sankul" project. The dairy will have a capacity to process 5 lakh litres of milk a day, and will be built over 30 acres of land for an estimated Rs 475 crore.

Modi paid tribute to former

prime minister Chaudhary Charan Singh on his birth anniversary, commemorated as Kisan Divas (Farmers' Day). "Humare yahan gaay ki baat karna, govardhan ki baat karna..kuch logon ne aise haalat paida kar diye hain ki jaise koi gunaah kar rahe hain... Gaay kuch logon ke liye gunah ho sakti hai. Humare liye gaay maata hain, puiniva hain [Some people have created such a situation it seems that talking about cows is a crime. While it can be a crime for some, for us cow is mother and it is sacred and worshipped]," he said. Taking a dig at rival parties,

Modi said those making jokes about cows and buffaloes forget that the livelihood of eight crore families in the country depends on "pashudhan [livestock]".

The PM laid the foundation of a biogas electricity plant for the Milk Producers' Cooperative Union in Ramnagar area, and launched a website and logo for the "Conformity Assessment Scheme". The logo will serve as the mark of quality of dairy products. He also transferred Rs 35 crore bonus to the accounts of more than 1.7 lakh milk producers associated with Banas Dairy.

## More teeth to cops in Assam's amended cattle Act

Guwahati: The Assam Cattle Preservation Act, 2021, was amended in the Assembly Thursday, empowering the police to enter the house of an accused and inspect, search and seize properties acquired in the last six years with money earned from illegal cattle trade.

**ATRIMITRA** 

the passage of The Assam Cattle Preservation (Amendment) Bill, 2021, Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma said he wants to convey the message that Assam is a "tough state" while dealing with unlawful cattle trade.

Though Opposition mem-

duced on December 20, the suggestions were withdrawn after Sarma spoke, except those of Independent MLA Akhil Gogoi, who stuck to his stand that the entire Act is "unconstitutional and communal" in nature.

ally incorrect narrative" on the suspension, blaming the stalemate on "shifting positions" of parties and "lack of agreement" amongst them. Kharge on Wednesday said he was ready to express regret on behalf of the 12 suspended mem-

bers but the government was not receptive to the offer. Kharge also criticised the repeated adjournments of the House at, what he called, the slightest disturbance. In a statement, the Secretariat said during his talks with "lead-

ers from both the sides" as well as in the House, Naidu had "urged both the sides to resolve the matter amicably through discussion given the stated positions", even "complimented some members for coming forward to resolve the stalemate... and was in regular contact with them". It added, "It is informed that

initially it was proposed to the Chairman that the Leader of the Opposition would express regret on behalf of all the 12 suspended Members on the Floor of the House... But subsequently an issue



the suspended would disagree gret... The Chairman suggested that the best course would be to talk to all concerned parties before expressing regret for the incidents of August 11... It was even suggested that if all parties concerned were not on board, regret could be expressed on behalf of the parties willing to do so. But nothing happened thereafter." The Chairman, the Secretariat

said, "even suggested to the Government to move a Motion for termination of suspension in case such a regret was expressed. The precedent of then Leader of Opposition in Rajya Sabha Arun Jaitley expressing regret on behalf of 7 Members suspended (no BJP MP suspended) for their misconduct during passage of Women's Reservation Bill in 2010 also came up for discussions with leaders." "From the above, it is evident

the Chairman was actively engaged in resolving the stalemate over suspension issue but there was no progress due to shifting positions of the concerned and perhaps, due to unwillingness to regret the misconduct of suspended Members and lack of agreement among parties [concerned] on regretting incidents that led to suspension. It is hence, incorrect and misleading on part of concerned to suggest that the Chairman did not take initiative to resolve the stalemate," the Secretariat said.

#### On August 13, the assembly bers had brought in several had passed The Assam Cattle was raised that what if some par-Amid a heated debate during amendments to the bill, intro-Preservation Bill. 2021. ties whose members were among Trusted Mamata lieutenant Hakim named Kolkata Mayor again

Jayant at joint RLD-SP rally: Govt made false promises to farmers

Jayant Chaudhary in Aligarh on Thursday. Gajendra Yadav

ment made false promises to **AMIL BHATNAGAR** ALIGARH, DECEMBER 23 legacy of Chaudhary Charan Singh. The Home Minister said THE RASHTRIYA Lok Dal (RLD) the government would make a

The rally was organised on the birth anniversary of former prime minister Chaudhary RLD national convenor Jayant

and the Samajwadi Party (SP) held their second joint rally on Thursday in Aligarh's Iglas town.

Chaudhary said: "This govern-

farmers and did not respect the scheme in the name of Charan Singh and would give money to farmers. I request him to look through binoculars, but he will still not be able to see any such scheme. SP chief Akhilesh Yadav re-

mained absent as he was in home quarantine.



Four days after sweeping the Kolkata Municipal Corporation (KMC) polls, the Trinamool Congress declared Firhad as the next KMC Mayor. The decision was taken at a meeting of the newly-elected TMC councillors in Kolkata Thursday, which was chaired by party supremo and West Bengal Chief Minister



Firhad Hakim with Mamata Banerjee, Thursday. Partha Paul

Mamata Banerjee. TMC announced that Atin Ghosh will be Deputy Mayor and

South Kolkata MP Mala Roy will be the next KMC Chairperson. A close aide of Mamata, Firhad, 62, was the Mayor of the previous KMC too. Addressing the TMC council-

lors, Mamata struck a note of caution. "In TMC, there is no space for arrogance. You have to work rather than talk which is the habit of BJP and CPI(M) leaders. You don't need to project your face on television. You just need to work for the people."

After being named as the new Mayor, Firhad said, "I want to thank Mamata Banerjee for giving me this opportunity to serve the people of Kolkata again."

In the 19 December KMC polls, the Trinamool bagged 134 out of 144 wards. Firhad, who won from ward

82, had been appointed the ad $ministrator\,of\,the\,erstwhile\,KMC$ board after the previous Mayorin-Council's term expired in May 2020 but fresh elections to the civic body could not be held due to the Covid pandemic. Popularly known as "Bobby

da" in inner TMC circles, Firhad is also an MLA from the Kolkata Port seat and holds the Transport

and Housing portfolios in the Bengal Cabinet.

After Sovan Chatterjee resigned as the KMC Mayor in

November 2018, TMC appointed Firhad as the new Mayor. He became the first Muslim Mayor of Kolkata. Firhad's rise through the TMC ranks have been meteoric - he has been associated with the party since it was floated by Mamata in 1998.

He was first elected as an MLA from the Alipore seat in Kolkata in the 2009 bypolls. In 2011, when the TMC stormed to power in Bengal after ousting the

New Delhi

government, Firhad, who then won the polls from the Kolkata Port constituency, was made Urban Development and Municipal Affairs Minister. In the course of her first two

34-year CPI(M)-led Left Front

terms as the CM, Mamata changed the portfolios of many ministers, but let Firhad retain his portfolios. After Mukul Roy left the TMC to join the BJP in 2019, he emerged as one of her most trusted lieutenants. She again inducted him into her ministry after winning the Assembly polls for the third straight time.

## Cong seeks top court probe, BSP says cancel sale

NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 23

SENIOR CONGRESS leader Priyanka Gandhi on Thursday said the probe ordered by the Uttar Pradesh government into land transactions in Ayodhya was inadequate and that the Supreme Court should investigate the "loot"

The Yogi Adityanath government ordered the probe on Wednesday, the same day as The Indian Express reported how elected public representatives and relatives of state government officials had bought land parcels in Ayodhya since the November 9, 2019, Supreme Court verdict clearing construction of a temple at the disputed Ram Janmabhoomi site.

Addressing a press conference with Congress communication department head Randeep Surjewala at the AICC headquarters, Vadra said: "Uttar Pradesh said yesterday that they are ordering a probe. Who is conducting the probe? A district-level officer... Now you have the Mayor as a witness on a sale deed... Obviously. you are not expecting an inquiry to take place... A district-level officer cannot hold an inquiry against a mayor. The Ram Mandir Trust was set up on the basis of the orders of the Supreme Court. So, this investigation should be conducted through the Supreme Court." Accusing the Trust of buying land at inflated rates, and BJP, RSS leaders and government officials of "misusing" the money collected by it, Vadra said a "loot" was on near the Ram temple. "BJP leaders, office-bearers and officials of the Yogi Adityanath government are involved in this loot... Nobody knows how much land is there or how many crores worth of scam is taking place.'

**COVID RESTRICTIONS BACK** 

Bhopal: Amid growing concern over the

Pradesh government on Thursday im-

posed a night curfew in the state from 11

pm to 5 am as precautionary measure and

advised people to strictly follow Covid-19

protocols. The curfew comes into force

any case of Omicron, "In view of the rapid

spread of the Omicron virus in the world, it

is the right time for all to remain alert on

the issue. The Centre has also issued guide-

lines to follow social distancing, use face

masks and avoid crowded places. We have

also decided to impose a night curfew from

tonight (Thursday) in the entire state from

11 pm to 5 am and will take some more

measures if required to deal with the situ-

ation," Chief Minister Shivraj Singh

Bengaluru: The state government has an-

nounced restrictions on public celebra-

tions of the New Year in the wake of ris-

ing cases of Omicron in the state. Chief

Minister Basavarai Bommai has an-

nounced that restrictions would be in

the state for New Year celebrations have

been banned." Bommai said. "Seating ca-

pacity at pubs and restaurants has been

restricted to 50 percent with no special

events. The staff at pubs and restaurants

*Mumbai:* The state on Thursday issued

guidelines restricting large-scale Christmas celebrations. The guidelines mandate sim-

ple celebrations during Christmas follow-

ing Covid-19 protocols and urge citizens to

avoid crowding, both inside and outside re-

ligious venues. The guidelines specify that

churches can permit devotees only up to

50 per cent of their capacity for the mid-

night mass on December 24-25 with facil-

Face masks have to be provided and

physical distancing should be followed, the

ities for sanitisation made mandatory.

should be fully vaccinated."

**MAHARASHTRA** 

"Mass gatherings at any place across

place from December 30 to January 2.

Madhya Pradesh has so far not reported

from Thursday night.

Chouhan said.

**KARNATAKA** 

MLAs & Mayor; relatives of Commissioner, SDM, DIG, officials buy land in Avodhya after SC cleared Ram temple



The Indian Express investigation Wednesday

Speaking to reporters in Lucknow, BSP chief Mayawati demanded that the Supreme Court intervene in the matter. She asked the Centre to direct the state to cancel the land deals.

Mentioning a specific case. Vadra, the Congress general secretary in-charge of UP, said: There is a clear transaction here where a piece of land which was sold in 2017 to a certain person was then sold by that person in two parts. The first part, which was 10.000 sq m, was sold directly to the Ram Mandir trust for Rs 8 crore. The second part which was 12,000 sq m, 19 minutes later -- we are talking about the same piece of land -- (was sold) to a certain Ravi Mohan Tewari for Rs 2 crore. So you have a piece of land, half of it goes for Rs 8 crore and the other half -slightly more than the (first) half -- goes for Rs 2 crore, at the same time... Five minutes later, this Mr Ravi Mohan Tewari sells that Rs 2 crore piece of land... for Rs 18.5 crore to the Trust." WITH INPUTS

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Night curfew imposed in

MP, curbs in many states

## MP resolution: No panchayat polls without OBC reservation

**IRAM SIDDIQUE** 

BHOPAL, DECEMBER 23

MADHYA PRADESH assembly on Thursday unanimously passed a resolution, stating that there will be no panchayat polls in the state without reservation for Other Backward Classes (OBCs).

This comes days after Supreme Court stayed the poll process on seats reserved for OBCs in panchayats and asked the state election commission to de-notify these seats as general category seats - on the lines of a similar order to Maharashtra.

Proposing the resolution in the House, Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan pointed out that the government has already filed a review plea on the stay on OBC reservation and has requested for early hearing in the matter too.

"Without reservation for such a big community, going ahead for

**MAHARASHTRA** 

Assembly passes

Bill for OBC quota

in rural local bodies

Mumbai: Amid allegations and

counter-allegations between

treasury and opposition

benches, the Bill providing up

to 27 per cent reservation to

Other Backward Classes in ru-

ral local bodies was passed in

Assembly, there was a heated

debate between the ruling

the State Backward Classes

Commission to collect empiri-

cal data for OBC reservation. But

the Commission can prepare a

scientific report on OBCs being

politically backward in a month

or two. The state should inter-

vene so that the work could

start and elections should not

be held without OBC reserva-

tion till then," Devendra

Fadnavis, Leader of Opposition,

and former CM, said.

VII.

A rally on Mumbai-Nashik highway

guidelines state. They stipulate fewer choir

singers with adequate distancing and sep-

arate mics while no stalls and shops will be

Chennai: Thirty-three people, including

international travellers and their contacts,

were diagnosed with the Omicron vari-

ant of Covid-19 in Tamil Nadu on

Thursday, taking the state's tally to 34

from 1 in a single day. Of the 33, all except

two patients were fully vaccinated, the

lated and are being monitored in multi-

ple hospitals in Tamil Nadu, state health

minister Ma Subramanian said, announc-

ing results of genome sequencing of sam-

came on Wednesday night. Results of 23

samples are awaited. Of all these passen-

gers, everyone except two children were

"These latest results of 33 passengers

ples taken by Covid-19 patients.

All Omicron patients have been iso-

allowed outside churches.

state government said.

TAMIL NADU

on Thursday afternoon. Deepak Joshi

After the Bill came up in the

"It will take a year or two for

the Assembly on Thursday.

party and the opposition.

elections is neither rational nor in the interest of the state. We will try our best and do every possible thing," said Chouhan, adding that the government is working for the welfare of all communities be it SC. ST. OBC or general population.

According to the 2011 Census, OBCs constitute 50.09 per cent of the state's population, the government had told the High Court during a hearing related to increasing quota from the existing 14 per cent to 27 per cent in June this year.

Voting for the first phase of panchayat elections in the state was scheduled to be held on Ianuary 6 in six districts followed by voting in nine other districts on January 28. Voting in the remaining 36 districts were to be held on

The resolution in the assembly on Thursday was proposed by Chouhan after three adjournment motions were moved by the opposition Congress demanding clarity on OBC reservation in the panchayat polls.

Chouhan said the the Congress was responsible for the stay order on OBC reservation. 'First you went to High Court, then Supreme Court, Reservation was staved because of you." he said.

The Supreme Court order had come on December 17 during the hearing of an application filed by Congress leader Manmohan Nagar, who had approached the top court pleading that the BIP government had violated the constitutional provision of rotation reservation and delimitation for the panchavat polls.

Leader of Opposition Kamal Nath said in the House that the Congress demanded a resolution two days ago. The Congress MLAs staged a protest in the assembly and subsequently staged a walkout after Kamal Nath was denied an opportunity to talk on the res-

## HC: No OBC quota in Odisha panchayat polls

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** BHUBANESWAR, DECEMBER 23

THE ORISSA High Court, in compliance with recent orders of the Supreme Court, has directed that there must be no reservation for backward classes in the forthcoming three-tier panchayat elections in the state.

Citing two orders of the Supreme Court dated December 6 and 17, the High Court on Wednesday said: "There can be no reservation yet provided for BCCs (backward class citizens) in the post of sarpanches in Odisha in elections to be held. It is inevitable, therefore, for the government of Odisha to rework the draft notification for holding of elections to the panchayats, panchayat samitis and Zilla Parishads

The state government now

plans to go ahead with the panchavat elections without the OBC quota by reworking the reservations by January 7. "The wardwise and panchayat-wise reservations will be reworked and notified by January 7. The final polling date and the schedule might get delayed by a week," a state election commission official

The elections are scheduled to be held in February 2022. The tenure of elected representatives of all rural bodies across the State will end on March 10, 2022.

In September this year, the Odisha Assembly had passed the Odisha Panchayat Laws (Amendment) Bill, 2021, which sought to cap the reservation of seats in the panchayat system to 50 per cent for all three categories Scheduled Castes (STs) and Scheduled Tribes (SCs) and Other Backward Classes (OBCs).

## राज्य उपभोक्ता विवाद प्रतितोष आयोग.

सी-1 विक्रान्त खण्ड-1, गोमती नगर लखनऊ-226010

राज्य उपभोक्ता विवाद प्रतितोष आयोग से संबंध मध्यस्थता प्रकोष्ठ उपभोक्ता मामलों में मध्यस्थता के लिए मध्यस्थों का एक पैनल तैयार करने व प्रस्ताव करता है। उपभोक्ता संरक्षण अधिनियम, 2019 की धारा 75, उपभोक्ता संरक्षण (मध्यस्थता) नियम, 2020 और उपभोक्ता संरक्षण (मध्यस्थता) विनियम, २०२० एवं उपभोक्ता संरक्षण एवं बांट माप अनुभाग–२, उ०प्र० शासन की अधिसचना संख्या–CP-480/2021/84-2 2021-CN/1369528, 15.11.2021 के संदर्भ में पात्र भारतीय नागरिकों से आवेदन आमंत्रित किये जाते हैं, जो निम्नलिखित मानदंडों को पु

माननीय उच्च न्यायालय के सेवानिवत्त न्यायधीश है

उपभोक्ता आयोग के सेवानिवृत्त सदस्य है ; सेवानिवृत्त जिला एवं सत्र न्यायाधीश, सेवानिवृत्त अतिरिक्त जिला एवं सत्र न्यायाधीश या किसी राज्य की

उच्च न्यायिक सेवाओं के अन्य सेवानिवत्त सदस्य है: सेवानिवृत्त न्यायिक अधिकारी है, जिनके पास कम से कम दस वर्ष का अनुभव है;

भारत के सर्वोच्च न्यायालय, उच्च न्यायालय या जिला न्यायालय के मध्यस्थता प्रकोष्ठ के साथ पैनलबद्ध मध्यस्थ है.

मध्यस्थता या सुलह में कम से कम पाँच साल का अनुभव रखने वाला व्यक्ति है; कम से कम पंद्रह वर्ष के अनुभव के साथ विशेषज्ञ या अन्य पेशेवर या सेवानिवृत्त वरिष्ठ नौकरशाह या सेवानिवृत्त अधिकारी है; थों के नियम और शर्ते मध्यस्थों को देय शल्क सहित उपभोक्ता संरक्षण

नियम, 2020 और उपभोक्ता संरक्षण (मध्यस्थता) विनियम, 2020 के प्रासंगिक प्रावधानों के अनुसार होंगी। पात्र व्यक्ति अपने आवेदन इस तरह से भेजेंगे कि उनके सभी तरह से पूर्ण आवेदन रजिस्ट्रार के कार्यालय, राज्य उपभोक्ता विवाद प्रतित आयोग, सी-1 विक्रान्त खण्ड-1, गोमती नगर, लखनऊ-226010 तक अधिकतम दिनांक 18-01-2022 **अपराहन** 06:00 **बजे तक पहंचे** 

इसके बाद किसी भी कारण से प्राप्त आवेदन को अस्वीकार कर दिया जायेगा। चयन समिति उम्मीदवारों की उपयुक्तता, सत्यनिष्ठा के साथ-साथ प्रासंगिक अनुभव को ध्यान में रखते हुए आवेदनों की जांच औ . ऑर्टेलिग्टिंग और अपनी सिफारिशें करने के लिए अपनी प्रक्रिया निर्धारित करने के लिए किसी भी मानदंड को अपना सकती है इच्छक व्यक्ति अपने आवेदन अनुलग्नक-1 में दिये गये प्रारूप में जमा कर सकते हैं।

(प्रदीप कुमार III) निबंधव राज्य उपभोक्ता विवाद प्रतितो आयोग, लखन

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राज्य उपभोक्ता विवाद प्रतितोष आयोग, लखनऊ से संबद्ध मध्यस्थता प्रकोष्ट के लिए

मध्यस्थ के रूप में पैनल में शामिल होने के लिए आवेदन

एक पासपोर्ट आकार का फोटो चिपकाएं. जो राजपत्रित अधिकारी द्वारा विधिवत सत्यापित हो

#### (बी) माता का नाम ावाहित या अविवाहित ावाहित है तो जीवनसाथी का नाम व्यवसाय ोबाइल नंबर और ईमेल आईडी के साथ पत्राचा का पता वर्तमान व्यवसाय और वार्षिक आय क्या आपने कभी राज्य/ केंद्र सरकार के अधीन सि पोस्ट पर कार्य किया है? यदि हाँ तो विवरण दें क्या आपने कभी मध्यस्थता का कोई प्रशिक्षण प्राप्त कि है ? यदि हाँ, तो विवरण दें और अपेक्षित प्रशि गाणपत्र संलग्न करें ? (ए) स्थायी खाता संख्या (पैन) क्या आवेदक के विरूद्ध कोई आपराधिक मामला व क्या आवेदक पर किसी आपराधिक मामले में आरोप प यर किया गया है? यदि हाँ, तो उसका ब्यौरा क्या है क्या आवेदक को किसी सक्षम न्यायालय द्वारा किर ।।पराधिक मामले में दोषसिद्ध किया गया है? यदि : तो. तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा कोई अन्य जानकारी जो कॉलम नं. 1 से 15 के अंतर

आवेदक का हस्ताक्षर और ना

1) आयु, शैक्षणिक योग्यता, अनुभव आदि के समर्थन में संबंधित दस्तावेजों की सत्यापित प्रतियां संलग्न करें।

(3) उम्मीदवार को ऊपर दिये गये निर्देशों और उपभोक्ता संरक्षण अधिनयम, 2019 के प्रासंगिक प्रावधानों और उसके तहत बनाए गए निय और विनियमों को ध्यान से पढ़ना चाहिए ।

## Dalit cook sacked after students stop eating meals

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** DEHRADUN, DECEMBER 23

CHAMPAWAT DISTRICT officials on Thursday sacked a Dalit cook from her job at a government school days after students there refused to eat mid-day meals prepared by her.

Officials said she was removed as she was appointed illegally. From December 13, around 66 students at Government Inter College, Sukhidhang, refused to eat their meals prepared by Sunita

Champawat Chief Education Officer RC Purohit said, "Principal Prem Singh issued an advertisement...One of those women were selected, but even after that the Principal extended the advertisement," he said.

## Darbhanga blast: NIA files charge sheet against 5

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 23

THE NATIONAL Investigation Agency has filed a charge sheet against five alleged operatives of the Lashkar-e-Taiba in connection with the blast at Bihar's Darbhanga railway station in June.

The Home Ministry said on Thursday that the charge sheet was filed in the NIA Special Court in Patna. It names five alleged LeT operatives - Mohammad Nasir Khan, Imran Malik, Saleem Ahmed, Kafil Ahmad and Igbal Mohammed — all hailing originally from Shamli district in UP. All of them have been arrested except Iqbal, who now resides in Lahore, Pakistan, the statement said.

The case relates to the June 17 parcel explosion at a Darbhanga station platform. No one was injured in the incident.

## DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-I, DELHI

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Given under my hand and seal of the Tribunal on this 18th December of 2021 By order if this Tribunal For Registrar

## FIR is Cong govt's poll stunt, witch-hunt, says Majithia in bail plea

JAGDEEP SINGH DEEP MOHALI, DECEMBER 23

SHIROMANI AKALI Dal (SAD) leader Bikram Maiithia, who was booked in a drugs case on December 20, applied for bail at the district court in Mohali on Thursday, terming the FIR against him an "election stunt" and accusing the Congress government in Punjab of "wreaking vengeance upon its political opponents".

Arguing that "in the run-up to the polls, witch-hunting of the political opponents has gone to ts peak", the application said Majithia has been falsely implicated in the FIR registered under Sections 25, 27(a) and 29 of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act. "The current

dispensation i.e. the Congressled government has left no stone unturned to misuse its powers and position for wreaking vengeance upon its political opponents... To target the Applicant/Petitioner is one of the major election planks of the current government. To fulfill its election stunt, the Congress government... has been day and night browbeating officers to register false cases against the senior leadership of the Shiromani Akali Dal..." said the application.

Referring to PPCC chief Navjot Singh Sidhu as "the arch rival" of the petitioner and accusing Home Minister Sukhjinder Singh Randhawa of "pre-meditated action", theplea accused the government of coercing officials to implicate Majithia

## CHANDIGARH HOUSING BOARD (A CHANDIGARH ADMINISTRATION UNDERTAKING) 8, Jan Marg, Sector 9-D, Chandigarh Ph.: 0172-4601809

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All willing participants may visit the Official Website www.chbonline.in to understand the detailed procedure fo submission of Earnest Money Deposite (EMD) and e-Bids. The Terms & Conditions and the details about localities/ Sectors o Built-up Units and reserved price are available on the Official Website of the Chandigarh Housing Board i.e www.chbonline.jn

**Chief Accounts Office** Chandigarh Housing Board, Chandigarh

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#### Government of India **Ministry of Home Affairs Department of Official Language** NOTICE The Department of Official Language, Ministry of

Home Affairs circulates list of books in Hindi marked by qualitative excellence, with recommendation for their purchase by libraries of the Central Government Ministries/Departments/ Organizations Accordingly, list of books of a range of subject published in Hindi during the period from 01.01.2020 to 31.12.2020 and meeting the parameters of excellence is to be circulated by this Department. Books are invited from writers, publishers, printers, distributors and NRIs persons of Indian origin for the above-said purpose.

Complete details in this regard are available at the department's website www.rajbhasha.gov.in. The last date for submission of books is 23.01.2022

> (Manjula Saxena) Director(Patrika)

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JAMMU AND KASHMIR POLICE DISTRICT POLICE HEADQUARTERS JAMMU 0191-2561578 (O), 0191-254780 (F), E-mail-sspjammu@jkpolice.gov.in **LOOK OUT NOTICE** 

SDPO City East, Jammu vide Communication No. 28907-8/SDCEJ dated 18.12.2021, intimated that one Sarabjeet Singh @ Sanju S/o Tara Mani R/o H.No. 80 Sector-G, Sainik Colony, Jammu has been missing since 25.06.2021. Accordingly, his missing report was entered at PP Sainik Colony, Jammu vide DDR No. 13 dated 25.06.2021. Despite thorough search his whereabouts are still unknown

As such photograph of missing Sarabjeet Singh @ Sanju S/o Tara Mani R/O H.No. 80, Sector-G, Sainik Colony, Jammu is being published for the information of Police establishments/public in general and if anybody havng any clue related to his whereabouts/present location, kindly commun cate the same on the below mentioned Contact/Telephone Numbers

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Maroon Shirt, Blue Jean Pent Contacts/Telephone Numbers: DPO, Jammu SSP Jammu Mail I.D

0191-2547807, 0191-2561578 sspjammu@jkpolice.gov.in 0191-2542000 0191-2430002

PCR Jammu SP City South SDPO City South 0191-2474700 P/S Channi Himmat 0191-2465164

For Sr. Superintendent of Police,



## **Commission for Air Quality Management in NCR** and Adjoining Areas (CAQM)

17th Floor, Jawahar Vyapar Bhawan, Tolstoy Marg, New Delhi-110001

The Hon'ble Supreme Court in its Order dated 16.12.2021 in Writ Petition (Civil) No. 1135/2020 in the matter of "Aditya Dubey (Minor) & ANR. v/s Union of India & ORS.", has directed the Commission that with a view to find out a permanent solution for the air pollution menace occurring every year in Delhi and the National Capital Region, suggestions may be invited from the general public as well as the experts in the field.

In furtherance of this, CAQM invites the general public and experts to share their suggestions for a permanent solution for the air pollution in Delhi-NCR.

Suggestions may be submitted to the Commission in brief as far as possible preferably through email (abhijit.prasad@nic.in) or by post, within 14 days of publications of this advertisement.

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Davp 13101/11/0018/2122

not taken a single dose of vaccine and could act as a dummy customer. The BMC

tails of the applicant and obtain the certificate from the Co-Win website, the police said. The scam came to light early this week, when a police informer tipped them off. "We found a person who had doctor cross-verified that the person had

On Tuesday, the dummy customer approached one of the accused, identified as Zuber Sheikh, who stays in Wadala and works at a photocopy shop. Sheikh asked the customer to share his Aadhaar card and mobile number, and demanded

Crime branch officials laid a trap around the shop, and as soon as Sheikh handed over the certificate, the police caught him.

Rs 2,000 for the vaccination certificate.

vaccinated," Subramanian said.

JAMMU & KASHMIR Jammu: In view of the recent upsurge in cases, the UT Administration has decided to conduct Rapid Antigen Test of all passengers travelling to J&K by road. The test will be conducted at Lakhanpur, the entry point to J&K from Punjab, and at least 33 per cent of incoming travelers will have to undergo RTPCR test, according to an order issued on Thursday by Kathua Deputy

Commissioner Rahul Yadav. ENS & PTI

## 2 held in vaccine certificate scam

Mumbai: The Mumbai Police Wednesday arrested two persons for allegedly manot been vaccinated," said an officer. nipulating the Co-Win website and procuring vaccination certificates for people who are not vaccinated. A healthcare worker would insert de-

(2) सभी प्रकार से पर्ण आवेदन की हार्ड कॉपी इस कार्यालय में दिनांक 18-01-2022 को शाम 06:00 बजे तक या उससे पहले पहंच जानी चाहिए

UPID-172669 Date: 23.12.2021

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#### DRDO CONDUCTS FLIGHT TEST OF INDIGENOUS EXPENDABLE AERIAL TARGET 'ABHYAS'

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at S&T Branch, 3rd Floor, Annexe-

DRM office, State entry road, New Delhi-110055.

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expendable aerial target 'Abhyas' off the Chandipur coast in Odisha on Thursday. "During the flight trial, high

subsonic speed trajectory at a very low altitude with high endurance was demonstrated," a DRDO statement said.

## कार्यालय नगरपालिका मण्डल, केकड़ी जिला-अजमेर, (राज.) Email ID: npkekri2011@gmail.com Ph(o) 01467-220029 website:www.urban.rajasthan.gov.in/ulbkekri -: ई निविदा सूचन<u>ा संख्या:- 29/2021-22</u>:-

एतद् द्वारा यह की राजकीय विभाग में नियमानुसार उपयुक्त श्रेणी पंजीकृत संवेदक से निर्धारित प्रपत्र में अधोलिखित 21 कार्यो के लिए ई प्रोक्योरमेन्ट प्रक्रिया हेतु ऑनलाइन निविदाएं आमंत्रित की जाती है। समस्त कार्यों के लिए अमानत राशि के स्थान पर वित्त विभाग के आदेश क्रमांक 2017 दिनांक 23.12.2020 के अनुसार 50 रूपये स्टाप ड्यटी एवं सरचार्ज देय होगा। निविदा सम्बन्धित अधिक जानकारी वेबसाईट www.sppp.rajasthan.gov.in एव www.eproc.rajasthan.gov.in पर उपलब्ध है एवं किसी भी कार्य दिवस को कार्यालय

में आकर देखी जा सकती है। निविदा के कुल कार्य-21(इक्कीस) NIB NUMBER: DLB2122A5973 UBN NO. DLB2122WSOB20949 to DLB2122WSOB21029

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8.	Date of Lottery (if Required)	:	21.01.2022 at 11.30 hours in the O/o the Additional Chief Engineer, Drainage Circle, Unit-8, Bhubaneswar.
9.	Bid Security	:	Bid Security Declaration
10	Cost of Tender paper	:	Rs. 10,000/-

Additional Chief Engineer, Drainage Circle, Unit-8, Bhubaneswar- 751012 Further details can be seen from the Goyt, web site www.tendersorissa.goy.in. Addendum/Corrigendum/ Cancellation if any required will be published only in Goyt, we

By Order

Ms. Isha Singh,

Drainage Circle, Bhubanewswa OIPR-32375/11/0010/2122

By Order

Ms. Neha Gupta Singh

Metropolitan Magistrate-09,

PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF A PERSON ACCUSED

See Section U/S 82 Cr. P.C.

Whereas complaint has been made before me that accused

Naresh Kumar, S/o Ramfal, R/o Village Kurans, P.S.

Matjodha, District Panipat, Harvana has committed (or is

suspected to have committed) the offence in case FIR No.

183/2016 U/S 279/338 IPC, P.S. Lahori Gate, Delhi and it

has been returned to a warrant of arrest thereupon issued

that the said Naresh Kumar cannot be found and whereas it

has been shown to my satisfaction that the said Naresh

Kumar has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the

Proclamation is hereby made that the said accused Naresh

Kumar of FIR No. 183/2016 U/S 279/338 IPC, P.S. Lahori

Gate, Delhi is required to appear before this Court to answer

#### **Tender Notice**

Sr.DEN/III/MB acting for and on behalf of The President of India invites E-Tenders against following tender bidders will be able to submit their original/revised bids upto closing date and time only. Manual offers are not allowed against this tender, and any such manual offer received shall be ignored. Contractors are allowed to make payments against this tender towards tender document cost and earnest money only through online payment modes available on IREPS portal like net banking debit card, credit card etc. Manual payments through Demand draft, Banker's cheque. Deposit receipts. FDR etc are not allowed

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Tender No. Date	167-DRM-MB-21-22 Date: 23.12.2021			
Name of Work	Zone work of Zone no-1 from km 1284-1323 (PMR-BTO Stations) for general work in service and residential buildings for year 2021-2022 under ADEN/BE			
Tender Closing Date Time	18.01.2022 16:00			
Advertised Value (Rs.)	98,99,676.14			
Earnest Money (Rs.)	0.00			
Tender Doc. Cost (Rs.)	0.00			
Bidding Start Date	04.01.2022			
Validity of Offer (Days)	45 Days			
Period of Completion	12 Month			
No. 75-W/2/3/WA/Publicati	on Dated: 23.12.2021 3029/2021			

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P.S. I. P. Estate, Delhi Ph.: 011-23370928, 8750870426

Room No. 202, 2nd Floor, Central Room No. 286, Annexe-II Building, Tis Hazari Courts, Delhi Tis Hazari Courts, Delhi DP/1829/N/21(Court Matter)

the said complaint on or before 28.03.2022.

## SEARCH FOR MISSING/KIDNAPPED



General Public is hereby informed that one person Namely: Nawabuddin, S/o Jamaluddin, R/o: H.No. 502, Street No. 6, Zakir Hussain Colony, Meerut Hapur, U.P. has been missing/ kidnapped since 14.12.2021 from GB Pant Hospital. Delhi the iurisdiction of P.S. I.P. Estate. Delhi In this regard a case vide DD No. 0008-A, dated 15.12.2021 has been lodged at P.S. I.P.

is as under: Age: 50 years, Height: 5', Face: Long, Complexion: Shallow, Built: Strong, Wearing: Pink colour shirt, black colour pant and red colour jacket with black colour cap. Sincere efforts have been made by local police to trace out the missing person but no clue has come to light so far. Any person having any information or clue about this missing person kindly inform to the following.

Fax No. 011-24368639 DP/1145/CD/2021

**PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE** 

APPEARANCE OF ACCUSED PERSON

(See Section 82 Cr. P.C.)

Whereas complaint has been made before me that accused

Namely Ms. Chhavi Sharma Principal Officer, AIMS Sanya

Developers (P) Ltd. D-13, Defence Colony, New Delhi - 110024

has committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence

in case CC No. 947/2018 u/s 138 NI ACT registered at P.S.

Lahori Gate, Delhi and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest

thereupon that the said Ms. Chhavi Sharma could not be found

and where it has been shown to my satisfaction that the

accused Ms. Chhavi Sharma has absconded (or is concealing

herself to avoid the service of the said warrant). Proclamation is

hereby made that the said accused Ms. Chhavi Sharma is

required to appear before the court to answer the said complaint

Metropolitan Magistrate-03 (Central Dist.)

## **URDU ACADEMY, DELHI**

service of the said warrant).

(Govt. of Delhi)

#### Tender Notice for Request for Proposal (R.F.P.) 'Engagement of Agency for Digital and Social Media Management in Urdu, English, Hindi, Languages".

TENDER ID: 2021\_URDAC\_212806\_1

on or before 11.02.2022.

DP/1831/N/2021

(Court Notice)

E-Tenders are invited by the Urdu Academy, Delhi through two bid system from the eligible agencies as mentioned in detailed tender notice for Request for Proposa (RFP) "Engagement of Agency for Digital and Social Media Management in Urdu, English, Hindi, Languages"

1	Date & Time of Publishing and Downloading E-Tender	17th December, 2021 at 10.00 a.m.
2	Pre-bid meeting	A pre-Bid meeting will be held at 02.00 p.m. on 5th January, 2022 in the office of Urdu Academy, CPO Building, Kashmere Gate, Delhi.
3	Last date of submission of (Technical & Financial) Tender	Proposal must be submitted latest by 05.00 p.m. on 20th January, 2022.
4	Date of opening of tender (Technical Bid)	10.00 a.m. on 21st January, 2022

Technical Bid alongwith PAN No. and GST No. etc. with experience certificate and other essential documents scanned copies as per details given in RFP must be uploaded on the e-procurement web site before the due date and time by the bidders

NODAL OFFICER FOR CORRESPONDENCE AND CLARIFICATION

Sr. Accounts Officer, Urdu Academy, Delhi

E-mail: urduacademydelhi@gmail.com el. No. 011-23865436, 23863858

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP) ISSUED BY: Urdu Academy, Goyt, of NCT of Delhi

**AVAILABILITY OF REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP):** 

RFP can be downloaded from e-Procurement platform of Delhi Government "http://govt.procurement.delhi.gov.in or from Urdu Academy, Delhi website www.urduacademydelhi.com

Note: The tenderers should be registered with NIC application service providers

Secretary, Urdu Academy, Delhi C.P.O. Building, Kashmere Gate, Delhi-110006 Tel. No. 011-23865436, 23863658

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Location Survey for the construction of new BG line between Mysuru (Belagula) and Kushalnagar (87 Km.) Tender Ref. No. FLS-MYS-KSNR 01R1 Last date for submission of bids

Deputy Chief Engineer / Construction Works / Bengaluru Cantonmer

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02.12.2021 due for closing on 31-12

Scraping & removal Rs. 1,25,27,887 of existing damaged road surface and compacting the surface at the desired extent and relaying with bituminous road on the bridge proper and approaches of ROB in lieu of LC No. 89 at Km. 99/500-600 between Holenarasipura & Hassan Station o Division. (Tender Ref. No. MYS-ASK Concluding Final Rs. 3,08,99,345/-

For details log on: www.ireps.gov.in

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Item of Works Approx. Value

Up to 11:00 hrs. of 11.01.2022

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## Shastri at e-Adda

decided to relinquish leadership in the shortest format in September.

