

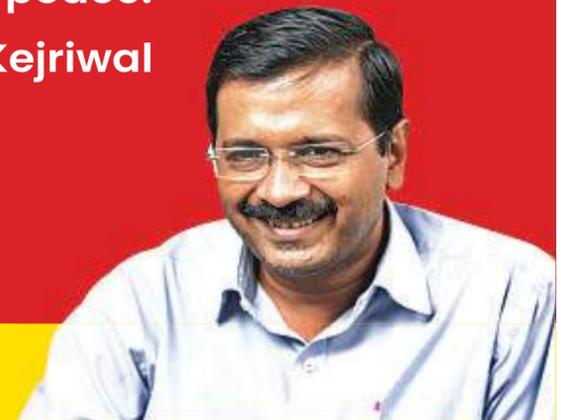


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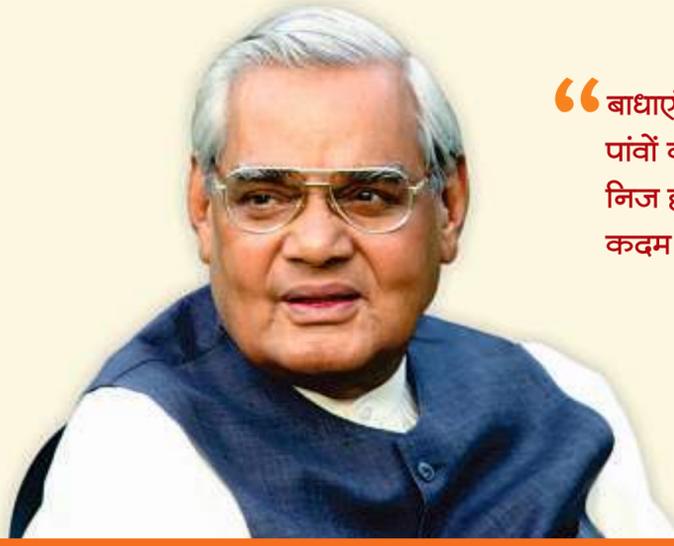
"Warm wishes and greetings to you and your family on this joyous occasion of Christmas. Let us celebrate the life of Lord Jesus Christ remembering his teachings of love, joy, hope, and peace."

- Arvind Kejriwal





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“बाधाएं आती हैं आएं, घिरें प्रलय की घोर घटाएं,
पांवों के नीचे अंगारे, सिर पर बरसें यदि ज्वालाएं,
निज हाथों से हंसते-हंसते, आग लगाकर जलना होगा,
कदम मिलाकर चलना होगा।”

- अटल बिहारी वाजपेयी

(25 दिसम्बर, 1924 - 16 अगस्त, 2018)



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“भारत को डिजिटल पथ पर तेज गति से आगे बढ़ाते हुए हर देशवासी का जीवन आसान बनाने के लिए हम सभी दिन-रात लगे हुए हैं। डिजिटल इंडिया सामान्य नागरिक को सुविधा और उनके सशक्तिकरण का एक बहुत बड़ा माध्यम है।”

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New Delhi



UTTARAKHAND
Rahul placates Rawat: he is leader of Cong campaign, not CM face yet



Harish Rawat after meeting Rahul Gandhi. Prem Nath Pandey

MANOJ CG
NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 24

FORMER UTTARAKHAND Chief Minister Harish Rawat will lead the Congress's campaign in the forthcoming Assembly elections in the state. While he will virtually be the Congress's face, the party will not officially declare him as the Chief Ministerial candidate. A decision on the Chief Minister, if the party is voted to power, will be taken by Congress president Sonia Gandhi after the elections.

The decision was taken at a meeting senior Congress leader Rahul Gandhi had with Rawat and senior Congress leaders from the state, including Uttarakhand chief Ganesh Godiyal, CLP leader Pritam Singh, former state Congress chief Kishore Upadhyay, Yashpal Arya and Rajya Sabha MP Pradeep Tamta.

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TASK FORCE WORKS ON BREAKING TRANSMISSION CHAIN

9 of 10 Omicron cases got both shots of vaccine, so masks, tracing key: Govt

70% Omicron patients asymptomatic, 25% patients have no history of travel, indicating presence in community

KAUNAIN SHERIFF M
NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 24

THE CENTRE FRIDAY said nine of ten persons detected with the highly transmissible Omicron variant were fully vaccinated, emphasising that "vaccine alone is not sufficient to contain this pandemic" and that use of masks and surveillance are key to breaking the chain of transmission.

On Friday, Union Health Secretary Rajesh Bhushan released the analysis of 183 Omicron cases detected in India. Significantly, 27 per cent of the cases did not have any history of

foreign travel, indicating the presence of Omicron in the community. The analysis shows that 87 were fully vaccinated (91 per cent), of which three had received booster shots also; only seven were unvaccinated and two were partially vaccinated.

The vaccination status of 73 of those analysed was not known and 16 were not eligible for vaccination.

VK Paul, Member (Health), Niti Aayog, and head of India's Covid-19 task force warned that the Omicron variant has a higher risk of transmission within the households as compared to Delta.

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EXPLAINED
E Stepping up vigil

THE TASK force chief has called for "overarching preparedness" and has appealed to the private sector too to be ready to "re-purpose beds, should the need arise". The private sector's role in managing the pandemic must include oversight of drug, oxygen availability, facility-specific SOPs.

Kapurthala granthi held for murder, there was no sacrilege, say police

ANJU AGNIHOTRI CHABA
JALANDHAR, DECEMBER 24

FIVE DAYS after the lynching of a youth at a gurdwara in Kapurthala district, police Friday booked the gurdwara granthi, Amarjit Singh, on the charge of murder and arrested him. Police also booked around 100 unidentified people, including 25-30 "accomplices" of Amarjit, and claimed recovery of a pistol used in a firing incident that day.

While they ruled out any des-



Granthi Amarjit Singh

ecration and called it a murder, police said they were looking at the possibility of the killing be-

ing part of a conspiracy to "sensationalise" the sacrilege issue.

The youth, who remains unidentified but is suspected to have been a migrant labourer, was killed on December 19, a day after a lynching at the Golden Temple in Amritsar over an alleged act of "sacrilege". An autopsy report showed 30 wounds on the body of the youth killed in Kapurthala.

The granthi's arrest followed a statement by Chief Minister Charanjit Singh Channi Friday

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Rs 150 cr seized from office of UP businessman; BJP, SP trade charges

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, LUCKNOW, DECEMBER 24

GOODS AND Services Tax (GST) authorities have marked their biggest cash recovery so far with Rs 150 crore seized from multiple locations in Kanpur allegedly linked to Piyush Jain, a businessman who deals in pan masala and perfumes, officials said.

With UP polls looming, the seizure has triggered a political

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Currency notes seized at the Kanpur premises of UP businessman Piyush Jain. PTI

Under fire, Teni blackmail target: 5 held for threatening him with new 'son video'

MAHENDER SINGH MANRAL
NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 24

HIS SON facing murder charges in the Lakhimpuri Kheri incident, and calls for his resignation growing louder by the day, Union MoS (Home) Ajay Mishra's troubles have now taken a bizarre turn.

On Thursday night, Delhi Police arrested five men, includ-

ing the owner of a Noida-based call centre, for allegedly making 40 calls to the Minister's PA this month, demanding Rs 2.5 crore and threatening to release a video related to the killing of four farmers in Lakhimpur Kheri on October 3.

"During investigation on a complaint from the Minister's staff, we found that calls were made over VoIP (Voice over Internet Protocol), which is not easy to trace. They made 40 calls

from December 17 to December 23. They were mostly calling from a park in Noida's Sector 15. In the first call, the caller asked the PA to connect him to the Minister, who refused to talk," a senior police officer said.

"They had even called on Thursday afternoon, around 3.30 pm," the officer said. Those arrested have been identified as Kabir Verma, Amit Majhi, Nishant Kumar, Ashwani Kumar

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THE WORLD



OVER 3,500 CHRISTMAS-EVE FLIGHTS CANCELLED GLOBALLY

BANGLADESH FERRY FIRE KILLS 40, INJURES 150 PEOPLE

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Death in Chhattisgarh village reshapes living with 43 elephants & crop losses

GARGI VERMA
RAIPUR, DECEMBER 24

MANKI BAI Kanwariya (69) was in shock when the beat guards in Chhattisgarh's Korba district picked her up in the middle of the night on December 18 from her ramshackle hut in Podikala village. She was spending the night at the hut to keep a watch on the family's fields. Kanwariya was lucky; just after the beat guards whisked her away, the tuskers arrived and destroyed a hut nearby.

A day later, hardly 20 km from Kanwariya's village, a 71-year-old woman was trampled to death by a herd. Her family



The herd that has been on the move near villages in Korba district of Chhattisgarh. Express

had tried to conceal her in a heap of straw as they made their way out of Tumbahara village, worried that she might not be able

to keep up with them.

Two weeks later, a herd of 43 elephants, one of the largest the villagers have ever seen, is still

roaming the area.

A beat guard from the Pasan range, under which both Tumbahara and Podikala fall, says: "We see such cases in almost every village. Villagers send their elderly to keep a watch over their crop or harvest at night as the young ones work through the day. When they see or hear elephants approaching, the young ones escape, but the older people are stuck, and get targeted."

Chhattisgarh is among the states worst-hit by human-elephant conflict in the country, with more than 10 of its 28 districts affected. As per figures shared by the state government in the Assembly, between

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Rise in Delhi case count, neighbouring Haryana & UP impose night curfew

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 24

ON THE day the Capital recorded 180 fresh Covid cases, the highest single-day tally since mid-June, its neighbours Uttar Pradesh and Haryana decided to impose night curfew and ban large gatherings.

In UP, the night curfew, from 11 pm to 5 am, comes into effect Saturday night. The crowd at public gatherings and wedding

functions has been capped at 200, while shopkeepers have been instructed not to sell products to customers without masks.

"Our government is working to save lives and livelihood. Follow all guidelines of the Central and state governments to defeat coronavirus," Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath said in Aayodhya, as the state recorded 49 Covid cases Friday, taking the number of active cases to 266.

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Ludhiana blast suspect was sacked cop, tattoo helped identify his body

DIVYA GOYAL GOPAL & NAVJEEVAN GOPAL
LUDHIANA, CHANDIGARH, DECEMBER 24

BASED ON a tattoo and a mobile phone, the body recovered from the blast site at the Ludhiana district court has been identified as that of a former Punjab Police Head Constable who was sacked in 2019 after being booked in a case of alleged drug smuggling, a

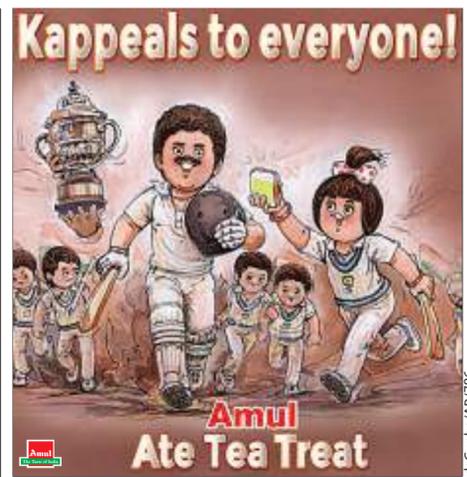
senior police officer told *The Indian Express*. The hearing in his case was scheduled on Friday.

He has been identified as Gagandeep Singh (30), a resident of Lalheri road in Khanna, the officer said. "He was

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WATER PIPE BURST MAY HAVE WASHED AWAY CLUES

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In Gujarat, 10 students among 93 AAP members still in jail for protest

VAIBHAV JHA
AHMEDABAD, DECEMBER 24

AT LEAST ten college students are among 93 AAP members who have been lodged for the past four days at the Sabarmati Central Prison for protesting outside the BJP headquarters in Ahmedabad against the alleged leak of a question paper for an exam to hire clerical staff by the Gujarat government, according to AAP leaders and court documents.

All of them face charges under 22 sections of the IPC, including criminal conspiracy, and sections of the Epidemic Diseases Act and Prevention of Damage to Public Property Act. The 65 male accused in the group face sexual harassment charges, too.

The 28 women accused obtained conditional bail Friday and will be released soon, the party's legal counsel said.

According to court docu-



On December 21, the AAP protested alleged leak of an exam paper. Express

ments, six of those arrested are between 18 and 19 years of age. AAP leaders said four of the ten students arrested are members of Chhatra Yuva Sangharsh Samiti (CYSS), the party's student wing, while six belong to its youth wing.

The CYSS members arrested include Yatin Jiyani (19), an

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SN.1: Tender No:Track-E-07012021, Brief Description: CGRSP, T-8528, Tender Value: ₹3,13,38,660/-, Earnest Money: ₹6,26,780/-
SN.2: Tender No:Track-E-07022021, Brief Description: Metal Liner, T-8616-17, Tender Value: ₹2,80,07,200/-, Earnest Money: ₹5,20,150/-
SN.3: Tender No:Track-E-07032021, Brief Description: CGRSP, T-8747, Tender Value: ₹1,50,32,000/-, Earnest Money: ₹2,00,640/-
SN.4: Tender No:Track-E-07042021, Brief Description: GFN Liner, T-8751 (50 Kg) (i) GFN Liner, T-8752-53 (52 Kg), Tender Value: ₹22,36,600/-, Earnest Money: ₹44,730/-
SN.5: Tender No:Track-E-07052021, Brief Description: Metal Liner, T-8748 (50 Kg) (ii) Metal Liner, T-8749-8750 (52 Kg), Tender Value: ₹90,70,000/-, Earnest Money: ₹1,81,400/-
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2. Estimated cost of work : Rs. 3,98,598.03/-; 3. Last Date and time for submission and opening of E-tender : 17.01.2022 up to 15.00 PM E-Tender will be opened at 15.15 PM on same day. Due to indispensable reasons bid opening schedule may change.
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SIGNAL & TELECOMMUNICATION DEPARTMENT
E-TENDER NOTICE
No: S&T/BRC/21-22/28/SIG
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Sr. DSTE/Vadodara acting for and on behalf of The President of India invites E-Tenders against Tender No. SandT_BRC_21-22_28_SIG. 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. 1. Name of the work with its location: Annual Repair Contract of Alstom make Audio Frequency Track Circuits of Vadodara Division for 3 Years over Vadodara Division, Approx. cost of work: ₹1,17,59,283.06/-, Earnest money to be deposited: Rs 0.00 (Bid Security Deposit to be taken in lieu of EMD), Date & time for submission of e-tender and opening of e-tender: 17.01.2022 @ 15:00 Hours and 17.01.2022 @ 15:30 Hours, Web side particulars and notice for location where complete details can be seen etc: https://www.ireps.gov.in Senior Divisional Signal & Telecommunication Engineer, 2nd Floor-Annex Building, DRM's Office, Western Railway, Pratapnagar, Vadodara-390 004.
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Name of work-Annual M & R work of Dhalpur Power House Colony Dhalpur.
Estimated value of tender: Rs. 29,66,119.81 (including GST)
Date & Time of availability of bid document on website: 27.12.2021 at 17:00 Hrs.
Last Date for submission of bids on website: 17.01.2022 upto 13:00 Hrs.
For fuller & further details, kindly visit e-procurement portal "https://ukenders.gov.in"
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Government of India, Department of Atomic Energy, Heavy Water Plant (Kota)
e-Tender Invitation Notice No. HWP/CIVIL/2021/424
Online item rate tenders are invited through e-Tendering mode for "Up-keeping of Industrial open areas, roads, drains etc. in HWP/K at Anushakti for one & half year during 2021-22" by General Manager, Heavy Water Plant (Kota), Post: Anushakti 323303, Via - Kota (Rajasthan) for and on behalf of the President of India, from approved, eligible and experienced contractors. Estimated cost of work: Rs. 52,81,798/-
Tender document can be viewed/downloaded from 30.12.2021 (10:00 hrs) to 09.01.2022 (14:30 hrs). The last date for online submission of tender is 09.01.2022 (14:30 hrs). The technical bids will be opened on 10.01.2022 at 15:00 hrs.
The detailed NIT and Tender Documents are available on the website https://eprocure.gov.in/eprocure/app for free to view/download. The detailed NIT can be seen at website www.hwb.gov.in For further information please contact Telephone no. 01475-242201/242231/242225 and fax -01475- 242203 on all working days.
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Tender documents can be downloaded from e-tender portal https://ukenders.gov.in or Federation's website www.uttarakhandsugars.com. The bidders will have to deposit tender fees (Non Refundable) of Rs. 2000/- (18% GST Extra) & Earnest Money in the form of Demand Draft/RTGS/NEFT/ NET Banking for Rs. 30.00 per Quintal (Rupees Thirty Per Quintal) in favour of Uttarakhand Cooperative Sugar Factories Federation Ltd. Payable at Dehradun. Tenders without Earnest Money will not be accepted. The Bank details are available inside the tender document.
The details for submission of the E-Bids is available on the E-Tender Portals www.uktenders.gov.in & www.uttarakhandsugars.com from 24.12.2021 at 11:00 AM. The administrator reserves the right to cancel any or all E-Bids without assigning any reason. The decision of the administrator shall be final and binding.
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Short Term E-tender Notice Short term E-tender is invited for supply of 2500 nos. LT Metering Cubicle with CT against tender specification no. PVVNL-MT/COM/34(s)/21-22. EMD is Rs. 1,50,000. The tender is to be submitted by 14:00 hrs of 07.01.2022 and the Part-I of tender shall be opened after 14:30 hrs of the same date. For detailed information please log on www.pvvnl.org & E-Tendering website www.etender.up.nic.in till the date of submission of bids. Superintending Engineer (Commercial) "Help Line Number for Information of Theft of Electricity: "1800-180-3002 (Meerut) & 9412207451" Remark :- www.etender.up.nic.in Sd/- Chief Engineer (Commercial), For Managing Director पत्रक 11638/ 24.12.2021 "SAVE ELECTRICITY IN THE INTEREST OF THE NATION"

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ई-निविदा सूचना
एन/वार्ड सूचित किया जाता है, कि जनपद-मथुरा के औद्योगिक क्षेत्र कोशी-कोटवन विस्तार-2 के अन्तर्गत विकास/अनुसंधान/उत्पत्ति कार्य हेतु सरकारी विभागों/संवर्जनिक उपक्रमों/निगमों/प्राधिकरणों/परिषदों/नगर निकायों में अर्ह 'ए' श्रेणी में पंजीकृत फर्मों/उद्योगों से ई-निविदाये आमंत्रित की जाती है। जो दिनांक 25.12.2021 को पूर्वाह्न 11.00 बजे से दिनांक 14.01.2022 को अपराह्न 5.00 बजे तक अपलोड की जा सकती है। जिन्हें दिनांक 15.01.2022 को पूर्वाह्न 11.00 बजे खोला जायेगा। निविदादाताओं द्वारा केवल शाप पत्रों की मूल प्रतियाँ दिनांक 18.01.2022 को शाप 5.00 बजे तक कार्यालय में जमा की जा सकेंगी। ई-निविदा के माध्यम से आमंत्रित की जाने वाली निविदाओं का विवरण निम्नवत् है-

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BANARAS LOCOMOTIVE WORKS, VARANASI-221004
Bid No. E-48/2021-22 E-Tenders Date: 23.12.2021
E-tenders are invited for & on behalf of the President of India for the supply of following items. Only E-offer will be accepted for which vendors must have Class-III Digital Signature and registration of IREPS. The details of tenders are in the following sequence:- S.No. Tender No., Due Date, Description and Quantity, S.N. 1. 03211638, (03.01.2022), Description: Steel Angle 65 x 65 x 8, Part No.: 90238620, 0.86MT, S.N. 2. 10191162A, (05.01.2022), Gear Planetary Ring, Part No. 16141192, 542 Nos, S.N. 3. 03211005, (16.01.2022), Description: (1) KEY MULTIPLIER-2 FOR TRACTION COMPARTMENT as per Specn. CLW/ES/3/0049/F, [P.L. No. 29387981], 239 Sets, (2) KEY MULTIPLIER-1 For M/C COMPARTMENT, as per specn CLW/ES/3/0049/F, [P.L. No. 29388054], 239 Sets, S.N. 4. 02211343B, (21.01.2022), Ste. Steel Hardware Items Kit for LAS, PL No. 29405519, 275 Set, S.N. 5. 06211256, (13.01.2022), Micro based prop./Excit. Cont. system to RDSO Spec. No. MP.0.2459.26 Rev.07 with complete C.P. as per DLW Purchase Spec. No. DEL/SPN/235 Rev. R2 for 1350 HP WDS5-AC/DC 6 cyl. DE loco This is a safety item to PL. No. 29711046, 01 Nos. Note: The details of above tenders are available in www.bvw.indianrailways.gov.in & www.ireps.gov.in
Corrigendum: Date: 17.12.2021, Tender No. 08211183, Bid No.: E-38/2021-22, Rev. 01, Existing due Date: 20.12.2021, Revised due Date: 30.12.2021, Note: All other terms & condition shall remain unchanged.
PRO/BLW/3-55 PCMN
Banaraslocomotiveworks "Website: https://blw.indianrailways.gov.in"

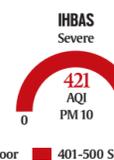
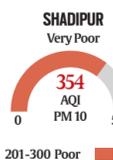
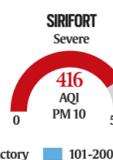
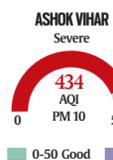
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CORRIGENDUM NOTICE
Notice Title : Notice for admission to M. Tech. (02 years) on vacant seat (Phase II) date extension session 2021-2023 at B.I.T. Sindri
Notice Reference Number : BIT/931 dated 06.12.21 एवं Notice No. 930 Sindri, dated: 06-12-21 PR 258694 Science & Technology 21-22: D
Corrigendum Type : Date Extend
Corrigendum Title : Extension of the date for admission to M. Tech. (2021-2023)
सत्र 2021-23 के लिए स्नातकोत्तर अभियंत्रण (एमटेक02 वर्ष) Phase II में नामांकन संबंधी सूचना का अवधी विस्तार (केवल रिक्त सीटों पर)
कार्यालय पत्रांक 930 सिन्दरी, दिनांक 06.12.2021 के कम में झारखण्ड सरकार के अधीन तकनीकी शिक्षण संस्थान बीओ आईटी सिन्दरी में स्नातकोत्तर अभियंत्रण (एमटेक02) के दो वर्षीय पूर्णकालीन पाठ्यक्रम में नामांकन हेतु गेट एवं नू गेट अभ्यर्थियों के नामांकन के उपरांत रिक्त सीटों पर GATE उत्तीर्ण एवं नू गेट अभ्यर्थियों के लिये पुनः आवेदन पत्र आमंत्रित करने संबंधी अवधी दिनांक 04.01.2022 तक विस्तारित कि जाती है। वैसे अभ्यर्थी जिन्होंने पूर्व में नामांकन लिया है एवं शाखा परिवर्तन करना चाहते है वे केवल ऑनलाइन फार्म भरकर पूर्व का आवेदन शुल्क रसीद अपलोड करेंगे। पूर्व के विज्ञापन एवं अधिसूचना से संबंधित कागजका यथावत् रहेंगे।
आवेदन पत्र ऑनलाइन करने की तिथि : 22.12.2021 से 04.01.2022 तक
आवेदन पत्र का हार्ड कॉपी एवं संबंधित कागजात स्वीड पोस्ट/निबंदिता डाक से भेजने की अंतिम तिथि 06.01.2022 एवं साक्षात्कार एवं नामांकन संबंधी तिथि सूचना वेबसाइट पर उपलब्ध करायी जायेगी।
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"A Non refundable fee of Rs. 2500.00 (Two thousand five hundred only) for General ,BC/BCII category, EWS and outside state candidates of any category and Rs. 2000.00 (Two thousand only) for SC and ST category (Jharkhand state only). Application fee will be deposited through SBI I-Collect.
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GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER, SOUTHERN MINOR IRRIGATION CIRCLE, BERHAMPUR
Tel No. (680-2290540), e-Mail ID : smicbam@yahoo.com
e-procurement Notice
Bid Identification No. NCB/OR/DRIP/SMIC-04/2021-22 No. 2177 dated 18.12.2021.
The Superintending Engineer, S.M.I. Circle, Berhampur on behalf of Governor of Odisha invites percentage rate bids through e-procurement to be received in online mode only for the work as detailed in the table below:
Table -1 Details of critical dates, Details of Works, Bid Security
1. Bid Identification No. NCB/OR/DRIP/SMIC-04/2021-22
2. Name of work Improvement to Jagatigha MBP (Pie) at Maridi in Begunipada Block under DRIP Phase-II
3. Bid Security (in INR) Rs. 3,00,000.00
4. Bid Processing Fee (INR) Rs. 10,000.00 including GST
5. Period of completion 11 (Eleven) calendar months including rainy season.
6. Date & time of Availability of Technical bid in the Portal 25.12.2021 from 10:00 AM (IST) to 25.01.2022 up to 3:00 PM (IST)
7. Bid clarification date & time 27.12.2021 at 11:00 AM (IST) to 28.01.2022 during official working hour.
8. Pre Bid Meeting date, time & venue 07.01.2022 at 11:30 AM (IST) O/O the Superintending Engineer, Southern M.I. Circle, Berhampur, Dist: Ganjam, Odisha
9. Last date/Time for receipt of Bid in the Portal 25.01.2022 up to 3:00 PM (IST)
10. Date, Time and Venue of opening of Technical bid in e-metrial 27.01.2022 at 12:30 P.M (IST) O/O the Superintending Engineer, Southern M.I. Circle, Berhampur, Dist: Ganjam, Odisha
11. Date and time of Receipt of relevant document in hard paper option as mentioned (RFB) by speed post, or courier or even by hand 28.01.2022 from 11:30 AM (IST) to 31.01.2022 during official working hour.
12. Date/Time of Opening of Financial Bid To be intimated after evaluation of Technical Bid
3. Mode of Payment of Bid Cost & Bid Security: Online
4. Further details can be seen from the "e" Procurement Portal https://tenders.orissa.gov.in
Sd/- Er. Jamini Kanta Das, Superintending Engineer Southern Minor Irrigation circle, Berhampur DIPR - 320451/11/0007/2122

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अति-अल्पकालीन ई-निविदा सूचना
अधोहस्ताक्षरकार्य के आदेशानुसार निम्नलिखित दो भागों में दिनांक-31.12.2021 सम्म 14:00 बजे तक प्रतिष्ठित एवं योग्य उद्योगों/निविदादाताओं से निम्न कार्य हेतु ई-निविदा आमंत्रित की जाती है एवं ई-निविदा दिनांक-31.12.2021 को समय 16:00 बजे खोली जायेगी। विस्तृत जानकारी उ०अ० शासन की आधिकारिक ई-प्रोक्योरमेंट पोर्टल http://etender.up.nic.in पर उपलब्ध है-
1. ई-निविदा विशिष्टीकरण संख्या-27/EE/EDCM/2021-22: विद्युत परिक्षण खण्ड महानगर के अन्तर्गत विद्युत वितरण खण्ड प्रथम महोबा/विद्युत वितरण खण्ड द्वितीय महोबा के अधीन पी०टी०डब्ल्यू संयोजनों पर थ्री फेज मीटर स्थापित करने का कार्य।
धरादर घनराशि-₹0 8000.00, निविदा शुल्क-₹0 1180.00 (जी०एस०टी० सहित)। निविदा में यदि कोई संशोधन अथवा निविदा खुलने की तिथि में विस्तार होता है तो ई-निविदा सूचना ई-टेंडर वेबसाइट https://etender.up.nic.in पर तथा निगम की वेबसाइट https://www.dvnl.org पर उपलब्ध कराई जायेगी।
अधी०अधि०, वि०वि०म०, महोबा 2224/वि०वि०/अ-विकास/निवि०-22 दिनांक 23.12.2021
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SKY WATCH
FORECAST: Dec 25
Partly cloudy sky.
Shallow to moderate
fog in the morning.

MAX: 23 | MIN: 8
1.6°C above normal | 0.1°C above normal

IN GURGAON

Namaz offered at 9 locations, police turn back protesters

PAVNEET SINHA CHADHA
GURGAON, DECEMBER 24

AFTER DISRUPTIONS by right-wing groups and locals for several weeks, Friday namaz was offered at nine locations in Gurgaon amid heavy police deployment.

At least 20 men affiliated with Sanyukt Hindu Sangharsh Samiti — a conglomerate of 22 right-wing groups that has been spearheading protests against namaz in open spaces — reached Shyam Chowk at Udyog Vihar, where prayers were yet to start. Police turned them back, informing them the site had been reserved for prayers as per an agreement between stakeholders.

Mufti Mohammad Saleem, president of Jamiat Ulema e Hind, Gurgaon, claimed that police had stopped people from offering namaz at multiple spots. "At several open places where namaz is offered — marble market, Sector 44, Sector 52, DLF phase 3 — police stopped namaz saying that the permission is only for six locations. There is no clarity from the administration regarding the list



After disruptions for several weeks, namaz was offered amid heavy police deployment. Express

of sites. At a dargah at Sector 40, where we were about to offer namaz, police said the land belongs to a school. According to us, the land comes under the Waqf board. Police asked us to produce documents, which we did not have at the time. We told them to call the *patwari* (revenue record official) and verify. We didn't offer namaz there. By next week, we will check who owns the specified land at Sector 40 and decide accordingly."

Police sources said at nine locations — Leisure Valley, Shyam Chowk, Shankar Chowk, near Spicejet office at Udyog Vihar,

Sector 42, Sector 69, two sites in IMT Manesar and Sector 34 — namaz prayers were offered.

Parveen Yadav, who led the protesters at Shyam Chowk, said, "We have filed complaints at two police stations and urged the administration to take action against people violating the (Haryana) CM's orders. If there is no action, we will continue our agitation next week." Yadav was among the group that had disrupted namaz at a park at Udyog Vihar last week and coerced Muslims to chant 'Bharat Mata ki jai' slogans.

Kulbhusan Bhardwaj, legal adviser, Sanyukt Hindu

Sangharsh Samiti, said, "The CM has said namaz in the open is a show of strength and no member of any community should hold regular religious programmes in open spaces. We have submitted a complaint to police stating that CM's orders should be followed, and action should be taken against violators. This is jihad in the name of namaz. After CM's statements, it is quite clear that there are no designated sites for namaz."

Aman Singh, SHO, Sector 29 police station, said a complaint had been received.

Replying to the issue raised by Congress MLA Aftab Ahmed during the zero hour, CM Manohar Lal Khattar Tuesday had said during the winter session of the Haryana Vidhan Sabha, "People of all faiths hold prayers at designated religious places and permissions are given for all big festivals and programmes in open. But by displaying a show of strength provoking sentiments of another community is not appropriate... No member of any community should hold such programmes in open spaces."

Man abducted, beaten up by family of woman he eloped with; two arrested

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 24

A 22-YEAR-OLD man was allegedly abducted and beaten up by his wife's family members, who objected to their relationship and wedding. Police said an FIR has been registered and two women have been arrested so far, while raids are on to nab the remaining accused. Two policemen have also been suspended for a delay in filing the FIR.

According to police, the victim, a resident of Rajouri Garden, has known the woman for the last three years. The couple eloped and got married on December 21.

Additional DCP (West)

Prashant Priya Gautam said: "We received a call from Safdarjung Hospital on Thursday about the incident. Based on a complaint by his family, an FIR under sections of attempt to murder and abduction has been registered. We are investigating the matter."

The man alleged that his wife's family had objected to their relationship from the start and had allegedly threatened him several times.

He told *The Indian Express*: "We had gone to the police station to file a complaint on Wednesday as we had been getting threats from my wife's family. They always had a problem with us. As soon as I came out of the station, I was surrounded by 15 people who picked me up and took me to their house in

Sagarpur, where they assaulted me mercilessly. I felt I would not make it." He is currently receiving treatment at AIIMS Trauma Centre.

"We stayed together despite the threats. We got married four days ago and had just returned to Delhi when her family came to know about our location," the man said.

According to police, the woman's family members were "furious" after they came to know about the wedding as the couple are from the same community.

Police said the couple were "forcibly taken" to Sagarpur, where the man was beaten up. The victim was eventually found by his elder brother, who took him to the hospital.

"My brother has many injuries, including to his private parts. We demand justice and have faith in the police..." said the victim's brother. The couple are currently unemployed.

Police said the incident took place 7 km away from the police station. A senior police officer said, "After reaching Delhi, the couple came to Rajouri Garden police station seeking protection, and police called their family members."

Police have arrested the woman's grandmother, who has 65 cases against her, including extortion and loot, and an aunt.

"We found lapses on part of our staff and suspended two personnel — an assistant sub-inspector and a head constable," an officer said.

No exemptions for EWS admissions in pvt schools: DOE

SUKRITA BARUAH
NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 24

PRIVATE SCHOOLS in Delhi can no longer claim exemption from admitting EWS and CWSN (children with special needs) students allotted to them on the grounds of not having enough admissions in the general category this year, the Directorate of Education has ordered.

The allocation and admission of students under EWS and CWSN seats in private schools has been a difficult process this year, with schools reporting fewer admissions in unreserved seats. They are required to reserve 22% seats of their sanctioned strength in entry-level classes for EWS/DG students and 3% CWSN students. The process usually followed is to admit one EWS student for every three general admissions.

Though the process began much earlier this year, admissions against the third draw of lots are still ongoing after 1,000 EWS and 5,000 CWSN seats continued to remain empty. "The department has received several complaints from parents/parent associations regarding the refusal of private unaided-recognised schools concerned for not giving admission to selected EWS/DG/CWSN children on the ground of fewer general admissions in the academic year 2021-2022. Further, several private unaided-recognised schools are now claiming they got fewer general category students for admission than the sanctioned strength. Thereby, they seek an

exemption in admitting all the EWS/DG/CWSN category students allotted as per sanctioned strength to them, to the extent in proportion of the actually admitted general category students," read a circular issued Friday by the education department.

The admissions to open seats in entry-level classes in these schools for 2021-2022 had ended on March 31. According to the directorate, it had directed schools to make a representation if it could not fill all general seats in March 2021. In July, it had issued directions to schools to make all "possible efforts" to fill its general seats before August 31, and to make a representation to the DOE seeking exemption from granting admission to all EWS/CWSN students allotted if it was not able to do so.

Now, the DOE has stated that this window to seek exemption expired on August 31. "This circular dated 09.07.2021 does not apply for exemption from admission of EWS/DG/CWSN category candidates under subsequent draws conducted by the DOE after 31.08.2021... the department has decided not to extend applicability of exemption..."

PUBLIC NOTICE

M/s Jaksons Developers Pvt. Ltd. is pleased to inform that the City Centre Mall at Plot No. 1B3, Twin District Centre, Sector-10, Rohini, Delhi-110085 has been accorded with Environmental Clearance vide Ref. F.No. 21-20/2021-IA-III dated May 21, 2021 from Ministry of Environment & Forests, Govt. of India. The copies of the clearance letters are available with the Ministry of Environment & Forests and can also be seen on their website <https://parivesth.nic.in>

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कुलसचिव

Need task force to tackle mosquito breeding: HC

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 24

THE DELHI High Court Friday said only "paperwork" was taking place each year with respect to mosquito breeding in Delhi and directed the local bodies to set up a special task force to address the problem. Such units will be headed by the municipal

commissioners, said the court. Observing that the people continue to suffer, and the authorities have failed in managing and taking corrective measures, the division bench of Justice Vipin Sanghi and Justice Jasmeet Singh said, "Every year for the past 20 years, we have been suffering the same thing. And nothing seems to happen. Why does the Commissioner not take the moral

responsibility and tender his resignation? What prevents him?" The court made the observations during the hearing of a suo motu petition it had taken cognizance of in May of mosquito infestation. On the high number of dengue cases this year, the municipal bodies had earlier cited heavy rain as one of the reasons. However, the court said only window dressing was being done and

questioned if the authorities were proactive, "then where is the proof of the pudding?" It further said the local bodies may need a larger force to check mosquito breeding and carry out fumigation. "You need more active people on the ground. There should be proper monitoring of those who are put to task. Probably there is no supervision..." said the bench.



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| 1. Coloniser/Developer | Sternal Buildcon Private Limited | | | | | | | |
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| 2. Project Approval | Licence No. 21 of 2020 dated 13.08.2020. Building Plan Approved on 20.10.2020 Memo No. ZP-1426/AD(RA)/2020/18570 | | | | | | | |
| 3. Location | Sector 95, Gurugram, Haryana | | | | | | | |
| 4. Provisions Project Area | 397 no. of apartments available out of total 1061 number of units in the housing scheme spread over 7.325 acres. As per Policy, 5% of total apartments are available for management quota and 95% of total apartments are for public. Community Facilities: One Community Hall of 2000 sq.ft. and One Anganwadi-cum-creche of 2000 sq.ft. | | | | | | | |
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| Apartment details | | | | | | | | |
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FROM PAGE ONE

Omicron cases

That one person who brings the infection from outside, because he didn't wear a mask outdoors, will infect others in the house. This risk is higher in Omicron. We should keep this in mind," he said.

The analysis, in terms of clinical symptoms, also shows that 70 per cent patients are asymptomatic, said ICMR Director General Balram Bhargava. "The infection with Omicron does not necessarily lead to severe symptomatic clinical disease. In India, about a third of all detected cases were mildly symptomatic, and the rest were asymptomatic. Therefore, I want to emphasise that treatment of Omicron in symptomatic individuals remains the same," he said.

According to Bhargava, the predominant strain in India is still Delta, including the recently identified clusters. "Therefore, we need to continue with the same strategy: Covid-19 appropriate behaviour, and ramping up vaccination," he said.

Paul also emphasised the need for care, especially given the upcoming festival and New Year. "The new variant emerged during this period. Therefore, responsible behaviour is the way forward. Wearing a mask, hand hygiene, and no crowding. Unnecessary travel must be avoided. We can't be in large groups. There needs to be constant vigil. The good old containment and surveillance strategy remains a very major approach to pandemic control. We have the vaccination. But vaccination alone is not sufficient to contain this pandemic. There should be special emphasis on contact tracing and perimeter control," he said.

On Friday, Paul also appealed to private sector hospitals to be ready to "repurpose the beds, should the need arise". The preparedness should span the entire health system. "Private sector will continue to play a very important role in managing the pandemic...we request them to do the audits, and oversight of their drugs availability, oxygen availability, and really go back on their facility-specific SOPs, so that we are truly ready," he

said.

"Human resources are very important. To run the infrastructure, you need teams. Huge effort has been mounted by the government to create teams and train them. Same thing applies to the private sector. Therefore, an overarching preparedness, in the wake of Omicron, is launched and undertaken," Paul said.

On Thursday, when the Prime Minister chaired a high-level meeting, Paul said his first message was on district-level infrastructure preparedness against a possible surge. Bhushan gave a detailed break-up of the dedicated oxygen and ICU beds for Covid-19 that are ready in the backdrop of a possible surge: 18.10 lakh isolation beds; 4.94 lakh oxygen supported beds; 1.39 lakh ICU beds; 24,057 paediatric ICU beds; and 64,796 paediatric non-ICU beds.

Bhushan said the experience globally, especially from South Africa, at present, shows that most hospitalised patients did not require additional medical oxygen support. "However, we need to be vigilant. Today, we have created a capacity of 18,836 MT of medical oxygen per day. This is a significant increase in capacity after the second surge," Bhushan said.

Referring to the WHO statement on booster doses that it should be "firmly evidence-driven", Paul said the decision on administration of boosters will be driven by science that is applicable to our situation and vaccines administered in India. "...the WHO document states that introducing booster doses should be firmly evidence-driven...in totality, it has to be driven by science that is applicable to our situation; driven by science that is applicable to our vaccines. What you read largely is about other platform vaccines in different settings, and with a different profile of comorbidities, and age profiles in some ways. So, it must be evidence driven. India's science is very strong. There are intense efforts to culture the virus and we will test our vaccines (against Omicron). Be rest assured the decision for adolescent vaccination and booster doses will be taken on scientific principles and the overarching interest of people of India,"

Paul said.

On booster doses, Bhargava, said, "...a great discussion is going on (about boosters). The Covid-19 working group has debated it several times... Deliberations are on. We are reviewing all the scientific data from across the world as well as from India: about T-cell response, antibody response, with a particular vaccine and with another vaccine. We are looking at how long it persists after infection."

The health ministry Friday said 358 Omicron cases had been in India; out of this, 114 have fully recovered. Six states have reported more than 30 Omicron cases: Maharashtra (88); Delhi (67); Telangana (38); Tamil Nadu (34); Karnataka (31); and Gujarat (30). Bhushan, also highlighted that the country's first dose coverage has touched 90 per cent of the adult population; however, 11 states - in which the coverage is lower than the national average - are a "cause of concern. These include four large states: Uttar Pradesh (84%); Maharashtra (87%); Bihar (78%); and Tamil Nadu (85%)."

Delhi case count

In Haryana, too, the government imposed a night curfew from 11 pm to 5 am between December 25 and January 5. And as in UP, gatherings of more than 200 in public places have been barred until January 5.

After chairing a meeting to review Covid preparedness in the state, Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar said: "In view of the possibility of increasing cases of Omicron, from January 1, both doses of vaccination have been made mandatory for entry in all institutions related to the public sector. Along with this, gathering of more than 200 people in public places, other programmes, and movement of the public from 11 pm to 5 am will be strictly banned." The state recorded 79 Covid cases Friday, taking the active case count to 343.

While there is no night curfew so far in Delhi, where the active case count is 782, Christmas and New Year gatherings have been banned, and authorities have started conducting raids at bars and restaurants flouting norms.

Rs 150 cr seized

blame game with the ruling BJP and Opposition SP accusing each other of having dubious links with Jain.

According to an official statement, the Directorate General of GST Intelligence in Ahmedabad received a tipoff based on which the search was conducted on Wednesday. Officials searched the factory premises of Trimurti Fragrance Pvt Ltd, which manufactures

Shikhar Pan Masala and tobacco products, and the office and godowns of Ganpati Road Carriers, in Kanpur, the statement said.

The residential premises of partners of Odochem Industries in Kannauj, which supplies perfumery compounds, were also searched. "...huge amount of cash, wrapped in paper, has been found. The process of counting of cash has been initiated with the help of officials of State Bank of India, Kanpur... The total amount of cash is expected to be in excess of Rs 150 crore," the statement said.

"This is the biggest recovery ever in the history of CBIC," Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC) chairman Vivek Johri told ANI news agency, adding that no arrest has taken place so far.

"A case of fake invoicing and fake credit was reported... DGGI Ahmedabad team started searches on the manufacturer of pan masala and their supplier. A transporter and a fragrance company of Unnao were also searched as they were providers of fragrance to the pan masala company," he said.

According to the official statement, the transporter allegedly generated multiple invoices in the name of non-existent firms, all below Rs 50,000 for one truck load, to avoid generation of e-way bills while moving the goods.

The transporter also allegedly collected the sale proceeds of such "clandestine supply in cash" and handed it over to the manufacturer after deducting commission, it said.

The officers initially intercepted and seized four such trucks outside the factory premises, cleared without invoices and e-way Bills, the statement said.

"In the factory premises, during physical stock taking, shortage of raw materials and finished products was noticed as the finished products had been cleared clandestinely. The authorised signatory of the company has admitted to have cleared the goods without GST," it said.

More than 200 fake invoices used in the past for transportation of goods without payment of GST were recovered from the premises of Ganpati Road Carriers, it said, adding that Rs 1.01 crore in cash was seized.

Following the seizure of cash from Jain, who hails from the SP bastion of Kannauj, UP BJP spokesperson Rakesh Tripathi accused the Opposition party of getting a "helping hand from corrupt people and goons".

"Several people close to the SP are being raided by the I-T and ED, in which hundreds of crores of cash is being found. They had accumulated unac-

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WHO on Booster doses, Haridwar hate speeches, refugees in Mizoram

Today we discuss the significance of WHO's latest statement on booster doses, how an event in Haridwar saw violent hate speeches being made against the muslim community, and how the Mizoram govt is helping refugees from Myanmar

counted wealth through corruption. Now that elections are coming, they are opening their lockers," Tripathi said.

Hitting back, SP national spokesperson Rajendra Choudhary said Jain had nothing to do with the SP. "He is not in our party, and I don't know him," he said. Another national spokesperson and former minister Anurag Bhadouria tweeted: "The Kanpur businessman is part of the BJP's share... The SP has nothing to do with this friend of the BJP or his perfume," he tweeted.

BJP national spokesperson Sambit Patra tweeted purported pictures of the raids on Jain's premises. "The Samajwadis have a slogan that the people's money is theirs. Piyush Jain was the one who launched the Samajwadi 'itra' (perfume) and is being raided by GST team, where more than Rs 100 crore was found. Which Samajwad's black money is this?" he tweeted.

On November 9, SP Akhilesh Yadav had released a "Samajwadi perfume" at a press conference at the party headquarters in Lucknow. He had said that the perfume "will carry the Samajwadi fragrance".

The perfume was made by the team of party MLC from Kannauj, Pushpraj Jain. On Friday, Pushpraj Jain said: "I have nothing to do with Piyush Jain. I had launched the SP perfume on my own. The only thing is that Piyush Jain is from the same community as me. If a raid has been done against him, he will deal with it himself. He had not made any contribution to the perfume, which was launched by me in November."

Rawat placated

The meeting came against the backdrop of Rawat openly expressing his dissatisfaction with the organisation and even suggesting retirement from politics.

All the leaders met Gandhi separately and conveyed their

views. In the end, they sat with AICC general secretary in-charge of organization K C Venugopal and AICC in-charge of the state Devender Yadav, where it was conveyed to the leaders that Rawat, who is the head of the campaign committee, will lead the party into elections and that everyone should cooperate with him.

Rawat was said to be unhappy over Yadav's repeated pronouncements that the election would be fought under a collective leadership. He believes Yadav is siding with a group led by Pritam Singh, who he feels are ranged against him, and that Yadav is micromanaging the Congress's campaign while Rawat is officially the party's campaign committee chief.

Talking to reporters after the meeting, Rawat appeared content with the outcome although sources said Gandhi did express his displeasure over his tweets and asked him to take everyone along. "Life for me is kadam kadam badhaye ja, Congress ke geet gaye ja," he said. Asked about his remarks that the powers that be had "let out several crocodiles" in the "ocean of elections", Rawat said he was referring to those in government who had under them agencies like the CBI and ED.

