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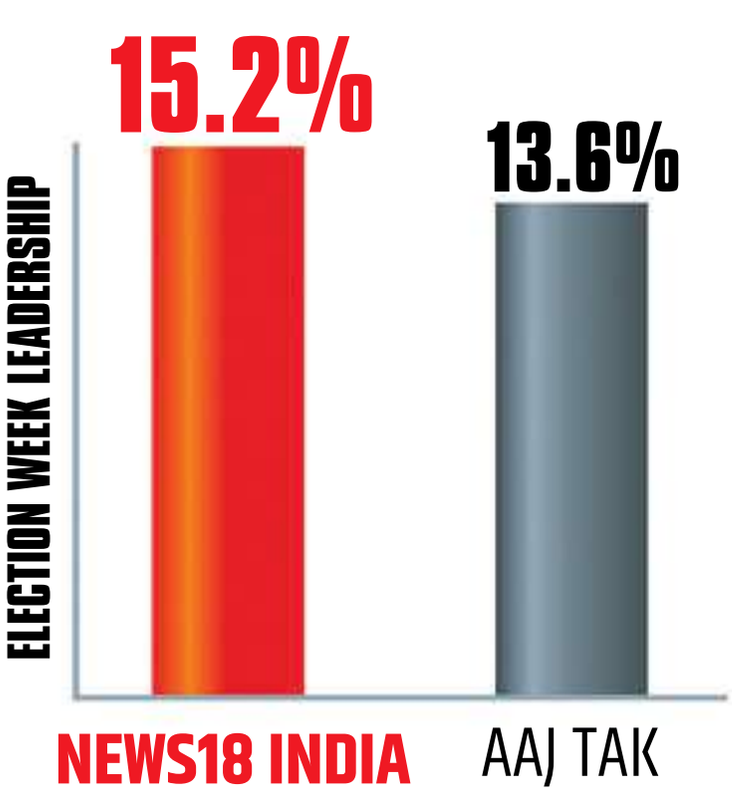
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NORTHERN RAILWAY

CORRIGENDUM

Ref:- Tender Notice No. 62/2022-2023 dated 16.11.2022 S. No. 09 T. No. 77225067 Opening date 19.12.2022 In reference to above tender, **Opening date of tender has been extended from 19.12.2022 to 09.01.2023.** Certain condition and documents have also been added. All other terms and conditions remain unchanged. The corrigendum has been published on website **www.ireps.gov.in.**

Date : 16.12.2022

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SERVING CUSTOMERS WITH A SMILE

भारतीय कंटेनर निगम लिमिटेड
Container Corporation of India Ltd.
(भारत सरकार का उपक्रम) (A Govt. of India Undertaking)
NSIC New MDBP Building, 2nd Floor, Okhla Indl. Estate, New Delhi-110020

TENDER NOTICE (E-Tendering Mode Only)

Online E-Bids are invited for PROVIDING PROFESSIONAL SERVICES OF SURVEY OF CONTAINERS & CARGO AT PIPAVA PORT, Gujarat for 04 years.

Tender No.	CON/Area-II/PIPAVAV/Survey/2022
Estimated Cost	Rs. 1,68,44,736/- (Inclusive of GST) for 04 years
Date of Sale (On Line)	From 20/12/2022 at 15:00 hrs. to 03/01/2023 (up to 16:00 hrs.)
Last Date & Time of submission	On 04/01/2023 up to 17:00 hrs.
Date & Time of Opening	On 05/01/2023 at 15:30 hrs.

For eligibility criteria and other details please log on to **www.concorindia.com** or **eprocure.gov.in** or **www.tenderwizard.com/CCIL**. Bidders are requested to visit the websites regularly.

Executive Director /Area-II

कार्यालय उप महाप्रबन्धक (सिविल), निर्माण खण्ड-तृतीय
उ0प्र0 राज्य औद्योगिक विकास प्राधिकरण
टीडीएस सिटी, गाजियाबाद। E-Mail- cd3@upsidc.com

पूर्ण कालीन ई–निविदा सूचना

एतदद्वारा सूचित किया जाता है कि प्राधिकरण के विभिन्न जनपदो में स्थित औद्योगिक क्षेत्रों में सिविल कार्यो, विकास एवं अनुरक्षण रख–रखाव के कार्यो हेतु सरकारी/सार्वजनिक उपक्रमों/निगमों/प्राधिकरणों/परिषदों/नगर निकायों में पंजीकृत फर्मो/ठेकेदारों से पूर्ण कालीन ई–निविदायें आमंत्रित की जाती है।

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1.	Providing & Fixing Signage Board at I.A. Trans Delhi Signature City, Ghaziabad.	पूर्ण कालीन	50.82

उपरोक्त निविदा 20.12.2022 से 03.01.2023 को 18.00 बजे तक अपलोड की जा सकती है जिसके दिनांक 04.01.2023 को 11.00 बजे या इसके पश्चात खोला जायेगा। निविदादाताओं द्वारा शपथपत्रों की मूल प्रतियाँ दिनांक 07.01.2023 को 17.00 बजे तक पंजीकृत डाक/व्यक्तिगत रूप से कार्यालय में जमा की जा सकती है।

नोटः– 1. निविदादाता अपनी निविदाओं में समस्त कर एवं जीएसटी सहित दरें अंकित करें। अलग से कोई कर देय नही होगा।

2. निविदा सम्बन्धी विस्तृत जानकारी वेबसाईट www.upsidc.com पर स्थापित लिंक यूपीएलसी की वेबसाईट http://etender.up.nic.in पर देखी जा सकती है।

उप महाप्रबन्धक (सिविल), उ0प्र0रा0औ0वि0प्रा0, नि0खा0-3, गाजियाबाद।

GOVERNMENT OF HIMACHAL PRADESH
DEPARTMENT OF MPP & POWER
GLOBAL INVITATION OF BIDS FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF HYDRO ELECTRIC PROJECTS IN HIMACHAL PRADESH
CORRIGENDUM OF NOTICE INVITING PROPOSALS

In partial modification of Notice Inviting Proposals (NIP) for implementation of 25 HEPs on BOOT Basis published on 08.10.2022 and corrigendum thereof on 02.11.2022, it is to inform that the last date of sale of Bid Documents, last date of submission of Bids and the date of opening of Bids are hereby extended as under :-

Last Date of sale of Bid Document : 20.02.2023 upto 1700 hours (IST)
Last date of submission of Bids : 14.03.2023 upto 1300 hours (IST)
Date of opening of Bids : 14.03.2023 at 1500 hours (IST) onwards

NOTE:

If the Last date for submission of Bids or the date of opening of bids happens to be a holiday declared by the Government of Himachal Pradesh in Shimla, the Bids will be submitted and opened on the next working day in the same order and at the same time.

The other terms & conditions of earlier published Notice Inviting Proposals on 08.10.2022 shall remain the same.

For & on behalf of the Governor of HP

Sd/-
Director (Energy),
Directorate of Energy, Govt. of HP,
Tel. +91-177-2673552, Fax +91-1772673553
e-mail: ceenergy09@gmail.com

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SEARCH FOR MISSING



MADAN SINGH

General public is hereby informed that this Person (depicted in the photo) namely **Madan Singh R/o P-2/283, Sultanpuri, Delhi** has been missing from the area of PS Sultanpuri, Delhi since **11.12.2022.** In this regard a **DD No. 42-A, Dated 13.12.2022 at 11.18 hrs.** has been registered at **PS Sultanpuri, Delhi.** Sincere efforts have been made by local police to trace out this person but no clue has come to light so far.

His physical description is as under:-

Sex: Male, **Age:** 42 years, **Height:** 5' 10" ft., **Complexion:** Wheatish, **Face:** Long, **Built:** Medium, **Wearing:** Blue Checkdar Shirt, Blue Pent & Chappal in feet.

Any person is having information or clue about this missing person may kindly inform to the following:-

SHO
PS: Sultanpuri, Delhi
Ph.: 011-25472410, 25472166
Mob. No: 8130538285

Website:http://cbi.nic.in
E-mail: cic@cbi.gov.in
Tel. No.: 011-24368638/24368641
Fax No.: 011-24368639

DP/3904/OD/2022

PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF ACCUSED PERSON

See Section 82 Cr.P.C.

Whereas complaint has been made before me that accused person namely **V.K.Gupta, Prop. M/s Ojas Apparel, R/o.** 1/11676 Sant Nagar, Karol Bagh, New Delhi, **Also At:**17A Janyug Apartment, Behind Rohini Courts, Rohini, Delhi has committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence in case **Case No. 519585/16 U/s 138 NI Act** registered at P.S. Kotwali, Delhi and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest there upon issued that the said **V.K.Gupta** cannot be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said **V.K.Gupta** has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant). Proclamation is hereby made that the said **V.K.Gupta** accused of **Case No. 519585/16 U/s 138 NI Act** P.S. Kotwali, Delhi is required to appear before this Court to answer the said complaint on or before **18.01.2023**

By Order
Sh. Chandra Bose,
Presiding Officer Special Court (NI Act),
Room No. 2, Central District, Annexure Building
Tis Hazari Courts, Delhi

DP/3893/N/2022

NORTHERN RAILWAY

OPEN-E-TENDER NOTICE

The Sr. Divisional Engineer-III, Northern Railway, Delhi Division invites E-Tender for the following work.

1	**Name of work**	Stone pitching of river bed around the piers of Bridge No. 249 (old Yamuna bridge), strengthening of river bank at DLI end, UP stream and other allied works of Bridge No. - 249 (Old Yamuna Bridge) in the section of SSE/W/DLI/Line under ADEN/DLI.
2	**Approx cost of work**	Rs. 2,16,93,690.56/- (Rupees Two Crore Sixteen Lakh Ninety Three Thousand Six Hundred Ninety & Fifty Six Paisa Only)
3	**Earnest Money to be deposited**	Rs. 2,58,500/- (Rupees Two Lakh Fifty Eight Thousand Five Hundred Only)
4	**Cost of tender document**	Rs. 0.00/-
5	**Date & Time of submission of tender bid and opening of tender**	10.01.2023 @ 15:00 Hrs.
6	**Website particulars where complete details of tender documents can be seen**	**www.ireps.gov.in**
7	**Allocation**	20324103

• 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/ 96/2022-23/W-3 Dated :- 16.12.2022

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SERVING CUSTOMERS WITH A SMILE

OFFICE OF THE GENERAL MANAGER, CONSTRUCTION WING,
UTTARAKHAND PEYJAL NIGAM
E-32, JUDGE FARM, HALDWANI , DISTT.- NAINITAL(PIN 263139)

Letter No.: 2694 /Nivida-Anubandh/Lohaghat/46 Date : 17-12-2022

E-Tender Notice

1. **Name of the work:- Construction of building works at Government Polytechnic Champawat, District – Champawat.**
2. **Estimated Cost: -** Rs. 1354.44 Lakh (excluding G.S.T.)
3. **Period of Completion:-** 12 Months
4. **Date and Time of availability of Bid documents in the portal:-** 20-12-2022 (13.00 hrs)
5. **Online Bid submission: End date :-** 04-01-2023 (17.00 hrs)
6. **Date & Time of Technical bid Opening :-** 06-01-2023 (11.00 hrs)
7. **Name and Address of the Officer inviting bid: -** General Manager (Kumaon), Nirman Wing, Uttarakhand Pey Jal Nigam, Haldwani.
8. **Pre-bid meeting details (if required) Date & Place:-** 26-12-2022 (11.00 hrs) Project Manager Construction Unit, Uttarakhand Peyjal Nigam, Lohaghat.
9. For further details, details of subsequent Amendment / correction documentation etc. may be obtained from the e-Procurement portal **www.uktenders.gov.In**

GENERAL MANAGER

HIGH COURT OF CHHATTISGARH, BILASPUR

Tender Notice

No. 15369/CPC/2022. **Bilaspur, Date 15 December, 2022**

The High Court of Chhattisgarh, Bilaspur invites bids (Technical and Financial) from eligible bidders for purchasing the following articles/work with Supply, Testing, Installation and Maintenance of the same at the High Court of Chhattisgarth, Bilaspur (C.G.).:-

- Professional Display System/Smart TV 50" or higher with Transmeter and Receiver and Cat 6 Cable

Interested Parties may view and download the detailed terms and conditions from the website viz. **https://highcourt.cg.gov.in/tender.html**

I) - **Documents Download start Date** - 17/12/2022

II) - **Last Date for Submission of physical Bids** - 02/01/2023 (till 04:30 PM) at the office of the Registrar (Computerization), High Court of Chhattisgarh, Bilaspur (C.G.).