Regarding the ODI captaincy, Kohli had said he was informed that the selectors were removing him only 90 minutes before the meeting to pick the Test squad for the South Africa tour this month.

According to Shastri, it would not be right to form an opinion on the issue until it is known what "actually happened" between Kohli and Ganguly.

"You got to know the sequence of events, what actually happened. We are not privy to it. What the actual communication was, what was asked, what was not asked, what context was it asked in, and what was the answer given. These are the things that we do not know," Shastri said.

"So to jump into the subject of what is happening there, I think, would not be right, till you know what has transpired between both parties, what was the actual conversation, what was the subject, where did it start from and what was the end. Once you get to know all that,

EAST CENTRAL RAILWAY

E-TENDER NOTICE

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Date and time for closing of tender

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then you can join the dots and see what is the right thing to do," he said.

There has even been some acrimony between Ganguly and Shastri previously -- especially when Anil Kumble was chosen as India coach in 2016 ahead of Shastri by a committee that included Ganguly.

However, Shastri said that while he and Ganguly can have differences of opinion, there was "zero residue" about the past. "I just see events that happen at that moment of time, and you react to those events in whichever possible way. I have got every right to react and he has got every right to react," he said.

"That aside, let us not forget we are both cricketers. We know the game. As much as I know the game, he knows the game, so let's respect that. So if there are certain instances, just because you have both played the game, you both feel you know the game, does not mean that you agree or disagree on everything," he said.

'You are entitled to your viewpoint. You are entitled to the stance you want to take. But residue... nothing. I don't think I

have any residue," he said. Speaking about the India captaincy, Shastri said that once Kohli had decided he did not want to continue as T20I skipper, there could have been only one leader for the two

he should be the white-ball captain as well," Shastri said. While naming K L Rahul and Shreyas Iyer as white-ball leaders for the future. Shastri stressed that Kohli should

white-ball formats. "You

should have one captain for

white-ball cricket. Rohit

Sharma is the T20 captain, so

continue to be Test captain. Responding to a question, he said: "Virat, without a shadow of doubt. Look at what he has done. He has been an ambassador for Test cricket like no one else. If you go by results, who is close to him? I don't see any captain in the world today who leads with that kind of passion. That

"The fact that you are the top team in the world for the last five years, and you are even thinking of looking elsewhere, I mean we are greedy guys, man." At the e-Adda, Shastri was in conversation with Anant Goenka, Executive Director, The Indian Express Group, and Deputy Associate Editor Sriram Veera.

is there for everyone to see.



The Brihanmumbai Electric Supply & Transport Undertaking



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## Child trafficking, toxic canal reports win in Hindi category

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 23

ANY GRITTY piece of reporting that sets out to uncover the truth calls for extensive groundwork and deep understanding. It's this determination that binds the winners of the Ramnath Goenka Awards, 2019.

Anand Choudhary of Dainik Bhaskar is the winner in the Hindi (Print ) category and Sushil Kumar Mohapatra of NDTV India the winner in the Hindi (Broadcast) category for their stories that dictated policy change, prompted action and changed lives.

Choudhary's news reports, a labour of two years, exposed a human-trafficking network that thrived across 105 villages of three tribal districts of Rajasthan



Radico

Udaipur, Banswara and Dungarpur – adjacent to the



**Anand Choudhary** 

Gujarat border.

The reports revealed that children between 8 and 15 years were sold to brokers who bid for them. The story resulted in a special cell being created for the first time in Kotra block of Udaipur district, where this racket flourished. Besides, a Special



Sushil Kumar Mohapatra

Investigation Unit for Child and Women Crime was established at every police district in the state. Following the expose, the Rajasthan Police started a special drive on January 1, 2020 and has rescued more than 1,000 children so far.

"I faced several challenges

while pursuing this story. We had to pretend to be customers to gain the confidence of the human traffickers. We tried to get in touch with the parents of children who had either died or faced physical harm," said Choudhary.

In a series of four stories, pursued over 10 months. Mohapatra focused on how a 90-km-long canal, which flowed between Okhla and Agra, and carried industrial waste, was the cause of cancer among people in the Dhatir area of Palwal, Haryana.

Through the series, Mohapatra exposed the State Government's negligence in cleaning this canal, whose toxic water was used by farmers for irrigating lakhs of hectares.

Even the wheat grown by the farmers had turned black. His stories revealed that more

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fected by the polluted waters of

to establish the magnitude of

the problem. For this, I traveled

to several villages in Haryana.

It was a challenge to talk to can-

cer patients who were reluc-

tant to talk on camera. We had

to tell them that if they didn't

raise their voice, the problem

would not be solved," said

National Green Tribunal shut

down several erring industries.

Some factories were also forced

to install filters. Though the

Haryana government has been

spending lakhs of rupees on the

Swachh Bharat Abhiyan,

Mohapatra's reportage revealed

that very little had changed on

After the first story, the

"I had to do several stories

this canal.

Mohapatra.





## Church vandalised in Karnataka's Chikkaballapur

**DARSHAN DEVAIAH BP** BENGALURU, DECEMBER 23

A CHURCH was allegedly vandalised by unidentified miscreants in Karnataka's southern district Chikkaballapur on Thursday. The miscreants shattered a glass pane and broke a statue of St Anthony, said the police. The police said that the church authorities have lodged a complaint and a probe is on.

The attack comes on the heels of several other similar incidents targetting the Christian community in the state and also ahead of discussions on the controversial anti-conversion Bill in the Karnataka Assembly

Earlier on December 12, alleging forced religious conversion, right-wing groups allegedly attacked four Christians and set their religious books on

fire in Kolar district. On November 28, in Belur own of Hassan district, Bairang Dal members allegedly barged into a prayer hall and stopped

the service midway. On November 7, right-wing groups allegedly locked up a pastor and worshippers at a prayer hall in Belagavi and earlier in October, Vishwa Hindu Parishad workers chanted bha-

jans at a prayer hall in Hubli. Meanwhile, discussions on the controversial Karnataka Protection of Right to Freedom of Religion Bill 2021, commonly known as the anti-conversion Bill, is set to take place Thursday during the Winter Session of the Karnataka Assembly in Belagavi.

Home Minister Araga Jnanendra tabled the Bill on Tuesday while Congress leaders objected to the manner in which it was introduced. The cabinet had cleared it on

The draft bill prohibits conversion from one religion to another by misrepresentation, force, fraud, allurement or

## In Kashmir Valley, a 125-year-old church open again for prayers

**BASHAARAT MASOOD** SRINAGAR, DECEMBER 23

WITH CHRISTMAS around the corner, a dozen people gathered in Srinagar on Wednesday and offered prayers inside the 125-yearold St Luke's Church — for the first time in over three decades.

With less than 1,000 Christians in the Kashmir Valley according to official estimates, St Luke's Church was shut down for prayers before the onset of militancy in Jammu and Kashmir.

"We still maintained a library and people used to come and read there. But this was for the first time since the 1980s that prayers were held here and the church bells rang," Father Eric, who is a part of the church, told The Indian Express.

The church is being revamped with a Rs 90-lakh budget as a Srinagar Smart City project under the Centre's Smart Cities Mission, "But there is still some work pending. There are no seating or heating arrangements in place yet. So there will be no Christmas mass this year. Hopefully, we will have the mass next year," Father Eric said.

Speaking to The Indian Express, Athar Amir Khan, Commissioner, Srinagar Municipal Corporation, who is also CEO of the Smart City project, said: "Under the project,

a component. We have put everything in place. The furniture is also ready but the floor is a bit wet. It will all be done by tomorrow."

Situated in the foothills of Kohe-Sulaiman or Shankaracharya hill. St Luke's Church was built in 1896 by Dr Arthur Neve and his younger brother Dr Ernest Neve, who were with a missionary hospital that mainly provided treatment to TB patients. The hospital and the church

were built by British engineers. In the 1960s, the doctors handed over the hospital to the J-K government. "The main reason for the closure(in the 1980s) was that the Christian hospital staff moved out of the Valley," Father Eric said.

The church remained abandoned for decades until 2016 when the Christian community approached the I&K administration. The renovation work was started last year, halted for a while due to the pandemic, and restarted a few months ago.

On Thursday, J-K Lt Governor Manoj Sinha e-inaugurated the relaunch. "Reopening of St Luke's Church in Srinagar after restoration is a historic occasion to celebrate and imbibe Lord Christ's message of sacrifice, service, redemption, love and compassion," Sinha said. "The St Luke's Church is a unique symbol of



St Luke's Church was built in 1896. Shuaib Masoodi

## Altaf Bukhari targets BJP over delimitation panel draft report

**BASHAARAT MASOOD** SRINAGAR, DECEMBER 23

THE JAMMU and Kashmir Apni Party's founder Altaf Bukhari on Thursday launched an attack on the BIP as he castigated the Delimitation Commission over its draft report proposing six additional Assembly seats in the Jammu region as against only one seat in Kashmir.

Charging that the delimitation panel's draft recommendations have been framed to "suit only one political party", Bukhari also said his party was open for an alliance "protect the rights of the people".

with other mainstream parties to He said the Apni Party will hold a protest on Dec 29, two



J&K Apni founder Altaf Bukhari

days before the proposed protest called by the Peoples Alliance for Gupkar Declaration.

This (delimitation panel) report defeats the very idea of secular India," Bukhari alleged. "The Commission has made a shameful attempt to pit Jammu against Kashmir but we will never allow

these schemes to succeed." The delimitation panel's draft report has drawn sharp criticism

from mainstream political parties of the Kashmir Valley. Seeking the intervention of and Union Home Minister Amit Shah, Bukhari said, "The delimitation proposal essentially deviates from the procedures as mandated by the Constitution of India," adding, "We urge the Prime Minister and Home Minister to intervene in this matter... and ensure that the Commission report is based on facts and merit that res-

Prime Minister Narendra Modi

onate with scientific approach." The Apni Party was founded following the abrogation of J&K's special status in August 2019, and is seen by many in the Valley as the "BJP's creation". Bukhari was the first political leader from the Valley to break the ice with the Central government when he attended a foreign envoys meeting held by

the Centre in October 2019.



## I was buried under debris: Survivors recall horror

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** LUDHIANA, DECEMBER 23

ADVOCATE KULDEEP Singh Mand (50) and Sandeep Kaur (31), who runs a photostat shop, don't clearly remember the moment when a powerful bomb blast ripped through the Ludhiana court complex. Both. however, remember waking up in the hospital some time later and realising that they had survived a deadly strike that claimed one life and injured six persons, including both of them.

The toll could have been much worse but for a lawyers' strike that kept footfall at the complex low, and most lawyers in their chambers.

Gurkirpal Singh Gill, president, Ludhiana district bar association, said that for some days, advocates were on strike against the transfer of some consumer court cases from Ludhiana to other districts due to which most lawyers were not going to courtrooms.

'Most advocates were in their chambers and visitors were also less as we were boycotting the hearings. Had the regular rush been there, more lives might have been lost in the blast today," he said.

The six who survived blast were Sandeep Kaur (31), a resident of Raikot who operates a photostat machine at the court complex, Manish Kumar (32), a cop posted as naib in the court, advocate Kuldeep Singh Mand

## HC defers hearing **Juhi Chawla's** appeal till Jan 25

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 23

THE DELHI High Court on Thursday deferred the hearing of actor Juhi Chawla's appeal against a single bench order, which had dismissed her plea against introduction of 5G network in India.

The HC, in June, dismissed herpleathatargued about the potential health hazards linked to 5G technology. The court rejected the ar-



guments and said the plea was "frivolous" and was filed to gain publicity. The judges were also irked by repeated disruptions by a person in a previous hearing and pulled up Chawla for "posting the link for the court's digital proceeding on social media".



injured in the blast at the Ludhiana court complex. Gurmeet Singh

(50) and three visitors -Sharanjit Kaur (25) from Jamalpur area, Krishan Khanna (75) from Dugri and Gurpreet Kaur (35) from Chandigarh road.

All six are undergoing treatment at different hospitals including Civil Hospital, Dayanand Medical College and Hospital (DMCH), Christian Medical College and Hospital (CMCH) and Guru Teg Bahadur (GTB) Hospital. Avtar Singh (62), father of

Gurpreet Kaur who received fractures in the head, said that her daughter had gone to the court for a hearing in a case when the blast happened. "There was a sudden blast

but luckily some people on the spot rushed her to GTB hospital immediately. She received a head injury but she gained consciousness after some time." Sandeep Kaur said she went

completely blank after the blast. "I do not know how I came downstairs, who ferried me to the hospital. I went completely blank after the blast. It was only after I reached the hospital that I realised I was alive," she said.

Advocate Mand, who is now undergoing treatment at DMCH, said, "I was passing from near the washroom and suddenly there was smoke all around. I was buried under debris, I regained consciousness on the way to hospital and realised I survived. Due to the strike, there was less rush in court. A group of my colleagues were coming behind me and they took me out from the debris. There are various entry points in the court complex and possibly, a security lapse at one of them led to this blast."

## Film fraternity urges govt not to merge film bodies

**EKTAA MALIK &** TANUSHREE GHOSH NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 23

MORE THAN 1,500 filmmakers, academics, students and members of civil society Thursday signed a letter opposing the Union government's decision to merge multiple public-funded film institutions

The letter will be presented to the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting. The ministry, under former minister Prakash Javadekar, had announced in December last year that the Films Division. National Film Archive of India, Directorate of Film Festivals and Children's Films Society of India would be merged with the National Film Development Corporation, a "loss-making" public sector undertaking, before

The signatories include actor

Shah, Sonali Kulkarni, filmmakers Adoor Gopalakrishnan, Goutam Ghose, Vikramaditya Motwane, Ashim Ahluwalia, Gitanjali Rao, Nandita Das. Pushpendra Singh. Sanjay Kak, Payal Kapadia, Sanal K Sasidharan, cinematographer RV Ramani, editor and IDSFFK artistic director Bina Paul, lyricist-writer Varun Grover, among others. The letter expressed surprise

Naseeruddin Shah, Ratna Pathak

that the 2019 Bimal Julka High-Powered Committee report was submitted "without engaging with the primary stakeholders" including "members of the film fraternity and employees of the above-mentioned institutions". It seeks the release of the original report, on the basis of which the restructuring is taking place. The Ministry, in a statement

last year, had recommended a review the functioning/closure of NFDC and CFSI, to be merged under an "Umbrella Organisation".

## Man lynched in Kapurthala 'had 30 sharp cuts'

Post-mortem reveals deep cuts likely to have been inflicted by swords

**ANJU AGNIHOTRI CHABA** JALANDHAR, DECEMBER 23

Nearly 30 injuries, mostly sharp, deep cuts likely to have been inflicted by swords, were found on the body of the unidentified migrant labourer who was lynched at the gurdwara in Nizampur village in Kapurthala on December 19, the post-mortem has revealed.

Confirming this, Senior Medical Officer Dr Narinder Singh told reporters that a fivemember board of doctors at the Civil Hospital in Ludhiana conducted the post-mortem procedure on the body of the victim on Thursday.

A day after the Amritsar incident, where a man was lynched for allegedly committing an act of sacrilege at the Golden Temple, the migrant worker in Kapurthala was beaten to death by a mob in the presence of senior police officials, including the SSP. The mob attacked him after the gurdwara granthi alleged

that he was trying to desecrate the Nishan Sahib, a religious flag, at the gurdwara.

Dr Singh said the postmortem board found sharp, deep cuts on the victim's neck, head, chest and right hip, and that the deep cut on his neck may have led to his death. He added that the board took samples of the viscera for chemical examination, besides samples of hair, teeth and blood for the DNA test.

The post-mortem report in the Amritsar case is still pending.

SSP Harkamlpreet Khakh said they have been trying their best to establish the identity of the victim but no one had come forward to claim the body. Police are yet to register a case of murder.

On Thursday, police handed over the body to officials of the local municipal corporation to carry out the cremation. A local NGO, which usually volunteers to carry bodies to the cremation ground, reportedly refused to take the body.

Opposition, the Bill was sent to

the Parliamentary Standing

Committee. Dhanda said now

they will present their point of

called to discuss the Bill and their

Thursday's panchayat was

view before the committee.

#### HARYANA KHAPS ON MARRIAGE BILL

## 'Allow parents to marry off daughters at 18 but fix 21 as age for registry' eral objections from the

**SUKHBIR SIWACH** 

CHANDIGARH, DECEMBER 23

SEVERALKHAPleaders who gathered in Haryana's Jind on Thursday said the Centre should continue allowing parents to marry off their daughters at the age of 18 instead of the proposed 21. They also favoured the age of 21 for girls' court marriages to avoid "elopement or love marriages".

Dev Vert Dhanda, Dhanda khap president and organiser of the khap panchayat, said that representatives of nearly 100 khaps participated. "Most of the khap leaders were against the current format of the Prohibition of Child Marriage (Amendment) Bill 2021 that was introduced in the Lok Sabha on Tuesday and seeks to raise the minimum legal age of marriage for girls from 18 to 21 years," he said. After sev-

apprehensions over it. Most of the khap leaders were of the opinion that the parents should be allowed to marry off their daughters at the age of 18 as per the current provisions. Akhap leader said, "Because of better diet in rural areas, 18 is considered the ideal age for the marriage of daughters as they turn legally adult at this age and enjoy all rights such as voting. We favour their age for court marriages at 21 so that nobody is able to misguide them for elopement. In some cases, we have seen that girls just wait for turning 18 so that they can seek police protection to move for

## Nalini granted 1-month parole

**ARUN JANARDHANAN** CHENNAI, DECEMBER 23

NALINI SRIHARAN, one of the seven convicts in the Rajiv Gandhi assassination case, was Thursday granted a month's parole by the Tamil Nadu government which considered a request from her ailing mother. Padmavathi.

The state government's decision was revealed by the government counsel before the Madras High Court on Thursday during a hearing of the petition filed by Padmavathi. Citing age-related reasons, she asked the court to direct the state Home Secretary to grant parole for her daughter.

The division bench of Justices P N Prakash and R Hemalatha closed the petition following the state's decision to grant the onemonth ordinary parole.

This will be Nalini's second ordinary parole since her arrest in 1991. The earlier instance, in July 2019, lasted for a month and 20 days. She will stay at a house in Vellore with close relatives, including her mother, sister and brother.

Rajiv case convict Tripura HC rejects plea to quash FIRs against ex-minister

> **DEBRAJ DEB** AGARTALA, DECEMBER 23

THE HIGH Court of Tripura has rejected a plea to quash FIRs filed against former minister and MLA Bhanulal Saha over social media posts in which he purportedly urged youths to take up

weapons" such as sticks, daos

(machetes) and iron rods in "self-

defence" against alleged politi-

cal attacks. Justice T Amarnath Goud issued the order on December 18, which was made available to The

Indian Express on Thursday. In May, Saha, who held Finance among other portfolios in the previous government under Manik Sarkar, posted on Facebook, "Keep sticks, da, iron pipes etc (legally vegetable weapons) handy, irrespective of women-men-teens-aged, in every house for mass resistance for their bricks, kicks, petrol bombs. Gather courage to face outsider attackers. It's not a crime to pick up things for self-

## Goa 'illegal structure': Panchayat to revoke construction licence

**MAYURA JANWALKAR** PANAJI, DECEMBER 23

THE Village Panchayat Se Old Goa on Thursday decided to proceed with the revocation of the construction licence issued to the bungalow in Ella village, which has been at the centre of a citizenled protest that gathered momentum last month.

Sarpanch of Se Old Goa Janita Madkaikar said on Thursday, "In today's meeting, we decided to proceed with the revocation of the [construction] licence granted to structure illegal." With this, panchayat members said, the process for demolition of the structure has been set in motion

the structure. This makes the

On November 30, the panchayat had issued showcause notice to the owners of the property, asking why the licence granted for construction of the structure in 2016 should not be revoked for violation of permissions granted by Goa Coastal Zone Management Authority on December 28, 2015 and the ASI on February 3, 2020.

The notice had been issued to Jose Maria de Gouveia Pinto, the former owner of the two plots on which the structure stands.

Earlier, a stop work order was issued by the panchavat to Pinto. Suvarna Lotlikar, who bought a part of the land in 2015 and Sumerlal Jain of Corus Urban Infrastructure, a Mumbai-based real estate company that bought the property in August, In 2015, the land was sold to Lotlikar, wife of former treasurer of Goa Forward Party Suraj Lotlikar, and Mumbai businessman Manish Munot, husband of BJP spokesperson Shaina NC. Both Shaina and Manish said they had nothing to do with the alleged illegalities. Munot subsequently pulled out of the project. In his December 8 reply to the

showcause notice. Pinto stated that he was "clueless" about any illegality on his part. "I am shocked and surprised to receive your showcause notice since I am confident that there is clearly some misrepresentation or fraud...'

2016 applications seeking permis-

On Thursday, Pinto and his sister Maria Lizette D'Abreu de Gouveia Pinto filed a complaint with the panchayat that they sold both plots of land in May 2015 and the signatures on the October 10,

They requested the panchayat to revoke the construction licence. The opposition Congress alleged Thursday that this "fraud"

sions for repair, were not theirs.

was committed in connivance with government officials. The Save Old Goa Action Committee had been protesting

against the construction work for over a year. The protests intensified after over 3,000 people gathered at St Cajetan Church on November 21, demanding action against the "illegal" structure, located close to Viceroy's Arch in Old Goa's heritage precinct.

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— SETH BERKLEY

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BECAUSE THE TRUTH INVOLVES US ALL

## FIND THE PLOT

Land deals in Ayodhya invite troubling questions, call for a fair and transparent investigation

NINVESTIGATION BY this paper has shed light on several land transactions in the city of Ayodhya that raise grave questions of propriety and conflict of interest. By all accounts, land in the city has become a more attractive investment proposition after the Supreme Court 2019 verdict, and private buyers, many with links to the officialdom, have rushed in, in anticipation of windfall gains. The transactions reported in this paper involve members of the legislative assembly, and relatives of officials such as the divisional commissioner, sub-divisional magistrate, and revenue officials. Of course, buying property anticipating gains is smart consumer behaviour but a clear and disturbing pattern has emerged. At least four buyers are directly related to officials probing the seller for alleged irregularities in land transfer from Dalit residents. In other cases, the buyers are relatives of officials whose job is to authenticate these transactions.

At the heart of the issue is the nearly 21 bighas (about 52,000 sq m) of land that was acquired from Dalits in 1992, in what appears to be a violation of norms. According to the rules in the state, unless the transaction is approved by the district magistrate, the sale of agricultural land of Dalits to non-Dalits is not permitted. The Maharshi Ramayan Vidyapeeth Trust (MRVT), which holds the land, acquired it from the Dalit villagers through a Dalit employee of the trust, who subsequently donated the land to the trust in June 1996 through an unregistered donation deed. In 2019, when the trust began selling the land, one of the original sellers complained, raising questions on the legality of earlier transactions. Thereafter, a committee was set up to investigate the matter. But even as various officials accepted the committee's recommendations on taking action against the trust, relatives of officials began to purchase land from the entity under the scanner. The initial land transaction was problematic, and the subsequent set of transactions have raised even more troubling questions.

Following *The Indian Express* investigation, the Uttar Pradesh government has announced a probe. The government must ensure that the investigation is fair and transparent, and seen to be so too, especially since the parties concerned are government officials. However, it needs to be pointed out that such shadowy land transactions are not the exception. Land markets in India are characterised by information asymmetry and there have been many instances of the abuse of the state's discretionary power. The revelations in Ayodhya underline the need for more stringent rules of disclosure, especially by all government officials, when land is being acquired by a trust blessed by the state or private players. This will tighten the regulatory architecture, and ensure greater transparency in the process of land acquisition.

## IMMUNITY TOP-UP

Omicron threat, WHO's changed outlook, should bring greater urgency on booster doses in India

MID A SURGE in infections caused by the Omicron variant of the coronavirus, the WHO has made a significant revision to its position on booster doses of the Covid vaccine. On Wednesday, it recommended an additional jab for "the most vulnerable and high-risk groups in a population, along with frontline workers". While the global health agency has never denied outright the necessity of extending the two-shot protocol followed by the Covid inoculation programmes of most countries, it has rightly criticised the blanket booster drives in several western nations for exacerbating the vaccine crisis in parts of the Third World. The agency has, at times, advocated additional shots for "priority groups", without specifying who should be prioritised. Wednesday's statement is the WHO's first advisory on additional doses. The guidelines are particularly significant for India, which has followed the global healthcare agency's recommendations closely and should set the stage for the country to expand its inoculation drive.

Conversations among experts in the country on booster doses began at almost the same time as in the West. However, even till as late as the first week of this month, the National Technical Advisory Group of Immunisation (NTGI) was talking of a wait-and-watch approach. The high transmissibility rate of the Omicron variant and the latest study by the WHO's Strategic Advisory Group of Experts on Immunisation (SAGE) that warns of waning immunity from vaccines should be reasons enough for the NTGI to show greater urgency. The agency's work is complicated because there is no unanimity on whether Covishield, which has driven the bulk of the country's inoculation drive, is the best immunity top up for those who have received two doses of the vaccine. There is reason, however, for optimism. WHO has given an Emergency Use Approval to the Serum Institute of India manufactured Covavax and at least two homegrown vaccines are in different phases of clinical trials. The NTGI's task now is to establish which of the jabs work the best as a booster.

The government must also work out the economics of the booster doses with the vaccine manufacturers. Last year, the two parties were not always on the same page on pricing and production issues, leading to supply snags. Care should be taken at the outset to avoid such bottlenecks. Omicron is another sign that the virus is a moving target. However, we are also better positioned to shield people rather than resort to blunt instruments like lockdowns. It's up to the government and its expert bodies to show both wisdom and alacrity.

## THE DEEWAR STANDS

Why Priyanka Gandhi-Vadra's invocation of Bollywood classic on UP campaign trail is a moment to savour

N 1975, AN angry young man raged against the system, questioned the cruel ironies of god's will inside a temple and turned to a life of crime. His brother, an obedient son and strait-laced cop, has nothing on him in terms of material wealth, resources and success. But, with arguably one of the greatest one-liners in Hindi cinema, Shashi Kapoor silenced Amitabh Bachchan (Vijay): "Mere paas maa hai". Since Deewar released, and more recently with PhD candidates in film studies departments studying Bollywood, much has been made of the themes in the film and their symbolism. The "system" that produced Vijay's criminality, the dominant power in the country, was the Congress under Indira Gandhi. Cut to 2021. Priyanka Gandhi-Vadra is now the underdog – and unke paas behan hai.

During an interview on the campaign trail in Uttar Pradesh earlier this week, Gandhi-Vadra invoked *Deewar* and placed her faith in her "sisters", women voters. As political one-liners go, it is not as convoluted as "Jupiter's escape velocity" nor as pithy as "garibi hatao". And no one can object to focusing on the woman voter as a political principle or strategy. But there is something poignant about a scion of what was Indian politics' first family being, even if only metaphorically, the one without "bangla, gaadi, daulat, shohrat". The solace, as with Shashi Kapoor, is the invocation of a filial bond.

The lesson here, if one is needed, isn't the truism that political fortunes change. It is that good, mainstream art has far more resonance and longevity than petty barbs. Like motherhood and apple pie, there is something comforting about political wit in India relying on *Deewar*, *Sholay* or *Sahib Bibi aur Ghulam*. They bind the high and low, the Nehru-Gandhi and her would-be *behans*. At a time when politics offers more lows than highs, that's nothing to scoff at.

## 2022: Reap what you sow



Careful policy steps now will help set the stage for sustaining growth once pent-up demand fades

Pranjul Bhandari

AFTER A VOLATILE year, the outlook for 2022 comes with several uncertainties. Yet, one thing is becoming increasingly clear. Strong growth in the latter part of the year and beyond will depend on the steps taken now. And there is no time to waste.

First, some context. The economy has rebounded after a hugely disruptive second pandemic wave. But the recovery has been more gradual than rapid. GDP has just about reached pre-pandemic levels, implying there's been no growth since early 2020 for a country which was used to experiencing 6 per cent growth per year on average before Covid-19.

One problem is that there is ample evidence that income inequality has risen. While the rich have been spending over the last few quarters, they have splurged on imported consumer durables (running at 37 per cent above pre-pandemic levels) rather than on domestically produced ones (running 6 per cent below pre-pandemic levels). And this has weakened the trickle-down effect.

But this is likely to change. And recovery is likely to gain pace over the next couple of quarters. With vaccination rates rising, demand is fast pivoting from goods to services (like travel, eating out, etc.). Surveys of purchasing managers show that demand for services has begun to outpace manufacturing. Most services are domestically produced, and the benefits are expected to filter down from the top of the pyramid to the bottom.

Alongside this, there are also signs that residential real estate construction is picking up as people splash out on better homes after being locked up for several months. This, another form of pent-up demand, could increase spending on labour and materials, and also aid the trickle-down effect. The risk to this narrative is the spread of the Omicron virus in a way that pushes out pent-up services demand to a quarter later.

But, by definition, pent-up demand runs its course, and after a couple of exuberant quarters, growth may begin to slow around mid-2022, or a quarter later if Omicron delays things. This is also the time when the scars from the pandemic could begin to show more clearly. Big companies have grown through the pandemic, while small and informal firms

At a time of heightened exogenous shocks, government policy needs to be a source of stability and predictability. Last year's budget promised gradual fiscal consolidation with fiscal transparency, and high quality spending. It will be critical to deliver on each of these. Given the vulnerabilities in the bottom of the pyramid, elevated social welfare spending for longer will be important. Given limited resources, it may be a good idea to fund pre-existing job creation schemes like NREGA, rather than being pressured to start

new ones.

and their employees have struggled. Rising inequality was further exacerbated when global commodity prices rose sharply a few months ago. Amid rising input costs, smaller firms faced more significant margin pressure than larger firms, who were able to pass on input cost pressures to consumers more easily.

About 80 per cent of India's labour force is employed in the informal sector. And we believe about half of them have lost income in the pandemic period. This was not visible when pent-up demand was dominant. But as that spending fades, the income losses at the bottom of the pyramid and the demand disruption that has caused will likely become more pronounced.

To be fair, all is not bleak. Two new growth drivers have emerged in the pandemic period. High-skill exports such as IT services, autos, pharmaceuticals, mobile phones and specific machinery, have gained global market share over the last few years. Unfortunately, lowskill exports haven't risen as impressively, and in fact, have been losing market share in areas like textiles. Combining high and low-skill goods, India's overall global export share has been stagnant at 1.8 per cent. Two, the tech start-up scene is growing rapidly, attracting large financial inflows. In fact, 50 per cent of India's FDI is now digital, up from 20 per cent a few years ago. This sector has many positives such as nurturing an entrepreneurial culture, creating jobs and spurring capex. But while fast growing, it remains a small share of GDP. For instance, the rapidly growing IT sector still employs only about 1 per cent of the labour

All said, these new and rapidly growing sectors may not be able to immediately fill the gap which fading pent-up demand leaves behind in the second half of the year.

And this is where public policy will have to step in. Careful policy steps now will help set the stage for sustaining growth down the line. But what needs to be done? Luckily, nothing new. Rather, simply delivering on old promises, but quickly.

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The same goes for policy reforms. The government is already pursuing some important reforms related to fiscal policy (for instance, asset monetisation), the financial sector (for instance, the creation of a bad bank) and manufacturing (the production-linked incentive scheme). Implementing them properly is a better strategy than announcing new reforms.

Sectors like power and telecom have faced policy shocks over the last few years. Efforts to improve policy certainty can have a positive spillover effect. In fact, it's the only way to get the rather elusive private capex cycle going. Our analysis shows that four things matter for raising investment — the health of corporate balance sheets, world growth, policy certainty and the domestic growth expectation.

The outlook on the first two is positive, but that's not good enough. The last two are closely interlinked and need to be nurtured.

And the central bank faces an urgent task — immediate inflation control, which is also its primary legislated mandate. Core inflation in India was elevated even before global inflation started to tick up. Inflation expectations have risen over the pandemic. Monetary policy needs to be normalised quickly as any delay risks even bigger rate hikes down the road, which could be painful.

Growth will be strong in the next few quarters. It will be fuelled by pent-up demand for goods, services and housing. The challenge will be to use this period efficiently and take some important policy steps, which would set the stage for continued strong growth once pent-up demand fades. The good news is that the steps needed have already been laid out by policymakers. The challenge now is to walk the talk

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## HOLY COW ON A RAMPAGE

Madras HC upholds the duty to laugh. But let's not get excited yet

E P Unny

THE REMARK OF the Madras High Court on the duty to laugh as an antidote to the sanctimonious humbug mounting in our public life should come as a big relief to stand-up comedians, satirists, and cartoonists. But practitioners, viewers and readers are warned not to get too enthusiastic just yet.

High and apex court rulings more specific on graver matters like arrest, custody, jail and bail are best followed in this country in degree, not in kind. You keep seeing better governed states claiming to have met a higher per cent of Supreme Court guidelines than others. This means the state has the leisure to statistically improve its compliance with law. You and I don't have the same incremental option. We'll have to follow the tax laws when Nirmala Sitharaman proposes them in the budget from the date she specifies. If she chooses to, she can even ask us to comply with retrospective effect.

Duty to laugh will, if at all, be implemented less stringently because the provision could hit the state and its organised friends more than citizens. Once it finds a place in the statute, all stakeholders (read potential targets) including the police, political cultural organisations and faceless mobs will have enough time to warm up to the idea. This could take forever. As the judgment points out, there are holy cows in almost every linguistic region of the country and any attempt to lessen reverence (forget stepping up criticism) would be federally resisted. State-wide icons

cow itself. So don't expect any model state assembly to pass even a lazy resolution on the duty to laugh. You need central legislation through

are counted as more vote-yielding than the

Parliament. It would be a grand idea that befits Parliament's enhanced architecture in the new central vista. The world's most populous democracy upholding laughter statutorily would make India the envy of the European Union and the US. But then past experience doesn't indicate any such levity on the part of our parliamentarians. They are all dead serious if you go by what happened in the House on May 14, 2012. One saw singular consensus that day cutting across party lines. The common enemy was the cartoon. Almost every MP present was livid about cartoons in the political science text book for Class 11 brought out by the NCERT. After decades of debate, the NCERT had carefully picked archival cartoons to illustrate political history lessons in textbooks. An accepted practice even in lesser democracies like Singapore. The cartoon is visual, contextual and fun — all three appeal to learners.

But our MPs found the pictures depicting leaders like Jawaharlal Nehru and Atal Bihari Vajpayee, famously irreverent themselves, outright offensive and demanded that over a lakh of printed textbooks be pulped. While a left leader saw in the cartoons a collective conspiracy to belittle politicians and bring in totalitarianism, there were right, left and centrist leaders who were categorical that the cartoon

poisons young minds. Between conspiracy theorists and child psychologists, the one-sided debate soared to trash the art work of some fine practitioners whom the nation had honoured with Padma Bhushan and Padma Shri. Only two members refused to join the herd — Sharifuddin Shariq of the National Conference and Jaswant Singh of the BJP.

Almost a decade from then, what are the chances of any parliamentary move to uphold laughter? It will get voted out unanimously. If you go back in political history without the help of our anodyne text books, you will find instances of the state seeing satire and cartoon as allies. Before World War II, the early anti-Nazi cartoons by Fleet Street's celebrated David Low irked his own British government no less. Prime Minister Chamberlain thought they were overreactions and would only provoke a slightly hot-headed regular guy like Adolf Hitler to turn against Britain. As events led up to the war, Low was proved right. Once the war broke out, cartoons by Low and others from Britain and the US were ferried to the fronts to keep up the morale of the troops. The cartoon pricked the larger than life image of a Hitler and Mussolini, which meant they weren't unbeatable. Also it sent out the message that the war is not to kill and wound but to gain freedom from state terror. So, how does satire threaten our security? It only threatens the enemy's national security

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## DECEMBER 24, 1981, FORTY YEARS AGO

CONGRESS (S) SPLITS

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THE SPLIT IN the Congress (S) in Kerala was complete when a faction in the party led by the state president A K Antony became a partner of the Congress (I)-led United Democratic Front, in total defiance of the Congress (S) working committee directives and warnings from party president Sharad Pawar. The KPCC-S executive and the Congress (S) legislature party at a joint meeting earlier decided to join the United Front in line with aspirations of Congressmen. V M Sudheeran, general secretary of the party, told newsmen that the unity of democratic parties was more important than the formation of the ministry. Congress

(I) leader K Karunakaran said that the decision to form a government will be taken on Christmas day.

### POLICE CHIEF REMOVED

THE DELHI POLICE Commissioner P S Bhinder was removed from office on December 23. He was immediately succeeded by Bajrang Lal (55), an IPS officer of the Rajasthan cadre and till now joint director in the Central Bureau of Investigation. According to the orders relieving Bhinder, he has been reverted to the Haryana cadre. Bhinder had taken over as police chief in December 1980. He refused

to say if the assassination of Santokh Singh had anything to do with his removal. Bhinder also said that he was proceeding on a long leave.