Godiyal said the elections will be fought under Rawat's leadership and that he will be the face of the campaign. He said the central leadership said that Rawat should be given all support and asserted that "he will be given a free hand".

Rawat said the decision on the Chief Minister will be taken after the elections. The CLP will give its opinion, and the Congress president will appoint the CLP leader. "As the chairman of the campaign committee, I will lead. And everyone will cooperate with me in that," he said.

Sources said a senior Congress leader, most probably a CM, will be made observer for the state. Sources said this could be Rajasthan CM Ashok

Gehlot.

Granthi held

that investigations into the Kapurthala incident had not found any evidence of desecration. "The youth was lynched. The investigation is pointing towards a murder," he said at a press conference.

Jalandhar zone IG G S Dhillon said they were probing the matter as a murder from day one, but wanted to be certain before ruling anything out. Police had maintained from the beginning though that they had found no evidence of desecration.

Amarjit, who was sent to two-day police remand, had been named earlier in a case of a stolen car in 2016, police confirmed. The Nawanshahr police had registered a case under Sections 411 and 483 of the IPC, but the car remained untraced and the case was cancelled by the court in 2019.

It was on Amarjit's complaint that the first FIR in the Kapurthala case, on charges of hurting religious sentiments, was registered. Now charges have been added to it under IPC Sections 302 and 307 (murder and attempt to murder), among others, as well as under the Arms Act.

Denying any desecration of the Nishan Sahib (the religious flag) as alleged by Amarjit, the IG said the accused had called his accomplices before beating the youth to death.

A mob of around a hundred had attacked the youth after granthi Amarjit alleged that he was caught in a bid to desecrate the Nishan Sahib in the wee hours. Three of his videos making the allegations, giving different versions of what happened, had gone viral. In one of them, he urged Sikhs to assemble at the gurdwara and punish the youth before handing him over to the administration.

The youth was beaten up in the presence of senior police officers, as the mob refused to hand him over. Among those present was Kapurthala Senior

Superintendent of Police (SSP) Harkamalpreet Singh Khakh.

The Kapurthala police has sent the photos of the killed youth to police stations across the country to try identify him. His samples have been taken for a DNA test.

The five-member board that conducted his post-mortem found nearly 30 injuries on the youth, mostly sharp, deep cuts, suspected to have been inflicted by a sword, on his neck, hips and head.

Blast suspect

dismissed from service after his arrest in August 2019 and spent two years in jail before being bailed out in September this year," said another senior officer from Khanna.

The hearing in the case was scheduled on Friday in the court of Ludhiana Additional Sessions Judge Shatin Goyal. Police are probing why he visited the court a day before the hearing.

When contacted, Deputy Chief Minister and Home Minister Sukhjinder Singh Randhawa confirmed the finding. "He was identified from a tattoo on his body and a mobile phone recovered from the spot," Randhawa said.

Police sources said the tattoo depicted the "Khanda", which is a Sikh religious symbol.

Hours after the blast on Thursday, in which six others were injured, Ludhiana Police Commissioner Gurpreet Singh Bhullar had said that police believe the man was carrying the explosives on his body or was planning to plant them. The blast had occurred in the washroom on the second floor of the court complex.

According to an officer with Khanna Police, Gagandeep Singh alias Gaggi was arrested on August 11, 2019, after 400 gm of heroin was allegedly seized from a car in which two of his accomplices, Amandeep Singh and Vikas Kumar, were travelling in Sector 39 of Ludhiana. An FIR was registered by the anti-drugs STF under stringent sections of the NDPS Act in Mohali.

The officer said that during interrogation, they allegedly revealed that they got the drugs from Gagandeep Singh, who sourced them from Delhi. The police then arrested Gagandeep and allegedly recovered 385 gm of heroin from his possession.

An officer in Ludhiana, who was part of the team that arrested Gagandeep, said: "He had joined the police as a Constable eight years ago and was promoted to Head Constable. He was married and posted at Khanna about eight months before his arrest. During interrogation, he said that he started selling drugs about six months earlier to small peddlers and addicts."

Police sources said they suspect that Gagandeep came in contact with radicalised elements in jail and that they were probing if the blast was linked to the Punjab polls scheduled next year. They said that an NIA team visited Gagandeep's residence in Khanna on Friday evening after his family identified him.

On Thursday, Chief Minister Charanjit Singh Channi had said that the probe into the blast would be linked to investigations in the sacrilege bid at Golden Temple and the FIR registered against SAD leader Bikram Singh Majithia.

On Friday, Union Law and Justice Minister Kiren Rijju visited the Ludhiana court complex and said the Centre and the state governments will work together to ensure "strong action against the culprits" behind the blast. Rijju said politics should not be played on sensitive issues, and that Channi has assured full support in the investigation.

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Sharda University celebrated its Silver Jubilee recently. Many embassy officials & ambassadors were present on this occasion. Apart from the employees & officers, former VCs & Registrars were honored by giving mementos. Chancellor of the Univ. PK Gupta said that 25 yrs ago we had entered the education sector with a vision. Its purpose is that the local children should not have to go far away for medical studies including higher and technical. In view of this, undergraduate courses are being run in many subjects from engineering to medical colleges. University's Coffee Table Book & a colorful program too was organized on this occasion.



COLLABORATION-IMS GHAZIABAD

IMS Ghaziabad entered into a collaboration with Act 21 Software Private Ltd. An MoU was signed by Dr. Urvashi Makkar, Director, IMS Ghaziabad and Pankaj Gupta, Founder and CEO, Act 21 Software Private Ltd. Dr. Urvashi apprised that as part of the collaboration, Act 21 has committed to take on board the MCA students of the institute. She shared that IMS will extend advisory support to the company for setting up their entry level training and hiring vertical. The tie up, coordinated by Vaani Gandha, was enthusiastically received by the students.



AWARDS-INST. OF COMPANY SECY OF INDIA

ICSI organized the 21st edition of ICSI National Awards for Excellence in Corporate Governance, 2021, recently. Amit Shah, Home Minister & Minister for Cooperation, graced the occasion as the Chief Guest, while Justice, P Sathasivam, Jury Chairman & Fmr. C.J.I, was the Guest of Honour. Shah acknowledged the efforts of the Institute for playing a pivotal role in promoting the cause of Good Corporate Governance. With the intent of creating an all-pervasive awareness for good governance in India INC., the award awakens, promotes & recognizes the exemplary performance of businesses & professionals in the field of corporate governance.



HONOR-GGSIPU

Vice Chancellor, Padma Shri Prof. (Dr.) Mahesh Verma was conferred Doctor of Science Honoris Causa by His Excellency, the Governor of Haryana, Shri Bandaru Dattatreya at Manav Rachna University, Faridabad. This honour was bestowed to him for his exemplary contributions in the field of medicine, dentistry and academia. He has also been awarded the 'Dr. B.C. Roy National Award' and the 'State Award' by Government of NCT of Delhi. Dr. Verma has around 180 publications in indexed journals, and a number of chapters in dentistry textbooks.



SEMINAR-INST. FOR GROOMING PROFESSIONALS

IGP one of the leading coaching academies for CA, CS and CMA exams organized seminars titled- 'CA Inter Sure Shot Success Seminar' for CA Foundation students. The seminars were held recently at IGP's centres at Laxmi Nagar and Jankapuri respectively. The seminar was conducted by CA Ashish Kalra, founder and director of IGP Institute. CA Ashish Kalra Sir gave a direction to the students who have just given CA Foundation exams regarding their future CA journey. The seminar was also conducted in online mode through IGP LIVE App for the expediency of the students as well as parents.



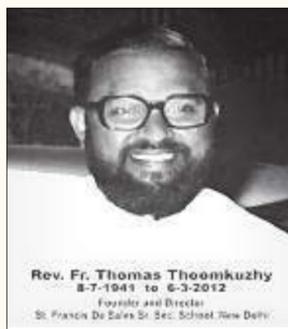
AWARD- DAV SCHOOL, SRESTHA VIHAR

World Education Summit(WES) recognized DAV School as one of the top notch schools of India in "TOP SCHOOLS OF INDIA RANKING 2021" by elets and Digital Learning Magazine. On this occasion, Principal Suhasini K.Nath received a certificate of Recognition for Top Schools of India Ranking 2021 at a Felicitation Ceremony at elets 22nd World Education Summit 2021 at The Leela Ambience Convention Hotel, New Delhi.



ADVERTORIAL

Igniting the Spirit of Love, Compassion and Knowledge



Rev. Fr. Thomas Thoomkuzhy
8-7-1943 to 6-3-2012
Founder and Director
St. Francis De Sales Sr. Sec. School, New Delhi



Fr. B. Anthony Amaladoss, Principal, St. Francis de Sales Sr. Sec. School, Janakpuri, New Delhi



Fr. Peter Mermier
1750-1842

St. Francis de Sales School, Janakpuri, New Delhi, founded by Fr. Thomas Thoomkuzhy was established on 10th April, 1978.

The school started functioning on 10th April, with 117 students and had a humble beginning in tents. The high school (9-10) began in the year 1982-83 and the first batch of 61 students appeared for their Class 10 Board exams in 1983 - 84. The school was upgraded to Senior Secondary (11-12) in the same year.

St. Francis de Sales Senior Secondary School, Janakpuri, New Delhi is an unaided recognized Christian minority private institution affiliated to the Central Board of Secondary Education. As a catholic school, we are working not only for the intellectual, cultural and physical development of our children from the early stages but also for the formation of character by inculcating sound moral principles.

'Faith in God', 'Concern for the welfare of others', and 'Education of the Human Heart' are the core values upon which the Fransalian Mission has set its goals. 'KNOWLEDGE, SERVICE and CHARITY', is not only the motto but the firm foundation our school has set for itself.

The aim of the education imparted is to help children to know themselves, to discover their talents, to accept their limitations and to be creative in their own individual ways. This process helps children to develop their ability to relate and reach out to others.

What is the ethos of St Francis De Sales School that sets it apart from other institutions?

An ambience of calm serenity, the red brick edifice of the institution stands testimony to the vision of the missionaries of St. Francis de Sales. Fair and efficient administration, devoted staff and supportive parents, each stakeholder at SFS plays a key role in the wholesome development of our students. From teachers to support staff, each and every person's contribution makes SFS stand out.

Academic standards, quality education, congenial environs, activities galore, audio visual invasion, social service, literacy mission, values of discipline, honesty, hardwork and integrity among students, meticulous planning, mass participation, spick and span premises, spacious well illuminated rooms, sprawling lawns... all set us apart.

At SFS "WE STRIVE TO EXCEL"...
VALUES: Virtues lived and followed by our patron Saint Francis de Sales is our way of life here at SFS. Our students are brought up with these Fransalian values of knowledge, service, charity, gentleness, honesty and integrity. Thus, empowering them for life.

DISCIPLINE: One of the core strengths of our school is the discipline instilled in the personality of each student right from the grass-root level. We firmly believe that discipline is the foundation stone of a meaningful life.

RESONANCE WITH NATURE: SFS is a completely eco-friendly school where it discourages the use of goods that can possibly harm our environment. Various outreach programmes like Van Mahotsav plantation drive, Nature rally, Street plays, etc. are regularly organised to sensitise our students as well as spreading mass awareness among the people with the sole idea to conserve nature.



HIGH LEVELS OF COLLABORATION AND COMMUNICATION: The school is always open to the ideas and suggestions provided by our parents, teachers and students. We constantly try to incorporate new ideas of curriculum planning, instructions and assessments aligned with national and state standards for the betterment of our students, thus maintaining a clear and shared focus on their all-round holistic development.

EXTREMELY QUALIFIED AND DYNAMIC FACULTY: SFS is proud to boast of its facilitators who are not only highly qualified but also extremely dedicated and dynamic. The success of our students in academics and various co-curricular and extracurricular activities is the fruit of the mentoring, expertise, love and care put in by our meritorious staff. There is a sense of belongingness in each

member of the Fransalian family.

What is the value-based education that you are imparting to your students and their outcome?

SFS works towards the formation of character by moral and value based education through its prayer services, class assemblies with value based themes, bulletin board themes, charity initiatives besides the regular value education and faith formation classes thus rooting our students firmly in the virtues taught by St. Francis de Sales our Patron Saint.

How have you inculcated the philosophy of the school's tagline- Knowledge, Service and Charity, in real life?

SFS stands sentinel with the candles of

Knowledge, Service and Charity burning in a combined effort to produce light which imparts a ray of hope. Knowledge helps the students to attain skills which enable them to serve as productive individuals and thus make positive contributions to society through selfless service which is charity. SFS moulds individuals who perceive that service to God is service to humanity and vice-versa.

The Covid pandemic was unprecedented and devastating. Could you share how your school made the great shift to hybrid teaching and to keep the students, teachers and the school community engaged?

Covid-19 sent the world to a grinding halt. The educational landscape changed overnight, the disruption of academic programmes hindered the learning graph. At

SFS Delhi, we metamorphosed, reshaped and innovated our educational apostolates to sustain and succeed. Online and digital culture became an integral part of our educational system and we adapted to the NEW NORMAL. Our faculty explored, learnt and mastered the new tools and techniques of the virtual world from PPT's, WhatsApp, Videos, ZOOM to GCL. Our students channelised this adversity with their creativity, compassion and honed their innate skills and talents. To foster creative thinking and nurturing the competitive streak among students a plethora of competitions and activities were organised. Special days were celebrated with elan on virtual mode. We went ahead setting benchmarks one after another, evolved and optimistically continued our mission with a RAY OF HOPE.

What has your school's role been in helping needy students and people in the neighbourhood?

The integrative approach of the school is to get every student rooted in God with a sensitive, ethically and morally refined heart to reach out with compassion by responding to the needs of the society especially the under privileged through "FOOD FOR LIVING PROGRAMME" in which food is collected from students and staff and distributed to the poor and needy. Books, uniforms, mobile phones, desktops are provided as per the need.

SFS has also been in the forefront in working towards the success of literacy mission through its initiative of EACH ONE TEACH ONE by students and staff.

What are the other social service initiatives of the school?

With a view to inculcate social awareness, visits to Homes for the aged and sick are an integral part of the school calendar. Daily essentials, clothes, stationery etc. are distributed on a regular basis to various Orphanages. Food kits were also distributed during lockdown for the 2nd. During the major outbreak of COVID - 2nd wave - meals were provided to the Covid affected families. Cycles were provided to the service staff.

Today, the education sector is very corporatized. In this milieu where does the strength of St Francis lie in providing quality education?

The strength of SFS lies in education through fair-minded, passionate, honest, well-mannered, inspirer, skilled and supportive mentors who have a strong positive impact on the student's attitude and personality. We keep pace in terms of temperaments, priorities and aspiration of the youngsters by constantly upgrading the infrastructure and updating the faculty with the latest technology and teaching methodologies.

As it is Christmas, how have the teaching of Lord Jesus given you strength and a vision to live a worthy life in the new normal?

From Genesis to Revelation the Bible is an integrated message sharing the love story of God and man. Christmas is a time of loving and forgiving, a call to help, love and share with one another for Jesus Christ was born to save Humanity. The Miracle of Christmas weaves the magic of brotherhood... fills hearts with peace...and causes a weary world to pause...to remember...and to hope.

On X-Mas, what would your greetings and message be for everyone?

Christmas is a time to aspire for a new beginning in our life. Remember Jesus is not found only in cribs and churches, you can find Him in the meek and the needy, the downtrodden and the pretty, in birds and trees and in all we see. Let us deepen our awareness and lead a worthy life by offering our hearts as a gift to Baby Jesus on His Birthday! Wishing you all a joyful Christmas and a grace-filled New Year 2022.

St. Francis de Sales Senior Secondary School, Janakpuri, New Delhi will continue to shine radiating its glory and lighting the lives that it touches for years to come.





| | | Total | Vacant | | |
|---------------|-----------|--------|------------|--------|-------------|
| TOTAL CASES | 14,42,813 | 13,500 | 13,251 | | |
| HOSPITAL BEDS | | 2,790 | 2,753 | | |
| ICU BEDS | | | | | |
| | | Cases | Recoveries | Deaths | Tests |
| Dec 23 | | 118 | 57 | 1 | 61,322 |
| Dec 24 | | 180 | 82 | 0 | 62,697 |
| Total | | 782* | 14,16,928 | 25,103 | 3,22,89,000 |

*Total active cases

HIGHEST DAILY CASE LOAD SINCE JUNE 16

100% first dose coverage as Delhi cases touch 180

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 24

WITH 180 new cases of Covid-19, Delhi reported its highest daily tally since mid-June on a day when it reached the milestone of 100% first dose vaccinations. There are 14.8 million adults eligible for vaccination in Delhi, as per the government.

Around 71.3% of the eligible population has received their second shots as well. Amidst the omicron scare, Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal had urged the Centre earlier this week to allow booster shots.

"Delhi completes the first dose to 100% eligible people — 148.33 lakh. Salute to doctors, ANMs, teachers, ASHAs, CDVs and all other frontline workers. Congratulations to DMs, CDMOs, DIOs and all district functionaries," the CM tweeted on Friday afternoon.

The 180 new cases on Friday is the highest since June 16 when 212 cases were reported.

This week, Delhi recorded over 144 new cases of Covid-19 on average each day, according to the data, as opposed to just over 70 cases a day on average during last week, and 51 cases the week before that.

There is an increasing trend in the number of cases, despite all Delhi residents receiving at least one shot of the vaccine. The previous sero surveillance conducted in September said 97% of Delhi residents had antibodies against the Sars-CoV-2 virus that causes Covid-19.

The latest surge could be

VACCINE STATS

First dose: **1,48,66,932**
Coverage: **100.2%**

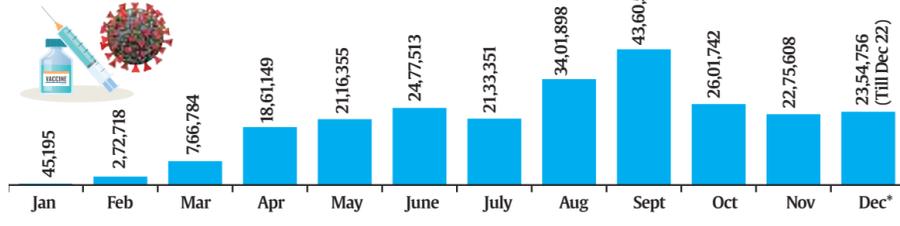
Second dose: **1,05,85,338**
Coverage: **71.3%**

Eligible population: **1,48,33,713**

VACCINE-WISE BREAKUP

Covishield **2,01,85,846** (79.3%)
Covaxin **51,77,759** (20.3%)
Sputnik V **88,665** (0.34%)

MONTH-WISE COVERAGE



linked to the new omicron variant; the number of omicron cases in Delhi stood at 67 on Friday, trailing just behind Maharashtra that has reported 88 cases so far. The heavily mutated variant is supposed to be at least three times more transmissible than delta and significantly evasive of immunity gained through vaccination.

In addition to the absolute number of cases in the capital, there has also been an increase in the positivity rate or the proportion of samples that return positive. The positivity rate shot up to 0.29% on Friday, increasing from less than 0.1% that was maintained for nearly six months. The average positivity rate last week stood at 0.12%.

The first phase of Covid-19 restrictions by the Delhi government will kick in if the number crosses 0.5%, as per the government's graded response action plan.

However, the government has already started working on boosting its infrastructure for testing and treating Covid patients. Kejriwal, after a review meeting on Thursday, said the government was working to build capacity to conduct 3 lakh tests a day and deal with 1 lakh cases each day.

Children outside the barricaded main gates of Sacred Heart Cathedral ahead of Christmas midnight mass. The church has a cap of 200 people with prior registration for the service. Sukrita Baruah

Cap on crowd, night curfew in UP, Haryana

MAULSHREE SETH
LUCKNOW, DECEMBER 24

AMID CONCERNS surrounding the Omicron variant of coronavirus in other states, the Uttar Pradesh government has brought back a state-wide night curfew between 11 pm and 5 am from Saturday night. The Haryana government too has imposed similar restrictions in the same time frame from December 25 to January 5.

A list of directions, issued on Saturday, was shared after Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath chaired a high-level meeting to review Covid-19 preparedness.

In addition, gatherings at public events and weddings have been limited to 200 people. These events have to adhere to Covid-19 guidelines, and organisers are required to inform local authorities about these.

The government instructed shopkeepers to not sell products to customers without masks and asked police to regularly patrol markets and other public areas to ensure people abide by Covid protocol.

A government spokesperson said the directions had been issued owing to a rise in Covid cases in other states.

The government asked authorities to test people entering the state and maintain a strict vigil at bus stands, railway sta-

tions and airports.

As part of the new directions, Covid monitoring committees in villages and urban areas are likely to be revived. In earlier Covid surges, these committees traced individuals coming from outside, got them tested and ensured their quarantine or isolation.

In Haryana, gatherings of more than 200 people in public places are barred till January 5.

After chairing a meeting to review Covid preparedness, Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar said: "In order to curb the spread of omicron, it is necessary to make people aware. Special attention should be paid to ensure that people get vaccinated. The health department should be prepared to deal with Covid cases. On December 23, more than 2 lakh people got the second dose of the vaccine. Apart from this, 30,000-32,000 patients are being tested daily and those found positive are being sent for genome sequencing."

On Friday, Noida reported 12 cases while Ghaziabad had 9 fresh infections. The total active cases in Noida stand at 47 while in Ghaziabad there are 32 active cases.

Gurgaon reported 48 fresh cases of Covid-19, the highest daily spike in over six months, on Friday.

BRIEFLY

Delhi Metro: Field trial of indigenous system begins

New Delhi: The Delhi Metro Friday entered into the 20th year of its operations and marked the occasion by commencing a field trial of a first-ever indigenously developed signalling technology, and unveiling an exhibition on its journey at Kashmere Gate station. The field trial of the first-ever indigenously developed i-ATS technology (Indigenous - Automatic Train Supervision) for Metro's Red Line (Rithala-New Bus Stand, Shaheed Sthal) was inaugurated by Durga Shanker Mishra, secretary in the Union Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs, and Chairman, DMRC via video conferencing, officials said. PTI

New campus for Indira Gandhi varsity for women being set up

New Delhi: A new campus that can accommodate around 25,000 students is being set up for Indira Gandhi Technical University for Women at Narela. The technical institute has been operating at Kashmere Gate near the Ambedkar University campus so far. On their fourth convocation, Deputy CM Manish Sisodia had announced that a new campus was being developed on a 50-acre land in Narela.

Woman found dead in park: One arrested

Gurgaon: Two months after a 25-year-old woman was found murdered in a park in South City-1 area, police on Friday arrested a 37-year-old man for allegedly strangling her to death after she refused to marry him. On September 23, the woman was found dead in a park, with injury marks on her head. ENS

People flowing like a river, situation frightening: HC on Sarojini Nagar crowd

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 24

THE DELHI High Court Friday said that the state of affairs in Delhi's Sarojini Nagar market is frightening and rapped the New Delhi Municipal Council and Delhi Police for allowing illegal vendors to operate from there. The court also took note of videos showing a huge rush of shoppers at the market, saying that people are "flowing like a river" there, and summoned the Sarojini Nagar SHO to court during the day.

The division bench of Justices Vipin Sanghi and Jasmeet Singh directed the DDMA to visit the market and assess the situation, in the wake of rising Covid cases, and pass necessary directions.

It said that 80,000 people will go to a market there only when a large number of persons are selling goods there, and if their number is limited, then the number of visitors will also reduce.

"If you (authorities) were to implement our orders, not permit squatters over there who are not having valid licences, there would be no such problem," said the court, adding that there was complete dereliction of duty.

Observing that there could be a stampede where hundreds of people may lose their lives, the court said that the market has already witnessed a bomb blast in the past. "Just think if a small bomb were to go off, how many people will die and also because



The court also took note of videos showing a huge rush of shoppers at the market. Tashi Tobgyal

of the stampede," it added.

The court had in October said that not more than 3-4 informal vendors are to be permitted for every 10 shops in a market under the Master Plan, but the number of vendors in the market has exceeded the limit. "Since there are 200 shops in the Sarojini Nagar Market, 60-80 vendors may be permitted," it had noted.

NDMC and Delhi Police were on September 13 directed by the court to ensure that illegal encroachments are cleared from the market and that they do not return. While the police and municipal body submitted that action was being taken, the court asked whether it should

believe them or what it has been seeing on ground. The court also warned the local SHO that he will face suspension if there is non-compliance of court orders.

"If you think you can so brazenly violate the orders of the High Court, then we will tell you what we can do. If there is any loss of life because of Covid or stampede or any other incident in this market, you persons will be personally liable for that. Because we know when you want to do something, nothing can stop you from that. The State, municipality, the police, enough power is there with you to take action," said the court.

The court asked authorities to install poles with chains and mark the ground in the market with white paint so as to specify the area within which shopkeepers and squatters have to carry out their activities. The court also said NDMC will ensure proper and effective fencing of the market is done.

It also directed police to work out a movement plan for people who visit the market and said authorities need to ensure there is no overcrowding there. It also ordered that goods seized from hawkers and vendors, who are found illegally operating from there, shall not be released to them without the court's order.

This weekend, shops to open on odd-even basis at market

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 24

SHOPS AND street vendors at Sarojini Nagar Market will follow odd-even operations on Saturday and Sunday, after large crowds of shoppers were seen at the market over the past few days.

An order to this effect was passed by Vasant Vihar SDM Ankur Prakash Meshram on Friday, in order to "prevent the market from becoming a super spreader for Covid-19".

Some shops will open on Saturday, while others will open on Sunday, depending on the numbering, said Kuldeep Singh Sawhney, president, Sarojini Nagar Market Shopkeepers Association.

A meeting of all stakeholders of Sarojini Nagar market was held on Friday. It was decided at the meeting that the Director (Enforcement) of the New Delhi Municipal Council and the SHO, Sarojini Nagar police station, will ensure that no unauthorised vendors are operating in the market and that there are no encroachments.

They are also required to ensure that entry to the market is only from gate number 1, 3 and 5, and exit from gate number 2, 2A and 4.

All shopkeepers are required to ensure their staff is vaccinated.

Representatives of market associations will take full responsibility for ensuring Covid-appropriate behaviour.

Enforcement up across city; club sealed for violations

GAYATHRI MANI
NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 24

WITH DELHI seeing a slight uptick in Covid cases, the district administrations have strengthened the enforcement drive across the city. All 11 districts each have deployed 25-100 enforcement teams and flying squads to carry out surprise inspections and raids at public places such as markets, malls, pubs, restaurants, and bars to ensure no large social and cultural gatherings take place.

On Thursday, Delhi Police and the South District administration sealed and registered an FIR against a popular club in Mehrauli for crowding and violating Covid protocols. "As many as 600 people were at the pub; there was no social distancing," said Sonalika Jiwani, South District Magistrate.

The enforcement drive has been stepped up after the DDMA on December 15 banned social, cultural, and festive gatherings during Christmas and New Year and put a 50% cap on the seating capacity in restaurants and bars.

"We have increased enforcement from December 22. More than 100 teams are on ground and there is strict enforcement of Covid protocol at markets, malls, restaurants, and bars. All sub-divisional magistrates along with their teams are personally monitoring the situation on ground," said Sonalika.

"We have also increased prosecution and are challenging those

not wearing masks or maintaining social distancing in public places. In last two days, 500 challans have been issued," she added.

Both the South and Southeast districts are home to several popular clubs, pubs, restaurants, and malls. As per officials, Covid cases, especially of the omicron variant, are being reported largely from South, Southeast and Southwest districts.

The Southeast District has increased the number of enforcement teams from 19 to 25 in two days. This will be increased to 35 if cases go up in the district.

"We have deployed 10 special teams with 40 officers to carry out raids in market areas. Lajpat Nagar is one of the largest hubs as far as markets are concerned in the district. These teams target peak time in the evenings (7-7.30 pm) and conduct surprise checks, raids and prosecute violators," said Southeast District Magistrate Vishwendra.

The district administration is also focusing on other areas where cases are increasing. "Tracking and containing clusters is very important as both omicron and delta variants are highly transmissible. We have 89 active cases in our district; of these 71 cases have been contained in 18 zones," said the DM.

He further said separate teams have been deployed to conduct raids and surprise inspections at bars and pubs. "On Wednesday night, an FIR was filed against a pub operating in the basement of a hotel for crowding and other violations," said Vishwendra.

TO ASSESS THEIR NUMBERS, IDENTIFY PROBLEM AREAS

For monkey census in city, forest dept reaches out to wildlife body

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 24

THE DEPARTMENT of Forest and Wildlife hopes to rope in the Wildlife Institute of India (WII), Dehradun, for a "detailed census" of the monkey population in Delhi.

The census is "proposed to be conducted to assess the number of monkeys and identification of problematic areas in the city," according to the minutes of the meeting last month of an enforcement committee headed by the

Chief Wildlife Warden of Delhi.

The committee was constituted on the orders of the Delhi High Court, issued during the hearing of a petition on the population of monkeys in the city and their conflict with people. It includes representatives from the veterinary services of the MCDs, representatives of the animal husbandry unit of the Delhi government, and the Deputy Conservators of Forests.

The Forest Department has already written to the WII, said a senior official. The intention is to identify those areas where



Monkeys that are caught by the MCDs are released at the Asola Bhatti Wildlife Sanctuary. Archive

the monkey population is in conflict with people more often, the official said.

The department also intends to request the WII to train monkey catchers for their "skill upgradation". The WII will be requested to prepare a module for training animal handlers and catchers.

Monkeys that are caught by the MCDs are released at the Asola Bhatti Wildlife Sanctuary. The enforcement committee had also noted that before releasing monkeys at the sanctuary, the Deputy Conservator of Forests should arrange to verify

and examine the medical certificate from a veterinary doctor certifying that the monkey is free from communicable diseases.

"When the monkeys are brought to the sanctuary, the veterinary wing of the MCD concerned certifies that they are fit to be released into the sanctuary. If this certification is not available, we keep them at the rescue centre here and observe them for 15 days. If there are no complications, we release them. We have a limited veterinary set up, while the MCDs already have established veterinary wings," said an official

of the South Forest Division.

At the meeting of the enforcement committee, the Chief Wildlife Warden also suggested that the Development Department of the Delhi government may provide veterinary doctors to the Forest Department on deputation, if they are available.

In 2018, the Forest Department had been considering sterilisation of monkeys and had submitted an affidavit to the High Court with timelines for the same. This, however, is now off the table, another senior official of the Forest Department said.

9 GOVT & POLITICS



DELHI CONFIDENTIAL



NO UNCERTAINTY

THAT HARISH Rawat wanted the Congress leadership in Delhi to give an unambiguous signal that the party's campaign in Uttar Pradesh is now known. But one of the many reasons which made him restless was interesting. One gets to hear that a couple of businessmen, who have business interests in Uttar Pradesh, had met him in Dehradun. They offered him financial support. The same businessmen later met a leader in Delhi. Perhaps they wanted to make sure that they were betting on the right person. The central leader was evasive on whether Rawat will be the chief minister if the party is voted to power. And the word reached Rawat. Needless to say, he got upset. A veteran of many battles, Rawat has now pushed the party to signal that he will lead the party into elections. In other words, he is the face and will hold pole position in the CM race post elections if the party finds itself in a position to form the government.

THE ENVOY

CANADA ON Friday named Cameron MacKay as the next High Commissioner to India. He succeeds Nadir Patel, who left earlier this year. MacKay was Canada's ambassador to Indonesia and Timor-Leste from 2019 to 2021. He joined the Canadian Foreign Ministry in 1995 and has served as director of regional trade policy from 2008 to 2010, director general for China trade policy from 2012 to 2013, director general of the Trade Negotiations Bureau from 2013 to 2015 and director general of the Trade Sectors Bureau from 2015 to 2017. Most recently in Ottawa, he served as director of operations at the Privy Council Office's Foreign and Defence Policy Secretariat. Abroad, he served at Canada's permanent mission in Geneva from 2001 to 2006, as Canada's ambassador to Costa Rica, Honduras and Nicaragua from 2010 to 2012.

BREAK FROM TRADITION

IN A break from tradition, Minister of State PMO, Personnel, Public Grievances, Pensions Jitendra Singh, after delivering the valedictory address on the conclusion of the Second Capacity Building Program in Field Administration for senior officials of J&K Administrative Service in New Delhi, did not hand out mementos to the officers. The officers had just gone through a two-week training in administration, and usually, like in most government events, mementos are handed out to the participants as well as trainers. But while felicitating the officers, the minister announced that the government will stop the practice of handing out mementos – which is an unnecessary government expenditure. So the 29 officers of J&K Administrative Service from 1999 to 2002 batches, who underwent training, received special mentions from Department of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances at Friday's event.

Brahmpura return gives Akali Dal shot in the arm ahead of Punjab election

NAVJEEVANGOPAL
CHANDIGARH, DECEMBER 24



Ranjit Singh Brahmputra

THE PROSPECTS of the embattled Shiromani Akali Dal (SAD) got a boost ahead of the upcoming Punjab Assembly polls, with the 84-year-old rebel Akali leader Ranjit Singh Brahmputra returning to the party fold.

After parting ways with the SAD in 2018, Brahmputra, who had been a close aide of the Akali patriarch Parkash Singh Badal, floated the breakaway faction, SAD (Taksali). Once dubbed "Majhe da Jarnail" (General of Majha region of Punjab), Brahmputra, a former MP and four-time MLA, had quit the SAD on a bitter note, questioning the functioning of Sukhbir Badal as party president.

The significance of Brahmputra's re-joining the SAD could be gauged from the point that Parkash Singh Badal and Sukhbir, his son, went to his house in Chandigarh Thursday. Lauding Brahmputra, Parkash Badal said if he got the opportunity to become the Punjab CM five times, the former had a "big role" in it. Brahmputra too said, "I was on leave from my parent party for some time in the same manner in which a *fauji* goes on leave for some time..."

CONGRESS INFIGHTING IN POLL-BOUND UTTARAKHAND

Harish Rawat wins first round against Delhi's lightweight appointee

MANOJ CG
NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 24

IN A scene now increasingly familiar in the Congress, the party high command on Friday summoned its Uttarakhand leaders Harish Rawat, Pritam Singh, Ganesh Godiyal, Kishore Upadhyay and others, to Delhi for a meeting with Rahul Gandhi Friday, as differences in the state unit spilled into the open two months ahead of assembly elections in the state.

The reason was also notably familiar: the growing rift between Rawat, former chief minister and the Congress's tallest leader in Uttarakhand, and AICC in-charge of the state Devender Yadav, a lightweight Delhi politician. After Rawat made his displeasure pub-

lic in a cryptic post, Godiyal, the PCC president, had thrown his weight behind the veteran.

A 49-year-old two-time MLA, Yadav belongs to a wealthy family in Delhi with interests in both business and politics. His father Mahender Yadav, also known as Pradhanji, was a Congress politician. A civil engineering degree holder, he entered the Congress "organisation system" some 20 years ago when the then Indian Youth Congress chief Randeep Singh Surjewala inducted him in his committee as a national general secretary.

In 2002, Yadav fought his first

DAY AFTER HC SUGGESTS DEFERRING POLLS OVER OMICRON FEARS

Will go to UP next week, take a call on assembly elections: CEC

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 24

A DAY after the Allahabad High Court urged the Prime Minister to postpone the upcoming Uttar Pradesh Assembly polls due to the threat of the Omicron variant of Covid-19, Chief Election Commissioner Sushil Chandra Friday said the Election Commission would be visiting the poll-bound state next week and review the situation.

"Next week, we will go to Uttar Pradesh and review the situation there. Then take an appropriate decision," CEC Sushil Chandra said at a press conference in Dehradun during his two-day visit to Uttarakhand to review the preparations for the Assembly elections in the state.

When asked about the Allahabad High Court's request, Chandra said he had been informed that Uttarakhand had one case of Omicron so far. He reiterated the measures taken



Chief Election Commissioner Sushil Chandra

by the poll panel to reduce the risk of Covid-19 during the elections and said the commission will take action as per the Constitution and the Representation of the People Act, 1951.

On Thursday, the Allahabad High Court urged Prime Minister Narendra Modi 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 sit-

uation, 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."

The commission is currently visiting all poll-bound states ahead of the scheduled assembly elections. It is customary for the commission to visit poll-bound states ahead of announcing their dates.

CEC Sushil Chandra, and election commissioners Anup Chandra Pandey and Rajiv Kumar have already visited the poll-bound states of Punjab, Goa and Uttarakhand. They are scheduled to visit Uttar Pradesh and Manipur next.

Chandra, during his review visit to Goa said the Election Commission is ready to hold the elections in Goa (and by exten-

sion, the other states going to polls around the same time), despite the looming threat of another wave of the coronavirus disease pandemic, but emphasised that local election officials have been empowered to ensure strict adherence to Covid protocols during campaigning, and that the polling itself will also be held with adequate precautions.

The current term of the legislative assemblies of Goa, Manipur, Punjab and Uttarakhand are coming to an end in March 2022, while the term of the Uttar Pradesh Legislative Assembly is scheduled to end in May next year.

The Election Commission (EC) is mandated under the law to hold elections at any time within six months before the five-year term of the Lok Sabha or Legislative Assembly expires.

The elections are usually timed in a way that the new Assembly or Lok Sabha is in place on the day of the dissolution of the outgoing House.

In temple town, CM: Ayodhya to be world class destination

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
LUCKNOW, DECEMBER 24

AYODHYA WOULD soon be connected with waterways, and no efforts would be spared to project the temple town as a "world-class destination", said Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath on Friday.

"No efforts will be spared to present Ayodhya as a world-class destination with modern amenities and the global connectivity," said Adityanath, who was in Ayodhya to lay the foundation stone of a government ayurvedic college, 500 health wellness centers and 50-bed Ayush hospitals in six districts.

Attacking the previous Samajwadi Party (SP) government in UP, Adityanath said "There was a pressing need for the government of Ram devotees to bring in a Ram Rajya in its true sense... People don't want a government that fires bullets at Ram Bhakts."

He said that work to connect Ayodhya with waterways would be undertaken by the central government. "Also, the work is on to connect all Ayurvedic colleges of the state with the



UP Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath in Ayodhya. Express

Ayurvedic University," said Adityanath, thanking the Central government for allotting an ayurvedic college to Ayodhya. "In a few days, the Prime Minister is going to lay the foundation stone of an international airport in Ayodhya. Then you can travel to any country from here," he said.

Addressing another public meeting in Bahraich district, Adityanath alleged that previous UP governments led by the SP, BSP and Congress had never honoured Raja Suheldev. "An institution to be named after

Maharaja Suheldev was a dream in Bahraich. But Modi ji turned this into a reality, and the foundation stone of a medical college named after Suheldev and Maharshi Balark was laid. A monument is being made in his memory. The SP, BSP and Congress would never honour Maharaja Suheldev who took down Ghazi Saiyyad Salar Masud," said the CM.

According to a statement, Yogi laid foundation stones and inaugurated 98 development schemes worth Rs 35.38 crore.

After protests, UP govt says will recruit teaching candidates

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
LUCKNOW, DECEMBER 24

THE UTTAR Pradesh government on Friday announced that the candidates protesting against the discrepancies in the recruitment process for the reserved category in the appointment of 69,000 assistant teachers will be recruited.

Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath Thursday met a delegation of protesting students in Lucknow and had directed basic education department officials to find a "swift and fair" solution.

The candidates were protesting against alleged discrepancies in the recruitment process under the reserved category. UP minister Satish Dwivedi said, "In the appointment of 69,000 assistant teachers in the basic education department, candidates were repeatedly complaining about discrepancies... After giving thought to this demand and research, it was seen that some candidates from the reserved category were left out." The minister said those affected will be admitted. "The process will start today," he said.

TMC trying to 'divide Goans': Former MLA, 4 others quit party

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
PANAJI, DECEMBER 24

WITHIN THREE months of joining the Trinamool Congress, former Goa MLA Lavoo Mammedar on Friday resigned from the party with four others. In his resignation letter submitted to party chairperson Mamata Banerjee, Mammedar said the party was trying "to divide Goans on the basis of religion".

Mammedar, a former Maharashtra Gomantak party (MGP) MLA from Ponda, also said the TMC's "move to polarise Hindu votes towards MGP and Catholic votes to-

wards the AITC is purely communal in nature".

The letter signed by Mammedar, Ram Mandrekar, Kishor Parwar, Komal Parwar and Sujay Mallik said, "We do not want to continue with a party which is trying to divide Goans. We will not allow AITC and the company managing AITC Goa to break the secular fabric of the state and we shall protect it."

Mammedar, a former MGP MLA from Ponda, joined the TMC on September 29 and was among the first ten people from Goa to join along with former chief minister and now TMC Rajya Sabha MP Luizinho Faleiro.

While the party has been in-



Lavoo Mammedar (fourth from left) was among the first 10 Goa leaders to join the TMC. Courtesy: TMC

ducting politicians, activists and members of civil society since it announced its decision to contest the upcoming Goa legislative as-

sembly election, this is the first set of exits it has seen.

"We will go according to our mission and vision to bring about

Cong 'casting aspersions' on constitutional authority: govt

Respect has to be commanded: Jairam

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 24



Pralhad Joshi (left) and Jairam Ramesh

A DAY after Rajya Sabha Secretariat countered the Congress's charge that Chairman M Venkaiah Naidu had left it to the government and opposition to resolve the stalemate over the suspension of 12 MPs from the House saying that he "cannot do anything", the government on Friday hit out at the Congress and accused it of "casting aspersions" on the functioning of a Constitutional authority. The Congress responded, saying "respect has to be commanded, not demanded".

The continuing war of words between the government and the opposition signals that the bitterness in their ties, which came to the fore repeatedly during the Winter Session of Parliament, may well spill into the Budget Session, which will begin in January-end.

On Friday, Parliamentary Affairs Minister Pralhad Joshi hit out at the opposition in a statement. He said the people and "even history is witness to the level of noise and indiscipline that the opposition has made a kind of practice to bring to the sittings of the House" and asked them not to give "factually and morally incorrect statements".

It was "both astonishing and saddening" that the... opposition, especially senior members of the Congress party, have deviated from the well-known truth about what transpired in the recently concluded session... he said, arguing that "opposition appeared committed to hampering the running of the House".

"It was painful, when some members of the opposition re-

duced the temple of democracy to a theatre of street fight. The Chairman, deeply pained, reached out to the opposition to break the stalemate. The opposition came back in multiple voices which were unclear and contradictory at the same time. Duplicitousness was obvious beneath some weak conciliatory overtures."

"When the Chairman reached out in a concrete manner, the response proved that the intention beneath the conciliatory talk was that the House not run. Now in order to somehow create the opposite narrative, senior members of the Congress party such as Jairam Ramesh by casting aspersions on the functioning of a Constitutional authority, the Chairman of the Rajya Sabha, do a disfavour not only to the truth, but to democracy itself," Joshi said.

Ramesh responded sarcastically to the statement. "I hope the mention of my name in Pralhad Joshi's statement defending an unconstitutional and illegal suspension of 12 MPs is not a prelude to my suspension for the forthcoming Budget Session. This regime... is simply not interested in any meaningful discussion..." he said. Replying to Joshi's charge, Ramesh said, "As far as Joshi's accusation is concerned, I have always believed respect has to be commanded, not demanded."

Uttarakhand Congress committee member assaulted by party workers

PRESSTrust OF INDIA
DEHRADUN, DECEMBER 24

UTTARAKHAND'S CONGRESS Committee general secretary Rajendra Shah was allegedly assaulted at the party office in Dehradun by a party worker who accused him of abusing for-

mer chief minister Harish Rawat, party leaders said on Friday.

Senior party leaders present at the party office, however, rushed to Shah's rescue and took him aside. Some party workers also shouted slogans against Shah inside his chamber. The workers later said the matter has been settled.

State committed to give incentive to farmers who repay crop loans, says Ajit Pawar

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
MUMBAI, DECEMBER 24

THE MAHA Vikas Aghadi (MVA) government is committed to provide an incentive of Rs 50,000 each to farmers who repay crop loans regularly under the Mahatma Jyotiba Phule Loan Waiver scheme, Deputy Chief Minister Ajit Pawar said on Friday in the state Assembly.

Pawar was responding to a question raised by Shiv Sena MLA Prakash Abitkar on the status of the incentive schemes.

While conceding there has been delay in fulfilling these promises, Pawar expressed concerns over revenue shortfall. "The state revenue has reduced by Rs 1.5 lakh crore amid the Covid-19 pandemic," he said.

"However, once the situation returns to normal and the financial condition improves, the government will ensure each farmer, who regularly repay crop loans, gets Rs 50,000 as incentive," Pawar added. "The government has disbursed Rs 20,290 crore to 31.81 lakh farmers," he said.

After coming to power in the state two years ago, the MVA government had announced a complete crop loan waiver up to Rs 2 lakh for farmers under the scheme. It also introduced a scheme under which a farmer with more than Rs 2 lakh debt had to repay the additional loan to avail the waiver up to Rs 2 lakh.



A photo tweeted by AICC Uttarakhand in-charge Devender Yadav (left) with Rahul Gandhi at a recent rally.

warded him in 2017, appointing him as an AICC secretary. Yadav was part of the AICC team involved in the party's successful

election efforts in Rajasthan. In 2019, he was appointed working president of the Delhi Congress. Yadav lost again from Badli in

Assembly elections held last year. However, there has been no dent in Yadav's fortunes, and in September last year, he was appointed in charge of Uttarakhand.

Yadav's insistence on collective leadership was not a surprise given the Congress's reluctance to name a CM candidate before polls.

However, Rawat, and many said legitimately, felt that the stress on collective leadership took away his primacy and made him one among the equals. His contention was that the party should give him the lead role even if it didn't officially anoint him as the CM face.

Adding to Rawat's insecurity was Yadav's proximity to working president Ranjeet Rawat. Once a close associate of Harish Rawat, Ranjeet Rawat was said to have

commented earlier that the former CM now needs to take rest.

Rawat's public outburst on social media, sources said, was calculated. "He perhaps wanted to go on the offensive and push Yadav and the others on the defensive..." a leader said.

The immediate trigger were developments ahead of Rahul Gandhi's rally in Dehradun last week. Sources close to Rawat claimed the former CM's posters and cutouts were "purposely" removed from "main spots" on the eve of the meeting, a leader said.

"Rawat is a shrewd politician. He did not take any names but everybody knew who his target was. So now there is pressure on the other side. There will be pressure on Yadav too," the leader cited above said.