Sd/-
Arvind Kumar Verma
Registrar General

Government of Jharkhand
Urban Development and Housing Department
Deoghar Municipal Corporation,

E Procurement Notice
Tender Notice No. DMC/54/2022-23

NIT No. - **Date: -**

Sl No.	Particulars	Details
1	Name of Work	Request for Proposal for Selection of Bidder for "Bioremediation and Clearing of Legacy Waste (Scientific Dumpsite Land Reclamation through Biomining and Resource Recovery) at Pachyari Kothiya Dumpsite, Deogarh Municipal Corporation, Jharkhand
2	Mode of Submission	e-tendering https://jharkhandtenders.gov.in/nicgep/app
3	Estimated Cost (Rs.)	Rs. 10,16,63,000/- (Rupees Ten Crores Sixteen Lacs Sixty Three Thousand Only)
4	Tender Fee (Rs.)	Rs. 25,000/- (Rupees Twenty Five Thousand Only)
5	Bid Security (Rs.)	Rs. 10,17,000/- (Rupees Ten Lacs Seventeen Thousand Only)
6	Time of Completion	246 Days
7	Date/Time of Publication of Tender on Website	24.12.2022 by 3:00 PM
8	Date of Pre-Bid Meeting	27.12.2022 by 4:00 PM at Court Road, Near Vip Chowk, Deoghar, Jharkhand 814112
9	Last Date/Time for receipts of Bids Online	11.01.2023 by 3:00 PM
10	Date of Receiving Hard Copy of Earnest Money & Cost of Tender Fee	Upto 12.01.2023 by 3:00 PM at Court Road, Near Vip Chowk, Deoghar, Jharkhand 814112
11	Opening of Technical BID	17.01.2023 by 3:00 PM at Court Road, Near Vip Chowk, Deoghar, Jharkhand 814112
11	Name & Adress of Officer Inviting Tender	Deoghar Municipal Commissioner, Deoghar Municipal Corporation, Jharkhand
12	Contact no. of Procurement Offcier	
13	Helpline number of E - Procurement Cell	

Note: - (i) Only e- tenders will be accepted. Further Details can be seen on website https://jharkhandtenders.gov.in/nicgep/app
(ii) Contractor should be registered in appropiate class as per NIT
(iii) Estimated Cost/Quantity May vary

Sd/-
Deoghar Municipal Commissioner,
Deoghar Municipal Corporation,Jharkhand

PR 285413 Deoghar(22-23).D

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(उत्तर प्रदेश सरकार का उपक्रम)
कार्यालयः परियोजना प्रबन्धक, निर्माण इकाई–28,
पंजाब एण्ड सिंध बैंक के ऊपर, गुरूद्वारा रोड़, सहारनपुर–247001
ई–मेलः. pm26saharanpur@gmail.com GST No.- AAACU3393F1Z8 दूरभाषः 0132–2614701

ई–निविदा सूचना

प्रबन्ध निदेशक, उत्तर प्रदेश प्रोजेक्ट्स कॉरपोरेशन लि0 की ओर से अधोस्ताक्षरी द्वारा निम्न कार्यो हेतु दिनाँक 24.12.2022 की अपरान्ह 02:00 बजे तक ई–निविदाएँ आमंत्रित की जाती हैं। BALANCE WORK OF CONSTRUCTION OF GOVT- INTER COLLAGE PATTI MASAVI, BLOCK- THANA BHAWAN IN DISTT SHAMLI के अवशेष निर्माण कार्य हेतु ई–निविदा प्रपत्र दिनांक– 15.12.2022 की अपरान्ह 1.00 बजे से 24.12.2022 की अपरान्ह 2:00 बजे तक उत्तर प्रदेश सरकार की e-procurement वेबसाईट http://etender.up.nic.in से डाउनलोड / अपलोड किये जा सकते हैं तथा निविदा दिनाँक 24.12.2022 की अपरान्ह 3:00 बजे अधोहस्ताक्षरी के कार्यालय में गठित समिति द्वारा खोली जायेगी।

निविदा से सम्बन्धित विस्तृत विवरण विभाग की वेबसाईट www.upprojects.org एवं प्रोक्योरमेंट पोर्टल http://etender.up.nic.in पर उक्त उल्लेखित दिनांक से उपलब्ध होगा, इस सम्बन्ध में समस्त सूचनाएं शुद्धि पत्र आदि वेबसाईट पर ही उपलब्ध होंगे, अलग से कोई प्रकाशन नहीं किया जायेगा। अतः निविदादाताओं से अपेक्षित है कि समय–समय पर वेबसाइट का अवलोकन करते रहें।

भवदीय
हस्ता./–
(विकास त्यागी)
परियोजना प्रबन्धक इकाई–28,
सहारनपुर

MINOR IRRIGATION DIVISION, GUMLA

e-Procurement Tender Notice
Two envelope System

Tender Reference No. WRD/MID/GUMLA-F2-27 / 2022-23
Date :- 16.12.2022

1	Name of the work	Construction of Single Check dam on Amboa beltoli nala near Amba garha Under Block- Gumla District Gumla
2	Estimated Cost (Rs.)	1,06,25,227=00
3	Time of Completion	11 Months
4.	Date of Publication of Tender on website	27.12.2022 Time 2.00 PM
5.	Last date /Time for Submission of Bids Online	04.01.2023 Time 5.00 P.M.
6.	Last date Time/ Place for receipt of Bids Free Security & other documents.	05.01.2023 Time 5.00 P.M. 1. E.E.M.I.Division Gumla. 2. S.E.M.I.Circle Ranchi. 3. M.I.Design Div. Ranchi.
7.	Date of opening of e-tender	06.01.2023 Time 2.00 P.M.
8.	Name & Address of Office Inviting Tender	Executive Engineer Minor Irrigation Division-Gumla. Karamtoli Road, Gumla.
9. (a) (b)	Contact No. of Procurement officer E-mail of e-Procurement Officer	9431383699 eemidgum@gmail.com
10.	Helpline Number of e-Procurement Cell	0651-2491232

Note :- Only e-Tenders will be accepted.

Further details can be seen on website http://jharkhand tenders.gov.in

Executive Engineer,
Minor Irrigation Division,Gumla.

PR 285350 Minor Irrigation(22-23)#D

MINOR IRRIGATION DIVISION, GUMLA

e-Procurement Tender Notice
Two envelope System

Tender Reference No. WRD/MID/GUMLA-F2-28 / 2022-23
Date :- 16.12.2022

1	Name of the work	Construction of Single Check dam on Amboa beltoli nala near Bhathu Dodha Under Block- Gumla District Gumla
2	Estimated Cost (Rs.)	1,06,24,137=00
3	Time of Completion	11 Months
4.	Date of Publication of Tender on website	27.12.2022 Time 2.00 PM
5.	Last date /Time for Submission of Bids Online	04.01.2023 Time 5.00 P.M.
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Executive Engineer,
Minor Irrigation Division, Gumla.

PR 285352 Minor Irrigation(22-23).D

SALUTE THE SOLDIER



RFN. Than Bahadur Thapa

5033984 X LNK THAN BAHADUR THAPA
19 DEC

On this day 5033984X Lnk Than Bahadur Thapa of 5/1 Gorkha Rifles made the supreme sacrifice during 'OP CACTUS LILLY-1971' on 19 Dec 1971 in a true act of valour and courage. The brave soldier will always be remembered for his enthusiasm. To this brave heart we pledge that we shall always be guided by his immortal spirit and make his name proud.

CO AND ALL RANKS, 5/1 GORKHA RIFLES

भारतीय कंटेनर निगम लिमिटेड
CONTAINER CORPORATION OF INDIA LTD.
(भारत सरकार का नवरत्न उपक्रम) (A Navratna Undertaking of Govt. of India)
NSIC New MDBP Building, 2nd Floor, Okhla Indl. Estate (Opp. NSIC Okhla Metro Station), New Delhi-110020

TENDER NOTICE (E-Tendering Mode Only)

CONCOR invites Online tender for Contract of **"Design, Manufacture, Supply and Commissioning of 100 nos. of LNG Trucks/Tractors at CMLK Khatuwas terminal of CONCOR"** through Two packet e- tendering mode. The bid document can only be downloaded after paying Rs. 1000/-* through online from the website (**www.tenderwizard.com/CCIL**).

Bid Reference/Tender No.	**CON/AREA-1/TECH/LNG /TRUCKS/TRACTORS-100/2022**		
Tendered Quantity	100 Nos.	**Estimated Cost :**	Rs.62.30 Crore (Inclusive GST)
Earnest Money Deposit (EMD)*	Rs. 10 Lakhs through online payment gateway to CONCOR.		
Cost of Document*	Rs.1,000/- inclusive of all taxes and duties through e-payment.		
Tender Processing Fee (Non-refundable)*	Rs.4,720/- (Inclusive of Taxes) through online payment.		
Period of Tender Sale (On Line)	From 20.12.2022 at 15:00 Hrs. to 10.01.2023 upto 17:00 Hrs.		
Date & Time of submission of Bid	11.01.2023 at 17:00 Hrs.		
Date & Time of Opening of Bid	12.01.2023 at 11:00 Hrs.		

* Through E-payment

For eligibility criteria and other details please log on to **www.concorindia.com** or **eprocure.gov.in** or **www.tenderwizard.com/CCIL**. Bidders are requested to visit the websites regularly. CONCOR reserves the right to reject any or all the tenders without assigning any reasons thereof. For complete details log on to **www.tenderwizard.com/CCIL**.

Group General Manager/Tech./Area-I

भारतीय कंटेनर निगम लिमिटेड
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TENDER NOTICE (E-Tendering Mode Only)

CONCOR invites Online E-bids for Contract of **"Design, Manufacture, Supply and Commissioning of 100 nos. of 40 feet 3 Axle flat bed Semi Trailers at CMLK Khatuwas terminal of CONCOR"** through Two packet e-tendering mode. The bid document can only be downloaded after paying Rs. 1000/-* through online from the website (**www. tenderwizard.com/CCIL**).

Bid Reference/Tender No.	**CON/AREA-1/TECH/40/SEMI TRAILER-100/2022**		
Tendered Quantity	100 Nos.	**Estimated Cost :**	Rs.16.62 Crore (Inclusive GST)
Earnest Money Deposit (EMD)*	Rs. 10 Lakhs through online payment gateway to CONCOR.		
Cost of Document*	Rs.1,000/- inclusive of all taxes and duties through e-payment.		
Tender Processing Fee (Non-refundable)*	Rs.4,720/- (Inclusive of Taxes) through online payment.		
Period of Tender Sale (On Line)	From 20.12.2022 at 16:00 Hrs. to 10.01.2023 upto 17:00 Hrs.		
Date & Time of submission of Bid	11.01.2023 at 17:00 Hrs.		
Date & Time of Opening of Bid	12.01.2023 at 15:00 Hrs.		

* Through E-payment

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'उत्तराखण्ड सम्मिलित राज्य अभियंत्रण सेवा परीक्षा–2021'

एतद्द्वारा सूचित किया जाता है कि 'उत्तराखण्ड सम्मिलित राज्य अभियंत्रण सेवा परीक्षा–2021' हेतु प्रकाशित विज्ञापन संख्या : A-2/E-4/A E./2021-22 दिनांक 01 सितम्बर, 2021 के सापेक्ष आयोजित लिखित प्रकृति (वस्तुनिष्ठ प्रकार) परीक्षा का परिणाम विज्ञप्ति संख्या : 241/03/AE-21/G-02/2022-23 दिनांक 18.11.2022 द्वारा घोषित किया गया है।

2. उक्त परीक्षा में औपबन्धिक रूप से सफल घोषित अभ्यर्थियों को पदों/विभागों की ऑनलाइन परीक्षा (Online Preference) भरने हेतु लिंक आयोग की वेबसाइट www.psc.uk.gov.in पर दिनांक 23 दिसम्बर, 2022 से खोला जा रहा है। अभ्यर्थी दिनांक 06 जनवरी, 2023 तक ऑनलाइन परीक्षा (Online Preference) भर सकते हैं।

3. अभ्यर्थियों द्वारा उक्त लिंक का प्रयोग करते हुए पदों/विभागों की ऑनलाइन परीक्षा (Online Preference) भरने के पश्चात ऑनलाइन परीक्षा का प्रिंट आउट (जिसमें ऑनलाइन परीक्षा के साथ ही आवेदन पत्र भी सम्मिलित होगा) तथा आयोग की वेबसाइट में उपलब्ध चैकलिस्ट के अनुसार समस्त शैक्षणिक, आरक्षण, अधिमानी अर्हता इत्यादि संबंधी अभिलेखों की स्वहस्ताक्षरित छायाप्रति **सचिव, उत्तराखण्ड लोक सेवा आयोग, हरिद्वार, पिन–249404** के कार्यालय में डाक द्वारा अथवा अन्य किसी माध्यम से दिनांक 06 जनवरी, 2023 (सायं 06:00 बजे तक) तक उपलब्ध कराना सुनिश्चित करें। उक्तांकित निर्धारित अंतिम तिथि एवं समय के पश्चात प्राप्त ऑनलाइन परीक्षा (Online Preference) आवेदन पत्र एवं अभिलेखों को आयोग द्वारा स्वीकार नहीं किया जायेगा। अभ्यर्थी अभिलेख जमा करने हेतु प्रयुक्त किए जाने वाले लिफाफे के ऊपर **'उत्तराखण्ड सम्मिलित राज्य अभियंत्रण सेवा परीक्षा–2021'** तथा लिफाफे के शीर्ष पर अपना नाम एवं अनुक्रमांक अवश्य अंकित करें।

4. अभ्यर्थियों को ऑनलाइन परीक्षा (Online Preference) भरने एवं अभिलेख जमा किए जाने के संबंध में डाक द्वारा पृथक से सूचना प्रेषित नहीं की जायेगी। अभ्यर्थी समस्त अभिलेखों/प्रमाण पत्रों की सावधानीपूर्वक जाँच करने के पश्चात ही आयोग कार्यालय को उपलब्ध कराना सुनिश्चित करें तथा किसी भी दशा में अपूर्ण व अस्पष्ट अभिलेख प्रेषित न करें।

'उत्तराखण्ड सम्मिलित राज्य अभियंत्रण सेवा परीक्षा–2021' के सापेक्ष साक्षात्कार कार्यक्रम एवं साक्षात्कार हेतु संबंधी सूचना पृथक से आयोग की वेबसाइट व दैनिक समाचार पत्रों के माध्यम से प्रसारित की जायेगी। अभ्यर्थी इस संबंध में आयोग की वेबसाइट पर उपलब्ध विस्तृत विज्ञप्ति का अवश्य अनुश्रवण करना सुनिश्चित करें।

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Chief Engineer, Uttarakhand Rural Roads Development Agency
First Floor, Directorate of Panchayatiraj, Opp-IT Park, Sahastradhara Road, Dehradun.