### TALK AND AGITATE

THE ASSAM AGITATORS decided to participate in tripartite talks with the government and the Opposition and simultaneously announced a comprehensive programme for agitation beginning December 27. The composition of the team for the talks is yet to be finalised. The venue of the talks has not yet been announced but the AAGSP said that it will not insist on a particular venue.

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## THE IDEAS PAGE

## They, too, are champions

Only five per cent of those entering sport end up on the podium. It is important to expand the definition of sporting success to include those who are equally invested in the sport but did not win the showpiece event



Pullela Gopichand

AS INDIAN BADMINTON completes a decade of success at the World Championships stage and we celebrate Saina Nehwal, PV Sindhu and now Kidambi Srikanth winning medals at each edition from 2011 to 2021, my mind often drifts towards the lives of those who did not win at the annual showpiece event. And, I fervently hope that somehow sport still left their life enriched, and not embittered.

Over the last decade, India has taken to sport with unprecedented fervour. The improvement in parental support, the expansion of government and corporate programmes such as Khelo India, Fit India, and TOPS, and the overall social acceptance of sports as a career has ushered in a welcome paradigm. However, we sorely lack cognisance of those on the flip side of this winning equation. The complete lack of definition about what makes a successful sports career further exacerbates this situation. Sports' definition of "success" is largely borrowed from academia - top percentiles and cream rankings

In scholarly pursuits, almost everyone succeeds — eventually. In sports, it's the reverse. This inverse pyramidal structure eventually leaves less than 5 per cent of those entering sport as good enough to be termed a "success". These are people who win medals at the Olympics, World Championships, World Cups, etc. While others end up being categorised as "failures", and exit the sport at some stage or the other. And their exits are often painful, and without viable post-playing career options as a safety net. This means that those, as I am, involved in professional sports training, will have to deal with several athletes who will eventually go out of the system labelled "failures" at some point in their sporting journey/career. And it pains me because I was watching when an Aditi Mutatkar or a Tanvi Lad worked as hard as Saina and Sindhu. As a coach, I can tell you their not winning medals was not down to a lack of effort or intelligence.

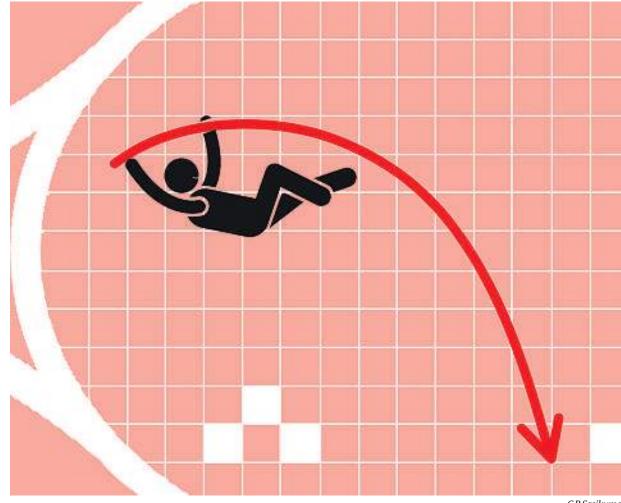
Those exiting the sport as "failures" or non-winners have already invested over a decade into the sport — the best years of their life, money, and sweat - with no viable way to recoup the same.

Currently, all our energies in India remain focused on the elite 5 per cent, who fit into the existing definition of success without having any clear off-ramps or slip roads to get off the elevated sports freeway for the majority of the 95 per cent who take up sport and are categorised as failures often, unfairly so.

A majority of 95 per cent who are equally invested in the sport as passionate amateurs, deserve their gleaming place under the sun. Of course, I won't pull punches when a lazy one drums up a sheepish nonexcuse for losing a match.

The belief that unless you are winning, you are not a champion is a fallacy. The very fact of participating in sport makes you a champion and it's time to recognise that.

I have been part of the sporting ecosystem, day in and day out, for the last threeand-a-half decades. But my own understanding of sport has changed so many times that I am surprised at how immature



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We need to look at education and sport from different lenses. In school/education, the number of successful/promoted/graduated/pass students is very high. Schools today post about close to 100 per cent marks or 100 per cent pass-out rates of their students with pride. This creates an institution that has a faculty that is happy that they have succeeded.

Now, look at sport, where medals are the sole benchmarks of success. The Olympic channel proudly speaks of its motto that 1,000 national medallists, 100 Olympians have to participate for that one gold medallist to emerge. That, paradoxically, 999 lives messed up for crowning one champion. It's an unfair advertisement for sports where a genetically-gifted Usain Bolt, who no doubt worked very hard, will be the only one who gets to tell the story of the 100m sprints.

In education, people move on from board results. People like me who are involved with professional sports training, watch helplessly as hopefuls linger on and it's a heartbreaking conversation to tell them it's over. In school, students move on filled with a sense of gratitude towards the institution whereas, in sport, people leave when they actually fail, many embittered. The nature of the beast is that this number is often high. Only three make it to the

Sport gives us values for life, be it lessons about "failure" or the foundation for our health or the opening up of our horizons to the huge potential of the body and mind, the fun and re-creation. These benefits in physical and cognitive areas should encourage each one of us to play sport.

The discipline, the attitude of hard work, the awareness and intelligence, planning and teamwork offer us great reasons to play. At some point, we know that we are not go-

ing to be in that top 5 per cent and that is the time it is important to gracefully move out. There is a point in this journey when the "don't give up" motto makes way for words like "move on" and "let go". I knew my playing time was up, and

hopped into coaching at the right time.

The greatest institutions have positive, constructive alumni. But in sport, the scenario is like an organisation that has to fire people and the attitude of the people/players is like employees who are laid off. The positives of sport are immense but this abnormality needs to be challenged for us to have a sustained model for growth in our country and the world.

It is important to celebrate those stories where people who are part of the 95 per cent become successful in careers outside sports. Unless these stories are celebrated like our Olympic and world champions, we will be missing out and losing the huge human potential in which we have invested by allowing our kids to play sport. I have seen CEOs, bureaucrats, politicians and leaders in other fields imbibe in them the qualities from sport – most of them having played in their younger days. It is those people and their connection to sport that we need to celebrate so that the 95 per cent of the people who eventually will not be on the podium, will not look at it as a failure.

It is important to redefine "world champion" and the pass marks or promotion criteria to ensure that this abnormality that leaves silent tears and self-doubt is reversed.

The TOPS scheme now needs a BOT-TOMS equivalent. Everyone deserves a fairytale and they don't all need to end on a podium.

The writer is a Sydney Games Olympian, All England champion and national head coach of badminton. This is the first of two articles

## Vajpayee doctrine of Sushasan

"The reality is that many girls want to go to school, but a lack of infrastructure coupled with resistance from certain forces such as the ultra-conservative Taliban,

WHAT THE OTHERS SAY

prevent them from doing so."

People-centric initiatives started during his tenure as PM became milestones in the nation's transformational journey, continue to inspire



ARJUN RAM MEGHWAL

GOOD GOVERNANCE OR Sushasan is an inheritance from India's ancient culture and ethos. The democratic values retrieved through the Gan Sangha of Buddhism, Anubhav Mantap of 11th century established by Lord Basveshwar, Chanakya's Arthashastra, civic planning during the Indus Valley civilisation, the legacy of Mauryan emperor, Ashoka, among others, are inherited wisdom that enable better governance. On the occasion of Good Governance Day, which marks the birth anniversary of former Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee, it is imperative to throw light on his remarkable role in institutionalising the excellent governance measures prevailing in independent India.

After Independence, good governance has been a focal point of governance reforms, but only in discussions. It figured in the Constitution Assembly debates and policy papers prepared by institutions such as the Planning Commission, but the ideas remained on paper with a poor implementation record. Under the visionary leadership of Vajpayee, that changed and efforts to improve governance began to reflect in the lives of the masses.

Vajpayee had a long stint in Parliament - he served 10 terms as a Lok Sabha MP and two terms in the Rajya Sabha. He used this platform to throw light on good governance. As a member of the Opposition, his reasoned argument and constructive criticism carried much gravity and inspired the creation of a welfare-centric governance system. Peoplecentric initiatives that emerged during his tenure as prime minister became milestones in India's transformational journey. Schemes and ideas such as the Kisan Credit Card, Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojna, Golden Quadrilateral, interlinking of rivers, the National Rural Health programme, Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan, a separate ministry for tribal affairs touched every section of society. The quasi-judicial Central Electricity Regulatory Commission was set up and the electricity act amended to improve the regulatory framework in the power sector.

The nuclear tests in May 1998 made India a nuclear power. The famous Vajpayee doctrine for resolving the complex Kashmir problem echoed the popular wisdom of "insaniyat, jamhuriyat and Kashmiriyat" (humanity, peace, and the sanctity of Kashmiri people). His famous words, "you can change friends, not neighbours", continue to guide India's foreign policy. The Vajpayee government had allowed bringing the bodies of martyrs to their homes to enable people to honour the soldiers who had made the supreme sacrifice for the nation. He was a man of consensus and pragmatism, which enabled the formation of three new states of Chhattisgarh, Uttarakhand and Jharkhand in 2000 in a peaceful manner.

Vajpayee was deeply influenced by the futuristic insights of B R Ambedkar's

thoughts and his role in nation-building. It was at the insistence of Vajpayee and LK Advani that the VP Singh government, supported by the BJP, honoured Ambedkar with the Bharat Ratna on March 31, 1990. Vajpayee's will to develop 26 Alipore Road, Delhi, where the Maharaja of Sirohi, Rajasthan invited Ambedkar to stay after he resigned from the Union Cabinet in 1951, led to the premises being developed as a museum that would inspire people to aspire for social equality. The Ministry of Urban Development signed the exchange deed of this private property on October 14, 2003, under Vajpayee's supervision and development works were inaugurated in December 2003. The UPA regime kept the project in abeyance. Later, the Modi government developed it at the cost of Rs 100 crore as the Dr Ambedkar National Memorial and dedicated it to the nation on April 13, 2018.

Vajpayee walked the talk of good governance by undertaking several initiatives at the dawn of the 21st century. PM Modi has increased the speed and scale of these measures to realise his goals. Technological interventions like DBT and IAM have strengthened the people's confidence in institutions. A big boost to the infrastructure sector has been undertaken through Bharatmala, Sagarmala, National Asset Monetisation Pipeline, agriculture infrastructure fund, etc. The repeal of Article 370 has improved services delivery in Jammu and Kashmir. Recently, the Union Cabinet approved the Ken-Betwa river interlinking project.

The mantra of "Minimum Government, Maximum Governance" has improved the ease of living of citizens. The breaking of governance silos through better coordination among various ministries with initiatives like PM Gatishakti, PRAGATI, capacity building through Mission Karm Yogi, focused emphasis on simplifying procedures and reducing the compliance burden on businesses, individuals, and other stakeholders are ensuring better delivery of public services. The implementation of GST, labour codes, Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code, New Education Policy, Mudra, PM Awas Schemes, PM Kisan, and seamless faceless resolution of tax disputes are initiatives that have strengthened transparency, responsiveness and other dimensions of good governance. India's Ease of Doing Business rank has risen from 145 in 2015 to 63 in 2020. Similarly, the Global Innovation Index ranking has improved from 81 (2015) to 46 (2021).

The prime minister has called for holding simultaneous elections, a single electoral roll, judicial reforms, etc in the best interest

Good governance is a means to serve the people, by fulfilling their aspirations within the constitutional framework. Atalii's vision. leadership, guidance, and invaluable insights will inspire present and future generations. As the nation celebrates Good Governance Day in the backdrop of the Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav, let us introspect and pledge to act in the spirit of "Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas, Sabka Vishwas, Sabka Prayas" for building a New India.

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## The road to Naypyidaw

a failure.

India needs a nuanced position on Myanmar, given regional complexity, security

Harsh V Pant

FOREIGN SECRETARY HARSH Vardhan Shringla was in Myanmar this week to assess the ground situation and to nudge various sides to seek mutually acceptable solutions to the multiple crises marring one of India's most important neighbours. New Delhi, of course, has vital interests in Mvanmar that it would like to protect and enhance. While the West has made democracy the sole prism of its Myanmar policy, India doesn't have that luxury. Much like most other immediate neighbours of Myanmar, India has been keen to push back against the Myanmar military's authoritarian tendencies even as its multiple interests have ensured that it keeps its channels of communication open with all stakeholders.

Myanmar has been in turmoil since February when the military seized control of the country in a coup and detained Aung San Suu Kyi and other leaders of her National League for Democracy (NLD). India had been categorical from the very beginning that the gains made by Myanmar over the last decades on the path towards democracy should not be undermined. Earlier this month, after Suu Kyi was sentenced to four years (later reduced to two years) in jail for provoking dissent against the military and breaching Covid-19 rules, New Delhi responded by expressing its "deep concern" over "any development that undermines these processes and accentuates differences" and expressed its hope that "keeping their nation's future in mind, efforts would be made by all sides to advance the path of dialogue.'

But for India, challenges emanating from Myanmar and adjoining areas do not cease depending upon the complexion of the government. And direct engagement with the State Administration Council (SAC) and other stakeholders can no longer be put on hold. Last month's deadly attack on an Assam Rifles convoy near the Myanmar border in Manipur was a reminder about the proclivity of China for creating trouble in the Northeast, especially at a time when border tensions along the LAC remain high. The Covid-19 pandemic has also had an impact because of the porous border between India and Myanmar. For India, a humanitarian crisis as a result of the pandemic-induced economic crisis in Myanmar would be a loselose situation and it should be prevented with the utmost urgency.

India as the only major democratic country bordering Myanmar, should insist on demonstrable progress on the road to dem-

ocratic transition, but being a neighbour, it is also aware that Myanmar has never responded well to international pressures. The role of Myanmar's army would be key to the unfolding of any democratic transition there, so an active engagement would be needed. Even as it continues to call for a restoration of the democratic process, both bilaterally and at various multilateral fora, New Delhi has to engage with the army in Myanmar to address Indian concerns as well as to make it a stakeholder that can deliver on the democratic front, including the release of political prisoners. Marginalising the army will only push it into China's arms, which only has its economic and defence interests to secure from Naypyidaw. Ever since the coup, China's economic grip over Myanmar has only become tighter with a special focus on projects critical for the China-Myanmar Economic

While the West continues to condemn and sanction, China is investing and pulling Myanmar into its orbit. The US has continued to use the overused threat of ever more sanctions, though to little avail. Myanmar's army seems to have ceased bothering about the rhetoric from the West. It is the neighbouring countries that have to shape the be-

haviour of the military junta in a constructive manner. It is not surprising that countries like Japan, South Korea and most ASEAN members have all moved forward with engaging the military junta in Myanmar. The Cambodian prime minister, the incoming chair of the ASEAN, is scheduled to visit Myanmar next month and is likely to set new terms of engagement.

It is, therefore, imperative that New Delhi too reaches out and shapes its own trajectory in Myanmar. The foreign secretary's visit will allow him to meet the main political parties to understand their expectations from the world's largest democracy even as he works with the military authorities to ensure that the democratic process get off the ground at the earliest. In international relations, black and white binaries never really work. The complexity of India's regional security and neighbourhood demands that India adopt a more nuanced position on Myanmar. New Delhi should not lose its essential pragmatism in engaging Myanmar.

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### CHEQUERED HISTORY

THIS REFERS TO the editorial, 'The missing debate' (IE, December 23). Linking electoral rolls with Aadhaar no doubt has its benefits. However, Aadhaar which has a chequered history of privacy violation and exclusion of marginalised communities poses many dangers to a free and fair election system, the hallmark of a democracy. Although intended as a voluntary measure, its widespread usage has made it defacto compulsory, adding to concerns over disenfranchisement. The virtual lack of debate in Parliament and the continued stagnation of the Personal Data Protection Bill does not inspire confidence

**Ila Railkar,** Mumbai

### LAUGH THERAPY

THIS REFERS TO the editorial, 'A duty to laugh' (IE, December 23). Gone are the days when the first Prime Minister of India would appreciate and enjoy the cartoons in Shankar's Weekly, which often made fun of his actions. Now, the obsession with electoral politics and hypersensitivity towards religious matters is raising its pitch so much that even an innocent jibe is seen as imbued with malicious motivation. A cartoon, a joke, a piece of satire is enough to raise public outcry or legal dispute. It is in this context that the advice of the Madras High Court judge to treat laughing as a duty is timely. Present times, replete with corona worries, economic stress, job issues and family problems point to the need for balancing them with discovering small and big

ways of remaining cheerful and joyful. To laugh at least for 30 minutes daily is our key responsibility.

Y G Chouksey, Pune

#### Marine Conundrum THIS REFERS TO the editorial, 'In choppy

waters' (IE, December 23). Given that an ambitious Rs1,600 crore scheme of replacing in three years 2,000 bottom trawlers with deep-sea fishing boats equipped with long lines and gill nets continues to be a disappointment, both the Central and Tamil Nadu governments need to take up fresh initiatives to get the fishermen on board. The main reason for failure is the component of cost to be borne by the fishermen. More efforts should be made to wean away fishermen from trawlers.

SSPaul, Nadia

THIS REFERS TO the editorial, 'In choppy waters' (IE, December 23). The fishermen issue between India and Sri Lanka has significant consequences for the communities living on either side of the Palk Strait. Destructive and unsustainable fishing practices like bottom trawling shouldn't be seen from the angle of livelihood, but the larger consequences to biodiversity and the larger ecosystem needed to be taken into consideration. The policy of subsidising trawler vessels should be reviewed by both the government and necessary encouragement should be given to adopting more sustainable fishing practices.

Sudip Kumar Dey, Barasat

## 12 THE WORLD



MEANWHILE,

## SALLY ANN HOWES DIES AT 91

Sally Ann Howes, who played as a child actor before she later starred in the 1968 film "Chitty Chitty Bang Bang" with Dick Van Dyke, has died. She was 91. Howes, an English actor, began her career on the big screen at the age of 12 in the 1943 film "Thursday's Child," where she played a schoolgirl turned successful actor. She comes from an acting lineage that includes her parents, Bobby Howes and Patricia Malone.'



Charles Sobhraj

## **NEPAL**

## Notice to govt in Charles Sobhraj case

Kathmandu: Nepal's Supreme Court has issued a show cause notice to the government seeking clarification why serial killer Charles Sobhraj, who is serving life imprisonment in a murder case, should not be released from jail after spending 18 years in prison. A single bench of the apex court headed by Anil Kumar Sinha issued the show cause notice in response to an appeal submitted by his lawyers to release Sobhraj, 77, on the grounds of age. The apex court asked the government to submit a written reply within three days on why he should not be freed, according to an official at the court.

#### **UNITED STATES**

#### James Franco admits sleeping with students

Los Angeles: Oscar-nominated actor James Franco has acknowledged sleeping with students of an acting school he previously ran, saying he struggled with a sex addiction and has been working to improve his behavior in recent years. In excerpts from The Jess Cagle Podcast made public on Wednesday, Franco, 43, said that while teaching, he "did sleep with students, and that was **REUTERS** wrong."

#### Palestinian man killed in shootout

Ramallah:Israeli troops shot and killed a Palestinian man who opened fire at them from a passing vehicle in the occupied West Bank late Wednesday, Israeli officials said. The Palestinian Health Ministry confirmed the death of Muhammad Issa Abbas, 26, saying he had been shot in the back near the al-Amari refugee

#### **SINGAPORE** Indian jailed for six months

camp in Ramallah. AP

Singapore: An Indian student in Singapore was on Thursday sentenced to six months in prison after he pleaded guilty to a charge each of conspiring to carry on the business of an unlicensed payment service and of obstructing justice by deleting and exiting a WhatsApp group of his other Indian co-conspirators. The court heard that Jaspreet Singh, 26, had eight accomplices, all Indians, as per a Channel

#### **SINGAPORE** Manfaces 15 terror charges

News Asia report. PTI

Singapore: A radicalised former Bangladeshi construction worker - detained by Singaporean authorities last year - is facing upto 15 charges related to terror financing after he was found transferring money to terrorist organisations based in strife-torn Syria, said the media report Thursday.

## **WORLD** Ahead of Winter Olympics, China puts 13 million people in lockdown

ASSOCIATED PRESS BEIJING.DECEMBER 23

CHINA PLUNGED a city of 13 million people into lockdown on Thursday to stamp out an increase in coronavirus infections, as the country doubles down on its "zero tolerance" policy just weeks before it is set to host the Winter Olympics.

The restrictions in the northeastern city of Xi'an took effect at midnight Wednesday, with no word on when they might be lifted. They are some of the harshest since China imposed a strict lockdown last year on more than 11 million people in and around the city of Wuhan, where the coronavirus was first detected in late 2019.

One person from each household will be allowed out every two days to buy household necessities, a government order said. Other family members were required to stay at home, although the rule was not being rigorously enforced, according to social media posts. People who happened to be staying in hotels became stuck.

There was no word on whether the new cases were of the recently identified

#### US adds Merck pill as 2nd easy-to-use drug against Covid

Washington: The US health regulators on Thursday authorised the second pill against Covid-19, providing another easy-to-use medication to battle the Omicron variant.

The Food and Drug Administration authorisation of Merck's molnupiravir comes one day after the agency cleared a competing drug from Pfizer.

Pfizer's pill, Paxlovid, is likely to become the first-choice treatment against the virus, thanks to its superior benefits and milder side effects. As a result, Merck's pill is expected to have a smaller role than predicted earlier. Its ability to head off severe Covid is much smaller than initially announced and the drug label will warn of serious safety issues.



A Covid testing site at Xi'an in northwestern China's Shaanxi Province. AP

Omicron variant or the previous version, delta. China has reported seven Omicron cases so far, but none in Xi'an,

Though the latest outbreak is 1.000 kilometers (about 620 miles) southwest of the Olympic host city of Beijing, any sign that the pandemic might be worsening in China will raise questions manage to welcome thousands of athletes, officials and journalists when the Games open in just weeks on Feb. 4 On the one hand, there is a

about whether and how it will

tremendous amount of national pride and investment riding on the Olympics and few would

ment or dramatic reimagining at this late stage. On the other, Chinese authorities have adopted draconian measures throughout the pandemic under their policy of seeking to stamp out every last case - and it's hard to see how welcoming so many people from abroad

## To grandmother's house or no? Omicron disrupts holiday plans

LAURA UNGAR & TALI **ARBEL** 

DECEMBER 23

DAVE FRAVEL and his wife invited several relatives to their Cape Cod home for Christmas to share food, gifts and the togetherness they've longed for during the lonely days of the pandemic. They were also looking forward to a holiday sightseeing trip to New York City.

But the coronavirus spoiled all those plans. With cases surging in their state of Massachusetts and the super-infectious omicron variant racing around the world, they feared spreading the virus even before



to let down their guard. AP

Fravel's 18-year-old son, Colin, came down with Covid-19. Rich England has been there

before. In the summer, when the delta variant was surging, he said no to a Christmastime vacation with his parents and sister's family to London and Scotland. But he, his wife and two-year-old daughter are keeping plans for a four-day trip from their home in Alexandria, Virginia, to Miami on December 31. "The safest thing to do would be to say 'OMG, we have to cancel," he said. For the second year in a row,

the ever-morphing virus presents would-be revelers with a difficult choice: cancel holiday gatherings and trips or figure out ways to forge ahead as safely as possible. Many health experts are begging people not to let down their guard.

#### **MASK ON: AUSTRALIA SEES SPIKE IN CASES**

Sydney: Australia on Thursday reported a major spike in Covid-19 cases, prompting the worst-hit state of New South Wales to re-impose mask wearing indoors. This comes a day after PM Scott Morrison rejected lockdowns or mask mandates for the entire country. New South Wales recorded 5,715 new cases, up from 3,763 on Wednesday. AP

#### **'OMICRON LESS LIKELY** TO PUT YOU IN HOSPITAL'

Two new British studies provide some early hints that the Omicron variant may be milder than the delta version.Scientists stress that even if the findings of these early studies hold up, any reductions in severity need to be weighed against the fact Omicron spreads much faster than delta and is more able to evade vaccines. AP



France kicked-off mass Covid vaccination for children age 5 to 11. AP

#### **SOUTH KOREA SEES** RECORD HIGH DEATHS

Seoul: South Korea set a new record for Covid-19 deaths on Thursday as officials warned that the highly transmissible Omicron variant could soon become the dominant strain. The Korea Disease Control and Prevention Agency said a record 109 people died in the last 24-hour period, raising the country's total pandemic fatalities to 5,015.

## Putin urges West to act quickly to offer security guarantees

**VLADIMIR ISACHENKOV** MOSCOW, DECEMBER 23

RUSSIAN PRESIDENT Vladimir Putin urged the West on Thursday to move quickly to meet Russia's demand for security guarantees precluding NATO's expansion to Ukraine and the deployment of the military alliance's weapons there.

Speaking during a marathon annual news conference, the Russian leader welcomed talks with the US that are set to start in Geneva next month, but sternly warned that Moscow expects the discussion to produce quick results.

"We have clearly and precisely let them know that any further NATO expansion eastward is unacceptable," Putin said.

Last week, Moscow submitted draft security documents demanding that NATO deny membership to Ukraine and other former Soviet countries and roll back the alliance's military de-



talks with the US that are set to start in Geneva next month. AP

Eastern Europe.

A key principle of the NATO alliance is that membership is open to any qualifying country.

"Is it us who are putting missiles near the US borders?" Putin said. "No, it's the US who came to our home with their missiles. They are already on the threshold of our home. Is it some excessive demand not to place any offensive systems near our home?"

Moscow presented its demand amid soaring tensions over a Russian troop buildup near Ukraine that has stoked fears of a possible invasion. AP

## Beyond books: Joan Didion, 'new journalist' who explored culture and chaos, dies at 87

**WILLIAM GRIMES** 

JOAN DIDION, whose mordant dispatches on California culture and the chaos of the 1960s established her as a leading exponent of the New Journalism, and whose novels "Play It as It Lays" and "The Book of Common Prayer" proclaimed the arrival of a tough, terse, distinctive voice in American fiction, died on Thursday at her home in Manhattan. She was 87.

The cause was Parkinson's disease, according to an email sent by Paul Bogaards, an executive at Knopf, Didion's publisher. She came to prominence

with a series of incisive, searching feature articles in Life magazine and The Saturday Evening Post that explored the fraying



California, her native state, provided her with her richest material. In sharp, knowing vignettes, she captured its harshness and beauty, its role as a magnet for restless settlers, its golden promise and rapidly vanishing past, and its power as a cultural laboratory.

Didion later turned to political reporting, filing long essays for The New York Review of Books on the civil war in El Salvador and Cuban émigré culture in Miami; they were published in book form as "Salvador" and "Miami."

## Clean slate? Last monument for Tiananmen massacre removed at Hong Kong university

HONG KONG, DECEMBER 23

A MONUMENT at a Hong Kong university that was the bestknown public remembrance of the Tiananmen Square massacre on Chinese soil was removed early Thursday, wiping out the city's last place of public commemoration of the bloody 1989 crackdown.

For some at the University of Hong Kong, the move reflected the erosion of the relative freedoms they have enjoyed compared to mainland China.

The 8-meter (26-foot) -tall Pillar of Shame, which depicts 50 torn and twisted bodies piled on top of each other, was made by Danish sculptor Jens Galschioet to symbolize the lives lost during the military crackdown on pro-democracy protesters in Beijing's



Students clean the 'Pillar of Shame' statue, a memorial for those killed in the 1989 Tiananmen crackdown. File AP

Tiananmen Square on June 4, 1989. "They are sending a signal to the students that it is over with the (Hong Kong) democracy movement and that it is

over with free speech in Hong Kong," Galschioet said of the monument's removal.

The university said it asked that the sculpture be put in storage

Why the move?

sculpture is testament to the ruling Communist Party's efforts to erase the bloody events of that day from the public consciousness. It also comes as the party snuffs out democratic challenges in Hong Kong to its rule.

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because it could pose "legal risks." "No party has ever obtained any approval from the university to display the statue on campus, and the university has the right to take appropriate actions to handle it," it

said after its removal.

SARAJEVO, BOSNIA-HERZEGOVINA. DECEMBER 23 BOSNIAN OFFICIALS and religious leaders denounced suggestions voiced by Hungarian Prime

**AMER COHADZIC** 

Minister Viktor Orban and his spokesman that the integration of Bosnia into the European Union will be challenging because of its large Muslim population. Orban's spokesman Zoltan Kovacs has tweeted that "the

challenge with Bosnia is how to

integrate a country with two

million Muslims."

During his speech on Tuesday in Budapest, Orban said Hungary supports Bosnia's EU bid, adding that as an EU member, Hungary had to mobilise energy to overcome "the enlargement fatigue that has taken hold of the European Union,"

"I am doing my best to con-



Hungary's PM denounced

for anti-Muslim rhetoric

Prime Minister Viktor Orban

vince Europe's great leaders that the Balkans may be further away from them than from Hungary, but how we manage the security of a state in which 2 million Muslims live.'

Reaction in Bosnia was sharp with some Bosniak parties asking for a ban on Orban's planned official visit to Sarajevo and the head of the Islamic community, Grand Mufti Husein Kavazovic, calling his statement 'xenophobic and racist."

The Bosniak member of the country's tripartite presidency, Sefik Dzaferovic, called Orban's statement "shameful and rude."



#### in US carjacked at gunpoint United States: Delaware state police have taken into custody five

suspects after US Representative Mary Gay Scanlon was robbed of her automobile at gunpoint in a Philadelphia park Wednesday. The suspects were located in

Scanlon's vehicle and investigation is under way, police said, adding that additional details will be released once available.

Scanlon, a Democrat who represents Pennsylvania's 5th Congressional District, was unharmed in the mid-afternoon carjacking.

## HER SUPPORTERS BELIEVE THAT LOCAL OFFICIALS MAY HAVE SENT HER TO A PSYCHIATRIC HOSPITAL

## Fury in Chinese social media after outspoken teacher disappears

**CHRIS BUCKLEY** DECEMBER 23

CHINESE SOCIAL media sites have echoed for days with a question that has been met with silence by Communist Party officials: Where is Li Tiantian?

Li, an outspoken but previously little known teacher at a rural school in Hunan Province, southern China, disappeared after telling friends that police officers had forced their way into her home and were taking her to a psychiatric hospital. She told them the authorities had accused her of violating the bounds of officially acceptable comment on social media. In recent weeks, Li had pub-

licly sympathised with a teacher in Shanghai, who was hounded online and fired after saying that there should be more rigorous study of China's official death count for the Nanjing massacre, the Japanese army's murder of residents of that city in 1937.

"I've been targeted by public security," Li said in one message to Cui Junjie, a friend who has galvanised support for Li on the internet. Cui shared with The New York Times screenshots of Li's messages.

"I didn't commit any crime, so I can never admit to one," she told Cui. "But they want to seize the chance to convict me.'

Li, 27, has complained of bouts of depression. But many friends and supporters believe that she has become a victim of a decades-old practice in China: using psychiatric confinement to stifle dissenters. Even if she was unwell, they have said, enforced confinement was not an answer.

The authorities have stayed mostly mute about Li's disappearance on Sunday, and did not answer repeated phone calls from The New York Times. Unusually, though, the censors

have not shut down the nationwide outpouring of anger about her disappearance, possibly because central authorities see the case as a messy controversy best



The Chinese authorities have stayed mostly mute about Li Tiantian's disappearance. Reuters

left to local authorities to clean up. Many of the comments have been from supporters who see her as a symbol of the damage wrought by the Chinese government's heavy-handed censorship under Xi Jinping, who has demanded political loyalty, including from teachers. Her supporters have also criticised the nationalists who attacked Li online for bucking official orthodoxy. Li has also said she is four months pregnant, adding to fears for her safety.

"Restore her freedom and formally apologise," Huang Jian, a commentator on Weibo, another popular social media platform, declared in a video statement. "Your ignorance, idiocy and barbarity are an utter disgrace for China."

Hu Xijin, the recently retired

readers should withhold their judgment until there was more information. Later on Thursday, Hushared a video online in which a woman who described herself as Li's mother said a relative working in the local education bureau had

chief editor of the Global Times, a

popular Communist Party-run

newspaper, urged officials in

Hunan to explain what had hap-

pened to Li, though he also said

taken Li to a psychiatric hospital to treat her depression. In previous decades, Chinese

officials regularly committed persistent petitioners and protesters to psychiatric hospitals, drawing criticism from human Gao Jian, a Chinese writer who recently published a book on the topic, said in an interview that the practice was less frequent, but it still took place.

rights advocates and doctors.

"This tool of treating someone as mentally ill is still quite a useful one for local governments," Mr. Gao said in messaged responses to questions. "It's a way of completely skating around the law." Some studies have indicated

that the general numbers of people held for involuntary psychiatric treatment in China has fallen since a law was introduced in 2013 to regulate mental health policies.

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

## **EXPLAINED YOUR MONEY**

## What to look at before investing in ESG funds

With policy frameworks changing, experts say socially responsible investing will bring good returns. But there are some areas of concern to address.



Pranav Mukul & Sandeep Singh

ENVIRONMENT, SOCIAL responsibility, and corporate governance have of late emerged as key themes for investors in India. The asset size of ESG funds has ballooned nearly five times to Rs 12,300 crore over the last couple of years. Earlier this week, the National Stock Exchange (NSE) launched NSE Prime, a framework that allows companies to submit to standards of corporate governance that are higher than those required by existing regulations.

Market experts say investors in funds and companies would do well to keep the factors of environmental sustainability, social responsibility, and corporate governance in mind for long-term sustainability of investment re-

turns. However, some are sceptical of the possibility of "greenwashing", and of fund managers over-weighing certain stocks once other options are deemed non-compliant with ESG investment parameters.

#### **ESG** investing

The expression is used synonymously with sustainable and socially responsible investing. While selecting a stock for investment, an ESG fund shortlists companies that score high on environment, social responsibility, and corporate governance, and then looks at financial factors. With the overall increase in awareness, and with regulations moving in this direction, investors are re-evaluating traditional approaches and considering the impact of their decisions on the planet.

As ESG funds gain momentum in India, companies will be forced to improve governance and ethical practices, and act with greater social and environmental responsibility, fund managers say. As the policy framework changes, companies that do not alter business models or become more environmentally sustainable, could have their revenue and profits impacted in the long term, they say. Globally, many pension funds and sovereign wealth funds do not invest in companies that are seen as polluting or socially not responsible.

While sign-up is voluntary, NSE is looking to create a bouquet of companies across market capitalisations that will follow a higher standard of corporate governance (as prescribed for NSE Prime) which is a notch above the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations.

Some key requirements for companies to qualify for NSE Prime are: a minimum 40 per cent public shareholding; mandatory segregation of the posts of chairman and CEO; independent directors as chairpersons of the risk management, stakeholder relationship, nomination remuneration, and audit committees.

The idea is to nudge companies to raise levels of corporate governance practice on their own. The creation of such a group of companies will result in better decision-making and protection of shareholder interest, it is hoped.

"It will send a message that these companies truly believe in higher standards of corpo-

rate governance and that they are ready to liness, skill development, expanded healthraise the bar on holding themselves accountable," NSE CEO Vikram Limaye said.

#### **ESG MF offerings**

Most top fund houses, including SBI Magnum Equity, Aditya Birla Sun Life, ICICI Prudential, Quantum India, Kotak Mutual Fund, and Axis Mutual Fund offer ESG investment opportunities. Because this is a niche area, the fund houses have set the expense ratio of their ESG funds in the higher range.

ESG funds use parameters such as greenhouse gas and carbon emissions, and employment generated to assess the ESG impact of the companies. Thus, companies with higher carbon outputs such as tobacco manufacturers, coal miners, oil and gas companies, and fossil fuel-based power generators typically do not feature in ESG fund portfolios. On the other hand, companies in the technology, renewable energy, healthcare, and FMCG space feature heavily in these portfolios.

#### Behind ESG growth

Fund managers have pointed out that greater policy focus on aspects such as cleancare coverage, and education indicates potential public investment in these social development and environmentally sensitive sectors of the economy. There is increasing awareness and understanding among younger investors about the impact of business on social development and environment.

The 2021 Millennial and Gen Z Survey by Deloitte found: "During the pandemic, health care and unemployment topped millennials' list of concerns. But environment remained a priority (#3 for millennials and #1 for Gen Zs ~40% believe that more people will commit to take action on environmental issues after the pandemic...'

Experts say that companies that are part of the ESG or NSE Prime will not only be on the right side of regulations and benefit from it in the long term, but will also have a better reputation and potentially command a premium on valuation in the long run. They may also attract a better quality of retail and institutional investors, these experts argue.

#### An area of concern

Alongside the greater attention on issues

such as climate risk, emissions, supply chains, labour rights, anti-corruption, etc., certain concerns have been flagged as well.

One of these is the possibility of "greenwashing", understood as an act of conveying a "false impression or providing misleading information about how a company's products are more environmentally sound".

In an agenda note published on December 21 on 'How to address sustainable investment backlash and improve ESG reporting', the World Economic Forum noted that greenwashing is a top concern among global institutional investors, "cited by six in 10 respondents as an issue when selecting sustainable investments, according to a Schroders Institutional Investor study. It's also been known to be a problem for retail investors, who especially struggle to decipher complex ESG investments".

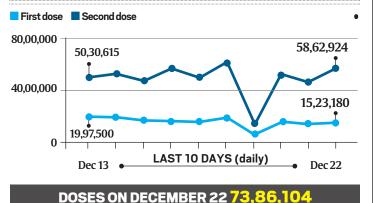
Investment experts have also pointed to the tendency of fund managers to overweigh certain stocks and companies in a situation where most large investmentfriendly companies have fallen short of the qualitative and quantitative parameters used for ESG investing.