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NEW DELHI
Nepal PM to visit India next month

Kathmandu: Nepal Prime Minister Sher Bahadur Deuba will visit India next month to take part in the Vibrant Gujarat Global Summit and is also expected to meet his Indian counterpart Narendra Modi, according to a media report on Friday. He is leaving for India on January 10. The Kathmandu Post reported. Sources at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs said a meeting between Prime Minister Deuba and Modi is very much likely, the report said. The biennial Vibrant Gujarat Global Summit is scheduled for January 10-12. **PTI**

Head of Deoghar satsang ashram dies at 89

New Delhi: The pradhan acharya of Deoghar Satsang Ashram in Jharkhand, Ashok Chakraborty, died at the Durgapur Mission Hospital in West Bengal on December 16, Ashram officials said. He was 89. Called 'Sri Sri Dada' by his followers, he was the eldest grandson of Ashram founder Thakur Anukulchandra. Prime Minister Narendra Modi and political leaders across party lines offered their condolences. Chakraborty ran a vast network of satsang centres in India and abroad and preached universal brotherhood. **ENS**

TRIPURA

Doctor rams car into wall near CM's house

Agartala: A doctor, who was allegedly drunk, drove his car into a wall near the residence of CM Biplab Deb in Agartala, following which he was arrested, police said on Friday. A police officer said the CM was out for night walk when the incident happened. **PTI**

BIHAR

Jehanabad arms case: NIA files charge sheet

Patna: NIA on Friday filed a charge sheet before a special court against five people in the Jehanabad arms recovery case, an official said. Parshuram Singh of Danapur, Sanjay Singh of Gaya, Prem Raj of Danapur, Rakesh Kumar of Danapur and Mohammad Badruddin of Danapur have been named in the chargesheet. The accused fabricated and transported improvised grenades to Jharkhand-based Maoist commanders. **PTI**

Ludhiana blast burst water pipe, vital clues feared washed away

DEEPTIMAN TIWARY
NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 24

A DAY after an explosion in a Ludhiana court killed one person and injured six others, security agencies are struggling to reach a conclusion on the nature of the bomb because some clues are said to have been washed away after a water pipe burst.

"The nature of explosives is still being ascertained as the blast caused a water pipe in the toilet to burst, washing away the explosives. Forensic teams are still working at the spot to pick up traces. It might take some time but a conclusion will be arrived at soon," a senior security establishment officer said.

Sources said investigators and forensics teams have found remains of a container, a damaged mobile phone, remains of a detonator and shrapnel from the spot. "It appears that the explosion occurred while the IED was being assembled. Assessment of the damage caused to the structure do point to use of high-grade explosive or an easily available explosive in large quantities. But until traces are forensically examined, it will be difficult to say for sure," an officer involved with the probe said.

Sources said the nature of the blast also pointed to the fact that the intention of the perpetrators of the attack was to cause extensive damage to life and property. Determining the nature of the bomb and the make of the IEDs are likely to help investigators as-



Union Minister of Law and Justice Kiren Rijji Singh at the district court complex in Ludhiana on Friday. *Gurmeet Singh*

certain which groups have used such assembly in the past.

The development comes at a time when security agencies have flagged increasing activity of pro-Khalistan groups in Punjab which have been aided by regular dropping of arms, ammunition and IEDs through drones flown from across the border. In fact, in the recent past, 43 drone sightings have been reported by Punjab Police close to borders near Amritsar and Pathankot.

Punjab Police has found multiple instances of drones dropping even RDX and tiffin bombs in the past couple of years. According to the BSF, there have been over 70 drone sightings this year at Punjab and Jammu borders.

Intelligence agencies had also issued alerts to Punjab Police about possible attacks at crowded places and vital installations in the state by pro-

Khalistan groups. Inputs had suggested these groups were armed with explosives smuggled from across the border.

The Centre Thursday dispatched teams from the National Investigation Agency and the National Security Guard to the blast spot in Ludhiana. Sources said the case may be handed over to the federal counter-terror probe agency. NIA sources, however, said no formal order had been received by the agency so far to take over the case.

The NIA has in the past one year registered seven cases of terrorism in Punjab with regard to pro-Khalistan groups such as Babbar Khalsa International and the Sikhs for Justice. In five of these cases, chargesheets have been filed. In fact, Punjab, along with Jammu and Kashmir, is one state where NIA is probing the highest number of terror cases currently.

Punjab reaches out to Centre over blast probe

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
CHANDIGARH, DECEMBER 24

PUNJAB CHIEF Minister Charanjit Singh Channi said he had reached out to Union Home Minister Amit Shah for help in the investigation into Thursday's blast at a court in Ludhiana, and the Centre had sent teams. "We need the Centre's help as Punjab does not have the equipment to check the kind of RDX used in the blast," the CM said.

Channi added that the investigation so far had shown that the only person who died in the blast was the one trying to set it up. "No one has taken responsibility for the blast yet. Neither have we got any indications (of who might be behind it)," he said.

On the Akali Dal accusing his government of politics in the registration of a case against SAD MLA Bikram Singh Majithia, the chief minister said he could not ignore his conscience. "I realised that he (Majithia) was responsible for ruining the youth of the state by spreading the menace of drugs. I did not want any excesses against anyone. When I was myself convinced that these people were responsible for the drug menace, we took action. Now, Majithia has absconded."

ARRESTED AFTER INDIA-PAK T20 MATCH

Agra Police seek state sanction to prosecute 3 Kashmiri students for sedition

MANISH SAHU
LUCKNOW, DECEMBER 24

AGRA POLICE has written to the Uttar Pradesh government seeking permission for prosecution against the three Kashmiri students who were arrested for sedition and other charges after the Pakistan cricket team's victory over India at the T20 World Cup match in October.

The accused, meanwhile, have sought a transfer of their case from Agra to Mathura. The three students — Arsheed Yusuf, Inayat Altaf Sheikh and Showkat Ahmed Ganai — were arrested for allegedly sharing anti-India messages on WhatsApp after Pakistan's victory in the match, police had said. They are currently lodged at the Agra district jail.

Police applied for sanction after they collected "evidence" against them, according to Pravintra Kumar Singh, the investigating officer for the case and station house officer of the Jagdishpura police station. The cases against the three were registered in Jagdishpura, Agra.

Prosecution sanction has been sought under sections 124-A (sedition), 153-A (promoting enmity between different groups) and 505 (1)(B) (with intent to cause, or which is likely to cause, fear or alarm to the public, or to any section of the public) of

the Indian Penal Code, said Singh.

The FIR against the three also includes Section 66-F of the Information Technology Act (cyber terrorism). Sections 124-A, 153-A and 505 (1)(B) need to be approved by the state government before the charges are accepted in a court of law.

"We have sought sanction in those three IPC sections and waiting for government's approval before filing charge sheet," the SHO said on Friday. Sources said Agra Police have sent all details of the case to the Bharatiya Janata Party-led government to verify and decide on prosecution approval.

In October, the three Kashmiris — studying at an Agra engineering college under the Prime Minister's Special Scholarship Scheme for J&K students — were arrested for allegedly sending WhatsApp messages "against the country" after the match. They were arrested amid protests outside their college over their purported messages. Soon after, the college too rusticated the three students.

Advocates in Agra refused to represent the accused, prompting their families to approach Mathura-based lawyer Madhvan Dutt. Dutt said Friday he has filed a petition to seek a transfer of the cases against the three from Agra to Mathura, apart from their bail plea pending before the Allahabad High Court.

Document leak: Mumbai cyber police summon ex-CM Fadnavis as witness

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
MUMBAI, DECEMBER 24

IN ITS probe in connection with the documents' leak case, Mumbai cyber police have summoned former Maharashtra chief minister Devendra Fadnavis to record his statement as a witness, a magistrate's court was informed on Friday.

Police have approached the court seeking documents from the Union Home Ministry citing an interview given by Fadnavis in March. The court will decide on the police plea on Tuesday. Special public prosecutor Ajay Misra submitted before the court that Fadnavis had in an interview on March 23 said he had submitted documents to the Union Home Secretary related to the alleged corruption in transfers of police officers. The application filed before the court sought access to these documents for its probe. Misra also cited the Bombay High Court order passed last week where the court rejected a plea by senior IPS officer Rashmi Shukla challenging the FIR lodged by the police in March under the Officials Secrets Act against unidentified persons for allegedly tapping phones and leaking confidential documents.



Devendra Fadnavis

Court rejects SAD leader Majithia's bail plea in drugs case

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
MOHALI, DECEMBER 24

THE DISTRICT court Friday dismissed the anticipatory bail application of Shiromani Akali Dal (SAD) leader Bikramjeet Singh Majithia in connection with the drugs case.

The court of Additional District and Sessions Judge (ADJS) Sandeep Singla dismissed the bail application after hearing the arguments put forth by both the prosecution and the defence.

Earlier, during the arguments in the court, the prosecution, while replying to Majithia's application, had submitted the record pertaining to the case as directed by the court Thursday.

The prosecution also informed the court that the FIR is not "politically motivated" and there are strong grounds to register the case. Nonetheless, the defence once again raised the issue and termed the case "politically motivated".

Majithia, who was booked under Sections 25, 27-A and 29 of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (NDPS) Act by the state police, had applied for an anticipatory bail at the district court on Thursday.

The application was filed on the basis that the case against him was a "poll plank" and a case of "witch-hunting".



At St John's Church in Thane on Christmas Eve. *Deepak Joshi*

Christmas celebrations at Karnataka school 'disrupted'

DARSHAN DEVAIAH BP
BENGALURU, DECEMBER 24

AFTER KARNATAKA witnessed attacks on churches and prayer halls in the last few months, members of a right-wing group allegedly engaged in a verbal altercation with the management of a Christian convent in Mandya district over the celebration of Christmas in a school.

The Christmas celebrations at the Nirmala English High School in Pandavapura, a town in Mandya district about 160 km from Bengaluru, was allegedly interrupted by a group

of Hindu Jagarana Vedike members on Thursday. A video of the incident has been widely shared on social media.

In the video, men can be seen engaged in a verbal spat with the management over Christmas celebrations. They also questioned the school authorities, asking why Hindu festivals like Ganesha festival were not being celebrated.

This was the second attack on the day when Karnataka Legislative Assembly passed the anti-conversion Bill.

According to the management of the school, the members of the right-wing group

barred into the institution and began questioning the school management.

Headmistress of the school, Kanika Francis Mary, said, "A few people, claiming to be members of a right-wing group, came to the institution and objected to the celebration of Christmas and asked us to celebrate Ganesha festival and hang a photo of Goddess Saraswathi in the school. They also made allegation against us that we are converting students, which is not true."

The school management also said that they would be filing a complaint with the Mandya police.

IAF's MiG-21 aircraft crashes in Jaisalmer, pilot killed

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
JAIPUR, DECEMBER 24

A MIG-21 aircraft of the Indian Air Force (IAF) crashed in Rajasthan's Jaisalmer district during training sortie killing its pilot on Friday evening.

"We got information today evening that a MiG-21 aircraft of the Indian Air Force crashed in Sam in the area under the Desert National Park (DNP). The aircraft had taken off from the Jaisalmer Air Base," said Jaisalmer SP Ajay Singh.

Singh added that he was rushing to the spot and the Air Force has been intimated.

"The plane crash was first spotted by a forest guard after which the local police were informed," said the SP.

"With deep sorrow, IAF conveys the sad demise of Wing Commander Harshit Sinha in the flying accident this evening and stands firmly with the family of the braveheart," the IAF tweeted.

Police said that further details of the crash are awaited and an Air Force team is also reaching the spot.

"This evening, around 8.30 pm, a MiG-21 aircraft of IAF met with a flying accident in the western sector during a training sortie. Further details are awaited. An inquiry is being ordered," the IAF tweeted from its official handle on Friday evening.

Police: Hizbul militant killed in encounter in J&K's Anantnag

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
SRINAGAR, DECEMBER 24

A HIZBUL Mujahideen militant, involved in the killing of an inspector and BJP workers among others, was killed in an encounter with security forces in Anantnag district of Jammu and Kashmir on Friday, police said.

A police spokesperson said a cordon and search operation was launched in Mumanhal Aarwani area of Bijbehara in the south Kashmir district based on inputs about the presence of militants there. "During the search operation, as the presence of the trapped terrorist got ascertained, he was given ample opportunities to surrender. However, he denied the surrender opportunities and instead fired indiscriminately upon the joint

search party which was retaliated leading to an encounter," he said. In the ensuing encounter, the terrorist identified as Shahzad Ahmad Seh, a resident of Sehpora in Kulgam, was killed and his body was retrieved from the site of the shootout, the spokesperson said.

"As per police records, the man was a categorised terrorist linked with proscribed terror outfit Hizbul Mujahideen and was part of groups involved in several terror cases," he said.

Seh was involved in the killing of police Inspector Mohammad Ashraf Bhat in Anantnag last year, he said. "He was involved in the killing of three BJP workers at YK Pora, Kulgam in October last year. He was also involved in the killing of a BJP sarpanch and his wife at Lal-Chowk, Anantnag on August 9 this year," the spokesperson said.

Security breach alleged during Kovind's Thiruvananthapuram visit

Thiruvananthapuram: Central agencies are probing the alleged security breach that happened during President Ram Nath Kovind's visit here, official sources said on Friday.

The security breach occurred when Thiruvananthapuram Mayor Arya Rajendran's car allegedly tried to become part of the President's convoy which was heading towards the venue

of the President's programme in the city on Thursday, they said. The Mayor's office, however, denied the allegations, saying they were not aware of such an incident. The state government has not reacted to the developments.

The President was in the state capital on Thursday for unveiling the statue of P N Panicker, considered the father of library movement in Kerala. **PTI**

Owaisi: Video edited to mislead, to distract from Haridwar meet

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 24

AS AIMIM president Asaduddin Owaisi said his party would file an FIR over the hate speeches made at a religious meeting in Haridwar, a video was circulated of him allegedly making threatening remarks. On Friday, Owaisi said the video, shared among others by BJP leader Shehzad Poonawalla, had taken just 1 minute of a 45-minute speech to convey the wrong impression that he was trying to spread violence and said it was meant to distract from the Haridwar meeting.

Tweeting two videos of his speech, made in Kanpur on December 12, he said, "I did not incite violence or give threats... As you can see... I was talking about police atrocities in Kanpur and addressing such cops who think



AIMIM president Asaduddin Owaisi

they have immunity to violate people's liberties because of Modi-Yogi... I said do not confuse our silence for acquiescence."

On those drawing a connection between what he said and the speeches made at the Haridwar *Dharam Sansad*, over which a case of promoting enmity has been filed, Owaisi said that, at the Haridwar meeting, "majoritarian organisations have called for #genocide". "The conversation

ORTHODOX MUSLIM ELEMENTS FRUSTRATED: RIZVI

WASEEM RIZVI, the former Uttar Pradesh Shia Waqf Board chairman who is the only one named in the FIR filed over the speeches made at the Haridwar meeting, released a video statement Friday saying the case against him was a sign of "the frustration of the militant/orthodox elements within the Muslim community". Dressed in saffron robes with a tilak on his forehead,

Rizvi, who recently converted to Hinduism, said: "They realise that their fraud has been exposed. It's not a hate speech to speak the truth. Hindus are coming together, which is why the parties doing politics over Muslim votes are disturbed. To defeat the BJP, they are trying to again divide the Hindus, because they know that if they don't succeed, they will cease to exist." **ENS**

cannot shift from the fact that people are openly calling for violence while the govt of the day is complicit."

Asked about the speech by *The Indian Express*, Owaisi refused to talk about it, while saying that the meeting at Haridwar had given a

call for "genocide of Muslims". "One of the speakers even said he wanted to kill our former prime minister Manmohan Singh. How can it be justified?..."

In the videos Owaisi posted, he says: "At Kanpur Dehat Rasoolabad Police Station, an 80-

year-old elderly person called Mohd Rafiq had his beard pulled and was urinated upon. The person who did this was an SI, Gajendra Pal Singh. Is this your izzat (decency)?... Why do you hate our beards?... I want to tell those policemen that remember my words, Yogi will not be CM forever, Modi will not be PM forever... We Muslims might be silent now due to the exigencies of the times, but remember that we are never going to forget your atrocities... Allah, with his might, will destroy you. We will always remember. Times will change, then who will come to save you? When Yogi goes back to his mutt, Modi goes to the mountains, he may start living there, then who will come? We won't forget, remember that... That a Muslim autorickshaw driver was attacked by Bajrang Dal rioters as his child tried to save him. Didn't it happen right here in

Kanpur?... That child is like my child. I will ensure that her pain is not forgotten... And if you believe that you can hit us with *lathis*, people saw on TV that a man is carrying his innocent child, and police personnel are hitting him with sticks. The man is pleading that his child will get injured... A man is sitting in a car, and a policeman says, are you trying to be a hero, I will show you... If today you are threatening people due to the clout of your uniform, pretending to be hero, tomorrow, you will be zero."

In his tweet, Owaisi said: "It's an essential part of my faith to believe that Allah does not allow injustice... Assuring people of Allah's justice gives hope... Why is it offensive to remember how police have treated Muslims in UP? We cannot forget the oppression that was meted out to Anas, Suleiman, Asif, Faisal, Altaf, Akhlaq, Qasim, and hundreds of others."

Kanpur police reject Owaisi's charge, say man held for assault

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
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REJECTING AIMIM president Asaduddin Owaisi's allegation that a police officer harassed one Mohammed Rafiq, the Kanpur Dehat police on Friday said he was arrested for allegedly assaulting two police officers and robbing one of them of his service pistol.

In a video of a purported speech made by Owaisi in Kanpur on December 12, he said, "At Kanpur Dehat Rasoolabad Police Station, an 80-year-old elderly person called Mohd Rafiq had his beard pulled and was urinated upon. The person who did this was an SI, Gajendra Pal Singh. Is this your izzat (decency)? You treat an 80-year-old like this? If this is true, it's not a shame but we

feel pained... I want to tell those policemen that remember my words, Yogi will not be CM forever, Modi will not be PM forever... We Muslims might be silent now due to the exigencies of the times, but remember that we are never going to forget your atrocities..."

A farmer from Bheek Deo village, Rafiq was arrested on December 7 for allegedly attacking sub-inspector Gajendra Pal Singh and head constable Samar Singh in March when they had gone to intervene in a domestic violence registered against him by his daughter-in-law.

"We arrested Rafiq (67) on December 7 and recovered sub-inspector Gajendra Pal's service pistol from his possession. Rafiq is lodged in jail," said Pramod Shukla, Station House Officer of Rasoolabad, adding that Rafiq was facing seven cases.

Stories on upkeep of dams, mines winners in Regional category

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 24

SOME OF the most impactful entries for the 2019 Ramnath Goenka Awards came from regional media that focused on how official apathy had cost human lives.

Aniket Vasant Sathe of *Loksatta* is the winner in the Regional Media (Print) category while Sunil Baby of Media One TV is the winner of the Regional Media (Broadcast) category.

In a series of stories, Sathe exposed the poor conditions of the major dams across Maharashtra and how their neglect was one of the reasons that led to large-scale destruction across cities during the floods of 2019. His series of articles offered deep insight into the sys-



temic neglect, legislative apathy and administrative failure that



Aniket Vasant Sathe

impacted lakhs of people living around dams.

Maharashtra has the highest number of dams in the country and 296 of them were in need of urgent repair. A big challenge faced by Sathe was to gather information from vari-



Sunil Baby

ous government bodies and thoroughly understand the technicality involved in dam engineering. "There are more than 1,300 dams in Maharashtra that are taller than 10 metres. I had to collect information on each of these

dams and study audit reports, which are released periodically," he said.

The Maharashtra Government ultimately took note and approved 10 per cent of the budgetary provision on water repairs for dam safety. After reviewing the equipment required, repair and replacement work started on a war footing.

Through his story, *The Burning Mines*, Baby, the winner in the Broadcast category, explored the phenomenon of subterranean fire in Jharia, Jharkhand, which was first reported more than a century ago. Over the years, the scale of the problem has grown, fuelled by unscrupulous practices. Baby tracked the story of deaths caused by people falling into the trenches that suddenly open up in the scorched earth,

or by inhaling toxic emissions. The survivors live in fear of explosions which that steam and smoke rise from the floor of their houses.

These mines are owned by Bharat Coking Coal Limited (BCL) and Baby's story exposed how the public sector company had failed to ensure a safe environment for the people of Dhanbad.

"I had to stay for three days in Jharia and do three stories. The place was hell on Earth; the land and air both were on fire," said Baby.

The reporter further exposed how privatisation of mines had aggravated the underground fire. The story stood out because it highlighted the plight of the poorest of the poor in a land rich in natural resources over which they had no right.

AMID RISING COVID CASES

Curbs return in Maharashtra: ban on assembly of over 5 at night

YOGESH NAIK & RUPSA CHAKRABORTY
MUMBAI, DECEMBER 24

IN VIEW of the threat posed by the Omicron variant and the rising Covid-19 cases in the state, the Maharashtra government on Friday imposed fresh restrictions, including prohibitory orders banning the assembly of more than five persons in a group from 9 pm to 6 am in public places.

Also, the Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation (BMC), in a circular issued late Friday, banned New Year celebrations in Mumbai — both in close and open spaces. The order will come into force from midnight on December 25. The order issued by BMC Commissioner Iqbal Singh Chahal, said, "...No New Year celebration programme/function/gathering/party/activity or happening in any closed or open space shall be allowed in municipal limits of Greater Mumbai."

The orders come in the backdrop of a spike in Covid-19 cases. Maharashtra on Friday registered 1,410 cases, an increase of 20 per cent over the 1,179 cases reported on Thursday. The rise was highest in almost two months. The state also reported 12 deaths, taking the total toll to 1,41,404.

Also, the tally of Omicron infections in Maharashtra rose to 108 on Friday with 20 new cases coming to light. Eleven new cases were reported from Mumbai, six from Pune, two from Satara and one from Ahmednagar. With this, Covid-19 case tally in the state rose to 66,54,755.

The order signed by Chief

EXPLAINED Effort to contain Omicron

CORONAVIRUS CASES have already begun to rise in some states, including in Maharashtra, which recorded over 1,000 infections after more than a month. The compliance to Covid-appropriate behaviour is key to containing the spread. On Friday, the WHO said besides its increased transmissibility and immune-evading capability, the threat from the Omicron variant also depended on how populations "perceive risk and follow control measures, including public health and social measures".

Secretary Debashish Chakrabarty said, "The Omicron variant has now emerged as the fastest spreading variant of Covid-19 in the past few days across the world. It has become the dominant variant in the USA and in many countries in Europe. The state already has recorded 88 (108 reported till Friday night) Omicron cases over the past few days. It is also starting to see an upward trend of Covid-19 cases over the past week with more than 1,000 positive cases being registered every day for the first time in the last two months."

The order added that in view of the congregations expected due to Christmas, New Year celebrations and the marriage season, it is necessary to impose restrictions.

Gujarat extends night curfew; 13 more Omicron cases found

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
AHMEDABAD, VADODARA, SURAT, DECEMBER 24

THE GUJARAT government has extended the night curfew timings in eight cities starting December 25 to December 31, from 11 pm to 5 am. A circular issued by the home department said that the decision comes in light of the "present Covid-19 situation in the state".

Omicron tally in Gujarat went up to 43 with 13 more cases of the variant detected on Friday, includ-

ing three in Kheda — one with no travel history. The variant has so far been detected in nine districts in the state where 98 new cases of Covid-19 and three fatalities — one each in Porbandar, Jamnagar and Ahmedabad — were reported on Friday. Porbandar had last reported a fatality on May 27.

On Dec 20, the government had announced it would continue with existing night curfew hours from 1 am to 5 am until Dec 31. The decision to extend timing comes a day after PM Narendra Modi met authorities of all states on the emerging situation of Covid.

Odisha imposes restrictions

Bhubaneswar: Keeping in view the detection of the Omicron variant of coronavirus in the state, Odisha government Friday imposed new restrictions on celebration of Christmas, New Years Day and other such activities.

The new restriction will be in force from December 25 and from December 31, 2021, to January 2, 2022, to January 2, the government said in a modified order.

It had earlier said that the restriction will be in place from December 25 to January 2.

Chief Secretary S Mohapatra in an order said that in view of protecting the health of the people and preventing the spread of the new variant, the government has restricted Christmas celebration. A maximum of 50 participants can join the Christmas mass by following Covid protocol. PTI

Koregaon Bhima Commission of Inquiry gets another 6-month extension

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MAHARASHTRA GOVERNMENT has granted yet another extension to the Koregaon Bhima Commission of Inquiry. An order in this regard was issued by the state home department on Friday. As per this order, the commission has been given an extension of six months till June 30, 2022.

The two-member commission, headed by retired high court justice J N Patel with former chief secretary Sumit Malik as the other member, was constituted by the state government on February 9, 2018, to inquire into the "exact sequence" of events that led to violence on the 20th anniversary of Battle of Koregaon Bhima on January 1 that year. One person had died and several others were left injured in the violence.

The commission was initially given four months to submit its report, but its tenure had to be repeatedly extended to allow it to complete its work. Subsequently, the commission received three extensions of four months each, one extension of three months, another of six months and one of two months — from February 8, 2020 to April 8, 2020. "We have received the notification from the government granting extension to the commission till June 30, 2022. The schedule for the next hearings will be released soon," said V V Palnitkar, secretary of Koregaon Bhima Commission of Inquiry.



LANKA PM IN TIRUPATI

Sri Lankan Prime Minister Mahinda Rajapaksa and his wife Shiranthi at the Lord Venkateswara Swamy temple in Tirumala, Tirupati, on Friday. PTI

Telangana to give pass marks to all who failed 1st year intermediate exam

SREENIVAS JANYALA
HYDERABAD, DECEMBER 24

THE TELANGANA government on Friday decided to give passing marks to all the students who failed in the first year intermediate exams as a one-time exemption, citing the pandemic conditions.

Telangana Education Minister Sabitha Indra Reddy said that the 2,35,230 students who failed to clear the exams would be given grace marks and will be considered passed to second year.

"This is the last time that students will be given passing marks en masse. We will conduct exams seriously henceforth so that the future of students is not spoiled. For students who want to appear for competitive exams or go for higher education, passing the board exams is important. The Telangana State Board of Intermediate Education conducted the exams in the sincere belief that it would help the students as they had not appeared for any exams in the last two years due to Covid-19 restrictions..." Reddy said.

British moved India from caste-based to religion-based ecosystem: Devdutt

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IT WAS the British who moved India from its caste-based system to a religion-based ecosystem, and "suddenly the world changes drastically", mythologist and author Devdutt Pattanaik said in a conversation with *The Indian Express* Executive Director Anant Goenka on Friday.

Pattanaik, whose new book, *Eden*, looks at Jewish, Christian and Islamic lore from an Indian lens, added: "The British come and say no, no, don't look at caste, don't look at vocation, look at religion. That's the key differentiator".

Talking about how monotheistic religions emerged differently from Indian thinking, he says: "In the Eden model, you need a prophet to tell you what to do. The Indian model says everything has to change (with time)." This "idea of impermanence", according to him, allows Indians to adapt very rapidly, and this is a good idea to share with the world.

Pattanaik says it is sad that we are continuously using colonial frameworks to explain ourselves. "I see some smart people talking about multiple tools... it's almost like we are discovering it. This was always there in India. It's there in Jainism, Buddhism, it's there in Hinduism."

We are now wired to think that there can only be one idea,

Pattanaik says, adding that that is not the way life works. "The left brain likes linear thinking and likes one idea that is like a bigger decision. The right brain looks at perspective, has larger pictures. Indian thought tilts towards the right (brain), it talks about perspective."

He also equated the left brain to more tactical decisions and the right to strategic ones. But "every tactical move will come at a price and this idea does not exist in the biblical, the idea of karma, of a price to be paid. What you find is a different way of explaining the same thing, they say if you follow God's will, things will happen. But when you break away from God's will, things will go wrong."

IN LETTER TO BOARD

Schools leaked CBSE Class 10, 12 papers to students, Tamil Nadu schools body alleges

ARUN JANARDHANAN
CHENNAI, DECEMBER 24

A CONSORTIUM of CBSE-affiliated schools in Tamil Nadu has sought the nullification of the first phase of board exams for classes 10 and 12 this year, citing large-scale "corrupt and fraudulent practices" in a letter to Board officials in Delhi.

The CBSE Schools' Management Association (CSMA) — which represents around 350 schools in the state — flagged alleged incidents of manipulation, including leaking of answers to school students through WhatsApp and hard copies. CSMA said this was due to poorly planned changes and sudden implementation of a new assessment system this year.

Amidst a pandemic, the first phase of the Class 10 and 12 exams for multiple-choice questions (MCQs) began in November, and will conclude on December

30. The second phase of the exams, for descriptive answers, is scheduled for March 2022.

The outfit has demanded that authorities scrap the phase one examinations with immediate effect.

The marks secured by the students "are not the true reflection of their potential and preparation... (and) it is incumbent that the marks awarded to the students are not given any credence", CSMA said.

"It is absolutely necessary to scrap the results of the Term I examination completely and the new pattern should be introduced only after adequate time is granted to the students and teachers, after the flaws in the existing system are completely ironed out," the body said in a letter addressed to the Delhi office of the Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE).

The CBSE's spokesperson was not available for comment on Friday.

KERALA

2 more RSS workers held for SDPI leader's killing

SHAJU PHILIP
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM, DECEMBER 24

POLICE ON Friday arrested two RSS workers in connection with the murder of Social Democratic Party of India (SDPI) state secretary K S Shan in Alappuzha on December 18.

Police identified the arrested RSS leader as KT Suresh, 49, who is the organisation's Boudhik Pramukh of Chalakudy Taluk in Thrissur district. The other arrested M Umesh, 27, is also a RSS worker. They were nabbed from a hideout in Thrissur district on Friday. Earlier, police had ar-

rested two other RSS workers hailing from Mannancherry village in Alappuzha, the hometown of the killed SDPI leader.

Shan's death was followed by the retaliatory murder of BJP OBC Morcha state secretary Ranjith Sreenivasan within 12 hours. Five SDPI workers have been arrested in connection with Ranjith murder.

Police on Friday said none of the arrested, in both cases, had been directly involved in the crime, but had given logistic support for the assailants.

ADGP Vijay Sakhare told media in Alappuzha that the gangs that executed the murders are still absconding.

Legendary filmmaker K S Sethumadhavan dies at 94

ARUN JANARDHANAN
CHENNAI, DECEMBER 24

LEGENDARY FILMMAKER K S Sethumadhavan died on Friday at his residence in Chennai. He was 94. Known as a 'literary' director who directed over 60 films in his career, Sethumadhavan who lived in Chennai was suffering from age-related ailments.

Sethumadhavan is often mentioned as a man whose works significantly contributed to the evolution of Malayalam cinema. Born in 1927 in Palakkad, he was known for his social melodramas. Some of his

significant works in Malayalam film history include *Odayil Nimmu* (1965), which was based on a novel by P Kesavadev, portraying the life of a rickshaw-puller.

It was his Malayalam movie *Kannum Karalum* (1962) that first introduced Kamal Haasan as a child artist into the Malayalam cinema. It was Sethumadhavan who made Haasan a hero too for the first time in the movie, *Kanyakumari* (1974). Kerala veteran actor Mammooty also made his first appearance in Sethumadhavan's *Anubhavgal Palichakkal* (1971).

He worked under K Ramnath, LV Prasad and ASA Swamy as as-



Sethumadhavan's works significantly contributed to the evolution of Malayalam cinema

sistant director. His debut as a director was for a Sinhalese film *Veeravijaya* (1960), a commercial

success, before he started his prolific career — most in the Malayalam film industry. There were times when he made as many as six movies a year.

Aranazhikaneram (1970), *Anubhavgal Palichakkal* (1971), *Panitheeratha Veedu* (1973), *Kanyakumari* (1974), *Chattakkari* (1974), *Oppol* (1980) and *Marupakkam* (1991), a movie based on a story written Indira Parthasarathy that won the national award for best feature film, were among the most famous movies of Sethumadhavan.

Besides Malayalam, he also made films in Tamil, Telugu, Hindi and Oriya. *Vazhve Mayam* (1970),

Karanakkadal (1971), *Pani Theeratha Veedu* (1972) and *Oppol* (1980) were the movies for which he won the Best Director awards as part of Kerala State Film Awards. His Telugu film *Sthree* (1966) had won the National Film Award for Best Feature Film in Telugu.

He was conferred the JC Daniel Award, the highest Kerala state award for film personalities, in 2019 for his outstanding career and contributions.

His final rites were held at Nungambakkam in the city on Friday evening. He is survived by his wife Valsala Sethumadhavan, and three children — Sonu Kumar, Uma Ramanan and Santosh.

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BECAUSE THE TRUTH INVOLVES US ALL

DRAW THE LINE

BJP may think Haridwar hate speeches rally its base in an election year, but it's only empowering the lumpen within

THE UNABASHED AND abundant hate speech on stage at a religious conclave in Haridwar was deeply offensive. The open Muslim-baiting and exhortations to Hindus to take up arms, the calls for violence and genocide, the toxic fantasy of a "Hindu rashtra" where there is no masjid or madarsa, directly challenge the letter and spirit of the constitution. In the aftermath, many have also rightly pointed to the apparent double standard — a comic can be arrested for statements he didn't make, an activist for an NGO toolkit, while police and the administration in Dehradun have been notoriously slow to act in the days after the open spewing of communal poison. And yet, it must also be said that even as cases against activists and comedians point to the weaponisation of law to shrink spaces for free expression, the problem showcased in Haridwar requires a political more than a legal response. For a start, and most of all, it needs the BJP, as the ruling party in the state where the event took place, and also as the political ideology and organisation that was intimately addressed and invoked from the stage, to distance itself from the frenzy of hate, and to repudiate it.

Ashwini Upadhyay, former Delhi BJP spokesperson, was present at the "Dharma Sansad", other speakers have been photographed with prominent BJP leaders. Upadhyay has a track record: He was arrested in August for an event in Jantar Mantar where hate speeches were heard loud and clear. To argue that these are elements of the frothing fringe is missing the point because the party's complicity runs wider and deeper. Its politics has often, implicitly and explicitly, sanctioned and emboldened the spectres of "Hinduism in danger" and the Othering of the Muslim minority, which were the main messages from Haridwar. In the run-up to the assembly elections in Uttarakhand and Uttar Pradesh, this polarising rhetoric will increase. The Haridwar conclave, therefore, underlines the political challenge for a party that talks up its achievements in governance, speaks of "sabka vishwas", and a "new India" for all, while also aiming for a majoritarian consolidation. The question after Haridwar is: Does the BJP consider the vile grandstanding and threat-making there an acceptable form of political discourse? If it doesn't, if it thinks that a line was crossed at Haridwar, it needs to say so.

Of course, the BJP can shrug off responsibility for the conclave, and choose to keep silent, while hoping that this will rally its base ahead of key elections. That would be a let-down. Because even as Haridwar showcased the threat of unchecked intolerance, it also presents the mainstream political party with an opportunity. To draw the red lines of what is politically acceptable, and what is not, in a diverse democracy. If it doesn't, it will send another signal to the lumpen within that they can get away — even if they call for murder.

MENDING FENCES

Foreign secretary's visit showcases Delhi's careful balancing act on Myanmar, lays out the challenge

FOREIGN SECRETARY HARSH Vardhan Shringla's two-day visit to Myanmar, the first by a high-ranking Indian official since the coup in February, points to a subtle recalibration in India's approach to Naypyidaw. To begin with, India had kept a distance from the headline position taken by the US and Europe that sought to censure and sanction the junta for ousting Aung San Suu Kyi and the National League for Democracy after they swept the parliamentary elections. Delhi had also appealed for the restoration of democracy in Myanmar and even mildly criticised the sham trial that sentenced Suu Kyi to four years' imprisonment, later reduced to two years, in one of the numerous cases filed against her, earlier this month. During his visit, Shringla met the military brass, members of the military-backed Union Solidarity and Development Party (USDP) and some civil society leaders. However, his request for an audience with Suu Kyi was denied.

New Delhi took a maximalist position on Myanmar when the military pulled the curtains down on the fledgling democracy in 1962 and held on to it until the 1990s when the then PM, P V Narasimha Rao, decided to engage the junta. The change of stance followed the realisation that the sanctions regime imposed by western democracies forced Myanmar into the orbit of Beijing. The situation is not very different today though the democratic impulse in Myanmar, a legacy of the pro-democracy movement of 1988 and the partial restoration of democratic government since 2015, has been manifesting in street protests. The coup and the subsequent isolation of Myanmar by the US and its allies has pushed the junta closer to Beijing. India's relations are also complicated by a long and porous border that runs through a hilly terrain, frequented by insurgent groups operating in Nagaland and Manipur. Naypyidaw has been sympathetic to India's security concerns in recent years. But the recent attack on an Assam Rifles officer and family in Manipur, close to the Myanmar border, suggests that the threat from insurgent groups is far from over. Besides, tribes in Mizoram, Nagaland and Manipur have ethnic bonds with their counterparts across the border, which explains the influx of refugees following the military action in Myanmar.

It may be prudent for Delhi to engage with the junta and use its good offices to persuade Naypyidaw to restore the democratic system in Myanmar while ensuring that India's own interests are protected. Shringla's visit hints that, for now, India is willing to hold back the democracy pitch and allow realpolitik to dictate the terms of the relationship.

CRAFTING THE IMAGE

With a literary sensibility, filmmaker KS Sethumadhavan helped develop Malayalam cinema's unique idiom

WHEN K S Sethumadhavan made his first Malayalam film, *Gnana Sundari*, in 1961, cinema in Kerala had just started emerging from the shadow of its older cousin in Tamil Nadu. By the time he made his final Malayalam film, *Venal Kinavukal*, in 1991, the filmmaker, who died this week in Chennai at the age of 90, had become one of the figures responsible for Malayalam cinema developing its own idiom.

While the bulk of Sethumadhavan's work was in Malayalam, his oeuvre included some fine films in Telugu and Tamil, including National Award-winning films, *Sri* (1995) and *Marupakkam* (1991). His filmmaking debut was with the Sinhalese film *Veeravijaya* (1960) and he also made a brief foray into Hindi cinema, directing *Julie* (1975), a remake of his own 1974 Malayalam hit *Chattakari*, and *Yehi Hai Zindagi* (1977).

But it was in Malayalam cinema that he found his greatest success and where he had the most lasting impact. Along with contemporaries such as P Bhaskaran, Ramu Kariat and A Vincent, he laid the foundation for a distinctive filmmaking language, rooted in the ethos of Kerala, tapping into the wealth of Malayalam literature for its power — Kariat's *Chemmeen* (1965), based on the novel of the same name by Thakazhi Sivasankara Pillai is a towering achievement from this period. Sethumadhavan was the one who developed a special reputation for bringing the best of Malayalam writing to the silver screen, including Thakazhi (*Amubhavanagal Paalichakal*, 1971), Kesavadev (*Odayil Nimmu*, 1965), Parappurath (*Aranazhika Neram*, 1970) and M T Vasudevan Nair (*Oppol*, 1981). Sethumadhavan won several Kerala State Film Awards, besides 10 National Awards and the J C Daniel Award, the Kerala government's highest honour in cinema. Over the three decades that he remained active, his work never stopped appealing to audiences, even as their tastes changed. It is this rare kind of success that proclaims a giant of cinema. Sethumadhavan, undoubtedly, was one.

Nava Karnataka

State BJP is pushing for an ethnically Hindu nation. Proposed anti-conversion law is latest example



JANAKI NAIR

IT IS A Christmas gift like no other. In keeping with its recent yearning to clone a Nava Karnataka exactly on the lines of Nava Bharat, namely, emulate the worst practices of states like Uttar Pradesh, Karnataka has pushed through the Legislative Assembly a Bill, ironically called the Protection of the Right to Freedom of Religion Bill. From a state known for its big, pioneering and inclusive political ideas, Karnataka is fast becoming a polity exclusively driven by small-minded, punitive and divisive (social) goals. Once envied for having a bureaucracy which enjoyed independence, the state and its institutions have become subservient to national goals of becoming a "Hindu Rashtra" in which the rule of law has become a reign of terror. The proposed Act not only infantilises all women, SCs, STs and other vulnerable and marginal groups, but criminalises any attempt to change faiths.

The new Bill was pushed through without providing much evidence of what it is remedying, or consultation with affected groups, or even with the Opposition. It did not even wait for the report of its own Legislative Committee to survey all Christian churches in preparation for an anti-conversion law, particularly in the officially acknowledged "backward" districts of Yadgir, Chitradurga and Vijayapura. Apart from incorporating provisions to interfere in interfaith marriages, the Bill also targets institutions which, on suspicion of "conversion", may forfeit their licenses! Who knows what will follow in hundreds of educational and medical institutions run by the minorities?

The BJP government hurtles towards completing an agenda begun with its usurpation of power in 2019. For a state (Mysore) that had been completely free of the cow protection movements that raged in the Indo-Gangetic region from the 1890s on, even in the 1920s and 1930s, a new reverence for 3.5 crore livestock was in the passing of 'The Karnataka Prevention Of Slaughter And Preservation Of Cattle Act, 2020', with the conspicuous and unprecedented conduct of a "cow puja" in the legislature building. An exhaustive report (by Sylvia Karpagam et al) on the impact of the 2020 Act, compiled in September 2020, just six months after the Act was passed, reveals a

startling picture. Not only have livelihoods (related to cattle rearing, transportation, slaughterhouse operations, skinning, tanning and retailing) been adversely affected, food security — related to milk, milk products, and meat — stands dangerously threatened. These are direct and observable results of the disruption to the cattle economy caused by the singular focus on prohibiting cow slaughter.

But that is not all. The new prohibitions have criminalised economic activity and engendered in its place an entirely "informal"/jil-legal economy in which the police/authorities and vigilantes are allowed to extort, confiscate, and even arrest, while remaining untouched by any system of accountability. Finally, although the law was intended to target the lives and livelihoods, nutritional status and well being of Dalits and Muslims in Karnataka, the report has shown widespread economic distress in all sections of the farming community as a consequence, with the only beneficiaries being large-scale abattoirs and meat exporters. In short, the meat trade has not been abolished but has only changed hands — away from small-scale Muslim and Dalit businesses largely oriented to domestic business to large-scale non-Muslim export businesses.

This seems to be exactly what the anti-conversion Bill will promote: A subcontracting of the punitive powers of the state to anonymous, assorted groups "protecting" the Hindu religion — a new layer of "rentiers". It approves of the non-state groups that impose an arbitrary and capricious "reign of terror" in the name of a "rule of law". This is a clear abdication of the state's duty towards the development of its underprivileged and marginalised sections, and a push to encourage the fight over limited opportunities and goods. "Sustainable communalism" in the form of "citizens' groups acting to intervene in or prevent any form of camaraderie, friendships, partnerships or intimacies, particularly between Hindu women and men of other communities, has already been converted into a fine (and acceptable) art.

A joint fact-finding committee (consisting of the People's Union for Civil Liberties-Karnataka (PUCL-K), All India Lawyers Association for Justice (AILAJ), All India People's

Forum (AIPF), Gaurilankeshnews.com) recorded as many as 71 reported cases in South Kanara alone, between January and September 2021. PUCL Karnataka has also documented 39 attacks on churches between January and November 2021. Economic boycott of minority businesses is another strategy that is now gaining popularity. In Koppal, there has been a call to shut down Muslim establishments. In Chitradurga, a tehsildar has called for an enumeration of all Christians.

The Karnataka BJP has successfully pushed all political parties towards a commitment to the ethnically Hindu nation. And the law is created in order to violate the rule of law. A 2009 Supreme Court order on the removal of unauthorised structures (especially proliferating religious structures) on public land was finally executed by officials in Mysore district in September 2021, only to face immediate objections from the Opposition Congress and JDS. With great alacrity and uncharacteristic firmness, the Karnataka Religious Structures (Protection) Act 2021 was passed which saved unauthorised (illegal) religious structures on public land from demolition. Karnataka thus has the dubious distinction of defying a Supreme Court order, and of directly undermining municipal laws that protect and democratically develop the public spaces of the city/town or village. No wonder, then, that the police personnel belonging to at least two stations, Kaup (DK) and Vijayapura (Bijapur), flaunted "orange" clothing on police premises on Vijayadashami day in 2021, emboldened by the support and endorsement of ministers and other politicians alike.

Despite being a beneficiary of Christian institutions until the age of 21, I have remained a conscientious atheist, which I believe (as Gandhi is said to have pointed out) is morally superior to the absolute corruption of those who speak in the name of religion. Events in Karnataka deeply and corrosively undermine its own long heritage of radical religiosity. But they also fatally wound all morality, humanness, ideas of privacy, and the sense of self that is the birthright of every Indian citizen.

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WHY CHRISTMAS IS UNIVERSAL

It warns of the shrinking of human condition, calls for renewal

CRIBS, CAROLS, CARDS, cakes are not universal. Manger is rural and the Magi, King Herod and Caesar Augustus have all vanished from sight. But, Christmas remains, and is deemed universal. Only what addresses the core human condition can be universal.

The clue to this universality is provided by St. Luke. Jesus was born in a cattle-shed and laid in a manger, he writes, because there was "no room for him in the inn". This might seem just a factual statement, which it is not. To understand why it is symbolic, and why it is the key to the universality of the Nativity episode, we have to see it in relation to the contrast between the Old and the New Testaments, in the middle of which the Christmas event exists.

In the Old Testament, history is shown to be shrinking, beginning with Adam and Eve, who represent embryonic humankind. Since their fall from grace, biblical awareness is shown as shrinking to "a chosen race", and then to a "faithful rump" within it. This, in turn, shrinks to the one man, Jesus Christ. The reality of there being "no room in the inn" pertains to this spiritual pattern of shrinking. In the spiritual vision of the Bible, room-less-ness, or homelessness, is the byproduct of godlessness.

This aspect of the human condition has been intuited in a variety of ways by thinkers across the centuries. Man is born free, wrote Rousseau, but everywhere he is in chains. Shakespeare's Macbeth feels, "cabin'd, cribb'd, confined". Dostoevsky's Raskolnikov and Tolstoy's Nekhlyudov share the same predicament. Victor Hugo's Jean Valjean finds the world an extended prison. They, and a host

of other characters, are emblems of the "room-less-ness" that marks human existence. In a sense, this room-less-ness is the source of all of human suffering. There is no "room" for being fully and freely human, except perhaps for the privileged, in any system in the world. Freedom of thought and expression, right to equal opportunities for growth and development, are all romantic ideals, hardly enjoyed by all in history. Inter-personal relationships are plagued by room-less-ness.