Ref No. 2288/I1-02(xix)-2/ITCO/URRDA/22 Dated: 19.12.2022

PRADHAN MANTRI GRAM SADAK YOJNA (PMGSY)
e-Procurement Notice-15/2022-23

The Chief Engineer, URRDA on behalf of Government of Uttarakhand invites the item rate bids in electronic tendering system for construction of Bridges under Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojna in the Districts of Nainital, Pauri & Pithoragarh for 04 number of Package with estimated cost totaling Rs. 10.51 Crore including their maintenance for five years from the eligible contractors registered with PWD/CPWD or equivalent*.

Date of release of Invitation for Bids through e-procurement: 20-12-2022.

Availability of Bid Documents and mode of submission: The bid documents are available online and should be submitted online in **www.pmgsytendersuk.gov.in** The bidder would be required to register in the web-site which is free of cost. For submission of the bids, the bidder is required to have Digital Signature Certificate (DCS) from one of the authorized Certifying Authorities.

The bidders are required to submit original affidavit regarding correctness of information furnished with bid document as per provisions of Clause 4.4 B (ii) of ITB with CONCERNED CIRCLE OFFICES, mentioned in SBD/MBD, only up to or before the time and date of the submission of the Bids (for World Bank funded works) and on a date not later than three working day after the opening of technical qualification part of the bid (for Regular PMGSY Works), either by registered post or by hand, failing which the bids shall be declared non-responsive. No physical documents will be accepted after the closing date and time of submission of bids.

Last Date/Time for receipt of bids through e-procurement: 09-01-2023 01:00 PM.
For further details log on to **www.pmgsytendersuk.gov.in**

Chief Engineer,
URRDA, Dehradun.

** Non Registered bidders may submit bids, however, the successful bidders must get registered in appropriate class with appropriate authorities before signing the contract.*

Note : For e-Procurement for any sort of queries 0135-2608125 number may be contacted 10:00 AM to 05:00 PM.

HIMACHAL PRADESH
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT
Tel. 01905-272269, Email- se-dhar-man@hp.gov. in,
FAX- 01905-272269 Dated:15.12.2022

INVITATION FOR BID (IFB)

The Superintending Engineer, DharampurCircle, HPPWD Dharampur Distt. Mandi (HP) on behalf of Governor of H.P. re-invites in 3rd call the item rate bids in electronic tendering system from the eligible class of contractors registered with HPPWD for the PMGSY-III works as detailed in the table below:-

Sr. No.	Package No.	Name of work	Estimated Cost (In lacs)	Starting Date for downloading Bid	Earnest Money (In lacs)	Cost of bid form (In Rupees)	Deadline for submission of Bid.	Date of opening of Technical Bid
1	HP-08-542	Up-gradation of Dharampur to Banwar Kalan road (T19) from Km. 0/0 to 5/570.	335.32	19.12.2022 at 4:00 PM	6.71	5000.00	09.01.2023 upto06:00 PM	10.01.2023 at 11:30 AM
2	HP-08-545	Up-gradation of Mandap Chawkykaloga Magal Road (T07) from Km. 0/0 to 6/880.	657.69	19.12.2022 at 4:00 PM	13.15	5000.00	09.01.2023 upto 06:00 PM	10.01.2023 at 11:30 AM
3	HP-08-546	Up-gradation of Gharwasra Baddu Sajao Sajuri (T03) from Km. 0/0 to 6/890.	672.90	19.12.2022 at 4:00 PM	13.46	5000.00	09.01.2023 upto 06:00 PM	10.01.2023 at 11:30 AM
4	HP-08-547	Up-gradation of Tasli Nallah to Garli Sari Road (T14) from Km. 0/0 to 8/500.	829.29	19.12.2022 at 4:00 PM	16.59	5000.00	09.01.2023 upto 06:00 PM	10.01.2023 at 11:30 AM

The bidders are advised to note other details of tenders from the website www.pmgsytenders.gov.in

Superintending Engineer,
Dharampur Circle HPPWD., Dharampur
on behalf of Governor of Himachal Pradesh

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Office of the Chief Engineer-cum-Executive Director
Programme Management Unit (SWSM)
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Letter No: Providing Of Manpower-848/13 (Part-III) - ...../ SWSM Dated: .....

CORRIGENDUM/ADDENDUM

In reference to Pre Bid meeting suggestions, the expression of interest from technical manpower providing agencies for providing human resources in state/ district and sub-divisional level water testing laboratories running in different districts of Jharkhand under Drinking Water & Sanitation Department, Jharkhand published vide PR NO. -283882 dated 01.12.2022, following Corrigendum/Addendum are made.

S. N.	Particulars	Previous Date	Modified Date
1	Document Download/ Sale End Date	19.12.2022 -01:00 pm	30.12.2022-01:00 pm
2	Bid Submission End Date	19.12.2022 -01:00 pm	30.12.2022-01:00 pm
3	Last Date of Submission of Cost of BOQ and EMD (In Hard Copy)	20.12.2022 -04:00 pm	02.01.2023-04:00 pm
4	Date of Opening of Tender	22.12.2022-01:00 pm	04.01.2023-01:00 pm
5	Name & Address of Office Inviting Tender	Office of the Chief Engineer-cum-Executive Director, Programme Management Unit, DWSD, Jharkhand, Doranda, Ranchi	
6	Email	swsm.jharkhand@gmail.com	
7	Contact No. of Procurement Office	0651-2480166	

Rest all other terms and conditions will remain same.

(Sunil Kumar)
Executive Engineer

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02. प्री-बीड मीटिंग दिनांक :- 29.12.2022 (प्रातः 11:00 बजे से)
03. निविदा ऑनलाईन क्रय/बीड सबमीशन की अंतिम दिनांक :- 13.01.2023 (शाम 5:30 बजे तक)
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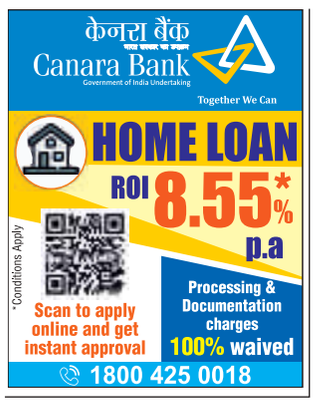
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Argentina fans celebrate their World Cup victory at the Buenos Aires Obelisk with an image of Lionel Messi. *Reuters*



TAWANG FACE-OFF

Jaishankar: Our deployment is up to level 'we have never had'

'Commitment of Indian military... will not let China change LAC unilaterally'

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 19

WITH THE government facing Opposition criticism over the face-off between Indian and Chinese troops in Tawang sector of Arunachal Pradesh on December 9, External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar said on Monday that the Indian military will not let China change the status quo along the Line of Actual Control (LAC) "unilaterally". He said the deployment of Indian troops has been scaled up to a level "we have never had".

According to a *PTI* report, Jaishankar, while speaking at India Today's India-Japan conclave, said: "I am saying that it is the obligation of the Indian state and that is the duty and commitment of the Indian military that we will not let any country, and in this case China, change the LAC unilaterally."

"Today we have a deployment of the Indian Army on the China border that we have never had. It is done in order to counter Chinese deployment which was scaled up massively since 2020," Jaishankar was quoted as saying.



Takes on Rahul Gandhi in LS: Don't use the word '*pitai*' for our jawans. *PTI*

Rejecting the Opposition's criticism, he said: "If we were in denial, then how is the Army out there? The Army did not go there because Rahul Gandhi asked them to go. The Army went there because the Prime Minister of India ordered them to go... the fact is what is finally the proof of the pudding. The proof of the pudding is that the Indian Army is deployed today to counter any attempt to unilaterally change the LAC."

Later, Jaishankar also took on Rahul in Lok Sabha for saying the Chinese troops were "thrashing"

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Day after: Party begins in Argentina, Qatar wakes up to empty fan parks

Lingering fans pack up, Doha faces reality after World Cup beyond imagination



EXPRESS AT WORLD CUP

SANDIP G
DOHA, DECEMBER 19

THE NIGHT of Sunday never ended.

Not for Lionel Messi and friends; not for their fans or any football fan; perhaps not for the entire country and the human mass that had gathered in Doha. Even hours after the World Cup final was over, the reality of what had unfolded gradually sinking in, the crowd clung on. Some were in the stands, processing the tumult they had seen. Some lingered to celebrate, perhaps to get a glimpse of Messi or France's tragic hero Kylian Mbappe one last time.

Thousands hung around the vicinity of the Lusail Stadium to soak in the atmosphere, to fully absorb the slice of history. Some Argentinian fans looked stoned, most were crying on each other's shoulders. "I am 62, I have seen Diego Maradona and Mario Kempes winning the World Cup,"

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The French team departs from its hotel in Doha, a day after the World Cup final. *Reuters*



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Haryana notifies rules to implement anti-conversion law

VARINDER BHATIA
CHANDIGARH, DECEMBER 19

EIGHT MONTHS after the Haryana Assembly passed the Bill, the state government Monday notified rules to implement a law that prevents forcible religious conversions — and places the burden of proof of innocence on the accused.

As per the Haryana Prevention of Unlawful Conversion of Religion Rules, 2022, "the burden of proving innocence that the conversion was not affected through misrepresentation, use of force, under threat, undue influence, coercion, allurement or by any fraudulent means or by marriage or for marriage for the purpose of carrying out conversion shall be on the accused".

According to the notified rules, the person seeking to convert and the priest who will

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EXPLAINED

Joins other BJP states

HARYANA IS among six BJP-ruled states to have passed stringent anti-religious conversion laws that mainly target conversions for marriage. These laws primarily shift the burden of proof of innocence from the person who has converted to his/her partner.

Rijiju remarks on Collegium disturbing, Opp must not back NJAC: Sibal

MANOJ C G
NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 19

SAYING THAT Law Minister Kiren Rijiju's repeated attacks on the Collegium system and the functioning of the Supreme Court and Judges were "disturbing", "entirely inappropriate" and "unacceptable", Rajya Sabha MP and former Law Minister Kapil Sibal has alleged that the government is ratcheting up pressure on the higher judiciary as it wants to "capture" the "last citadel of freedom".

Sibal, an independent MP, also said that the Opposition parties should not extend support to the government if it brings back the National Judicial Appointments Commission (NJAC) Bill in a new avatar.

Pointing out that the

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KAPIL SIBAL
RAJYA SABHA MP

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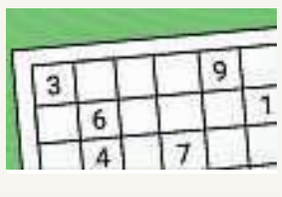
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Ladakh MP: Issues bound to crop up as LAC not demarcated



Union Minister Kiran Kumar Reddy with BJP's Ladakh MP Jamyang Tsering Namgyal in Parliament on Monday. *PTI*

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 19

BJP'S LADAKH MP Jamyang Tsering Namgyal said on Monday that Chinese forces will not let Indian cattle herders enter grazing areas near the Line of Actual Control (LAC) in Ladakh until the border dispute between the two countries is resolved. Addressing the media with him, MoS Finance Bhagwat Karad said India was also trying to bring down imports from China.

"Through its vibrant village programme, the Modi government is developing new grazing areas, besides providing people of the border villages with road connectivity, telecommunication, drinking water and schools. The government is taking steps to stop migration of people from border areas," Namgyal said when asked about China's PLA not allowing livestock grazing in Dhemchok area of Ladakh.

There have been calls to boycott of Chinese products since the 2020 Galwan clash, but official data, as reported by *The Indian Express* on December 15, show that India's imports from the country have jumped to a record high over the last 30 months.

"I want to give you an example. Last year, before the budget, umbrellas worth thousands of crores of rupees used to be imported from China. We increased import duty by 200 per cent. Earlier we used to import mobiles... today we are No. 2 in manufacturing of mobiles. Even in the field of toys, we are now exporting them. Not just China, wherever we see we have high import bills, the government has been incentivising local production. In every sphere, we are working towards how we can decrease our imports and increase our exports. We are gradually becoming Atmanirbhar," Karad said.

In 2021-2022, with trade of $115.83 billion, China accounted for 11.19 per cent of India's total trade ($1035 billion) and it was New Delhi's second biggest trading partner after the United States ($119.48 billion).

Kerala HC pulls up govt for delay in recovering Rs 5 crore from PFI

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THE KERALA High Court on Monday came down heavily on the state government for the delay in realisation of Rs 5.20 crore from the banned Popular Front of India (PFI) and its office-bearers towards the damage caused by the outfit's flash hartal on September 23, in protest against the nationwide raid on its premises and members.

The court directed that the Additional Chief Secretary, Home Department, should be personally present before the court on December 23, along with a sworn affidavit detailing the time frame within which the directions issued towards recovery of the amount of Rs 5.20 crore will be completed.

The PFI had unleashed violence and vandalised public property across the state. The High Court had directed the government to recover damages from the organisation.

The bench of Justice A K Jayasankaran Nambiar, in his order on Monday, said the state government had done nothing substantial towards complying with its earlier order to take steps towards realisation of Rs 5.20 crore.

The government said the Revenue Department has issued directions to all 14 district collectors to identify movable and immovable properties of the respondents urgently.

The court observed: "We find the attitude of the state government to be wholly unacceptable, and per se disrespectful to the directions of this court. The government cannot adopt such a callous attitude... especially in matters of public interest and involving destruction of public property."

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Our deployment is up to a level we have never had: Jaishankar in LS

our jawans (jawanon ko peet rahe hain)". "The word 'pitai' should not be used for our jawans. They are standing their ground. They should be respected, they should be honoured, and they should be appreciated. This is not something which is appropriate," he said.

"We should not directly or indirectly criticise the jawans. Our jawans are standing in Yangtse at 13,000 feet and defending our borders. They do not deserve the word 'pitai'," he said, while replying to a debate on the Anti-Maritime Piracy Bill, 2019.

Taking on the Opposition for its remarks that the government was indifferent to China, he reiterated: "If we were indifferent to China, who sent the Indian Army to the borders? Why are we today pressing China on disengagement and de-escalation? Why are we saying publicly that our ties are not normal?"