## CORONAVIRUS DASHBOARD

#### **INDIA TOTAL DOSES**

139,69,76,774

(1st DOSE: 83,14,86,835; 2nd: 56,54,89,939)



DEC 21: 61,12,489 (1st DOSE: 14,43,889; 2nd: 46,68,600)

#### **DOSES ON DEC 21, BY STATE**

Uttar Pradesh	12,27,973
Madhya Pradesh	11,72,513
Bihar	8,94,267
Karnataka	5,81,897
Maharashtra	5.61.136

TOP 5

**BOTTOM 5\*** Punjab 59,276 Kerala 75,283 1,02,528 **Assam** 1,30,003 Chhattisgarh 1,35,947

**ACTIVE CASES** 78.291

**()** 101 from Dec 21

Source: Ministry of Health & Family Welfare; Dec 22 figures updated on Dec 23

## 3 coronavirus variants in deer

SCIENTISTS HAVE detected infection by at least three variants of SARS-CoV-2, the virus that causes Covid-19, in free-ranging white-tailed deer in six northeast Ohio locations. The study has been published in Nature. Based on genomic sequencing of the samples collected between January and March 2021, researchers determined that variants in-

fecting wild deer matched strains of SARS-CoV-2 that had been prevalent in Ohio's Covid-19 patients at the time. Sample collection occurred before the Delta variant was widespread, and that variant was not detected in these deer. The team is testing more samples for new variants as well as older variants. Source: Ohio State University



## Young India's aspirations, worries

TELLING NUMBERS

A youth study by Lokniti-CSDS has found increased enrolment in higher education, a growing preference for starting a business, and a lack of favour for inter-faith marriage. It also looks at mental health aspects.

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A RECENT report released by Lokniti-CSDS in collaboration with Konrad Adenauer Stiftung, which interviewed 6,277 youth aged 15-34 across 18 states in July-August 2021, offers insights on their career aspirations, job preferences and expectations, their opinions on institutions of kinship, and their mental health.

## **Occupation status**

The occupational profile of India's youth seems to have undergone a significant change over a decade and a half, with two-fifths (39%) identifying themselves as students. This is up by 7 percentage points since 2016 and 26 percentage points since 2007. Data also suggest that while more young men (39%) compared to young women (11%) were working, a higher proportion of young women (42%) were studying than young men (36%).

Age shows a clear relation with occupation. Close to four in five youth from the youngest cohort were studying and only 4% were earning, while close to half of the youth in the 18-24 group were studying and only one in five were earning. This indicates increased enrollment in higher education (Figure 1).

Youth identified ability-related characteristics (qualification, experience and communication) as important in finding a job. On a positive note, they were the least likely to consider identity-related factors to be playing a decisive role in getting a job (*Table 1*).

#### **Employment** More than half (55%) said they would pre-

fer a government job; a quarter (24%) would prefer to start their own business. If we compare these with findings from youth studies in 2007 and 2016, they indicate changing priorities. Five years ago, 65% preferred government iobs, which was three percentage points higher than a decade previously. Interestingly, there is a rising aspiration among the youth to start their own business (Figure 2).

One also notices a change in career aspirations. When the youth were asked about the occupation they would choose if they had the freedom to do so, the responses showed a rise from 3% to 17% among those wanting to join the health sector as doctors, nurses or other medical staff (Figure 3). A possible reason for this could be the Covid-19 pandemic.

### Marriage

Many youth are now marrying at a later

age than before. The study indicates that the proportion of married youth has decreased by 13 percentage points since 2007 and five per centage points since 2016. In the present study, 42% said they are married (Figure 4).

Youth showed a greater acceptance for the idea of inter-caste marriage than for inter-religious marriage. However, while 61% supported inter-caste marriage and 30% opposed it, there is limited empirical evidence of this aspiration being translated into reality. The support for inter-faith marriage is still not widely accepted, with 45% of the youth favouring it and 42% opposing it (Figure 5).

### Mental health

The study found that the family's financial security worried the youth the most, followed by their own health. About six in ten (56%) worried about their jobs, and more than half (54%) about their physical appearance.

More than 50% of the youth reported becoming angry over small matters. It is important to stress that these symptoms do not necessarily meet the criteria for any psychological disorder; this is just a reporting of responses. About half each reported feeling sad, losing interest in daily activities, and being affected by loneliness during the last two or three years. Also, those with high exposure to social media were found to be more emotionally distressed than those with low or no exposure.

Although the majority of the youth said that they have never experienced suicidal thoughts, close to two in ten (21%) did have such thoughts, either many times or sometimes in the last two to three years (Figure 6).

To a hypothetical question on whom they would approach if struggling with depression or thoughts of ending their life, 65% said they will approach either a family member or relatives - highlighting the importance of family in the Indian context — while 15% would approach friends. Only 3% said they would approach a mental health professional. The reason for this could possibly be social stigma and the negative stereotyping of people with mental health issues. What is worrisome is that 9% said they would not approach anyone.

On the whole, the data indicate that India's youth worry about a range of issues. This could be linked to the pandemic resulting in worsening financial and health worries. Youth also showed quite a few symptoms of emotional distress, but what is worrisome is that fairly large proportions have not sought medical help for these. It is important to ensure that there is general mental health awareness and also access to mental healthcare



#### **OCCUPATION PROFILE**

FIGURE 1 ■ STUDYING ■ EARNING ■ DOING BOTH ■ NEITHER STUDYING NOR EARNING WHO'S STUDYING, WHO'S EARNING 30-34 yrs 8 25-29 yrs 18-24 yrs 15-17 yrs



TABLE 1 HOW USEFUL ARE THE FOLLOWING IN

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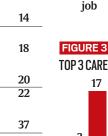
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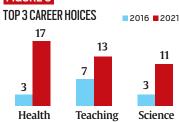
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job

**GOVTOR PRIVATE?** ■ 2007 ■ 2016 ■ 2021

business/

profession

job

### **MARRIAGE**

Ability to speak

in English

Bribes

Caste

looks

Gender

Religion

**Connections** 

Appearance/

**DENTITY-RELATED** 

FIGURE 4 PROPORTION OF MARRIED YOUTH DOWN

2016

■ SUPPORT FULLY ■ SUPPORT SOMEWHAT ■ OPPOSE SOMEWHAT ■ OPPOSE FULLY OPINION ON MARRIAGE PRACTICES Inter-religious

2021

marriage Inter-caste marriage

#### MENTAL HEALTH ■ NEVER ■ RARELY ■ OFTEN ■ NO RESPONSE

2007

FIGURE 6 SUICIDAL **TENDENCIES** 

All figures in %; Source: Lokniti-CSDS Youth Survey 2021. Comparative figures from surveys in 2007, 2016

## Booster dose with AstraZeneca vaccine found to work against Omicron

#### **EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** PUNE, DECEMBER 23

A NEW study by researchers at the University of Oxford has found that a booster dose of the AstraZeneca vaccine was able to significantly increase the levels of neutralising antibodies against the Omicron variant of the coronavirus, offering hope that the vaccine could offer some protection against the fast-spreading variant

The AstraZeneca vaccine, being marketed under the brand names Covishield, manufactured in India, and Vaxzevria, produced in South Korea, was developed at the laboratories of the University of Oxford. The current study was conducted by a different team of researchers at the same university.

### Vaccine findings

The study found that sera obtained from individuals one month after receiving the third dose was able to neutralise the Omicron variant to levels that were comparable to those observed against the Delta variant one month after the second dose.

Also, the levels of neutralising antibodies after the third dose were found to be higher than those observed in individuals who had been previously infected with other variants, including Delta, and recovered on their own, the company said in a statement.

Studies on other vaccines like Moderna or Pfizer have also suggested that their third doses offered some protection against the

Omicron variant, although with reduced effectiveness compared to their action against the Delta variant. Covishield accounts for

more than 85 per cent of all vaccines given in India. For that reason, it is not considered an ideal vaccine for the booster doses. Health experts have maintained, and several studies have shown, that booster doses work best if a vaccine different from

the primary doses is used.

A couple of days ago, AstraZeneca had also unveiled its plans for developing an Omicron-specific vaccine.

OMICRON TRACKER

#### Vaccinating children Amid a rapid surge in in-

fections with the Omicron variant, several countries in Europe have begun vaccinating children below 12 years of age. In most of the world, only people above the age of 18 have been vaccinated because of very low prevalence of coronavirus cases in vounger age

groups. A few countries later opened up vaccinations for the 12-18 age group as well.

But the unvaccinated people, even in the younger age groups, are being considered vulnerable to the Omicron variant. A recent study in France found infection among children in the 6-10 age group to be twice that among the large population, The New York Times reported. A similar pattern has been observed in Italy where schoolchildren and young adults account for the majority of recent cases, the newspaper said.

France has now said it would provide vaccines to everyone above the age of five. Germany, Greece, Spain and the United States, too, have opened up vaccinations for children.

Four of the 23 Omicron cases discovered in Maharashtra and three out of seven in

Gujarat on Thursday were among people below the age of 18 years.

### **UK surge continues**

The United Kingdom had the second consecutive day of record-breaking number of new coronavirus cases on Thursday. It reported more than 1.19 lakh cases in a 24-hour period, after detecting over 1.06 lakh the previous day.

Spain too registered its highest singleday count of new cases, with more than 50,000 infections being reported on Thursday. In France, the daily count of cases now exceeds 70,000 and the country's health minister had warned that it would soon cross the 1 lakh mark

## Classifieds

#### **PERSONAL**

I, Nikhil Gupta, S/o Shambhu Nath Gupta, R/o Flat No. F-201, Jalvayu Vihar, Sector-Chi-2, Greater Noida U.P., have changed my minor daughter name from Gulika Gupta to Geet Gupta for all future 0070766398-

have changed my name to I. Nand Kishor, S/o- Mahender Rajni Arora Thakur, R/o: 184A, Shiy Vihar, Vikas Nagar, Uttam Nagar, New Delhi-59, have changed my name to Nand Kishor Thakur.

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I, NILOFAR YASMIN, W/O-MOHD GULFAM, R/O 7820, NAI BASTI BARA HINDU RAO, DELHI-110006, HAVE CHANGE MY NAME TO NELOFAR YASMIN for all purposes. 0040596848-3

I. NIKHIL NOGIA. S/o LATE SHRI TRILOK CHAND NOGIA, R/o A-714,SHASTRI NAGAR, DELHI-110055, HAVE CHANGED NAME OF MY DAUGHTER FROM AMYRA NOGIA AS MENTIONED IN HER BIRTH CERTIFICATE NO.MCDOLIR -2218-007209442 & MOTHER'S NAME GUNEET KAUR TO AMYRA KAUR, FOR ALL **FUTURE PURPOSES.** 

I, Manju Devi alias Manju Shriwastwa W/o.Sh.Sanjay Kumar R/o.H.No-58, F-Block Qutub Vihar, Phase-1, gali No.7, Goyla Dairy, New Delhi-110071 that Maniu Devi alias Maniu Shriwastwa is one and, the same person name.

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I. MOHD GUFAM, S/O SULTAN AHMED,R/O-7820,NAI BASTI BARA HINDU RAO DELHI-110006 HAVE CHANGE MY NAME TO MOHD GULFAM for all 0040596848-2

I, KAKUTAI BHAYYAJI WADHE ALIAS SUSHMAS WADEKAR W/O SUNIL R/o W/O: 204, Lake Castle Apartment, LP Savani Road, Pal, Chorasi, Surat, Gujarat - 394510 . have changed my name and shall hereafter be Known as SUSHMA SUNIL WADEKAR 0070766337-1

I, Geetanjali Gupta R/o G-2552, 12th, Avenue Gaur City-2, Noida, declares that Geetanjali Rao was my maiden name and Both, Geetanjali Gupta and Geetanjali Rao are the same

I. Dimple Bisht W/o Ashish Bisht R/o 22-A, POCKET-A, Mayur Vihar Phase-2 Delhi-110091, have changed my son's name from Aarin Bisht to Shreyann 0040596767-1

person.

I, Chandramukhi Gupta, W/o Nikhil Gupta, R/o Flat No. F-201, Jalvayu Vihar, Sector-Chi-2, Greater Noida U.P., have changed my name to Chandra Mukhi Gupta for all future 0070766395purposes.

**I,** Barsha Chatterjee, D/o Biplab Banerjee and Ex. wife of Arnab Chatteriee, R/o DLF City. Behind Mega Mall, A-45/29, Phase-1, Chakkarpur, Gurgaon, Harvana-122002, I got divorce from my husband Arnab Chatterjee vide court decree No. HMA CASE NO- 111 OF 2014 dated 10.09.2014. I have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Barsha

Banerjee. 0070766374-1 I, BIJOY KUMAR RASAILY, S/o RANJITSINGH RASAILY, R/O M.C ROAD, CHOTA KAKJHORA, DARJEELING (M), WEST BENGAL-734101 Have Changed my name to BIJAY RASAILY for all purposes. 0070766317-1

I, Astha Walia W/o Bhavneet Walia, Resident of M-7, Ground Floor, Vikas Puri, New Delhi-110018 have changed my name to Astha Ghai Walia.

I, ASHWIN, S/O. GAURI, ADD-T-1201.LOGIX BLOSSOM GREENS SECTOR-143 NOIDA, GAUTAM **BUDH NAGAR UTTAR-PRADESH** 201306.Changed my name to ASHWIN IYER, permanently.

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I, Akhilesh Kumar Agarwal S/o.Late K.K. Agarwal R/o-165/IInd Floor, Sector-10A, Vasundhara, Ghaziabad, U.P.-201012.have changed my minor-son's name Kkhush Kumar Agarwal to Khussh Agarwal. 0040596830-3

I. SULOEH RASAILY, W/o BIJAY RASAILY, R/O-INDRAJIT BUILDING, M.C ROAD, CHOTA KAKJHORA, DARJEELING (M). WEST BENGAL-734101 Have Changed my name to SULOCH RASAILY for all purposes.

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I hitherto known as Surender Singh S/o-Sh.Richhpal Singh R/o-146, SFS Flats, Sector-11 Rohini, Delhi-85, have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Surender Singh Jakhar. 0040596776-1

I hitherto known as Sarita Rani alias Sarita Rani Rathee D/o-Sh.Ramphal Singh,W/o Sh.Surender Singh Jakhar R/o-146,SFS Flats,Sector-11, Rohini, Delhi-85 have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Sarita Rani Jakhar.

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I have changed my name from Shailesh Yaday to Shailin Yaday for all future purposes. Shailin Yadav D/o P.R.S. Yadav CC-64, Avintika Colony 0070766384-1 Ghaziabad.

I Vardhan S/o Sh. Karuna Shankar Bhardwaj R/o H.No. 690, Kundawalan, Ajmeri Gate Delhi-110006 have changed my name to Vardhan Bhardwaj for 0040596790-5 all purposes.

I Shashi Kumar Sharma Alias Shashi Sharma Alias S K Sharma S/o Kishan Chand R/o Otr No-9, Type-I, Police Cly Ph 1, Ashok Vihar, Delhi-110052, have changed my name to Shashi Kumar 0070766333-1

IAdesh Jindal S/o Sumer Chand

Delhi-85. Change My Name to Adesh Kumar Gupta For All 0040596683-8 Purposes. IRajni W/o Suraj Kumar R/o G-12/88, G Block, Pocket - 12, Rohini, Sector 15, Delhi-110089

I Praveen Kumar Mishra S/o Ramesh Chandra R/o C-12/2, Raieev Nagar, Bhalswa Dairy, Libas Pur, New Delhi-110042 have changed my name to Prayeen Mishra for all purpose

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I Mena Devi W/o Ramesh Chandra R/o C-12/2, Rajeev Nagar, Bhalswa Dairy, Libas Pur, New Delhi-110042 have changed my name to Maina Devi for all purpose

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I Meena Kumari D/o-Sh.Ram Prashad, W/o-Sh.Prem Raj R/o-H.No.84, Block and Pkt.G-27, Sector-3, Rohini, Delhi-85 Have Changed my Name to Meena Devi for all purpose.Meena Kumari & Meena Devi is the one and same person. 40596779-1

I Lavina Taneja alias Lavina Arya D/o Sh. Krishan Kumar Taneja W/o Sh. Vishal Arya R/o A-150, Second Floor, Road No.44, Lok Vihar, Pitampura, Saraswati Vihar, North West Delhi, Delhi 110034 have changed my name to Lavina Arya for all purposes.

0040596790-6 I Dev Bala W/o Bachan Singh Rawat Flat No 245 Shruti Apptartment Plot no.22 Sector-7 Dwarka New Delhi-110075 have changed my name from Dev Bala to Dev Bala Rawat for

all purposes. 0040596736-1 I Arti Bansal alias Arati alias Arti Singhal D/o Sh. Krishna Bansal W/o Sh. Umesh Kumar R/o Y-649-650, Block-Y, Janta Market Camp No.1, Nangloi, West Delhi, Delhi-110041 have changed my name to Arti Singhal for all 0040596790-4 purposes.

I,SUKHWINDER KAUR W/O PAWAN KUMAR R/O 2549. SECOND-FLOOR, HUDSON-LANE, NEAR BALAKNATH-MANDIR.DELHI-110054.HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO SUKHVINDER KAUR.

0040596819-9 I,Vipin Gupta S/O-Phool Chand Gupta R/O,15/4A, 3rd-Floor Sector-23, Rohini Delhi-110085 Have changed my Name To Vipin Kumar Gupta.

0040596825-5 I,PREETI, D/O.SURESH KUMAR, H.NO.1056, DHARMPAL BUILDING GALLNO.13. MAHILPAL PUR ROAD.NO-4 SOUTH WEST DELHI-110037 Changed my name to PREETI KUMARI, permanently.

0040596819-6 I,GULSHAN LAL,S/O.RAM BHAJ SHARMA, ADD-861-A, SEC-3. HUDA COLONY BALLABHGARH FARIDABAD HARYANA-121001,

Changed my name to GULSHAN LAL SHARMA, permanently. 0040596819-5 I,AMAN RAMESH KUNDALIA

S/O.RAMESH KUNDALIA, ADD-B-21/4-A GALI.NO-3, ARJUN-MOHALLA MAUJPUR, NORTH-EAST DELHI-110053, changed my name to AMAN RAMESH KUNDALIYA, permanently.

0040596825-6 Janardhan Prasad S/o

Ramprasad R/o HN-B47 Flat no-B2 FF, Ph-2, Ayanagar, Delhi-110047, have changed my name to Janardhan Bhardwaj.

0130023127-1 It is for general information that I,Shavaiz S/o-Sajid R/o.C-116/1, Gali.No-18,North-Ghonda, Delhi-110053, declare that the name of mine and my father has been wrongly-written as Mohd Shavaiz and Mohd Sajid in my Driving-Licence.The actual-name of mine and my

father is Shavaiz and Saiid

respectively which may be

amended accordingly. 0040596830-10

IT IS INFORMED THAT I, SEEMA VERMA,W/O UMESHKUMAR, R/O I-1546. JAHANGIRPURI DELHI-33, DECLARE THAT MY MINOR SON'S NAME AMAN VFRMA(14-YFARS)HASRFFN WRONGLY WRITTEN AS AMAN IN SCHOOL-RECORDS.ACTUAL-NAME IS AMAN VERMA AMENDED ACCORDINGLY.

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IT IS FOR GENERAL INFORMATION THAT I, Rekha maurya W/O Santosh Kumar R/O H.NO.A-18/2, MOHAN BABA NAGAR, BADARPUR NEW DELHI-110044, DECLARE THAT THE NAME HAS BEEN WRONGLY WRITTEN AS REKHA IN DOCUMENTS. THE ACTUAL NAME IS REKHA MAURYA RESPECTIVELY WHICH MAY BE AMENDED ACCORDINGLY.

0040596794-1

I,Vinay Kumar Rai,R/O Dhuarjun Ghazipur (UP)-233304,have Changed My Minor son's Name Athray To Athary Rai,VIDE AFFIDAVIT DATED-23/12/2021, BEFORE NCT-DELHI.

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**I,Sushma** Kumari W/O Shri Sunil Kumar R/O DG-1.53/A.Vikas Puri, Delhi-110018, Change My Name Sushma Kumari.

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I, Saroj, S/o- Nand Kishor Thakur, R/o: 184A, Shiv Vihar, Vikas Nagar, Uttam Nagar, New Delhi-59, have Changed My Name to Saroj Kumar.

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I, Vinay Kumar Rai, R/O Dhuarjun Ghazipur (UP)-233304.have Changed My Minor son's Name Arth To Arth Rai VIDE-AFFIDAVIT DATED-23/12/2021,BEFORE NCT-DELHI.

**I,Sunil** Singh,S/o Suresh Chand, R/o Village-Bhooda Sani, Post-Bhooda Sani, Dist. Mathura. Uttar Pradesh-281204 have changed my name to 0040596852-9 Sunil Kumar.

0040596864-3

I,Sunil Bahadur alias Sunil Bhadur, S/o Chabi Lal R/o-A15/51, West-Punjabi Bagh, New Delhi-110026, have changed my name to Sunil 0040596830-4

I,Subah D/o-Shri.Ranjeet R/o-House.No.2700-B, Gali.No.17, Kailash Nagar, Gandhi Nagar, Delhi-110031,inform that in my 10th&12th certificate my, mother name Geeta wronglywritten instead of correct name Santosh, both name are same person. 0040596852-6

I.Sonia W/o Shri Rakesh Kumar, R/o H.No.26, Street.No. 28,Block-D,Mahendra Park, Adarsh-Nagar.North West-Delhi, Delhi-110033, declare that my name has been wronglywritten as Sonia Bindal instead of Sonia in all ID's proof and all Educational-documents of my sons Deepanshu Bindal and Ansh Bindal. 0040596838-9

I,Javed Mohammed S/o,Lt.Yasin Ali R/o.H.No.293/164, Street.no.-10.Gaffar Maniil.Jamia Nagar. ND-25, has wrongly-mentioned my name as Javed Mohammed Alvi in School-record of my son Rehan Ali, my correct & actual, name is Javed Mohammed.

0040596819-11

I,Sohan Pal Singh S/o,Raj Kumar Tyagi R/o-WZ-12B, Gali-No.2, Ramgarh Colony, New Ramesh-Nagar, N.Delhi-15, have changed my name to Sohan Pal 0040596830-1 Tyagi.

I.Shubham S/o Chhattar singh pal R/o 56A/5 Circular-road Shahdara delhi-110032,have changed my name to Shubham Pal, for all purposes.

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**I,Sawana** Parveen W/o,Javed Mohammed, R/o.H.No.293/164, Street.no.-10,Gaffar Manjil, Jamia Nagar, ND-25, has wrongly-mentioned my,name as Shabana Alvi in Schoolrecord of, my son Rehan Ali, my correct & actual,name is Sawana Parveen. 40596819-10

I,Saroj Varma,W/o Shri.Pradeep Kumar Aged about-42-years, R/o-First-Floor.Pvt.Ltd. Portion/Unit,No.F -1 Property. No.583/B/2, Khasra.No.583 Min.Village-Devli.New Delhi-110062, That in the Birth-Certificate of my both the Children aged-about 21yrs.and 17-yrs. my name has been wrongly-written as Khushbu and Khushboo respectively instead of Saroj Varma, which may be amended accordingly. 0040596830-9

I,SUNIL KUMAR DUDEJA S/O BHAGWAN DASS DUDEJA R/O 741.FIRST-FI OOR.OPP.BATRA CINEMA, DR. MUKHERJEE-NAGAR, DELHI-110009. CHANGED MY NAME TO SUNIL

DUDEJA. 0040596819-8 I,S.K. Ansar Ali S/o,S.K. Hasen Ali R/o-3/1/A, Motinagar, N.Delhi-15,have changed my-minor son's name Minhuz Ali to S.K. Minhaj Ali. D.O.B.-01/06/2007.

0040596830-2

I. Roshni Kumari Mehta W/O Raieev Mehta R/O.A-8.Block-A,Bijli-Apartment Gujrawala Town Guiranwala-Colony Delhi-110009, have changed my name to Roshni Mehta.

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I.Ritu Kukreja W/o Harish Kukreja R/o D-787, Saraswati Vihar,Pitampura Delhi-110034, have changed my name to Rakesh Kumari. 0040596838-2

I,Rishi Kumar Garg S/o-Sh. Sushil Kumar Garg R/o-H.No.R-15/41, Raj Nagar, Ghaziabad (U.P.) have changed my name to Rishi Garg for all Purposes. 0040596758-2

I.Rakesh Kumar.S/o Late.Jai Prakash, R/o.H.No.26, Street. No.28, Block-D, Mahendra-Park, Adarsh-Nagar, North West-Delhi,Delhi-110033, declare that my name has been wrongly-written as Rakesh Bindal instead of Rakesh Kumar in all ID's proof and all Educational-documents of my sons Deepanshu Bindal and 0040596838-8 Ansh Bindal.

I.Raiani Devi W/o Bhupendra Singh R/o 159T/F 3, Niti Khand Ist Indirapuram, Ghaziabad, U.P.-201014,have changed my name to Rajani Sirohi.

**I,Rajani** Devi W/o Bhupendra Singh R/o 159T/F 3, Niti Khand Ist Indirapuram, Ghaziabad, U.P.-201014, have changed my minor son name Nishant to Navneet Chaudhary.

0040596852-2 **I,Rajani** Devi W/o Bhupendra

Singh R/o 159T/F 3, Niti Khand Ist Indirapuram, Ghaziabad, U.P.-201014, have changed my minor son name Jayant Soraan to Jayant Chaudhary. 0040596852-3

I,Mayank S/O Shri.Parvinder

Sehgal R/O D-14.Bal Udhvan Road, Uttam Nagar, New Delhi-110059, Have Changed my Name to Mayank Sehgal. 0040596838-6

I,Shubhakar Sood S/o-Rajinder Kumar Sood,R/o G-11/12, DDA-Flats. Near-Ravidas-Mandir, Ajmeri-Gate, Delhi-6, have changed my name to Shubhankar Sood.

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I.RIYA D/O-AMARJEET MALIK. R/0 HOUSE.NO-B2/2344, 1ST-FLOOR, GREEN GLADE-APARTMENTS, VASANT-KUNJ, NEW-DELHI-110070.have changed my name to RIA, for all 0040596825-1

I,Puran Chand,S/o Ram Kishan, Add-301, Munirka-Village, Post-Office JNU, New Delhi-110067, Changed my name to Puran Chand Gautam. 0040596825-10

I.Pravin Kr Dubev.s/o Shri.Ram Bachan Dwivedi, R/o FLAT.NO-108, New MIG-flats, Mayur-Vihar Ph-3.Delhi-110096.have changed my name to Pravin Kumar Dubey, for all purpose. 0040596838-5

I.OM PRAKASH S/o SH.GOPAL DASS R/o-GH-12/131.PASCHIM VIHAR, NEW DELHI-110087, have  $changed\,my\,name\,to\,OM$ PRAKASH AHUJA, for all, future 0040596852-7 purpose. I,Neeraj Kumar Gupta S/o-Sh.

Dharamvir Gupta R/o-H.No.86,

Sec-2, Raj Nagar, Ghaziabad

(U.P.) have changed my name

to Neeraj Gupta for all Purposes. 0040596758-1 I.Nazakat Ali S/o Shaphakat Ali R/o Kh.no-766, A-Block, Gali No-2,Rajeev Nagar, Bhalswa Dairy, Delhi-110042, inform that my Daughter Nahid Ali D.O.B.has been worngly-written as 13/12/2006 in 10th-Class

is-13/12/2004. 0040596825-3 I,NISHA RANI W/O RANVIR SINGH Residing at H.NO. 209 Kampu wali gali. Village-Kanihawala.Delhi-110081.have changed my name to NISHA.

Marksheet. Her Correct D.O.B

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I,NANDINI BHARWAJ,D/O OMBIR BHARADWAJ, R/O HNO.1217, SECTOR-46, GURGAON HARYANA-122002.HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO NANDIYINI BHARADWAJ.

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I.Mohammad Hasnain S/o Abdu Hamid R/o-B-43, Third-Floor, Khirki-Extn., New-Delhi-110017, have changed the name of myminor daughter Amber Firdaus aged-15-years and she shall hereafter be known as Amber Hasnain. 0040596838-7

I,Kundan Singh Bhandari,S/o Sh.Sunder Singh Bhandari, R/o-197, Block-L, Shani Bazar, Sangam-Vihar, Devli. South-Delhi, Delhi-110080, declare that name of mine and my wife has been wrongly-written as Kundan Bhandari and Anju Bhandari in the school-record of my minor son Sagar Bhandari aged-15-years.The actual-name of mine and my wife are Kundan Singh Bhandari and Anjali Bhandari, which may be amended accordingly.

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I,Manish S/O Jai Bhagwan, resident of village-Jataula, Post-Office-Jataula, District Gurugram-122504 (Harvana). have changed my Name, from Manish to Manish Kumar, vide Affidavit dated-22.12.2021.

0040596864-4 I,Madhu Sharma W/O Shri Kishan Kumar Sharma R/O-100.Panchdeep Group HS, Vikas Puri, Delhi-110018,

I.Kehkasha D/o Shahhir Ali R/o-C-1233 St.no-17/6 rishi-kardam Marg, Chauhan-banger, born on 28/08/1995 have changed my name to Kahkasha for all purposes. Both names mentioned here are of the same person 0040596734-1

Change My Name Madhu

Sharma.

I.Kapel Dev@Kapel Dev Bains, S/o Late-Pritam Chand R/o.H.No.-96, MIG-Flats, DG-3.Vikas Puri.Delhi-110018.have changed my name to Kapil Dev Bains, for all, future purposes.

LASHOK S/O MATADIN R/O A-309, RAGHUBIR NAGAR, DELHI-110027.HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO ASHOK KUMAR FOR ALL PURPOSES. 0040596819-7

I,Kailash Kaur,W/o Jasbir Singh, R/o J-441,1st-floor, Sardar Colony.Sector-16.Rohini.Delhi-110089.have changed my name to Kamlesh Kaur.

I,KULDEEP ALIAS KULDEEP KUMAR CHAUDHARI S/o-SH. VASUDEV, R/o-B-183/184, GALI.NO.-05,GOURI SHANKAR FNCI AVF-1.PRFM NAGAR-3.KIRARI SULEMAN NAGAR. DELHI-110086, have changed my,name to KULDEEP KUMAR, for all, future purpose.

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I, Jyotsana Kumari, W/O Sanjay Kumar R/O.Flat.No.203, Shvama-Sadan Gali, No. 24 Sadh-Nagar Palam-Colony N.Delhi-45, state that my name Jvotsna Kumari wrongly mentioned in my son (Manvendra-Gupta)schoolrecord.My correct-name is Jyotsana Kumari vide-0040596852-5

I,Hitherto known as Amarjit,son of Shri.Bhag Singh,Residing at.VPO-Binewal Tehsil-Garhshankar, Hoshiarpur, Punj ab-144523, have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Amarjit Singh.

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**I,Dr.P..L.Mehndiratta** changed my name to Prem Lata. Mehndiratta and my, address D-II/123,Kidwai Nagar,West New-Delhi-110023 To CGD-024,Capital Greens,DLF,Shivaji Marg, Moti-Nagar, Ramessh Nagar, West Delhi-110015.

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I.Aarti D/o Rajpal R/o Kaliawas (41), Garhi Harsaru, Gurgaon, Haryana-122505, have changed my name to Rajni. 40596830-5 I,Deepak Kumar,S/o-Daya Kishan Sharma.R/o-H.No.27-C,BHEL Township,Sector-17, Noida, U.P.-201301, inform that name of my wife (Maniulata) and daughter (Divyana and Sharvi) has wrongly mentioned as Maniu Lata.

Divyana Sharma and Sharvi

Sharma in my office records.

0040596848-1 I.Chunni Lal Purohit S/o Jivaii Purohit R/o-20/25 Gali No.3, East Azad Nagar, Krishna Nagar Delhi-110051, have changed the name of my minor daughter Vinita(15years) to Vinita Purohit, for all purposes.

I,CHAMMA D/O SHRI.LOKNATH, BLOCK.NIRMAN VIHAR.DELHI 110092.HAVE CHANGED MY

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PURPOSES. 0040596825-4 I.BEENA KAPOOR.W/O. PANKAJ KAPOOR,ADD-B1/236,3RD FLOOR, MISSION PUBLIC SCHOOL JANAKPURI, WEST DELHI-110058. Changed my name to BEENU KAPOOR,

NAME CHHAMA KHAR TO

CHAMMA, FOR FUTURE, ALL

permanently. 0040596819-4 I.Ashok Yadav.S/o-Sh. Shiv Ratan Yadav, R/o-E-193,40 Feet Road, Om Vihar, Uttam Nagar, D.K. Mohan Garden.S.O West Delhi, New Delhi-110059, inform that my daughter's name on her educational documents has wrongly mentioned as Kumari Mehak Yadav instead of Mahek Yadav. 0040596848-4

I,Akash S/O-Jai Bhagwan, resident of.village-Jataula.Post Office-Jataula, District-Gurugram-122504,(Haryana), have changed my Name, from Akash to Akash Kumar, vide-Affidavit dated-22.12.2021

0040596864-5 I.ANNURAG JANGRA.S/O RAJ KUMAR JANGRA,R/O HNO. 224/6,MEHAM,ROHTAK-124112.

ANURAG JANGRA, FOR ALL PURPOSES. 0040596830-7 I,ANIL GUPTA,S/O KARAM CHAND GUPTA.R/O D-4/36 PANKHA-ROAD, VASHISHT PARK, NANGAL-RAYA, DELHI-110046, HAVE CHANGED MY

NAME FROM ANIL KUMAR

CHANGED MY NAME TO

GUPTA TO ANIL GUPTA. 0040596852-10

I,ALAUDDIN S/O ISLAMUDDIN, R/O 6114, NAWAB WALI MASJID BASTI HARPHOOL SINGH SADAR BAZAR DELHI-110006, HAVE CHANGED MY NAME, FROM ALLOWUDDIN TO ALAUDDIN, PERMANENTLY. 0040596830-6

I, hitherto known as PRITI SHARMA, D/o Somdutt Sharma, R/o E51, Type 3, South Motibagh, 110021, have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as MYSHA PANDIT. 0040596735-1

I, Shweta Mishra W/O Martand Sawarnik R/o C-1, E-12b Mahavir Campus, Rajpur Khurd Extension Chhatarpur Delhi Raj Pur Khurd Ignou Delhi-110068. have changed my name and shall hereafter be Known as Shweta Mishrra. 0070766341-1

L Sarbiit Kaur w/o Karamiit Singh R/o T-8/2, Ordnance Depot. Shakurbasti has changed my name to Sarabjit Kaur. 0070766316-1

I, SARTHAK SHARMA S/O Suresh Sharma, R/o 132/407, Babu Purwa, Babu Purba, Kanpui Nagar, Uttar Pradesh-208023. have changed my name and shall hereafter be Known as NITIN SHARMA. 0070766338-1

I. Randhir Kumar Chowdharv S/o Sh. Lakshimi Narayan Chowdhary R/o D-701, Apex Athena, Sector-75, Noida, Distt-Gautambudhnagar, have changed my name to Randhir Choudhary 0040596767-2

I. R. Vishwanath alias Romesh Chadra Sahu, S/O Sh. Iswar Chandra Sahu, R/O 259/3, 2nd Floor, Munirka, Opp. JNU Main Gate, New Delhi-110067, have changed my name to Ramessh Vishwanath for all purposes.

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## **LOST & FOUND**

I,Ramesh Pathak,s/o Sh.Ved Parkash Pathak, R/o A-6/133B, Janta Flat, Paschim-Vihar, Delhi-110063, have lost my original-Bawana property paper, Documents Application. No.027362, Details-Eligibility-Letter, Allotment-Letter, Demand-Letter, Acknowledgement-receipt and all Payments-Challan, Plot.No. 27,Sec-1, Pkt-A,Bawana,Delhi, M/s Premier Metals.If anyone Find it kindly contact at :9654316667.

0040596864-8 I.Manoi Bansal S/o-Late Sh.Harkaran Singh R/o-B-88 East NathuColony, Gali.No.9, Shahdara Delhi have lost.Sale Deed no.11319 Addi.book no.1, Vol. No.,2085 on,pages 138 to 141 dated 20th. August 1973 if found, please contact 0040596056-11

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Notice is hereby given that the share certificate No 784 Bearing Distinctive No (s) 287301 - 287800 for 500 equity shares Face Value Rs. 2*t*- each of Kirloskar Pneumatic Company Limited under Folio No. 800013 standing in the name of Brij Mohan Gupta have been lost or misplaced and undersigned have applied to the Company to issue duplicate share certificate(s) for the said shares. Any person(s) who have claim in respect of the aforesaid shares should lodge claim for the same with the claim in respect of the adhesa shartes should lodge claim for the same with the Company at its Registered Office: Hadapser Industrial Estate, Hadapser, Pune – 411013, within 15 days from the date of this notice, else the Company will proceed to issue duplicate share certificate(s). r-me of the Shareholder

Place: New Delhi -110034

**COURT NOTICE** 

In the Court of Sh. Shirish In the Court of Sh. Shirish Aggarwal: Administrative Civil Judge-cum-ARC(Central) Delhi-110054. 6C.No.-216/2021 N.D.O.H. 07.02.2022 Dr. Ajeet Jain & Ors.