The room-less-ness that Jesus encountered at this birth becomes a central concern in his life and teachings. Addressing this universal reality Jesus said, "Abide in me, and I in you". God is the home of the homeless, which is the "tiding of great gladness for all humankind" that Christmas is. In that sense, Christmas is also a mandate to be hospitable to everyone, which is subsumed in the commandment, "Love your neighbour like yourself". Christmas is wherever human beings accept and love each other for no other reason than that they are human.

Social and emotional room-less-ness issues from the shrinking of the human person. Individuals in their millions are homeless — including those who own mansions — because human personality has shrunk to such an extent that there is no room except for oneself in one's world. Ingratitude, on which Shakespeare's Lear agonises, is a universal aspect of this. In its operative principle, ingratitude is nothing but the incapacity to be with even those who have done you a good turn.

The same applies also to the incapacity for

faithfulness of which Judas Iscariot is a synonym. What does it mean to "betray" a fellow human being? Is it not that "the other" is perceived as a burden or an inconvenience? Infidelity and ingratitude are country cousins. Jesus had to be betrayed by his own disciple to highlight the reality that the capacity for fidelity is rare. Yet another aspect of the same syndrome is the incapacity for justice. Consider the "trial" of Jesus. He was tried several times. Each time he was found "not guilty". The verdict? "Crucify him." Surprising? Well, should not be. Man's incapacity to treat fellow human beings justly is a fact of life and history.

The Christmas event denotes God's redemptive intervention in human predicament, characterised by our incapacity to be fully human. To be human is to be hospitable to fellow human beings. It is to accept and love the other, warts and all. Life exists on the foundation of inter-dependence. But inter-dependence becomes a torment when the capacity to be human shrinks. In man-woman relationships gender-war displaces complementarity.

Spirituality seeks to reverse this "shrinking of the human person"; whereas religion takes advantage of it. There is "no room" for "the other" in religious communities. This is lamentably so in what Christianity has come to be. To be a follower of Jesus is to be under the mandate to love even one's enemies. Christianity has absolutely no excuse whatsoever for dividing human beings into "us" and "them".

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DECEMBER 25, 1981, FORTY YEARS AGO

SHAHI TO VISIT INDIA

PAKISTAN PRESIDENT ZIA-UL-HAQ has announced that Foreign Minister Agha Shahi would visit India soon for "important consultations" which he hoped would lead to better understanding between the two countries. Pakistan was studying an Indian communication on a no-war pact offer handed over by ambassador Natwar Singh. While some aspects of the Indian response to Pakistan's offer was positive, others needed clarification, General Zia said. Stating that Shahi had received an invitation from External Affairs Minister P Narasimha Rao to visit India for consulta-

tions, the Pakistani ruler said, "these consultations are important not only for Pakistan but also for the one billion people of the region". General Zia said his country "wanted a tension-free atmosphere and friendly relations with all countries".

UDF TO STATE CLAIM

THE CONGRESS (I)-LED United Democratic Front decided to approach the Kerala government seeking to form a ministry on the "basis of the majority it enjoys in the state assembly". This was announced by the Congress (I) leader K Karunakaran after a day long discussion with the front's coor-

dination committee. Asked how he could claim majority when he had the support of only 68 members including the rebel RSP MLA, Karunakaran said he was confident of the front's majority.

POLISH STIR ENDS

COAL MINERS OCCUPYING two pits in Southern Poland in protest against martial law began ending their sit-in, Warsaw Radio reported. It said 700 men left the Ziemowit and Plast mines despite harassment by trade union activists. Several hundred men are below ground at the pits near Tyche in the Silesian coal mine.



Happy tech new year

Law needs to keep up with changing technology. If it does not, or if we go back to considering a ban on these instruments, we will be left years behind in this technological leap that has been embraced by others



OPENING ARGUMENT

BY MENAKA GURUSWAMY

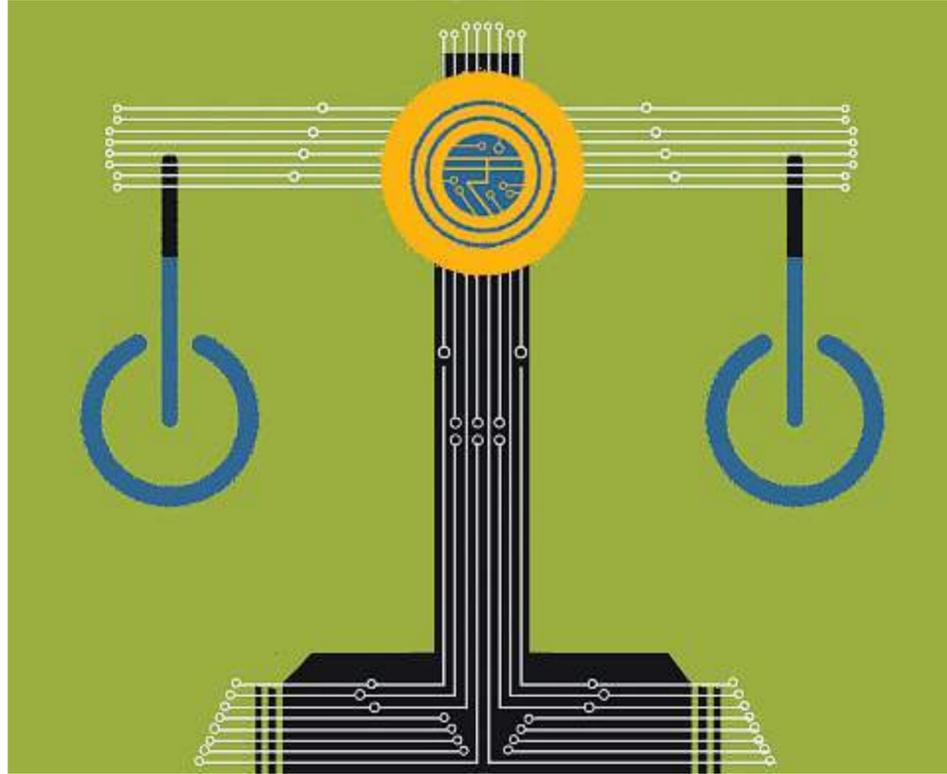
AS 2021 COMES to an end, I think back to the dramatic changes in technology that the law, lawmakers, courts and lawyers are being forced to confront. Technology has outpaced the law, and lawmakers are being challenged by how quickly "we the people" have embraced technological transformations. Constitutional and policy challenges abound, pertaining to what we read, what we view, how we transact and who knows how we do all of this.

Some of these challenges include: Ought digital media platforms be regulated as press or otherwise? Should Over The Top (OTT) streaming services self-censor or be censored? Who is accountable for procuring and deploying spyware like Pegasus? How do we regulate the bias within artificial intelligence that governs so much of our lives today? What must traditional anti-discrimination law do to keep up with the bias in algorithms?

In probably no other area are lawmakers required to appreciate science and technology than in cryptocurrency. With 10 crore users of cryptocurrency and crypto assets in India, this ever-expanding market is almost entirely unregulated. The Cryptocurrency and Regulation of Official Digital Currency Bill, 2021, that was widely expected to be tabled in Parliament in the Winter Session, has been held back.

As I wrote in my last column ('Who's afraid of crypto', IE, December 11), the initial foray by the state, in the form of the RBI, was to ban any banking transaction with a person or entity who held or dealt in cryptocurrencies — essentially a death knell for the medium itself. The Supreme Court struck back with a nuanced decision that found this ban disproportionate and hence unconstitutional. While our government still thinks about the way forward, let us look at the best practices or legislative models that have been adopted. Essentially, countries where cryptocurrencies and crypto-assets are legal have frameworks that mandate KYC (know your customer), AML (Anti-Money Laundering) mechanisms and demand adherence to CFT (Combating Financing of Terrorism) requirements.

The research firm Triple A tells us that Singapore, where roughly 10 per cent of the population is crypto-owners, has the Payments Services Act, 2020 that has streamlined both traditional and cryptocurrencies under one law. The law also provides a framework to obtain licences to operate crypto businesses. Singapore's philosophy on cryptocurrencies is best explained by Ravi Menon who heads the Monetary Authority of Singapore (MAS). He explained that the best approach was not to ban, but to put in



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place "strong regulation". He further added that MAS believes that amongst the potential benefits of blockchain technology is that it enables applications where "it was important to know the history of ownership and transfer of value especially when there was no trusted central party or where reliance on a central party was too costly."

Similarly, Switzerland has also favoured the strong regulation model overseen by an already established financial regulator. The Swiss Financial Market Supervisory Authority (FINMA) that oversees the country's financial markets mandates that all virtual asset service providers, including cryptocurrency exchanges must be licenced. KYC, AML and CFT procedures must be strictly complied with. These are the checks on the use of cryptocurrencies and crypto assets that could facilitate criminal enterprise.

Let us now move away from small countries like Singapore and Switzerland to a large constitutional democracy like the US. The US does not consider cryptocurrency to be legal tender but defines cryptocurrency exchanges to be money transmitters. The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) treats cryptocurrency as property for US federal taxation purposes. Exchanges must obtain requisite licences from the Financial Crimes Enforcement Network and implement the standard AML and CFT requirements that have become the norm in most jurisdictions that regulate cryptocurrencies.

One of the most important lessons to absorb from the US is the revenue potential of cryptocurrencies and crypto assets. On August 10, 2020, the US Senate passed a \$1

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trillion bill aimed at improving infrastructure in the country. To assist in paying for this, the bill includes a provision of taxing cryptocurrency brokers. This will enable the collection of almost \$28 billion in tax revenue over a decade. This highlights the potential revenue any state including India can earn by regulating and taxing cryptocurrencies and those who deal in them.

As always with regulation and taxation comes responsibility. In September 2021, the US Treasury Department's Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC) issued the first sanction against a crypto-exchange, designating the exchange SUEX as a "malicious cyber actor". According to the Treasury Department's press release, over 40 per cent of SUEX's known transactions are associated with illicit actors including criminal ransomware actors.

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There is much to think about as the year comes to an end. In the meanwhile, Merry Christmas, seasons greetings and a very Happy New Year, dear readers. Have a safe and joyous year ahead and do remember to keep masking.

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WHAT THE OTHERS SAY

"There are many legitimate reasons to take issue with that country's conduct in the 'war on terror', but the resurgence of militancy should be a common concern that pushes Pakistan, Afghanistan and the US to formulate a joint strategy against it." — DAWN

Torchbearer and guiding light

Vajpayee paved the way. MP has simplified laws and procedures to ensure speedy delivery of services



SHIVRAJ SINGH CHOUHAN

MY POLITICAL CAREER has been a reflective journey driven by a commitment to empower the people of Madhya Pradesh. I remember Atal Bihari Vajpayee's words: "Empowering the individual means empowering the nation. And empowerment is best served through rapid economic growth with rapid social change." These words have become the guiding light of my resolve to serve the people of Madhya Pradesh with transparency, accountability and a keen sense of strategic vision.

True to his word, Atalji was the torchbearer of good governance and paved the way for all of us to pursue it in letter and spirit. In a historic decision, the prime minister declared December 25 as the "National Good Governance Day" to honour Atalji and his influence on India. In his two terms in office, PM Narendra Modi has reiterated his commitment to good governance and ensured that it becomes the DNA of the government.

I believe that good governance in its truest form is about the ability of a government to provide essential services to citizens, hassle-free. To this end, after taking over the leadership of the Madhya Pradesh government, we have focused on providing fast and effective services to citizens.

In keeping with our vision of providing essential citizen services in a speedy and hassle-free manner, we have set up appropriate structures to encourage *janbhagidari* (people's participation) in the development and monitoring systems by setting up Deendayal Committees at the village, janpad and district levels. In 2010, we came up with a unique Public Service Guarantee Act to guarantee the delivery of public services efficiently. We have brought over 500 public services within the ambit of this law, which are being delivered successfully. We launched the CM Helpline 181 to resolve public complaints pertaining to facilities provided by the state government. This has also become an easy way for the public to participate in the development of welfare policies by registering their demands and suggestions. So far, we have successfully resolved the issues of about two crore citizens.

Other than bringing amendments in laws, we have simplified rules and procedures to ensure that the common citizen

does not face problems in receiving essential services. As a result, land record modernisation under Digital India has increased the use of new modes of services delivery, along with the digitisation of records. We have ensured the digital availability of land records, and the speeding up of online land-mortgage processes. As a result of these innovations, people have started receiving information and necessary records at record speed.

We have ensured that copies of certificates such as khasra, khatauni, and local resident certificates are delivered easily to people on their mobile phones from the CM Janseva portal. This portal has been developed to deliver important citizen services via a single point. So far, we have provided benefits to more than 66,000 people through this service, effectively reducing the cost of accessing these services, streamlining administrative processes, and strengthening accountability and responsiveness.

Keeping with the ideals of *antyyodaya*, we have expanded the presence of public service centers from the tehsil to the gram panchayat level. In the coming year, each gram panchayat that has a population of more than 5,000, will be provided with doorstep services by establishing kiosks for public services.

During the tumultuous period of the Covid lockdown, we were able to effectively meet the challenges posed by the pandemic and provided relief to the people by launching 24-hour corona helplines at the district and state level, especially for the migrant labourers.

I believe that it is the duty of a government to create public welfare schemes and extend their benefits. Our government has successfully delivered on this promise along with ensuring good governance. We have focused on measuring the impact of our work also. On the first Monday of every month, we monitor our activities via video conferencing. All departments of the government are ranked through the CM dashboard and those who perform are rewarded.

On this National Good Governance Day, I want to congratulate all the citizens for their constant participation in creating Atmanirbhar Madhya Pradesh. Atmanirbhar MP provides a roadmap for self-reliance based on PM Modi's vision of building an Atmanirbhar Bharat. It tries to ensure that the ideals of good governance are adhered to in providing essential services to the citizens. I invite your continued support to help fulfil PM Modi's dream of an Atmanirbhar India, where effective delivery of public services is a common phenomenon.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

LAND FRAUD

THIS REFERS TO the editorial, 'Find the plot' (IE, December 24). The way the kith and kin of those close to power have rushed in to buy land in Ayodhya gives credence to the belief that a lot of wrongdoing is underway in these land negotiations. Though a probe has been announced by the UP government, it is more a cover-up than anything else. It is for the Opposition to seize the initiative and keep the heat on.

Jjai Pant, Hempur

HATE SPEECH

THIS REFERS TO the report, 'Haridwar hate speeches target minorities, call for violence; DGP says illegal' (IE, December 24). A Dharam Sansad meet should be a platform for deliberation on religion, ethics, morality and spirituality. But the one held at Haridwar and Uttarakhand on December 17 to 19 saw heads of various religious organisations spewing communal venom. Will the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh and the Bharatiya Janata Party merely distance themselves from this event or condemn it and uphold the sanctity of the Constitution?

L R Murmu, Delhi

BOOSTER MATTERS

THIS REFERS TO the editorial, 'Immunity top-up' (IE, December 24). In spite of experts alerting the need for booster doses at an early stage, Indian authorities have adopted a wait and watch approach. Now the WHO has also advised booster doses for priority groups. Issues such as what is the ideal immunity top for the country's vaccine recipients and who should be prioritised for booster shots must be resolved at the earliest. This shouldn't detract from the task of completing the primary vaccination goals.

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PULLELA GOPICHAND

Play-and-live

We need to replace 'do-or-die' as sport's clarion call

I'VE HAD SECOND thoughts, and my second thoughts have done double-takes, wondering why the cliché "do or die" has been allowed to go on this long in sports vocabulary. In three words, the most affirming of joys of sport get killed, and are replaced by a sense of bitter desperation to succeed that puts indescribable pressure on athletes competing at any level. Do-or-die needs to be replaced by play-and-live as sport's clarion call.

I have been witness to the pressures of competition and seen how unrealistic expectations can get when everyone is trying to be the "next Saina" or the "next Sindhu" when they take up badminton. Likewise, have we really succeeded in finding the "next Sania Mirza or Leander or Bindra"? No. Because young kids need to take up badminton, tennis and every other sport to learn the sport, not be told that they will be a world champion on day one. Junior competitions in India need to be calibrated when used to see actual elite potential. But this should never reflect on the coach's face that makes young vulnerable kids feel like failures.

Education and the opening up of careers suited to different aptitudes and likings have made it possible that more and more eventually succeed when moving out of the system. Sports, on the other hand, suffers from a very low success rate.

In some ways, the very process of trying to become a champion is more beneficial than becoming a champion itself — benefits that far outlive a career that could go on till 30 at best.

The value of this diminishes when you hang on to a sport more than is necessary, where it turns detrimental, as it is not possible to start a new career if one overstays their welcome in sports. Feeling lost then is a common occurrence.

So in my opinion the answer lies in the way we look at sports, and identify talent. As a matter of fact, the words talent identification should not be spoken of at an early age and scientific sporting analysis should not be done at a young age as is the norm.

Instead of this, imagine a scenario where children are exposed to several sports, grow a healthy relationship with physical activity, and then we use sports science at age of 17 or 18 to check if the kids have the potential to be world-beaters or not. This will ensure that only those who have a realistic chance to make it to the top at the world level continue chasing the difficult dream beyond 17/18, even accounting for late bloomers, whose potential will be clear by this age.

This could change for some sports, but by and large at 17 or 18, the decision has to be made whether you are good to be world-class or you need to look at other careers. I am sure with the right kind of scouting and sports science, we will be able to guide students/parents to make the right choice and to use the learnings of sports to propel and catapult them into a new and more successful career which would serve them their whole lifetime. Even top individuals who are in the system should be taken care of by giving them exit

routes at various levels — at 22, at 25 even.

At each of these stages, we should have programmes which will ensure that these sportspersons are taking the learnings of sport and using them in other fields which are beneficial to themselves and to society at large.

Although sports itself has huge opportunities whether it be coaches, commentators, sports administrators etc. I would encourage sportspersons to even look at different fields altogether, not necessarily only from the sporting ecosystem. The exit from sports at various levels needs to be supported and celebrated so that we have more people using sports as a jumping board for bigger and brighter careers. The shelf-life of a sportsperson is short, unpredictable and hugely beneficial, but unless used properly it can be detrimental to his or her own growth.

Strangely, and almost as a paradox, there are an increasing number of management gurus looking towards sports to offer and impart various business and life lessons, inculcating the importance of playing a sport. Several successful people candidly admit the role that sports has played in their journey. It is uncanny that film stars, businessmen, politicians and bureaucrats are talking about how sports has contributed to their well-being and helped forge a strong character.

Even at the elite level, it is likely that professional athletes will struggle to have a clean exit path. And that makes us wonder as to why sports, which is an excellent tool for learning and excellence, imparting valuable lessons to



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How Webb Telescope will seek to unlock universe's secrets

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THE EXCITEMENT in the scientific community is similar to what had accompanied news of detection of the gravitational waves in 2016, or the release of the first ever 'photograph' of a black hole in 2019. This time, no major scientific discovery is being announced. Rather, it is the potential for many such discoveries that is creating the buzz.

Around 6 pm India time on Saturday, NASA's James Webb Space Telescope (JWST), the largest and most powerful space telescope ever built, will be launched from French Guiana, on the northeast coast of South America, on the European Ariane 5 rocket. It is the same space facility and the same rocket that the Indian Space Research Organisation uses to launch its heavier satellites.

JWST is an engineering marvel comparable to the earth-based Event Horizon

Telescope that produced the photograph of the black hole, or the LIGO that detected the gravitational waves. It is widely expected to unveil many secrets of the universe, particularly those related to the formation of stars and galaxies in the early period — the first few hundred million years — after the Big Bang.

Time machine in space

Powerful space telescopes, like JWST or the Hubble Telescope, are often called time-machines because of their ability to view very far-away objects. The light coming from those objects, stars or galaxies, which is captured by these telescopes, began its journey millions of years earlier. Essentially, what these telescopes see are images of these stars or galaxies as they were millions of years ago. The more distant the planet or star, the farther back in time are the telescopes able to see.

Images and data sent by Hubble, which has been in operation since 1990, orbiting the Earth at 570 km, form the basis for much of our un-



JWST being mounted on Ariane 5. NASA

derstanding of the early universe and the formation and destruction of planets, stars and galaxies. It has seen deeper into the universe than any other instrument and taken the most iconic photographs of stars and galaxies.

JWST is much more powerful and has the ability to look in the infrared spectrum, which will allow it to peer through much deeper into the universe, and see through obstructions such as gas clouds. As electromagnetic waves travel for long distances, they lose energy, resulting in an increase in their wavelength. An ultraviolet wave, for example, can slowly move into the visible light spectrum and the infrared spectrum, and further weaken to microwaves or radio waves, as it loses energy. Hubble was designed to look mainly into the ultraviolet and visible regions of the electromagnetic spectrum. JWST is primarily an infrared telescope, the first of its kind.

Engineering marvel

JWST will also be positioned much

deeper into the space, about a million miles from Earth, at a spot known as L2. It is one of the five points, known as Lagrange's points, in any revolving two-body system like Earth and Sun, where the gravitational forces of the two large bodies cancel each other out. Objects placed at these positions are relatively stable and require minimal external energy to keep themselves there. L2 is a position directly behind Earth in the line joining the Sun and the Earth. It would be shielded from the Sun by the Earth as it goes around the Sun, in sync with the Earth.

JWST has one large mirror, with a diameter of 21 feet (the height of a typical two-storey building), that will capture the infrared light coming in from the deep universe while facing away from the Sun. It will be shielded by a five-layer, tennis-court-sized, kite-shaped sunshade that is designed to block the heat from Sun and ensure the extremely cool temperatures that the instruments are built to operate at. Temperatures

on the sun-facing side can get as high as 110°C, while the other side would be maintained at -200° to -230°C. The extremely cold temperatures are needed to detect the extremely faint heat signals from the distant galaxies. The mirror as well as the sunshade are so large they could not have fit into any rocket. They have been built as foldable items and would be unravelled in space.

The job

At its heart, the instruments on board JWST have very simple functions — an infrared camera will take images of astronomical objects, while spectrometers would break the incoming infrared light into different colours for analysis. But with these seemingly simple operations, scientists are hoping to unlock information that would significantly improve mankind's understanding of the universe and throw some light on at least a few of the never-ending mysteries of nature.

SIMPLY PUT QUESTION & ANSWER

When to roll out booster jabs

The WHO has said such a decision should be evidence-based. What is the evidence on protection given by a regular course and an additional jab? What is India considering; which vaccines are likely to be used?

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IN AN interim statement on Wednesday, the World Health Organization (WHO) said the introduction of booster doses of Covid-19 vaccines should be "firmly evidence-driven" and targeted to groups at highest risk of serious disease and frontline workers. It said the evidence till date "indicates" a "minimal to modest" reduction of vaccine protection against severe disease over six months after the second dose.

What is this evidence?

On December 7, the WHO's Strategic Advisory Group of Experts on Immunisation conducted a systematic review of 18 studies on vaccine effectiveness, conducted in various countries (not including India) between June 17 and December 2. The vaccines assessed were those of Pfizer, Moderna, AstraZeneca (used in India as Covishield), and Johnson & Johnson.

The review estimated the average change in vaccine effectiveness (VE) from 1-6 months after full vaccination. For symptomatic disease, VE decreased by 32% for older adults (above 50) and 25.4% for all ages. For severe disease, it decreased by 9.7% for older adults, and 8% for all ages. The review summarised that:

- Moderate decrease in VE after 6 months for infection and any symptomatic disease
- Minimal decrease of VE over time against severe disease
- Continued follow-up of VE after 6 months is needed, and for more vaccines
- The impact of Omicron on waning VE is not known

Are these rates good news or bad?

Leading public health expert Dr Srinath Reddy, president of the Public Health Foundation of India, said one should look at two specific data points: age-specific data, and breakthrough infections causing severe disease. "I would be interested in seeing the data for severe illness in 50-plus, 60-plus, and 70-plus. Let us say, for 60-plus it is 18%, and 70-plus is 25%. Then we are in trouble," he said. "We have to see how many of the breakthrough infections are classified as a severe infection. Because if it is mild to moderate, it is not a cause for concern." He added: "Because India also has comorbidities at a younger age, I would also like to look at data at 45-55 plus and the level of severity."



A booster dose being administered in a clinic in Bolton, UK on Thursday. Reuters

How soon should India ideally start booster doses?

Referring to the WHO statement, VK Paul, head of the national Covid-19 task force, said: "... [The decision in India] has to be driven by science that is applicable to our situation, driven by science that is applicable to our vaccines. What you read largely is about other platform vaccines in different settings, and with a different profile of comorbidities, and age profiles in some ways," he said.

"There are intense efforts to culture the virus and we will test our vaccines [against Omicron]. Be rest assured the decision for adolescent vaccination and booster doses will be taken on scientific principles and overarching interest of people of India," he said.

States such as Maharashtra, Kerala and Delhi have repeatedly asked the Centre to begin booster doses. So have the Indian Medical Association (IMA) and many health experts.

"We are very upset about the delay. The UK and some other countries are taking up third dose vaccination. We are told that there is a need for evidence to clear the booster doses. We know for sure the warning signs are there and the government should act proactively," IMA president Dr J A Jayalal said.

Dr Subhash Salunkhe, member of the Covid task force, said booster doses can begin even while primary doses are being given. "This is not an either/or situation. It has to be done concurrently. Those who need the second dose are definitely a priority but the third dose is also required, especially for immuno-compromised persons and healthcare workers."

What aspects are experts considering?

The National Technical Advisory Group on Immunisation (NTAGI) is examining data from

across the world as well as from India on three aspects: T-cell response, antibody response with a particular vaccine and with another vaccine, and how long immunity persists after infection, said Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) chief Dr Balram Bhargava.

Sources said the ICMR's real-time tracker shows breakthrough infections are less than 2% in the general population, and around 7% among doctors and nurses.

Sources said there is a detailed discourse on an additional dose focusing on cellular immunity from memory cells, which play an important role in providing protection against severe disease and hospitalisation.

Also, the source said, "certain dates, and timelines, are very important. A majority of India's adult population received their first dose immediately prior to the second wave, and the second dose, most of the adult population definitely received it after the second wave... A substantial proportion has already received an 'additional dose' in terms of antibody response from the April-May Delta surge. How this impacts immunity is being scientifically examined," the source said.

Which vaccines can potentially be used as boosters in India?

While NTAGI is examining scientific evidence, a preliminary consensus has been arrived at: if one has taken an inactivated-whole virus (eg Covaxin) or adenoviral vector vaccine (eg Covishield or AstraZeneca's vaccine), the third dose should not be of the same platform.

Preliminary studies from outside India suggest that a third dose of the AstraZeneca vaccine is effective against the Omicron variant. The emerging data too will be examined.

If and when the recommendation is made, eligible recipients are likely to have multiple options in the coming months, such as:

- Hyderabad-based Biological-E's Corbevax, a protein subunit vaccine that contains only the antigenic parts of the virus
- Serum Institute of India's (SII) Covovax, a recombinant nanoparticle protein-based vaccine, in which US-based Novavax and SII have already received emergency use authorisation in the Philippines
- Bharat Biotech's intranasal vaccine which, sources said, is expected to come in the second half of January.
- India's first m-RNA Covid-19 vaccine developed by Pune-based Gennova Biopharmaceuticals Ltd which, the government has said, is expected to produce 6 crore doses.

S Africa eases restrictions

AMITABH SINHA
PUNE, DECEMBER 24

AMIDST CLAIMS that the Omicron wave had passed its "peak" in the country, South Africa has announced major relaxations for its citizens, doing away with the need for any quarantine for contacts of people confirmed with the infection.

In new guidelines issued on Thursday, the South African government said the requirement for quarantine was being done away with both for vaccinated as well as unvaccinated contacts. Contacts would no longer be required to undergo diagnostic tests either, unless they show symptoms. The country has also stopped contact tracing, except in congregate settings and cluster outbreak situations.

But the country began providing booster doses to its citizens for the first time on Friday. The US announced resumption of travel to and from countries in southern Africa, which had been banned in the wake of emergence of Omicron variant.

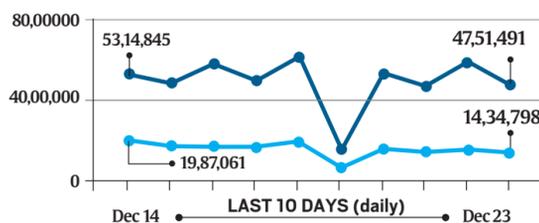
Before this, scientists from South Africa's National Institute of Communicable Diseases said there were indications that "we have surpassed the peak of infections in Gauteng (the province where Omicron was first detected and was the most widespread)," CNN reported. The institute cited a drop in cases in all the provinces. On Friday, it reported the detection of 18,847 new coronavirus cases, which was less than the over 20,000 cases that were being reported in recent days.

OMICRON TRACKER

CORONAVIRUS DASHBOARD

INDIA TOTAL DOSES **14,03,163,063**
(1st DOSE: **83,29,21,633**; 2nd: **57,02,41,430**)

■ First dose ■ Second dose



DOSES ON DECEMBER 23 **61,86,289**
DEC 22 : **73,86,104** (1ST DOSE: 15,23,180; 2ND: 58,62,924)

DOSES ON DEC 23, BY STATE

TOP 5

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| Uttar Pradesh | 14,34,874 |
| Maharashtra | 5,56,337 |
| Madhya Pradesh | 5,42,227 |
| Bihar | 3,95,406 |
| Telangana | 3,70,161 |

BOTTOM 5*

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| Punjab | 50,581 |
| Chhattisgarh | 1,11,229 |
| Delhi | 1,22,908 |
| Kerala | 1,51,973 |
| Assam | 1,56,644 |

*Excluding states smaller than Delhi by population (Census 2011)

ACTIVE CASES
77,516

775
from Dec 22

Source: Ministry of Health & Family Welfare; Dec 23 figures updated on Dec 24

Kidney transplant & vaccine response

KIDNEY TRANSPLANT recipients tend to mount impaired antibody responses against emerging SARS-CoV-2 variants after standard two-dose Covid-19 vaccination, according to new research published in the *Clinical Journal of the American Society of Nephrology*.

The study covered 173 kidney trans-

plant recipients and 166 healthy controls with different vaccination schedules between December 2020 and June 2021. Following vaccination, fewer kidney transplant recipients developed neutralising antibodies than healthy controls, the study found.

Source: American Society of Nephrology

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'Tokenisation' in online transactions postponed by 6 months: here's why

SUNNY VERMA &
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NEW DELHI, MUMBAI, DECEMBER 24

THE RESERVE Bank of India (RBI) has pushed back the implementation of card-on-file (CoF) tokenisation norms by six months to June 30, 2022 following representations from industry players and digital payment platforms.

While most leading banks including SBI, HDFC Bank and ICICI Bank are ready for the switchover, other stakeholders — mostly merchants — have argued that their backend systems were not in place, and that they anticipated disruptions in online transactions should the new rules kick in on the original January 1 date.

Under the new guidelines, online players are required to delete all credit card and debit card information stored on their platforms, and replace them with "token" in order to secure the card data of customers.

In addition, "industry stakeholders may devise alternate mechanism(s) to handle any use case (including recurring e-mandates, EMI option, etc.) or post-transaction activity (including chargeback handling, dispute resolution, reward/loyalty programme, etc.) that

currently involves/requires storage of CoF data by entities other than card issuers and card networks", the RBI has said.

What is tokenisation?

In September this year, the RBI asked merchants to stop storing customer card details on their servers with effect from January 1, 2022, and to instead adopt CoF tokenisation for domestic online purchases.

Tokenisation refers to replacement of actual credit and debit card details with an alternative code called 'token', which will be unique for a combination of card, token requester, and device. A requester is an entity that accepts a request from the customer for tokenisation of a card, and passes it on to the card network to issue a corresponding token. The device can be the customer's phone or computer.

A tokenised card transaction is considered more secure because actual card details are not shared with the merchant during the processing of the transaction.

Customers who do not opt for the tokenisation facility (offered by banks or payment gateways) will have to key in their name, 16-digit card number, expiry date and CVV each time they make a purchase online. If a cus-

tommer uses multiple cards, each of these cards will have to be tokenised.

What impact will the implementation of the RBI's guidelines have on the industry?

India has an estimated 100 crore debit and credit cards, which are used for about 15 crore transactions worth Rs 4,000 crore every day, according to data shared by participants at a CII seminar on the subject this week. The value of the Indian digital payments industry in 2020-21, as per RBI's annual report, was Rs 14,14,85,173 crore.

Non-compliance with the tokenisation norms could lead to a 20-40% revenue loss for online merchants and could force the smaller ones to shut shop, according to participants at the virtual session on 'Digital Payments and the India Media Consumer' organised by the CII's Media and Entertainment Committee.

How will ordinary consumers be impacted?

An estimated 5 million customers who have stored their card details for online transactions on various platforms could be impacted if the online players and merchants are not able to implement the

changes at their backend.

Equated monthly installments and subscription-based transactions that are paid through stored cards will also have to adhere to the new rules.

While 90 per cent of banks are ready for tokens on the Visa platform, Mastercard is yet to catch up. The RBI had banned Mastercard from issuing new cards on July 14 this year for not complying with data localisation requirements. While CoF conversion to a tokenised number is being done, the system is not geared up for processing the tokens as merchants are not ready.

Why did the stakeholders want an extension?

Digital payment firms and merchant bodies wrote to the central bank that they were not yet ready and the new mandate, if implemented immediately, could cause major disruptions and loss of revenue, especially for merchants.

"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 Alliance of Digital India Foundation (ADIF) said in a joint representation to the RBI.

Some banks too had sought an extension, according to sources in the industry.

The sources argued that all stakeholders — banks, card schemes, aggregators, gateways, processors, merchants, consumers and the regulator — are in effect working together to ensure successful implementation of the norms, but it needs time and preparation.

The stakeholders sought phased implementation of the new mandate, and at least six months' time for merchants to comply once banks, card networks, and payment aggregators/ payment gateways were ready.

How prepared are banks at the moment?

Banks have said they are seized of the matter, and that merchants might require more time for integration. HDFC Bank, ICICI, and SBI Cards already have the card tokenisation system in place for online transactions, while some players have device-based tokenisation (SBI Cards with Samsung, for example) for contactless near field communication (NFC) payments. Other banks have initiated the process, and many are ready with the new system.

SBI Chairman Dinesh Khara said recently that compliance with the new mandate "involves integration of the systems between

banks and merchants", and "as far as banks are concerned, they have started working on it". "For our purposes, the operative part came in the month of September. As far as merchants are concerned, they might require some more time," Khara said.

Mastercard and Google on Tuesday announced the rollout of tokenisation, that will enable Google Pay users to transact using their Mastercard credit and debit cards. Several banks like SBI, HDFC, and HSB are using Mastercard for transactions.

So what needs to happen so that the rollout is seamless and non-disruptive?

Three steps have to be completed for smooth implementation of tokenisation.

- Token provisioning: the consumer's card number should be convertible into a token, which means the card networks have to be ready with the relevant infrastructure.
- Token processing: Consumers should be able to complete their transaction successfully through the tokens.
- Scale-up for multiple use cases: Consumers should be able to use the token for things like refunds, EMIs, recurring payments, offers, promotions, guest checkouts etc.

15 ECONOMY

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SENSEX: 57,124.31 ▼ 190.97 (-0.33%) NIFTY: 17,003.75 ▼ 68.85 (-0.40%) NIKKEI: 28,782.59 ▼ 15.78 HANG SENG: 23,223.76 ▲ 30.12 FTSE: 7,394.04 ▲ 20.70 DAX: 15,756.31 ▲ 162.84

International market data till 1900 IST

MARKETS WATCH ₹24,000-CR AUCTION

Yield fails to attract dealers, RBI bond auction devolves

ENSECONOMICBUREAU
MUMBAI, DECEMBER 24

WITH THE market demanding higher yields, the bond auction by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) devolved on primary dealers on Friday.

Of the Rs 24,000-crore bond auction, bonds worth Rs 7,267 crore devolved on underwriters — primary dealers. The maximum devolvement of Rs 4,702.68 crore came in the 5.74 per cent government securities maturing in 2026.

The 10-year benchmark bond yield closed at 6.4617 per cent on Friday. The yield has gone up by nine basis points in the last one month. Some banks and NBFCs have started to increase their deposit rates, signalling that interest rates are set to rise in the coming year.

After bottoming out at 5.97 per cent in May 2021, India's 10-year bond yields have been steadily inching higher with yields averaging at 6.35 per cent in November 2021, the highest since the beginning of the pandemic. In recent weeks, led by the sharp upward move in VRRR auction cut-offs, short-term money market rates have hardened considerably.

"While the RBI in the December policy review kept the rates unchanged, it will continue with its surplus liquidity calibration. The ongoing normalisation in monetary policy by key central banks across the world along with expectation of domestic inflation creeping up, is likely to provide upside to yields with 10-year bond rate expected to move towards 6.50 per cent by March 2022 or even before that, said an analyst.

Re gains 129p in 7 sessions



ENSECONOMICBUREAU
MUMBAI, DECEMBER 24

CONTINUING ITS winning streak for the seventh straight session, the rupee on Friday rose by 23 paise to a three-week high of 75.03 against the US dollar as risk appetite improved in view of broader weakness in the greenback.

Over the past seven sessions, the domestic currency has gained 129 paise against the greenback. Meanwhile, the Sensex ended 190.97 points, or 0.33 per cent lower, after a three-session rising streak at 57,124.31. Similarly, the Nifty50 declined 68.85 points or 0.40 per cent to 17,003.75. WITHPTI

DEMOCRATIC APPROACH TO RATE SETTING: RBI DEPUTY GUV

Financial inclusion improves policy transmission: Patra

ENSECONOMICBUREAU
MUMBAI, DECEMBER 24

RESERVE BANK of India (RBI) Deputy Governor Michael Patra on Thursday said financial inclusion results in better monetary policy transmission.

"Financial inclusion is found to improve the transmission of interest rate-based monetary policy impulses in two ways," he said. "First, the financially excluded would typically prefer 'inside the pillow' savings and for this, cash is the preferred instrument. As inclusion increases, their preference shifts from cash to interest-bearing bank deposits and other financial assets," Patra said while speaking at an event organised at Indian Institute of Management (IIM), Ahmedabad.

Consequently, the interest sensitivity of financial savings in the economy goes up, he said. In view of compositional changes due to interest-bearing deposits replacing currency in people's portfolios, the interest rate sensi-

EXPLAINED

Interest rate sensitivity of money balances

IN VIEW of compositional changes due to interest-bearing deposits replacing currency in people's portfolios, the interest rate sensitivity of money balances also goes up. The RBI moved away from regulating interest rates in the 1990s. This was followed by guideline-based loan pricing norms — prime lending rates; base rates; marginal cost of funds-based lending rates.

of funds-based lending rates. "The goal is transparency, customer protection and awareness, and being as market-based as feasible, all of which are intended to foster inclusiveness. Across these regimes, transmission of policy rate changes to both deposit and lending rates has improved," Patra said. "The process has come full circle with the external benchmark-based lending rates — applied first to retail loans and credit to micro and small units — under which transmission is even fuller."

as interest rate sensitivity of the population increases, central banks need to move interest rates by less to achieve their objectives, he said.

"In India, the growing involvement of people in the monetary policy process has led to more democratic approaches to interest rate setting," he said. The RBI moved away from regulating interest rates during the 1990s. This was followed by guideline-based loan pricing norms — prime lending rates; base rates; marginal cost



'Transmission of policy rate changes to both deposit and lending rates has improved' MICHAEL PATRA DEPUTY GOVERNOR, RBI

SEEKS ROLLBACK OF PROPOSED HIKE

GST hike on textiles to cause closure of 1 lakh units: Mitra

ENSECONOMICBUREAU
NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 24

WEST BENGAL'S former finance minister Amit Mitra has urged Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman to call a GST Council meeting urgently and roll back the proposed hike on textile products from 5 per cent to 12 per cent under Goods and Service Tax (GST).

Mitra, currently the Principal Chief Advisor to West Bengal Chief Minister, said the new rate structure — effective from January 1 — would lead to closure of around 1 lakh textile units and losses of 15 lakh jobs in the country.

In its previous meeting on September 17, the GST Council had decided that the inverted duty anomalies in the textile sector would be corrected from January 1, 2022. The Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC) on November 18 had notified a 12 per cent GST rate for man-made fibre, man-made fibre yarn and fabrics. At present, tax rate on man-made fibre, yarn and fabrics is 18 per cent, 12 per cent and 5 per cent, respectively.

Apparel and clothing up to Rs 1,000 per piece currently attracts 5 per cent GST. Synthetic and artificial yarn have been changed to 12 per cent but natural yarn like cotton, silk, wool yarn are still in 5 per cent slab.

The Centre had aimed to correct inverted duty structure with this move. An inverted duty structure arises when the taxes on output or final product are lower than the taxes on inputs, creating an inverse accumulation of input tax



Amit Mitra, Principal Chief Advisor to West Bengal Chief Minister, called for a GST Council meet on the issue. File

credit (ITC) which in most cases has to be refunded. Inverted duty structure has implied a stream of revenue outflow for the government, prompting the government to relook the duty structure.

"My question is if a cost-benefit analysis has been done. Cost is massive closure of units, particularly small and medium units, (which will give rise to) unemployment. The units (which migrated to) the formal economy by registering for GST (may be forced to) become informal again," Mitra said in a virtual press meet.

He said these small and medium textile units that operate with very thin profit margins won't have working capital to move from 5 per cent to 12 per cent GST rate. "If GST is increased, price increases will be 6-7 per cent demand would fall by at least 3 per cent. Also, there will be inflationary pressure. (All this for) expected Rs 7,000 crore additional GST revenue, which, in my view, is questionable." WITHINPVS FROM MENS KOLKATA

'Pre-owned vehicle mkt may reach 8.2 mn units by FY26'

From around 4 million units in the fiscal ended March 2021, India's pre-owned vehicle market is likely to reach 8.2 million units by FY26, a Grant Thornton Bharat report said



FACTORS THAT COULD BOOST PRE-OWNED VEHICLE MARKET

- Higher demand from smaller cities
- Increasing new vehicle prices
- Customers' changing preferences

Cost of ownership for a pre-owned/used vehicle is significantly less in comparison to a new one, mainly due to:

- High depreciation
- Higher taxes
- RTO/ registration fee
- Expensive vehicle insurance policies

Market size is expected to grow to \$70.8 billion by 2030 at a CAGR of 14.8% between 2021 and 2030

Small towns could fuel the demand for used vehicles as the share of non-metro cities in rising vehicle sales may rise to nearly 70% from the current 55% in next 4 years Source: Grant Thornton Bharat/PTI

FOR ₹1,814 CRORE

Darwin Platform wins Lavasa city bid

ENSECONOMICBUREAU
PUNE, DECEMBER 24

MUMBAI-BASED DARWIN Platform's revised Rs 1,814-crore bid to take over the privately-built smart city project by Lavasa Corporation near Pune was on Friday approved by the committee of creditors (CoC). The bid beat the closest competing offer of Rs 1,223.07 crore.

Lavasa Hill City project was planned by Hindustan Construction Company (HCC) in

BACK STORY

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2018. Lavasa had defaulted on bank loans after the environment ministry issued a stop-work order in 2010. The total admitted claims of the financial creditors was at Rs 5,561.1 crore.

Earlier, during the month, the CoC had started the process to finalise the resolution plans. "DPIL has proposed a payment plan and schedule that include upfront payment of Rs 100 crore, payment to homebuyers within 24 months of receipt of environmental nod, construction and delivery of properties, redemption of the secured

NCDs at the end of 108 months," a member of CoC said.

The CoC member added: "These will incur a cost of Rs 1,466.50 crore. After adding working capital, repair/refurbishment, and other construction, the company has offered a total of Rs 1,814 in its revised resolution plan."

Ajay Harinath Singh, group chairman, Darwin Platform Group of Companies, said, "We have an ambitious and long-term plan for Lavasa Smart City." The company has resources to meet the expectations of the CoC, he added. FE

Apple's App Store broke competition laws: Dutch watchdog

REUTERS
SAN FRANCISCO, DEC 24

THE NETHERLANDS' top competition regulator on Friday said Apple broke the country's competition laws and ordered changes to the iPhone maker's App Store payment policies.

Apple's practice of requiring app developers to use its in-app payment system and pay com-

missions of 15-30 per cent on digital goods purchases has come under scrutiny around the world. "We disagree with the order issued by the ACM and have filed an appeal," Apple said.

A Moscow court said it was fining Google 7.2 billion roubles (\$98 million) for what it said was a repeated failure to delete content it deems illegal. It fined Meta 2 billion roubles (\$27.1 million) on similar grounds.

BRIEFLY

BofA forecast

New Delhi: Bank of America Securities India has pencilled in an 8.2% GDP growth next fiscal for the country, with more downside risks to the projection.

Anti-dumping

New Delhi: The Commerce Ministry's probe arm, DGTR, has proposed imposing anti-dumping duty on caustic soda for 5 years from Japan, Iran, Qatar and Oman.

MUFG Bank fine

Mumbai: The RBI levied ₹30 lakh fine on MUFG Bank Ltd for non-compliance with directions on "Loans and Advances — Statutory and Other Restrictions".

Fine by Sebi

New Delhi: Sebi has levied a nearly ₹17 crore fine on Cals Refineries Ltd, its officials and an entity over manipulation in issuance of global depository receipts (GDRs).

Ribbon PLC app

London: UK-based startup Ribbon PLC launched a digital financial services "super-app" for personalised multi-currency money services for Indians across the globe. PTI

Good feedback for draft e-comm rules: Goyal

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 24

THE GOVERNMENT has received "very good feedback" on the draft e-commerce rules and after studying the same, the rules are being finalised, Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution Minister Piyush Goyal said Friday.

In a virtual address on the occasion of National Consumer Day, he said, "Ten rules and six regulations have been notified till now under the Consumer Protection Act, 2019. One or two more are under process."

"A draft of e-commerce rules was released, which received very good feedback. After studying that, the e-commerce rules are being finalised as what should be the e-commerce rules so that there is a little control over people doing trade through e-commerce, and facilitating people," Goyal said. He said the government will also finalise a proposal to ensure decriminalisation of the Legal Metrology Act, adding that the Department of Consumer Affairs has transitioned from "consumer protection" to "consumer empowerment and prosperity".

'Focus on nurturing entrepreneurship'

New Delhi: Commerce Minister Piyush Goyal, addressing the third meeting of the National Startup Advisory Council, on Friday called for greater focus on nurturing entrepreneurship in tier 1 and 2 cities while suggesting successful startups to engage with the youth to inculcate entrepreneurial spirit. PTI

merce, and facilitating people," Goyal said. He said the government will also finalise a proposal to ensure decriminalisation of the Legal Metrology Act, adding that the Department of Consumer Affairs has transitioned from "consumer protection" to "consumer empowerment and prosperity".