As the Opposition benches protested against his remarks, Jaishankar said: "We have no problem if there are political differences, if there is political criticism. But I think we should not directly or indirectly criticise our jawans."

Speaking in Jaipur last week, Rahul had accused the government of ignoring the "China threat". Referring to China, he had said: "Jinhone 2,000 square kilometre Hindustan ka utha liya, jinhone Hindustan ke 20 jawanon ko shaheed kiya, jo humare jawanon ko Arunachal Pradesh mein peet rahe hain (It has taken 2,000 square kilometres of India, martyred 20 Indian jawans, and is thrashing our jawans in Arunachal Pradesh)."

"...China's threat is clear. The government is trying to hide it, and is ignoring it. But the threat cannot be hidden or ignored," Rahul had said. "It is a full offensive preparation. The government of India is sleeping. It does not want to hear this, but they (China) are preparing not for an incursion, but for war," he had said.

Rahul had also criticised Jaishankar, saying he keeps making remarks but needs to "deepen his understanding". Hitting back, Jaishankar said: "I have heard that my own understanding needs to be deepened. When I see who is giving the advice I can only bow and respect."

Jaishankar also disapproved of the Congress's criticism of the government's celebrations over India's G20 presidency. "This is a moment when the world is looking for Indian leadership. When the world values India's leadership. Just because something is rotational does not mean you are not valued," he said.

Participating in the debate, Congress leader Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury said India's presidency of the G20 was being "propagated in a manner to glamourise an individual and a government". "I don't know the significance of this kind of propaganda because... as a system of rotation we have been entrusted to host G20," Chowdhury said.

Meanwhile, Opposition parties in Rajya Sabha walked out on Monday after the Chair rejected their demand for a debate on China's incursions.

Raising the China issue later, former Finance Minister P Chidambaram asked the government whether Prime Minister Narendra Modi and China's President Xi Jinping had discussed the border situation when they met at the G20 Summit in Bali.

Citing an additional Rs 500 crore sought for border roads in supplementary demand for grants, Chidambaram said: "These are strategic and border roads in the Northeast," he said. "We know who is the threat in the northern and eastern border. Has China conceded anything on Hot Springs? Have the Chinese agreed to discuss the friction points in the Doklam Junction and the Depsang Plains?"

Amid the Opposition's demand for a discussion on the Tawang scuffle, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh had made a suo motu statement in both Houses of Parliament last week. "PLA troops tried to transgress the LAC in the Yangtse area of Tawang sector and unilaterally change the status quo", he had said, adding that there were "injuries to a few personnel on both sides".

He had said the "Indian Army bravely prevented the PLA from transgressing into our territory and compelled them to return to their posts" and the "issue has also been taken up with the Chinese side through diplomatic channels".

Meanwhile, Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge said in Alwar on Monday that the Opposition wanted a discussion on the border situation, but the BJP government was not ready for it. "They (BJP-led government) talk like a lion outside, but their actions, if you see, are like a mouse. We want that the issue be discussed... but they are still not ready for a discussion in Parliament," he said.

– WITH PTI INPUTS

• Haryana notifies rules to implement anti-conversion law

officiate the conversion are required to seek prior permission from the administration, specifying reasons. The priest is also required to provide in advance to the District Magistrate details of the guests who are likely to attend the ceremony.

The rules require the accused to pay a "monthly maintenance" and "expenses of the proceedings" in case of litigation to the aggrieved while considering that person's income and the income of the accused. In cases where a child is born in the marriage, the accused will also have to pay the maintenance to the child till he is a minor "in the best interest of the child".

"At the time of declaring the marriage as null and void, or at any time subsequent thereto, the Court may order the accused to pay such gross sum or such monthly maintenance or periodical amount (for a term not exceeding the life of the accused)," the rules state.

As per the rules, even if the accused dies during pendency of trial, courts shall be empowered to secure payment of maintenance amount by making a charge on the immovable property of the deceased.

The rules further lay out the procedure of prior declaration of conversion of religion whereby "any person intending to convert his/her religion, shall, prior to such conversion, give a declaration to the District Magistrate of the district in which he/she is residing".

With the form, the person will have to submit an undertaking that the conversion of religion was willful. The undertaking should also include a number of details, including whether the person belongs to a Scheduled Caste or Scheduled Tribe, and the reason for conversion.

Specific declarations will also have to be given in case of conversion of a minor child.

If District Magistrates receive objections, they can call an inquiry and even refer the matter to police. If the District Magistrate is satisfied that the conversion proposed to take place is as per the rules, he or she will issue a certificate to that effect.

The Haryana Assembly had passed this Bill in March this year amid a furore. Several Congress MLAs raised strong objections to the Bill, specifically its reasoning. They called it "unconstitutional" and termed it the government's attempt to "divide society on the basis of religion".

The state BJP government, on the other hand, had justified the need for such a law. Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar had said: "Law is enacted to create a deterrent for people when they start doing something wrong. Such incidents have started taking place in a few places of Haryana. Until the time these were not happening, or when there were only one or two such incidents, there was no requirement of such a law in this regard. But now several incidents of forced religious conversion by way of coercion and allurements have come to light."

• Rijiju remarks on Collegium disturbing, Opposition must not back NJAC: Sibal

situation has changed "radically" from 2014, when Parliament approved the NJAC Act and the 99th Constitutional Amendment which sought to give the executive a significant role in appointment of judges to the highest courts, he said the Opposition should "take up a position which is against any attempt, through NJAC, to influence the court and make the government the final arbiter of appointments to the Supreme Court and to the high courts."

"I think the situation has changed radically. I think recent events… the manner in which judges have been appointed to the Supreme Court... suggests the overbearing attitude of the government. It also suggests that when they are disinclined towards a particular judge, who has rendered a judgment they perceive to have been against the government, they make sure that the judge is not elevated to the Supreme Court. They keep recommendations of the Collegium with them for long periods, which has also been commented upon by sitting judges of the court recently. The government does not clear names of those recommended for elevation or appointment even after the file is returned by the Collegium reiterating the recommendations," Sibal said in an interview to The Indian Express.

He also spoke about Rijiju's repeated attacks on the judiciary. "Why this is happening is clear. Because the last citadel of freedom is sought to be captured. They have captured everything else. This is the only one left."

"...The government has often said that the court occasionally breaches the Lakshman Rekha and deals with matters which are not within its jurisdiction. The Law Minister should think about that... what he is doing is exactly what he blames the court for... what the government has in the past blamed the court for. He is also breaching the Laskhman Rekha by commenting on issues that are not within the domain of the government," he said.

Apart from calling the Collegium system of appointing judges "opaque", "not accountable" and "alien" to the Constitution, Rijiju recently criticised the judiciary for taking long vacations even as pending cases rise to record levels, and argued that a constitutional body like the Supreme Court should not be hearing "bail applications and frivolous PILs".

"The statements made by the Law Minister are disturbing, because they relate to the way the court should function, which I think is entirely inappropriate," said Sibal. Saying that Rijiju's remarks on court vacations were also inappropriate, he said the minister was probably unaware of the functioning of courts, especially the Supreme Court, where judges work for long hours and follow a grueling routine.

On Rijiju's suggestion that the Supreme Court should not be hearing "bail applications", Sibal said "the statement of the Law Minister only shows that he is least concerned about people's liberties. A court that is obliged to protect people's liberties is doing its constitutional duty by hearing bail applications. Does the minister suggest that there should be no appeal in the Supreme Court?"

Sibal said the Collegium system was not "great" and there was a need to make it more transparent, but "it is for the court to handle" those issues.

• Qatar wakes up to empty fan parks

says Antonio Lopez. "But this is the greatest football match I have ever seen. And this could be the greatest football match I would ever see. I cannot explain what I am going through," he adds, pausing and choking for words.

The song of Messi — *"Muchachos, esta noche me emborracho"* — blared from metros and buses, streets and alleys, the energy of the rendition undiminished. Marianna, another fan, quips: "It says 'boys, we are gonna get drunk tonight'. But where is the alcohol?" She then adds: "The game itself took us on a trip."

But amidst all the jubilation, they did not forget to console their rivals. Near the exit of a metro station, a French fan in an Antoine Griezmann shirt was sulking, exhaling thick fumes from his e-cigarette. An Argentine wrapped his arms around him and then swapped jerseys. When the hangover of the World Cup ends, it is such moments that would be missed as Qatar re-acquaints itself with life after the World Cup. A boring, tedious life.

Some of the tourists have fallen in love with the country, too. For the last fortnight, Mateo Perez from Rosario in Argentina, has been learning more about Qatar. He landed in Doha in time for Argentina's round-of-16 game, but the more days he spent in the city the more intrigued was about its culture, cuisine and history. In his spare time, he would visit the national museum, library, and soak in the old-world grandeur of the iconic marketplace, Souq Waqif, and the planned city of Msheireb Downtown Doha. What was supposed to be a footballing pilgrimage has turned out to be a cultural journey.

For him, he says, the trip was an eye-opener. "Back home, there was fear of CIDs sniffing behind you, putting you in prison if you wear shorts and sleeveless tees, about watching the game with the military force looking over your shoulder. The vicar even advised me to cancel my trip because there have been gross human rights violations. I was a bit scared. It's a bunch of nonsense, I feel now," he says. But Perez would leave on Tuesday, and so would thousands, plunging the country into solitude.

Meanwhile, Qatar woke up late on the morning after the final, late as it never had after the most unforgettable night of their lives. The week-day did not matter, they woke up groggily, still intoxicated by the magic of Sunday night. The only busy highway was the one that led to the two airports, on the seafront, as the tourists reluctantly, tearfully hurried back to their homes with a trove of memories that they would hold onto a lifetime.

It was not what they might have imagined Qatar to be, but the Qatar World Cup was fun, thrilling and beyond the wildest imagination. And gradually, after a month-long festival of football, with all its raw thrills, the country would slip into a suffocating silence, clutched in nostalgia for a while, sliding into an emptiness, into the pre-World Cup days.

For a month they were in a dream land; on the tiny peninsula were the eyes of the world. Never a tourist destination, the country was home to millions from around the world, from Ecuador to Mexico, Cameroon and Serbia.

You could hear most languages and dialects in the world, see a variety of different costumes, tap your feet to the most indigenous of percussion instruments. A country of less than three million and no more than the size of Mumbai saw a mass of humanity thrice as much.

But in a matter of days, they would stumble into emptiness. The metro, the lifeblood and rendezvous for socialising of the tourists, would have as much space to play football. The bustling cobbled-stoned alleys of Souq Waqif would no longer bustle. The Corniche would never be as packed as it had been. The fan parks are being dismantled. You could hear the spluttering cranes. Qatar is crawling back to normalcy. To the tedium of everyday life. Football was a refuge. It no longer exists.

What of the eight stadiums?

For a month, they were abuzz and lively. The sand underneath the concrete structure would tell a tale of sweat and tears and joy the players had shed. Some would be dismantled and reassembled in Africa, some would wait for their next moment of glory. Some would be converted into offices, some would be leased to local clubs.

And, some would stay as emblems of the days Qatar hosted the World Cup.

Delhi HC rejects PFI ex-chief's house arrest plea

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THE DELHI High Court on Monday rejected former PFI chief E Abubacker's request for "house arrest", but allowed his son to accompany him during his appointment with the oncology department at the All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) scheduled later this week.

A division bench of Justice Siddharth Mridul and Justice Talwant Singh said: "You are not without a remedy... what you are asking for is medical bail... why should we send you to your house?"

On November 30, the HC had issued a notice to the National Investigation Agency (NIA) on Abubacker's plea for interim bail on medical grounds and had asked the agency to file a status report incorporating "the medical opinion of specialist authored by AIIMS hospital qua the ailment and treatment advised therefor... in terms of the directions issued by special judge of NIA".

Last week, the NIA submitted its status report, according to which Abubacker is doing "fine and is currently under treatment".

Appearing for Abubacker, advocate Adit Pujari submitted that in view of the decision of the Supreme Court in Gautam Navlakha case, house arrest may be granted to his 70-year-old client, who suffers from a rare form of cancer.

"...he had cancer and 80% of his abdomen has been removed. He has to eat every four hours... they don't even permit an attendant. As a person who suffers from cancer and Parkinson's, he needs to be monitored continuously," Pujari said.

The HC, however, remarked: "Navlakha is not a template… We can't grant you house arrest. The Hon'ble Supreme Court has powers that this court does not have. If your medical condition requires hospitalisation, we can direct that."

The HC directed the medical superintendent of Tihar Jail to file the advice and treatment prescribed to Abubacker by AIIMS on the next date of hearing, January 6, 2023.

Abubacker was arrested by the NIA on September 22.

MHA considers easing entry norms for minorities from neighbouring countries

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THE MINISTRY of Home Affairs (MHA) is considering easing norms for minorities of Pakistan, Afghanistan and Bangladesh who entered India on valid documents, but whose passports and visas have since expired.

The ministry is considering making some additional features in the citizenship portal to allow the same, it is learnt.

In December 2019, the Parliament amended the Citizenship Act granting citizenship to immigrants belonging to Hindu, Jain, Sikh, Parsi, Christian and Buddhist communities from Pakistan, Bangladesh and Afghanistan — but not Muslims. The legislation was passed amid strong criticism from the Opposition and triggered massive nationwide protests.

MHA sources Tuesday said the matter of making changes in the portal — to accept expired passports and visas as supporting documents to process citizenship applications — is at the discussion stage as of now.

In MHA, the Foreigners Division deals with matters relating to visa, protected area permit (PAP)/Restricted Area Permit (RAP) regimes, immigration, citizenship, overseas citizenship of India, acceptance of foreign contribution and hospitality.

"From April 1, 2021, to December 31, 2021, a total of 2,439 Long Term Visas have been granted by MHA for minority communities from three neighbouring countries. This includes Pakistan (2,193), Afghanistan (237) and Bangladesh (9)," its annual report said.