State & Anr. . Dr. Aieet Jain S/o Sh. Dharam Rao Jain. . Ms. Aarushi Jair

 Ms. Aarushi Jain
 D/o Sh. Ajeet Jain
 Ms. Aditi Jain D/o Sh. Ajeet Jain
 Mr. Ajitabh Jain
 S/o Sh. Ajeet Jain
 All R/o D-26, Third Floor, G.T.
 Karnal Road, Near Shakti Nagar
 Chowk Karush Nagar, Malke Chowk, Kamla Nagar, Malka Ganj, North Delhi, Delhi-7 . Petition

FOR SUCCESSION
CERTIFICATE UNDER INDIAN
SUCCESSION ACT,192

etition the applicant/petitioner has pplied for Succession Certificate to the Hon'ble Court Under Section 72 of the Indian Succession Act 1925 in respect of the debt and ecurities amount of Rs xxx. As per cord to be standing in the nar of Late Dr. Prerna Jain deceased
Whereas the 07.02.2022 at 10'
clock in the forenoon has bee ed for hearing or the applicatio tice is hereby given to thi ven under my hand and the sea f the court on this 21.12.2021

**PUBLIC NOTICE** 

Sd/- Judge-cum-ARC (C)

Be it known that my client MR. PANNA LA SIO LATE SH. PHERU & MRS. SARASWAY. SHARDWAJ WOS SH. PANNA LAL BOT VIO H. NO. 402, GALI NO. 8/4, A-BLCOY ART-I, MUKAND PUR, DELHI -11004: ave been left/debar all relations from his so amely GHANSHYAM ALIAS ROHII bebarred them from all their moveable an mmovable properties acquired or to b cquired because of their mis-behavior ronduct and their nature is being disobedies and they are abusing and quarreling with leint's, so my clients have broken all relation Sd/- DINESH KUMAR (Advo

NOTICE OF LOSS OF SHARES OF HINDUSTAN UNILEVER LIMITED (Formerly Hindustan Lever Limited) Regd. Off, Hindustan Unilever Limited, Unilever House, B D Savant Mare, Chakala

Andheri (East), Mumbai – 400099 Andheri (East), Mumbai – 400099
Notice is hereby given that the
following share certificates have
been reported as lost/misplaced
and the Company intends to issue
duplicate certificates in lieu there
of, in due course. Any person who
has a valid claim on the said shares
should lodge such claim with the
Company at its Registered Office
within 15 days hereof. Shareholder Name : Sunil Bhu Folio No. : HLL3643020, Certifica Nos. 5383801, Distinctive Nos. 2201434905 – 2201435004, No. of Shares, 100

Place: New Delhi Date: 24.12.2021

Public at large are hereby informed that my client Mr.Sunii Kumar Maheshwari S/o Late Shri. Indrasen Maheshwari resident of 8/146, Sector-3, Rajender Nagar, Sahibabad, Ghaziabad, U.P. intends to sell his property bearing No. 150-A/63, Rhasra No. 1742, Gyani Border, Sahibabad, Ohaziabad, U. P. (the Property) to Mr Macflow Engineering Pvt. Lid through its Director Mr. Alok Kumar Gupta S/o Late Shri. R. S. Gupta, resident of E- 59, Frist Floor, Patpar Ganj Road, Pandav Nagar, Delhi-110091 (Buyer), against consideration.

Any person, who has got, rights, interest, title, claim, encumbrances, charges of any nature whatsoever in respect of the above said Property or any part thereof, can send their objections with their documentary evidence at below address within 15 days from the date of publication of this notice, failing which, it shall be presumed that the said Property in entirely is free from all such claims, interest, charges, encumbrances etc.
This notice is published on 24th December 2021.

Ravi Sachdeva (Advocate) JRS Associates, B-88, Sector 40, Noida -201301 Dist: Gautam Budh Nagar (UP)

PUBLIC NOTICE Notice is hereby given to the public at large that the "Scheduled Property" mentioned here under is owned by and is in actual physical possession of my clients Dr. A. S. Firoz a.k.a Ahmed Shah Firoz and Mrs. Rachna Gupta (hereinafter jointly referred as Owners), the Property was Allotted to Smt. Chandra Mohini Handa w/o Shri Swaraj Kumar Handa by DDA Vide its file no F125(8675)83/SFS/VK/ Dated 6/11/1987 on Lease Hold Basis. Thereafter on 4/12/1990 Smt. Chandra Mohini Handa (Original Allottee) sold the Scheduled Property t Mr. P.R. Natarajan s/n late Shri P. N. Ramachandra Vide Agreement to Sell Dated 04/12/1990 and the

original allottee also executed a General Pow Attorney in favour of Ms. Laxmi Nataraian w/o Mr. P. R Natarajan in respect of the Scheduled Property. On dated 26/09/2003. Mrs. Lakshmi Nataraian in a capacit of being the Attorney of the Original Allottee & according to the DDA Policy for Conversion of the Scheduled Property into Free Hold from lease hold, applied for Conversion & this regard a Conveyance Deed was executed in favour o Mr. P. R. Nataraian, which was duly Registered as Documer No. 4906 in Addl. Book No. 1 Vol no. 990 on Pages 11 to 1 Dated 26/9/2003 before the Office of Sub-Registrar VII, New Delhi Thereafter the Scheduled Property was purchased by above said present Owners in their Joint names for valuable consideration vide Sale Deed Registered as Document No. 7449 in Book No.1 Volume No. 1.155 on pages 167 to 174 Dated 27/10/2003 before the Office of Sub-Registrar IX, New Delhi. The Owners assert and claim that since then they are in lawfu exclusive possession and enjoyment of the Schedule Property with absolute, unfettered, and unqualified rights, title and interest i relation to the said Schedule Property. Th Owners further claim that their said rights are free from all encumbrances, charges, liens attachments, claims including third party claims etc., of whatsoever nature and that have clear and marketable title in respect of the Schedule Property with absolute right to deal with the same The Public Notice is issued on behalf of the Owners of the Scheduled Property for Verification of the

Title of the Owners and their above claims with respect to the Scheduled Property. All or any Person entity, Organization etc., Including Individuals, Financial Institutions, Banks, Creditors third parties, etc. having any valid and Legal claims Rights, Title, Demand or Interest by Virtue of any Sale Gift, Lease, Tenancy, License, Exchange, Partition of Mortgage, Stay Order, Attachment Decree or Otherwis any others rights of what so ever nature which are Contrary to the above ownership, claims, etc., of the owners are hereby called upon to make and lodge their claim/objections in Writing with documentar evidence in support of their claims/objections at the address of the undersigned, Within 10 days (Ten days) from the issuance of this Notice, failing which it shall be lawfully presumed that there are no claim (s), third party rights, etc., of whatsoever nature in relation to the Schedule Property which are contrary to the above rights. Claims, entitlements, etc., of the Owners and that all such alleged claims, third party rights, etc., it any stand fully waived. This notice has been issued as a matter of abundant caution in respect of the Scheduled Property

Pocket - 3, Vasant Kunj New Delhi - 70, along with scooter garage and falling in the "Residential" zon under the regional plan for NCT DELHI currently in force RAHUL DEV TYAGI & ASSOCIATES (Advocates.& Solicitors Litigatio Management) Off: UG-4-B, SomDut Chamber-1, Bhikaji Cama Place, New Delhi -110066. Mobile: 9891882006 9312276235. Tel: 011-41016015 E-mail:tyagi.rahuldev@gmail.com

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All the part and parcel of the residential DDA SFS flat bearing no. 3368, 3rd floor, category - II, Sector -D,

**PUBLIC NOTICE** As per instruction/ guideline of n Client Mr. Rakesh Vineet S/o Sl Kapil Dev R/o Flat No. B-504, Prin Apartment, Plot No. 54, I.P. Extensio Patparganj, Delhi-110092, it is state hat his Property's previous Chair locuments named WILL related to Property No. B-56, Panchsheel Viha Khirki Village Near Malviya Naga New Delhi, which is integral part of efforts. If anyone traced the same pls inform on M.No. 9868148208.

Sd/- Mayur Chauha (Advocate Enrolment No. D/871/2019

PUBLIC NOTICE My clients Sh. Prem Shankar Patha S/O Late Sh. Sant Prasad and Sm Punita W/O Sh. Prem Shankar Patha poth R/O P-3/151, N-Block, Mango Puri, Delhi- 110083 have severed the relations and connections with theil elder daughter namely Ms. Mansi W/c Mr. Gaurav R/O P-3/157-158, Mango Puri, N-Block, Delhi-110083. They also debarred her from their movable and immovable properties. Anybody dealing with them shall be doing so a his/her/their own risk and responsibility. Sd/- (MUKESH SHARMA

PUBLIC NOTICE

My client Lavlesh Kumar Sharma his wife Prabha Devi R/o 185/10 Krishna Gali No.3, Maujpur Delhi-110053, have severed the all relations and disowned their son Bhupender Kumar Sharma @ Mantu, his wife Rekha Sharma and their grandson Mukul Sharma and granddaughter Dimple from their all moveablenmoveable properties, due t heir disobedience. Anybody eals with them at their own risi

and cost. Sd/- (R.B. SHARMA) Chamber No. 219 Patial New Delhi - 110001

PUBLIC NOTICE hat my clients SH. Subhash ain and his wife Smt. Mamta Jair oth R/o F-10/7 Krishna Nagar both R/o F-10/7 Krishna Nagar, Delhi-110051 have served all their relations with their son Sh. Mayank Jain and his wife Riya Jain due to bad habits. Both of my above named clients have also disowned and debarred his said son from all their movable and immovable properties. Anybody dealing with Sh. Mayank Jain and his wife will do so at his/her/ their own risk and responsibilities and my clients will not be responsible for any act, deed or dealing done by Sh. Mayank Jain.

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Be it known to all concerned that Late
Smt. Santosh Gulati W/o Late Sh.
Harish Gulati was the absolute owner
of 1/3 (one-third) undivided share in
the Apartment no. CGN096 with
parking No. PL3079 in DLF Capital
Greens, 15, Shivaji Marg, Moti Nagar,
New Delhi-110015 having purchased
the same from M/s DLF Home
Developers Ltd., DLF Centre, Sansad
Marg, N.D.-110001, by an agreement
no. 1698 dated 26,03.2018. That the
said Smt. Santosh Gulati left behind
with her two daughters 1) Shelza 2) with her two daughters 1) Shelza 2) Sonia Wadhwa and one son 3) Sonal Gulati as her Class I legal heirs. That there is no other legal heirs (s) except those mentioned above. Any person having any sort of right, title, interest or claim of any nature in seat of the offence of the control of title, interest or claim of any nature in respect of the aforesaid Apartment, may put forth their claim with DLF Home Developers Ltd., DLF Centre, Sansad Marg, N.D.-110001 with supportive documentary evidence within 21 days from the publication of this notice, failing which it shall be deemed that there are no claims.

deemed that there are no claims against the said Apartment Prashant Neal 14/16, Punjabi Bagh Extension New Delh

Date : 22/12/2021

New Delhi

PUBLIC NOTICE This Notice is hereby given to general public that Mr. Ramphal, & Mr. Sachin Rawal who claimed to be owner and in possession of the Property admeasuring Entire First floor "Saic floor" of built up Plot bearing No. B-79, area measuring 34.86 35 ay. dis., in the residential colony known as Mayfield Gardens, situated in the revenue estate of Village Samaspur. Adampur, Bindapur, Tigra and Wazirabad Sector 50 & 51, Gurgaon, Haryana by virtue of Transfer Deed dated 10.12.2021, A Sale Deed dated 29.05.2013 executed by Mrs. Chandra Prabha Gupta and Mr. Radrey Shyam Gupta and Mrs. Rajesh Yadav ir favour of Mrs. Bimla Duly registered Doc no 5433, (SRO- Gurgaon) in respect above-mentioned Property has been misplaced lost. Now Mr. Sachin Rawal agreed to sel aforesaid property to Mr. Ramphal and now Mr. Sachin Rawal has approached IDB Bank. Ltd. for financial assistance and therefore shall be mortgaged with the said property in favour of IDBI Bank Ltd. is/are hereby requested to notify the same in writing to undersigned with supporting documentary evidence at the address ment in volling to undersigned with supporting documentary evidence at the address ment in writing to undersigned with supporting documentary evidence at the address mention below

waived and/or, abandoned and our clie shall proceed with the disbursement of loa against the said property and subseque

It is for general information that transfe of ownership rights in respect of Hous-No. 909, Sector-19, Faridabad Haryana, due to the death of the origins allotted person Sh. Gurbachan Lal. Thi is to confirm that Sh. Gurbachan Lal wa the owner of the said mention propert as per HUDA records, he has died or 08.12.2012. This is also to confirm the he has not executed any registered of unregistered Will and left behind the to apply for the transfer of right for the above said property (H.No.-909, Sec 19, Faridabad, Haryana) in his favor a 19, Faridabad, Haryana) in his favor as being the legal heirs. If any person is having objection against the transfer of said Plot/House, he/she can submit objections in writing to the estate officer, HSVP Faridabad along with supporting document within 30 days from the date of publication of the notice, otherwise the estate officer may transfer the property as per HSVP policy and may not entertain subsequent claim if any. not entertain subsequent claim if any.

(Advocate) Enrl. No. D-748/14 Ch. No. 512, 5th Floor, Distt. Court, Rohini, Delhi-85

A.P.TOWNSHIP & INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION LIMITED 4th Floor, Bus Bhavan, Vijayawada, Andhra Pradesh

tender notice 03/CTO-VAPTIDC0/2020-21, dli20:12:2021 on E-Procuremer Platform http://tender.apeprocurement.gov.in if any other particulars please



(A Government of Gujarat Undertaking) Read. Office: Block No. 14/1. Dr. Jivraj Mehta Bhavan, Sector-10, Gandhinagar

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importers for purchase of Tablet & Capsule, Injection, and Miscellaneous item on Rate contract basis and details of specification, quantity is available on https://gmscl.gujarat.gov.in All tender documents can be downloaded free on he website: https://gmscl.nprocure.com Interested bidders are requested to submit the tender through e-tender process.

TENDER NOTICE: GMSCL/D-24/2021-22



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Last date for Submission of Physical document : 13/01/2022 up to 12.00 Hrs Opening of Technical Bid Date (online): 13/01/2022 At 13.00 Hrs.

MANAGING DIRECTOR NORTH CENTRAL RAILWAY,

On behalf of President of India, Sr. Divisional Material Manager. North Central

Railway. Prayagraj invites the E-procurement tenders: S.N. Tender No Description EMD Tender Opening Dat Glyphosate to IS:12502/1988 Glyphosate content as (i) IPA salt percentage by w/w-41% minimur (ii) SP gr 20 @ degree CT-1.1% plus/minus 0.02 (iii) PH 1 percent Aqueous solution 4.5 to 6.80 (iv) 19216527 13.01.2022 40,360/-LTR persistent foam (ml after 1min) 60.00 max. (V) solution stability 2% in 342 ppm (hard water shall give a clear or opalescent solution packing size lilter, each packing as per IS:8190 [Part-1]1980, Make-

Shocker or Similar. Note:- (1) The complete information of above E-Procurement Tender are available on IREPS website i.e http: www.ireps.gov.in. (2) Bids other than in the form of E-Bids shall not be accepted against above Tender. For this purpose Vendors are required to get themselves registered with IREPS website along with class III digital signature certificates issued by CCA under IT Act-2000. (3) Rates entered into financial rate page and duly signed digitally shall only be considered. Rates and any other financial entity in any other form/ letter head if attached by vendor shall be straight away ignored and shall not be considered (4) Documents being attached should be signed on their body. (5) Allocation fo "Cost of Drawing" is Z-650 and for "Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) is Deposit Misc. stores-00844517. The above tender notice has been uploaded on http://www.ncrindianrailways.gov.in". In case of any difficulty helpdesk available on the IREPS website may be approached.

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Request for Proposal Notification Dt: 22.12.2021 The RFP proposals invited for providing STPs in 5 Districts. Vizianagaram 8 Visakhapatnam, Krishna, Guntur, Nellore & Chittoor in Andhra Pradesh vide

contact Concern CTO-1 during office working hours.
SdV- 22.12.2021 Managing Director, APTIDCO, Vijayawada.
DIPR No.561PPVCL/ADV7/1/1/2021-22. 01.23/12/2021

Duration of Downloading of Tender document (online) :-23/12/2021 to 12/01/2022 up to 18.00 HRS. Last date for Submission (online): 12/01/2022 up to 18.00 Hrs.

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**GUJARAT MEDICAL SERVICES CORPORATION LIMITED** 

R NOTICE: D-25/2021-2022 Tenders are invited online from reputed Manufactures / formulators / direct importers for purchase of **Posaconazole Injection 300mg On quantity contract** 

**Duration of Downloading of Tender document (online) :-**23/12/2021 to 12/01/2022 up to 18.00 HRS. Last date for Submission (online): 12/01/2022 up to 18.00 Hrs.

**E-Procurement Tender Notice** 

## ECONOMY

**SILVER** 

**③** \$72.93 **③** ₹61,099 Note: Gold, silver rates at Delhi spot market, gold per 10g, silver per 1 kg; Crude oil (Indian basket) as of December 22

TAXATION WATCH -GOODS & SERVICES TAX

## No notice, direct recovery if sales returns mismatch: What changes?

**AANCHAL MAGAZINE** NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 23

**GOODS AND Services Tax** (GST) authorities are now empowered to initiate recovery proceedings directly for mismatch in sales return GSTR-1 and the monthly summary return GSTR-3B. The provision, which was introduced as part of Finance Act passed by Parliament earlier this year, has now been notified to be implemented from January 1 and

gives tax authorities way more powers to tackle alleged instances of mismatches in filings, amid concerns regarding the poten-

#### What does it imply for GST taxpayers?

The Central Board of **Indirect Taxes and Customs** (CBIC), on December 21, notified January 1, 2022 as when these provisions under GST law would come into effect, allowing recovery to be made directly and without the issuance of a notice. So far, show cause notices were first issued and then recovery process was initiated in such cases of mismatch in GSTR-1 and GSTR-3B. Through the Finance Act, an explanation to sub-section (12) of section 75 of the CGST Act is being inserted to clarify that "selfassessed tax" shall include the tax payable in respect of outward supplies, the details of which have been furnished under section 37 but not included

For businesses now, it will be crucial that GSTR-3B and GSTR-1 should match with each other, and no differences would be allowed irrespective of the reasons

section 39. Section 75 of GST Act states where there is any self assessed tax, then it can be

recovered without issuing show cause notice and the recovery proceedings under section 79 can be directly invoked. For businesses now, it

will be crucial that GSTR -3B and GSTR-1 should match with each other, and no differences would be allowed irrespective of the reasons

#### What does it mean

for tax authorities? It is aimed at curbing fake billing where sellers show higher sales in GSTR-1 to enable purchasers to claim input tax credit and then report lower sales in GSTR-3B to reduce GST liability, AMRG & Associates senior partner Rajat Mohan said, "This is a draconian provision giving exclusive powers to GST department to initiate tax recovery proceedings wherein a short liability reported in GSTR-3B than that appearing in GSTR-1...this new change may arrest one significant part of fake billers, however, misuse of such wide provisions by field in the return furnished under officers could not be ruled out.

### **RBI SETS NEW TIMELINE OF JUNE 30, 2022**

## Industry not ready, deadline for tokenisation extended

SENSEX: 57,315.28 ▲ 384.72 (0.68%) NIFTY: 17,072.60 ▲ 117.15 (0.69%) NIKKEI: 28,798.37 ▲ 236.16 HANG SENG: 23,193.64 ▲ 91.31 FTSE: 7,362.61 ▲ 20.95 DAX: 15,695.63 ▲ 102.16

**ENSECONOMIC BUREAU** MUMBAI, DECEMBER 23

THE RESERVE Bank of India (RBI) on Thursday extended the timeline for implementation of the new credit and debit card data storage norms, or card-on-file tokenisation (CoF) by six months to June 30, 2022. The RBI move follows intervention by digital payment firms, merchant bodies and banks which had sought more time to integrate the systems and onboard all the stakeholders amid fears over disruption of business transactions.

After June 2022, credit and debit card data should be purged from the online systems of merchants, the central bank said. In addition to tokenisation, industry stakeholders may devise alternate mechanisms to handle any use case, including recurring e-mandates and EMI option or post-transaction activity, including chargeback handling, dispute resolution, reward or loyalty programme, that currently involves storage of CoF data by entities other than card

#### **DATA TO BE PURGED POST JUNE**

AFTER JUNE 2022, credit and debit card data should be purged from the online systems of merchants, the Reserve Bank of India has said. In addition to tokenisation, industry stakeholders may devise alternate mechanisms to handle any use case

issuers and card networks, the the merchant during transaction processing. Customers who do RBI said in a notification. In September 2021, the RBI not have the tokenisation facility prohibited merchants from stor-

servers with effect from January 1, 2022, and mandated the adoption of CoF tokenisation as an alternative 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 de-

vice. A tokenised card transaction

is considered safer as the actual

card details are not shared with

ing customer card details on their

will have to key in their name, 16digit card number, expiry date and CVV each time they order something online. If implemented in the present state of readiness, the new RBI mandate could cause major disruptions and loss of revenue, especially for merchants, Industry

bodies said, "Disruptions of this nature erode trust in digital payments and reverses consumer habits back towards cash-based payments," Merchant Payments Alliance of India (MPAI) and the Foundation (ADIF) said in a joint letter to the RBI.

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.

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.

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, industry officials said.

## HSBC to buy L&T **Mutual Fund for** around ₹3,200 cr

**ENSECONOMIC BUREAU** MUMBAL DECEMBER 23

IN ANOTHER consolidation in the mutual fund segment, L&T Finance Holdings has proposed to sell its mutual fund business, L&T Investment Management Ltd (LTIM), to HSBC Asset Management (India) Ltd for \$425 million (around Rs 3,200 crore). LTIM will eventually be merged with HSBC's asset management usiness in India.

Both the companies have entered into a definitive agreement whereby HSBC AMC will acquire 100 per cent equity shares of L&T Investment Management Ltd, a wholly owned subsidiary of L&T Finance Holdings (LTFH), which is the investment manager of L&T Mutual Fund.

L&TMFhas assets under management of Rs 80,000 crore. HSBC intends to merge the operations of LTIM with that of its existing asset management business in India. which had assets under management (AUM) of Rs 11,700 crore as of September 2021.

LTFH will also be entitled to excess cash in LTIM until the comple-

#### **FUTURE PLAN**

■ HSBC intends to merge the operations of L&T Investment Management Ltd with that of its existing asset management business in India

tion of the acquisition. "The transaction is subject to the requisite regulatory approvals. Both LTIM and HSBC AMC will work to ensure that there will be continuity of services to their investors and counter-parties in the interim," LTFH said in a statement.

The divestment of the mutual fund business is in line with the strategic objective of L&T Finance Holdings of unlocking value from its subsidiaries to strengthen its balance sheet, it said.

Dinanath Dubhashi, MD & CEO, L&T Finance Holdings, said, "The transaction with HSBC is in line with our strategic objective of unlocking value from our subsidiaries which will help us to strengthen our balance sheet for our lending business..."

## '63 IPO issuers mop up record ₹1.1L cr so far in 2021'

The primary issue market has hit an all-time high with 63 corporates raising Rs 1,18,704 cr via main-board initial public offerings (IPOs) so far in 2021, as per a Prime Database report



The fundraise is nearly 4.5 times more than the ₹26.613 crore raised through 15 issues in 2020 and almost double of the previous best of ₹68.827 crore

#### **KEY DRIVERS:**

- New-age loss-making technology start-ups along with strong retail participation
- Resultant massive listing gains

Only 51% or Rs 1,03,621 crore of the total Rs 2,02,009 crore was fresh capital raising

Overall, public equity fundraising crossed the Rs 2 lakh crore mark in 2021 so far

Source: Prime Database/PTI

## NINL privatisation: Financial bids received

**ENSECONOMIC BUREAU** NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 23

ceived financial bids for the strategic disinvestment of Neelachal Ispat Nigam Limited (NINL), Department of Investment and Public Asset Management Secretary Tuhin Kanta Pandey said on Thursday. The process for strategic disinvestment of the company has now moved to the concluding stage, he said in a tweet. December 23 was the scheduled date for bidding for debt-laden steel maker.

The Centre is planning to divest 93.7 per cent stake held by four central public sector enterprises (CPSE) and two Odisha government companies. CPSEs MMTC and NMDC own 49.78 per cent, and 10.10 per cent in NINL, respectively. MECON and Bharat Heavy Electricals hold 0.68 per cent each in the steel maker.

Industrial Promotion and Investment Corporation of Odisha and Odisha Mining Corporation own 12 percent and 20.47 percent stake in NINL, respectively. The Centre expects to complete this transaction by the end of the fiscal.

## Where is Cloudtail headed as Amazon gets ready to buy Catamaran stake in Prione? say that no single seller can have

**PRANAV MUKUL** 

E-COMMERCE MARKETPLACE platform Amazon is set to acquire the stake of Catamaran Ventures Infosys co-founder N R Narayana Murthy's investment vehicle – in Prione Business Services Pvt Ltd, the company which houses one of the biggest sellers on Amazon India -

### The back story

Back in 2014, Amazon signed a joint-venture agreement with Catamaran Ventures to set up Prione Business Services. The arrangement was that Amazon would hold 49 per cent stake in

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New Delhi: IOC and Adani

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mum number of licences to

Public issue pricing

New Delhi: Sebi Chairman

Ajay Tyagi recently said it is

incumbent upon merchant

banker community to follow

the regulations in letter and

spirit as he emphasised that

appropriate pricing is crucial

for publicissues. Meanwhile,

Sebi has restructured its 3 ad-

GMR Infra, NCLT

New Delhi: GMR Infrastruc-

ture has received the NCLT's

nod for a restructuring plan

involving the demerger of the

non-airport business. PTI

US prices rise

Washington: US consumer

prices rose 5.7 per cent over

the past year, the fastest pace

in 39 years. AP

visory committees.

retail CNG.

## **CAIT** protests agreement

New Delhi: CAIT has claimed that Amazon's plan to acquire Prione Business Services will be a violation of foreign direct investment policy. PTI

Prione and Catamaran 51 per cent. Prione was the parent company of Cloudtail, which is one of the biggest sellers on Amazon India marketplace. Since then, various policy tweaks for FDI in ecommerce made it increasingly tougher for Amazon to have a control over the inventory being sold on its platform. In August this

year, Amazon and Catamaran announced that the joint-venture will end in May 2022 at the completion of its term. Now. Amazon is purchasing Catamaran's stake in Prione to hold 100% of the Cloudtail parent.

#### Policy tweaks that impacted this joint venture

India's foreign direct investment rules for e-commerce mandate players with foreign funding to operate on a marketplace model having virtually no control over the inventory sold on the platform. However, the operations of Cloudtail, especially with it becoming the largest seller was deemed be non-compliant with the rules. In 2016, the government clarified its existing FDI rules to

more than 25% of the total sales on an e-commerce platform. Shortly after this, in 2017, Amazon announced a new joint-venture with the Patni Group to create Appario Retail. Effective early 2019, the Indian government further tightened the screws on foreign funded e-commerce players to say that these entities or their group companies were disallowed from owning stake in seller firms. Following this, in the same vear. Amazon reduced its stake in Prione to 24% to comply with the

### Amazon's statement

In a joint statement, Amazon and Catamaran said: "Prione Business Services Pvt. Ltd., the

joint venture between Catamaran and Amazon, will be acquired by Amazon subject to requisite regulatory approvals. On August 9. 2021, the Partners had announced their decision to not continue the JV beyond the end of its current term of May 2022..."

### Cloudtail, Appario's future

While it is unclear at this point whether Amazon will continue operating Cloudtail, indications are that Amazon has started looking for new vendor partners to carry on with the Prione Business Services venture. With Appario, while the company hasn't announced any change, question marks linger over whether the JV will be extended after its five-year term ends next year. **WITHPTI** 

## RailTel

Tender Opening Date: 12-01-2022

## eligible bidders for Supply of PVC Insulated

Conductor Railway Signalling Cable of different sizes as per RDSO specification no. IRS S-63/2014 [Rev.4.0] with latest amend

on www railtelindia com Addendum/corrigendum, if any will be uploade

Tender notice & tender documents are available

## **O**SBI

DATED: 13.08.2021 Bids are invited by State Bank of India from the eligible bidders fo Procurement of two offsite SAP professionals who will develop SAP utility in their own environment, for a period of 3 years from 01.03.2022 to

Commencement of download of RFP: From 24.12.2021. ast date and time for submission of bids: 14.01.2021 up to 02:00 pm.

(महाराष्ट्र शासन अंगीकृत)

### **TENDER NOTICE**

Mahila Arthik Vikas Mahamandal (MAVIM), A Government of Maharashtra Undertaking, invited proposal from Consulting Agency/ Organization to work as Knowledge Management Agency for Nav - Tejaswini Project.

10th January 2022. Interested bidders should visit, E - Procurement system of Govt of Maharashtra (GoM) i.e. Tenders Maharashtra https://mahatenders.gov.in

Managing Director, MAVIM reserve the rights to reject all or any of the e - tender(s

without assigning any reason at any stage. ast Date & Time for submission of Tenders: Till 03.00 pm of 10th January 2022.

#### NATIONAL FERTILIZERS LIMITED (A Govt. of India Undertaking) NANGAL UNIT, NAYA NANGAL – 140126 (PUNJAB) ef.No. NFL/NGL/Materials/Electrical/2021 NOTICE INVITING E-TENDER Online bids in two part bid sy EMD FEE / Last date & time of on-line submission of tenders. Description EMD - Tenderer to Submit "Bid Contract for 12.57 Contract for transportation of Ammonium Nitrate (Melt) Ex- NFL Nangal (PB) to various destinations in the Union of India Security declaration form" as per the Performa. **Tender Fee** – Rs. 1000/-ARC of Electrical 2022-2 for various maintenance jobs in Plant & Township 24.01.2022 25.01.2022 up to 14:00 Hrs 15:00 Hrs

#### **INDIA-AUSTRALIA TRADE BRIEFLY** –

## Goyal, Tehan agree to expedite FTA talks

**ENSECONOMIC BUREAU** NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 23

INDIA AND Australia have decided to expedite the pace of negotiations to clinch an interim trade deal, which will be followed up with a broader free trade agreement (FTA). Commerce and Industry

Minister Piyush Goyal and Australian Minister for Trade, Tourism and Investment Dan Tehan held a virtual meeting on Tuesday and reviewed the progress made in various rounds of talks between the chief negotiators of both the sides

Earlier this year, both the countries had aimed at clinching an FTA, formally called bilateral Comprehensive Economic Cooperation Agreement, by December 2022. However, an early-harvest deal was to be clinched by this Christmas. The FTA will cover goods, services, investments, government procurement, among others.



While bilateral goods trade stood at \$12.3 billion in FY21, India had a deficit of \$4.2 billion with Australia, as it shipped out merchandise worth just over \$4 billion. Major traded items include mineral fuels, pharmaceutical products, organic chemicals and gem and jewellery. "The ministers appreciated the progress made in various rounds of talks between the chief negotiators of both the sides and discussed the way forward for an early conclusion of interim agreement," the Commerce Ministry said in a statement. **FE** 

## 'US SEC rejects Apple bid to nix labour plan'

San Francisco: The US Securities and Exchange Commission has declined an effort by Apple Inc to skip a shareholder proposal asking it to provide greater transparency in its efforts to keep forced labour out of its supply chain.

In a letter from the SEC reviewed by Reuters Wednesday, regulators denied Apple's move to block the proposal. **REUTERS** 

## must sell Giphy London: Meta is appealing Britain's

tition in display advertising.

## Meta appeals UK ruling that it

ruling that it must sell animated images platform Giphy, saying the evidence does not support the finding that the deal is a threat to its rivals or could impact compe-Britain's Competition and

Markets Authority (CMA) ordered Meta to sell Giphy, which it acquired for a reported \$400 million in May 2020. **REUTERS** 

## राजस्थान स्कूल शिक्षा परिषद् द्वितीय एवं तृतीय तल, ब्लॉक-5, डॉ. राधाकृष्णन शिक्षा संकुल परिसर जवाहरलाल नेहरू मार्ग, जयपुर - 17 E-mail: rajssa.media@gmail.com

रा.स्कू.शि.प./JPR/ICT/Training/2021-22/6293 <u>ई-बोली आमंत्रण सूचना 08/2021-22</u> च्छूक बोलीदाताओं से शिक्षकों को कम्प्यूटर प्रशिक्षण दिलवाने हेतु दिनांक 05.01.2022

ाय 05.00 बजे तक ई–बोली आमंत्रित की जाती है। बोली के अन्य विवरण स्टेट पब्लिव क्योरमेंट पोर्टल www.sppp.rajasthan.gov.in, www.eproc.rajasthan.gov.in तथा वेभागीय पोर्टल www.rajsmsa.nic.in पर देखे जा सकते हैं। UBN: RSE2122SLOB00295 Est Amount: 115.962 Lakhs

राज.संवाद/सी/9724/2021-2022 CHENNAI METRO RAIL LIMITED (A Joint Venture of Govt. of India & Govt. of Tamil Nadu)

International Competitive Bidding E-Tender No: CMRL/CON/PHASE-II/CORR-3/CP04/UG04-RT01/2021

reputed, experienced, financially sound, eligible applicants, who fulfill the qualification criteria as mentioned in the tender through International Competitive Bidding under Single Stage Two Envelope (Technical & Financial) system for the works as detailed below under loan disbursement of Japan Ínternational Cooperation Agency (JICA):

E-Tender No:CMRL/CON/PHASE-II/CORR-3/CP04/UG04-RT01/2021(under JICA loan agreement ID-P272)- "Construction of Four Jnderground Stations at Dr. Radhakrishnan Salai, Ťhirumayilai, Mandaiveli and Adyar Junction and Two Cross Passage Shafts and One Emergency Escape Shaft and works other than Diaphragm wall of One Underground Station at Greenways Road Metro in Corridor-3 of CMRL Phase-II Project"

DIPR/4227/Tender/2021 Director (Projects)

**ENSECONOMIC BUREAU** NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 23

**INSOLVENCY AND** 

**BANKRUPTCY CODE** 

MCA proposes

changes to cut

resolution delay

THE MINISTRY of Corporate Affairs (MCA) has proposed to amend the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code (IBC) to stipulate that the National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT) will have only 30 days to either accept or reject a resolution plan. If the adjudicating authority (AA)

fails to do so within a month, it has to 'record reasons in writing for the same". The MCA has proposed a raft of changes to the IBC to make it more robust and cut delay, aimed at preventing further erosion of value of the stressed firms. It has sought stakeholders' comments on the proposed amendments by January 13, 2022. tutions have developed the practice of submitting information to information utilities (IUs), the NCLT would only be required to consider IU-authenticated records as evidence of default

and claims filed by financial creditors. "This will also dissuade AAs from taking time to determine ancillary matters such as the amount of de fault...," it said. **FE** 





Admin Building, CMRL Depot, Poonamallee High Road, E-Tender Notice

CMRL invites digitally signed tender through e-procurement portal from

For further details, please visit e-procurement website

'சோதனை கடந்து சுதந்திரம் அடைந்தோம், சாதனை புரிந்து சரித்திரம் படைப்போம்

THE CENTRAL government has re-

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NOTICE INVITING TENDER Material Description Tender No. Due date 212213 Procurement of 300 GSM Circular Grey Board Disc 004455 212213 Procurement of High Cationic Starch 06.01.2022 212213004455 - purchase packing@tnpl.co.in

212213004466 - purchase.rawmatl@tnpl.co.in

Terms & conditions, Specifications, Quantity, Tender fee, EMD are available in tende document at our websites: www.tnpl.com/www.tenders.tn.gov.in. DIPR/4225/Tender/2021

CMP & SCF Department, State Bank of India, Global IT-Centre, Sec-11, CBD Belapur, Navi Mumbai-400 614 NOTICE INVITING TENDER RFP NO: 708

28.02.2025, for State Bank. Bidders, who are interested to submit bids, visit Procurement news at <a href="https://www.sbi.co.in">https://www.sbi.co.in</a> and e-Procurement agency

CMP & SCF Department

महिला आर्थिक विकास महामंडळ (माविम) मुंबई - 022-26592264

Due to less response, MAVIM would like to extend date of submission of bid up to

For further details please visit our website www.nationalfertilizers.com
https://eprocure.gov.in https://nfl.etenders.in, www.tenderwizard.com/NFI
https://etenders.gov.in/eprocure/app. Vendors are requested to visit our websit
regularly. Any amendment / corrigendum to the above will be displayed only on aforesa
website.
Senior Manager (Materials), Chief Manager (Electrica Senior Manager (Materials), Chief Manager (Electrica

New Delhi

: www.chennaimetrorail.org For Downloading Bid Documents: https://eprocure.gov.in/eprocure/app



inner envelop.

**COUNCIL OF HIGHER SECONDARY EDUCATION, ODISHA PRAJNAPITHA,** SAMANTAPUR, BHUBANESWAR-751013

No. COE/CON/ 6625/CHSE. Dt. 22.12.2021

**EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FOR EMPANELMENT OF CONFIDENTIAL QUESTION PRINTERS/RESULT** 

PROCESSING COMPUTER FIRMS

Applications with all relevant documents and contact details are invited only from credible, reputed and Confidential Firm with at least 10 years of experience in similar business and dealing with different State Boards and Universities of the country for empanelment of separate lists of confidential Question Printer/Result Processing and Printing Firms. The result processing firm is required to process, prepare and print the results and provide Printed Certificates/Mark Sheets/ Migration Certificate etc. with security feature. The applications must reach by speed post latest by dt.12.01.2022 addressing the undersigned with the inner over super scribed with 'Application for empanelment of confidential Question Printers'/ 'Application for empanelment of Result Processing and Printing Firm', as the case may be and the outer cover super scribed with 'confidential'. The correct address was to be writer only in the

> Controller of Examinations Council of Higher Secondary Education Prajnapitha, Samantapur, Bhubaneswar-751013 OIPR-11033/11/0009/2122

#### NATIONAL LAW INSTITUTE UNIVERSITY Kerwa Dam Road, Bhopal-462044

Sealed Tenders and Empanelment of interest are invited for providing following services in the NLIU, Bhopal: Tenders:

- 1. Hostel Mess (1st call)
- 2. Tender for passenger Lift (2nd call)
- Empanelment of digitalization of records (2nd call)
- 4. Running Fruit and Juice shop (3rd call)
- 5. Tender for Architecture consultancy (1st call)
- Tender for Disposal of E-Waste (2nd call) Expression of Interest (EOI):
- 1. Empanelment of Interest of running general store (3rd call)
- 2. Empanelment of Interest of Vendors/Suppliers Category-I (3rd call)
- 3. Empanelment of Interest of Vendors/Suppliers Category-II (3rd call)

The Tender Forms/EOI may be downloaded from 24.12.2021 from the NLIU Website www.nliu.ac.in .