Tesla pulls games on moving car screens

Bengaluru: Tesla will stop allowing video games to be played on vehicle screens while its cars are moving, the US National Highway Traffic Safety Administration said on Thursday.

The move follows an announcement by the NHTSA on Wednesday that it had opened a formal safety investigation on 580,000 Tesla vehicles sold since 2017. This functionality, "Passenger Play," may distract the driver and increase the risk of a crash, the NHTSA has said. REUTERS



Tesla's Model 3 vehicle. Reuters file

GOVERNMENT OF TAMILNADU - PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT
Building Organisation - Form of Contract : Lumpsum
Tender Notice No. 10 / VLR - CLE / 2021 - 2022 / Dated : 23.12.2021

For and on behalf of Governor of Tamil Nadu Sealed Tenders are invited by the Superintending Engineer, PWD, Buildings (Construction and Maintenance) Circle, Vellore - 1 for the following work from the eligible Contractors registered in Public works Department of Government of Tamil Nadu, upto 3.00 PM as per office clock on 01.02.2022 under Two cover system (Pre qualification and Price tender). The Prequalification cover (Cover 1) alone will be opened on 01.02.2022 at 3.30 PM by the Superintending Engineer in presence of the Tenderers or their authorised agents.

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GOVERNMENT OF TAMILNADU
WATER RESOURCES DEPARTMENT
Lower Cauvery Basin Circle, Thanjavur - 613 001
(PROJECT MANAGEMENT CONSULTANCY - FIRMS SELECTION)
NIT No. 5/2021-2022 / LCB Circle / Thanjavur / dated : 23.12.2021

For and on behalf of Governor of Tamil Nadu, sealed Tenders are invited from the eligible consultant firm towards the formation of Project Management Consultancy services for Extension, Renovation and Modernisation of Grand Anicut Canal system Project at the office of the Superintending Engineer, WRD, Lower Cauvery Basin Circle, Thanjavur - 1 upto 12.00 Noon on 28.01.2022. The tenders will be opened on the same date at 12.30 pm.

Tender documents available from 25.12.2021 and can be downloaded freely from the website www.tenders.tn.gov.in. In the event of specified date for submission of tender is declared as a holiday, tender will be received and opened on the next working day at the same time and venue. Other details can be obtained from the above office.

Any corrections or modification will be published on website only.

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KERALA WATER AUTHORITY - e-Tender Notice
Tender No: (1,21)20/2021-22/SE/PH/CHN. 1. JAL JEEVAN MISSION-MULTI VILLAGE SCHEME-PROVIDING FUNCTIONAL HOUSE HOLD TAP CONNECTION TO RURAL HOUSE HOLDS INCLUDING EXTENSION OF PIPE LINE IN MOOKKANNOR PANCHAYATH - PHASE II. (2). AMRUT-SAAP-2017-18 SUPPLYING, LAYING, TESTING AND COMMISSIONING OF 1200MM MS CLEAR WATER MAIN FROM KALADARSAN JUNCTION TO NEW KALOOR SUMP. EMD : Rs. 2,00,000/- each. Tender fee : Rs. 11,200/- each. Last Date for submitting Tender : 21-01-2022 03:00 pm. Phone : 0484-2360645. Website : www.kwa.kerala.gov.in. www.etenders.kerala.gov.in. Superintending Engineer, PH Circle, Kochi

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NMDC Limited, A 'NAVARATNA' Public Sector Company under Ministry of Steel, Govt. of India, invites online bids from prospective domestic bidders for Construction Calcined Lime and Dolo Storage Shed (Package No. 08A2) for 3.0 MTPA Integrated Steel Plant at Nagarnagar near Jagdalpur, Chhattisgarh State from experienced, reputed and competent Tenderers. MECON Limited is the consultant for this package. The detailed NIT and Bid documents can be viewed and for downloaded from NMDC website <http://www.nmdc.co.in>, Central Public Procurement portal <http://www.eprocure.gov.in/eportal/app> and MSTC portal <http://www.mstccommerce.co.in> from 25.12.2021 to 15.01.2022.

The bidders are to submit their bids through online mode and details of submission of bid through online are given in NIT.

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TOP OF THE WORLD



George Floyd died in 2020 under the knee of a white Minneapolis police officer. Reuters

UNITED STATES

Texas board takes back pardon call for George Floyd

Austin: A Texas board that had unanimously supported a posthumous pardon for George Floyd over a 2004 drug arrest in Houston backpedaled in an announcement on Thursday, saying "procedural errors" were found in their recommendation months after leaving the decision to Republican Gov Greg Abbott. The unusual reversal was announced by Abbott's office two days before Christmas. The withdrawn endorsement was met with outrage from a public defender who submitted the pardon application for Floyd, who spent much of his life in Houston before his death in 2020 under the knee of a white Minneapolis policeman. AP

PAKISTAN

2 Pak soldiers killed in terror attack: Official

Karachi: Two Pakistani soldiers were killed when terrorists attacked a check post in the country's restive Balochistan province on Friday, according to an official statement. The incident happened in Kech district of the province when the terrorists attacked the checkpost and killed the two soldiers, the Inter-Services Public Relations, the military's media affairs wing, said. PTI

LIBYA

Call for protest against poll cancellation

Cairo: Several Libyan parliamentary candidates called for nationwide protests over the cancellation of Friday's long-awaited presidential election, a blow to hopes of ending a decade of chaos in the oil-rich North African country. While it was unclear to what extent Libyans would demonstrate publicly, the call underlines risks to a fragile stability in the oil-rich nation that's a haven for militias and still riven by an east-west divide. Libya's election commission has proposed January 24 as a new date for the presidential poll. But no dates have been officially set or agreed upon by the country's rival factions. AP

Omicron cases soar, 3,500 flights get cancelled globally

As staff fight virus, Delta, United airlines face huge shortage

THE NEW YORK TIMES
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THOUSANDS OF would-be travelers received last-minute cancellations of their Christmas flights on Friday and Saturday because of the recent spike of Omicron cases, including among airline workers.

The number of cancellations globally for Christmas Eve and Christmas Day added up to more than 3,500, the Flight Aware website showed. Although the cancellations represented a relatively small percentage of the roughly 80,000 arrivals on any given day, they were a jarring disruption in a holiday season shadowed by the highly transmissible Omicron variant, which now accounts for more than 70 per cent of new coronavirus cases in the US.

United Airlines canceled 176 flights of the 4,000 domestic and international flights scheduled at dozens of airports on Friday, mostly the result of crew members calling in sick, said Joshua Freed, a spokesman for the Chicago-based carrier. At least 44 more flights on Saturday have already been canceled, he added.

A spokeswoman for Delta Air Lines said it had canceled 158 of the 3,100 flights scheduled for Friday. The Atlanta-based airline was exhausting "all options and resources," including rerouting and substituting planes and crews to cover scheduled flights.

The cancellations were caused by "a combination of issues, including weather and Omicron-related issues, and Delta expected at least 150 more cancellations over the weekend, spokeswoman Kate Modolo said. Alaska Airlines had 17 cancellations on Thursday after a growing number of crew members reported exposure to the virus, but the carrier only needed to scrap nine flights on Friday, according to a spokesperson.

'Unabomber' Ted Kaczynski moved to jail med facility

Denver: The man known as the "Unabomber" has been transferred to a federal prison medical facility in North Carolina after spending the past two decades in a federal Supermax prison in Colorado for a series of bombings targeting scientists. Theodore "Ted" Kaczynski, 79, was moved to the US Bureau of Prison's FMC Butner medical centre in eastern North Carolina on December 14, an official said. He declined to disclose any details of his medical condition or the reason for transfer.



Theodore Kaczynski

Kaczynski is serving life without the possibility of parole following his 1996 arrest at the primitive cabin where he was living in western Montana. He pleaded guilty to setting 16 explosions that killed three people and injured 23 others in various parts of the country between 1978 and 1995. AP



A man dressed as Santa Claus welcomes people to the Covid vaccination centre before Christmas in Brussels on Friday. Reuters

US waives in-person interviews for H-1B, other visas for 2022: State Dept

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
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Amid growing concerns of surging Covid-19 cases, the US has announced that it will waive the in-person interview requirement for a range of visa applicants during the entire 2022, including for H-1B workers and students, many of whom are from India.

The H-1B is a non-immigrant visa that allows the US companies to employ foreign workers in speciality occupations that require theoretical or technical expertise.

The Department of State on Thursday announced that consular officers are now temporarily authorised to waive in-person interviews for certain individual petition-based nonimmigrant work visas and their quali-

fy derivatives in the following categories: Persons in Specialty Occupations (H-1B visas), Trainee or Special Education Visitors (H-3 visas), Intracompany Transferees (L visas), Individuals with Extraordinary Ability or Achievement (O visas), Athletes, Artists, and Entertainers (P visas), and Participants in International Cultural Exchange Programmes (Q visas).

Additionally, the Secretary of State has extended consular officers' current ability to waive the in-person interview, through December 31, 2022, for the following other categories of non-immigrant visas: Temporary Agricultural and Non-agricultural Workers (H-2 visas), Students (F and M visas), and Student Exchange Visitors (Academic J visas), the press release said.

Japan health panel approves Merck's Covid-19 pill

Tokyo: A Japanese health ministry panel on Friday recommended approval of the Covid-19 antiviral pill developed by Merck & Co Inc (MRKN), part of Prime Minister Fumio Kishida's plan to roll out new treatments by year-end as concerns rise about the Omicron.

The panel's decision sets the stage for shipments of 200,000 doses across the country from this weekend, based on preparations announced earlier by Kishida. "I'm convinced the distribution of this drug is a major step forward for our nation's Covid-19 handling," health minister Shigeyuki Goto told reporters after the decision, adding that some medical institutions and pharmacies will start receiving the pill as soon as next Monday.

Japan is betting on oral treatments to keep infections and deaths at bay should a feared sixth pandemic wave emerge. REUTERS

Amid Taiwan concerns, Japan OKs record \$47 billion defence budget

MARI YAMAGUCHI
TOKYO, DECEMBER 24

JAPAN'S CABINET approved a record 5.4 trillion yen (\$47 billion) defence budget for fiscal 2022 on Friday that includes funding for research and development of a new fighter jet and other "game-changing" weapons as Japan bolsters its defense capabilities in response to China's growing military might and its tensions with Taiwan.

The 1.1% budget increase for the year beginning in April is the 10th consecutive defence spending increase and is in line with Japan's



Japan PM Fumio Kishida, left, rides on a Japan Ground Self-Defence Force Type 10 tank in Tokyo. AP (File)

pledge to the United States to strengthen its own defence capabilities to tackle increasingly chal-

lenging security issues in the region. The budget, which still needs to be approved by parliament, includes a record 291 billion yen (\$2.55 billion) for defence research and development, up 38% from the current year. Of that, 100 billion yen (\$870 million) is for development of the F-X fighter jet to replace Japan's aging fleet of F-2 aircraft around 2035.

Japan and Britain recently announced joint development of a future demonstration fighter jet engine and agreed to explore further combat air technologies. The project includes Mitsubishi and IHI in Japan and Rolls-Royce and BAE Systems in the UK. AP

CORONER IDENTIFIES 14-YEAR-OLD GIRL KILLED BY POLICE IN LA SHOOTING

Los Angeles: The coroner's office has identified the 14-year-old girl who was fatally shot by Los Angeles police on Thursday when officers fired on an assault suspect and a bullet went through the wall and struck the girl as she was in a clothing store dressing room. Police also fatally shot the

suspect on Thursday morning at a Burlington store in the North Hollywood area of the San Fernando Valley, police said.

The Los Angeles County coroner identified the girl as Valentina Orellana-Peralta. The suspect's name has not yet been released.

Witnesses told KCBS-TV that a man began acting erratically,

threatening to throw items from the upper floor, and attacked a woman with a bicycle lock shortly before noon as the store was crowded with holiday shoppers.

Officers answered a report of an assault and others of shots being fired, police said. Investigators have not found a gun at the scene. AP

MEANWHILE,

'SEX AND THE CITY' ACTOR ACCUSED OF GROPING

A New York musician on Thursday accused 'Sex and the City' actor Chris Noth of groping her nearly 20 years ago and threatening to ruin her career if she told anyone about their encounter. Singer-songwriter Lisa Gentile made the accusation following a December 16 Hollywood Reporter story that said two women, whose real names they did not disclose, had accused Noth of sexual assault in 2004 and 2015.



Packed ferry in Bangladesh catches fire, leaves 40 dead

ANISUR RAHMAN
DHAKA, DECEMBER 24

A CROWDED three-storey ferry carrying around 800 passengers caught fire on the Sugandha River in southern Bangladesh early Friday, killing at least 40 people and injuring over 150 others, officials said.

The fire broke out at 3 am on Friday in the engine room of the Barguna-bound MV Abhijan-10 launch that started a journey from Dhaka, police and fire service officials said, adding that scores of other passengers were missing.

Officials familiar with the rescue efforts said 40 people were killed, including nine being drowned, but some private television channels, quoting officials, reported 41 deaths in southern Jhalakathi district, 250 kilometres from the capital Dhaka.

Officials said they were carrying out the autopsy of the 30 people at Jhalakathi's main government hospital ahead of handing them over to relatives.

"We have assigned an official team to find out the casualty figure," the deputy commissioner of Barishal district said.

"The record suggests 310 listed passengers were travelling in the ferry, but we assume the actual number was much higher," junior minister for shipping Khaled Mahmud Chowdhury told reporters.

He said three separate investigations have been launched to find out the background and details of the pre-dawn accident.

Doctors at the Sher-e-Bangla Medical College Hospital in the neighbouring Barishal district said they were currently treating 70 people, while fire service



The burnt three-storey passenger ferry, which was anchored on the bank of Sugandha River, was carrying around 800 passengers. As many as 150 of them were left injured. PTI

SURVIVOR COUPLE RECOUNT HORROR TALE

Dhaka: A man and his wife jumped into the swirling waters of the Sugandha river in a last-ditch attempt to save themselves from the fire that had engulfed the three-storey ferry they were travelling in early on Friday, only to survive under miraculous circumstances, though the wife broke her leg in the process, according to a media report.

Hossain Mohammad Al-Mujahid and his wife Ummul

Wara were travelling in the VIP cabin. "After smoke covered the ferry, we rushed out of the cabin and moved to the front of the launch. More than 100 people gathered there. The ferry was in the middle of the river. Many passengers were seen jumping into the river," Hossain said. Passengers who were sleeping and stayed inside the cabins suffered more, he said, adding the locals took them to the Jhalakathi Sadar Hospital. PTI

officials said some 50 more were being treated at other facilities.

Health officials in Dhaka said a six-member expert doctors' team were sent to Barishal to join their colleagues in treating patients with burn wounds.

The Coastguard, fire service

and police launched a search campaign covering rivers in three downstream districts as the accident took place at the confluence of three rivers as a huge number of people crowded on the river banks and hospitals to find their relatives. PTI

Ex-Minnesota police officer found guilty of manslaughter

NATHAN LAYNE
DECEMBER 24

A MINNESOTA jury on Thursday found former police officer Kimberly Potter guilty of manslaughter in the fatal shooting of Black motorist Daunte Wright during a traffic stop when she mistakenly fired her handgun instead of her Taser.

A 12-member jury declared Potter, 49, guilty of first-degree and second-degree manslaughter in the death of the 20-year-old Wright, whom she killed in the Minneapolis suburb of Brooklyn Center on April 11 with a bullet to the chest.

Potter, who broke down last week on the stand as she testified to her remorse for the shooting, showed little emotion as Judge Regina Chu read the verdict and polled the jury. Potter was taken away in handcuffs after Chu rejected her attorney's plea for her to be allowed to spend Christmas with family.

Potter will be sentenced on February 18. She faces a maximum sentence of 15 years on the first-degree manslaughter conviction. Under state law, defendants cannot be sentenced for multiple charges pertaining to the same act.

The shooting sparked multiple nights of intense demonstrations in Brooklyn Center. REUTERS

South Korea's Moon pardons Park amid presidential race

HYONHEESHIN & JOSHSMITH
SEOUL, DECEMBER 24

SOUTH KOREA'S President Moon Jae-in granted a pardon to former President Park Geun-hye, who was in prison after being convicted of corruption, the justice ministry said on Friday, amid a tight presidential race.

Park, 69, became South Korea's first democratically elected leader to be thrown out of office when the Constitutional Court upheld a parliament vote in 2017 to impeach her over a scandal that also landed the heads

of two conglomerates, including Samsung, in jail. She was brought down after being found guilty of colluding with a friend to receive tens of billions of won from major conglomerates mostly to fund her friend's family and nonprofit foundations.

In January, South Korea's top court upheld a 20-year prison sentence for Park on the graft charges that finalised her downfall.

Park's lawyer Yoo Yeong-hasaid Park had offered an apology for causing concern to the public and

EXPLAINED Pardon to promote national unity

PRESIDENT MOON Jae-in's government said the pardon is meant to promote national unity in the face of difficulties brought by the pandemic. Some observers say Moon may want to ease conservative criticism stemming from Park's health problems, or even use her to split the opposition ahead of a presidential election in March.

thanked Moon for making a difficult decision.

Moon's office said pardoning Park was intended to "overcome unfortunate past history." "I hope this would provide a chance to go beyond differences in thoughts and pros and cons, and open a new era of integration," his spokeswoman quoted him as saying.

Moon had previously pledged not to pardon those who were convicted of corruption. But many supporters and politicians of the conservative main opposition People Power party have called for Park's pardon ahead of the March presidential election. REUTERS

A BURMESE-IRISH FAMILY SAID ALL THE RIGHT THINGS, EVEN AS IT HELPED MYANMAR'S RULERS AVOID SANCTIONS SCRUTINY IN BUYING PLANES

Worldly, charming, and quietly equipping a brutal military in Myanmar

HANNAH BEECH
DECEMBER 24

THREE YEARS ago, the Kyaw Thaung family partied at the Pegu Club. The venerable Burmese-Irish clan had restored the teak-lined establishment to its 19th-century glory, evoking the days when gin-sipping colonialists ruled. The Pegu Club project befit the family's East-meets-West positioning and the optimism of a country newly engaging with the world.

Amid periodic power cuts in the rest of Yangon, the Kyaw Thaungs danced and sipped champagne among the new

elite, including young entrepreneurs returned from exile, bejeweled daughters of generals, and even former political prisoners suddenly responsible for attracting foreign investment to the latest frontier market.

As Myanmar's military dictators ended decades of isolationism, the Kyaw Thaungs seemed to embody the perfect mix: an august family with a long history of charitable giving that was committed to the kind of business reforms needed to coax a corrupt, closed country into the global economy. But the main source of the family fortune, purportedly vaguely to be from property and import-export compa-

nies, was concealed behind a facade.

For all their efforts to differentiate themselves from the drug lords and business cronies who dominated Myanmar's economy, the Kyaw Thaungs were quietly equipping one of the world's most brutal militaries. Their partnership with the Tatmadaw, as the Myanmar military is known, deepened even as its generals committed ethnic cleansing against Rohingya Muslims. And it continued into this year, when the army staged a coup and seized full power of the country, killing more than 1,300 civilians so far, in the estimate of a monitoring group.



Weapons on display at the Armed Forces Day parade in March. AP (File)

U Jonathan Kyaw Thaung, the scion, was the public face of the family. As he chased Tatmadaw

contracts, he hobnobbed with the family of Senior Gen. Min Aung Hlaing, the military chief

who orchestrated the coup. He met with the Myanmar air force commander at the 2015 Paris Air Show, where the military leader checked out Pakistani fighter jets that ended up in the Tatmadaw's arsenal. A Kyaw Thaung family business bid to help supply the military with spare parts for Russian attack helicopters that have been used to strafe civilian populations resistant to the coup.

An investigation of the Kyaw Thaung family by *The New York Times* — based on interviews with dozens of former company employees, business associates, military insiders, family members, as well as thousands of

pages of corporate filings, contracts, tenders and other financial documents — exposes a vast web of military procurement that was strategically hidden from the public. The family, best known for its charitable foundation, was profiting from its close ties to the Tatmadaw and helping the military avoid scrutiny by Western governments. At cocktail parties and business forums, the family talked up international business standards, like rigorous governance, corporate social responsibility and open tenders. Behind closed doors, the Kyaw Thaungs relied on the kind of insider deal-making with the Tatmadaw that has enriched an

entire class of cronies in one of Asia's poorest and most repressive nations.

Ultimately, the story of the Kyaw Thaungs parallels that of Myanmar: a country of vast potential foiled by a ruthless military and the families willing to compromise themselves in pursuit of its riches.

The Kyaw Thaungs capitalised on their family ties to secure lucrative contracts supplying the military with European aircraft and a French coastal surveillance system. They bid for a deal to provide Italian guns to the navy, according to a former company employee and an email discussing the offer. NYT

FROM PAGE ONE

Gujarat students

engineering student at Institute of Infrastructure Technology Research and Management, Anmol Vaghaniya (18), a student of computer applications at Lokmanya Group of Colleges, and Anuj Shah (19), a BBA student at New IJ Group of College -- all are based in Ahmedabad.

The youth wing members include Mahendrasinh Zala (19), Hareesh Solanki (19) and Mahir Shaikh (19).

Yatin's father Arvind Jiyani said: "We heard the news of my son's arrest on TV. He had gone along with other party workers to the protest site. We were aware of his political affiliation." Anmol's parents live in Junagadh and could not be reached while Anuj's parents declined comment.

Among those arrested is CYSS state president Dharmik Mathukiyaa (21), Abhishek Solanki (22), vice president of the CYSS state unit, said: "Why did the police take such stringent action against 18-year-olds, booking them under 22 sections? We have been trying to make a bet-

ter future for ourselves. We don't wish to become MLAs or MPs, all we want is that such leaks shouldn't happen and our future is not destroyed."

According to the FIR, the charges against the protesters include those under IPC sections 120b (criminal conspiracy), 354a (sexual harassment) 323 (causing hurt) and 353 (assault on public servant). Defence lawyers said that taken together, these charges could lead to jail terms of up to seven years.

"Today, we have secured bail for the 28 women on the condition that their passports will be seized and they cannot enter the territory within the Infocity police station area in Gandhinagar where the FIR is lodged. The bail hearing of the remaining 65 male accused will be heard Monday," said Pranav Thakkar, AAP's legal counsel.

On Monday, the students were among about 500 supporters of AAP who staged a protest outside the Shree Kamalam office of the BJP in Gandhinagar. They demanded the removal of Asit Vora, BJP leader and chairman of

Gujarat Subordinate Service Selection Board (GSSSB), which conducted the exam to recruit head clerks.

The written exam was held on December 12, with 88,000 aspirants appearing for 186 vacancies. AAP alleged that the question paper was leaked and sold in advance for Rs 8-12 lakh. While the government later annulled the exam and rescheduled it for March 2022, the police arrested 18 accused in the racket.

But Monday's protest led to a clash between AAP and BJP workers following which the police resorted to a lathicharge to disperse the protesters.

Subsequently, based on the complaint of a woman BJP worker, the Gandhinagar Police lodged an FIR against AAP state president Gopal Italia, women's wing president Gauri Desai, youth wing president Nikhil Savani, senior leaders Isudan Gadhvi and Hasmukh Patel, and 500 unknown persons.

On Monday night, 93 AAP members were arrested and sent to judicial custody in the Sabarmati jail.

The FIR states: "...several workers of AAP, including Gopal Italia, Isudan Gadhvi, Mahesh Savani and others, holding CYSS banners in their hands, tried to break open the main gate of Kamalam office. Gadhvi was in a drunken state, his breath was foul. Despite several warnings by the police and BJP workers, the AAP workers forcibly entered the building premises by breaking the gates and then blocked the way for BJP workers and assaulted them with wooden sticks."

They were also accused of "assaulting police personnel and damaging their vehicles".

Speaking on condition of anonymity, a CYSS member, who was part of the protest, said: "We were protesting peacefully when BJP workers and police started charging towards us. Many of our workers rushed to the parked bus in which they had arrived. I ran from the venue. Later, police intercepted the bus and arrested all those inside." The AAP, however, has not filed any counter complaint in the incident.

Hil Gangani, a CYSS member

and second-year political science student at LD Arts College, said he is a "close friend" of some of the students held in the protest. "Our morale drops whenever such paper leaks happen. This time, Gopal bhai (Italia) called us and said this should be the last time such a leak happens in a government exam," he said.

Teni blackmail
and Amit Kumar, who runs the call centre.

Over the last week, with the help of technical surveillance, the police found that the callers were using VoIP gateways from the US and Romania. "A Delhi Police team approached the embassies concerned in New Delhi for help. Soon, we found that some of the calls were made from Amit Kumar's office in Noida. A raid was conducted and all the accused were arrested," the officer said.

During questioning, Amit Kumar allegedly revealed that his friend Kabir, who works as insurance agent, approached him with the idea of extorting money from the MoS. "Kabir asked his assistants, Amit Majhi and Nishant, to make the calls to Mishra's office. Mishra did not carry a phone so they started calling his PA. Kabir promised them Rs 10,000 each," police sources said.

During investigation, police found that Ashwini, who is a technical expert, was allegedly a part of the conspiracy, too. "Kabir got the idea after watching the news on TV about the incident in Lakhimpur Kheri. Police have recovered a hard disc from the accused," the officer said.

On Friday, the accused were produced before a Delhi court and sent to police custody for three days. They face multiple charges, including extortion and criminal intimidation, based on the FIR filed at the North Avenue Police Station in Central Delhi.

Ajay Mishra's son Ashish Mishra and 12 others are in jail for the October 3 incident in Lakhimpur Kheri where four farmers were killed after they were hit by a convoy of three cars, including one owned by the Union MoS. The family of a journalist present at the spot has said that he, too, died in the incident.

Ashish Mishra's bail plea is slated to be heard by the Allahabad High Court next month.

Facing repeated calls for his resignation, including by all Opposition parties in Parliament, the Union MoS has been keeping a low profile since the October incident, skipping several public events and official functions.

Chhattisgarh
January 2019 and November 2021, 195 people were killed by elephants in the state, and 62,134 cases reported of property losses.

In Pasan, with the 43 tuskers roaming around and trampling over crops, tempers are running high. "We want to push the elephants out of here, we don't want them around. Even the forest officials are trying to push the elephants back into the forests," says Armit (28), a villager from the area.

Vishnu (37) says: "Elephants are not generally violent, but even just passing, they cause a lot of destruction. One elephant is enough to ruin a crop. When an entire herd passes through a farm land, almost nothing is left."

In the Etamanagar range, less than 60 km away from Pasan, a distance elephants can easily cover in a day, a herd of 11 elephants has been around for a while. One of the village elders (referred to as a siyan) says the herd includes some calves as well as pregnant elephants. "This is why such a big herd is on the move. Elephants are very protective of their newborns," he says.

Even till 15 years ago, he adds, "The elephants would never venture so close to our village, but stay inside the forests. Slowly they started coming looking for food, and eventually, our encounters increased."

The Pasan herd includes Trivedi, a robust male tusker carefully tracked by field agents across Chhattisgarh and Madhya Pradesh. "Elephants send the new adult males of a herd to roam around freely. Trivedi stayed in these regions for more than two months, before leaving and returning with his herd from a different range," Mansoor Khan, an elephant expert, said.

Villagers use firecrackers or

loud sounds to scare the elephants away, often resorting to worse. Of the 43 elephants which have died in the state since 2019, 10 were electrocuted, others died mysteriously.

In a report this year, the Wildlife Institute of India (WII) called the situation a "paradox", pointing out that Chhattisgarh has less than 1% of India's wild elephant population, but accounts for more than 15% of the deaths attributed to elephant attacks.

What makes Chhattisgarh more prone to human-elephant conflict is its location. In its split from Madhya Pradesh in 2000, Chhattisgarh got most of the state's share of elephants and found itself in the path of elephant movement from neighbouring Jharkhand and Odisha. Now there are rising instances of elephants entering human habitations in Korba and Koriya as well as districts like Dhamtari, where this is being seen for the first time. In Kanker, families in forested rural areas live inside fully barricaded settlements, to keep out elephants.

The WII report talks of "threats within individual home ranges of elephants" which are hard to evaluate and hence mitigate, and disturbance to habitats caused by activities such as mining. It also says that once the elephant home ranges are fragmented, they tend to move out as "small, degraded forest patches cannot sustain herds". According to experts, this explains sudden appearance of big herds in Madhya Pradesh and the first appearance of elephants in Maharashtra's Gadchiroli, which experts believe travelled from Chhattisgarh's Rajnandgaon.

Earlier this year, the Chhattisgarh Forest Department announced a scheme to provide food to the elephants so that they didn't stray into settlements. As an experiment, paddy was dumped on the habitual routes taken by elephants in Surajpur district. While forest officials claim that some of the paddy was consumed by the elephants, the experiment was criticised by wildlife experts in the state and was not repeated.

25 questioned in Rajasthan on suspicion of being in touch with Pak agencies

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AS PART of an ongoing operation, the Rajasthan Police have questioned 25 people in the border district of Sriganganagar, who are suspected of being in touch with Pakistani agencies including the ISI and Pakistani intelligence operatives, said the police on Friday.

The police said in a statement on Friday that a three-stage 'Operation Nigahbani' was carried out by the CID Intelligence teams of Jaipur and Sriganganagar wherein suspects were identified and questioned. Credible information has been found that some of the individuals who were questioned were in touch with the Pakistani intelligence operatives, said the police.

Director General Intelligence Umesh Mishra said in a statement on Friday that the ISI regularly try to get information about the Army and that of military importance by getting in touch with Indian nationals living in border areas. The Pakistani operatives do this by creating fake Facebook profiles and making calls to the Indian nationals, said the police.

Mishra added that in 2021, the state special branch registered 7 cases under the Official Secrets Act, 1923.

The police said that in the first phase of the operation, around 50 officials identified such people living in the border areas of Suratgarh, Lalgarh and Sadhuwadi who are somehow in touch with the Pakistani operatives or could potentially make contact.

Mishra said that in the second phase, the suspects were kept under surveillance through technical and other methods and in the last phase, 25 such suspects were called to the interrogation centre in Suratgarh and Ganganagar for detailed questioning. He added that credible information has been found that some of the individuals were in touch with the Pakistani intelligence operatives and technical items of some of the suspects have been seized and are being sent to the forensic science laboratory in Jaipur. Legal action will be taken on the basis of information known from questioning and report of technical analysis. Legal opinion will also be sought, said the police.

DG Mishra added that the ISI and Pakistani intelligence operatives first strike a rapport with individuals by making fake profiles on social media platforms such as Facebook, Twitter, WhatsApp, Instagram and thereafter demand information about military institutions such as photography, videography, phone numbers of officials and location.



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Subject — To conduct regular events such as workshops, seminar, awareness programmes, symposium, Quiz and Design competition, RBSMs, Chaupals etc. at Design Resources Centres (DRCs).

With a view to build and create design-oriented excellence in the Handloom Sector, Office of Development Commissioner (Handlooms), Ministry of Textiles is setting up Design Resource Centres (DRCs) in all 28 Weavers' Service Centres (WSCs) through National Institute of Fashion Technology to catalogue and make visual presentation of available inventory of Handloom products and create new designs. Through these DRCs, designs and resources of WSCs are being made available to exporters, manufacturers, weavers and other stakeholders. In the 1st phase DRCs have been set up in 8 WSCs viz. Ahmedabad, Bhubaneswar, Delhi, Guwahati, Jaipur, Kancheepuram, Mumbai and Varanasi, while another 10 are in the pipeline.

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Admission Notice for M. Tech. Programs: 2021-22

Applications are invited for admission in prescribed proforma to fill up the leftover seats in the following M.Tech. Programs being run in the S.I.E.T., Nilokheri:-

| S. No. | Name of M.Tech. Course | Department |
|--------|------------------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. | Robotics & Artificial Intelligence | Computer Engineering |
| 2. | Advanced Manufacturing Technology | Mechanical Engineering |

Admission form is available on Institute Website: www.gecnilokheri.ac.in. Completely filled application form may be submitted at Room No. 203 in the Institute by hand or online on the Institute email at admission@gecnilokheri.ac.in. The duly filled Application form must be submitted along with relevant documents upto the last date as per the schedule given below.

| Controlling No. | Last Date of Submission of Application Form | Reporting Date & Time (Offline) | Admission Criteria | Category |
|-----------------|---|---|------------------------------------|--------------|
| 03 | 27.12.2021 to 30.12.2021 (On Daily Basis) (upto 500 PM) | 27.12.2021 to 30.12.2021 (On Daily Basis) (3.00 PM Onwards) | Qualifying Examination/ GATE Score | Open for all |

Note- For any query candidates may contact at: Helpline No: 01745-247003, HOD Mech. Engg.- 9416311050, HOD Computer Engg.- 9416350145, Chief Warden- 9416442645. Candidates are advised to check the Institute's website (www.gecnilokheri.ac.in) regularly for any updation.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

It is hereby informed to the General Public that my client, Mrs. Indira Hoon W/o Mr. Vimal Chandra Hoon, R/o W-175, Greater Kailash-2, S.O. South Delhi, New Delhi-110048 wants to get registered the will dated 19.08.1989 executed by her deceased Mother-in-law Late Mrs. Leila Hoon W/o Late Mr. N.C. Hoon in her favour. If any person have any objection kindly contact the undersigned within 07 days from today.

Tarun Verma
(Advocate D-766/15)
13B, Second floor, Netaji Subhash Marg, Daryaganj, Delhi-110002



GOVERNMENT OF NATIONAL CAPITAL TERRITORY OF DELHI
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL WELFARE
GLNS Complex, Firozshah Kotla, Delhi Gate,
New Delhi-110002
Email: asstdirector2010@gmail.com

PUBLIC NOTICE

All Persons with Disabilities are hereby informed that as per the Gazette Notification dated 05/05/2021 issued by Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (Divyangjan), certificate of disability will only be granted on Unique Disability Identity Card Portal, namely, <http://www.swavlambancard.gov.in> by the competent medical authorities designated for this purpose with effect from 1st day of June 2021.

Department of Health and Family Welfare, GNCTD issued a circular dated 02/05/2019 specifying the hospitals designated for this purpose in NCT of Delhi. The copy of circular is available on website of Department of Social Welfare i.e. <https://socialwelfare.delhigovt.nic.in/home/social-welfare-department>.

Therefore all Persons with Disabilities are requested to apply online on aforementioned Swavlamban/UDID portal to obtain Disability Certificate/UDID card. Instructions for filling up the application form and documents required are available on said website.

Joint Director
Department of Social Welfare
Govt of NCT of Delhi

DIP/SHABDARTH/0520/21-22

आवश्यक सूचना

सर्वसाधारण को सूचित किया जाता है कि नागरिक अस्पताल में तीन गिरे हुए पेड़ों को उठवाने के लिए दिनांक 28.12.2021 को नीलामी की ओपन बोली लगाई जाएगी। नियम व शर्तें नीलामी के समय बता दी जाएंगी।

हस्ता /-
वरिष्ठ चिकित्सा अधिकारी,
नागरिस अस्पताल, पलवल

6436/HRY

F. No: A-12022/4/2021-NCQWS

National Centre for Drinking Water, Sanitation and Quality
(An autonomous institution under Ministry of Jal Shakti,
Department of Drinking Water and Sanitation, Government of India)
Joka, Kolkata-700 104, Email: ncdwsq-ddws@gov.in

VACANCY NOTIFICATION

National Centre for Drinking Water, Sanitation and Quality Kolkata, an autonomous institution of Government of India, Department of Drinking Water and Sanitation, Ministry of Jal Shakti invites applications in prescribed proforma on Deputation/ Deputation (ISTC) basis to fill up the following posts:-

| Name of the Post | No. of Posts | Level in the pay matrix | Classification | Method of recruitment | Maximum age limit (in years) |
|----------------------------|--------------|------------------------------|----------------|----------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Finance & Accounts Officer | 1 (UR) | Level-12 (Rs. 78800- 209200) | Group 'A' | By Deputation/ Deputation (ISTC) | 56 |
| Administrative Officer | 1 (UR) | Level-12 (Rs. 78800- 209200) | Group 'A' | By Deputation/ Deputation (ISTC) | 56 |
| Assistant | 2 (UR) | Level-6 (Rs. 35400- 112400) | Group 'B' | By Deputation/ Deputation (ISTC) | 56 |

The prescribed application Proforma, eligibility conditions and other detail for each post is available in DDWS website <https://jalshakti-ddws.gov.in>. The application in prescribed Proforma completed in all respect for each post should be submitted for deputation through proper channel in offline mode to the **Administrative Officer, National Centre for Drinking Water, Sanitation and Quality, Joka, Kolkata- 700 104**. The pdf copy of the same completed application form may also be forwarded in email: ncdwsq-ddws@gov.in. The closing date for receipt of applications in offline mode as well as in email is 07.02.2022.

The applications received after the closing date or otherwise found incomplete or not accompanied by supporting certificates/ documents in support of qualification and experience claimed by the candidates shall be summarily rejected and would not be processed for the eligibility of the candidates for the selection. The Director, NCDWSQ reserves all the rights to reject any/ all applications at any stage/ withdraw/ cancel the recruitment of one or all posts without assigning any reasons. The Corrigendum/ Addendum, if any, will be published in DDWS website only.

Sd/-
(Avinash Kumar Sinha)
Administrative Officer
davp 35301/11/0004/2122

GUJARAT MEDICAL SERVICES CORPORATION LIMITED
(A Government of Gujarat Undertaking)
Regd. Office: Block No. 14/1,
Dr. Jivraj Mehta Bhavan, Sector- 10, Gandhinagar
Ph: 079-23250767, 23250766, 23257698

TENDER NOTICE NO: GMSCL/D-26/2021-22
Tenders are invited online from reputed Manufacturers/formulators/ direct importers for Purchase of **Surgical Item** on Rate contract basis and details of specification, quality is available on, <https://gmscl.gujarat.gov.in> All tender documents can be downloaded free on the website: <https://gmscl.nprocure.com> Interested bidders are requested to submit the tender through e-tender process.

Duration of downloading or tender document (online) :- 23/12/2021 to 19/01/2022 upto 18.00 Hrs.
Last date for Submission (online): 19/01/2022 upto 10:18-00 HRS
Last date for submission of physical Documents: 20/01/2022 upto 18:00 HRS
Opening of Technical Bid Date (online) 24/01/2022 At 15:00 HRS.

Pre-Consultation meeting, (Pre-Bid),
Interested Manufacturer/Direct Importers are requested to remain present for pre- Consultation meeting to be held on 30/12/2021 at 12:00 Noon at Committee room at above mentioned address. Only one representative from each Manufacturer carrying authority letter would be allowed to participate in the pre-bid.

INF/1780/21-22 **MANAGING DIRECTOR**

RAJASTHAN MEDICAL EDUCATION SOCIETY, JAIPUR
(DIRECTORATE OF MEDICAL EDUCATION)
Govind Marg, Opp. Psychiatric Hospital, Jaipur
F.No.6(22)/Raj-MES/Store/CT-Scan.PPP/2021/4548 dated: 21.12.21
Notice Inviting Bid No. 09 /2021-22

Bids For The Turnkey Project For Supply, Installation, Operation & Maintenance Of 64-Slice-CT -Scanner Machines on Revenue sharing basis Along. With Providing Investigation Related Services On PPP-Mode(CT-Project) For Raj - MES Medical College Located at Bharatpur, Bhiwara, Pali Sikar and Churu for 10 Years are invited from interested up to 6.00 PM on 11.01.2022. Other particulars of bid may be visited on the procurement portal. (<http://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in>, <http://sppp.raj.nic.in>) of the state. (UBN NO. MES2122SLOB00080)

Sd/
Director,
Raj-MES
DIPR/C/13081/2021

AB Vajpayee sought 'modus vivendi' with China: Jaishankar

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 24

FORMER PRIME Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee introduced policy corrections that reflected the end of the Cold War and the new global balance, External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar said on Friday and noted that the former prime minister "sought a modus vivendi" with China that was based as much on mutual respect as on mutual interest.



Foreign Minister S Jaishankar

Jaishankar also said the winds of change are most apparent in the Indo-Pacific and it is there that the diplomatic creativity which Vajpayee in-

spires should be most strongly applied. "We are looking at a complex set of transformations that are simultaneously underway. The Indo-Pacific is witnessing both multipolarity and rebalancing," he said in his opening remarks at the Second Atal Bihari Vajpayee Memorial Lecture which was delivered by Michael Fullilove, the Executive Director of the Lowy Institute of Australia.

The Indo-Pacific is seeing great power competition as well as "middle power plus" activities, and orthodox politics including territorial differences are in sharper play, side-by-side with currencies of power like connectivity and technology, Jaishankar said.

In fact, no other landscape illustrates better the widening of

our definition of national security, he said.

Talking about Vajpayee, Jaishankar said, "If we are to look at the essence of his approach to international relations, it is evident that this focuses on responding effectively to global changes."

Where the US was concerned, former prime minister Vajpayee introduced policy corrections that reflected the end of the Cold War and the new global balance, he said.

"At the same time, he kept India's course steady vis-à-vis Russia despite the turbulence of that era. With China, whether as Foreign Minister or as Prime Minister, he sought a modus vivendi that was based as much on mutual respect as on mutual interest," Jaishankar said.

Modus vivendi is an arrangement or agreement that allows conflicting parties to co-exist in peace.

With Pakistan, Vajpayee strenuously tried to dissuade them from their path of sponsoring cross-border terrorism, he said.

Odisha launches moral course for colleges

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
BHUBANESWAR, DEC 24

IN A bid to promote good character among students, Odisha's higher education department has announced a new non-academic programme for colleges and universities - 'Juba Sanskaar'.

Starting January, 2022, Juba Sanskaar (meaning morals in youth) will be mandatory for all undergraduate and postgraduate courses and will carry one credit per semester. No additional assessment or evaluation will be done.

"It will help students develop a sense of right and wrong, inculcate a positive attitude and help them become responsible citizens," Minister of Higher Education, Arun Sahoo, said. He said the programme has been approved by the Boards of various universities in the state.

Officials said three staff members will be appointed as nodal teachers in each institute. A class of standard duration will be held once every month, they said, which will be compulsory.

CORRIGENDUM

In connection with the advertisement published in various newspapers on 13.12.2021 vide which the HSAMB invited the applications to participate in restricted auction (through e-auction) of plots/constructed shops in Apple, Fruit & Vegetable Market, Pinjore (Panchkula), the size of shops alongwith tentative number of such shops to be put in auction will be as follow:-

| Sr. No. | Size | Number (Tentative) |
|---------|----------------|--------------------|
| 1 | 6.00 x 15.50 m | 31 |
| 2 | 6.00 x 23.50 m | 22 |
| 3 | 9.00 x 23.50 m | 6 |

2. The last date for submission of applications and all other terms & condition will remain same.

GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF CONSTRUCTION ENGINEER
RURAL WORKS CIRCLE: SUNDARGARH
AT/PO- SANKARA, SUNDARGARH-770020,
E-mail address- serw_sundargarh@yahoo.com

O-1530

No. Tender Online - RWCCESNG -26 of 2021-22 Letter No. 3725/Dtd. 23.12.2021
e-Procurement NOTICE

- Type of the Work : Road
- Class of Contractor : As specified in the column-6 of the Annexure
- Time of Completion : As specified in the column-5 of the Annexure
- Detail Projects : As per Annexure attached
- Estimated Cost : As specified in the column-4 of the Annexure
- Other details :

| Procurement Officer | Bid Identification No. | Availability of Tender on-line for bidding | Last Date & Time of Tender Closing | Technical Bid | Financial Bid |
|---|------------------------|--|------------------------------------|---------------------|------------------------------|
| Chief Construction Engineer, Rural Works Circle, Sundargarh | RWCCESNG-26 of 2021-22 | 28.12.2021 11:00 AM to 17.01.2022 5:00 PM | 15.01.2022 5:00 PM | 19.01.2022 11:00 AM | Will be intimated separately |

Further details can be seen from the website www.tendersodisha.gov.in

Sd/
Chief Construction Engineer,
Rural Works Circle, Sundargarh
OIPR- 25133/11/0035/2122

NATIONAL HEALTH MISSION, MADHYA PRADESH
Expression of Interest for Clinical Outreach Team (COT) Services
S. No/NHM/F.W/2021/2560
Date: 22.12.2021

National Health Mission, Madhya Pradesh is inviting the Expression Interest for providing Clinical Outreach team (COT) services to ensure the Family Planning services in selected districts of Madhya Pradesh. Clinical outreach team will provide Family planning services at facilities like PHCs, CHCs, and CHA against reimbursements according to the guidelines issued by the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Govt. The COT will be required to have any carry its own equipment, medical supplies in a customised vehicle to various locations where the Family Planning FDS is planned and provide services to the clients.

The COT will be located in the following districts of MP:

| | |
|-------------|-------------|
| 1 Tikamgarh | 6 Neemuch |
| 2 Damoh | 7 Alirajpur |
| 3 Panna | 8 Ratlam |
| 4 Sagar | 9 Rajgarh |
| 5 Mandasaur | 10 Morena |

Interested parties may send their applications till 31st Dec 2021 to Mission Director, National Health Mission, MP mentioning the districts in which they are willing to provide services out of the above mentioned. The districts will be finalized with mutual consent. Details are available at the website: nhmmp@mp.gov.in

Mission Director
National Health Mission, MP

G-20572/21 कोरोना से बचने की तीन बातें बहुत जरूरी टीका लगवाना, मास्क पहनना और अपना ना हो नज़र दूरी।

GOVERNMENT OF HARYANA TENDER NOTICE

| SR. NO. | NAME OF BOARD/ CORP./ AUTH. | NAME OF WORK NOTICE TENDER | OPENING DATE CLOSING DATE (TIME) | AMOUNT/EMD (APPROX.) IN RUPEES | WEBSITE OF THE BOARD CORP./ AUTH. | NODAL OFFICER/CONTACT DETAILS/EMAIL |
|---------|---|--|----------------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| 1. | THE BALLABGARH COOP. MILK PRODUCERS UNION LTD | SHORT TERM E-TENDER NOTICE REGARDING EXTENSION OF GHEE MANUFACTURING SPACE | 26.12.2021 04.01.2022 | 20000/- | www.vitaindia.org.in | 9968604725 vitab@ gmail.com |
| 2. | THE BALLABGARH COOP. MILK PRODUCERS UNION LTD | SHORT TERM E-TENDER NOTICE REGARDING CONVERSION OF DIESEL GENERATING SET 500 KVA ON DUAL FUEL SYSTEM Pkg | 25.12.2021 03.01.2022 | 50000/- | www.vitaindia.org.in | 9968604725 vitab@ gmail.com |

6444/HRY FOR FURTHER INFORMATION KINDLY VISIT: www.haryanaeprocurement.gov.in or www.etenders.hry.nic.in

OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER
RWSS DIVISION, RAIRANGPUR
INVITATION FOR BIDS
E-mail-eerwss_rai@nic.in, eerwss.ra@gmail.com

O-1518

e-PROCUREMENT NOTICE
IDENTIFICATION No. 62 RWSS/RPUP- 2021-2022/ Dated 23.12.2021

The Superintending Engineer, RWSS Division, Rairangpur on behalf of Governor of Odisha, invites percentage rate bids to be received in online mode for the following works from the eligible experienced contractors in similar nature of work, registered with State Govt. & contractor of equivalent Grade/ class registered with Central Govt. / Railways.