Last year, the MHA had empowered authorities in 13 districts of Gujarat, Chhattisgarh, Rajasthan, Haryana and Punjab to approve citizenship applications.

Rs 34 cr property tax notice to Sujan Singh Park from NDMC

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THE NEW Delhi Municipal Council (NDMC) has issued a property tax notice of Rs 34.56 crore for Sujan Singh Park at a time when the Centre and the company managing the prime residential-cum-commercial property, Sir Sobha Singh and Sons, are engaged in a legal tussle over the complex, *The Indian Express* has learnt.

The NDMC issued an assessment order of Rs 34,56,84,900 for Sujan Singh Park on October 31 that covered unpaid property tax from April 1, 1998, till now. According to sources familiar with the development, the company was yet to pay the amount or challenge the assessment order. The assessment order would be valid till the end of this financial year. The order covered the residential portions of the complex, and not the commercial areas, including the Ambassador Hotel, that are assessed separately, as per the sources.



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When contacted, the chairman of Sir Sobha Singh and Sons, Preminder Singh, declined to comment. The company had been given the land on lease by the British Indian government to construct flats for defence officers during the Second World War. The lease had said the government would give 50% of the flats to the company a year after the war ended and the remaining half of the 84 flats would be for use by government officers on the payment of a "fair rent" to the company. However, over the years, the government gave up possession of many of the flats, with only 14 remaining with it, according to a Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs official. The company had moved the court against the government for unpaid rent for these flats since 1989, winning the case in 2020.

As a result, the company tried to evict the government officials from the flats in March this year, but the proceedings were halted and the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs obtained a stay from the Supreme Court.

The Ministry on March 7 wrote to Sir Sobha Singh and Sons asking that 50% of the flats be handed over to its Directorate of Estates as per the lease conditions. On March 25, the Ministry's Land and Development Office issued a Rs 178 crore demand notice to the company for breach of lease conditions from 1969 onwards. As of now, the matter remains pending in the Supreme Court and the next hearing is scheduled on January 19, 2023, according to the court's website.

Tytler says will join Rahul yatra, BJP tears into him, Cong

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WITH 1984 anti-Sikh riots accused and former MP Jagdish Tytler participating in a meeting of the Congress in Delhi Monday, the party is under fire once again.

After Tytler told the media he will join the Bharat Jodo Yatra, several BJP leaders have hit out at the Congress. In a video on Twitter, BJP spokesperson Shehzad Poonawalla said: "The Congress is returning to its old habits. This is not Bharat Jodo, this is Nafrat Jodo. Jagdish Tytler, who is an accused in the anti-Sikh riots, is being given a platform by the Congress. And this is not the first time. Before this, he was made a member of the working committee in Delhi."

"Then, before MCD polls, he was made a part of the election committee. Now, he is being included in preparations for the Bharat Jodo Yatra... Once again today, the Congress is standing with those who were involved in anti-Sikh riots. The party is rubbing salt in the wounds of those who were affected. For this, the Sikh community and country won't forgive them," Poonawalla said.

ANI quoted Tytler as saying: "Is there any FIR (in 1984 anti-Sikh riots) against me? The CBI has also given me clearance. Some are only doing politics... Yes, I will join (Bharat Jodo Yatra), and I will be with the party until my last breath."

BJP leaders Tajinder Pal Singh Bagga and Manjinder Singh Sirsa also took to Twitter to say Tytler was lying about his name being cleared. Sirsa said in a video on Twitter: "Jagdish Tytler was at a meeting of the Bharat Jodo Yatra of the Congress. This looks like it's not Bharat Jodo but Bharat Todo... Neither Rajiv Gandhi nor Rahul Gandhi have been able to give up the company of people like Jagdish Tytler..."

A Congress leader said the meeting was held to discuss the Bharat Jodo Yatra. Senior Congress leaders K C Venugopal and Shaktisinh Gohil were part of the meeting along with ex-MPs and ex-MLAs, said the leader, adding that the meeting was also to determine how awareness can be created about the yatra and what sort of response it is likely to receive. The yatra will reach Delhi on December 24, take a break for 9 days and resume on January 3.

Earlier this month, the Congress came under fire after Tytler was seen campaigning for a candidate ahead of the MCD polls. Congress leaders had said then that Tytler was not officially campaigning for the party, but may have been invited by local candidates to attend the campaign. Sirsa had said the Congress was trying to "scare Sikhs" by inviting Tytler to campaign. Tytler had also been included in the Pradesh Election Committee of the Congress ahead of MCD polls.

L-G Saxena clears decks for 11 pending infra projects in city

New Delhi: Work on key projects such as redevelopment of GPRA Colony at Srinivaspuri and Sarojini Nagar, that were pending due to delay in environment clearance from the Delhi government, will begin soon as the L-G invoked special powers to approve them.

L-G V K Saxena recalled about 11 such files, invoking special powers under Rule 19 (5) of Transaction of Business of the GNCTD Rules, 1993, and approved the proposals after receiving the same from the government, said officials from the L-G House. Some important projects among the files recalled include redevelopment of GPRA Colony at Srinivaspuri (pending since 2019); GPRA Sarojini Nagar (pending since August 2021); and Urban Extension Road II by NHAI (pending since September 2021). **ENS**

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General public is hereby informed that draw of flats under Haryana Affordable Housing Policy 2013 of **Signature Global Prime Additional Phase, Sector 63A, District Gurugram**, being developed by **M/s Signatureglobal (India) Limited** in which 103 no. of apartments were available out of total 103 number of units in additional phase in addition to 714 units in Original Phase shall be conduct on **23.12.2022 at 04:00 PM** onwards at **The Pllazio Hotel, Plot No. 292-296, Sector 29, HUDA City Centre, Gurugram.**

All the applicants can attend the said draw virtually or physically. However, it be informed that said draw would be conducted under the guidelines to strictly follow Covid19 appropriate behavioural norms including social distancing, issued by MHA and District Administration Gurugram.

All the applicants can attend/watch the said draw proceeding virtually live at

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Acid attack: Liquid sold by Agra-based pharma firm for Rs 600 online, say police

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DAYS AFTER a 17-year-old girl was attacked with acid, allegedly by two men on a bike in Dwarka, police said they found that the substance used in the offence was allegedly sold by an Agra-based pharmaceutical company for Rs 600 per bottle on e-commerce apps.

Police said the main accused, Sachin Arora, had browsed multiple websites for acid which was "readily available" and would be delivered in two-four days. He then allegedly bought acid, reportedly nitric acid, from Flipkart and got it delivered to a shop near his home to evade any suspicion from his family. "We have found the acid was being freely sold by an Agra-based pharmaceutical company. A 100 ml bottle costs around Rs 600. The same was bought by Arora. We will take action against the company for selling acid which is illegal," said an officer.

Police had earlier written to Flipkart about the sellers and their information, following which the e-commerce company shared information about the pharmaceutical company.

"We will not lodge a separate case but add sections in the same case and book the accused sellers. Our team will contact their owner and take appropriate legal action. Notices have already been sent," added the officer.

Flipkart had earlier issued a statement saying they have taken strict action against the sellers and blacklisted them.

On Wednesday morning, Arora and his friend Harshit Aggarwal allegedly threw acid at the victim while she was on her way to school with her younger sister. A senior police officer said, "It was a well-planned crime. Arora was upset that the girl ended their friendship and decided to take revenge. We found that the two messaged each other. He had also called her multiple times but she didn't pick up."

Arora, Aggarwal and their friend Virender Singh have been arrested and sent to judicial custody. Singh allegedly helped the duo by creating a fake alibi, said police.

Meanwhile, the girl, a Class XII student, has been discharged from the hospital and is stable. Police said she had suffered 8% burn injuries on her neck, face and eyes. She will be treated for her wounds later.

OBITUARY



Capt MC Pande (Retd)
(27 Dec 1943 - 15 Dec 2022)

The 9th Gorkha Rifles fraternity expresses deep sorrow on the sad demise of Capt MC Pande (Retd), 1/9 GR on 15 Dec 2022. He was commissioned into 1/9 GR on 02 Feb 1964 and superannuated on 01 Sep 1968. We stand together with the family in this hour of grief and pray for eternal peace to the departed soul.

Maj Gen Alok Kacker, Col 9 GR and
All Members of 9th Gorkha Rifles Family

US citizens duped on pretext of tech support services; 9 arrested

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NINE MEN have been arrested by the Ghaziabad police crime branch for their alleged involvement in a tech support scam targeting American citizens.

According to police, the modus operandi of the accused was to first target victims who might be suffering from slow computer systems or viruses.

Police said the men would then contact them allegedly in the guise of technical support staff in order to rectify the issue. Police said the accused would do this by posting their numbers online, portraying it as tech support or customer care numbers.

Senior officials said they got wind of the call centre, which had allegedly been operating for about three months, as news about young men working with computers had reached them.

According to ADCP (Crime) Gyanendra Singh, the accused would allegedly gain access to the data of victims by prompting them to install remote access software. The ADCP said the accused did not belong to an educated background, hence, they were allegedly provided instructions on exactly how to respond to various calls made by victims.

Police said the search is still on for the "mastermind" of the scam. The volume of the scam is estimated to be in crores of rupees, police said, adding that it cannot be ascertained as the accused used Chinese bank accounts.

Police said they have seized laptops, phones, and a WiFi router, along with Rs 26,900. An FIR has been filed at the Madhuban Bapudham police station under IPC sections relating to cheating and forgery, as well as relevant provisions of the IT Act.

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Climate Change: Where will the money come from?



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The setting up of a loss and damage fund was the most talked about outcome of the recently concluded COP27 meeting in Egypt. But another big take away from the meeting was the acknowledgement of a massive finance gap.

The kind of money being invested to deal with climate change is miniscule compared to the requirements. In fact, one of the main reasons why the world is unable to urgently scale up climate action is its inability to redirect adequate amounts of money into this effort. Several ideas are being discussed to increase financial flows into climate change.

One man in the thick of these financial discussions is Dipak Dasgupta, a Distinguished Fellow at the Delhi-based. The Energy and Resources Institute. Dasgupta is our guest at Express Explained.Live event on December 21. A former principal economic advisor to the government of India, Dasgupta is one of the core authors of the investment and finance chapter in IPCC's sixth assessment report. He is also the lead author of the Finance section in the Emissions Gap Report 2022.

Dasgupta would talk about the discussions at COP27, the big finance gap and ways to bridge it, and the possibility of the burden falling on the common man. For answers to some of these questions, listen to Dipak Dasgupta, in conversation with The Indian Express's Amitabh Sinha at the next Explained.Live event.

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SKYWATCH

FORECAST: December 20
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OWNER AMONG VICTIMS

Attending b'day party, 2 suffocate at tavern on Gurgaon's Golf Course Road

PAVNEET SINGH CHADHA
GURGAON, DECEMBER 19

THE OWNER of a popular tavern on Golf Course Road in Gurgaon and his friend were found dead inside a room at the tavern Monday evening, police said. Prima facie, police suspect that they died of suffocation after inhaling toxic fumes from an *angithi* meant to keep the room warm.

Police identified the deceased as Sanjeev Joshi and Ankita. Joshi ran 'Knite Ryder', a tavern-cum-restaurant near a rapid metro station on Golf Course Road, said police. Two more friends, both women in their 20s, were found unconscious in the same room and were rushed to a hospital, where their condition is stable, said police.

According to police, Joshi had invited his three friends to the tavern for a birthday party Sunday night. A police officer said, "To celebrate the birthday of one of the women, they had gathered at a room there for dinner. They ordered a cake, food and some liquor. Due to excessive cold as temperatures plunged during the night, they kept an *angithi* perched on a platform in the room to keep themselves warm."



The tavern in Gurgaon, Knite Ryder, where the incident took place. Police suspect the victims died of suffocation after inhaling toxic fumes from an *angithi* meant to keep the room warm. *Express*

Police said the tavern's owner and the women fell asleep on a sofa in the room late into the night. "The staff at the tavern left after closing the kitchen. On Monday afternoon, cleaning staff at the establishment's restaurant arrived but assumed the owner and his friends were asleep in the room, so they did not bother or enquire. The room's door was not bolted from inside. In the evening, one of the women in the room woke up in a semi-conscious state and alerted the staff. The people in the room were found in a sitting position on the sofa and some had vomited," said the police officer.

Police received information around 5 pm following which several police teams from DLF Phase 3 area rushed to the spot. A forensic team and a dog squad also arrived and collected samples.

Vikas Kaushik, ACP DLF, said, "Prima facie, it is suspected that two people died from suffocation after inhaling toxic fumes that had built up due to an *angithi* in the room. Two women were rushed to a hospital. One of them is unconscious while another is in a semi-conscious condition."

"The room had been closed from all sides, the glass window was shut and there was no ventilation, police said. Due to the burning of coal, the oxygen flow into the room may have been reduced or cut off leading to suffocation. No injuries have been found on their bodies in the preliminary probe. A post-mortem will be conducted by a medical board on Tuesday to establish the cause of death," he said.

Police said the victims were acquainted with each other and the probe did not suggest signs of foul play.

The statements of the families of the deceased are yet to be recorded, added police.

Ahatas/taverns — called 'Anumat Kaksh' in Haryana — are authorised drinking places located next to a liquor vend in urban areas. The taverns have to procure a licence from the Excise and Taxation departments. The taverns, colloquially called 'BYOB — Bring your own Booze' — typically have a multi-level restaurant and garden-style terrace.

According to the excise department, as many as 42 Anumat Kaksh are operating in Gurgaon as of 2022. Of the 42, 24 are in the east zone while 18 are in the west. In 2021-22, there were 30 Anumat Kaksh across the city — 21 in the east and 9 in the west.



The 24-hour average AQI at 9 am on Monday was 406. *Praveen Khanna*

Dense fog hits city, expect more such days ahead

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 19

AFTER DELHI recorded its first dense fog episode of the season Monday, more such foggy mornings are likely this week, the India Meteorological Department (IMD) forecast indicates.