Last date of submission of Tender Forms for Architecture consultancy is 14.01.2022, last date of submission of Expression of Interest is 21.02.2022 and last date of submission of other Tender Forms is 24.01.2022.

M.P. Madhyam/103050/2021 (REGISTRAR)

#### **Region Bharatpur** Telephone No 05644-222731, 221500, Email: rj acebha@nic,in

Office of Additional Chief Engineer PHED,

Notice Inviting Bid No. 183 to 188/ 2021-22

invited-on behalf of the Governor of Rajasthan from eligible enlisted in appropriate class contractors of PHED, Rajasthan and meeting eligibility criteria. Contractors enlisted with other departments of Government of Rajasthan and enlisted with CPWD/ Postal/ Telecom/ Railways/MES/ other State Government/ Centra Government undertakings/ organization in class equivalent to "A/AA" class o Rajasthan (as applicable) and meeting prescribed eligibility criteria may also apply Details of this Bid notification and pre-qualification criteria can be seen on web sit www.dipr.rajasthan.gov.in, http://sppp.rajasthan.gov.in and http://eproc rajasthan.gov.in. Bids are to be submitted online in electronic format on web site http://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in from 20-12-2021 to 18-01-2022 (6PM) & Bids are to be opened at 11.00 AM on 19-01-2022 in presence of willing bidders/the authorized representative

#### NIB Code: PHE2122A4938

- UBN No.: . PHE2122WSOB10809 4. PHE2122WSOB10812
- 5. PHE2122WSOB10813 (Jagat Tiwari) Addl. Chief Engineer 6. PHE2122WSOB10814 3. PHE2122WLOB10811

PHED, Region Bharatpu DZPR/C/12984/2021

## मोतीलाल नेहरू खेलकूद विद्यालय, राई- 131029 प्रैस विज्ञप्ति

1. मोतीलाल नेहरू खेलकूद विद्यालय, राई (सोनीपत) मे शीतकालीन शिविर लगाया जा रहा है जो कि दिनांक 01.01.2022 से 09.01.2022 तक चलेगा। जिसकी फीस रुपए 5,000/- प्रति खेल निर्धारित की गई है, जिसमें फीस रु. 3000/- व रु. 2000/- रहने व खाने के होंगें। जिन खेलों के लिए शीतकालीन शिविर का आयोजन मोतीलाल नेहरू खेलकूद विद्यालय के प्रागंण में किया जाएगा, उनका विवरण निम्न प्रकार से है:-

3. क्रिकेट 4. हॉकी फुटबाल 6. लॉन टेनिस हॉर्स राईडिंग 8. बैडिमंटन

2. इच्छुक व्यक्ति 30 दिसंबर, 2021 तक प्रधानाचार्य एवं निदेशक एम. एन. एस. एस., राई के नाम पर डी.डी. के बनवाये तथा प्रमाण के साथ ई-मेल (mnssrai@rediffmail.com) भेजकर पंजीकृत करें।

> प्रधानाचार्य एवं निदेशक एम. एन. एस. एस., राई।

Advt.N0.- Estt/Ay/JJR/2021/ 1370 Dated: 23.12.202 <u>Advertisement</u>

#### **District AYUSH Society- JHAJJAR**

District AYUSH Society JHAJJAR invites application from the eligible candidates for filling up of the following post in the AYUSH Department District Jhajjar, Haryana under National AYUSH Mission purely on contract basis initially up to 31-03-2022 with details as mentioned below:-

Sr. No.	Name of Post	No. of Post	Date and Time of Written Test & Interview		
	District Programme Manager under NAM	1	See below mentioned website		
	The interested candidates are advised to visit website				

- The interested candidates are advised to visit website jhajjannic.in for details of post and download the application form and also may be collected from office of District Ayurvedic Office, Jhajjar at Shri Radha Krishan Vakil Govt Ayurvedic Dispensary & Office, Surukhpur Road Jhajjar.
- Last date for submitting of duly filled application form is 07-01-2022 up to 05:OOPM in the office of District Ayurvedic Office, jhajjar at Shri Radha Krishan Vakil Govt. Ayurvedic Dispensary & Office, Surukhpur Road Jhajjar by hand and Registered/Speed Post only. Application sent through other mode will not be considered.
- The Written Test & Interview will be held at office of District Ayurvedic Office, Jhajjar at Shri Radha Krishan Vakil Govt. Ayurvedic Dispensary & Office, Surukhpur Road Jhajjar.
- Please check website jhajjannic.in regularly for any change in prescribed schedule.
- Candidates coming for written test & interview should must bring original documents for verification.
- For any query you can contact 01251-297046.

Sd/-District Ayurvedic Officer cum -Member Secretary, District AYUSH Society,

**OPEN E-TENDER NOTICE** 

No. W/118/NIT/Sr DEN(Co.)JP/ENGG

Divl. Rly. Manager, Engineering N.W.Railway, Jaipur for and on behalf of

President of India invites open E-Tende

for the following works upto 15:30 hours

on the date shown as below - Sr. No. 1

Name of work with location: ENGG

JP-2021-22-79; DEN/E/JP Division:

TBR-86.98 track km, TBR-50 sets Turn

out and Minor modification of curves - 6

Nos. between BAI to RE. Approx Cost of

work: 80738029/-; Earnest money Rs.

NIL (Bid Security Declaration i

mandatory). Sr. No. 2. Name of world

with location: ENGG-JP-2021-22-80

ADEN (RGS) Sub div.:- Through Turnou

renewal (CS+CMSC) in RPC Section

(83 Nos.). Approx Cost of work

9059631/-; Earnest money Rs. : NI

(Bid Security Declaration is mandatory)

Sr. No. 3, Name of work with location

ENGG-JP-2021-22-81; Assisting A

Welding in connection with TTR Work i

the Sr. DEN (N) jurisdiction. Approx Cos

of work: 6633282/-; Earnest money

Rs.: NIL (Bid Security Declaration mandatory). Sr. No. 4. Name of work with location: ENGG-JP-2021-22-82

JP Division-JJN Depot- Supplying and loading into ballast hopper machin-

crushed railway track ballast. (Qty. 3000)

Cum). Approx Cost of work

20322300/-; Earnest money Rs. : NII (Bid Security Declaration is mandatory)

Sr. No. 5. Name of work with location ENGG-JP-2021-22-83: Sr. DEN/S/JF

Section: - Renewal of GRSP Metal / GFN

liners etc in JP-MD & FL-RNW section

Approx Cost of work: 19763102/-

Earnest money Rs.: NIL (Bid Security

Declaration is mandatory). 1. Detail is

available on N.W.Rly website

www.ireps.gov.in and Notice Board i

WA section, DRM Office, NWR/Jaipur.

Tender No. ENGG-JP-2021-22-79 to

ENGG-JP-2021-22-83 are to be closed

on 13.01.2022 at 15:30 hrs. and opened

Date: 21.12.202

## Jhajjar **NORTH WESTERN RAILWAY**

#### NAME OF BOARD/CORP./AUTH NAME OF WORK MOTICE TEMPER. RUPEES INSTALLATION OF TRAFFIC CONTROL SIGNALS AT GRANTA GRAN CHOICE 4.6 1.32 LACS https://standers.bry.ric.in ec.mohiwani@gnail.com 9610650504 PERIODE COUNCIL BIORES REFACENCING/MAINTENANCE OF ALL KINDS OF WORKS IN W.ME. 1 TO 15, 50000 Nttps://etenders.hvy.r/ic.in SHIWARE + 1 WORK OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF TOLLETS, PRECAST CC TOLLETS ETC. AT VARIOUS LIGIATIONS TICK A PERIOD OF ONE YEAR AT M.C. DEDINANT 11885 Mitter (Vetenders Iny nic. in ep.michiwen@gnaticare FOR FURTHER INFORMATION KINDLY VISIT: www.haryanaeprocurement.gov.in or www.etenders.hry.nic.in

GOVERNMENT OF HARYANA TENDER NOTICE

#### GOVERNMENT OF HARYANA TENDER NOTICE NAME OF BOARD/CORP./AUTH AL OFFICER/CONTACT DETAILS/EMAIL RUPEES PROVIDING NEW RETURNING ROAD FOR STORE OF CONSTRUCTION SURGINISION E172-258-0199 HOOM HARM, ROCHELLA AT 22000 SISTIN, MIGANIFUR BURING PC 2021-12 REPLACEMENT OF POWER 1/F, GENO CT, GENO MID 11 NO NCT, BUS BUL, CONTROL RELAY PUBEL, 15 NO PAMELS, LAYING OF POWER MID CONTROL USS LACS www.trypr.org.in 06.84.2022 21.12.2021 04.81.2023 0172-2583789 7.75 LACS www.hypo.org.in CABLES AT 68 WY SISTIN LAVALAUR BASTLAS FOR SCORE OF WORK DISTINSION OF CONTROL ROOM BULE DING AND CONST. OF 133 W MY AND ALLIED WORKS TO REGULARIZE THE DISTING 123/13 WY HOT TRANSFORMER AT 220 KY SISTIN FAZILIUR. SOMERAT 1673-2583789

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION KINDLY VISIT: www.haryanaeprocurement.gov.in or www.etenders.hry.nic.in

### 盡 B-887 Letter No. 2419 Dt. 21.12.2021

#### Government of Odisha, e- Procurement Notice **INVITATION FOR BIDS (IFB)**

Bid Identification No. C.C.E. Kkl.(R&B) 13/2021-22 Email Id- sedklpwd@gmail.com

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

	3,		. 9					
1.	Name of the work	:	Building, Road & Bridge works					
2.	No of works	:	21 (Twenty one) Nos.					
3.	Estimated Cost	:	Rs. 2,36,51,658/- to Rs. 8,53,99,393/-					
4.	Cost of tender paper	:	Rs 10,000.00					
5.	Class of contractor	:	'B', 'A' 'Special' & 'Super' Class (as given in column No. 06 of table)					
6.	Period of Completion of work	:	06 (Six) to 11 (Eleven) Calendar months (as given in column No. 07 of table)					
7.	Date and time of	:	From Dt. 31.01.2021 to 5.30 P.M. of Dt.					
	availability of bid		14.01.2022					
	Document in the website							
8.	Date of opening of bid	:	Dt. 15.01.2022 at 11.30 hours					
Th	The bidders have to participate in ONLINE biding only further details can be							

seen from the e-Procurement Portal: www.tendersodisha.gov.in. Any said website

Chief Construction Engineer Dhenkanal (R&B) Circle, Dhenkanal OIPR- 34132/11/0016/2122

### **GOVERNMENT OF MAHARASHTRA Public Works Division Degloor E-TENDER NOTICE NO (22) FOR 2021-2022**

E-TENDERS for 05 Works in SBD & B-1 form is invited by the Executive Engineer, P. W Division, Degloor (Phone No. 02463-255111) from the unregistered contractors/ registered contractors in appropriate class of Public Works department of Govt.of Maharashtra for the improvement in Dist.Nanded

The details can be viewed and downloaded from following web site.

- 1. Above all the works are worth more than Rs. 5 crores.
- All information related to this tender is made available on the following web site, Also, all the changes will be made available on this web site.

### www.mahapwd.com

https://mahatenders.gov.in

Sd/-**Executive Engineer** 

Public Works Division Degloor

DGIPR/2021-22/C-3288

#### **GOVERNMENT OF RAJASTHAN DEPARTMENT OF MINES AND GEOLOGY** Email: biddingcell@rajasthan.gov.ir **NOTICE INVITING TENDER (NIT)**

In exercise of the powers conferred by Section 10B of the Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Act, 1957, its subsequent amendments and in accordance with the Mineral (Auction) Rules, 2015 as amended from time to time notified thereunder, the Government of Rajasthan has notified the following mineral block for the purpose of grant of Mining Lease for mineral limestone and hereby invites bids in digital format only from eligible bidders through electronic auction.

The	The details of mineral block and last date of submission of bid is as summarized below:-							
S No	Block	Lease	Start Date of Sale of Tender Document on MSTC website	Last Date of Sale of Tender Document on MSTC website	Bid Due date and time			
1.	Sindwari, Charliya Block-A Tehsil Chittaurgarh & Nimbahera & District Chittaurgarh		16.12.2021	31-12-2021 upto 2400 Hrs (IST)	20-01-2022 upto 1300 Hrs (IST)			

The block is being put up for first attempt of auction. The interested and eligible bidde upon registration on MSTC website <a href="http://www.mstcecommerce.com/auctionhome/mlc/lindex.jsp">http://www.mstcecommerce.com/auctionhome/mlc/lindex.jsp</a> will obtain login ID and Password. After successful registration, the eligible bidder can purchase the Tender Document online on payment of the tender fee of Rs. 2,00,000/- + GST and can participate in the e-auction process.

The GST at the rate of 18% is applicable on the purchase of tender document. The GST applicable is to be submitted by the prospective bidder itself and the copy of receipt it to be attached with the technical bid. The prospective bidder shall be solely responsible. or remitting the GST as per applicable law and statutory liability in this regard will be sponsibility of prospective bidder and no liability whatsoever shall be borne by the DMGR/MSTC.

are provided in the Tender Document. The Model Tender Document and the Mineral Block Summary is available free of cost in electronic form and can be downloaded from the website of MSTC Ltd, <a href="https://www.mstcecommerce.com/">https://www.mstcecommerce.com/</a> auctionhome/mlc/ index.jsp>, and Department of Mines & Geology <www.mines.rajasthan.gov.in> fo the purpose of information only. Timelines, notifications, updates and other details for the e-auction process are available on the website of available https://www.mstcecommerce.com/auctionhome/mlcl/ index.jsp>

Any revision, clarifications, addendum, corrigendum, time extensions, etc. to the above ender documents will be hosted on websites <a href="https://www.mstceco">https://www.mstceco</a> auctionhome/mlcl/index.jsp> and <a href="mailto:superinter.gov.in">www.mines.rajasthan.gov.in</a> only and n separate notifications shall be issued in the press.

Directo Department of Mines & Geologi Rajasthan, Udaipu

O-1495 Name of the work

#### OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, RWS&S DIVISION, KENDRAPARA. At : Ichhapur, Post : Shree Baladevjew,

Email: eerwsskendrapara@gmail.com INVITATIONS FOR BIDS (IFB) [e-Procurement] Bid Identification No. RWS/ 87/2021-2022 Letter No. 7614 / Dated. 22/12/21

- The Executive Engineer, RWS&S Division, Kendrapara on behalf of Governor of Odisha invites lump sum bid in DOUBLE cover system in ONLINE MODE from eligible contractors for Rural Piped Water Supply Schemes in Kendrapara District
  - Execution of different 40 LPCD Retrofitting RPWS Schemes of Kendrapara Block o Clubbed up mode in Kendrapara District.
- No. of Work 02 (Two) Nos. on Clubbed Up Mode
- Value of the Work ₹ 328.92 to 377.43 Lakhs Executive Engineer, RWS&S Division, Kendrapa Concerned tender inviting authority
- ₹ 329000/- to ₹ 377500/-Security amount (Rs.) (Online)
- Cost of Bid documents (Rs.) (Online)
- Class of Bidder "A" & "Specials" Class Period of Completion 330 Day
- From date. 05.01.2022 at 10.00 A.M to date. 19.01.2022 till 5.30 P.M Availability of bid documents in the website 11 Last Date & Time of seeking tender clarification Up to 10.01.2022 till 5.30 P.M
- 12 Date of Opening of Bid On date 20.01.2022 at 11.00 A.M The bidders have to participate in the tender through ONLINE bidding only. Further details can be had from the website i.e http://tendersorissa.gov.ir

OIPR-25004/11/0028/2122

### SECTION 1

#### Executive Engineer, HP.PWD. Nerchowk Division (Name of Authority Inviting Bids) NOTICE INVITING TENDER (NIT)

The Superintending Engineer1°Circle HPPWD Mandi on behalf of Governor of Himachal Pradesh invites the percentage rate bids, in electronic landering system, for construction of roads under RIDF for each of the following works including their maintenance for five years from the eligible and approved contractors registered with HP.PWD, and HP Jal Shakti Vibrag (Contractors of HP Jal Shakti Vibhag are eligible to participate for the works having amount put to tender above Rs.100 Lacs). Non registered contractors may submit the bids; however successful bidder has to register in appropriate class with appropriate authority in HPPWD\*,

District	POLIF	restre of the work	(Rs. Lath)		(Rs. Lakt)	(T) One Years	Lakt) The bid security
			Construction	Maintenance	300,000,000		is two percent of the total cost, rounded to the nearest thousand
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(4)	(7)	(6)
Narci	XXVII	Construction of Riggr Khiuri via Bangalow road Km. 90 to 5/200 under NABARD Project Dest. Mand: HP. (SH:-Construction of R.O.F.D. Retaining walls, Breast walls, Dumping Sites, Cleating & grubbing, Setting Outs, Cross Drainages work, V-Shape Drain, Parapets, Logo Board, Km. Stones, 200mtr. Stones Bio Engineering & Metalling and Tarring in Km. 9/9 to 5/2000.		51,79,904	4,96,36,874	One Years	9.33,000

- Date of release of Invitation for Bids through e-procurement: 30.12.2021.
- 3. Cost of Bid Form: Rs. 5000 per packaga job (non-refundable) only in form of Demand Draft in favour of Executive Engineer, HP PWD, Nerchowk Division.
- 4. Availability of Bid Document and mode of submission: The bid document is available online and bid should be submisted online on website www.hptenders.gov.in. The bridder would be required to register in the web-site which is free of cost. For submission of bids, the bidder is required to have valid Digital Signature Certificate (DSC) from one of the authorized Certifying Authorities (CA). "Aspiring bidders who have not obtained the user ID and password for participating in etendering may obtain the same from the website: www. hptenders.gov.in.

Digital signature is mandatory to participate in the e-tendering. Bidders already possessing the valid digital signature issued from authorized CAs can use the same in this tender.

Won-registered bidders may submit bids; however, the successful bidders must get registered in appropriate class with appropriate authorities before signing the contract.

5. Submission of Original Documents: The bidders are required to submit (a) original Demand Draft lowards the cost of bid document and (b) original bid security in approved form and (c) original affidavit regarding correctness of information furnished with bid document as per provisions of Clause 4.48(a) (ii) of ITB with Superintending Engineer 1\*. Circle, HPPWD., Mandi (address and details of office where to be submitted) , on a date not later than three working days after the opening of technical qualification part of the Bird, either by registered post or by hand.

6. Last Data/Time for receipt of bids through e-lendering: 06-01-2022 up-to 11:00Hours (time).

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1	Date of online publication	30-12-2021 at 11:30 A.M.
2	Document download start and end date	30-12-2021 at 11:30 A.M. up to 05-01-2022 at 10:30 A.M.
3	Bid submission start and end date	30-12-2021 at 11:30 A.M. up to 06-01-2022 at 11:00A.M.
4	Date of fechnical bid opening	06:01-2022 at 11:30 A.W.
5	Physical submission of original documents. Vc original END 8 Cost of Tender documents at:	06-01-2022 at 10:30 A.M.

- 8. Only online submission of bids is permitted, therefore, bids must be submitted online on website www.hptenders.gov.in. The technical qualification part of the bids will be opened online at 11.30 Hours (time) on 06-01-2022(date) in the office of Superintending Engineer, 1" Circle HPPWD Mandi by the authorized officers. If the office happens to be closed on the date of opening of the bids as specified, the bids will be opened online on the next working day at the same time.
- The payment for routine maintenance to the contractor shall be regulated based on his performance of maintenance activities. 10. The bids for the work shall remain valid for acceptance for a period not less than Seventy Five (75) days after the deadline
- date for bid submission. 11. Bidders may bid for any one or more of the works mentioned in the Table above. To qualify for a parkage of contracts made up of this and other contracts for which bids are invited in the same NIT, the bidder must demonstrate having experience and resources sufficient to meet the aggregate of the qualifying criteria for the individual contracts.
- 12. Other details can be seen in the bidding documents. The Employer shall not be held liable for any delays due to system failure beyond its control. Even though the system will attempt to notify the bidders of any bid updates, the Employer shall not be liable for any information not received by the bidder. It is the bidders' responsibility to verify the website for the latest information related to the tender. As per Govt. Notification No.PBW (B)A(3)1/2020-1 dated 07:10.2021, in case the tendered amount of the lowest bidder

comes more than 5% in 1st call the negotiation can be conducted with him but the negotiated amount should remain within 5% of the amount put to tender (on market rate) and tendered amount below 30% of the estimated cost will be summarily For Superintending Engineer HPPWD 1" Circle Mandi

#### **MEGHALAYA INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT** & FINANCE CORPORATION **Corrigendum Notice** With reference to the Previous Advertisement No: MIDFC/MITP

Government Of Meghalaya

6411/HRY

PMC/15/2021-22-137, Dated:7/12/2021 for the engagement of a 'Project Management Consultancy (PMC)" for the Meghalaya Integrated Transport Project (MITP), World Bank Funded Project, the last date for the submission of the EOI has been extended to the 17th January 2022. For more details please visit <a href="http://megplanning.gov.in">http://megplanning.gov.in</a>

**Chief Operations Officer MIPR NO 1626** (COO, MIDFC) Government of India, Department of Atomic

## **Energy, Heavy Water Plant, Kota Notice Inviting E-Tender**

Online tenders are invited through e-tendering by General Manager, for and on behalf of President of India from approved, eligible and experienced contractors at Heavy Water Plant (Kota) Post Anushakti -223303, Via Kota (Rajasthan) for the following works as detailed below.

No		Traine or work	cost	22	of Tender Documents for view and download	pletion period
1	HWPK/ CIVIL/ 2021/ 422	Day to day repair and maintenance jobs at HWP(K) Plant site for the year 2022	40,86,264/-	EMD declaration form shall be submitted by Bidder as per attached format	from 20.12.2021 (10:00 hrs) to 30.12.2021 (14:30 hrs) on website.	12 Months
2	MECH/ 2021/	Maintenance and Testing of large Size DD valves covering sizes ranging from 12" NB to 36"NB at HWPK during MTA -2022	63,01,485/- (Including GST)	do	From 25.12.2021 (10:00 Hrs.) to - 06.01.2022 (14:30 Hrs.) on website.	2 Months

a) Detailed NIT and Tender documents are available at

https://eprocure.gov.in/eprocure/app for download and visit. Registered contractors only can purchase/ download & submit ase/ download & submit / upload tender Interested agencies may visit <a href="https://eprocure.gov.in/eprocure/app">https://eprocure.gov.in/eprocure/app</a> website registration.

d) Interested agencies may refer annexure-A for Guidelines for e-tendering in CPPP website.

e) For more information contact on 01475- 242201/242231/242225/ 242214; Fax: (01475)

f) The last date for online submission of tender at S.No.1 is 30.12.2021 (14:30 hrs) ) The last date for online submission of tender at S.No.2 is 06.01.2022 (14.30 hrs)

Detailed NIT can also be seen on website www.hwb.gov.in

on 13.01.2022 at 16:00 hrs. 736-AM/21 for and on behalf of the President of India Please join us on 🕝 🕑 / NWRailways **Government of Odisha** OFFICE OF THE CHIEF CONSTRUCTION ENGINEER.

**CUTTACK (R&B) CIRCLE, CUTTACK** 

('e'-PROCUREMENT NOTICE)
SHORT TENDER CALL NOTICE
BID IDENTIFICATION No.CCE. Ctc. (R&B) 33/2021-22

The Chief Construction Engineer, Cuttack (R&B) Circle, Cuttack on behalf of Governor of Odisha invites on **Percentage rate** bas bid in double cover system in **ONLINE MODE** from eligible contractors for Building work as mentioned below.

No of work :- 01 No.

Nature of work: Building work.

Class of Contractor: - 'Special' & Super Class.

Tender paper cost: - Rs. 10000/- (online)

Available of bid documents in the web site. :- From 30.12.2021 to 16.00 Hours of 10.01.2022

Date of opening of bid: - Dt. 11.01.2022 at 11.00 Hours.
The Bidders have to participate in ONLINE bid

The Bidders have to participate in ONLINE bidding only. Further details can be seen from the webs <a href="https://.tendersodisha.gov.in">https://.tendersodisha.gov.in</a>. Any Addendum/corrigendum /cancellation of tender can also be seen in the said web site.

Chief Construction Enginee Cuttack (R&B) Circle OIPR-34012/11/0046/2122



ISSUED BY P.R.O. (WATER)

Executive Engineer,

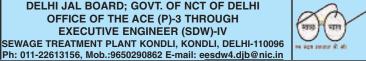
HP.PWD.Division.

Nerchowk.

ommissioning of Mechanized Bar creens at Geeta Colony SPS.

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**DELHI JAL BOARD; GOVT. OF NCT OF DELHI** OFFICE OF THE ACE (P)-3 THROUGH **EXECUTIVE ENGINÈER (SDW)-IV** SEWAGE TREATMENT PLANT KONDLI, KONDLI, DELHI-110096



Sd/- (R.K. Kaushik)

PREES Tender Notice N.I.T. No. 14 (2021-22)/EE (SDW\_)-IV Date of Uploading on E-& 22-12-2021/ 2021\_DJB\_213337\_1 220000/- EMD is exempted as per Supply, Installation, Testing

For further details in this regard can be seen at https://govtprocurement.delhi.gov.ir

present Govt. norms. However, bidder has to fill Annexure-1 in lieu of the 1500/-EMD exemption Tender Fee

Government of Jammu & Kashmir OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER MECHANICAL HOSPITAL AND CENTRAL HEATING DIVISION SRINAGAR (Tele-fax No: 019-2496089, e-mail id: xenmhchdk@yahoo.in) Gist of e-NIT NO: MHCHD/TS /2021-22/249/e-tendering

(Short-Term) Dated:-22.12.2021.

For and an behalf of the LL Governor, JAK State e-tenders are invited from registered reputers/experienced firms with JBK State Govt., CPWD, Railways and other State/Central Governments for the below mentioned work: Est. Cost | Cost of | Position of Time of TS No. Earnest

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Providing and Laying of 3.5 Care , 50 agrits Amoured cobe along with allied terms for providing three Phose power supply to Medical An and vacuum system at Govt. Krethnir Nursing Home, Sinnager	0.33	100	4TMCS 69025 Dt-25.08.2020	Avalistis	25	90 tr 1201 (AEE SID 2")	860.00
Armuel Maintenance Contract for Escalator of Sanagormali Stopping Complex, MA Road, Srinager	4.00	200	SDATE/708-11 Dt-08.11.2021	Available	365	MEDIK/TSI1 33,06- 15,12,2021	6000.00
Servicing of DG sees of various capacities, at Gort, GB Paris Hospital, Skragar	122	230	46 GMDS af 2021 Dt-12 09:21	Avalistie	25	140 of 12/21	2400.00

The Fender document Consisting of qualifying information, eligibility orders, specifications, 681 of qualifying \$1,000, Set of terms and conditions of contract and other databases be exemply expended from the departmental verballs soon Managers, in from 22.12.2021 (16.00 hrs.) The bidders shall deposit this bids in electronic formation the above web sits from 22.12.2921 (10: hrs/ to 30.12.2021 (14.00 hrs/ in the IOS) cone.

The bids uploaded on the websits up to due date and time will be opered on 31.12.2021 (17.00 kg) or any case convenient to the operational in the office of Ensouth's Engineer, MHO-D, Emisper.

Executive Engineer, MHCHE/TS/0804-09 Dt-22.12.2024 DIPIG-15548 MHCHD, Srinagar

DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-III, DELHI

HDFC Bank (Applicant) Versus Presidium Faridabad & Ors. (Defendants)

To, B-1 Presidium Paridobad (A Unit of Points Education Society (Rogd.) At: 1/1201 Totals Road, Sector 19, Fordsbad, Haryana - 121004, Also At: 11/77, West Portsball Bagh, New Delhi-

190026, D-2 Rising Education Society, At.: Seekn Fandabad -121001, D-3 Mr. Rajiv Marang At B.2, Parvahan Apartments, Sector 5, Vasundhara, Chaziadad 201001.

Whereas the above named applicant has instituted a case against you and whereas it has been

shown to the satisfaction of the Tribunal that it is not possible to serve you in ordinary way. Therefore, this notice is given by advertisement directing you to make appearance in this Tribunal 03/21/2022 at 10:30 A.M. Take notice that in case of your failure to appear on the above

mentioned say befure this Tribunol the case will be heard and decided in your absence. Due to ongoing Panderric situation, all the matters will be taken up through Video Conferencing and for that purpose : [I All the Anocateut ingerts shall download the Cisco Webers application Software; 9] "Meeting ID" and "Password" for the next date of hearing dual cases to be taken by Registrat Recovery Officer I and Recovery Officer II shall be available and day prior to the next day of DRT Officer Partial te dit, gow in under the Patic Notice Head (ii) in

any exigency qualitat, the Advocates Litigants concontact the concerned official at Ph. Ho. 011-22743469. Given under my hand and seal of this Tribunal on this the 10th day of December,

By order of this Tribunal

In the matter of IOA No. 200/2021/DRT4

EMD/Bid Multiplier

Amt./A/c No./IFSC

Rs. 6,30,600/-

Rs. 63,060/-

Rs. 10,000/-

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CNRB0008359

Rs. 72.01.250/-

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Rs.13,50,000/-

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Rs. 60.96.600/-

Rs. 6.10.000/-

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Rs. 10,000/-

**IFSC Code** 

IFSC Code

NATIONAL DESIGN CENTRE Hall No.1 (3rd Fl.), Rajiv Gandh Handicrafts Bhawan, Baba Kharak Singh Marg, Connaught Place, New Delhi-110001 Email: ndc@nationaldesigncentre.org Website:

www.nationaldesigncentre.org **EXPRESSION OF INTEREST** NDC invites EOI from the reputed agencies / firms for selection of agency to undertake the work for fabrication / setting up of Tableaux during 26th January 2022.

Interested agencies having experience for the similar job mav submit their EOI. The detailed TOR for the same can be obtained from this office or download from

Website: www.nationaldesigncentre.org The last date for submission o EOI shall be within 4 days fron this publication

#### **FOREST DEPARTMENT** 4th Floor, Jeevan Tara Building, Parliament Street, New Delti- 110001. Notice under Section 13(4) of the Rocevery of Debts Due to Banks and Financial Institutions Act. 1993 read with Rule 12 & 13 of the Debts Recovery Tribural (Procedure

#### **INVITATION FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST**

The Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Member Secretary, Tamil Nadu State Wetland Authority on behalf of the Tamil Nadu State Wetland Authority hereby calls for the EOI for monetization of Carbon sequestration in Pallikaranai marshland (wetland), Pichavaram Mangroves and Nanmangalam Reserved Forests of Tamil Nadu, by engaging a Consultant. The Expression of Interest Document containing the details of eligibility criteria, submission requirement, brief objective and scope of work etc., can be downloaded from the website http://tnswa.org. Further details, if any may be obtained from Deputy Conservator of Forests (Wetlands), No. 1 Jeeins Road, Panagal Maaligai, Saidapet, Chennai - 600 015 during working hours till 5.00 P.M. of

Last date for submission of Expression of Interest is one month from the date of publication of notification. Sealed envelope marked to the captioned address, containing EOI may be submitted mentioning "Expression of Interest for Monetization of Carbon sequestration in Tamil Nadu Forests, including wetlands and mangroves" on the top cover, to the Nodal Officer whose address is as follows:

THE ADDITIONAL PRINCIPAL CHIEF CONSERVATOR OF FORESTS & MEMBER SECRETARY, TAMIL NADU STATE WETLAND AUTHORITY,

> No. 1, Jeeins Road, Panagal Maaligai, Saidapet, Chennai - 600 015.

''சோதனை கடந்து சுதந்திரம் அடைந்தோம் சாதனை புரிந்து சரித்திரம் படைப்போம்.'

Form No.15 **Before The Debts Recovery Tribunal** Wing A,B & F (2nd Floor), Karpuri Thakur Sadan, Kendriya Karmchari Parishar (GPOA), Near Rajiv Nagar Thana, Ashiana Digha Road, Patna-800025

O.A. No. 223 of 2021 Central Bank of India, Saguna More Branch, Danapur, Patna .... APPLICAN

M/s Metro Super Bazar & Others ....DEFENDANTS

SUMMONS
ISSUED UNDER RULE 23 (VIII) OF THE DEBTS RECOVERY
TRIBUNAL (PROCEDURE) RULES 1993.

l. M/s Metro Super Bazar, Through Partner, At-Pal Satabdi Mall, Saguna More, Danapur, Patna-801503. 2. Mrs. Sabia Khatun W/o-Md. Shamim Ahmad, At R.P.S. Road, 504, Har

alace, Mangalam Vihar, Judge Colony Road, Danapur, Patna-801503. B. Md. Nashib Shah S/o-Md. Ahad, At-R.P.S. Road, 504, Hari Place Manglam Vihar, Judge Colony, Road, Danapur, Patna-801503.

Miss. Shabana Praveen D/o Md. Kalim Ahmad, At R.P.S. Road 504, Hari Place Mangalam, Vihar, Judge Colony Road, Danapur atna-801503. Whereas, the Applicant has instituted an Application U/S 19 of the Recovery of Debts and Bankrutcy Act 1993 against the Defendants for

he Recovery of a sum of Rs.60,56,134/- (Sixty Lacs Fifty Six Thousand

One Hundred Thirty Four Only). The above mentioned Defendants are, therefore, hereby directed to annear before this Tribunal in Person or through an Advocate or duly authorised Agent in support of their defence to Show Cause withi 30 days from the date of Publication or on 21/01/2022 10:30 A M (Forenoon) as to why Reliefs prayed for by the Applicant should no

e granted. Take Notice that in case of default of your appearance on the day nentioned herein before, the Proceeding will be heard and determine n vour absence

Given under my hand and seal of this Tribunal on this 3rd day of (Pravin Kumar) Registrar



Issued u/s 13(2) of the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement o Security Interest act, 2002 read with Rule 3(1) of the security interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002. The captioned notice was served upon to them by the undersigned being the Authorised Officer of Centra Bank of India in exercise of powers conferred u/s 13(2) read with rule 3 of the security interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 to the Borrower(s)/Mortgagor(s)/Guarantor(s) listed hereunder (thereafter referred to as the borrower(s) calling upon them to repay the amount mentioned in respective demand Notice(s) within 60 days from the date of respective Notice as per the details given below as the accounts have been classified as "NON PERFORMING ASSETS". But notice is not delivered at his address. The undersigned has reason to believe that the said borrower/guarantor is avoiding service of Demand Notice issued to them. Such Notice(s is/are available with the undersigned and the borrower/quarantor(s), may, if the so desire, collect the said cop from the undersigned on any working day during normal working hours

In connection with the above, Notice is hereby given once again to the Borrower(s)/guarantor(s) to pay Centra Bank of India within 60 days from the date of publication of this notice, the amounts indicated herein below against their respective names together with further interest at applicable rates as detailed in the said demand notice(s) along with the cost, charges etc, till the date of payment/or realization, under various security documents executed by the Borrower(s)/Guarantor(s) in favour of the Bank. For due repayment of the loan the following assets have been mortgaged/hypothecated with Bank by the Borrower(s)/Guarantor(s). If the Borrower(s)/Guarantor(s) fail to make payment to the Bank as aforesaid, the Bank shall proceed against the above secured assets under Section 13(4) of the said Act and the applicable rules entirely at the risk of the Borrower(s)/Guarantor(s) as the cost and consequences.

The Borrower(s)/Guarantor(s) is/are prohibited under the Act to transfer the aforesaid assets whether by way of sale, lease or otherwise without prior written consent of the Bank. Any person who contravences the said Act or Rules made thereunder shall be liable for imprisonment and/or penalty as provided under the Act. The Notice is issued without prejudice to our rights and remedies at your risk and costs.