- Nature of work :- a) Execution of clubbed up PWS schemes to different villages of Bahadra, Tiring, Jamda & Bisoi, Block under RWS&S Division Rairangpur in the District of Mayurbhanj.
- No. of packages :- 4 (Four) nos.
- Period of Completion :- 11(Eleven) months
- Cost of tender :- ₹10000.00
- Estimated cost :- ₹ 342.07 Lakhs to ₹ 416.95
- Class of Contractor :- (As mentioned in Tender Call Notice)
- Date and time of availability of bid documents in Portal: -from 10 hours of 04.01.2022 to 17.00 to hours of 20.01.2022
- Receipt of bid cost, bid security, documents: - Online only
- Date & time of opening of technical bid: - On 21.01.2022 at 16.00 hours onwards.
- Other Documents: - (As mentioned in DTCN)
- The bidders have to participate in on-line bidding only. Further details can be seen from the website <https://www.tendersodisha.gov.in>.
- Any addendum / Corrigendum / Cancellation of tender can also be seen in the said website.

Sd/
Superintending Engineer
RWSS Division, Rairangpur
OIPR-25010/11/0038/2122

NORTH CENTRAL RAILWAY, PRAYAGRAJ
No. CV/License Fees Fixation/New Units/2019 Date:20.12.2021
E-Tender Notice No. 05/Catering/2021

For and on behalf of President of India, Senior Divisional Commercial Manager, North Central Railway, Prayagraj invites e-tender, single stage one packet system for food and catering services for 'Provision of catering services through catering stall (Special Minor Units) at Vindhyachal (BDL), Kanpur-Anwarganj (CPA), Shikohabad (SKB) and Aligarh (ALJN) over Prayagraj Division for a period of 05 years mentioned as under:

| Bid No. | 2152021 | 2162021 | 2172021 | 2182021 |
|---|--------------|--------------|-----------------|------------------|
| Station Platform/Place | BDL-01 | CPA-01 | SKB-03/04 | ALJN-05/06 |
| Catg. of stn. | B | B | B | A |
| SMU Unit No. | BDL/01/01/21 | CPA/01/01/21 | SKB/03/04/01/21 | ALJN/05/06/03/21 |
| Type of Unit | SMU-SC-Women | SMU-ST | SMU-Minority | SMU-Divyang |
| Minimum Reserve Price for 01 year (In Rs.) | ₹302400 | ₹307440 | ₹292320 | ₹393960 |
| Minimum Reserve Price for 05 year (In Rs.) | ₹1572480 | ₹1598688 | ₹1520064 | ₹2048592 |
| Earnest Money (In Rs.) | ₹31500 | ₹32000 | ₹30500 | ₹41000 |
| Tender Cost including GST (Non Refundable) (In Rs.) | ₹2360 | ₹2360 | ₹2360 | ₹3540 |

Note:- i- Separate tender document for each unit should be uploaded by the tenderer. Combined offer will not be accepted. ii-Location of Catering units mentioned as above is only indicative. iii- Tender of these Catering Units will be awarded serially to follow ceiling limit.

Last Date and time for upload Bid 31.01.2022 Time-15:00 Hrs

Opening of Bids 31.01.2022 Time-15:30 Hrs

Contact Authority SR. DIVISIONAL COMMERCIAL MANAGER, DIVISIONAL RAILWAY MANAGER'S OFFICE, NORTH CENTRAL RAILWAY, NAWAB YUSUF ROAD, CIVIL LINE PRAYAGRAJ-211001, Fax No. 0532-2407981

Tender notification & tender form/document and term & condition can be downloaded from website www.ireps.gov.in. Tender notification may also be seen from www.ncr.indianrailways.gov.in.

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North Central Railways www.ncr.indianrailways.gov.in @CPRONCR

RAJASTHAN MEDICAL EDUCATION SOCIETY, JAIPUR
(DIRECTORATE OF MEDICAL EDUCATION)
Govind Marg, Opp. Psychiatric Hospital, Jaipur
No. F.6(24)/Raj-MES/Store/ENT-Ophth/2nd Ren./Sik-Bar/2021/4530 Dated: 17.12.21
Extension Notice

Inviting Bid (NIB No. 10-56/2021-22)
The schedule of dates for E-Tender notice no. F.6(24) Raj-MES/Store/ENT-Ophth / 2nd Ren./Sik-Bar/2021/4074-75 Dated 18.11.2021 (Notice Inviting Bid No. 10-56 / 2021-22) for supply and installation of various Equipments / items for ENT & Ophthalmology Departments of Medical College Barmer & Sikar under 2nd Renewal is Extended as mentioned below:-

| S. No. | Description | Date | Time |
|--------|---|------------|----------|
| 1. | Document Download End Date | 27.12.2021 | 06.00 PM |
| 2. | Bid submission End Date | 27.12.2021 | 06.00 PM |
| 3. | Submission of Demand Draft/Banker Cheque for Tender Fee, Processing Fee and Earnest Money (as per applicability) At the office of Director, Rajasthan Medical Education Society, Jaipur | 28.12.2021 | 01.00 PM |
| 4. | Technical Bid Opening Date | 28.12.2021 | 03.00 PM |

Above mentioned Detailed tender notice and documents Document can be seen on website <http://sppp.rajasthan.gov.in>.

| UBN No. | UBN No. | UBN No. |
|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| 1. MES2122GSOB00029 | 17. MES2122GLOB00045 | 33. MES2122GSOB00062 |
| 2. MES2122GSOB00030 | 18. MES2122GLOB00046 | 34. MES2122GSOB00063 |
| 3. MES2122GSOB00031 | 19. MES2122GLOB00047 | 35. MES2122GSOB00064 |
| 4. MES2122GLOB00032 | 20. MES2122GSOB00048 | 36. MES2122GSOB00065 |
| 5. MES2122GLOB00033 | 21. MES2122GLOB00049 | 37. MES2122GSOB00066 |
| 6. MES2122GLOB00034 | 22. MES2122GSOB00050 | 38. MES2122GLOB00067 |
| 7. MES2122GLOB00035 | 23. MES2122GLOB00051 | 39. MES2122GSOB00068 |
| 8. MES2122GLOB00036 | 24. MES2122GLOB00052 | 40. MES2122GSOB00069 |
| 9. MES2122GLOB00037 | 25. MES2122GSOB00053 | 41. MES2122GLOB00070 |
| 10. MES2122GLOB00038 | 26. MES2122GSOB00054 | 42. MES2122GLOB00071 |
| 11. MES2122GLOB00039 | 27. MES2122GLOB00055 | 43. MES2122GLOB00072 |
| 12. MES2122GLOB00040 | 28. MES2122GLOB00057 | 44. MES2122GLOB00073 |
| 13. MES2122GLOB00041 | 29. MES2122GSOB00059 | 45. MES2122GLOB00074 |
| 14. MES2122GLOB00042 | 30. MES2122GLOB00060 | 46. MES2122GSOB00075 |
| 15. MES2122GSOB00043 | 31. MES2122GSOB00056 | 47. MES2122GLOB00076 |
| 16. MES2122GLOB00044 | 32. MES2122GSOB00061 | |

Sd/
Director,
Raj-MES
DIPR/C/13080/2021

कार्यालय अधीक्षण अभियन्ता सहायनपुर वृत्त, लो.नि.वि., सहायनपुर

ई-प्रोक्विमेंट अल्पकालीन निविदा सूचना दिनांक: 17.12.2021

पत्रांक: 7735/28एम.एस.-एस.यू.वृत्त/21

1. महामहिम राज्यपाल उ.प्र. की ओर से निम्न कार्य हेतु ऑन लाईन निविदायें <http://etender.up.nic.in> के माध्यम से लोनिवि में आधरवाइड रिजिस्टर्ड फर्म से दिनांक 28.12.2021 को प्रातः 11.00 बजे से दिनांक 03.01.2022 को अपराह्न 12.00 बजे तक आमन्त्रित की जाती है। निविदा की प्री-क्वालिफिकेशन/टेकनिकल विड दिनांक 03.01.2022 को अपराह्न 12.30 बजे आयोग/आयुक्तरी के कार्यालय कक्ष में उपस्थित रिजिस्टर्ड फर्म के अधिकृत प्रतिनिधि के समक्ष गठित समिति के सदस्यों द्वारा ऑन लाईन खोली जायेगी। टेकनिकल विड में क्वालिफिकेशन विड पाये गये ठेकेदारों को फाईनलियल विड खोलने की तिथि एवं समय <http://etender.up.nic.in> पर अपलोड कर दी जायेगी। शासनादेश सं. 317/तेईस-7-2018-176सा./2006टी.सी.-1 दिनांक 10.04.2019 के अन्तर्गत निविदा सूचना में अंकित तालिका के कॉलम 7 में प्रदर्शित निविदा प्रपत्र का मूल्य जी.एस.टी. सहित ऑनलाईन (E-Banking द्वारा) जमा करना अनिवार्य होगा। कार्यालय बन्द होने अथवा छुट्टी होने की दशा में प्री क्वालिफिकेशन/टेकनिकल विड एवं फाईनलियल विड उसी क्रम एवं समयानुसार अगले कार्य दिवस में खोली जायेगी। कार्य का विवरण निम्नवत है:-

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4-yr-old among 4 killed in boiler blast at factory in Vadodara

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
VADODARA, DECEMBER 24

FOUR PERSONS, including a four-year-old child, were killed and 11 others were injured in a boiler blast at a chemical company located close to the railway tracks in Makarpura GIDC area of the city Friday morning. The impact of the blast was felt in a radius of about two kilometres, with several residential buildings reporting cracks, shattered windowpanes and shards of the boiler that flew across a distance of more than a kilometre.

According to police, the blast occurred around 10 am in the boiler of Canton Laboratories Pvt Ltd., minutes after a passenger train crossed the Vadodara-Mumbai railway line, and was heard up to three kilometres away in Makarpura, Manjalpur and Vadsar areas. Residential colonies and offices located in a radius of about one kilometre felt the impact, authorities said.

The blast brought down the temporary brick structures built to house the workers, instantly killing 30-year-old Varsha Chauhan and her four-year-old daughter Riya. Two workers on duty -- Ravi Vasava, 21, and Satish Joshi, 65 -- were also killed.

Commissioner of Police, Vadodara city, Shamsher Singh told The Indian Express that police have initiated a process to book the owners of the factory for negligence. "There is gross negligence by the owners as the quarters to house workers -- which were temporary structures -- were located barely 20 feet from the boiler plant. The woman and her daughter were the only ones in the quarters as the rest of the people were at work. They suffered grievous injuries as the structure collapsed. We are also checking the documents of the company to ascertain if they had the licence to run the boiler," he said.

Teams of Manjalpur police station, Vadodara Fire and Emergency Services Department Forensic Science Laboratory (FSL) and the Gujarat Pollution Control Board (GPCB) rushed to the spot to ascertain a cause of the blast, which is yet to be known, Singh added.

The injured persons undergoing treatment also include a five-year-old child who has sustained major injuries.

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Ex-GJM leader Binay Tamang joins TMC

Kolkata: Former Gorkha Janmukti Morcha (GJM) leader Binay Tamang and former GJM MLA Rohit Sharma on Friday joined the Trinamool Congress (TMC) in the presence of senior TMC leaders Moloy Ghatak and Bratya Basu. This comes months ahead of election to Gorkha Territorial Administration, semi-autonomous council in Darjeeling hills.

Ghatak said the move would help shape the nature of Hill politics in Bengal for the better. "We were active in Hill politics and I believe the induction of the new leaders will help TMC become even more powerful," he added.

Bratya Basu, while slamming the BJP, said, "The saffron party only wants to divide people. However, their form of politics was defeated by the TMC in the state Assembly polls. We are now expanding in the Hill areas."

Meanwhile, BJP MLA Suvendu Adhikari said people of the hills continue to support the saffron party. "It does not matter if some local leaders from there join the TMC. They are going to the ruling party to get privileges." **ENS**

Bihar central varsity clears 14 centres despite objections

SANTOSH SINGH
PATNA, DECEMBER 24

ONE YEAR after launching 14 centres of study without the approval of its statutory bodies - Academic Council (AC) and Executive Council (EC) - the Mahatma Gandhi Central University (MGCU) in Motihari in Bihar has now ratified them.

The university had opened 16 centres of studies over the last one year during the pandemic, of which only two were approved by the AC and the EC.

The MGCU convened a meeting of the EC on Thursday - its first since September 2019 - with the reported objective of endorsing 14 centres of study, which should have been opened in the first place after the EC's approval. MGCU sources said the Union education ministry had sought explanation from the varsity about launching these centres without the nod from the AC and the EC.

The *Indian Express* had reported on December 3, 2021,

about how the MGCU opened 16 centres of study in one year without following due process and procedures. While the proposal of opening 5 of 14 centres were brought before the AC, it was not duly ratified by the EC. Nine centres were opened without the approval of the AC and the EC. One of these centres was opened in a 10 x 10 feet kitchen-store. None of 16 centres has designated faculty or proper space or facilities even though "coordinators" have been appointed for all the centres.

An MGCU EC member, who attended the EC meeting Thursday, told *The Indian Express*: "Three EC members objected to opening of these (14) centres without due approval from AC and EC. All three members questioned the haste in opening these centres."

An EC member, who raised objection over the opening of these centres, said: "We hope our objection is put on record in EC minutes. If it is not done, we will oppose it later...During the meeting, MGCU VC Sanjeev

Kumar Sharma reasoned that he was not an acting VC but was on extension and could take policy decision. We would also expect Union education ministry to make it clear if Sharma is an acting VC or not."

The EC member added that the meeting was rushed through and most members not given adequate time to go through its agenda and AC proceeding details properly. There are 16 EC members in the MGCU.

The *Indian Express* had found that five of these 14 centres of study had been run from the office space of teachers appointed as centre coordinators.

MGCU VC Sanjeev Kumar Sharma did not respond to queries, sent through email and WhatsApp text, about the EC's Thursday meeting.

The MGCU, established through an Act of Parliament in 2014, became operational in 2016. It runs from a 25-acre campus and four rented premises; has 120 teachers and 1,300 students besides 350 research scholars.

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After securing voting rights, Sohna and Mohna, conjoined twins, have a job too

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
AMRITSAR, DECEMBER 24

AFTER SECURING voting rights, conjoined twins from Amritsar Sohna and Mohna received a government job.

The Punjab State Power Corporation Ltd (PSPCL) recruited the twins as Regular T Mate (RTM) and posted them at the 66-KV PSPCL office near the Dental College Amritsar. The twins have an ITI diploma (electrical).

Raised at Pingalwara, a charitable society in Amritsar, Sohna-Mohna have two hearts, two pairs of arms, kidneys and spinal cords, but a single liver, gall bladder, spleen and one pair of legs. They are two brains in one body.

"We thank Punjab government. We thank Pingalwara which has raised us. We can't pay back Pingalwara. We will look after the functioning of breaker system at the PSPCL office," said Sohna and Mohna after getting



The 19-year-old conjoined twins, Sohna and Mohna, on the first day at work in Amritsar on Friday. PTI

the job. They reported for duty on December 20. The District Red Cross Society will look after transportation arrangements from Pingalwara to the supply room for Sohna and Mohna.

Technically, only Sohna can draw the salary from PSPCL.

However, when it comes to elections, they will have two votes. Earlier this year, after they turned 19, they were registered by the Election Commission and will be able to cast their votes in the upcoming Assembly elections in Punjab.

At the time of their birth, doctors doubted whether Sohna and Mohna could survive for long. Born on June 14, 2003, at New Delhi's Sucheta Kriplani Hospital, they were abandoned by their parents. They were later shifted to AIIMS where doctors decided not to separate them as it could result in the loss of one life and vascular and neurological loss in the lower limbs of the survivor.

Doctors at AIIMS contacted officials at Pingalwara where they were named as Sohna and Mohna by Dr Inderjit Kaur, Patron-President of All India Pingalwara Charitable Society (Regd.). Pingalwara was founded by writer-philanthropist Bhagat Pura Singh. "The story of Sohna and Mohna is inspiring for all the inmates of Pingalwara. They have achieved two milestones in their lives this year. They became eligible for voting and now they have a job. We hope that they will excel in their lives," said Dr Inderjit Kaur.

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सर्वसाधारण को सूचित किया जाता है कि जिला रेवाड़ी में विभिन्न थानों के अंतर्गत 102 सी.आर.पी.सी. व आई.पी.सी. के तहत पकड़े गए 72 वाहनों की नीलामी दिनांक 29.12.2021 को प्रातः 11.00 बजे नई पुलिस लाईन, दिल्ली रोड, रेवाड़ी में अतिरिक्त उपायुक्त एवं अध्यक्ष जिला कंडमनेशन बोर्ड, रेवाड़ी की अध्यक्षता में की जाएगी। जिसके लिए धरोहर राशि मु. 50,000/- रुपए (पचास हजार रुपए केवल) बोलीदाता को बोली से पूर्व जमा करवाने होंगे।

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 - Copy of Drug license no with issue date.
 - Copy of latest tax clearance/ PAN/ GST TIN number.
 - Proof of registration of the shop with latest electricity/ telephone bill.
 - Copy of latest annual turnover signed by competent authority.
 - Registered supplier of any defence establishment or civil hospital of reputed like AIIMS, the copy of latest supply order from reputed Civil/ Govt institutes.
 - All Contractors/ Suppliers/ Dealers while applying will submit a certificate in writing that - At no time risk and expense purchase has been resorted to against them by any Defense organization. They have not been black listed or deregistered by any defense organization.
 - The firm having office/shop/establishment within the Municipal limit of Delhi will be preferred while considering for registration.
 - The application for registration is to addressed to Commanding Officer, Air Force Dental Centre, AF Station New Delhi 110003 and delivered by hand/registered post superscripted "REGISTRATION/ RENEWAL OF FIRM FOR SUPPLY OF EXPENDABLE DENTAL/ MEDICAL STORES FOR FY 2022-23" should reach the above address within 10 days from the date of publication. Tender enquiries will be issued to those vendors who are borne on the list of registered and approved vendors.

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पंजाब नैशनल बैंक Punjab National Bank
(भारत सरकार का उपक्रम) (Govt. of India Undertaking)

Stressed Assets Targeted Resolution Action (SASTRA) Division, Zonal Office, Kolkata United Tower, 3rd Floor, 11, Hemanta Basu Sarani, Kolkata-700001, email: zs8350@pnb.co.in

POSSESSION NOTICE (For Immovable property)

Whereas,

- The undersigned being the authorized officer of the PUNJAB NATIONAL BANK, under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (Act No. 54 of 2002) and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(12) read with rule 8 and 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a demand notice dated 26.03.2021.
- The authorized officer of Union Bank of India - Overseas Branch had issued a demand notice dated 19.03.2020 under section 13(2) of SARFAESI Act 2002.
- The authorized officer of Bank of Baroda - C R Avenue (S) Branch had issued a demand notice dated 06.12.2019 under section 13(2) of SARFAESI Act 2002.
- The authorized officer of Indian Bank - AUC Bose Road Branch had issued a demand notice dated 02.06.2021 under section 13(2) of SARFAESI Act 2002.
- The authorized officer of State Bank of India - Samba-I Branch had issued a demand notice dated 31.07.2020 under section 13(2) of SARFAESI Act 2002.

Calling upon the Borrower, M/s Ambootia Tea Exports Private Limited, having office at 34-A, Metcalfe Street, Kolkata - 700013 and also at 20, Coalberth Hoboken Road, Kolkata - 700088, Directors and Personal Guarantors, Mr. Sanjay Prakash Bansal & Mrs. Reena Bansal, Personal Guarantors Mrs. Shreya Bansal & Mr. Hritik Bansal, all having residential address at 102, Vandana Apartment, 22/1, Alipur Road, Kolkata - 700027, Corporate Guarantors M/s Sampad Vikash Limited, having office at 20, Coalberth Hoboken Road, Kolkata - 700088, M/s Moondakotee Tea Company Pvt. Ltd., having office at 20, Coalberth Hoboken Road, Kolkata - 700088, M/s Bhumya Tea Company Private Limited, having office at 20, Coalberth Hoboken Road, Kolkata - 700088, M/s Wexford Marketing Private Limited, having office at Project House, Gopalpur, Budge Budge Road, Kolkata - 700143, to repay the amount mentioned in the notices being

- ₹ 1,38,30,02,787.20/- to Punjab National Bank (erstwhile United Bank of India) as on 31.01.2020, with future interest and incidental charges w.e.f. 01.02.2020.
- ₹ 20,61,94,637.14/- to Union Bank of India as on 29.02.2020, with future interest and incidental charges w.e.f. 01.03.2020.
- ₹ 17,60,35,551.78/- to Bank of Baroda as on 30.11.2019, with future interest and incidental charges w.e.f. 01.12.2019.
- ₹ 18,66,23,392.70/- to Indian Bank (erstwhile Allahabad Bank) as on 01.06.2021, with future interest and incidental charges w.e.f. 01.05.2021.
- ₹ 22,80,34,825.51/- to State Bank of India as on 30.06.2020 with future interest and incidental charges w.e.f. 01.07.2020, within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notices.

The Borrower, M/s Ambootia Tea Exports Private Limited, Directors & Personal Guarantors, Mr. Sanjay Prakash Bansal & Mrs. Reena Bansal, Personal Guarantors Mrs. Shreya Bansal & Mr. Hritik Bansal, Corporate Guarantors, M/s Sampad Vikash Limited, M/s Moondakotee Tea Company Pvt. Ltd., M/s Bhumya Tea Company Private Limited and M/s Wexford Marketing Private Limited, having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower / guarantors and the public in general that the undersigned on behalf of Punjab National Bank and other consortium member banks i.e. Union Bank of India, Bank of Baroda, Indian Bank and State Bank of India, based on the authorization, has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 and 9 of the said rule on this 22nd Day of December of the year Two Thousand and Twenty-One.

The borrower/ guarantors in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the PUNJAB NATIONAL BANK, UNION BANK OF INDIA, BANK OF BARODA, INDIAN BANK AND STATE BANK OF INDIA, for amount as described above.

| Sl. No. | Name of the branch | Name of the Account | Name of the borrower (Owner of the property) | Description of the property mortgaged | Date of demand notice | Date of possession notice affixed |
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| 1. | Zonal SASTRA Kolkata | Ambootia Tea Exports Pvt. Ltd. | Ambootia Tea Exports Pvt. Ltd. (Ms. Reena Bansal) | Residential plot having total area of 1400 Sq. ft. with scooter garage on ground floor situated at DDA SFS Category-III, Flat No. 7171, Pocket- 10, Block/Sector-B, Vasant Kunj, New Delhi- 110070. Bounded by: East-Approach road, West-Parking, North- Stairs / Flat-7172, South-Park | | |
| 2. | Zonal SASTRA Kolkata | Ambootia Tea Exports Pvt. Ltd. | Ambootia Tea Exports Pvt. Ltd. (Ms. Shreya Bansal) | Residential Vacant land (intermittent plot) comprising of 269.10 Sq. Yards, situated at DLF Phase No. V, Plot No. 13, Road B- 15, Residential colony known as DLF City, Village Wazirabad, District Gurgaon, Haryana - 122003. Bounded by: East- Plot No.B-14/14, West- 9 meter wide road, B-15, North- Plot No. B-15/11, South-Plot No. B-15/15. | 1. Punjab National Bank -26.03.2021 2. Union Bank of India - 19.03.2020 3. Bank of Baroda - 06.12.2019 4. India Bank - 02.06.2021 5. State Bank of India - 31.07.2020 | 22.12.2021 |
| 3. | Zonal SASTRA Kolkata | Ambootia Tea Exports Pvt. Ltd. | Ambootia Tea Exports Pvt. Ltd. (Mr. Hritik Bansal) | Residential Vacant land (intermittent plot) comprising of 269.10 Sq. Yards, situated at DLF Phase No. V, Plot No. 15, Road B- 15, Residential colony known as DLF City, Village Wazirabad, District Gurgaon, Haryana - 122003. Bounded by: East- Plot No.B-14/16, West- 9 meter wide road, B-15, North- Plot No. B-15/13, South-Plot No. B-15/17 | | |

Date : 25.12.2021
Place : New Delhi & Gurgaon
Sd/-
Authorised Officer, Punjab National Bank

NOTICE BOARD CORPORATE ASSOCIATE DIARY APPOINTMENTS, MOVEMENTS, CELEBRATIONS, HONOURS



STUDY VISITS - ONGC
In continuance with the study visits for students at its installation, work centers – as a part of the observance of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav – ONGC has organized fresh tours for students at Cambay, Karaikal and Jorhat.



MOA - EIL
Prof. PV Devarajan, Dean, Research & Innovation, ICT and SC Gupta, CGM & Head, R&D Division, EIL, signed a MoA for joint development of technology for large-scale cultivation of algae & extraction of value-added products.



INSPECTION VISIT - NR
A. Vaishnav, Minister of Railways, inspected several container units near Rewari, HR. He was accompanied by SK Mohanty, Member Operations & Business Dev., Railway Board; A. Gangal, GM, NR; V Sharma, GM, NWR, & others.



EXHIBITION - DFCCIL
The tech-enabled DFCCIL pavilion at the 14th IREE 2021 drew visitors, including delegates, industry professionals, academics, youngsters during the course of the three-day exhibition from 16th - 18th December 2021 at Pragati Maidan.



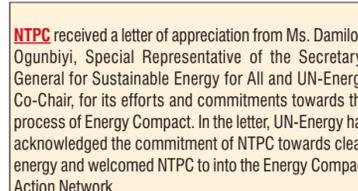
VISIT - PNB
SK Saha, ED, PNB was on a two-day visit to Agartala, to meet Chief Minister Biplab Kumar Deb and committed to support overall development in Tripura State through expansion of Banking Services.



PAINTING COMPETITION - POWERGRID
POWERGRID organized State-Level Painting Competitions on Energy Conservation for students in Assam, Chhattisgarh, Rajasthan, Gujarat, Goa, Tamil Nadu, Dadra & Nagar Haveli & Daman & Diu, at 54 centres.



LAUNCH - HPCL
MK Surana, CMD, HPCL along with R Misri, Director Marketing, HPCL and SK Suri, ED-Retail, HPCL, launched ultra-premium petrol (poWer 100) in Delhi at six retail outlets in a glittering function held at New Delhi.



NTPC received a letter of appreciation from Ms. Damilola Ogunbiyi, Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Sustainable Energy for All and UN-Energy Co-Chair, for its efforts and commitments towards the process of Energy Compact. In the letter, UN-Energy has acknowledged the commitment of NTPC towards clean energy and welcomed NTPC to into the Energy Compact Action Network.



HONOUR - DEWAS MUNICIPAL CORPORATION
The city of Dewas has received honours in three categories under the Cleanliness Survey 2021. Commissioner VS Chohan said that the Sanitation Inspectors & Safai Mitras of the Corporation played an important role in achieving this goal.



MOU - RITES
RITES has signed a MoU with BEML to explore and jointly bid for opportunities in the fields of Metro systems and export of rolling stock. Senior officials of RITES and BEML signed the MoU in Gurugram.



INAUGURATION - UNION BANK OF INDIA
To fulfill credit requirements of MSME Loan Processing Centre "SARAL" was inaugurated by GKS Rao, Field GM, Lucknow Zone, in Dehradun. Rao was accompanied by B Singh, Dy. Regional Head, & A Sharma, SARAL Head.



SAIL has been awarded with the prestigious Golden Peacock Environment Management Award for the year 2021 in the Steel Sector by the Institute of Directors. SAIL has been the winner of this award for successive three years. This bears testimony to the efforts made by the Company for sustainable and environmentally responsible steel making.



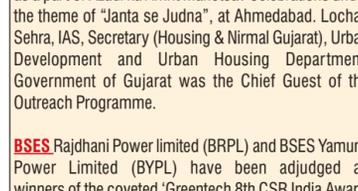
OUTREACH PROGRAMME - CANARA BANK
To expand the coverage of Atal Pension Yojana, an outreach programme & State Level review was conducted recently by SLBC Karnataka and PFRDA. The meeting was chaired by AG Das, ED, PFRDA.



MOU - TP-DDL
A MoU was signed between S Verma, Chief HR, IR and HS, TP-DDL and K Bavisetti, Business Head, Power Consulting, Hitachi Energy India Limited, for nurturing talent pool in the power distribution sector.



ADDRESS - CSC INDIA
Dr. Abraham Kumar, VC & MD, CSC India spoke during the Security Leadership Summit 2021, wherein he talked about CSC's expertise in the field of crowd management and expressed confidence for its new venture, CSC India.



NHB The Regional Representative Office, Ahmedabad of the National Housing Bank (NHB) organized an Outreach Programme on Housing and Housing Finance recently as a part of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav Celebrations under the theme of "Janta se Judna", at Ahmedabad. Lochan Sehra, IAS, Secretary (Housing & Nirmal Gujarat), Urban Development and Urban Housing Department, Government of Gujarat was the Chief Guest of the Outreach Programme.

NBCC News circulating in media alleging NBCC for violation of construction ban is not in true spirit. NBCC, a CPSE, is a responsible Govt. entity facilitating infrastructural development for the Nation. NBCC is committed to conduct its business operations in line with Environment policies and promotes best sustainability practices. NBCC reassures that all the construction works carried out at various project sites are in line with the prescribed guidelines.

CENTRAL BANK OF INDIA DEHRADUN celebrated its 111th foundation day anniversary on 21st December 2021. On this auspicious occasion, "Prabhat Pheri" was organised around the Astley Hall headed by the Regional Manager Arun K Pathak along with other local staff members. Thereafter, a Blood Donation Camp was organised in Regional office, which was followed by a small gathering to honor the retired staff members wherein Pathak honoured them all and thanked them for their contribution in this esteemed organisation.

INDIANOIL The family members of the three (03) contract workers who unfortunately lost their lives during the recent incident have been contacted for extending all possible support in this hour of grief. Among those with injuries, three (03) contract workers have been discharged after preliminary treatment, and thirty-seven (37) others have been admitted at multi-specialty hospitals at Kolkata and one (01) at Tamluk for advanced medical care. IndianOil is extending the best medical treatment to the thirty-eight injured (38), and no effort or cost will be spared to ensure their speedy recovery.

ITPO During the visit of H.E. Vladimir Putin, President of Russia, at the 21st round of India-Russia Annual Summit held on December 6, 2021, a MoU was signed between ITPO and Roscongress Foundation, Russia, for promotion of bi-lateral trade. The MoU was signed by L.C. Goyal, CMD, ITPO and Alexander Stuglev, CEO, the Roscongress Foundation, Russia. It aims at promoting trade exhibitions, collaborating for the trade events to be organized by the both organizations, facilitating visits of trade delegations and strengthening the dialogue between Indian and Russian business communities.

POSITIVE FOUNDATION or Plus Approach Foundation To disseminate positive approach among the people in society for sustainable development of self, society and Nation, the 7th Global Conclave on Positivity was organized by the Plus Approach Foundation on 18th December, 2021 at the SCOPE Convention Centre, New Delhi under the mentorship of Dr Ashutosh Karnatak. Speaking on the journey of PEAK Foundation, Dr. Karnatak mentioned the project Dagra, which was started in 2011 in District Almora, Uttarakhand, to bridge the gap between the sparse medical facilities and needy and underprivileged seniors.

EVENTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS, LAUNCHES, CSR INITIATIVES, APPOINTMENTS, MOVEMENTS, CELEBRATIONS

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| 1 | HARYANA TOURISM CORPORATION LIMITED | REPAIR & INSTALLATION OF PROPPY FEAT USE, WOODEN FURNITURE & NEW BUILDINGS FOR 15TH SIC-2022 AT SUBANSUKI, FARIDABAD. | 24.12.2021 30.12.2021 | 6.77 LACS | haryanaprocurement.gov.in | 9990104654 ms2009n102@gmail.com |
| 2 | HARYANA TOURISM CORPORATION LIMITED | HIRING OF AN AGENCY FOR TURNKEY REAL TIME TICKETING AND SMART PARKING MANAGEMENT SOLUTION FOR THE AND OFFLINE TICKETING ALONGWITH MANAGING THE PROCESS OF REGISTRATION, ACCREDITATION OF STALL HOLDER AND PERSONNEL ON DUTY FOR 15TH SICOM 2022 AT SUBANSUKI, FARIDABAD. | 24.12.2021 30.12.2021 | EMD 10 LACS | haryanaprocurement.gov.in | 9990104654 ms2009n102@gmail.com |
| 3 | HARYANA TOURISM CORPORATION LIMITED | HIRING OF AGENCY FOR INSTALLATION OF LEDS AND CENTRALIZED MANAGING OF THE SYSTEM AT SUBANSUKI INTERNATIONAL CRAFTS MELA 2022. | 24.12.2021 30.12.2021 | EMD 0.50 LACS | haryanaprocurement.gov.in | 9990104654 ms2009n102@gmail.com |
| 4 | HARYANA TOURISM CORPORATION LIMITED | HIRING OF HOTEL FOR ACCOMMODATION OF FOREIGN PARTICIPANTS AT SUBANSUKI INTERNATIONAL CRAFTS MELA 2022. | 24.12.2021 30.12.2021 | EMD 0.50 LACS | haryanaprocurement.gov.in | 9990104654 ms2009n102@gmail.com |

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| 1 | HSPV GURUGRAM | DEVELOPMENT OF NEW POCKET IN SEC-48/49, GURUGRAM, PROVIDING & LAYING OF 200MM DIA FOR WATER SUPPLY LINE INCLUDING PROVIDING AND FIXING OF SLUCE VALVE, PROVIDING & LAYING OF 200MM DIA SW PIPES FOR SEWERAGE CONSTRUCTION OF MANHOLE, PROVIDING & LAYING OF RCP N-3 PIPES 300 MM DIA FOR STORM WATER DRAINAGE INCLUDING CONSTRUCTION OF MANHOLE. | 22.12.2021 06.01.2022 | 15 LACS | www.hspv.org.in | 9910234256 xenshpv6ggm@gmail.com |

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| 1 | PWD BSR KARNAL | WIDENING & STRENGTHENING OF MEZAMPUR TO KHETRI UPTO RAJASTHAN BORDER IN HONDERSGARH DISTRICT (ROAD ID 9945). | 23.12.2021 17.01.2022 | 290.69 LACS | https://etenders.hry.nic.in | 01282251267 pwr-eeep-namul@hry.nic.in |
| 2 | PWD BSR SIRSA | SPECIAL REPAIR OF LOWER COURTS IN CAMPUS OF MINI SECT. AT SIRSA IN SIRSA DISTT. | CLOSING DATE 06.01.2022 | 17.15 LACS | https://etenders.hry.nic.in | 01666220530 pwr-eeep1-sirsa@hry.nic.in |
| 3 | PWD BSR SIRSA | WIDENING & STRENGTHENING BY PROVIDING 60 MM THICK IPB ON SAHIWALA TO BABA TALLWALA (RD ID 10481) KM 0.00 TO 0.39 IN SIRSA DISTT. | CLOSING DATE 06.01.2022 | 15.96 LACS | https://etenders.hry.nic.in | 01666220530 pwr-eeep1-sirsa@hry.nic.in |
| 4 | PWD BSR KARNAL | CONSTRUCTION OF SPORTS STADIUM AT VILLAGE HATHLAWA DISTT. KARNAL (POG. E1072). | 23.12.2021 17.01.2022 | 4.06 LACS | https://etenders.hry.nic.in | 01842265696 pwr-eeep-karnal@hry.nic.in |
| 5 | PWD BSR FATEHABAD | CONSTR. A ROAD FROM BADALGARH TO KULRIAN UPTO PUNJAB BORDER KH D TO 2.00 IN FATEHABAD DISTT. SPECIAL REPAIR OF MINI SECT. CAMPUS AT FATEHABAD IN FATEHABAD DISTT. | 23.12.2021 12.01.2022 | 148.35 LACS | https://etenders.hry.nic.in | 01667220120 pwr-eeep-fatehabad@hry.nic.in |
| 6 | PWD BSR KARNAL | STRENGTHENING WITH WBM + 30MM BC, RE-LAYING OF CC BLOCKS AND 60MM IPB IN ABADI PORTION ON MUNIPURA TO NALVI ROAD (ROAD ID-7228) RD 0 TO 21.20, IN KARNAL DISTRICT DISTRICT | 27.12.2021 17.01.2022 | 99.78 LACS | https://etenders.hry.nic.in | 9060620000 pwr-eeep-karnal@hry.nic.in |
| 7 | PANCHAYATI RAJ PANIPAT | MANAGEMENT DISPOSAL OF WASTE AFTER TREATMENT WITH 5 YEARS O AND OF THE PROJECT AFTER COMPLETION VILLAGE KAWI BLOCK NATLAWA DISTT. PANIPAT + 2 OTHERS | 24.12.2021 31.12.2021 | 341.75 LACS | https://etenders.hry.nic.in | 9355815400 prezeeng.prp@hry.nic.in |
| 8 | PANCHAYATI RAJ PANIPAT | CONST. OF MODEL POND BHUPNIA 56.57 IN VILLAGE BHAMPUR BLOCK BAPOLI DISTT. PANIPAT. | 27.12.2021 10.01.2022 | 41 LACS | https://etenders.hry.nic.in | 9355815400 prezeeng.prp@hry.nic.in |
| 9 | PANCHAYATI RAJ PANIPAT | RETENDER CONST. OF 400 CUH BID GAS PLANT WITH 5 YEARS O AND H AFTER COMPLETION OF PROJECT VILLAGE BHOOWAL MAJRI BLOCK SAMALHA DISTT. PANIPAT. | 24.12.2021 31.12.2021 | 92.61 LACS | https://etenders.hry.nic.in | 9355815400 prezeeng.prp@hry.nic.in |
| 10 | PANCHAYATI RAJ FATEHABAD | CONST. OF VKC AT VILLAGE THARWA BLOCK TOHANA DISTT FATEHABAD | 24.12.2021 07.01.2022 | 32.64 LACS | https://etenders.hry.nic.in | 01667220055 prezeeng.jth@hry.nic.in |
| 11 | PANCHAYATI RAJ PANCHKULA | CONSTRUCTION OF COMMUNITY CENTRE VILLAGE KHOLI, BLOCK PINOORE DISTRICT PANCHKULA. + 5 OTHER WORKS | 27.12.2021 03.01.2022 | 85.29 LACS | https://etenders.hry.nic.in | 01722576698 PREZEENG.PW.G@HRY.NIC.IN |
| 12 | PANCHAYATI RAJ PANCHKULA | TREATMENT OF GREY WATER UNDER NBT IN VILLAGE RAIPUR RANI BLOCK RAIPUR BANI DISTRICT PANCHKULA. | 28.12.2021 13.01.2022 | 48.92 LACS | https://etenders.hry.nic.in | 01722576698 PREZEENG.PW.G@HRY.NIC.IN |
| 13 | PANCHAYATI RAJ PANIPAT | RETENDER CONST. OF 1 NO. AGANWARI CENTER + 2 OTHERS. | 24.12.2021 31.12.2021 | 28.66 LACS | https://etenders.hry.nic.in | 9355815400 prezeeng.prp@hry.nic.in |
| 14 | BLOCK DEVELOPMENT & PANCHAYATS OFFICER AMBALA | CONST OF BOUNDARY WALL OF COMMUNITY CENTRE IN VILLAGE ALLAWALPUR AND CONST OF BOUNDARY WALL OF COMMUNITY CENTRE IN VILLAGE KASERLA KHURD BLOCK BARBARA DISTT AMBALA + 9 OTHER WORKS | 24.12.2021 31.12.2021 | 69.67 LACS | https://etenders.hry.nic.in | 8901226424 bdpbarara@gmail.com |
| 15 | PUBLIC HEALTH ENGINEERING HISAR | BHANGI BADSHAHPUR: AUGMENTATION / RENOVATION OF IVS SCHEME INCLUDING FUNCTIONAL HOUSEHOLD TAP CONNECTIONS AT VILLAGE BHANI BADSHAHPUR DISTT. HISAR. (UNDER JMS) CONSTRUCTION & REPAIRING OF STRUCTURES OF WATER WORKS: SUPPLY, ERECTION, TESTING & COMMISSIONING OF PUMPING SETS, LAYING THE DI PIPE LINES, PROVIDING FHTC & ALL OTHER WORKS CONTINGENT THEREON. | 23.12.2021 29.12.2021 | 124.12 LACS | https://etenders.hry.nic.in | 9467070175 ee2hissar@gmail.com |
| 16 | PUBLIC HEALTH ENGINEERING HISAR | UKLANA-SPECIAL REPAIR AND LAYING OF DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM IN BALANCE AREAS. (CONSTRUCTION OF 1 NO. L.T. ROOM, 1 NO. TOILET BLOCK, TWINN ROOM AT BOOSTING STATION FC COLONY, WASHING OF FILTER MEDIA, REPAIR OF 3 NOS. HIGH LEVEL TANK, PLINTH PROTECTION AROUND STRUCTURES AT WATER WORKS UKLANA RURAL & CONSTRUCTION OF 1 NO. PUMP CHAMBER, 1 TOILET BLOCK, PLACING OF FILTER MEDIA C.C. ROAD & PATH LAYING OF RISING MAIN AND ALL OTHER WORKS CONTINGENT THEREON.) | 23.12.2021 29.12.2021 | 35.85 LACS | https://etenders.hry.nic.in | 9467070175 ee2hissar@gmail.com |
| 17 | IRRIGATION & WATER RESOURCES DEPARTMENT HARYANA KATHAL | REHABILITATION OF ALEWA MINOR RD 0 TO 29000 TAIL INCLUDING REPAIR OF INTERVENING STRUCTURES | CLOSING DATE 10.01.2022 | 450 LACS | https://etenders.hry.nic.in | 01746224253 xenswpd@gmail.com |
| 18 | IRRIGATION & WATER RESOURCES DEPARTMENT HARYANA JIND | REMODELING OF WATER COURSE OF OUTLET RD-24800/R-558 | CLOSING DATE 04.01.2022 | 25.85 LACS | https://etenders.hry.nic.in | 01681226270 xensconstr@jind@gmail.com |
| 19 | IRRIGATION & WATER RESOURCES DEPARTMENT HARYANA AMBALA | RECONSTRUCTION OF BRIDGES AT RD KM (0.29, 2.459, 4.891, 7.178, 9.270, 8.414, 10.336 AND 11.336 KM OF KANWALA DISTY + 1 OTHER WORKS | CLOSING DATE 05.01.2022 | 603.55 LACS | https://etenders.hry.nic.in | 01712973270 xensyambala@gmail.com |
| 20 | FORESTS DEPARTMENT HARYANA PINOORE | DAV SCHOOL WIALA CHOE R C-1 SURAJPUR BLOCK KALKA RANGE + 1 OTHER WORKS | 23.12.2021 28.12.2021 | 32.91 LACS | https://etenders.hry.nic.in | 01733-230537 efsonra@gmail.com |

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| 1. | MUNICIPAL COMMITTEE FARRUKHNAGAR | RENOVATION OF MUNICIPAL NEAR DHANAK CHAJIAPAL, WARD NO. 02, FARRUKHNAGAR + 18 OTHER WORK | CLOSING DATE 29.12.2021 | 3.39 LACS | https://etenders.hry.nic.in | 9466826201 secymcarrukhnagar@gmail.com |

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| 1 | PT. B.D. SHARMA UHS ROHTAK | DEPLOYMENT OF AGENCY FOR PROVIDING OUTSOURCING SERVICES OF DRUG DISTRIBUTION FOR ONE YEAR WHICH IS EXTENDABLE ON QUARTERLY BASIS TO A MAXIMUM OF ANOTHER ONE YEAR SUBJECT TO SATISFACTORY SERVICES TO UNIVERSITY OF HEALTH SCIENCES (UHS) ROHTAK | CLOSING DATE 17.01.2022 | 6 LACS | www.uhs.ac.in | 01262-282632 cell3msofficepgms@gmail.com |

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| SR. NO. | NAME OF BOARD/CORP./AUTH. | OLD REFERENCE/ NIT NO. | NATURE OF CORRIGENDUM | WEBSITE OF THE BOARD CORP./AUTH. | NODAL OFFICER/CONTACT DETAILS/EMAIL |
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| 1. | HPGCL | NIT NO 19HPGCL/CE/FUEL-295 VOL-II DATED 22.09.2021 | EXTENSION IN LAST DATE OF BID SUBMISSION OPENING OF TECHNICAL BID PART I I LAST DATE & TIME FOR SUBMISSION OF TENDER 06.01.2022 DATE & TIME OF OPENING OF TECHNICAL BIDS PART I OF TENDER 07.01.2022 | https://etenders.hry.nic.in | 9316893453 xentuel2.pkl@hpgcl.org.in |

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION KINDLY VISIT: www.haryanaeprocurement.gov.in or www.etenders.hry.nic.in

कार्यालय नगर पंचायत ड़ासना जनपद-गाजियाबाद
पत्रांक: 294/नपडा-वि.ई-निविदा/2021-22 दिनांक: 23/12/2021

ई-निविदा/नीलामी सूचना

सर्व साधारण को सूचित किया जाता है कि नगर पंचायत ड़ासना जनपद गाजियाबाद के क्षेत्रांतर्गत विज्ञापन टेका को ई-निविदा हेतु फर्मों / टेकेदारों से दूर आमंत्रित की जाती है। इस हेतु ई-निविदा दिनांक 24 दिसम्बर 2021 से 03 जनवरी 2022 तक 3070 की ई-प्रक्रियायमेंट को आनलाइन वेबसाइट <https://etender.up.nic.in> पर दिनांक 03 जनवरी 2022 को दोपहर 12 बजे तक अपलोड की जा सकती है। ई-निविदा के सम्बन्ध में टेकेदार कार्यालय समय में किसी भी कार्य दिवस में जानकारी प्राप्त कर सकते हैं। उक्त टेके को ई-निविदा दिनांक 03 जनवरी 2022 को अपराहन 2.00 बजे खोली जायेगी, जिसे सम्बन्धित वेबसाइट <https://etender.up.nic.in> पर देख जा सकता है।

किसी भी ई-निविदा / नीलामी को स्वीकार एवं अस्वीकार करने का अधिकार सक्षम प्राधिकारी में निहित होगा। ई-निविदा / नीलामी हेतु जमानत धनराशि नगर पंचायत ड़ासना जनपद गाजियाबाद के में खाता संख्या 50100332185071 बैंक HDFC शाखा गोविन्दपुरम् गाजियाबाद आई.एफ.एस.सी. HDFC0004733 में करायी जायेगी। बिना धरोहर धनराशि के ई-निविदा / नीलामी पर विचार नहीं किया जायेगा। ई-निविदा / नीलामी से सम्बन्धित नियम व शर्तें कार्यालय नगर पंचायत ड़ासना में किसी भी कार्य दिवस में अधोहस्ताक्षरी के कक्ष में उपस्थित होकर देखी जा सकती है। ई-निविदा के लिए नियम एवं शर्तें निम्न है

अधिकाधिक अधिकारी नगर पंचायत ड़ासना, गाजियाबाद अध्यक्ष नगर पंचायत ड़ासना, गाजियाबाद

Delhi Jal Board: Govt. of NCT of Delhi
Office of the Executive Engineer (Civil) - SDW-NW
Opp RBI Colony Shalimar Bagh, New Delhi- 110008
Ph No. 011-27491437, e-mail: eecsdwnw@gmail.com

PRESS NIT NO. 35 (21-22)
EE(C)/SDW-NW

| Item No. | Name of Work | Amount put to tender (in Rs.) | Earnest Money (in Rs.) | Tender Fee (in Rs.) | Date of release of tender in e-procurement system | Last date/ time of receipt of tender through e-procurement solution |
|----------|--|-------------------------------|---|---------------------|---|---|
| 1 | Providing / revival of existing drainage system along main roads and construction of damaged roads from 40MGD pump house to security gate of Keshpur STP. | 48,48,381/- | Exempted vide Office Memorandum No. 039/2020-21/MISC-11/PT/971 dated 23.12.2020 of Jt Director (FSA)-I, DJB | 500/- | 23.12.2021 | 11.01.2022 Up to 03:00 PM |
| 2 | Shifting of damaged treated effluent water line emanating from Keshpur STP to feed effluent water in different park of DDA Paschim Bihar from RD 4068 mtr (outer ring road bridge to RD-41960m (Khalia bridge) on the left bank of Najafgarh Drain. Tender ID: 2021_DJB_213405_2 | 31,30,556/- | Rs. 75,06,316/- | 500/- | 23.12.2021 | 11.01.2022 Up to 03:00 PM |

Further details in this regard can be seen at <https://govtprocurement.delhi.gov.in>

ISSUED BY P.R.O. (WATER) Advt. No. J.S.V. 886(2021-22) Sd/- (Anil Kumar Sharma) Executive Engineer (Civil) SDW-NW

"STOP CORONA: Wear Mask, Follow Physical Distancing and Maintain Hand Hygiene"

DELHI JAL BOARD : GOVT. OF NCT OF DELHI
OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER (T) M-6
D-BLOCK MOTI NAGAR, NEW DELHI-110015

PRESS NIT NO. 46 (2021-22)

| Item No. | Name of Work | Estimated Cost | Date of release of tender in e-procurement solution | Last date /time of receipt of tender through e-procurement |
|----------|--|-----------------|---|--|
| 01 | Replacement of old deep/ damaged AC water line by DI water line of different dia (100 mm / 150 mm dia) in B-2 Block Paschim Vihar under the EE (NW) III AC-15. | Rs. 74,29,450/- | Tender ID No. 2021_DJB_213437_1 on 23.12.2021 at 05:42 PM | 05.01.2022 Up to 3:00 PM |
| 02 | Replacement of old, deep and damaged PVC water line by new DI water line in KP block, Pilampura in AC-14 under ACE (M) 6. | Rs. 75,06,316/- | Tender ID No. 2021_DJB_213437_2 on 23.12.2021 at 05:49 PM | 05.01.2022 Up to 3:00 PM |

Further details in this regard can be seen at <https://govtprocurement.delhi.gov.in>

ISSUED BY P.R.O. (WATER) Advt. No. J.S.V. 890 (2021-22) Sd/- (TRILOK CHAND) EX. ENGINEER (T) M-6

"STOP CORONA: Wear Mask, Follow Physical Distancing, Maintain Hand hygiene"

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF CONSTRUCTION ENGINEER
RURAL WORKS CIRCLE, BERAHAMPUR
(E-Mail: senwpr2004@yahoo.com, Tel/Fax: 0680-2404287)

NATIONAL COMPETITIVE BIDDING THROUGH e-Procurement
Bid Identification No. Online Tender/39-2021-22/BPR

| Identification No | Name of work | No. of Works | Approx. Estimated Cost (in lakh) | Class of Contractor | Period of Completion |
|------------------------------|--|--------------|----------------------------------|---|---|
| Online Tender/39-2021-22/BPR | Bridge Works under Inter District, Inter Block Connectivity scheme | 01 No. | Rs. 789.26 lakhs | "Special" Class & "Super" Class as applicable | 24 (Twenty Four) Calendar Month as provided |

| Procurement Officer | Bid Identification No | Availability of tender online for bidding | |
|---|-------------------------------|---|---------------------------|
| | | From | To |
| Chief Construction Engineer, R.W. Circle, Berhampur | Online Tender/ 39-2021-22/BPR | 27.12.2021 at 10.00 A.M. | 10.01.2022 Upto 3.00 P.M. |

(i) No EMD is required as per O.M.No. 8943 Dt. 18.03.2021 of Finance Department, Govt of Odisha. But Bid Security declaration should be furnished by the bidders as mentioned in the DTCN.