Early on Monday, visibility fell to around 150-200m at IGI airport. When visibility is 199 m to 50 m, the IMD categorises it as 'dense' fog.

In December, dense fog usually occurs for around seven nights and 41 hours on average, as per IMD data, according to R K Jenamani, scientist, IMD.

On Monday, fog cover was observed from 1.30 am to 7.30 am at the Palam airport when visibility was between 150 m and 300 m, which is 'moderate' to 'dense' fog, Jenamani said. When visibility is 499 m to 200 m, it is categorised as 'moderate' fog. On average, December usually sees fog for around 26 days and 278 hours in Delhi, Jenamani said.

Last year, there were no 'dense' fog episodes at all in December, IMD data shows. In 2020, there were 22 days when fog was observed, 28 such days in 2019 and 2018, 24 days in 2017 and 26 days in 2016.

This year, there have been fewer western disturbances in December. These weather systems usually bring easterly winds and moisture to Delhi and northwest India. Since moisture is important for fog formation, and there have been fewer western disturbances, there have also been fewer fog episodes in the first half of December this year.

"Sometimes western disturbances cause fog. Sometimes local moisture, like that from the soil or rivers and canals, can also help cause instances of fog. Wind, moisture and temperature are key factors that cause fog...," Jenamani explained.

Parts of northwest India, including Punjab, Haryana and Uttar Pradesh saw dense fog cover early on Monday. Dense fog led to two accidents in Gautam Buddh Nagar district. Around 9 am on the Eastern Peripheral Highway near Dadri, two vehicles heading to Ghaziabad were struck head on by an unidentified vehicle. The vehicles saw damage to their exteriors, while occupants escaped uninjured. In the second incident, a car driver hit an empty school bus parked on the roadside on Bilaspur road near Dankaur, narrowly avoiding injury.

The IMD has issued a yellow alert for Delhi from December 20-23, which is a warning to 'be aware' on account of a forecast for moderate to dense fog. On Tuesday, dense fog is likely in the morning, while moderate to dense fog is likely on Wednesday and Thursday. Dense fog is also on the forecast for Friday.

AQI severe, but no restrictions yet

Meanwhile, the air quality index (AQI) in Delhi remains in the 'severe' category. However, the Commission for Air Quality Management (CAQM) has decided that it will not invoke restrictions under stage 3 of GRAP. The 24-hour average AQI at 9 am on Monday was 406. According to CAQM, the rationale behind not invoking restrictions is that "the forecast does not predict any deterioration and overall AQI of Delhi is predicted to further improve from tonight/tomorrow".

AVERAGE NUMBER OF FOG DAYS BASED ON DATA FROM 1991 TO 2021 AT IGI AIRPORT

Months	< 1,000 m	< 500 m	< 200 m	< 50 m
November	17	4.8	1	0.5
December	26	15	7	5.2
January	26.1	17.9	11.4	8.2
February	18.5	9.5	4	2.1
Total	87.6	47.2	23.4	16

Fog intensity

BRIEFLY

Drainage lines, roads laid in 1,100 unauthorised colonies

New Delhi: Deputy Chief Minister Manish Sisodia Monday reviewed ongoing work of road construction and laying of drainage lines in unauthorised colonies. The government claimed that in the last four years, roads and drainage lines have been laid in 1,100 out of 1,800 unauthorised colonies. "Of 1,800 unauthorised colonies, development work of about 1,100 unauthorised colonies is either in final stage or has been completed," said an official.

Eight phones recovered from Mandoli jail: Five officials suspended

New Delhi: The Central Jail officials conducted a 'surprise' raid at Mandoli jail that led to the recovery of 8 mobile phones and 8 improvised knives, said officials Monday, adding that they also conducted a probe behind the recovery and suspended 5 jail officials. The newly appointed Director General of Prisons, Sanjay Beniwal, formed a Special Vigilance Team at prison headquarters to confiscate all phones and weapons that are smuggled into the jail.

Former AIIMS director Dr Randeep Guleria joins Medanta

New Delhi: Former AIIMS director Dr Randeep Guleria has joined Medanta hospital as chairman of Institute of Internal Medicine and Respiratory and Sleep Medicine, said hospital officials Monday. He will also take over the role of director of Medical Education department. "...Medanta has appointed Dr Randeep Guleria as chairman of Institute of Internal Medicine and Respiratory & Sleep Medicine and director of Medical Education," said officials. **ENS**



At one of the entry points of Terminal 3 of Delhi Airport on Monday. *Abhinav Saha*

IGIA gets more X-ray machines, tray systems

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 19

NEARLY A week after meetings were held between the Aviation Ministry and airport authorities over the congestion at Delhi's Indira Gandhi International Airport, airport officials said they have installed more equipment to deal with the crowd. At present, more than 2 lakh persons are travelling through the airport daily, they added.

Officials said there is less crowding at gates and security check-in areas, as more display boards have been put, and ushers have been deployed. All display boards show real-time updates for gates and waiting time.

"A week back, the waiting time at each gate was 20 minutes and sometimes it would take even an hour. The situation is better now. No gate has a waiting time of more than 6-10 minutes. We are operating from 16 gates now as opposed to 14 gates before." said an official.

The DIAL is also uploading live waiting times and other details on their social media.

"After meeting ministry officials, we have pushed for an increase in CISF deployment. In the coming week, over 1,800 personnel will be deployed to man the security and immigration areas to help passengers. Passengers had complained about long queues at the check-in area. To tackle the situation, we have increased the number of X-ray machines...," said an official.

The display boards have been installed at entry gates, check-in area, CISF post and forecourt area.

Aviation Minister Jyotiraditya Scindia had also asked to increase the automatic tray retrieval systems at the airport. Earlier, there were 13 such systems and they have now been increased to 18.

"The ministry had asked us to keep adding more equipment. We are testing spaces and making changes as possible. Most changes have been implemented successfully," said the official.

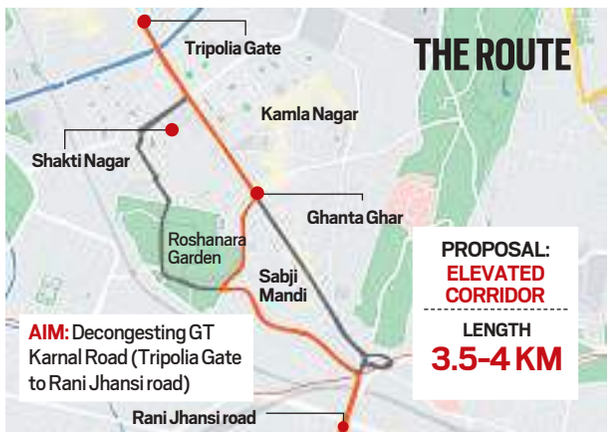
Elevated corridor in pipeline to ease traffic between north, central Delhi

GAYATHRI MANI
NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 19

THE PUBLIC Works Department (PWD) is planning to construct an elevated corridor on GT Road, between Tripolia Gate and Rani Jhansi road, with an aim to end heavy traffic jams at junctions and key intersections on the stretch and provide seamless connectivity between North and Central Delhi.

According to a senior PWD official, GT Road is one of the key stretches that connects the Outer part of the national capital to North and Central Delhi. "The 3.5-4 km-long stretch from Tripolia Gate to Rani Jhansi Road is heavily congested. A proposal has been made for an integrated corridor development plan for decongestion," said an official.

Officials said the plan will address three key intersections on this stretch: Shakti Nagar Chowk, Ghanta Ghar and Sabji Mandi. "All three are heavily congested and have narrow lanes which makes commuting, especially during peak hours, very difficult. At Ghanta Ghar and Sabji Mandi, due to improper parking, vendors, pedestrians, traffic is slow even during non-peak hours."



The PWD is also planning a solution for vehicular parking and pedestrian paths on this stretch to decongest the three intersections. However, with construction for another project already underway – the Delhi Metro Rail Corporation (DMRC) is constructing a double-deck flyover-cum-metro corridor at Azadpur Chowk between GT Karnal Road and Rani Jhansi Road – officials will have to find a way to manoeuvre around it.

The department had earlier moved a proposal to decongest the intersections but it was rejected by UTTIPEC. "The roads are narrow, so it is very difficult to execute the project even now. But the department has plans to construct an elevated corridor. Before that, a detailed study will be conducted to check feasibility on ground," said an official.

Once appointed, a consultancy agency will do feasibility and comprehensive surveys to find the number and modes of vehicles including pedestrian and non-motorised vehicles, present and future transportation proposals (Metro/ BRT/ NHAI/PWD/DDA/Railways) along and around the influence zone.

"During the study, an integrated transit corridor development plan with detailed design of intersections, middle sections having entry and exits, all arterial and major traffic movement corridors will be prepared," said the official.

"Once the feasibility study is done, the PWD will move a proposal to construct the elevated corridor. The length, width and number of lanes will be decided only after the study. Tenders have been floated to hire consultancy agencies and the process will take about a month. Once the plans are approved and the stretch is constructed, commuters will get major relief," added the official.

Not a constitutional court's duty to regulate public urination: HC

MALAVIKA PRASAD
NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 19

THE DELHI High Court Monday dismissed a public interest litigation plea seeking prohibition of affixing photographs of religious deities on walls to prevent public urination, spitting and littering around such images.

A division bench of Chief Justice Satish Chandra Sharma and Justice Subramonium Prasad held that the plea was nothing but a case of "sheer abuse of the process of law" fit to be "crushed at the threshold itself". The HC held that it was not the duty of a "constitutional court to regulate and monitor the movement of each citizen to see whether one indulges in public urination, spitting and littering", and that the concerns raised in the plea would be better addressed by civic bodies.

Claiming that the use of sacred images of religious deities on walls is in violation of Article 25 of the Constitution, the petitioner, an advocate, relied upon a March 2014 order of the HC passed in Manoj Sharma v Govt of NCT of Delhi, claiming that the HC had acknowledged the "menace created by public urination". The division bench, in the present case, however, said that in its March 2013 order the HC had in "clear terms stated that the solution to the menace of public urination lies elsewhere and not before the court".

The HC remarked that it was unfortunate that the petitioner, who is a practising lawyer, approached the HC in a PIL, despite being aware of the March 2013 order, espousing his case as a fresh cause. The HC said the present PIL is nothing "but a sheer abuse of the doctrine of public interest litigation developed by the judiciary as a tool to espouse the cause of the oppressed and marginalised sections of the society".

The HC noted that the PIL was "frivolous" and had resulted in "wasting valuable judicial time".

Although the HC observed that the case was fit to be dismissed with exemplary costs, however, it refrained from doing the same considering that the petitioner is a "young practising advocate". The HC said that it hopes that the petitioner will exercise "necessary diligence and restraint before filing such frivolous PILs in the future".

Referring to past judgments of the Supreme Court on "frivolous PIL", the HC said there has been a growing concern regarding such pleas which are filed for the "sake of publicity".

The HC further observed that not only such PILs are to the detriment of the public at large, they are also a "threat to the credibility of the judicial system and undermine the faith reposed in the judiciary by the citizens of India". The HC noted that courts while being considerate in fostering the doctrine of PIL, must be wary of the ones filed for the "sake of publicity or to promote personal, political or a business agenda".

The petitioner had made representations to the Municipal Corporation of Delhi, New Delhi Municipal Council, the Delhi Cantonment Board and the Delhi government that the use of photographs of religious deities hurts the religious sentiments of the public, asking the authorities to prohibit the affixation of such images on walls.

2018 pet shop rules: File pending before L-G office, Delhi govt tells HC

MALAVIKA PRASAD
NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 19

THE DELHI government informed the Delhi High Court Monday that the matter pertaining to the implementation of the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (Pet Shop) Rules, 2018 is currently pending before the Lieutenant Governor's office for consideration, in a public interest litigation seeking regulation of pet shops in strict compliance with the said rules and the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act, 1980.

The counsel appearing for the Delhi government informed a division bench of Justice Siddharth Mridul and Justice Talwant Singh that the file went from Chief Minister's office on December 14 and is presently before the L-G, pending consideration. Last month, the HC asked the Delhi government to inform about the "mode and manner in which 2018 rules are being implemented and enforced".

The plea, filed through advocate Supriya Juneja, seeks a direction to the Delhi government and Delhi Animal Welfare Board to check all pet shops in the city and take action to ensure strict compliance with Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (Pet Shop) Rules, 2018 and Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act, 1980. It has sought the formation and speedy operation of a state board in terms of 2018 Rules and formation of a committee to oversee that the board is carrying out enforcement of the Act and the 2018 rules.

FROM THE GALLERY

FROM THE CHAIR

RAJYA SABHA

"I am sure anything and everything does not include anything and everything."

Chairman **JAGDEEP DHANKHAR,** to Congress MP P Chidambaram who said he can ask the government about situation at LAC during discussion on supplementary demand for grants as it included Rs 500 crore for the border areas

LOK SABHA

"Honourable Minister has replied to everything in detail. Do you want to discuss everything again?"

OM BIRLA, Speaker, during discussion on Anti Maritime Piracy Bill

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"We are not the St. Stephens' College debating society, this is a political House. So when we are looking at the appropriations Bill and the demand for grants, we will have a political debate."

DEREK O' BRIEN, Trinamool Congress MP in Rajya Sabha

5 QUESTIONS

WITH KERALA STILL STRUGGLING WITH BUFFER ZONE ANNOUNCEMENTS, IDUKKI MP **DEAN KURIAKOSE** SEEKS CENTRE'S INTERVENTION. HE SPEAKS WITH **LIZ MATHEW:**



What's the issue about buffer zones in Kerala?
The announcement of the buffer zone is with the Supreme Court, but after its judgment both the Centre and the state had filed a review petition to override the judgment on having a one kilometre buffer zone around national parks and sanctuaries for Kerala. The state was supposed to submit a report on people-inhabited areas.