Branch Name of Account / Date of Total

	Borrower's / Guarantor's / Mortgagor's	NPA/ Date of Demand Notice	Outstanding Amount (Rs.)	Description of secured assets
Naya Tola Branch	Borrower: Sanjeet Kumar S/o Ramadhar Pandey, Aanand Bhawan, Patrkar Nagar, Munna Chak, Kankarbagh, Patna-800020 Guarangor & Mortgagor: Mr. Sanjeet Kumar S/o Ramadhar Pandey and Sweta Suman W/o Sanjit Kumar	31.03.2021/ 14.06.2021	₹ 11,38,555.95	All that part and parcel of immovable property (Land / Building) in the name of Mr. Sanjeet Kumar and Sweta Suman. Sale Deed No.14791 Dtd. 18.12.2006, Area-871 Sq. Feet, Mauza-Sadiquepur, Thana-Sultanganj, Patrkar Nagar, DisttPatna, Tauzi No.227, Thana No09, Khata No.343, Circle No.50A, Servey Plot No325, Holding No160/1. Boundary. North-Prem Narayan Mehto, South-Road, East-Chulhan Gope, West-Ganauri Ram.
Hanuman Nagar Branch	Borrower: M/s Himalaya Traders Prop.: Arvind Kumar S/o Late Mudrika Lal, Bazar Prangan, Bazar Samitee, Sandalpur, Patna. Mortgagor: Mr. Arvind Kumar & Mr. Kunal Kumar, both S/o Late Mudrika Lal Guarantor: Mr. Kunal Kumar S/o Late Mudrika	01.07.2019/ 06.11.2020	₹ 17,33,587/-	All that part and parcel of Immovable Property (Land/Building) in the name of Mr. Arvind Kumar S/o Late Mudrika Lal & Mr. Kunal Kumar S/o Late Mudrika Lal. Simple Mortgage Deed No.17514 Dtd. 18.05.13, Area-1250 Sqft., Mauza-Guptipur Tola, Mahal-Jaganpura, Thana-Phulwari Sarif, Present Thana-Ramkrishna Nagar, DisttPatna, Thana No26, Khata No112, Tauzi No131, Municipal Survey Kheshra No516(P), Boundary: North-Rasta, South-Shyam Naran Ram, West-New Purchaser, East-Nij.
Nagar Branch	Borrower: Mr. Rakesh Kumar & Mrs. Sunita Kumari (Borrower cum Mortgagor) W/o Rakesh Kumar, West Lakshmi Nagar, Khemnichak, Kankarbagh, Patna 800027 Guarantor: Mr. Mukhleshwar Prasad S/o Thakur Mahto, West Laxmi Nagar, Khemnichak, Kankarbagh, Patna-800027	27.08.2018/ 02.11.2021	₹ 16,40,839/-	All that part and parcel of Immovable Property (Land/Building) in the name of Mrs. Sunita Kumari W/o Rakesh Kumar. Sale Deed No.12988 Dtd. 03.05.2010, Area-600 Sqft., Mauza-Shekhpura, Pragan-Azimabad, Survey Thana-Phulwrishrif, Haal Thana-Gaurichak, Vartaman Thana-Ramkrishna Nagar, DisttPatna, Thana No.111, Tauzi No.28, Khata No49, Kheshra Survey Plot No623(P). Boundary: North-Haal Khariddar Rita Devi, South-Haal Khariddar Anil Sharma, East-Arun Gupta and others, West-12 feet wide Road.
Date : 23 Place : Pa	3.12.2021 atna			Authorised officer CENTRALBANKOFINDIA

#### **CENTRAL GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES** WELFARE HOUSING ORGANISATION (CGEWHO) (Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs)

6th Floor, 'A' Wing, Janpath Bhawan, Janpath, New Delhi-110 001

## RECRUITMENT NOTIFICATION

CGEWHO invites applications from the eligible candidates on deputation basis for the following post. Last date for receipt of application is within 30 days of publication of the advertisement in the Newspaper:-

Sr. No.	Name & scale of pay of the post	No. of Post	Period of deputation	Method of selection
1	Chief Executive Officer, Level 14 (Rs. 1,44,200 - 2,18,200)	1	5 years.	On deputation
2	Educational Qualifications and Ex	perience re	quired:-	,

(i) B.E. / B.Tech. in Civil Engineering. (ii) 20 years post qualification experience including 7 years at senior

Management level in a reputed construction organization, preferably in housing project, in the pay scale of Director or above in the Government of India (Level 13 or above).

#### Grade from which deputation to be made:

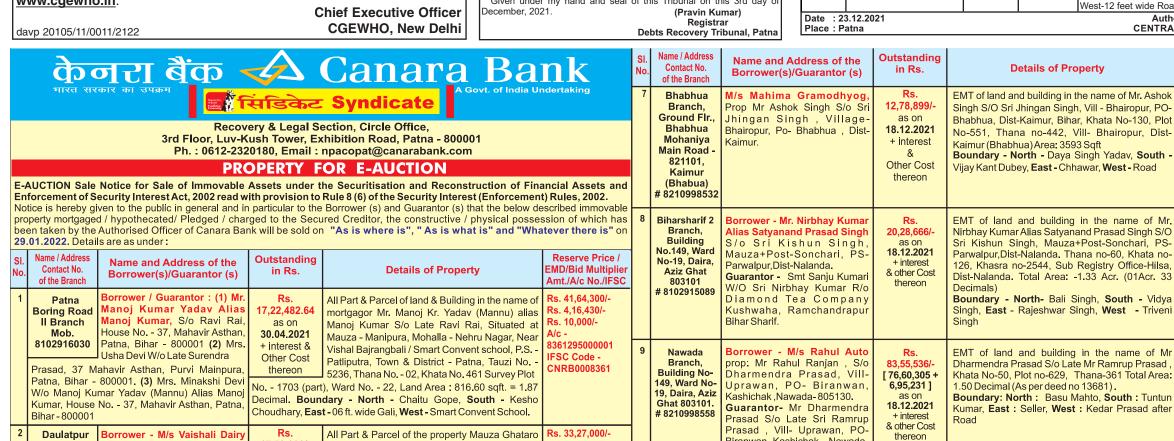
Officers under Central Govt. / Subordinate / Attached Offices/ Autonomous Bodies/ PSUs possessing the education qualification and experience prescribed above and:

(i) Holding analogous posts on regular basis; or

(ii) With three years' service in a post in the scale of 16400-450-20900 or 16400-450-20000; or

(iii) With 07 years' regular service in a post in the scale of 14300-400-18300 or 15100-400-18300 (Grade Pay 8700, Level 13).

Further details, please visit Website: http://www.mohua.gov.in and www.cgewho.in.



IFSC Code

Product, Prop. - Sri Manoj 17,53,000/-Branch Chaturbhui, PS- Kartahan, Vaishali, Khata No-Kumar S/o late Mahendra Prasad as on Rs. 10,000/-927,2681,2678,2674 Khesra No. 7004089424 <mark>Vill+Post- Ghataro, Vaishali-</mark> 11.05.2021 2168,3452,3430,3429 Thana No. 300. Title 6959295000001 + interest holder - Sri Manoj Kumar S/o late Mahendra IFSC Code: Prasad Area:- 37.67 Dec. Boundary - North -Other Cost CNRB0006959 Manoj Kumar, South - Anutha Devi, West thereon Thakurbadi, **East -** Balram Prasad Samastipur All Part & Parcel of the Property 1 - 1Katha 18 Property - 1 Borrower - M/s Compute 78,54,000/dhur 10 kanma Residential Land at Sari Tola Branch, laza, Prop. - Suresh Kumar, Sari Tola Chakmurad, Warisnagar Chakmurad, Anchal - Warisnagar, Sub Registry -Rs. 6,65,000/-Bhojpur Samastipur-848101 12.04.2021 Krishanpur with Khata No-140(N) Khesra No-Mob. + interest 194(o),238 (N),239(N), Name of Title Holder Rs. 11,94,000/ 8210998513 Suresh Kumar S/o Laxmi Narayan Singh Rs. 1.20.000/-Boundry: North- Kharanja Road, South - Dorik Other Cost Rs. 10,000/-Mahto, East - Rajnarayan Singh, West -Surya thereon Narayan Mahto 695929500000° IFSC Code: <mark>Property 2 -</mark> 13 Dhur Commercial Land of Sari Tola Chkmurad Anchal - Warsinagar Sub Registry - Krishnapur, Khata No- 16(N) 9(O) 9(N) 10(N), Name of Title Holder - **Suresh Kumar** S/o Laxmi Narayan Singh Area- 13 dhur**. Boundary** : North-Heirs of Kamla Singh, South - Raj Narayan, East - Ram Narayan Singh, West - PWD Road. All Part & Parcel of the Property - Mauza - Buxar Borrower - M/s Gaurav Aut Buxur Parts, Ward 30,30,000/-Kila Koirpurwa, Ps-332, Khata - 263(old) 126(new) plot no-654(old)/ 430(new) Name of Rs. 10,000/-Mob. No. - 22, Koirpurwa, Buxar as on

802101 12.04.2021 Title Holder - Smt. Saraswati Devi W/o- Ashok + interest 6959295000001 Kumar Singh, Area:-1 katha 10 dhur, Boundary - North - Rasta, South -IFSC Code Other Cost Satyanarayan Singh, East - Nambar haja ka CNRB0006959

Main Branch 8210998309 thereon baki, **West -** Rasta. Rs. 55.65.000/ Bhabhua Borrower - M/s Anshika Girl Rs. EMT of land and building in the name of Smt. 13,11,090/-Branch, **collection**, Prop. - Sri Munna Laxmi Devi, W/o Chhathu Prasad, Khata No-569, Ground Flr. Rs. 10,000/-Prasad Gupta, S/o Mr Chhathu as on Plot no -3131, Thana-497, Ward No.- 03, Bhabhua 18.12.2021 Prasad, Ward No.- 3, VIP Colony Holding-1062, VIP Colony, Mauza- Akhlaspur, Mohaniya 8359296000001 Bhabhua, Dist.-Kaimur-821101. + interest Bhabhua, Dist-Kaimur-821101. Road Guarantor - Smt. Laxmi Devi Total Area: 3.5 Decimal (1524 square feet) Mob. Boundary: North: Rasta South : Plot No 3131 CNRB0008359 W/o Sri Chhathu Prasad, Ward Other Cost 8210998532 No.- 3, VIP Colony, Bhabhua, thereon East: Dasarath Singh West: Plot No 3131 Dist.-Kaimur, Bihar-821101 Dharamshila Devi Borrower / Guarantor - M/ Hilsa Branch EMT of Land and Building 3224369/ Prpoerty - 1 - Sri Shailendra Verma S/o Devnandan Singh, Khasra No. 121, Plot No.-HIIsa Patna Kamdhenu Dairy, Prop. Sr Main Road, as on Shailendra Kumar Verma, S/c Bihar -232, Sub District- Hilsa, Dist- Nalanda , Total 18.12.2021 Property - 2 Sri Devnandan Singh, Vill+PO 801302 Area-2.5 Decimal As per Possession Notice, Rs. 7,52,000/-Mirzapur, PS- Chiksaura, Sub + interest Mob. district- Hilsa, Dist.- Nalanda dated 12.10.2017. Boundary - South - Rasta, Rs. 75.000/-8210998546 802207. Late Smt. Mala Verma, Other Cost North - Gali and House of Nirajan Singh and Rs. 10,000/-Suresh Singh, East - Rasta & H/o Chandrasekhar W/o Sri Shailendra Verma, thereon 8359296000001 VIII+PO - Mirzapur, PS-Singh, West - H/o Suresh Singh. Prpoerty - 2 - Late Smt. Mala

Area/extent of land 12.50 Decimal as per Possession Notice dated12/10/2017 **Boundary : North -** Khanta (Deep

Gorge) **South -**Arvind Singh in same plot **East :** Khanta (Deep Gorge) **West :** Mukesh Kumar in same plot

Verma, W/o Sri Shailendra Verma, Plot No-221, Khasra No. 350,

Mirzapur, Chiksaura, Sub District-Hilsa, District-Nalanda, Total

Chiksaura, Sub district- Hilsa,

Dist. - Nalanda 802207

Biranwan, Kashichak ,Nawada Borrower- M/s Tulsi Bhog Hilsa Branch EMT of land and building in the name of Sri Prabhat Rs. Flour Mill, Prop. Sri Prabha 29,13,398/-Kumar S/o Pramod Prasad Hilsa Patna **Cumar, S/o Sri Pramod Prasad** as on **18.12.2021** Khata No-37, Khasra No- 3083 & 3084, Thana-Main Road. Vill- Mai Hilsa, Hilsa, Dist.-176 , Maie, Ward No- 22, Hilsa, Dist- Nalanda-Hilsa, Dist.-⊦ interest 801302 Total Area: 9.375 Decimal (As per Sale Nalanda, Bihar - 801302. Nalanda-& other Cost 801302 thereon # 8210998546 Murliganj Rs. 10,00,586.52 **Borrower - Arvind Kumar** S/d Branch Guneshwar Yadav, Ramni, Shanti Nagar, Gangapur, Murliganj, PO+PSas on Ward No. 8, 15.12.2021 Murliganj, District Madhepura Bihar Pin-852122 Murliganj, + interest Bihar 852122 # 8210998616 & other Cost Guarantor - Arjun Yadav S/o thereon Guneshwar Yadav, Ward No. 13 PO+PS - Murliganj, Gangapui Ramni, Gangapur, Murliganj District Madhepura, Bihar Pin -852122 Borrower(s) / Guarantor(s):
1. M/s Jai And Co, Proprietor-Rs. 22,20,785.50 Madhepura Branch, Ist Floor, Mair Ritesh Kumar, Prabhat Nagar as on **15.12.2021** Road, Main Road, At College Chowk Madhepura, Bihar - 852113 - interest Madhepura - 852113 & other Cost 2. Ritesh Kumar S/c # 8210998611 Chandeshwari Prasad Yadav, At Anand Nagar, Ward No. 02, Madhepura Nagar Parishad Madhepura-852113 3. Sonam Raj W/o Ritesh Kumar, Anand Bihar, Ward No. 02, Madhepura-852113 Munger-ii Borrower(s)/ Guarantor(s) . <mark>Malti Devi</mark> W/o Prakash 25,65,157.43 Branch, 1st Poddar, Maksuspur, Dhobi Tola Floor, Ashok as on **15.12.2021** Astambh Near Mahabir Asthan, Mungei Chowk, Pin-811201 Sarwam Bazar 2. Mukesh Kumar S/o Sri Nath & other Cost Munger, Bihar Sah, Shadipur, In front of 811201 Nathuni dealer, behind Bar # 8102915981 Durga Asthan, Munger - 811201 CNRB0008359

Deed No. - 7543 dated 14/10/2016) IFSC Code CNRB0008359 Boundary: North - Haza, South - Raj Mani Prasad, East - Kailash Mahto, West - Pyne Rs. 5.40.000/-All That Part And Parcel Of Land Measuring 18 Decimal, Covered Under Khata No-95k, Survey Rs. 10,000/-No-34,36,37 & 58, Situated At Mohalla/village-Rajni, Mauja- Gangapur, Thana- Murliganj, Thana No-308, Tauji No-471, Jamabandi No. 3216 In 8362295000001 IFSC Code The Name Of Arvind Kumar & Arjun Yadav, S/o CNRB0008362 Guneshwar Yadav Boundary - For Deed No. 1017 - North Nahar, East - Prithvi Yadav, South - 62, West Prakash Sah Boundary - For Deed No. 10775 - North - Nahar, East - Niz, South - 62 New, West - Kharidar All That Part and Parcel of Land Measuring 4.367 Decimal Covered Under Khata No-1933, Khesra No - 9993(old) & 13883(new), Situated At Rs. 10.000/-A/c No. Mohalla/village- Bhagwatpur, Mauja- Sahugarh, 8362295000001 Ward No. 1/1/2 Nagar Panchayat Area, Pargana-Nishankpur Kudha, Thana- Madhepura, Thana No-60, Tauji No-676, Jamabandi No.140 (old) & CNRB0008362 1933 (new) In The Name Of Sri Ritesh Kumar S/o Sri Chandeshwari Prasad Yadav Boundary - North - Nij Manmokir, South - Kachchi Sadak, East - Nij Manmokir, West - Tarun Kumar And Varun Kumar All That Part And Parcel of Landed Property Situated At Mauza - Maksuspur, Thana - Kasim Bazar, Munger, Vide Sale Deed No -1627, Date Rs. 10.000/-22.05.2007, Tauzi No. - 414, Jamabandi No. A/c No. 3362295000001 295/298, Khesra No. - 258 Sheet No-2, Holding No. - 496 (old) 534 (new). Area -1.65 Decimal In CNRB0008362 The Name of Malti Devi. Area-1.65 Decimals Bounded: North - Aradhana Sinha, South Shashikala Devi, East - Govt. Toilet West - 10' Municipal Path Last Date of EMD 24.01.2022 For Detailed terms and conditions of the sale,

please refer to the link provided in www.canarabank.com

Date: 23.12.2021

New Delhi

**Authorised Officer** 

Canara Bank

#### MUNICIPAL CORPORATION BATHINDA Tender Notice- eproc.punjab.gov.in

E-Tender No. MCB/2021-22/040 No. 1721/W Date: 22.12.2021 Municipal Corporation, Bathinda invites bids from eligible bidders for th Project/Work(s) detailed in the following:-

Date	e and Time Schedule:	Ū					
	t date of online sale/submi on of Bidding Document	Opening of Bid Doc		Opening of Financial Bidding Documents			
0	5.01.2022 11.00 AM	05.01.2022	12.30 PM	To be Intima	ted later		
List of Works							
Sr. No.	Amount Money f		Earnest Money for Contracto		Time Period		
1.	Construction of Bus Terminus and Commercial Complex, Bathinda	6899.00	1,37,98,000	)/- 5000/-	2 Year		

For participating In the above e-Tendering Process, the Contractors sha have to get themselves registered with <a href="mailto:eproc.punjab.gov.in">eproc.punjab.gov.in</a> and get user ID and Password, Class-3 Digital Signature is mandatory to participate in the e-Tendering. For any clarification/difficulty in e-Tendering process flow, Please Contact on 0172-2970263, 0172-2970284 Note:- Corrigendum/Addendum/Corrections, if any will be posted on th

Corporation Engineer, Municipal Corporation, Bathinda

## **SEARCH FOR MISSING LADY**

General public is hereby informed that one

lady namely Geeta Devi W/o Mohan Lal

R/o Help for You Federation Apna Ghar

Vradha Ashram, H.No. 363, Khasra No.



146, Village Burari Near Veterinary Hospital, Delhi. Age 47 years, Height 5'2", Complexion Shallow, Round Face, Thin Built, Wearing Orange colour sweater, black colour plazo and black colour shoes in feet has been Geeta Devi missing since 03.12.2021 from her house.

Sincere efforts have been made by local police to trace out this girl but no clue has come to light so far. In this regard a DD No. 118-A dated 07.12.2021 U/S 365 IPC has been lodged at PS

Any person having any information or clue about this missing lady may kindly inform to the following.

Website: http://cbi.nic.in Email: cic@cbi.gov.in Fax: 011-23011334 Ph: 011-23014046, 23015218

PS: Burari, Delhi Ph.: 011-27616844

#### PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF A PERSON ACCUSED

SEE SECTION U/S 82 Cr. Pc.

Whereas complaint has been made before me that accused Sh. B.S. Awana Principal officer, AIMS Sanya Developers (P) Ltd., R/o D-13, Defence Colony, New Delhi-110024 is involved in case FIR No.947/2018, u/s 138 Act, P.S. Lahori Gate, Delhi and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest there upon issued that the said accused Sh. B.S. Awana Principal officer cannot be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said accused Sh. B.S. Awana **Principal officer** has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant) . Proclamation is hereby made that the said accused case FIR No.947/2018, u/s 138 Act, P.S. Lahori Gate, Delhi is required to appear before this Court to answer the said complaint on or before 11.02.2022. By Order Ms. Isha Singh, Metropolitan Magistrate, Central Room No. 202

DP/1830/N/2021-(Court Matter). Tis Hazari Courts, Delhi ttps://eprocure.gov.in OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT, DURG CIRCLE DURG (C.G.)

**e-PROCUREMENT TENDER NOTICE** 

#### Online tenders in form "A" percentage rate basis are invited on behalf of Governor of Chhattisgarh dated 03-01-2022:-Tender System P.A.C. Construction of Surpa Approach Road Length 0.70 K.M. AT DISTT.- DURG. CONSTRUCTION OF APPROACH ROAD FROM MAIN ROAD TO AGANBADI 322/ 89051 183.69 23.78 323/89052 KENDRA, LENGTH 300 M IN VILLAGE - JAMGAON (R), BLOCK - PATAN CONSTRUCTION OF APPROACH ROAD FROM MAIN ROAD TO AGANBAD 31.70 324 / 89053 KENDRA 2 & 5 , LENGTH 400 M IN VILLAGE - LOHARSI , BLOCK - PATAN CONSTRUCTION OF GOUTHAN APPROACH ROAD , LENGTH 400 M IN VILLAGE 31.70 325/89054 CONSTRUCTION OF APPROACH ROAD FROM MAIN ROAD TO UCHIT MULYA 326 /89055 DUKAN, LENGTH 350 M IN VILLAGE - KANAKOT, BLOCK - PATAN CONSTRUCTION OF APPROACH ROAD FROM MAIN ROAD TO NAVIN GRAM PANCHAYAT, LENGTH 300 M IN VILLAGE - FEKARI , BLOCK - PATAN 23.78 328/89057 IN VILLAGE - SAWANI , BLOCK - PATAN CONSTRUCTION OF AGANBADI KENDRA 01 APPROACH ROAD , LENGTH 500 M 39.63 329 / 89058 IN VILLAGE - BHANSULI (R) , BLOCK - PATAN CONSTRUCTION OF APPROACH ROAD AT HIGH SCHOOL BUILDING LENGTH 23.78 330 / 89059 300 M IN VILLAGE - POUHA, BLOCK - PATAN CONSTRUCTION OF APPROACH ROAD FROM MAIN ROAD TO SAMUDAYIK 22.19 331 /89060 BHAWAN, LENGTH 280 M IN VILLAGE - KANAKOT, BLOCK - PATAN

Note-1- Above All works are under Public Works Department Durg Division Durg. 2- General Conditions, detailed NIT, Tender documents & other information of the above construction work downloaded from the Eprocurement web portal or departmental website <a href="http://eproc.cgstate.gov.in.">http://eproc.cgstate.gov.in.</a> 3- NIT No. & Name of the Work should be essentially mentioned on the envelope through the Registerd

Superintending Engineer P.W.D. Durg Circle Durg (C.G.). Tel. 0788-2210876

Y Tamaskar PG Art and Science College Durg

322/89061

#### **OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER 7™ CIRCLE, PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT GOPESHWAR**

No. 7405/30Yata- 07/2021

"Short Term e-tender Notice"

150.77

Superintending Engineer, 7th Circle, Public Works Department, Gopeshwar on behalf of "Hon.ble Governor of Uttarakhand" invites bid through e-tendering (Two Bid System) for the following works. Relating to tender all detail information shall be available from dated 27/12/2021 on https://www.uktenders.gov.in

S. N.	District	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	Tender Receiving Office
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
l_		<u>Under SAS</u>						
1.	<u></u>	Improvement of riding surface of Tharali-Dewal- Mundoli-Waan (SH-90) by SDBC in Km 10, 11, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20 (Length 10.00 Km.)	3.70	120 Days	5000 + 18% GST	2 months	Registerd in Category "B" and Above Road work in any State/ Govt.of India/any Govt. undertaking.	7 <sup>th</sup> Circle
2.	Chamoli	(a) Improvement of riding surface of Gwaldam-Nandkeshri (SH-91) by SDBC in Km 1 to 18 (Length 18.00 Km.) (b) Improvement of riding surface of Approach road of Tehsil Thrali by SDBC in Km 1 (0.50Km)	6.75	120 Days	5000 + 18% GST	2 months	Registerd in Category "A" and for Road work in any State/Govt. of India/any Govt. undertaking.	Gopeshwar /Con. Div. Tharali
3.	ag	Surface improvement by SDBC on Khirsu Kherakhal Kandai Khandra Motor Road in Km 1.00 to 11.00 (SH) (Length 11.00 Km.)	4.34	120 Days	5000 + 18% GST	2 months	Registered in Category "B" and Above Road work in any State/	7 <sup>th</sup> Circle Gopeshwar/ Pro.Div. Rudraprayag
4.	-+- Rudraprayag	Surface improvement by SDBC on Vijaynagar Pathalidhar Motor Road in Km 1.00 to 10.50 (VR) (Length 10.50 Km.)	4.16	120 Days	5000 + 18% GST	2 months	Govt. of India/any Govt. undertaking.	7 <sup>th</sup> Circle Gopeshwar /Con. Div. Ukhimath

following documents to be submitted physically to this Office or Above Column 9 office along with On-Line submission of the same, before opening of BID up to 3:00 PM:-

- F.DR. of Earnest Money should be of F.Y. 2021-22.
- $Rs.\,100.00\,Non-Judicial\,Stamp\,for\,BID\,Validity\,with\,duly\,signature\,on\,revenew\,ticket.$ Required Category Registration Copy.
- Disposal of tender will be as per Uttarakhand G.O.no-47/XXVII(7)32/2007 Dt-02-04-2018. Above tender is being invited in the anticipation of sanction.

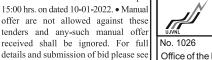
Superintending Engineer Seventh Circle, P.W.D., Gopeshwar NORTH CENTRAL RAILWAY, PRAYAGRAJ

E-Tender Notice

Dy. CE (TMC) Line JHS acting for and on behalf of The President of India invites on tender through E-Tenders with closing date mentioned against each. SN. E-Tender Estimated Name of work

Notice No. Value (₹) Repairing of 30 HP three phase 3550 RPM Grinding Motor of RGM-06 as per Scope TMC-14-22,64,518.98 Tender closing date & time: 13.01.2022 at 15.00 Hrs. Period of completion: 12 Months. Tender can be submitted online on date mentioned against each up

to 15,00 Hrs. For details description & aubmission of tender, please see website of Indian Railway www.ireps.gov.in, Details of Tender notice can also be seen on Notice Board of Dy. CE (TMC) Line Office Jhansi.



NORTH EASTERN RAILWAY

Chief Electrical Engineer

E-Tender Notice

Colony, N.E. Railway, Gorakhpur for

& behalf of President of India Invites

(e-tendering) for the following work:

"OPEN" E-Tender through online

Sl.No.-1, Tender Notice No. &

Description of Work: 06-2021-Colony,

Name of work: Electrical work for

Provision of Shop for Electric Point

Machine 220 mm., Approx. Value:

₹ 41,57,639.65, E.M.D. Money: (Rs.):

Zero, Cost of Tender Form (Rs.): Zero

Completion time/Period from the date of

ssue of acceptance letter-12 Months.

• E-tender online will be submitted up

15:00 hrs. on dated 10-01-2022. • Manua

offer are not allowed against thes

the Indian Railway IREPS officia

Dy. Chief Electrical Engineer/Colony

About any passenger amenity complaint SMS on Mob. No.: 09794845955

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MUMBAI RAILWAY VIKAS CORPORATION LTD.

**NOTICE (SPN)** 

**National Open Competitive** 

Tender (NoCT)

(One-Envelope e-Procurement

**Tendering Process)** 

Loan No: L0228A

(MRVC), having its Corporate office at 2nd Floor Churchgate Station Building, Mumbai – 400 020, invites Tenders from

eligible Bidders for under mentioned wor

of the Project Mumbai Urban Transpor

Project -III (MUTP-III) : (1) Name of The

Work & RFT No.: Design and Preparation of Signalling documents like Signalling plans, Control Tables, SWR

diagrams etc. and Checking of Logic Circuit/Wiring Diagrams for S&T works in connection with various projects being executed by Mumbai Railway Vikas

Corporation (MRVC) Ltd. RFT No.

MRVC/W/126. Completion Period : 6 Months Bid Security Amount : INR 3 95 000/- Tender Document Cost

including GST : INR 11,800/- Importar dates: 1. Tender Invitation :22.12.202

Pre Bid Meeting: No Pre-Bid meeting

3. Last date of Tender submission 24.01.2022 at 15.00 hrs. 4. T e n d e

opening: 24.01.2022 at 15.30 hrs. Details

of Tenders and Tender document are available on https://eprocure.gov.in.

Tenders must be submitted online at

https://eprocure.gov.in on or before 15.00 hrs of 24th January2022. Corrigendum,

if any, will be hosted on the website only.

Details are also available on website of MRVC i.e.www.mrvc.indianrailways.

gov.in. Refer detailed Specific

Procurement Notice available on above websites for further details. Chief Signal & Telecom Engineer, Mumbai Railway

Vikas Corporation Ltd. Address: 2nd Floor, Churchgate Railway Station Building, Mumbai – 400 020. Phone/Fax:

(+91)-022-22005357/22096972 E-mail

cste@mrvc.gov.in Website www.mrvc.indianrailways.gov.in 8

RFT No: MRVC/W/126

nbai Railway Vikas Corporation Ltd.

Gorakhpur

ebsite http://www.ireps.gov.in

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## **UJVN LIMITED**

Date: 23.12.202

Office of the Executive Engineer (Test) Vidyut Bhawan, Dakpathar, invites sealed tenders from interested parties. Brief summary of tender is given

Tender No. 05/EE(Test)/Dkp/2021-22 for "Replacement of Aluminum sliding door & Glass set from wall mounted rack situated at Test Lab Chibro Power Station: 06/EE(Test)/DKP/2021-22 for "Rewiring and expansion of Intercom Network for Chibro Power House

Estimated cost: Rs. 1,50,000/- & Rs. 7,50,000/- GST Extra Date of availability of tender on website: 24-12-2021 from 11:00 Hrs. Last date for submission of tender 24-01-2022 up to 13:00 Hrs. For fuller & further details, kindly visit our website. The tender documents

can be downloaded from the Nigam's website www.ujvnl.com EE(Test), Dakpathar "Avoid wasteful use of Electricity"

कार्यालय कलेक्टर, जिला दक्षिण बस्तर दन्तेवाडा (छ.ग.) (जिला निर्माण समिति)

#### मैनुअल पद्धति निविदा सूचना प्रथम बार

निविदा क्रमांक -07

क्रमांक/967/जि.नि.स./ग्रा.यां.सेवा/2021 दन्तेवाड़ा, दिनांक 20/12/2021 01. एकीकत पंजीयन प्रणाली अन्तर्गत सक्षम श्रेणी में पंजीकत ठेकेदारों से निम्नलिखित निर्माण कार्य ਵੇਰ ਸੈਤੂਬਲ ਤਿਰਿਕ **ਵਿਸ਼ਾਂਲ** 10/01/2022 ਸ਼ਸ਼ੂਰ ਆਸ 5 00 ਨੂੰਦੇ ਪ੍ਰਸ਼ਾਂਤਿਰ ਨੂੰਦੇ ਜ਼ਸੂਰੀ ਵੈਪ

कार्य का विवरण	अनुमानित लागत (रुपये लाख में)
1	2
(1) जोनल निविदा- जनपद पंचायत दंतेवाड़ा एवं गीदम अंतर्गत विभिन्न मदों में स्वीकृत रु. 20.00 लाख से कम लागत के भवन/मंच/नाली/ बाउड्रीवाल/सड़क/पुलिया/एवं अन्य प्रकार के निर्माण कार्यों का सम्पादन करना (विद्युतीकरण छोड़कर) प्रति 100.00 लाख (02 नग)	200.00 ਲਾख

उपरोक्त निर्माण कार्यो की निविदा की सामान्य शर्ते, धरोहर राशि, विस्तृत निविदा विज्ञप्ति, निविदा दस्तावेज व अन्य जानकारी कार्यालयीन अवधि में नोडल अधिकारी/कार्यपालन अभियंता (जिला निर्माण समिति) ग्रा.यां. सेवा संभाग दन्तेवाड़ा में उपस्थित होकर **दिनांक 20/12/202**1 से 05/01/2022 समय शाम-5.00 बजे तक लिया जा सकता है।

नोडल अधि./कार्य अभि. वास्ते कलेक्टर (जिला निर्माण समिति) जिला दक्षिण बस्तर दन्तेवाडा (छ.ग.)



#### पश्चिमांचल विद्युत वितरण निगम ाल०

अल्पकालीन ई-निविदा संख्या:- 123/2021-22/वि0वि0मं0/मेरठ, विद्युत वितरण खण्ड तृतीय मेरठ के अन्तर्गत सरधना-बिनौली रोड पर स्थित चौधरी चरण सिंह गेट से नगर पंचायत करनावल तक मार्ग के चौड़ीकरण हेतु मार्ग पर पड़ने वाले विद्युत पोलों को शिफ्ट करने हेतु अल्पकालीन ई-निविदा आमंत्रित की गयी है जिसे http://etender.up.nic.in पर प्रकाशित किया गया है। कार्य को पर्ण करने की अवधि 30 दिन है। सन्दर्भित निविदा हेत धरोहर राशि रुपये 2500.00 है। ऑनलाईन निविदा भरने की अंतिम तिथि दिनांक 07.01.2022 ( 12:00 बजे तक ) है। अल्पकालीन ई-निविदा संख्याः 124/2021-22/वि0वि0मं0/मेरठ, विद्युत वितरण खण्ड तृतीय मेरठ के अन्तर्गत उपखण्ड द्वितीय, पल्लवपरम के कार्य क्षेत्र में 33/11 केवी विद्यत उपकेन्द्र पल्लवपुरम फेज-1, मेरठ में क्षेत्रीय प्रबन्धक, उ०प्र० परिवहन निगम मेरठ को 63 केवीए भार (एलएमवी-4) का संयोजन निर्गत करने हेतु 11 केवी एवं एल0टी0 लाईनो का निर्माण, लाईनो को व्यवस्थित करना एवं लाईनो का स्थानान्तरण करने हेतु अल्पकालीन ई-निविदा आमंत्रित की गयी है जिसे http://etender.up.nic.in पर प्रकाशित किया गया है। कार्य को पूर्ण करने की अवधि 30 दिन है। सन्दर्भित निविदा हेतु धरोहर राशि रुपये 6000.00 है। ऑनलाईन निविदा भरने की अंतिम तिथि दिनांक 07.01.2022 (12:00 बजे तक) है। कार्य की मूल मात्रा, निविदा विशिष्टीकरण व अन्य नियम एवं शर्ते ई-निविदा पोर्टल पर उपलब्ध है। अधोहस्ताक्षरी को बिना कारण बताये अल्पकालीन ई-निविदा निरस्त करने का अधिकार होगा। निर्धारित तिथि के विस्तार तथा शुद्धि पत्र से सम्बन्धित सूचना यदि कोई होगी, केवल वेबसाईट पर डाली जायेगी। अतः स्वंय को अपडेट रखने के लिए उपरोक्त वेबसाईट को नियमित देखें। 'राष्ट्र हित मे बिजली बचाये' विद्युत चोरी की सूचना 1800-180-3002 पर दें। अधीक्षण अभियन्ता विद्युत वितरण मण्डल-मेरठ। पत्र संख्या : 6188/वि.वि.मं./मेरठ, दिनांक 23/12/2021

#### NORTH CENTRAL RAILWAY, PRAYAGRAJ E-Tender No.: PUCNB-BSZ-ICL-EI-T-57

Dated: 21.12.2021

NCRPU, Kanpu TENDER NOTICE (SINGLE PACKET)

Dy. Chief Signal & Telecom Engineer/Projcet, North Central Railwa Project Unit, Kanpur for and on behalf of the President of India invites Open E-Tender from reputed contractors/JV firms with adequate experience and financial capability, for the following work in **Single Packet** System upto **15:00** hrs. on the opening date of E-Tender entioned therein. If date of opening is declared a holiday or offer could not be opened due to Technical issue, the offers shall be opened on the next working day. The details of the Tender are as under:-

'Supply, Designing, Installation, testing and ommissioning or Indoor and Outdoor Signalling gears in connection with Replacement of Mechanical Signalling a Two stations Bharuwa Sumerpur (BSZ) and Ichauli (ICL with EI (EI material of Hitachi/Ansaldo make will be supplied by Railway) in Banda-Bhimsen section of Jhans Division of North Central Railway'

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Estimated Cost of Work	Rs. 18802051.48 only (Rs. One Crore Eighty Eight Lakhs Two Thousand Fifty One and Forty Eight Paise Only).
Earnest Money	NIL (Bid Security Declaration to be submitted)
Tender form cost	NIL
Completion Period	08 Months
Availability of tender form	Tender forms shall be available on website, www.ireps.gov.in 21 days prior to date of opening of the tender.
Closing Date/Time of Tender	12.01.2022 before 15:00 Hrs.
Tender Opening Date/Time	12.01.2022 at 15:00 Hrs.
Place of Opening	Through Online E-Portal <b>www.ireps.gov.in</b> in the office of CSTE/P-III/NCRPU, HQ Office, Subedarganj, Prayagraj (UP)
Validity of Offer	4 days form date of opening
Right of Railway to deal with tender	Railway administration reserves the rights to postpone/modify or to cancel the tender without assigning any reasons.