(ii) Non-submission of the information / documents through online by the bidder as per the items mentioned in the eligible criteria of the DTCN will also liable for rejection of his tender.

Further details & corrigendum if any can be seen from the website- www.tendersodisha.gov.in

Sd/- Superintending Engineer R.W.Circle, Berhampur OIPR - 25071/11/0036/2122

MORADABAD SMART CITY LIMITED
Office of the CEO / Municipal Commissioner,
Peeli Kothi, Water Works Compound, Civil Lines, Moradabad-244001
Contact No. : 0591-2971001
E-Mail: moradabadsmartcitylimited@gmail.com

NOTICE INVITING Re-E-TENDER Dated: 24.12.2021

Open Tender:1186/MSCL/2021

The C.E.O of Moradabad Smart City Limited (MSCL) invites re-e-tenders for the following works:

1) **Name of the Work:** Request for Proposal for De-siltation through mechanised system and rehabilitation & redevelopment of covered and open drains including maintenance and defect liability period of 1 year, under Moradabad Smart City (NIT No. 1186/MSCL/2021).

Tender Fee Rs. 29,500/- (Rs. Twenty Nine Thousand Five Hundred Only/-)

Start Date and time for downloading of bid 25th December 2021 and 16:00 Hrs.

Period of Last date and time for submission of bid 03rd January 2022 and 16:00 Hrs.

The bid forms and other details are available on website <https://etender.up.nic.in/> and can only be submitted through <https://etender.up.nic.in/>. Any corrigendum regarding this would be published only on the above mentioned website.

C.E.O / Municipal Commissioner
Moradabad Smart City Limited

कार्यपालक अभियंता का कार्यालय
ग्रामीण विकास विशेष प्रमंडल, देवघर

अति अल्पकालीन ई- निविदा आमंत्रण सूचना
संख्या - RDD/SD/DEOGHAR/37/2021-22

1. कार्य की विस्तृत विवरणी

| क्र. सं. | कार्य का नाम | प्राक्कलित राशि | अग्रघन की राशि | परिमाण विघ्न का मूल्य | कार्य पूर्ण करने की अवधि |
|----------|---|-----------------|----------------|-----------------------|--------------------------|
| 1 | देवघर जिला के देवघर प्रखंड अन्तर्गत गौरीपुर पंचायत में ग्राम- कासीडीह एवं आजवरायडीह के बीच जोरिया पर पुल निर्माण। | 39243700.00 | 7,84,900.00 | 10,000.00 | 18 माह |

2. वेबसाइट में निविदा प्रकाशन की तिथि - 30.12.2021

3. ई-निविदा प्रारंभ की अंतिम तिथि एवं समय - 05.01.2022 अपराह्न 5:00 बजे तक

4. कार्यपालक अभियंता, ग्रामीण विकास विशेष प्रमंडल, देवघर / मुख्य अभियंता कार्यालय, ग्रामीण विकास विशेष प्रमंडल, देवघर, सूची में निविदा शुल्क, अग्रघन की राशि, Bank Credit Certificate एवं Affidavit जमा करने की तिथि एवं समय 06.01.2022 अपराह्न 05:00 बजे तक

5. निविदा खोलने का स्थान - मुख्य अभियंता कार्यालय, ग्रामीण विकास विशेष प्रमंडल, देवघर, सूची में निविदा शुल्क, अग्रघन की राशि, Bank Credit Certificate एवं Affidavit जमा करने की तिथि एवं समय 06.01.2022 अपराह्न 05:00 बजे तक

6. निविदा खोलने की तिथि एवं समय - 07.01.2022 अपराह्न 2:00 बजे

7. निविदा आमंत्रित करने वाले पदाधिकारी का नाम एवं पता - ई-0 जितेन्द्र पासवान, कार्यपालक अभियंता, ग्रामीण विकास विशेष प्रमंडल, देवघर।

8. ई-निविदा प्रकोष्ठ का दूरभाष सं- 8709623131 (संबन्धित कार्यपालक अभियंता का दूरभाष नम्बर)

9. निविदा शुल्क राष्ट्रीयकृत बैंक द्वारा निर्गत ड्राफ्ट या बैंकर्स चेक जो कार्यपालक अभियंता, ग्रामीण विकास विशेष प्रमंडल, देवघर के पदनाम से देना होगा।

विस्तृत जानकारी के लिये वेबसाइट www.barkhandtenders.gov.in एवं कार्यालय की सूचना पृष्ठ पर देखा जा सकता है।

कार्यपालक अभियंता
ग्रामीण विकास विशेष प्रमंडल, देवघर

PR 260256 Rural Development (21-22)_D

NORTHERN RAILWAY

Tender Notice No.: 21-10/Tender-Parking/MB/2021/C Dt.: 24.12.2021

Sr. Divisional Commercial Manager, Northern Railway, Moradabad for & on behalf of the President of India, e-tender for the following work:-

| S. No. | Name of Work & Place | Area (In sq-meter) | Reserve Price for 01 Year (Excluding GST) | Earnest Money (2% of reserve price of 03 years) | Tender Cost (including GST) | Completion period | Address of website from which tender documents can be downloaded | Last Date & time of submission |
|--------|---|--------------------|---|--|---|-------------------|---|--|
| 1. | Tender for Passenger Carrying Commercial Vehicle including Taxi, Rickshaw, Auto-Rickshaw through prepaid counter service parking stand at Hardwar Railway Station (A-1' Category) | 480 Sq-m | Rs. 6,12,000/- | Rs. 36,800/- to be paid through online payment gateway | Rs. 2,360/- to be paid through online payment gateway | 3 Years | www.ireps.gov.in (E-tendering mode) | Upto 14.00 hrs. on 17.01.2022 and will be open on the same day |
| 2. | Tender for Car Parking Stand at Doiwala Railway Station, (E' Category) | 300 Sq-m | Rs. 80,733/- | Rs. 4,900/- to be paid through online payment gateway | Rs. 1,180/- to be paid through online payment gateway | 3 Years | www.ireps.gov.in (E-tendering mode) | Upto 14.00 hrs. on 17.01.2022 and will be open on the same day |
| 3. | Tender for Cycle, Scooter, Motor-Cycle Stand at Hardoi Railway Station, (A-Category) | 1031 Sq-m | Rs. 5,54,454.66 | Rs. 33,300/- to be paid through online payment gateway | Rs. 2,360/- to be paid through online payment gateway | 3 Years | www.ireps.gov.in (E-tendering mode) | Upto 14.00 hrs. on 17.01.2022 and will be open on the same day |

| S. No. | Name of Work & Place | Area (In sq-meter) | Reserve Price for 90 days (Excluding GST) | Earnest Money (2% of reserve price of 90 days) | Completion period | Address of website from which quotation documents can be downloaded | Last Date & time of submission |
|--------|---|--------------------|---|---|-------------------|---|--|
| 1. | Quotation for Cycle, Scooter, Motor-Cycle Stand at Yoganagri Rishikesh Railway Station (A-Category) | 1309.90 Sq-m | Rs. 81,152.54 | Rs. 1,700/- to be paid through online payment gateway | 90 Days | www.ireps.gov.in (E-tendering mode) | Upto 14.00 hrs. on 17.01.2022 and will be open on the same day |

Note:- 1. In case of any difficulty helpdesk and learning centre available on the website IREPS may be approached.
2. Tenderer(s) are advised to read tender document carefully before participating in the tender.

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Serving Customers with a Smile

Government of India, Department of Atomic Energy, Heavy Water Plant (Kota)
e-Tender Invitation Notice No. HWP/M/2021/MTA/298

Online item rate tenders are invited through e-Tendering mode for "Maintenance and Testing of Gate, Globe, Check and Butterfly Valves at HWP/ site during MTA-2022" by General Manager, Heavy Water Plant (Kota), Post-Anushakti 323303, Via - Kota (Rajasthan) and On behalf of the President of India, from approved, eligible and experienced contractors. Estimated cost of work: Rs. 68.48.620/-

Tender document can be viewed/downloaded from 27.12.2021 (10:00 hrs) to 08.01.2022 (14:30 hrs). The last date for online submission of tender is 08.01.2022 (14:30 hrs). The technical bids will be opened on 15.01.2022 at 15:00 hrs.

The detailed NIT and Tender Documents are available on the website <https://eprocure.gov.in> and will be available on the website <http://www.hwb.gov.in> for further information please contact Telephone No. 01475-242201/242216 and fax 01475-242203 on all working days.

General Manager For & on behalf of President of India

BANGALORE ELECTRICITY SUPPLY COMPANY LIMITED
(Wholly Owned Government of Karnataka Undertaking)
CIN-U04010KA0025G030438

BRIEF TENDER NOTIFICATION
(Through e-Procurement Website)

BESCOM invites Tenders against Enq. No.: BESCOM/DGM(TIC)/BC-01/2021-22/03 dated: 21.10.2021 for Availing Managed Cyber Security Operations Center (M-SOC) services for BESCOM.

Availability of Bid document: 27.12.2021 @ 16.00 Hrs.
Last date for Receipt of bids: 26.01.2022 @ 16.00 Hrs.

The detailed notification can be obtained from the Website: <https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in>

Further details can be obtained from the office of the undersigned.

Sd/-
Deputy General Manager, Ele., T.I.C., BESCOM, Bengaluru.

For Electricity related complaints call: 1912
Download BESCOM Mitra Mobile APP

NORTHERN RAILWAY
E-TENDER NOTICE

Dy.CEE/JUDW acting for and on behalf of the President of India invites E-Tenders against Tender No. 56-W/Elect/21-22/T/077 Trough Floor. 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. Information regarding this tender is available on website www.ireps.gov.in and can be seen/downloaded. The tenders/bidders will have to make payment towards tender document cost and Earnest Money against this tender through online payment modes like Net banking/ Debit/Credit Cards etc. available on IREPS portal. Manual/offline mode of payment through Demand Draft, Banker's cheque, cash deposit receipts etc. are not permitted.

| Name of Work | Tender Type | Open | Bidding System | Single Packet System |
|---|--------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|----------------------|
| "Supply, Apply of PU Sealant adhesive with cleaner & primer, Testing of RMPU Trough Floor & Joints for water leakage along with complete repair of FRP Trough Floor of RMPU of LHB AC Coaches". | 28.01.2022 at 15:30 hrs. | 28.01.2022 at 15:30 hrs. | Pre-Bid query till date | N.A. |

| Pre-Bid Required | Earnest Money | Validity of Offer | Period of Completion |
|------------------|--|--|----------------------|
| No | Rs. 48,96,913/- Including all taxes GST etc. | NIL (as per Rly. Bd.'s L.No. 2020/CE-1/ICT/3E/GCC/Policy Dt. 30.12.2020) | 365 days |

| Bidding Start Date | Tender opening date & time |
|---|---|
| 15 days before opening of tender as per IREPS provisions. | At any time thereafter 15.35 hrs. on dt. 28.01.2022. The tenders are not required to be present during the opening. Railway reserve the right to open the tender at any time after closing of tender. |

No. 56-W/Elect/21-22/T/077/Trough Floor Dt.: 23.12.2021. 3036/21

SERVING CUSTOMERS WITH A SMILE

GOVERNMENT OF HIMACHAL PRADESH
JAL SHAKTI VIBHAG
NOTICE INVITING e-TENDERS

The Executive Engineer Jal Shakti Division Pragpur District Kangra (HP) on behalf of Government of Himachal Pradesh invites the item rate/lump sum contract bids from the eligible contractors/Firms. Bidders should be registered with Central Govt. or State Govt. or Central Govt. or State Government under takings. The Contractor/Firm who have experience in construction of similar work and have established organization for taking up such work and who satisfy the qualification criteria of bid document need only apply. The scope of the work will be as under:-

| S. No. | Name of work | Estimated cost | Earnest money | Cost of tender form | Eligibility criteria | Time limit |
|--------|--|----------------|---------------|---------------------|---|------------|
| 1 | Providing functional household tap connection Har Ghar Jal Se Jal for multi group of villages Garfi Bari, Maniala, Chanoula and Baliana for Pragpur block of Distt Kangra HP (SH : Construction of percolation well 1 No., Pump House 1 No., Main under ground Storage tank 210000 and 60000 Ltrs. capacity, Over Head sector tank 2 Nos. 30000 Litres capacity and 1 No. 50000 Ltrs. capacity 10mtr. St. H/D., Providing and laying of Rising main of various dia and Supply and erection of Pumping Machinery with allied accessories) | 17965666/- | 212156/- | 2500/- | Eligibility criteria shall be as under- 1. The contractor enlisted with Jal Shakti Vibhag (erstwhile JPH) only should be allowed. However, for specialized work within this category, the contractor enlisted with any other Govt./Semi-Govt. Department/ Organization or Autonomous bodies as per his/her class of enlistment should also be allowed. 2. Affidavit of Non-Blacklisted by any Department and Affidavit of Non-Relationship with Department. | One Year |

- Tender documents and other instructions can be downloaded or viewed online from the portal <http://hptenders.gov.in>, by the interested bidders/firms/individuals registered on the website which is free of cost.
- Competitive Bidding will be conducted in accordance with "Single Stage Two Envelope" Bidding Procedure. Bid security, and eligibility documents as per eligibility information and criteria and Financial bid should be put in separate envelope and all two separate envelopes should be put together in a single envelope. The bids shall be submitted online electronically.
- Bid evaluation of criteria- Technically Qualified lowest evaluated bidder (L1) will be considered as a successful bidder. However, the acceptance of the proposal will rest with the Jal Shakti Department who does not bind itself to accept the lowest proposal, and reserves the right to accept or reject any or all the proposals received without assigning any reason.
- As the bids are to be submitted online and are required to be encrypted and digitally signed, the bidders are advised to obtain Digital Signature Certificate (DSC) from suitable vendors or from any authorized agency at the earliest.

KEY DATES WILL BE AS UNDER:-

| a | Date of Online publication | 24.12.2021 at 5:00 PM |
|---|--|--|
| b | Downloading of e-tender Documents | From 24.12.2021 at 5:00 PM to 06.01.2022 at 11:00 A.M. |
| c | Date of submission of e-tender | From 24.12.2021 at 5:00 PM to 06.01.2022 at 11:00 A.M. |
| d | Physical submission of eligibility criteria, pre-qualification documents, earnest money deposit and cost of tender documents (in original) | Upto 11:00 A.M. on 06.01.2022. |
| e | Date of opening of bids: | |
| | 1) Cover-1 Eligibility information and Criteria | On 06.01.2022 at 11.30 A.M. |
| | 2) Cover-2 Financial Bid | Shall be intimated separately |

- TERMS AND CONDITIONS:-**
The e-tender documents shall be uploaded online in 2 (Two) covers:-
1. Cover-1 shall contain Scanned copies of "eligibility information and Technical bid"
2. Cover-2 shall contain the "Financial bid" on the prescribed format.
- Cover-1** shall contain Scanned copies of following "eligibility information and Technical bid" (Scanned copies to be uploaded) on the website <http://hptenders.gov.in> the appropriate place.
i) All payments regarding purchase of a Bid documents (Cost of form Earnest money deposit shall be through online mode (e-payment) in favor of Executive Engineer, Jal Shakti Division, Pragpur/Exemption of cost of bid security shall not be allowed.
- Eligibility criteria:-**
i) The bidder/contractor/firm should be registered with Central Govt. or State Govt. Department or Center/State Govt. under taking in the technical bid firms has to uploaded characteristics curves of Pumping Machinery for NIT duty conditions.
ii) The work shall be considered completed if it is executed 90% either to awarded physical quantities or financial value.
iii) The contractor/firm must have registered under GST/EPF/Pan/Income Tax and latest clearance certificate/filing return thereof and if in case of EPF not registered then should get registered before acceptance of tender.
iv) The lowest bidder must get himself registered with HP Jal Shakti Department before the acceptance of tender.
a) The value of executed work shall be brought to current costing level by enhancing the actual value of work at simple rate interest 7% per annum, calculated from the date of completion to previous day of the last date of submission of tender.
b) Name of firm, addresses, telephone number, Mobile No., Fax No, E-mail ID. Labour license issued from the competent authority must be uploaded/ attached.
c) An affidavit of the firm having been not blacklisted by any Govt./Semi-Government/Board/Corporation/Private Organization is required.
d) Cover-2 shall contain BOQ where contractor will quote his offer for each item.
- Bid Opening Details:-**
The bid shall be opened on at 11:30 AM in the office of Executive Engineer, Jal Shakti Division, Pragpur (HP) by the authorized officers. If the office happens to be closed on the date of opening of the bid as specified the bid will be opened on the next working day at the same time and venue.
The bids for the work shall remain valid for acceptance for a period of 120 days after dead line date for bids submission.
- Other details can be seen in the bidding documents. The officer inviting tender 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 officer shall not be liable for any information not received by the bidders. It is the bidders responsibility to verify the website for the latest information related to the tender.
- The tenders of the contractor/firms who fail to fulfill the eligibility information will be summarily rejected.
- The negotiation/clarification, if any will be taken from the successful contractor/firm only in respect of error and omission technical aspects and in no case on financial bid.
- No subletting of works by the contractor/firm is permissible.
- The representative of the firm/contractor shall inspect the site himself and make himself conversant with the site conditions prior to bidding.
- Instruction for e-tendering:-**
i) The contractor should registered himself on website <http://hptenders.gov.in> and obtain user ID/password before bidding.
ii) Entire tender process will be carried out on line through above mentioned website. Contractor/firms are advised to procure e-token/digital signing certificate from suitable vendors or from authorized agency.
iii) Before submissions of online bids, bidder must ensure that scanned copy of all necessary documents have been uploaded with the bid.
iv) Conditional bids are liable to be rejected without assigning any reasons.
v) The Executive Engineer, reserves the right to reject/cancel any or all the tenders/bids without assigning any reason(s).
vi) Any enquiry regarding tender can be obtained on e-mail of the divisional office under e-mail address i.e. xeniphpragpur@gmail.com and office telephone No. 01970245045.

The tenderer should quote their final price subject to no escalation what so ever till successful fulfillment of contract. The financial bid should be inclusive of all taxes i.e. Central/State/Local taxes vat and any levy charges, including cess as per provision of building and other construction workers welfare cess Act. 1996 and Himachal Pradesh Building and other construction workers Rules, 2008 and no extra claim will be entertained. The Department will deduct labourcess @ 1% from each running bill from the gross amount of work done by the contractor.
The tenderer shall have to maintain EPF accounts and bear EPF contribution of its workers/employees.

No. EE/JAL SHAKTI/ Pragpur/Tender/NIT/2021-13399-13498
Dated: 24.12.2021 5852/HP

Sd/- Executive Engineer,
Jal Shakti Division
Pragpur
New Delhi

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NOTICE INVITING e-TENDER

NIT No. HSICC/SES/MG/PS/LHMC/2021 Dated: 22.12.2021

Online item rate bids are invited by Director, Lady Hardinge Medical College & Associated Hospitals (LHMC), New Delhi through e-tendering from eligible contractors/firms for the works "Supply, installation, testing & commissioning of Medical Gas Pipeline System for Lady Hardinge Medical College, New Delhi" Estimated cost of works: Rs. 10.80 Crore, Completion period: 05 Months. Other details are available on detailed NIT. Tender available online from 27.12.2021 and Last Date of submission of Bids is 17.01.2022.

The detailed NIT will be available on e-tender portal www.tenderwizd.com/HSICC, HSICC website www.hsccld.co.in, <http://www.lhmc-hosp.gov.in> and CPP portal. Corrigendum to this publication, if any, would appear only on said websites and not be published.

Sd/-
Director, LHMC, New Delhi

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NOTICE INVITING e-TENDER

NIT No. HSICC/LHMC/HVAC/ELECT/2021 Dated: 22.12.2021

Online item rate bids are invited by Director, Lady Hardinge Medical College & Associated Hospitals (LHMC), New Delhi through e-tendering from eligible contractors/firms for the works "Pkg-I Supply Installation, Testing & Commissioning of independent Central Air Conditioning system for the proposed additional works of OPD, IPD, Accidental & Emergency Block and Other Associated Services at Lady Hardinge Medical College & Associated Hospitals, New Delhi and their Maintenance during Defect Liability Period" Estimated cost of works: Rs. 14.98 Crore, Pkg-II Electrical work for the proposed additional works of OPD, IPD, Accidental & Emergency Block and Other Associated Services at Lady Hardinge Medical College & Associated Hospitals, New Delhi and their Maintenance during Defect Liability Period" Estimated cost of works: Rs. 5.15 Crore, Completion period: 06 Months for each package. Other details are available on detailed NIT. Tender available online from 27.12.2021 and Last Date of submission of Bids is 17.01.2022.

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NORTHERN RAILWAY
OPEN-E-TENDER NOTICE

The Sr. Divisional Engineer-III, Northern Railway, Delhi Division invites E-Tender for the following work.

| Sl. No. | Name of work | Approx cost of work | Earnest Money to be deposited | Cost of tender document | Date & Time of submission of tender bid and opening of tender | Website particulars where complete details of tender documents can be seen |
|---------|--|---|-------------------------------|-------------------------|---|--|
| 1 | Rag picking along track in the section of SSE/P-way/SSB under ADEN/DLI | Rs. 39,96,951.42 (Rupees Thirt Nine Lakh Ninety Six Thousand Nine Hundred Fifty One and Forty Two Paise Only) | Rs. 0/- | Rs. 0.00/- | 18.01.2022@15:00 Hrs. | www.ireps.gov.in |

• The tenderer/s must be registered on the Indian Railway E-Procurement system (IREPS) site i.e. www.ireps.gov.in for participating in the e-tender system. • For all terms and conditions please refer tender document. • No manual offers are acceptable. • Cost of tender document and Earnest money will be acceptable through net banking or payment gateway only. No. No. 128-W/280/E Tender Notice/NIT/28/2021-22/W-3 Dated:-24.12.2021 3042/2021

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CORRIGENDUM NO. 1

The following changes have been made against E-Tender Notice No. : SNT-24-LMG-2021-22, Dated: 17-12-2021: For details of Corrigendum No. 1 can be seen in website www.ireps.gov.in. All other terms & condition will remain unchanged.

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PARADIP PORT TRUST

e-TENDER NOTICE

Name of the Work : "Operation and Maintenance (O&M) of 2.00 MLD STP in front of Trade Centre-II for two years." Estimated Cost : ₹ 1,86,71,149.00. Last Date & Time of Submission of Bid upto 17.01.2022 upto 17.00 Hrs. Refer our website for details : <https://eprocure.gov.in/eprocure/app>.

Executive Engineer, E & CM
PPT/PR/134/21-22 Dt.24.12.2021

WESTERN RAILWAY
ENGINEERING WORKS

Divisional Railway Manager (WA), Western Railway, 6th Floor, Engg. Dept., Mumbai Central, Mumbai - 400 008. Invites E-tender as per details given as follows. Executive: Sr.DEN/BCT Tender Notice No. & Date: BCT/21/22/236 dtd. 22/12/2021 Work and Location: Virar - Jora-Vasan Sec. (I) (UP & DN Line) - TRR(P) = 8.612km & TSR = 29.543km (By PQRS = 26.398km & by Manual = 3.145km) (II) (DN Line) - CTR(P)-17.242 km (By PQRS = 16.211 km & by Manual = 1.031 km) (iii) (DN Line) (TWS+WCMS)=56, (CS+CMSC)=10 (iv) TFR=16.543km. (Composite Tender Engg. + S&T work) - (Re-invite-1) Approx. Cost of Work in Rs.: Rs. 9,99,52,777.72 EMD Rs.: 649800/- Date & Time of Submission: On 18.01.2022 till 15.00 hrs. Date & Time of Opening: On 18.01.2022 till 15.30 hrs. 621

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WESTERN RAILWAY-VADODARA DIVISION
E-Tender Notice
ELECTRICAL (POWER) DEPTT.
NOTICE INVITING TENDER EL/50/11/18 (21&22) Date: 21.12.2021

Divisional Railway Manager (Elect), Western Railway, Vadodara Division for and on behalf of the President of India, invites E-Tender on Indian Railways website www.ireps.gov.in from experienced and reliable contractors for the following works Sr. No. : 1 Tender No. : BRC-EL-P-22-2089-A-21-22 Name of work : Vadodara Division: Replacement of overhead centerpieces by underground cables in station area, offices etc at Vadodara yard, Karachiya yard, Vasad and Dabholi stations of BRC Division. Estimated Cost (Rs.) : 7772935.00 EMD (Rs.) : NIL Tender fees (Rs.) : NIL E-tender closing date : 27.01.2022 Website particulars : www.ireps.gov.in

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IN THE COURT OF THE II ADDL SENIOR CIVIL JUDGE AT DEWANAHALLI O.S. No. 868/2021

PLAINTIFF: M/s. THE HAMLET, A Registered Partnership Firm, Having its office at Kemwell House, No. 11, Tumkur Road, Bengaluru - 560022. Represented by its GPA holder Mr. S.R. Chandak, aged 73 years, S/o. Late B.C. Chandak.

DEFENDANTS: 1. Mrs. ANJELIA GEETHA SHUKLA, aged about 66 years, W/o Vishnu Shankar Shukla, D/o Late C. Ramakrishnan Singh, R/o Meenukunte Village, Jala Hobli, Bengaluru North Taluk, Bengaluru. Also at No. 159, R. T. Nagar Main Road, Bengaluru - 560032. 2. Mr. VISHNU SHANKAR SHUKLA, aged about 69 years, S/o Sri Hazarilal Shukla, No. 159, R. T. Nagar Main Road, Bengaluru - 560032. 3. Dr. C.R. Devender @ Devendran, aged 58 years, S/o. Ramakrishna Singh, No.25

Classifieds

PERSONAL

I, Mahendrakumar Prakash Chand Sharma, S/o Prakash Chand Rameshwar Sharma, R/O H-20, Pocket-H, Sarita-Vihar New-Delhi-110076, have changed my name to Mahendrakumar Sharma, for all purpose. 0040596981-2

I, Rekha Teotia W/o MR. Nagendra Kumar R/o HA-2, Canal Colony, Okhla, New Delhi-110025, have changed my name from REKHA to REKHA TEOTIA for all future purposes. 0040596905-1

I, Kanta W/o-Maninder Kukreja R/o-MU-31D, Pitampura, Delhi-110034 have changed my name to Jyoti Kukreja for all purposes. 0040596945-1

I, Manasi Lodha D/o Sh. Rai Singh W/o Sh. Dishant Bhushan R/o 1201, Housing Board, Near Tau Devi Lal Park, Sector-7, Bahadurgarh, Jhajjar, Haryana-124507 have changed my name to Manasi Bhushan for all purposes. 0040596904-5

It is informed to the general public that the date of birth of my son Shivam Singh has been wrongly entered as 11-09-2004 in my army record soldier number 14425568N. Whereas the actual date of birth is 16-02-2004. Kamlesh Singh S/O Ram Manohar Singh resident village and post Budwan Tehsil Khaga, District Fatehpur. 7066541-1

I, Nakul Baissoy, s/o Nawab Singh, address-504/1, village-khair pur kotla Mubarakpur, new Delhi-110003, have changed my name, from nakul Baissoy to Nakul vide-Affidavit date 24.12.2021. 0040597004-5

I, Vaibhav Kumar Saini, S/o-Rattan Singh Saini, R/o, H.No-2048/8, Salarpur-Road Kurukshehra, Haryana-136618, do hereby solemnly declare under and affirm as under that s-my wife correct-name is Harpreet Kaur Saini. 0040596981-4

I, Udai Bhan, S/o Rattan Lal R/o Village Kutubpurji Bujarg, Gudiani, Rewari (Haryana), have changed my name to Udai Bhan Yadav. 0040596981-4

I, Sushma Mann, W/o-Ajay Mann R/o-H.N.-200, VPO, Naya Bans, Delhi-110082, have changed my name from Sushma to Sushma Mann for all future purposes. 0040597004-1

I, Smt. Kamlesh Kumari, W/o Ravi Kumar & D/o Bhagirath Sharma, R/o H.No.270, Gali no.4, Shankar Marg, Mandawali, Delhi-11009, have changed my name to Kamlesh Sharma after marriage. 0040596981-7

I, Shukla Kaminidevi Avdheshnarayan W/o-Vinod Kumar Mishra R/o-488, Sector-2C, Vasundhara, Ghaziabad, have changed my name to Kamini Mishra. 0040597004-2

I, Seema/Seema Sahar, W/o-Syed Azhar Hasan R/O-House. No-2900, Gali Sakkon Wali Mohalla, Shahganj, GB Road, Delhi-110006, Have Changed My Name To Seema Sahar, For All, Future Purpose. Seema And Seema Sahar Are Same Person. 0040596981-8

I, Sagir Ahmad, S/o Raj Mohammad Miyan R/o PVT-38A, Kh No.488, Street No.6, BLK-D, Rajeev Nagar, Bhalswa Dairy, Libaspur, Delhi-42. That the correct name of my father is Raj Mohammad Miyan instead of Raj Mohamm. 0040596942-1

I, SURJEET SINGH ARORA, S/O GURBACHAN SINGH BANGA, H.NO.A-2/65 RAJOURI-GARDEN DELHI-110027, have changed my name to SURJIT SINGH. Permanently. 0040596981-7

I, RUPINDER KAUR DHANOA, W/O JASPREET SINGH, H.NO-20J/1, KRISHNA-NAGAR, SAFDARJUNG-ENCLAVE, NEW DELHI-110029 have changed my name to RUPINDER KAUR. 0040597004-7

I, Richa Raj Rishi Singh/Richa Duggal, W/o Raj Rishi Singh, R/O, 1901, Tower-6, Univorld-Garden One Sector-47, Sohna-Road, Gurgaon-Haryana-122018, Have changed my Name To Richa Singh. 0040596981-6

I, Raju S/o-Ompal Singh, R/o, K-II, House No.213, Gali, No.05, Sangam-Vihar, Khanpur, South-Delhi, Delhi-110062, have changed the name of my minor son Ayush Thakore Solanki (aged-14 years) and he shall hereafter be known as Ayush Solanki. 0040596981-9

I, RACHNA DEVI, W/O SHRI. RAKESH PANWAR R/O FLAT. NO.330-B, SAHAPURJAT, NEW DELHI-110049, THAT RACHNA DEVI AND RAJINI IS ONE & THE SAME PERSON. 0040596981-7

I, Pradeep Kumar, S/o Dilawar Singh, H.No.813, Ward.No.28, Near-Sheela-Bypass Bharat-Chonya Rohtak(Haryana), have changed my name to Pardeep Kumar. 0040596981-8

I, PINKI Gautam, D/o Jagdish R/o, H.No-117, India-Pride model-school Rajendra-park extn, Nanjoli, delhi-41, have changed my name Prisha Verdhnan for all future purposes. 0040596981-5

I, Hanney Singh, S/o Sultan Singh, R/o G1-101, Phase-1, New Palam Vihar, Gurgaon, Haryana-122001, have changed my name to Ravi Kumar. 0070766539-1

I, DISHA W/o SH.JATIN NARANG R/o-B-3/20, SECOND FLOOR, MIANWALI NAGAR, PASCHIM VIHAR, NEW DELHI-110087, have changed my name to NEHA NARANG for all future purpose. 0040596908-10

I, Manvendra Deswal, S/o Suresh Chander R/o-20, Ground-Floor Sukdham, Apartment Sector-9, Rohini Delhi-110085, changed my minor son's name Aaditya Deswal to Aditya Deswal. 0040596981-5

I, Mandeeep Kaur Bajaj, D/o Harjit Singh R/o-B-39/18, Double-Storey, Ramesh-Nagar, New Delhi-110015, have changed my name to Mandeeep Kaur. 0040597004-3

I, Km Gita Sharma W/O Gurudayal Sharma R/O, E-1/51, Budh-Vihar Phase-1, Delhi-110086, Have changed my Name To Geeta Sharma. 0040596981-1

I, Kinjal Prakashkumar Sharma, W/O Mahendrakumar Sharma, R/o H-20 Pocket-H Sarita-Vihar, New Delhi-110076, have changed my name to Kinjal Prakash Sharma, for all purpose. 0040596981-3

I, JASPREET SINGH DHANOA, S/O SAUDAGAR SINGH, H.NO-20J/1, KRISHNA-NAGAR, SAFDARJUNG-ENCLAVE, NEW DELHI-110029 have changed my name to JASPREET SINGH. 0040597004-6

I, Ganga Bahadur Verma, S/O Shri Chander Verma, R/O-A-244, Second Floor, Vijay Vihar, Phase-1, Rohini, Delhi-110085, have changed my name to Ganga Verma. 0040596981-2

I, GEETIKA DUDEJA, W/O PRASHANT DUDEJA, R/O C-604, Express-Green Society, Sector-1, Vaishali, Ghaziabad (UP)-201010, have changed my name to GEETIKA CHUGH, permanently. 0040596981-10

I, Arti Bhardwaj, W/o Sh. Manish Kumar Bhardwaj, R/o, A-8/5, Sector-16, Rohini Sector-15, S.O., North-West-Delhi, Delhi-110089, declare that name of mine has been wrongly-written as Arti in the school-record of my minor son Tanishq Bhardwaj aged-14 years. The actual-name of mine is Arti Bhardwaj, which may be amended accordingly. 0040596981-10

I, Anshu Srivastava W/o Late. Mayank Srivastava R/O-G-2, Sector-20, Noida, UP-201301, changed my minor son's name Madhav Mayank to Madhav Srivastava for all future purposes. 0040596981-4

I, Vinod Kumar Upadhyay, S/O Jamuna Prasad, R/o 21, Taulakpur, Bhikhanpur, Delhi, Prapatgarh, Bhikhanpur, Uttar Pradesh-230404, have changed my name to Vinod Kumar. 0070766533-1

I, Naresh Bansal S/o Sh. Ishwar Prasad Bansal R/o B-G-13 (East), Shalimar Bagh, Delhi-110088, have changed my name to Naresh Kumar Bansal. 0040596936-1

I, Vinay Sinha/Vinay Kumar Sinha, S/o. Mr. Late Surendra Nath Sinha R/O House No.K-102, Jaipuria Sunrise Greens Appt., Behind Jaipuria Mall, Ahinsa Khand, Indrapuram, Ghaziabad, Uttar Pradesh, Have changed my name to Vinay Kumar Sinha. 0040596949-1

I, Sourav, S/o Mange Ram, R/O House no-02, VPO Nathupur, Nathupur (67), Gurgaon, Haryana-122002, have changed my name from Sourav to Sourav Lohia. 0070766488-1

I, Satish Balodhi S/O Lokanand born on 16/12/1965 residing at Flat No.302, plot no:149, Gyan Khand-3, Indrapuram Ghaziabad U.P. have changed my name to Satish Chander vide affidavit dated 11/12/2021 at Ghaziabad. 0050189197-1

I, Ravinder, D/o R.S. Uppal, R/O D-216, Defence Colony, New Delhi-110024, have changed my name to Ravinder Kaur for all purposes. 0070766488-1

I, Pooja, W/o Sourav Lohia, R/O House No-02, Nathupur, Nathupur (67), Gurgaon, Haryana-122002, have changed my name from Pooja to Pooja Lohia. 0070766487-1

I, Nida Yusuf W/o Parvez Yusuf R/o-F-1/12, Jogabai-Extn., Jamia-Nagar, Okhla, N.Delhi-110025, have changed my name to Nida Fakhruddin for all purposes. 0040596994-1

I, Manoj Kumar Dawar alias Manoj Kumar S/o, Bhagwan Dass R/o-H.No.21/7, Block-21, Ashok-Nagar, Tilak-Nagar, N.Delhi-110018, have changed my name to Manoj Kumar. 0040596994-2

I, Madan Lal S/O Shree Hans Raj born on 10.05.1981 residing at H No 545, Saran School Road, Parvatiya Colony, NIT, Faridabad -121005, Haryana, have changed my name to Madan Lal Arora vide affidavit dated 21.12.2021 at Faridabad. 0050189286-1

I, D. R. Singh S/o Late Roshan Lal R/o G-5 A, Regal, Shripra Suncity, Indrapuram, Ghaziabad, U.P. have changed the name of my minor son Suryansh aged about 14 Years and he shall hereafter be known as Suryansh Singh. 0040596946-1

I, ANIL V.K. S/O KUTTAPPAN, R/O 7-A, Pocket B-7, Janta Flats, Mayapuri Vihar, Phase-III, Delhi-110096, have changed my minor son's name from HARINANDAN VA to HARI NANDAN, for all purposes. 0040596909-1

I, Suresh Singh Negi S/o Jaman Singh R/o H-152 ground floor, Mohan Garden Uttam Nagar Delhi-110059 have changed my name to Suresh Singh 0040596969-1

I, Yatin Kumar S/o Late Sh. Davender Jeet R/O C-179, New Moti Nagar, Ramesh Nagar H.O., West Delhi, Delhi-110015 have changed my name to Yatin Simar for all purposes. 0040596904-6

I, Vipin Kumar Sharma S/O Tarsem Lal Sharma R/O 137/B, 2nd Floor, Arjun Nagar, Near Bada Gurudwara, Safdarjung Enclave, New Delhi-110029 have changed my name to Vipin Sharma 0040596973-1

I, Sonika Ghai Bhatia alias Kanika Bhatia alias Sonika Bhatia alias Sonika Ghai alias Kanika D/o Late Sh. Abinash Ghai W/o Sh. Sanjeev Bhatia R/O B-367, Near Ch.Chabil Das Public School, Patel Nagar-2, Ghaziabad, Uttar Pradesh-201001 have changed my name to Sonika Ghai Bhatia for all purposes. 0040596904-7

I, Service No.1517540X Rank L/HAV (DMT), Name Hake anqad Bhausaheb of 3372/337Field Regt C/O 56 Apo Resident of village Belwadi Post-Ghatnagra Tehsil Gangakhed, Dist Parbhani State-Maharashtra Pin-431536-I want to change the Name of my wife from Ayodhya to Hake Ayodhya Angard for, All future purpose. 0040597004-4

I, Sagarika Gupta alias Sagarika Manchanda D/o Sh. Ajay Raj Gupta W/o Sh. Rajan Manchanda R/o Flat No.181B, DDA LIG Flats, Rajouri Garden J-6, Tagore Garden, West Delhi, Delhi-110027 have changed my name to Sagarika Manchanda for all purposes. 40596904-8

I, Chander Bir Singh alias Chanar Bir Singh alias Chanerbir Singh S/o Late Sh. Charan Singh R/O Flat No.608, Gaumukh Apartment, Kaushambi, Ghaziabad, U.P. have changed my name to Chander Bir Singh for all purposes. 40596904-4

I, AJIT, S/O JAGDISH Residing at V.P.O- Ismailia, 11B, Rohtak Haryana-124001, have changed my name AJIT to AJIT KHATRI. Permanently. 0040596987-3

I, A Prince Leo Joseph, S/o Amalraj, R/o G/22, Rita-Villa, Main Alwarpet, Coonoor, The Nilgiris, Tamil Nadu-643101, have changed my name to Prince Leo Joseph. 40596987-6

THANKS GIVING

Thank You Saint Jude for helping me get admission in MA Persian in DU, Rohan Anirudh Singh. 0040596409-1

LOST & FOUND

It is notified for the information that I Mrs. Sangeeta Kapoor W/O Sh. Vivek Kapoor S/o Sh. Baljit Kapoor R/o D-38, Gulmohar Park, New Delhi have Lost the Allotment Letter of property G171H, Ansal, Palam-Vihar, Gurugram. Finder pls contact: 9810620740 0040596956-1

I, Dharam Singh, S/o Chhotey Singh, have lost my Property all documents as First Chain, Agreement to sell, GPA, Will Receipt of Property, No.A-52, khesara number No.34, Gali. No.3 Chandu-Nagar Karawal-Nagar Road, Delhi-94, also F.I.R.L.R.No.1019823/2021, police-Station crime-branch Delhi, if any body find Plz, Contact-9873888978. 0040597004-8

I, DR. RAJESH VASUDEVA, S/O Late Shri R.K. Vasudeva, R/O-D43, Panchsheel Enclave, New Delhi, inform that I have lost the original General Power of Attorney, Payment Receipt and other documents related to my property 12/165, First Floor, Malviya Nagar, New Delhi On 16/12/2021 0040596996-9

NAME CHANGE

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Harbhajan's eventful journey over, retires from all forms of game



Harbhajan represented India in 103 Tests, 236 ODIs and 28 T20Is.