What did the state government do then?
It prepared a report on the basis of satellite survey that showed the entire area, including residential areas as forest area. Satellite surveys do not show the inhabited areas clearly and it cannot be the basis for the report. There is no clarity in state government's report.

What was your demand?
Their exercise should be stopped. The Centre should intervene. There should be a physical verification. If Kerala is not conducting physical verification, the Centre should.

What are your concerns?
If the buffer zone is declared on the basis of this report, people will have no protection nor their livelihood will be protected. The Kerala government has taken it casually and their intention is not right.

Do you think the delay in policy decisions is affecting state economy?
Yes. If the decision is not changed on this buffer zone, it will affect the agrarian sector adversely. It will affect every district and high ranges of Kerala from where all cash crops come.

To Opp's 'lip service' barb, govt says NE got peace under Modi

LIZ MATHEW
NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 19

THE OPPOSITION and the treasury benches exchanged heated words in Lok Sabha on Monday over the development of the Northeast with the Opposition slamming the BJP government for indulging "in lip service", citing the large number of people migrating to other parts of the country. The government, however, said there is peace and political stability in the region since the Narendra Modi government came to power at the Centre.

Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman and Minister for Development of North Eastern Region Kishan Reddy argued that the development of northeastern states topped Prime Minister Narendra Modi's agenda and the government has been implementing all its schemes effectively. "Ever since the Modi government came to power, there has been peace and political stability in the Northeast. Today people are ready to make investments there," Reddy said.

Sitharaman added: "...Obviously some words can weigh a bit of worry. Certainly, there is no lip service."



Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman at Parliament House during the Winter Session on Monday. *ANI*

Pointing out that lack of development work and employment opportunities have been driving people out of the region, DMK member T R Baalu said more than 1.48 crore people have moved out of the Northeast to seek employment opportunities and win their daily bread. Baalu alleged that there has been no skilled manpower, and not many options for higher education. Reddy said although the latest census would tell the exact number of people who migrated to other states, the number is very less compared to states like Bihar, Jharkhand and Uttar Pradesh.

With Baalu insisting on quantify the "developmental activities", Opposition MPs Vincent H Pala and Pradyut Bordoloi joined him in cornering the government. As they accused the government of indulging in lip service, Sitharaman intervened. "Before the last Budget, I had held consultations with all the chief ministers and finance ministers of the north-eastern states... Vincent Pala referred to livelihood... it is a very genuine question, for which a special programme from 2022 Budget, PM-DevINE, was launched, and a separate allocation has been made which is going through the North-East Council. That is exactly designed as per the requirements of the chief ministers of the north-eastern states... for livelihood improvement," she said.

"As per the Census 2011, there are 1,52,05,214 migrants in the North East Region (NER) states. Of these, 93.8 per cent (1,42,62,490) are intra-state migrants and only 6.2 per cent (9,44,050) are inter-state migrants. The all-India figure for inter-state migration is 11.9 per cent and it is 88.1 per cent for intra-state migration. The top three states to which inter-state migration from the NER states occurs are West Bengal (39.56 per cent), Delhi (7.66 per cent) and Maharashtra (7.4 per cent)," Reddy said.

Opposition members, including those from the Congress, Trinamool Congress (TMC) and DMK, were not satisfied with the minister's reply.

Taking a swipe at Reddy, TMC's Mahua Moitra warned the minister that he should behave like a minister of government of India and not as a BJP leader.

Delimitation on population basis unfair to southern states: DMK MP

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 19

DELIMITATION OF Lok Sabha seats and devolution of funds to states on the basis of population is unfair to southern states, which have implemented family planning programmes better than the states in North India. DMK member Kanimozhi NVN Somu said in Rajya Sabha on Monday.

Speaking during the discussion on the supplementary demand for grants for 2022-23, the DMK MP said the 15th Finance Commission guidelines had set 2011 Census as the basis of devolution of funds to states and UTs.

"Tamil Nadu is the only state which sincerely and successfully implemented the family planning programme proposed by the Union government," she said. "South Indian states, particularly Tamil Nadu, have controlled their population growth to 6%. In North Indian states, family planning was not implemented with sincerity and due respect. As a result, there is an increase in population of states like Uttar Pradesh and Bihar."

"It is absolutely ridiculous and unfair that states which implemented family planning are penalised, and reckless states are being incentivised," she said.



Congress MP P Chidambaram in Rajya Sabha on Monday. *ANI*

Did PM, Xi discuss border issue at Bali, asks Chidambaram

BJP members raise objections

DAMINI NATH
NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 19

FORMER FINANCE minister P. Chidambaram on Monday asked the government in Rajya Sabha whether Prime Minister Narendra Modi and China's President Xi Jinping discussed the border situation when they met at the G20 Summit in Bali, leading to objections and disruption from the Treasury benches.

The Congress MP made the remarks after starting the discussion on Appropriation (No. 5), Bill, 2022 and Appropriation (No. 4) Bill, 2022 introduced by Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman.

Citing an additional Rs 500 crore sought for border roads in supplementary demand for grants, Chidambaram said he had the right to raise the conditions at the border while clarifying that he did not want any sensitive information.

"These are strategic and border roads in the Northeast," he said. "We know who is the threat in the northern and eastern border. Has China conceded anything on Hot Springs? Have the Chinese agreed to discuss the friction points in the Doklam Junction and the Depsang Plains?"

"You are creating more buffer zones. What does a buffer zone mean? According to our information, it will be a no-patrol area. Does it mean we are no longer patrolling where we used to," Chidambaram asked, leading to disruptions from BJP MPs.

The Congress leader asked the government about infrastructure being built by the Chinese on the other side and said he did not want to know about the matching infrastructure on the Indian side as it may be a defence secret.

When Chidambaram began speaking about a video of Modi and Xi meeting in Bali, BJP member G V L Narasimha Rao objected and said the topic was not related to the discussion on the Bill.

After being asked to take note of the rule in question by Chairman Jagdeep Dhankhar, Chidambaram continued that according to a video of the meeting, Modi and Xi shook hands and Modi was the one who did the talking. "I just want to know, without going into the details, was the border situation discussed? Just, yes or no," Chidambaram said, leading to another round of disruptions from Treasury benches.

Chidambaram's statements came after the Opposition staged a walkout earlier in the day over their demand for a discussion on the recent incident of clashes in Arunachal Pradesh.

Meanwhile, discussing the government's demand for an additional Rs 3.25 lakh crore for this financial year, BJP's Sushil Kumar Modi noted that Rs 1.09 crore of that was meant for fertiliser subsidy alone. He appealed to states not to adopt the Old Pension Scheme and said they would be placing the burden on the next generation. Trinamool Congress MP Derek O'Brien alleged that the Centre was carrying out an "economic blockade of states".

Mentioning that it was his maiden speech, AAP's Raghav Chadha said the demand for grants was in fact a "demand for subsidy". He said when the AAP government in Delhi announced subsidies, it was accused of giving freebies. "Our revadi [freebie] is revadi, but their [Centre's] revadi is subsidy," he said. Biju Janata Dal MP Prashanta Nanda asked the Union government to stop sending funds directly to implementing agencies, as it was leading to "parking of funds" and instead routing them through the state's consolidated fund.

YSRCP member V Vijaisai Reddy hit out against Chidambaram over his tenure as Finance minister and said financial problems faced by Andhra Pradesh today are a result of the bifurcation of the state by the then UPA government.

SRK film's song, India name find mention in House

LIZ MATHEW
NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 19



Danish Ali

THE CONTROVERSY around actors Shah Rukh Khan and Deepika Padukone's song from 'Pathaan' movie and killings of Pandits in J&K were among the issues that echoed in the Zero Hour in Lok Sabha on Monday, while a BJP MP from Gujarat said word 'India' symbolised 'British slavery' and should be replaced with 'Bharat' or 'Bharatvarsh'.

Referring to the controversy over the song "besharam rang" in 'Pathaan' movie, which some right wing groups claimed hurt Hindu sentiments as the actress was wearing a saffron outfit, BSP member Danish Ali said there was a new trend of seeking ban on movies on trivial issues. "There is a new trend, those in the government are demanding that the film [Pathaan] be banned... Someone from the Ulema board also sought a ban on Shahrukh Khan and Deepika Padukone film," Ali said, raising the matter during the Zero Hour on Monday.

"Is 'sanatan dharma' so weak that it will be in danger due to a colour… nor is Islam so weak that a movie may hurt it. The government should ensure that the job of clearing films be done only by the Central Board of Film Certification (CBFC)," Ali said.

Prominent among those who have demanded a ban on the film include Madhya Pradesh minister Narrottam Mishra and Vishva Hindu Parishad (VHP) spokesperson Vinod Bansal. The Madhya Pradesh Ulema Board has also sought a ban on the movie for "misrepresenting Islam".

Congress leader Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury raised the issue of killings of Pandits in Kashmir, seeking a discussion in the House. "After the abrogation of Article 370, we have been hearing claims like 'we will take back Aksai from China, PoK from Pakistan', etc... But what actually is happening in Kashmir is that the Pandits are fleeing the Valley... militants have apparently made a list of Pandits who would be killed and the list is there even in government offices," Chowdhury said, adding the House should have a discussion on the Jammu and Kashmir situation.

DMK member M Kanimozhi pointed out that many aspirants could not take government recruitment examinations (such as UPSC, SSC and banking exams for more than two years due to the pandemic. "A year of preparation costs nearly Rs 3 lakh for a student... students from tier-II and tier-III towns and villages prepare for these examinations... Such students have to be given a chance and that is a fair thing to do. I urge the government to explore the possibility of providing one more chance to these candidates and increase the age limit," the MP said.

BJP member from Gujarat's Anand constituency, Miteshbhai Patel argued that word 'India' was derived from "East India Company" and it should be replaced with 'Bharat' or 'Bharatvarsh'. Pointing out that PM Narendra Modi had given a call to get rid of every symbol of slavery, he said: "The name of a nation represents and reflects its civilisation, culture and values... by using 'Bharat' or 'Bharatvarsh' in the documents, we will rid ourselves of the last sign of slavery."

'INDIA NOW SECOND LARGEST STEEL PRODUCER IN WORLD'

Emissions dip, Govt may make 'green steel' mandatory: Scindia

ESHA ROY
NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 19

UNION MINISTER of Steel Jyotiraditya Scindia on Monday told Rajya Sabha that the government was considering mandating the use of "green steel" in government projects.

He said emissions from the steel industry have been brought down by 15% between 2005 and 2022 and Centre targets an additional 10% reduction in emissions by 2030. Energy consumption per tonne of steel produced has also come down as well as emission intensity in terms of CO2, he added.

Responding to a question from NCP MP Vandana Chavan on carbon emissions in the steel sector, the minister said the government has put into place a short-term plan, as well as medium and long-term targets to deal with the issue.

"The short-term plan looks at reduction of carbon emissions through energy and resource efficiency in renewable energy. The medium-term plan (2030-47) looks at Carbon Capture Utilization and Storage as well as usage of possibly green hydrogen. And, the long-term plan (2047-70) looks at a complete move over from ore-based and coal-based to much more technological innovations to come down to net zero," Scindia told the Rajya Sabha.



Union Minister of Steel Jyotiraditya Scindia with BJD member Sasmit Patra (left) at Parliament House on Monday. *ANI*

"The iron and steel sector is projected to grow five times in the next two decades. The steel sector is extremely energy and resource intensive. And, in its present form, it is highly polluting. Today, the production of one tonne of steel means emission of three tonne of carbon dioxide; whereas, globally this is only 1.4 tonne," said Chavan.

"...our current average emission intensity is 2.55 tonne CO2, per tonne of crude steel, compared to about 1.95 tonne of global average... From 2005 to 2022, we have brought down emissions by almost 15 per cent," Scindia said.

He further said India has now become the second largest steel producer in the world in the last eight years "doubling our capacity from 150 million to 154 million tonnes worth of production".

PARLIAMENTARY PANEL REPORT

'Appalling to see few SCs/STs at top PSU posts'

ESHA ROY
NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 19

THE PARLIAMENTARY Committee on Welfare of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes has raised serious concern on few SC/ST employees being appointed to higher positions in public sector undertakings (PSUs). The committee submitted its report in the Lok Sabha on Monday.

The committee chaired by BJP MP Kirit Premjibhai Solanki, which dealt specifically with the appointment of SC/ST employees in the Power Grid Corporation of India Limited (PGCIL), said that scrutiny of PSU records show that SC/ST candidates were not promoted to senior positions.

In the case of PGCIL, the panel said that it was "appalled" to note that despite being a 'maharatna' central public sector enterprise (CPSE), "there is no officer from SC/ST community in the Board of Directors".

"No representation of SC/ST in one of apex CPSEs of the country is a matter of grave concern... the committee is of the view that the relevant Act for appointment of chairman/members in Power Grid should be suitably amended to provide representation to SCs/STs on the Board of Directors. Also, if required, relaxations/concessions should be provided to SC/ST candidates eligible for such positions. The committee strongly expressed its displeasure in the matter that the SCs/STs are being deprived of representation in higher posts in Power Grid thereby excluding their chances of making key policy decisions," the report said.

"During the examination of various PSUs over the years, the committee observed that SCs/STs have not been given opportunities to rise to the board/senior-level positions. The committee feels that with a view to provide socio-economic equality as enshrined in the Constitution, the government should take affirmative action to accommodate due representatives from the Scs/STs in the board/senior-level appointments," the report added.

The report said the requisite reservation percentage of SCs was not achieved in Group-B category posts, and that it is this group that was the "feeder cadre" for promotions and for higher-level posts.

MP: Nirav Modi can return in 28 days

New Delhi: Fugitive businessman Nirav Modi could return to India within the next 28 days, BJP Rajya Sabha MP Sushil Kumar Modi said in the House on Monday. During the discussion on two appropriation Bills, the MP said he wanted to tell those who keep raking up the issue of the fugitive diamond merchant that "Nirav Modi has exhausted all legal options in Britain. It may be that if the European Court of Human Rights or Britain does not grant him asylum, Nirav Modi can return to India within the next 28 days."