Note:- Tenderers who wish to participate in tenders invited or www.ireps.gov.in have to register on the website mandatorily. Pleas efer to website for more details. Tenderers can submit EMD only through online mode. Online payment of earnest money can be made through ne banking, debit/credit card etc. Further particulars can be obtained from ndian Railways website www.ireps.gov.in 1335/21 (P

उत्तर प्रदेश पावर ट्रॉन्सिमशन कारपोरेशन लि० भाभ अल्पकालीन ई-निविदा सूचना सं0-11/विध्जा0पा0स्व0/आगरा/ 2021-22 के सगय विस्तार हेतु कोरिजेण्डम का प्रकाशन

Short Term E-Tender Notice No-11/ECTD/Agra/2021-22 97 अंकित ई-निविदा विशिष्टीकरण सं0-11/वि०जा०पा०ख०/आ/ 2021-22 जो कि दिनांक 23.11.2021 समय 12.00 बजे प्राप्त कर दिनांक 24.11.2021 समय 12:00 बजे खोली जानी थी | अपरिहार्य कारणों से इस निविदा की तिथि को विस्तारित किया जाता है जिसमें निविदा को प्राप्त करने की तिथि 28.12.2021 समय 11.00 बजे एवं निविदा को खोलने की तिथि 28.12.2021 समय 04:00 बजे अपरान्ह निर्धारित किया जाता है। अन्य सभी शर्ते यथावत रहेगी। निविदा सम्बन्धित विवरण विभागीय वेबसाइट http://etender.up.nic.in & http://upptcl.org से भी प्राप्त किया जा सकता है। "राष्ट्र हित में बिजली बबाए" अधिशासी अभियन्ता, विद्युत जानपद पारेषण खंण्ड, ककरेटा रोड (निकट अगर उजाला प्रेस,) 220 कें0वी0 उपकेन्द्र सिकन्दरा आगरा। पञ्जांक: 1214 वि० जा०पा०स० / आगरा / दिनांक: 23.12.2021

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निविदा फार्म खरीदने की अंतिम तिथि एवं समय दिनांक 24.01.2022 को 15.00 बजे तक निविदा फार्म स्वीकार करने की तिथि एवं समय दिनांक 24.01.2022 को 15.00 बजे तक दिनांक 24.01.2022 को 15.00 बजे तक निविदा खोलने की तिथि एवं समय वैबसाईट जहाँ से निविदा के संबंध में पूरी www.jreps.gov.jn जानकारी प्राप्त की जा सकती है 740-AM/21

## NORTH EASTERN RAILWAY

OPEN TENDER NOTICE NO. NER-BSB0SnT-OT-25-2021

Open Tenders" through Onlin (E-Tendering) are invited by Divisiona Railway Manager (Signal & Telecomm.) Varanasi/North Eastern Railway fo and behalf of the President of India fo the following works:SI No.-1, Tender Notice No. and

Description of Work: NER-BSB0SnT OT-25-2021: Name of Work: S & T work to improve reliability & safety of signal and Telecom Asset of Varana Division. **Details:** Approx. Value (Rs.) 2,16,31,505.34, Earnest Money (Rs. ₹ 00.00. Cost of Tender Form (Rs. ₹ 00.00, Completion Period: 05 Months Tender Closing date & Time: 13-01-202: up to 15:00 Hrs (1) Tender Online will be submitted up

o 15:00 Hrs. on date 13-01-2022. (2) For full details and submission obid kindly visit the Official website of Indian Railways i.e. www.ireps.gov.in Divl. Rly. Manager (S&T CPRO/Signal-59 Varanas

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जारांका के जल जिल्हा	Suttrias संस्कार का उनकन 403/1 इन्दिरा नगर, देहरादून—248001 दूरमाष/फैक्सः 0135–2764075 E-mail:- cgmnirmanwing@Yahoo.com, gmnirmanwing@gmail.com
	Government of Uttarakhand "e" procurement Notice

Estimated Cost  1419.26 Lacs.  2765.05 Lacs. General Manager,	Period of Completion 15 months 15 months (Garh.), Construction				
2765.05 Lacs.	15 months				
General Manager,	(Garh.), Construction				
General Manager, (Garh.), Construction Wing, Uttarakhand Pey jal Nigam , 403/1 Indira Nagar, Dehradun					
24/12/202	1 -16.00 Hrs.				
28/12/2021 -15.00 Hrs.					
06/01/202	22 -17.00 Hrs.				
Indira Nagar, Dehradun  4. Date and Time of Availability of bid documents in the portal:-    Indira Nagar, Dehradun   24/12/2021 -16.00 Hrs.   24/					

Further details can be seen from the e-procurement portal "http://www.uktenders.gov.in"

**General Manager (Garhwal)** 

उत्तर प्रदेश सरकार सिंचाई एवं जल संसाधन विभाग

कार्यालय अधीक्षण अभियन्ता Office of The Superintending Engineer ततीय मण्डल. सिंचाई कार्य आगरा IIIrd Circle Irrigation Works, Agra



139, Mall Road, Pratappura, Agra Phone No. 0562-2466928 E-Mail ID- se3circleagra@gmail.com

अल्पकालीन ई-निविदा सुचना संख्या-13/ एस०ई०/ 2021-2022 महामहिम राज्यपाल, उत्तर प्रदेश की ओर से निम्नलिखित कार्यों हेतु ऑनलाइन निविदार्थ (https://etender.up.nic.in) सिंचाई एवं जल संसाधन विभाग, उत्तर प्रदेश में वर्गीकृत श्रेणी में पंजीकृत ठेकेदारों से दिनांक 02.01.2022 को अपरान्ह 04:00 बजे तक आमन्त्रित की जाती है। निविदा की प्री-क्वालिफिकेशन / टेक्निकल बिड अधोहस्ताक्षरी के कार्यालय कक्ष में गठित समिति के सदस्यों द्वारा दिनांक 03.01.2022 को पूर्वान्ह 11.00 बजे खोली जायेगी। प्री-क्वालिफिकेशन / टेक्निकल बिड में क्वालिफाइड पाये गये ठेकेदारों की ही फाइनेन्शियल बिड खोली जायेगी। कार्यालय बन्द होने अथवा अवकाश होने की दशा में यह निविदायें अगले कार्य दिवस में उसी समय खोली जायेंगी। निविदा दिनांक 24.12.2021 को पूर्वाहन 11.00 बजे से दिनांक 02.01.2022 को अपरान्ह 4.00 बजे तक डाउनलोड/अपलोड की जा सकती है। कार्यों का विवरण निम्नवत है:-

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अधीक्षण अभियन्ता UPID-172509 Date- 22.12.2021 www.upgov.nic.in तृतीय मण्डल, सिंचाई कार्य, आगरा

#### Office of the Superintending Engineer PWD Bulandshahar Circle, Bulandshahar **Short Term E-Procurement-Inviting Tenders**

No:- 8622 /96M/E-TENDER/BSR CIRCLE/2020-21

On behalf of Governor of Uttar Pradesh, Superintending Engineer Bulandshahr Circle U.P.P.W.D., Bulandshahr invites following percentage rate 1st time bid online through http://etender.up.nic.in from the eligible and approved Contractors registered with P.W.D class as per column no. 10 below category as applied from Date 24.12.2021 to 31.12.2021 upto 12:00 Noon as per the prescribed T-2 of Govt. of U.P. The technical bids will be opened online on dated 31.12.2021 at 02:00 P.M. If the office happens to be closed on the date of opening of the bids as specified, the bids will be opened online on the next working day, at the same time any validity of bid will be considered from the original date. The date

and time of opening of the financial bid shall be notified on the website.									
SI. No		Estimated cost (Rs. in Lakh)	Bid Security Rs. in Lakh)	Time of Completion work including rainy season	Tender document fee including GST (In Rs.)	Address of Executive Engineer executing the work	Address of Superint- ending Engineer	Address of Chief Engineer	Category
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
1	Repair and Improvement on NH-58 to Mohd. Kadim via Abupur on Special Repair			6 Month	Tender Cost Rs. 300+2000 +18% G.S.T. + Rs. 414.0	Ghaziabad	Bulandshahar Circle, P.W.D., Bulandsh- ahar	Chief Engineer Meerut Zone, P.W.D.,	A, B (Road)

- . The Bid Security and Tender Document fee must be deposited through Internet Banking
- All registered contractors have to upload Turnover certified by C.A. of last 5 years and details of maximum cost work satisfactorily completed in last 5 years on Chanakya Software before submission of tender.

Details of e-tender uploaded on <a href="http://etender.up.nic.in">http://etender.up.nic.in</a> shall also be uploaded on UP PWD Chanakya software, before last date & time of submission of bid.

- 3. Terms & other conditions related to bid are available on <a href="http://etender.up.nic.in">http://etender.up.nic.in</a>
- 4. During excution of work contractor should ensure the all safety precautions for COVID-19. 5. In PWD technical evaluation of tenders is to be done by Prahari Software URL for
- Prahari is <a href="http://wms.uppwd.gov.in/Prahari/">http://wms.uppwd.gov.in/Prahari/</a>. 6. Formation of contract in the name of the first lowest bidder will be done as per the instructions mentioned in the Government Order No.-480/23-7-2021 dated 12.04.2021

**Executive Engineer** CD-2 PWD

UPID-172466 DATE 22/12/2021 WWW.UPGOV.NIC.IN

Superintending Engineer Bulandshahar circle, PWD Bulandshahar

## Heroes of 1983 miss teammate Yashpal, turn teary-eyed before film premiere

The former batter died of a heart attack in July; family joined heroes of World Cup to celebrate release

**SHAMIK CHAKRABARTY** KOLKATA, DECEMBER 23

THE GET-TOGETHER for Kapil's Devils turned out to be a fusion of happiness and sorrow. They bonded over Kabir Khan's film, '83,' and relived their glorious past. They became teary-eyed and broke down as while recalling Yashpal Sharma, who passed away in July following a heart at-

Before the special screening of the movie at PVR Andheri on Wednesday, they observed a minute's silence.

Sharma was the only missing star in the constellation - a middle-order batsman who played with dum (resolve) and whose contribution sometimes wasn't highlighted enough.

But the dressing-room respected him. His team-mates still do.

"Yes, we missed him very much. What a massive contribution he had made to that campaign," former India captain Sunil Gavaskar told The Indian Express.

"His energy, his sense of fun and utter dedication to Team India's cause has not always got the credit, but this film makes up for that.'

Balwinder Sandhu felt a lump in his throat, while speaking about his World Cup room-mate.

"We observed a minute's silence in Yashpal's memory before the start of the show. We missed him on many occasions during the show as well," he told this pa-

"He loved watching Hindi movies and I used to pull his leg. It's difficult to get over the grief.

"He will remain with us all the time. His family is like our family now."

Sandhu though wasn't the only hero from India's World Cup winning team to have shed tears.

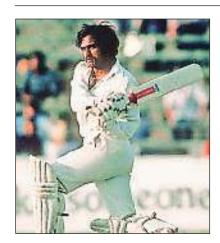
The late batter's India and North Zone team-mate, cricketer-turned-politician, Kirti Azad said the heroes of 1983 broke down, as they took a trip down memory

"We broke down many times and felt terrible. His contribution was immense. He set the ball rolling at the 1983 World Cup in the first game against the West Indies, coming up with that brilliant knock and shocking everyone. The win against the West Indies gave us belief," Azad told *The* Indian Express.

The get-together made sure that Sharma was represented, through his wife



Members of the 1983 World Cup winning team along with lead actor Ranveer Singh at a special screening of the film '83'. (Below) Yashpal Sharma. File



and their children.

"We had a little get-together as our families were here. Ranveer Singh (who plays Kapil Dev) and Kabir Khan (director) were also there to interact with the 1983 family. Yashpal's wife Renu and their two daughters and son, too, were present. We had moist eyes.

"These moments are very emotional for us. We remember him.

The victory united India and made India a superpower, and Yashpal played a big part too. The team gelled like no other,'

"We all made sure Renu and the children were here in the run-up to the release of the movie, to share these moments with

matches at the 1983 World Cup, an 89 off 120 deliveries in the first game against the

West Indies being his brightest. It helped India beat the mighty Caribbeans and ensured a perfect start for a team that went to the tournament against the 66-1 odds.

#### Important contributions

"He played a very important innings of 89 in the first game at Old Trafford against the West Indies. That set the tone for us in the tournament," said Dilip Vengsarkar.

Old Trafford became a happy hunting ground for Sharma during the World Cup, for when India returned there to play the semifinal against England, he made another impact contribution - Allan Lamb's

'Yashpal had contributed all through. His run-out of Allan Lamb in the semifinal against England was crucial and his partnership (of 92 runs) with Jimmy (Mohinder) Amarnath was important, Azad recalled. Sharma top-scored in that game, mak-

ing 61 off 115 balls and along the way there was the small matter of hitting that statement six off Bob Willis - a swivellingflicked over-boundary that wrested the initiative for India.

"The six he hit off Bob Willis was something else," said Azad.

A teetotaller, Sharma was happy to be Sharma had scored 240 runs in eight the team's 'common man,' immersed in

"We broke down many times and felt terrible. His contribution was immense. He set the ball rolling at the 1983 World Cup in the first game against the West Indies, coming up with that brilliant knock and shocking everyone. The win against the West Indies gave us belief."

**KIRTI AZAD** 

MEMBER OF THE 1983 TEAM

Dilip Kumar's Kranti in his spare time. His fascination for the 1981 blockbuster made his team-mates bored to the point that they decided to play a prank on him.

"He had the cassette of the movie Kranti and wherever there was a television, he would ask for a VCR and watch it," Azad re-

"One of the chaps said, 'let us hide the tape because he was watching the movie every other day.' 'He came back and didn't find it, and he

wasn't happy. He said that he wanted a ticket to go home unless the cassette was returned to him.' Sharma was so reverential towards

Dilip Kumar that he once credited his career to the great actor.

"When I was playing Ranji Trophy at a company ground in Punjab, Yusuf bhai had come to see the match. He was the director of the ground. After the match, I was called in to meet him personally. Honestly, I was just speechless seeing him in front of me," he had revealed on The Kapil Sharma Show in 2019.

He further spoke about how the actor had helped him to be in the Indian team

"He (Dilip Kumar) shook hands with me and said I have a lot of 'dum.' He said that he will speak to someone, and he did speak to a prominent cricket administrator. "I later got to know that it was because

of his recommendation, I was chosen by the BCCI. Yusuf bhai ne hi kiya tha (He did Dilip Kumar passed away on July 7. Six

days later, Sharma bade adieu to life, at 66 years of age. To his team-mates, he was always a lot

more than the hard numbers - 37 Tests and Sharma was courage personified. No wonder that eyes were moist when recall-

ing one of Indian cricket, and Sharma's finest achievements.

## Two more PL matches cancelled, disrupting Boxing Day schedule

As Covid cases start to rise world-over, sporting calendars have been disrupted. English football is facing constant change, now the Winter Games won't have ice hockey icons



Leeds United's trip to Liverpool will have to be rescheduled as the visitors' camp has been plagued by a Covid outbreak. AP

#### Premier League Boxing Day fixtures hit with Covid outbreaks

Coronavirus outbreaks at Leeds and Watford have led to two Premier League matches scheduled for Sunday being postponed in the latest disruption to the competition caused by cases rising in squads. Leeds was due to travel to Liverpool and Watford was set to play at Wolverhampton as part of the Boxing Day program that still features seven games. The Premier League has now called off 12 matches due to coronavirus issues in two weeks, with players having to isolate after testing positive or if

they are unvaccinated and a close contact of a Covid-19 case. Games are also being wiped out lower down the leagues, with six of Sunday's 10 matches in the second-tier Championship postponed. The Leeds training ground has been closed to contain the spread of the coronavirus, with five new positive cases among the squad and staff reported on Thursday. Watford told the league that with players coming out of isolation it expects to be able to play West Ham on Tuesday, AP

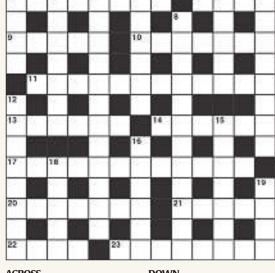
#### NHL decides to withdraw players from Winter Olympics in Feb

The NHL is not sending players to the Beijing Olympics over concerns that the pandemic will disrupt the league's ability to complete a full season. Two people with direct knowledge of discussions said on Tuesday that the league informed the NHL Players' Association it was exercising its right to withdraw from the Beijing Winter Olympic Games because there was a material disruption to the season. The people spoke on condition of anonymity because an announcement had yet to be made. An announcement was expected Wednesday. The decision is an abrupt turnaround from September, when the NHL, union, International Olympic Committee and International Ice Hockey Federation struck a deal to put the best players in the world back on sports' biggest stage after they skipped the 2018 Pyeongchang Games. The fast-spreading omicron coronavirus variant forced the scrapping of those plans. A week ago, the NHL attempted to halt the spread of the omicron variant by reintroducing more restrictive COVID-19 protocols, which included daily testing and limiting player gatherings, especially on the road. AP

#### Spanish leagues make daily antigen tests mandatory

Players from Spain's top two divisions will undergo daily antigen tests for Covid-19 according to new health protocols established by the Spanish league. The league said that 95% of players have received two doses of vaccines, but "with the appearance of new variants like omicron, it is necessary to not drop our guard." The league, which runs the top two divisions, is tightening controls to face a new wave of infections driven by the more contagious omicron variant. So far only one game - this week's Lugo vs. Almeria match in the second division - has been postponed after Lugo detected an outbreak that infected 23 people. But La Liga leader Real Madrid has been hard hit as well, with eight reported infections on its first squad, including star midfielder Luka Modric. The new protocol mandates antigen testing each day a player joins his teammates. The same goes for coaching staff and any club workers in contact with the team. The league will give 60 tests for each team to use each day. Players will also undergo PCR test each week at least until January 15. AP

## CROSSWORD 4620



1Two cutlets and be quick about it (4.4) $5 \, \text{Burn the fish}(4)$ 9 Heavenly cartoon character

11 They are instructed to go to blazes! (12) 13 Warning - the water must be above freezing point (6)

10 Unimportant desserts (7)

14 I am in pursuit in a carriage 17 Made a resounding

comeback (12) 20 Likes better to allude to something in a postscript

21 A temple ornament? (5) 22 These jackets are worn in libraries (4) 23 Female official wear for

the fight (8)

1 Manage to get a note to a policeman(4) 2 His visitors may take a dim view of him at first (7)3 The pick of the professions?

(6,6)4 Get on a bit frenetically (6) 6 Share a hole (5) 7 Sees dirt; becomes repelled

8 Lacking a centre of gravity? 12 Bold Pinter play I'd seen to

the end (8)15 Repeat treat that is organised(7) 16 Wrongly praise an ancient country(6) 18 Wives freely give their

opinions (5) 19 A reason we hear for bird

Solutions Crossword 4619: Across: 1 Nectarine, 8 Clear, 9 Miranda, 10 Prompt, 11 Sadist, 12 Artesian, 15 Atlantic, 18 Ideals, 20 Heroic, 21 Tuesday, 22 Addle, 23 Somnolent. Down: 2 Eliza, 3 Tragic, 4 Redstart, 5 Ecarte, 6 Mermaid, 7 Triteness, 11 Spearhead, 13 Taciturn, 14 Florida, 16 Noises, 17 Vessel, 19 Learn

### **OVER THE HEDGE** by Michael Fry & T Lewis









### **CALVIN & HOBBES** by Bill Watterson









### MARVIN by Tom Armstrong



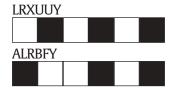




Given below are four jumbled words. Solve the jumbles to make proper words and move them to the respective squares below. Select the letters in the shaded squares and jumble them to get the answer for the given quip. Mary Wortley Montagu (3,3,3,3)

**CKOOR GROTU** 

JUMBLED WORDS



Answer: In short I will part with anything for you but you. - Mary Wortley Montagu SOLUTION: CROOK, GROUT, LUXURY, BARFLY

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## **DAY TODAY**

ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr 20)

At your most prolific vou're capable of rushing along at an incredible rate.

Now that Mars is having such an impact on your working life you should brook no opposition and accept no compromise. Even though the planet has moved on, its turbulent

#### TAURUS (Apr 21 - May 21) Relationships with children may have

been rather

troublesome over the last couple of days. The truth of the matter may be that you are more sensitive than usual, not that young relatives are necessarily behaving worse. It's up to you to set an example.

#### GEMINI (May 22 - June 21) Today's dominant

planetary alignment opens the door to a brave new future. You may begin to see the sense

in family differences or domestic pressures that until now have seemed somewhat pointless. It's up to you to restore the commonsense to your closest relationships. CANCER (June 22 - July 23)

#### As a matter of principle you should there is some truth

in other people's opinions even if you personally feel that they are completely and utterly wrong. You must concede the possibility that it is you who are mistaken, and must change

#### LEO (July 24 - Aug 23) Even though the planets are activating a number

of areas of your chart, the emphasis is still solidly on your financial affairs. There doesn't seem any way around the fact that this is a highspending period. But, then, you can cut out unnecessary costs.

#### VIRGO (Aug 24 - Sep 23) Life may still be a

little fraught and unpredictable. If you are sure that all expected dramatic events

have now taken place you may begin to pick up the you go from here. That is still to be revealed, so bide your time until you're ready.

### BY PETER VIDAL

LIBRA (Sep 24 - Oct 23)

You have been

playing the romantic lead for long enough. However, there's no need to come down to earth just yet. Hopefully you have by now recovered from a recent fright or upset. True to

your nature, your equilibrium

#### will be restored sooner than SCORPIO (Oct 24 - Nov 23)



have done or said in the last twenty-four hours, or perhaps over the past week. You can't go wrong if you stick to what you know to be right in the circumstances.

#### SAGITTARIUS (Nov 24 - Dec 22) Tie up loose ends

and get trivialities

out of the way before you make any more bold moves. You might have bright ideas of your own, but you may be wise to sit back and let others call the shots for a

#### while, at least until your stars have settled down. CAPRICORN (Dec 23 - Jan 20)



relationships, which is where the real gains will lie. Meanwhile, your charming manner is paying special dividends at work.

## AQUARIUS (Jan 21- Feb 19)



put pressing and important matters on hold and spend your way to happiness. This is without doubt an extravagant phase, but at  $what \, is \, worth \, it, and \,$ what is not.

#### PISCES (Feb 20 - Mar 20) In spite of your doubts, social prospects are bright,

so please take the chance to relax, unwind and get a change of scene. Pleasant companionship is all very well.

but you may want something more intense. Plus, you will cope well with a temporary increase in the financial close eye on the details.

### US UPSET IRELAND IN T20I

Guyanese-born Gajanand Singh scored 65 runs from 42 balls to lead the United States to a 26-run upset victory over Ireland on Wednesday in the first of two Twenty20 cricket internationals.

## If my statement on Kuldeep hurt Ashwin, I'm glad I made it: Shastri

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** DECEMBER 23

RAVI SHASTRI said if his remarks directed at Ravichandran Ashwin during the Australia tour hurt the off-spinner, then he was 'happy' to have made those comments. Defending his tough-love style of coaching, the former Indian cricket team coach, who was the guest at The Indian Express' eAdda on Thursday. said he had no agenda while picking a player.

"My job is not to butter everyone's toast. My job is to state facts without agenda," Shastri said, adding: "If my statement on Kuldeep (Yadav) hurt Ashwin, I'm glad I made that statement. It made him do something different.

In a recent interview with ESPNcricinfo, Ashwin spoke about his disappointment when, after a Kuldeep five-for against Australia in Sydney in 2019, Shastri called the chinaman bowler "India's No. 1 overseas spinner". "In that moment, though, I felt crushed. Absolutely crushed," Ashwin had said, mentioning that he felt like being

thrown "under the bus".

Shastri's response to this was pretty tongue-in-cheek. "About throwing Ashwin under the bus, he need not worry, because I had told the bus driver to stop two-three feet

On a serious note, he elaborated on the thought process behind playing Kuldeep in Sydney and that the statement was made to encourage a young player. "Ashwin did not play the Test in Sydney and Kuldeep bowled well. So it's fair I give Kuldeep a chance. If that hurt Ashwin, I'm very happy. If your coach challenges you, what will you do? Go home crying and say 'I won't come back'. I, as a player, would take it as a challenge, to prove the coach wrong.'

The former India captain stressed the fact that everything was done by keeping the best interest of the team in mind. "In my seven years with the Indian team (as team director followed by the head coach). I had absolutely zero agenda in picking a player. If someone had to take the heat, he had to take the heat for the team," said Shastri.

One of Ashwin's complaints was about



In a recent interview, Ashwin had said Shastri's comments had 'crushed' him.

Indian cricket being insensitive to his injuries, the knee and groin injuries he had suffered between 2017 and 2019. The offie felt like he was judged differently to his teammates.

The Indian team management, however, had given a clear-cut message to Ashwin in 2018, that he had to be fit to last a full series. "The message to Ashwin in 2018 was that he had to be fit. He has worked on that and look

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**RAVISHASTRI** FORMER INDIA COACH

how he is bowling now. He is world-class. The way Ashwin bowled in 2019 and the way he has bowled in 2021, it's chalk and cheese,

said Shastri. Back in 2018, Ashwin was outbowled by England's Moeen Ali on a wearing surface in Southampton, as India lost the Test. Over the last year, he has taken 62 wickets in 10 Tests. including 12 scalps in three games in Australia. Three years ago, however, he had contemplated retirement.

For Shastri, as a coach, a lot of emphases was put on man-management and handling the players' egos in a positive way. "Egos will be there, it's about how you channelise those egos. Therein lies your man-management skills," the former head coach opined.

'Conflict of Interest clause should be thrown in bin'

Kolkata: Ravi Shastri slammed the conflict of interest clause in the BCCI constitution. which, according to him, restricts opportunities for Indian players and support staff.

"It's over the top this conflict of interest. I really was not for it to that extent. Because you are not giving your own cricketers a chance. Now with the Indian team, I have my support staff who cannot work in the IPL. A masseur with the Indian team cannot work with an IPL team. Now how is that conflict of interest?" he said at The Indian Express eAdda. Shastri questioned the logic of the conflict of interest clause not applying to foreigners who work in Indian cricket.

"Another country's coach, can come and coach in an IPL team but you are not allowing your own players to do it. Conflict of interest is nonsense. For someone like me, not being allowed to do commentary (IPL) when I am the coach of India, how is that conflict of interest? I am not a selector

of a team. How am I going to influence anyone from being picked to play for India? Yet if there is a Ricky Ponting who is the coach of Delhi capitals, he can do television in his own country and comment on players who are with him for Delhi Capitals. This Conflict of Interest when it comes to cricket in India should be thrown into the bin. We need our cricketers to get the exposure and come back into the system. How are you going to get the Sachin Tendulkars or the Dravid's to come back and contribute to the game if everywhere you are going to come and put a conflict of interest clause?"

When asked what he felt about players having a business interest in player management firms, Shastri said that should not be the case. "Yes, there is it is different. You need someone of stature to come in and say this is not right, there is a conflict here and there could be ramifications in the future if we go down this route," Shastri said. ENS

#### BRIEFLY —

## U-19 Asia Cup: India beat UAE in opener

Dubai: Harnoor Singh struck a fine hundred before the Indian bowlers ran through the opposition to complete a 154-run rout of UAE in their opening U-19 Asia Cup match here on Thursday. Put in to bat, India put up 282 for five, courtesy Harnoor's 120 off 130 balls and skipper Yash Dhull's 63 off 68 balls. Rajvardhan Hangargekar's unbeaten 48 off 23 balls provided the final flourish. India next play arch-ri-vals Pakistan on Saturday.

#### India Open: Srikanth, Yew face-off on cards

New Delhi: Comeback man Kidambi Srikanth might clash with Singapore's Loh Kean Yew in a rematch of their World Championships final after being drawn in the same half, while PV Sindhu and Lakshya Sen received easy draws in the Yonex-Sunrise India Open 2022 to be held from January 11 to 16. Top seed Srikanth, who regained his place in world's top-10, will open his campaign against compatriot Siril Verma and is likely to get another chance to avenge his loss against World champion Loh Kean Yew as they are drawn to clash in the semifinals.

## Dope testing lab's suspension revoked

New Delhi: Sports Minister Anurag Thakur on Thursday said that the World Anti-Doping Agency has re-**National Dope Testing Laboratory** (NDTL), which was suspended in 2019 because of its failure to meet global standards. India is currently third in the WADA's global list of dope violators led by Russia. The suspension had prohibited the NDTL from carrying out any anti-doping activities, including all analysis of urine and blood samples.

#### Hockey: India finish 2021 in third spot

Lausanne: Olympic bronze winning Indian men's hockey team will end the year in third spot, its highest-ever, as per the International Hockey Federation (FIH) rankings released on Thursday. India will end the year with 2296.038 points behind Olympic champions Belgium and toppers Australia, Among women, India have dropped a rung to ninth spot from the last update.

#### East Bengal's winless streak continues in ISL

Bambolim: SC East Bengal continued their winless streak after being being held to a 1-1 draw by Hyderabad FC in an Indian Super League match here on Thursday. The draw helped the Nizams to jump into second place on the points table and extend their unbeaten run to six matches. The Red & Gold Brigade, hower, remained winless in eight matches.

#### 18 Indian referees in FIFA list for 2022

New Delhi: As many as 18 Indian referees have been selected in the FIFA Refereeing International list for 2022, the All India Football Federation announced on Thursday. Out of the selected 18 Indians, four are women (two referees and two assistant referees), and 14 men (six referees and eight assistant referees).

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

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

## The open-chested Predator

A manic run-up, an openchested action that finishes completely, great skills from a vicious straightener & scrambledball cutters, and tireless energy all day can enable Mohammed Siraj to sparkle in South Africa

**SRIRAM VEERA** DECEMBER 23

NEILD'COSTA remembers the muffled respect in the voice of Marnus Labuschagne earlier this year. Labuschagne, who averages over 60 in Test cricket, was talking about Mohammed Siraj to his personal batting coach D'Costa. "He dangles it in and suddenly gets to hold its line. Have to be careful against this bloke".

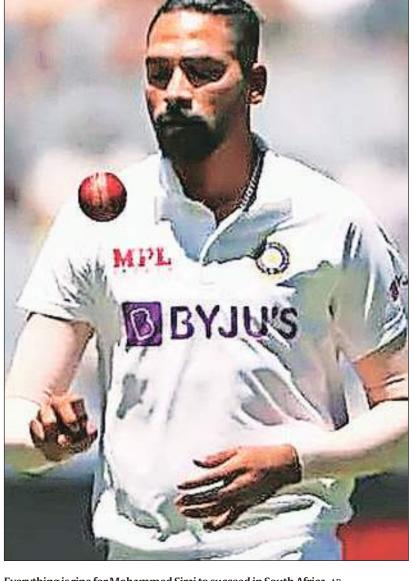
He would get out to Siraj in the leg-side ries, but his own words would buzz alive in the second innings of the final Test in Brisbane. With the series on the edge, Siraj would dangle it in and get it to hold its line. Labuschagne would get squared up, and nick to slip. D'Costa chuckles at the memory and adds, "He didn't listen to his own advice! It was a damn fine ball though." Indeed.

At the start of the year, at the initial sighting, a thought bubbled up: that Sirai can throw up these 'damn fine balls' every now and then. Until Bharat Arun, the then bowling coach, triggered one to rethink that hasty summary. "Yes, but also no, pa. Watch his entire spell, carefully. For a boy in his first year, he has the knack of constructing a spell. Sonne pechaa keppaan (he will listen to what you tell him), and reproduce it but he keeps thinking and working hard," Arun had told this newspaper. "These kinds of balls are very important as he has a knack of going beyond the surface and conditions to produce them. The batsman can't relax, which means there is a hesitation always in the back of his mind as the spell keeps developing. (Jasprit) Bumrah has that effect."

A few months later, in England, Arun would give Siraj a new toy. He would not only

dangle 'em in, but start playing havoc with this new fascination - the scrambled-seam ball. Up the slope at Lord's, it would scramble across, and then cut away from the lefthanders. Moeen Ali was the one doing the dangling this time, and as Ravichandran Ashwin would say on his YouTube channel, for some time only two players were in action: Siraj and Rishabh Pant, the wicketkeeper, as "fast off-breaks", in Ashwin's phrasing, kept cutting away from the left-hander. "How is he able to use the slope so effectively? Not even one ball pitched on the seam," Ashwin would wonder.

Arun had prepped him about the scrambled-seam ball to exploit the Lord's slope and Siraj had run away with it like a kid. An equally-excited Sachin Tendulkar was moved enough to tweet a video explainer about it. Tendulkar first gave a demo of the



Everything is ripe for Mohammed Siraj to succeed in South Africa. AP

back-spin Siraj imparts with his fingers running down the seam when he wants the ball to swing away. Then, Tendulkar showed how Siraj cuts his fingers at release for the in-cutter to yank the shape of the ball and send it tilting all scrambled towards the batsmen. The admiration in Tendulkar's eyes tells a

story of its own.

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The mind throws up images of bowlers like Allan Donald, Makhaya Ntini, Dale Steyn, Kagiso Rabada, Lungi Ngidi, and a host of local bowlers in the past, or even non-South Africans like Javagal Srinath. "The angle which comes in naturally (from

the release point) towards off and middle, those guys I have seen have the greatest success. They make the batsmen play most of the time. Side-on right-handers have the angle that allows batsmen to leave the ball a lot more easily. It's not too much movement in the air that works in South Africa but there is always help from the pitch for open-chested bowlers - because of their angle, they create an illusion of the ball coming in towards off and middle, and those who can get it to straighten from there do the maximum damage." Balaii says.

"With open-chested bowlers, even when they just about straighten the ball, batsmen seem to get opened up almost. A lot more than they would to a similar straightener from a side-on bowler. The angle of openchested bowlers like Bumrah and Sirai makes the ball seem to be coming in and they are committed to play. Then that straightening, or even the ball that doesn't come in that much, troubles them. They tend to test both the edges of the bat more.'

The nature of the bounce and the pace of the ball in such scenarios too play their part. "In South Africa, it's not steep bounce but more like tennis-ball bounce, which means the batsmen need to keep adjusting as the

level and pace of bounce isn't always same. Once you get them to play the line, minute deviations or extra bounce when straightening can do the trick. Short balls from openchested bowlers are also more effective against right-handers because of the speed and the angle," Balaji says. "That's why I think Siraj will be successful there.'

Deep Dive into Siraj's art

Something seems always cooking when Siraj is on, irrespective of the age of the ball or nature of the pitch or atmospheric conditions. Suddenly, there seems to be seam movement, signs of life in the tired ball and tiring pitch, and if nothing happens, his manic energy, from the run-up to the followthrough, suggests something is happening.

There is no apparent template that a batsman, used to more conventional bowlers, can crack. Watch the bowling arm. The load-ups tend to be different. At times, he almost touches the right shoulder as he gathers. Sometimes, he just stops it adjacent to the face. He can yank the hand holding the ball sideways, towards his left eye, and release. And that ball can surprise rightfrom the dreamy ball that clattered Prithvi Shaw's off-stump in the Indian Premier League to the Labuschagne ball that straightened, the arm has tended to go across Siraj's face prior to release.

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weird angles. The non-bowling arm too can have a life of its own. When he wants the ball to angle in, it can tend to go a touch wider. When he wants to get the ball to straighten, it can shoot up a tad straighter. And at times, it can do one thing, and the ball other. Just like he can have the shiny side on the outside for the incutter but also have it on the inside and still attempt the same ball.

Even the manic run-up is idiosyncratic. A couple of hops in the beginning kickstart the frenzy. Siraj can then run in all cross-legged, as if both legs want to tread on the same thin straight line rather than sprint adjacently. He can also almost tilt his body to his left as he is running in, more front-on than he al-One can pick any of his dismissals and

marvel. Remember the Steve Smith one? Not quite the Sreesanth snorter to Jacques Kallis, but almost. This one kicked up from a fuller length and pinged Smith's gloves. Or the knockout of Jos Buttler with the old ball. That angled front-arm release again and the ball straightened to kiss the edge.

The front-on release draws batsmen in line to play. "Not draws or tempts but forces them to play," Balaji corrects. "That is the main difference. A side-on bowler has to use his skill to tempt and lure. These openchested ones with the angled point of release force them. Because if you don't and the ball keeps coming in with the angle, you will lose your stumps or be LBW.

"From that angle, if the ball is straightening, it's actually a leg-cutter almost. When a side-on guy does that, the ball would more often than not beat the bat. Not with Siraj or a Bumrah.'

So, he isn't wasting most of his deliveries. Unlike with most others, the batsmen can't relax and watch out just for that one odd-behaving delivery. Even against the staple ball, the one coming in, he can't be sure how much it would tail in. The LBW and the nick are always hovering. It can cut in more than the batsman thinks to nail him LBW. And when it doesn't and the batsmen are covering for the line, it can get the edge. Remember Cameron Green and Siraj's dismantling of him? Forever wary of the LBW, he kept pushing and prodding. And then edged the straightener.

### Left is right too

The left-handers haven't been spared either. David Warner tried his best to push cautiously inside the line of the ball that started from middle and leg in Brisbane. But it was full enough to take a piece of the outside edge. In comparison, the England bowlers were a bit shorter and their more conventional release points have allowed Warner to push inside the line successfully. Moeen and Sam Billings too have been sawn off by cracking anglers. Dean Elgar will have his job cut out at the top. If he survives Bumrah, he will

"In South Africa, you don't want the batsmen to be leaving easily. There is not much swing. A fifth-stump line is pretty much useless to quality batsmen as they can leave you all day, if they wish, or drive or punch if lengths err. You want to make them play with that inward tilt," Balaji says.

Another appreciable trait is that Siraj can hit full lengths comfortably Watch the bowling arm.

when he wants. The action doesn't fall away. "If you have a back-leg re-

lease, it's good. By that I mean if the action completes fully, the load you have gathered is dispersed properly," Balaji in-

"You've seen Zaheer Khan, right?" But neither did he have the manic run-up or even a visible follow-through. He would almost walk away from the scene of crime.

"You know why? That back-leg release. He could finish the action completely. There was no breaking of it in his follow-through. From the crease, how

your back and front leg holds your action in your follow-through is the key to finishing your action. Some put so much stress on the front foot at release that they need to scramble after the follow-through to finish it."

Like Ishant Sharma. "Zaheer didn't have to. Siraj too has it. He does have more of a follow-through but that's because of his highenergy run-up and just the energy he possesses. The action in itself doesn't quite need him to. He has it all covered by the time the ball is released. The action finishes superbly. That's why his lines and lengths are so good, and he can switch them comfortably. Like Zaheer. You need a strong body to do that. That's another reason I think Siraj, for all his restless energy, can last long.'

Everything is ripe then for Siraj to succeed in South Africa. "He can surprise you in any spell in the day," the coach remembers Labuschagne telling him. An inexperienced South African batting line-up will do well to remember that. If they let their guard down, the man from Hyderabad, who used to pester Arun for a couple of years about when he can get into the Indian team, will take

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