NEW DELHI: VETERAN OFF-SPINNER Harbhajan Singh, who became the first Indian bowler to grab a Test hat-trick in a memorable international career, announced retirement from all forms of cricket on Friday, saying that he is finally communicating what has been on his mind for the past few years. The 41-year-old from Punjab took 417 wickets in 103 Tests, 269 wickets in 236 ODIs and 25 scalps in 28 T20Is in his illustrious career, which began in 1998.

"All good things come to an end and today as I bid adieu to the game that has given me everything in life, I would like to thank everyone who made this 23-year-long journey beautiful and memorable," he tweeted.

"From the narrow lanes of Jalandhar to becoming the Turbanator of Team India, it has been a beautiful journey of past 25 years," he said. Harbhajan, who made his India debut during an ODI against New Zealand at Sharjah in 1998, last played for the country in March 2016 during a T20I against the UAE at Dhaka. He said he harboured hopes of retiring in India colours but that could not materialise. "Like all cricketers, I too wanted to bade adieu in

Indian jersey but fate had something else in store for me," he said in a youtube video posted alongside his tweet. "...there comes a time when you have to take some tough decisions and have to move on in life. Mentally I had retired long back but couldn't announce it. I haven't been active in cricket," he added.

Harbhajan had featured in a few matches during the first phase of last IPL for Kolkata Knight Riders but didn't play in the IPL season but I had made up my mind during the season.

"For whichever team I have played, there has always been 100 per cent commitment from me to ensure that my team finishes at the top, whether it is India, Chennai Super Kings, Mumbai Indians, Kolkata Knight Riders, Surrey or Essex county."

One of the most memorable moments in his international career was when he snapped 32 wickets in three Tests, including the first Test hat-trick by an Indian, against Australia in March 2001. **PTI**

Aanchal back with bronze

After a two-year hiatus, the skier is picking up the pace this season

NITIN SHARMA
CHANDIGARH, DECEMBER 24

A FALL DURING the East Timor alpine skiing National Junior Championships in Kolasin, Montenegro, earned Aanchal Thakur a 'DNF' at the giant slalom event. That and muscle soreness in her left thigh.

A day later though, on Thursday, at the Jamaica Ski Federation's national championships, she won bronze to become the only Indian to win a second Internationale de Ski (FSI) – the world body – medal. The first medal came in 2018, when she won bronze at the FIS Alpine Edjer 3200 Cup in Turkey, a feat that announced her name on the international circuit. "The weather was very bad on Wednesday and when I had the fall, I felt soreness in my left thigh the entire day," she told The Indian Express. "I had a good first run but then had the fall. The weather was better on Thursday, and I thought about the first run I had earlier and just aimed to give it my best shot."

"The first run timing of 56.38 seconds made me feel confident about the conditions and I'm glad I could get my career's second international medal."

Reliance on crowdfunding

This is the first year since the Turkish sojourn that the Himachal Pradesh-native managed to compete on the international circuit. She finished 59th and 47th in the giant slalom and slalom events respectively at the FIS World Ski Championships in Cortina d'Ampezzo, Italy in February. But the same reason that stopped her from competing in the 2019 season (she was forced to skip competing in 2020 because of the Covid-19 pandemic) was threatening to rupture her hopes for being a regular this year: a lack of funding.

Thakur was not supported by government funds since the Indian Olympic Association (IOA) has deregistered the Winter Games Federation of India (WGFI). By August though, the 25-year-old along with elder brother and fellow international skier Himanshu started a crowdfunding campaign on social media. Meanwhile her father Roshal Lal Thakur, a paragliding instructor, borrowed money from friends and relatives. "Post winning the medal in Turkey, I did not get any sponsor or funds from the Sports Authority of India (SAI) or the national federation. While I did not compete in 2019 as well in 2020, I did not want to miss training and competitions this year," she said.

"A friend told us to start crowdfunding and even though we got close to Rs 2.5 lakh from friends and fellow skiers, apart from Rs 5 lakh each given by the state government after our arrival here, my father had to arrange funds and borrow money to meet the expenditure of Rs 40 lakh for this trip."

The brother-sister duo arrived in Austria in



With second international medal, Aanchal eyes Winter Olympics.

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October but neither were allowed to compete at any event since authorities did not recognise the Covishield vaccine. It was only after getting a Pfizer vaccine shot that Thakur was eligible to compete in Italy and Austria before travelling for events in Sweden.

Though finally managing to travel, the financial crunch forced them to find lodging in rented rooms barely big enough to store their equipment. "For us, every day is precious as we get to train in Europe only once in a year or two years. One day of training at a ski resort in Austria or Sweden costs about 200 Euros plus an additional 60 Euros ticket for a ski lift. And we have to make full use of the four-hour training sessions," she said.

"We pay around 60-70 Euros to enter competitions, so we know that we have to cut down on other expenditures to save money. We once took a ten-hour train journey in (the cheaper) chair car from Austria to Sweden and had to keep an eye on our equipment near the door. And there are times when we are staying in a room so small, that when one of us is polishing the skis, the other has to go to the bathroom to avoid getting hit by the small splinters flying from the polishing."

Eye on Beijing Games

Thakur had planned to compete in at least 20 FIS events, hoping to get the required below 160 average score in five races needed to bag a Winter Olympic quota. So far she's only competed in eight.

On Thursday, she earned 200.52 points while the winner Dora Ljutic of Croatia got

166.83. Earlier this month, at an event in Sweden, she won 207.84 points after finishing 21st in a tough field where most athletes were ranked between 500 and 3000. In comparison, Ljutic is ranked 3168 in the FIS point list.

But she plans to stay in Montenegro for another week before moving to Iran to try her luck before the deadline to earn Olympic qualification ends on January 15.

"We only get to know about the field on reaching the competition venue and we cannot plan this in advance while sitting in India," said Thakur, who is ranked 2950 in the FIS leaderboard. "In Sweden, the field was elite and I would have needed more competitions under my belt to be in top-ten and to have scored less than 160 to qualify for Beijing. Whatever chances we get, we prepare and compete to give our best."

The lockdown caused by the pandemic and staying at her village, Barua near Manali, meant that Thakur had to keep her mind and body fit for competitions. She took up roller skating and practised it on the route to Sissu in Lahaul, crossing the Atal Tunnel on skates to help her keep her balance in check.

"When we don't compete or train, it's tougher to maintain high fitness levels – both mind and body. I did shadow skiing practice apart from gym training, but I also started roller skating as it helps in balancing the body same as skiing," said Thakur.

Now she has to find the perfect balance in her schedule and her scores to ski her way to Beijing.

TN wins a thriller, will meet HP in final

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
JAIPUR, DECEMBER 24

BABA APARAJITH smashed 122 to help Tamil Nadu eke out a two-wicket win over Saurashtra here on Friday, and enter the final of the Vijay Hazare Trophy One-Day Championship. This was after Saurashtra rode on a blistering 134 by Sheldon Jackson to post an imposing 310 for eight.

But Saurashtra's effort was overshadowed by Aparajith's master-class coupled with half-centuries by his brother Indrajith (50) and Washington Sundar's (70) late cameo as TN chased down the stiff target in the final ball. TN needed seven runs off the final over and tail-enders R Sai Kishore (12 not out) and R Silambarasan (2 not out) brought it down to 1 of the last ball off medium-pacer Chirag Jani. Sai Kishore finished off the chase in style with a boundary.

Earlier asked to bat, Saurashtra openers Viharsinh Jadeja (52; 6x4s; 1x6) and Harvik Desai (9) added 31 runs. Medium pacer Silambarasan (3/54) trapped Desai in front of the wicket to give his side the first breakthrough. Then Jackson joined Jadeja and the duo added 92 runs runs for the second wicket. Jackson, who was more aggressive, upped the ante.

It was 23-year-old spinner M Siddharth (1/46), who broke the partnership after dismissing Jadeja. After Jadeja fell, Jackson and Prerak Mankad (37) continued the onslaught. While Jackson struck 11 fours and four sixes in his 125-ball knock, Mankad hammered four boundaries and a lone six. Jackson and Mankad conjured 81 runs for the third wicket as Saurashtra cruised ahead.

However, it was Silambarasan once again, who did the trick for his side, dismissing Mankad. After 40 overs, Saurashtra were 217 for three. From there on, Jackson was unstoppable as he went all guns blazing.

Meanwhile, Himachal Pradesh captain Rishi Dhawan put up an all-round show to guide his team to the final where they meet Tamil Nadu in the Vijay Hazare Trophy domestic One-Day championship, after beating Services by 77 runs in the semi-final at Sawai Mansingh Stadium on Friday.

BRIEF SCORES: Saurashtra 310 for 8 in 50 overs (Sheldon Jackson 134, Arpit Vasavada 57; Vijay Shankar 4/72) lost to Tamil Nadu 314 for 8 in 50 overs (B Aparajith 122, Washington Sundar 70; Chetan Sakariya 5/62) by two wickets; HP 281/6 in 50 overs (Rishi Dhawan 84, Prashant Chopra 78, Akash Vasishth 45 not out; Raj Bahadur 2/52) beat Services (Rajat Paliwal 55, Ravi Chauhan 45; Rishi Dhawan 4/27, Akash Vasishth 2/28, Siddharth Saxena 2/34) by 77 runs.

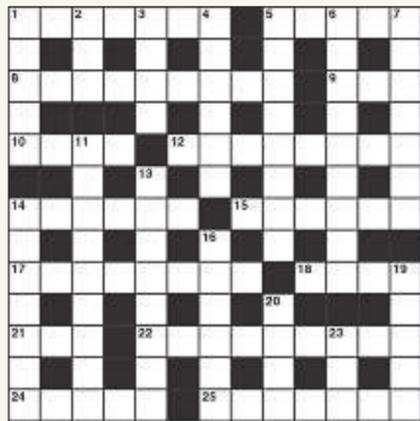
Jumper Shaili included in TOPS

New Delhi: Under-20 World Athletics silver medal-winning long jumper Shaili Singh is among 50 sportspersons across eight disciplines who have been added to the Core Group of the Target Olympic Podium Scheme (TOPS), the Sports Ministry announced on Friday. The decision was taken at a meeting of the Mission Olympic Cell (MOC) on Thursday, where 143 athletes were included in the Development Group. By picking 50 athletes in the Core Group and 143 in the Development Group across eight disciplines in the second list, the MOC has increased the count to 291, including 102 in the Core Group. **PTI**

Bhavani to compete in four WC

New Delhi: India's first-ever Olympian fencer Bhavani Devi is set to take part in four international competitions in the next calendar year after the Sports Ministry sanctioned an amount of Rs 8.16 lakh to facilitate her participation in the events. Bhavani will be taking part at a training camp in Tbilisi, Georgia from January 4, before competing at the International Fencing Federation (FIE) World Cup in the same city from January 14 to 16. She will then be competing at the World Cup in Plovdiv, Bulgaria, scheduled from January 28 to 29 followed by World Cups in Greece and Belgium from March 4 to 5 and March 18 to 19, respectively. **PTI**

CROSSWORD 4621



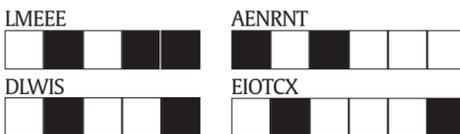
- ACROSS**
1 Explain where the last dog came from (7)
5 She has a bad figure (5)
8 High tolls originate here (4,5)
9 It used to be in the western half of Asia (3)
10 Double act no longer seen (4)
12 Beach shoes are adjusted for it (8)
14 The little devil slips into cover and gets clear (6)
15 An unpopular American in a jacket (6)
17 Taken by those who are sick and tired of work? (4,4)
18 A country the capital of India controlled (4)
21 Either way you sound sheepish (3)
22 Is not my name to appear very shortly? (3,6)
24 Meat and chips we hear (5)
25 Hangs around with a number of friends (7)
- DOWN**
1 Be sent up to bed having gone into a decline (5)
2 Wash up for a friend (3)
3 Preposition used in any amount of sentences (4)
4 He hopes to find you well (6)
5 Stopped sorting out retreats (8)
6 American citizen appearing periodically (3,6)
7 Point behind the ship towards the sunrise (7)
11 Elaborate metalwork to stop a bit of play (9)
13 Poorly made Russian fighter goes up with a bang (8)
14 Generous gifts said to be from Swiss capital (7)
16 Man in bed sounded asinine (6)
19 Cash registers (5)
20 Brotherhood? (4)
23 Old priest in the limelight more than once (3)

Solutions Crossword 4620: Across: 1 Chop chop, 5 Char, 9 Pluto, 10 Truffles, 11 Firefighters, 13 Notice, 14 Chaise, 17 Reverberated, 20 Prefers, 21 Tiara, 22 Dust, 23 Wardress. Down: 1 Cope, 2 Oculist, 3 Chosen career, 4 Obtain, 6 Halve, 7 Resisted, 8 Light-hearted, 12 Intrepid, 15 Iterate, 16 Persia, 18 Views, 19 Caws.

JUMBLED WORDS

Given below are four jumbled words. Solve the jumbles to make proper words and move them to the respective squares below. Select the letters in the shaded squares and jumble them to get the answer for the given quip.

That whose _____ is necessary must necessarily be one essence. - Avicenna (9)

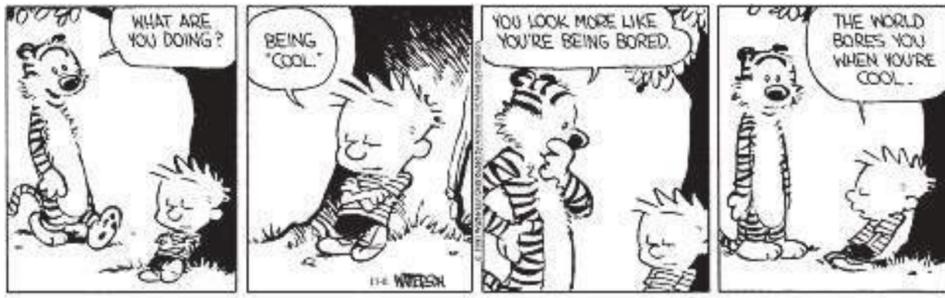


ANSWER: THAT WHOSE EXISTENCE IS NECESSARY MUST NECESSARILY BE ONE ESSENCE. - AVICENNA
SOLUTION: LMEEE: MELÉE; AENRNT: RAINNERS; EIOTCX: EXISTENCE; DLWIS: WILDS.

OVER THE HEDGE by Michael Fry & T Lewis



CALVIN & HOBBS by Bill Watterson



MARVIN by Tom Armstrong



SUDOKU 4695

Difficulty Level 2s
Instructions
To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every digit from 1 to 9 must appear in each of the nine vertical columns, in each of the nine horizontal rows and in each of the nine boxes.

Difficulty Level
1s = Very easy; 2s = Easy; 3s = Medium; 4s = Hard; 5s = Very Hard; 6s = Genius



SOLUTION SUDOKU 4694



DAY TODAY

BY PETER VIDAL

ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr 20)

Cash and career matters are still on your mind, but do try to put practical issues behind you during the weekend. Life is too short to spend all your time worrying over how you are ever going to pay your way. Why not let partners take the responsibility, and the strain?

TAURUS (Apr 21 - May 21)

Make an early start if you want to get ahead of the pack. Social prospects are still bright and, although you will be giving some thought to worldly matters, you really ought to try and relax. If you don't look after yourself, then you can't expect other people to, can you?

GEMINI (May 22 - June 21)

It's a favourable weekend for getting financial plans into shape. Forge ahead with all family arrangements and hope for the best: someone may be arranging a very pleasant surprise for you. More pleasant, I suspect, than you could ever possibly imagine.

CANCER (June 22 - July 23)

Why is that people at home seem determined to disagree with your plans or think up problems to slow you down? Perhaps it's because you failed to consult them when you were dreaming up your current schemes. It's never too late to tell them the full fact.

LEO (July 24 - Aug 23)

Keep on the move this weekend, though you may be happier making short journeys than long. Push business matters to one side and enjoy your social life free of the cares and concerns which tend to cloud your vision. Stay active and you'll carry partners with you.

VIRGO (Aug 24 - Sep 23)

A partnership dispute or a delay in communications should clear very soon, if it has not already done so. Turn your back on fantasy and waffle, and concentrate on what you can do of practical value. That way you will virtually guarantee your success.

LIBRA (Sep 24 - Oct 23)

You could be in for a romantic weekend, especially if you're single. If you're spoken for, cheer up, for there is still plenty of scope for you and your partner to give life an exciting new twist. Even though you need order, you do love fortune's turns.

SCORPIO (Oct 24 - Nov 23)

Anything which is set in motion today should have a rewarding outcome. However, there is much that still needs to be explained and you may be labouring under one or two misapprehensions. These will be gradually resolved over the next two weeks.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov 24 - Dec 22)

If you've any spare time you may wish to devote a little energy to your long-term interests, especially your investments and savings. Most of the indications suggest that ventures entered into now will eventually prove very profitable. And that is bound to bring a smile to your face.

CAPRICORN (Dec 23 - Jan 20)

It's a romantic weekend in the broadest sense. Quite aside from the intimate, emotional side of your life, you will be looking at the world through re-tinted spectacles. Exotic cultures may beckon but, as you know, when you arrive somewhere new, you're still you. That will never change.

AQUARIUS (Jan 21 - Feb 19)

A restless mood may make it difficult to concentrate, but there will be rewards if you find yourself in unfamiliar surroundings. Social gatherings have much to offer this evening. And, in that case, why not go for broke, and take a risk with your feelings?

PISCES (Feb 20 - Mar 20)

Diplomacy is still your best policy if you're trying to hang on to one particular friendship. On the other hand, if you are at the end of your tether there is no better moment to set yourself free. The Sun's alignment with Venus is gentle, creative, affectionate, and favourable.

A coronavirus outbreak at Everton has forced the postponement of the club's match at Burnley, the Premier League said Friday. It's the third match of the Boxing Day lineup to be postponed as part of a Sunday program that still features six games. **AP**

Tough call between Rahane and Iyer: Rahul

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
CENTURION, DECEMBER 24

INDIA VICE-CAPTAIN **KL Rahul** on Friday indicated that the team will continue with its five-bowler strategy in the first Test against South Africa but agreed that the choice between Ajinkya Rahane and Shreyas Iyer for the number five slot is a tough one.

India have been practising here for a week ahead of the opening match, starting Sunday, and the newly-appointed vice-captain believes that a good start is needed to set the tone in the Rainbow Nation where they have never won a Test series. Asked if playing four bowlers, which allows an extra batter in the line-up becomes a workload management problem for the team, Rahul replied in an affirmative.

"Every team wants to pick up 20 wickets to win Test match. We have used that tactic and it has helped us in every Test match that we have played away," Rahul said. "Workload also becomes slightly easier to manage with five bowlers and when you have that kind of quality (in Indian ranks), I think, we might as well use it," the senior opener made it amply clear that a fourth pacer will play.

Shardul Thakur, because of his superior batting skills holds an advantage over senior pro Ishant Sharma, it could mean that only one among Iyer, Rahane and Hanuma Vihari will get a look in as Rahul, Mayank Agarwal, Cheteshwar Pujara, Virat Kohli and Rishabh Pant select themselves.

"It is a very difficult decision to make obviously. Speaking about Ajinkya, he has been an important member of the Test team, played very, very crucial knocks in his career," Rahul said. "In the last 15-18 months, he has played some crucial knocks, that partnership with Pujara at Lord's, was important for us in winning the Test match. Shreyas, obviously has taken his chances and got a brilliant hundred (along with a fifty) in Kanpur and he is very exciting. Hanuma has done the same for us, so it's a tough decision."

Slow pitch initially

Rahul also agreed with rival seamer Suanne Oliver's assertion that Supersport Park track is slow to begin with and quickens up later only to again taper off towards the end of the match. "I think Duanne Oliver will know these conditions a lot better than us and yes, last time, we played here, the wicket started off bit slow and then quickened up and then became slow again. "It's been that kind of a pitch, we have had centre wicket practice and we experienced the same things, we tried to prepare accordingly."

Agarwal focuses on 'mind space'

Mayank Agarwal said his time away from the national team was spent in understanding his mind space, something which India coach Rahul Dravid has always emphasised on and it benefitted him immensely as he reclaimed his place in the side. "It is not a fresh start. The last one year that went by was a lot to do with understanding myself and understanding what ticks me and what hadn't worked for me," Agarwal told fellow opener and India vice-captain KL Rahul during a chat, a video of which was posted on *BCCI.tv*.

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

Battling backyard demons

Beating South Africa in the away series needs a united front; not a forlorn Virat Kohli dousing home fires

SANDEEP DWIVEDI
NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 24

JUST BEFORE the 2008 under-19 World Cup, the national junior selectors, in an inspired move, had decided on a leadership change. They replaced Tanmay Srivastava, a soft spoken Lucknow opener who gracefully carried his city's gentility to the cricket field, with Virat Kohli, a West Delhi boy not known to give undue respect, or an underserving inch, to rivals. What had then seemed like a minor tweak to the junior team, would prove to be the crucial nudge that gave Indian cricket a complete image-makeover.

Kohli had you at hello. He oozed class, came across as a born-leader and even his anger was endearing. It was amusing to watch the short, well-fed, chubby-cheeked teenager stand up to the taller, broader and leaner boys from England, Australia, South Africa. This one time at the team hotel, before a crucial game against England, he would bump into a rival bowler, who was allegedly staring at him. Kohli didn't flinch, and of course, he reacted. "Hey, what are you looking at?" he blurted out. The unexpected snub would startle the English boy. No ingrained inferiority, no language handicap, the new kid on the block wasn't overburdened to be the archetypal, well-mannered Indian cricketer.

At the end of the rain-impacted low scoring tense final against South Africa, Kohli would get hailed as a keeper of lost causes and also get a reputation of volatility. A certain Bradley Barnes should be credited for giving the handful few present at that obscure cricketing venue - Kinrara Academy Oval in Kuala Lumpur - a glimpse of the future.

Between innings, with India out for just 159, South African wicket-keeper Barnes would jump the gun. He would take a dig at India's low score and also undermine their victory chances. Those bytes would fly to the Indian dressing room, acting as an ember to ignite the fires inside the Indian captain. Those in the dressing room that day speak of the young captain's rousing speech where he extolled his teammates to turn their collective anger into advantage.

That day 11 possessed teens, sold to their captain's call, took the field as if on a desperate mission. Pacer Ajitesh Argal would open up the South African batting order with a dream opening spell, a high he could never repeat in his career. The fact that he never played under Kohli could have been a factor in his 15-minutes of fame.

Ravindra Jadeja showed how he can be gold dust in the game of fine margins under threateningly dark clouds and D/L compli-



There can't be a worse sight in cricket than a subdued and second-guessing Virat Kohli leading India, more so in a crucial Test series against South Africa. **AP**

ations. He was accurate, he didn't concede many runs and took crucial breakthroughs. Jadeja would be Kohli's trusted firearm in many such street fight salvos in the years to come.

Every South African batter to walk in that day got a hostile reception, an undignified farewell and an earful all through their innings. Kohli would explode at the fall of the last wicket. True to the script it would be Barnes. Watch the old videos, Little Kohli was much more animated.

Coaches and managers on that trip still talk about the young captain's mid-inning motivation. Kohli reminded his boys that they were being undermined by their rivals, the skills that gave them courage to dream about graduating to the next level,

were being questioned. They needed to fight. It touched a chord, kicked in the adrenalin. This was probably the first of the many "Us vs Them" addresses Kohli would give in India blues.

Years later, he is once again facing the South Africans. Now, he is in a different space. At the South Africa tour send-off press conference, he contradicted BCCI president Sourav Ganguly. He isn't just another former cricketer turned administrator. Ganguly is a national icon, a regional political influencer and a perpetual CM candidate in West Bengal. There's no one in the world who knows the complex coach-captain-administrator relationship like him. Kohli and Ganguly have a bit of history. They weren't on the same page

during India's clumsy coach-swap five years back. It's an open secret, Kohli wanted Ravi Shastri, Ganguly was keen on retaining Anil Kumble.

Kohli's mind space has other distractions too. Of late, in a rare social media trend, Kohli was getting trolled. Since the time he supported teammate Mohammad Shami there is a very active and hateful social media community that believes that cricketers should stick to cricket. He's also lost half of his kingdom. Rohit Sharma now rules the half that has bright lights and big billboards.

Kohli has survived the worst of run slumps. He isn't the brooding kind. He is known to compartmentalise his cricket. For him, a dropped catch or a bad loss are part of the game. Kohli also doesn't let his batting ego dictate his play. He has also dodged past controversies. However, he has never been anything but BCCI's blue-eyed boy. Now, unlike anytime in his career, the Indian captain goes into a fight without his troops. This is no Us vs Them, it's Virat vs Ganguly.

Often during the press conferences, when Kohli is asked about stories of dressing room intrigue he has dismissed them as "outside noise" that doesn't bother him or his boys. In his tenure, the media, very often, was the "Them", the agenda driven speculators climbing the press box with the sole purpose of pulling down the team. Kohli never missed a chance to make the "Us" feel that the world was against them. India's most-loved cricketer now, has been over-sensitive to criticism.

Uncoiling, channelling anger

Several times in his career, Kohli has seemed worked up when the world around him hasn't moved the way he wishes. So used to the deafening roar of cheer when he walks into the ground, the sound of boos unsettles him. During the last tour to South Africa, he had a running battle with a bunch of fans at Johannesburg. After the fall of every South African wicket, he would turn towards them, pump his fist and give them a lip. It was difficult to be overly hostile with the South Africans on the field, a friendly bunch led by the soft-spoken Faf du Plessis. That's why Kohli had found a new target of his scorn.

In England, Kohli had a problem of plenty. There was always the instigator-in-chief James Anderson, and even the Barmy Army, with their borderline bawdy ditties. They gave enough reasons for Kohli and his boys to let out the verbals. Australia too was an easy place to remain motivated. They played the game the hard way. Besides, there was racism in the stands and Tim Paine behind the stumps.

Once at Wankhede Stadium, during the days when the concept of franchise sports and changing fan loyalties had yet to sink in, Kohli was upset that he was called 'cheater' in an away game. "I don't know what is wrong with people in this venue. It feels a bit weird because at the end of the day you play for India and you don't come here to be hated. I don't know why they get so worked up during the IPL. IPL is not the end of the world. They forget that the players they are booing for also play for their country," he had said.

Kohli's low tolerance to criticism and his internal mechanism to channelise the anger into performance makes him a champion athlete. There is a bit of science to this. A *BBC* article, headlined 'How anger can be put to good use', leans on a 2009 experiment by UK-based sports scientists, to prove it. It says: "The anger led to a significant boost in their performance, as they channelled their frustration into the exercise, compared to participants who felt more neutral. Later studies found similar benefits in ball pitching, and jumping; the angrier they felt, the faster their pitch and the higher they jumped."

Michael Jordan is said to take any slight from his rivals to settle scores in the next game. Yuvraj Singh wouldn't have hit six sixes if Flintoff hadn't left him fuming.

But is Kohli angry with the sequence of events that led to his sacking as white-ball cricket or will he be anxious about the repercussions of taking on the powerful chief of an influential institution? Will he flush out his perceived antagonism with his runs or will he get bogged down by the talk of his shaky crown?

At the Express e-Adda India's head coach till very recently Ravi Shastri was asked if Virat vs Ganguly will be sorted by sitting and talking or they are waiting for phir palat ke kab maarna hai? Shastri replied: "It is not about sitting and talking. One party has given one part of his explanation, now the other party needs to get up and give his side of the story. After that, let the public decide." Ganguly hasn't replied, the air hasn't been cleared, the public now waits for the first Test in South Africa.

Shastri would endorse that India couldn't have a better Test captain than Kohli. "He has been the ambassador of Test cricket like no one else. If you go by the results, who is close to him? I don't know any captain in the world who leads with that kind of passion."

That passion is Indian cricket's priceless heirloom, which they need to preserve. The subjugation of a proud captain wouldn't rank among BCCI's glowing achievements. There can't be a worse sight in cricket than a subdued and second-guessing Kohli leading India. Kohli's challenge in South Africa is to be that Little Kohli who promised to change the image of Indian cricket forever.

INTERVIEW: SHREYAS IYER

'I love playing freely & the team management has given me that freedom'

DEVENDRA PANDEY
MUMBAI, DECEMBER 24

HAVING REPRESENTED India in 54 white-ball games, Mumbai batter Shreyas Iyer made his long-awaited entry into Test cricket in Kanpur against New Zealand in November. After becoming the only Indian to make a century and a fifty on Test debut, a sterner challenge awaits the 27-year old on the South Africa tour, where he will be competing for a middle-order spot with Ajinkya Rahane and Hanuma Vihari. Before leaving for South Africa, Iyer spoke to *The Indian Express* on his debut performance and his preparation for the upcoming big tour.

Your Mumbai team-mate Siddhesh Lad once asked you to focus on white-ball cricket when you were not getting chances in red-ball. But you replied that red-ball lamba khelna hai [I want to play red-ball for a long time]. Tell us a bit more about that phase.

Test cricket is the ultimate dream of any professional cricketer. True to its name, it tests your technical, mental and physical strength. I have always wanted to play Test cricket for India and I knew my time would come. Since my early days, I have never put pressure on myself. I think it affects your temperament on and off the field. All I always like to do and did

at that time is focus on my skills so that whenever I get the opportunity, I am ready for it.

You had to wait for 54 first-class games before your Test debut. You have already played 54 white-ball games for India. You are also an IPL star. Was there ever a point where you felt that you had achieved plenty even without getting that Test cap?

No, not at all. I am humbled by what I have been rewarded with but it doesn't mean that I don't strive to stretch to the next level. As I said, when I know I'm doing what I love, every opportunity, landmark or incentive becomes a bye-product. Yes, it does make you happy but it doesn't make you content. As a person, I don't believe in being satisfied with my efforts or achievements, there's always an extra mile in you.

Your breakthrough Ranji performance came in Kanpur against Uttar Pradesh in 2014-15. Was that on your mind when you made your Test debut at the same ground? How do you look back at that game now? You had forgotten your match kit at the hotel...

Well, the hotel was not far, so it wasn't too difficult to get it back. However, [then Mumbai coach Pravin Amre sir pulled me up for the lapse.

I have always performed well at Kanpur



SHREYAS IYER.

so there was a sense of comfort, of nostalgia. I was also pretty confident playing there.

You were yet to score your first run in Test cricket when you were beaten by Ajaz Patel. Two balls later, you went for a big hit and the ball just cleared mid-off running back. That was a tense way to get your first Test runs. Can you talk about that moment?

I always walk into bat with a clear mind. When you're batting, you can't have your mind cluttered with too many things and plan your next shot before the ball is delivered. I believe in treating each ball on its merit and that is how I play all formats. Yes, you are eager and have a positive nervous-

ness for your first run but at that moment, I just wanted to trust myself on each shot I was playing or attempting.

You hadn't played a first-class match in nearly three years when you made your Test debut. What did you focus on in training to get into the routine of the long format?

I have had considerable experience in the Ranji Trophy circuit where I have developed certain processes around my technique. So, I didn't try to over-complicate things. I just focused on the processes and mindset that have worked for me in the past.

You have a high career strike-rate in first-class cricket. And you went at a high tempo in Kanpur too. Was there any thought about taking some more time because it was Test cricket?

As I said, I treat each ball on its merit and play with a clear mind. I always try to avoid pre-meditated shots. Yes, you do have a game-plan based on the pitch, conditions and the opponent's bowling set-up but it is important to adapt to the situation and trust your instinct. I love playing freely and the

good part is that the team management has given me that freedom. So, if the ball is there to score, I go for it.

Was there a point in your debut innings when it struck you that you now belonged to Test level? How did that feel?

I don't think there's a case or feeling of belonging to any level in any walk of life. You are there because you are good at what you do and as long as you respect your skill and are honest about it, you will sustain and enjoy the journey. For me, I have always wanted to play Test cricket for India and the feeling of donning the India cap cannot be expressed in

words. I must add that I was lucky to be handed the Test cap by one of the greatest cricketers of all time, Sunil Gavaskar sir, which made the occasion extra special for me.

You've played only three first-class games outside India. Two of them have come in South Africa. How different was that experience from the red-ball cricket you've played in India?

Each country offers something different. The conditions, pitches and grounds make the whole experience unique. As professional cricketers, we have to adapt and enjoy the challenges to be successful as an individual and a team. In South Africa, you find much harder and greener pitches as compared to India, which is intriguing for any batter's technique and temperament and it's exciting to compete there.

Rohit Sharma has spoken about how he consciously holds his wrists close to the body while preparing for an England tour. Do you follow a similar routine? What have you focussed on the most for South Africa?

The pace and bounce of the wickets in South Africa warrant quick reflexes. For me, the focus is on my footwork and movement at the crease so that I am in line and hold a good position to meet the ball or leave with conviction.

You've played under Rohit's captaincy and also gone up against him in the IPL. What stands out for you in his leadership?

Rohit has his own brand of leadership. He's very calm and collected and that rubs off on the team as well. He's quite chilled out and encourages everyone, including youngsters, to share their views.

GOOD GOVERNANCE DAY

25TH DECEMBER, 2021



Manohar Lal vows responsive governance

Our Inspiration

The Haryana Government is committed to improving governance with transparency, accountability, efficiency and driving changes on the ground



Former Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee is known to be a visionary statesman and believed that without result-oriented growth and development, the Government of the day would not qualify for the citizens' faith. He stands out among one of our valued examples of political leadership, one who made performance the key deliverable of governance. That is why, soon after he was named as recipient of India's highest civilian award, Bharat Ratna, on December 23, 2014, the Narendra Modi government announced that Vajpayee's birth anniversary would be treated as Good Governance Day.

Observed every year on December 25, it aims to familiarise citizens with and make them aware about the Government's responsibilities and duties that it needs to fulfill. It acts as a reminder to every government, be it at the Center or the State, to be unbiased, transparent and development-oriented. For example, while observing the Good Governance week in 2021, the Central Government launched a nationwide campaign for redressal of public grievances and improvising service delivery, especially in rural areas. It even launched a Good Governance Week portal and all district collectors of States and Union Territories were given access to the online portal to upload and share the progress and achievements. The activities that were taken up by the districts of all States and UTs during the Good Governance Week included special awareness camps/events at tehsil headquarters/panchayat samitis; redressal of pending backlog public



grievances in CPGRAMS; updating of citizen charters, redressal of public grievances in State portals; disposal of applications under the category of Improving Service Delivery; adopting best good governance practices and sharing requisite pictures on the portal; sharing one success story per district on the resolution of public grievances on the portal.

The Haryana Government, led by Chief Minister Manohar Lal, is committed to good governance and has been following citizen-centric policies while ensuring their last mile execution. It believes in the three principles of accountability, transparency and efficiency. This year on December 25 it will confer 'Good Governance Awards' to employees who have done commendable innovative work.

An official spokesperson said that these awards will be given in the fields of economic, social and infrastructure sectors and state flagship programmes. A maximum of ten State-level awards and three District-level awards for each district will be given, he added.

All eligible employees (regular or contractual) excluding Administrative Secretaries, HoDs and IAS officers applied through their respective HoDs till November 22. The HoDs then forwarded these applications to Administrative Secretaries concerned who chose and nominated the projects, schemes and programmes for the award through the online portal.

The scrutiny and evaluation of applications received by Administrative Secretaries was done by external expert institutions, then the Empowered Committee chaired by the Haryana Chief Secretary finalised the winners.

A trophy, an award certificate signed by the Chief Minister Manohar Lal, an appreciation certificate signed by Chief Secretary and cash reward will be given to all the winners. The announcement made during the Good Governance Day event, among other measures, is aimed at motivating Government employees to work hard

for the welfare of the masses.

In 2020, the State Government gained much from the "Susashan Sankalp Varsh" on Good Governance Day during which suggestions and reforms in governance were invited from people. Citizens offered their suggestions on a dedicated website and the best suggestions were incorporated in several measures announced by the State Government.

The Chief Minister also announced three categories of awards for outstanding employees, including three awards within the department, three awards from all offices in each District and three at the State-level. Overall, 500 awards were given to employees last year.

The State Government has rolled out additional measures this year, some of which have had a transformative impact in harnessing the strengths of young people and ensuring transparency in services.

What is the Chief Minister's Good Governance Associates Programme ?

The CMGGA Programme is a strategic collaboration between the Government of Haryana and Ashoka University to improve governance in the State and drive a mass impact on ground. Running since 2016, the programme provides a platform to 25 young individuals each year, to work closely with the Chief Minister's Office for bringing transparency, accountability and efficiency in public service delivery in the State. The CMGGAs are recruited through a competitive process with the selection ratio of 1:100. The associates are trained and oriented about Government functioning and structure through a 15-day boot camp at Ashoka University and are then



posted across 22 Districts to work in tandem with the district administration for a period of one year.

CMGGAs ensure streamlined implementation of the State Government's flagship programmes in the field of education, women's safety, health and sanitation, higher education and e-governance. They drive convergence between various Government stakeholders and departments within the administration to re-engineer processes and take on implementation challenges. They also work on an innovative pilot project for addressing an issue pertinent to their district. If a pilot project is found successful, it gets scaled up at the State-level. The four batches of CMGGAs have been instrumental in driving stories of change in Haryana, resulting in a palpable and visible impact on ground.

Recently, the Chief Minister said that it was the priority of the State Government to ensure that every family across the State should get employment and self-employment opportunities by the year 2024, which will bring financial stability to individual households. He said that Nuh district in the State needs a positive transformation in the field of education, health and employment as compared to other districts, adding Good Governance Associates should make efforts to implement constructive thoughts for the welfare of society.

HARYANA HUMAN RESOURCES DEPARTMENT

For the first time, the Human Resource Development Department is being set up in the State, which will observe all matters related to employees, including recruitment, transfers, deputation, change in service rules and corruption cases. It will ensure unified administrative control over all the employees of Group A, B, C and D, including Haryana Civil Services (HCS).

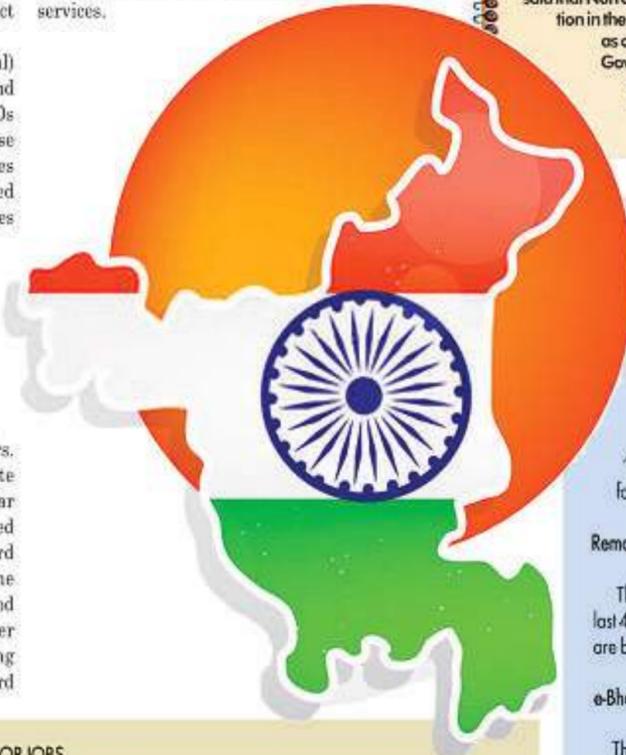
HARYANA KAUSHAL ROZGAR NIGAM

The Haryana Kaushal Rozgar Nigam Limited was incorporated under the Companies Act, 2013 on October 13, 2021. It has been set up with the objective of providing contractual manpower to all Government entities in Haryana in a transparent, robust and equitable manner. It will act as the authorised agency for providing contractual manpower in Haryana. It will focus on uplifting socio-economically disadvantaged candidates, facilitating timely payment of salary and benefits to deployed manpower and ensuring adherence to the State Reservation Policy.

SAKSHAM YUVA YOJANA

The Saksham Yuva programme has been implemented through the unique employment portal that maps skills of job-seekers to employment opportunities. Although it has run successfully in the State for the last few years, it will now be modified and aimed specifically towards the skill development and placement of these unemployed youth.

Haryana is the only State in country to provide employment to youths every month with a 100-hour job guarantee. They get a remuneration of Rs. 9000 per month for this. Under this scheme, all graduate candidates will get Rs. 1,500 per month while post-graduate candidates will receive Rs. 3,000 per month. If they work for 100 hours per month for the Government, then they will get an extra Rs. 6,000 per month. It means a graduate candidate can receive a total of Rs. 7,500 per month and a post-graduate candidate gets Rs. 9,000 per month. The monthly amount under Saksham Yojana Haryana will given only for next 3 years.



ONE-TIME SINGLE REGISTRATION FOR JOBS

The Haryana Staff Selection Commission (HSSC) has started the facility of one-time single registration from January 1. The fees, documents/certificates are to be deposited/uploaded at one go, which will be beneficial to candidates and they will get rid of hassles and troubles.

FREE PASSPORT SERVICE SCHEME

To fulfill the dream of the youth of Haryana to study abroad and get a job, the 'Foreign Cooperation Department' has been set up, the first State in the country to do so. It is a unique initiative to provide passports to students free of cost. So far, passports have been issued to 6,800 youths have been made.

ONLINE TRANSFER POLICY

With an aim to ensure transparency and enhance the work efficiency of the various departments, the "Online Transfer Policy" has been implemented by the State Government under which employees are liable to be transferred anywhere in the State, at any point of time.

To bring in transparency and uniformity in transfers, the Haryana Government started an online transfer policy for teachers. At first, it was implemented in the cadres which have 500 or more employees. Later the policy was extended to the cadre strength of 80 or more employees. The other states are following this template too.

e-Office and e-Registration System:

Jamabandis of all the revenue estates in the State are being documented on the Web-HALIS Portal. The work of e-Girdawari is being done online. Under e-Registration, the appointment management system has been made applicable and provisions are made for appointment and Taluk appointment for a registration. Templates have been provided on the website "http://Jamabandi.nic.in for registration and Collector rates for all land/properties and stamps are now available online.

Remand practice abolished

The power of remand in revenue, which was in force for the last 40 years, has also been eliminated. All the records of the land are being digitised in Web-HALIS of the Revenue Department.

e-Bhoomi Portal:

The e-Bhoomi portal has been launched by the State Government under which land is being purchased in a transparent manner with reduced human intervention.

e-Auction system for awarding mining concessions

In December 2020, out of a total of 119 minor mineral mines, 58 mines were allocated through a competitive bidding process.

e-SHRAM

This is the registration portal for the welfare of unorganised workers and labourers. This will be accessible to everybody in the country. Unorganised workers will get an accidental insurance coverage under PMSBY. They can further avail the benefits of all social security schemes and seek relief during natural disasters/pandemics. The accidental death or a permanent injury means the worker's family will get Rs. 2 lakh. For lesser injuries, the affected will receive Rs. 1 lakh compensation.

MERRY CHRISTMAS

ADVERTORIAL



Biryani by Kilo Raises US\$35m Series B to cement its position as India's leading Biryani Brand and Cloud Kitchen Platform

The round was led by Alpha Wave Ventures | Falcon Edge Capital, with participation from SBI and existing investor IvyCap Ventures.

GURGAON-based Biryani by Kilo (BBK), India's leading biryani brand, today announced the successful closure of its US\$35m Series B fundraise. The business will utilize these funds to further expand its market-leading biryani brand nationwide, targeting over 200 outlets by the end of 2024. In addition, BBK is looking to expand into international markets to extend its category leadership worldwide. Investec India was the exclusive financial advisor to this transaction.

Biryani is the largest category in the Indian food delivery sector, estimated to be over 25% of the overall food delivery market, but has historically been highly localized, dominated by small independent businesses with variable quality and consistency. This is in contrast to burger and pizza categories, where the leading 2 or 3 players dominate the market with over 80% share. The opportunity for BBK to build the first nationwide biryani brand is clear.

Founder Vishal Jindal said: "We are delighted to close our Series B fundraise and have Alpha Wave | Falcon Edge on board as we look to continue to consolidate our position as India's leading biryani brand and take BBK worldwide. BBK would also be looking at acquiring other F&B cloud kitchen brands which can be scaled pan India with our expertise in supply chain, technology & marketing. We are grateful to the support of our existing investors IvyCap and the Chand group".

Founder Kaushik Roy added: "Biryani is the most popular dish in the country, but there is a dearth of quality brands. Right from the start, we have been clear in our vision, to provide 100% fresh Handi



Vishal Jindal & Kaushik Roy
(Founders)

Biryani to our customers made with authentic recipes at affordable prices. This capital will allow us to accelerate our journey, while retaining our focus on quality, freshness and customer delight"

Navroz Udawadia, Co-founder and Partner, Alpha Wave Ventures | Falcon Edge said: "BBK has built a strong brand with a scalable business model and best-in-class unit economics. We are excited to partner with Kaushik and Vishal, and support them in their journey to build India's most loved biryani brand"



Paneer Tikka Biryani



Matka Phirni



Celebration Package

Vikram Gupta, Founder and Managing Partner, IvyCap Ventures Advisors Pvt Ltd, "BBK is at a very exciting stage of its journey. We are excited about the opportunity in this space where BBK has created a unique

positioning. The new round of funding will help BBK achieve its true potential."

ABOUT BBK

Founded in 2015 in Gurgaon, BBK is In-

giene & convenience to its customers.

The USP of BBK is to make fresh Handi Biryani for every individual order and the Biryani is delivered in the same Handi in which it is Dum cooked. BBK is the pioneer of Fresh Handi Biryani concept which many F&B companies have tried to imitate.

Biryani by Kilo has lovingly served Hyderabad, Kolkata and Lucknow Dum Cooked Biryani in the traditional way to over 2 Million satisfied customers so far.

Biryani by Kilo has recently launched new exotic Flavors of Biryani, Kebabs & much more like Chicken Tikka Biryani, Tandoori Chicken Biryani, Rara Mutton Biryani, Paneer Tikka Biryani, Dal Shahi and Punjabi Fish Fry. All these new products are getting lots of love and appreciation from foodies & connoisseurs.

Apart from Biryani, BBK menu also features dishes such as Chicken Ghee Roast; Chicken & Paneer 65, Veg & Mutton Goutis, loved desserts like Phirni. For vegetarians there is Peshawari Chole, Kathal & Paneer Biryani; Paneer 65, Paneer Nawabi and Burani Raita, all of which are from Nizami tradition & utterly delicious. Also, BBK delivers premium melt in mouth - Veg & Non veg Kebab Platters.

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