Nirav Modi, who is accused of fraud and money laundering, had left India in 2018. **ENS**

Freedom struggle heroes not incorrectly depicted in textbooks: Govt

SOURAV ROY BARMAN
NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 19

THE UNION government has disagreed with the observations made by a parliamentary panel that many historical figures of the Indian freedom struggle have been portrayed in an "incorrect manner" in history textbooks, according to a report presented in the Rajya Sabha on Monday.

However, the Rajya Sabha Department-Related Standing Committee on Education, Women, Children, Youth and Sports, chaired by BJP MP Vivek Thakur, has "not accepted" the stand of the government.

The matter came to light after the list of action taken on the report on reforms in content and design of school textbooks, which was tabled in the House in November 2021, was presented in the Rajya Sabha.

"The department (Education Ministry) in its reply has informed the committee that the present NCERT textbook of classes VIII, X and XII (Part III) have portrayed freedom fighters by adopting an event-oriented approach and they have not been depicted in an incorrect manner," according to the report, which contains the response of the Department of School Education and Literacy and the NCERT.

This response was listed in the "observations/recommendations in respect of which replies of the government have not been accepted by the committee" section of the report.

The committee, in its response to the government's stand, said, "The committee notes the position mentioned and is of the view that the department, in coordination with the NCERT, should ensure that contributions of many unsung freedom fighters from all corners of the country, including the northeastern region of the country, get incorporated with equal emphasis in the textbooks."

While the department had sent its response to the committee in August, the NCERT did so in September. At the time of the tabling of the main report last year, the committee was headed by BJP MP Vinay P Sahasrabuddhe and included 21 Lok Sabha members and 10 Rajya Sabha members.

Rajya Sabha panel, chaired by BJP MP Vivek Thakur, has 'not accepted' govt's stand

Of the Rajya Sabha members, four were from the BJP, and one each from TMC, CPM, DMK, AIADMK, SP and Congress. Twelve of its Lok Sabha members were from the BJP, two from Congress, and one each from TMC, CPM, JD(U), Shiv Sena, YSRCP, DMK and BJD.

The original report had observed that "many of the historical figures and freedom fighters have been portrayed in an incorrect manner as offenders". "Therefore, the committee is of the view that wrong portrayal of our heroes of the freedom struggle should be corrected and they should be given due respect in our history textbooks," the report stated.

The Education ministry's position on the issue is significant as a government committee led by former ISRO chairman K Kasturirangan is revising the national curriculum framework, based on which changes will be brought in school textbooks, starting with the ones published by the NCERT.

Union Home Minister Amit Shah has also repeatedly, including as recently as in November, underlined the need to "rewrite history" as per a "new vision" rather than blaming "Left historians" or British historians for introducing alleged distortions and ignoring empires like Cholas, Pandyas, Mauryas, among others.

The House panel, in its original report, had also made similar observations on inadequate coverage to empires such as Vikramaditya, Cholas, Chalukyas, Vijaynagar, Gondwana or that of Travancore and Ahoms of the northeastern region.

In its response, the government told the panel that history textbooks developed by the NCERT follow a thematic approach wherein each theme as per the chronology of events "weaves the Indian empires like that of Vikramaditya, Cholas, Chalukyas, Vijaynagar, Gondwana or that of Travancore and Ahoms of northeastern region".

"Now that the National Education Policy 2020 is in place, NCERT has initiated the development of the National Curriculum Framework (NCF) through a bottom-up approach wherein states will also develop their state curriculum frameworks. As a follow-up of NCFs, new generation textbooks will be prepared as per the perspectives of NEP-2020," it added.

The committee also reiterated that "action taken or proposed to be taken regarding adequate representation of Sikh and Maratha history needs greater study and enhanced portrayal of contribution to "ensure true reflection of history of these communities".

MAHARASHTRA LEADERS STOPPED AT BORDER; PROHIBITORY ORDERS IN PLACE

In Belagavi heat, Maharashtra parties close ranks

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NAGPUR, MUMBAI, BELAGAVI, DECEMBER 19

MAHARASHTRA CHIEF Minister Eknath Shinde, Deputy CM Devendra Fadnavis, Opposition leader Ajit Pawar and political leaders cutting across party lines on Monday objected to the neighbouring state's decision to disallow entry of elected representatives from Maharashtra in Belagavi.

Belagavi is at the centre of a border row between the two neighbouring states. The winter session of both Karnataka and Maharashtra Assembly began on Monday — at Belagavi and Nagpur, respectively.

Strongly objecting to Karnataka's move, Shinde and Fadnavis said Maharashtra Assembly will pass a resolution in the ongoing session, expressing solidarity with people of disputed border villages who want to stay in Maharashtra.

In the House, Ajit Pawar raised the issue of a notice by Belagavi Collector to Lok Sabha MP Dhairyasheel Mane, barring his entry in Belagavi. "Both the chief minister (Shinde) and deputy chief minister (Fadnavis) held a meeting with Union Home Minister Amit Shah recently, where directions were given to exercise restraint. Despite that, the Karnataka government is issuing prohibitory orders to elected representatives. How can they stop a Member of Parliament from travelling there," Pawar asked.



Karnataka Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai arrives at Suvarna Vidhana Soudha in Belagavi on Monday, the opening day of the winter session of Karnataka Assembly. *PTI*

Shinde said his government is committed to resolve the border issue and was the first to hold a meeting on the issue with Shah. "We are committed to resolve the matter unlike the previous governments. We don't want to play politics and expect political unity on this issue," he said.

Fadnavis said the Maharashtra government will condemn the action by the Karnataka government. "Marathi-speaking people in Karnataka have every right to stage protests in a democratic way. If the Karnataka government is prohibiting them from protesting, it is against their constitutional right. Elected representatives who had gone there to extend support were detained. We condemn it," he said.

In Belagavi, Karnataka police prevented many NCP and Sena leaders and workers from entering the state as the winter session got underway with massive police bandobast at the borders of the state. Additional DGP (law and order) Alok Kumar inspected the areas.

The Madhyavarti Maharashtra Ekikaran Samiti (MMES), a pro-Maharashtra organisation that has raised the issue for decades to make Belagavi district and other places part of Maharashtra, had planned a protest but the district administration denied permission citing law and order issues.

The plan to hold a protest at the vaccine depot in Belagavi was denied by police, which led to protests at the borders of the state.

With more than 61 organisations having sought permission from the district administration to hold protests during Assembly sessions, Belagavi city has turned into a police fortress. Vehicles from Maharashtra border are being checked. Police sources said nearly 5,000 police personnel, including six SPs, 11 additional SPs and 43 DySPs, are deployed.

The developments in Belagavi echoed in the Maharashtra Assembly in Nagpur. Before the start of proceedings, the opposition Maha Vikas Aghadi (MVA) held a protest on the stairs of the House, demanding justice to the people in border areas and condemning Karnataka CM Basavaraj Bommai for his provocative statements.

Shiv Sena MP Dhairyasheel Patil, who wanted to visit Belagavi to participate in the MMES rally, was prohibited from entering Karnataka. The Belagavi district administration issued a letter asking him not to visit. Senior NCP leader and former minister Hassan Mushriff, who led the delegation to participate in the rally, was also restricted from entering Belagavi.

Mushriff, who represents Kagal constituency in Maharashtra's Kolhapur district, staged a sit-in at Konnali toll naka along Maharashtra-Karnataka border.

While the Karnataka authorities justified the act of stopping Maharashtra leaders from entering Belagavi as part of its preventive measures, CM Bommai said, "MMES has been indulging in such activities (protests) for the last 50 years. We know how to control and keep them in check."

Collective efforts weakened terror ecosystem: Thakur

MAHENDER SINGH MANRAL
NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 19

THE CENTRE has achieved a 94-per cent conviction rate in terror financing cases and there is a significant decline in terror incidents in Jammu and Kashmir due to actions of the armed forces, Information and Broadcasting Minister Anurag Thakur said on Monday.



I&B Minister Anurag Thakur

"An era of peace has dawned in the Northeast since 2014 — insurgency-related violence has seen a sharp decline of 80% and civilian deaths have seen an 89% drop," he claimed. He also mentioned the "achievement of surrender by 6,000 militants since 2014".

On counter-terrorism, Thakur said while the government has worked on the legal front by strengthening the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, it took steps at the enforcement level by giving National Investigation Agency (NIA), the premier investigation agency to probe terror-related cases, a truly federal structure by introducing the NIA (Amendment) Act. The collective effect of these measures, he said, has been the "weakening of the terror ecosystem".

Thakur said the government is "committed to go beyond armed action to counter terrorism and has worked to create an atmosphere of lasting peace" across the Northeast. Noting the peace agreements inked since 2014 — the Bodo Accord in January 2020, Bru-Reang Agreement in January 2020, NLFT-Tripura Agreement in August 2019, Karbi Anglong Agreement in September 2021, and Assam-Meghalaya Inter-State Boundary Agreement in March 2022 — he called these a "legacy of the government's achievements".

On the Armed Forces Special Powers Act, Thakur said its rollback has been only a matter of discussion all this while but the Narendra Modi government withdrew it from a large part of the Northeast, including the whole of Tripura and Meghalaya. "It remains in force in only three districts of Arunachal Pradesh. Sixty per cent of Assam is free of AFSPA, 15 police stations under six districts have been taken out of the category of disturbed area, (and) disturbed area notification has been removed from 15 police stations in the seven districts," he said.

On rescuing Indians in distress from across the world, the minister said 22,500 citizens were rescued under Operation Ganga in February-March 2022, 670 Indian citizens were rescued from Afghanistan in Operation Devi Shakti. "In one of the biggest successes of rescue operations, 1.83 crore citizens were brought back home during Covid-19 crisis under the Vande Bharat Mission in 2021-22. India rescued 654 people from Wuhan in China," he said.

India has also offered a helping hand to foreign citizens under distress, he added.

According to the 2021-22 annual report of the Home Ministry, NIA has registered 438 cases as on March 31 this year since its inception. Out of these, charge sheets have been filed in 349 cases; trials concluded in 89 cases, of which "83 cases have resulted in conviction", the report said.

Recently, Union Minister of State for Home Nityanand Rai had informed Rajya Sabha that 123 terror incidents were reported in J&K until November 30. This is down from 279 "incidents of terror violence reported in 2017, 417 in 2018, 255 in 2019, 244 in 2020, and 229 in 2021," as per the MHA report.

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ACTIVE & INTERVENING

ALWAYS AN active member in Lok Sabha, BJP MP Nishikant Dubey on Wednesday made some interesting interventions. When DMK member Kanimozhi rose to raise an issue of public importance, she complained that not one Cabinet minister was present to listen to the MPs. Before the presiding officer reacted, Dubey pointed out that the Minister of Tourism, Culture and Development of Northeast, Kishan Reddy, was present. And, Dubey said, "he is a Cabinet minister." Later, when BJP's Ratan Lal Kataria was called to raise his matter, and Rajendra Agrawal, who was in the Chair, greeted him on his birthday, Dubey said: "Sir, it is not his actual birthday. I heard him saying so."

BELOVED BENGAL

THREE WORDS from Rajya Sabha Chairman Jagdeep Dhankhar had MPs smiling on Monday afternoon. While Trinamool Congress MP Derek O'Brien was speaking on the government's appropriation Bills, he spoke of his "beloved state of Bengal". Before O'Brien could continue, Dhankhar corrected him by adding, "our beloved state". Members could be heard laughing — one MP remarked that Dhankhar, who had been West Bengal Governor before becoming the Vice-President earlier this year, loved the state "even more". As Governor, Dhankhar had his share of run-ins with Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee.

WEAK, ER, WEAKER

THE BJP, which had earlier identified 140 'weak' seats and sent Union ministers and senior leaders to focus on them ahead of 2024 elections, has now decided to increase the number to 160. The ministers and the senior leaders were visiting the 140 constituencies that were divided into various clusters frequently to monitor booth-level activities of the party and the implementation of the Centre-initiated welfare schemes under its "pravas programme". The top leadership has now decided to extend the programme to 20 more seats — to be identified and assigned to various leaders — as the party foresees challenges for Lok Sabha elections, it is learnt.

Opening shop of love in market of hatred: Rahul at Alwar rally

HAMZA KHAN
JAIPUR, DECEMBER 19

CONGRESS LEADER Rahul Gandhi on Monday said his Bharat Jodo Yatra is aimed at spreading love. Addressing a rally in Alwar as part of the yatra, Rahul said: "*Nafrat ke bazaar mein mohabbat ki dukaan khol raha hun* (setting up shop of love in the market of hatred)."

He also called upon BJP leaders to join him in "spreading love". "Eventually you will have to do it, as our religion... our country is about love, not hate," he said.

Among those present at the rally were Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge, Rajasthan Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot, state Congress chief Govind Singh Dotasra and former deputy CM Sachin Pilot.

Rahul praised the Gehlot government for its people-friendly schemes, including Chiranjeevi health scheme, opening of English-medium schools, sanitary napkins for women, urban employment scheme, and old-pension scheme. He said Chiranjeevi scheme was providing succour to scores of patients. "Yesterday, I met a child who got a cochlear implant and a man who underwent a kidney transplant. Both of them said it was done for free."

Rahul also asked Gehlot to ensure that the tribals are given rights to their land and to come up with social security and a support system for gig workers. He suggested that at least once a month, all Rajasthan ministers should walk among the people. "There are 30 ministers, 33 districts, give a district to every minister and make them walk for 15 kilometres among the people," he said.

Criticising Union Home Minister Amit Shah and other BJP leaders for "speaking against English", Rahul said they oppose the use of English as a teaching medium in schools but their children study in such schools.



Rahul Gandhi with Congress chief Mallikarjun Kharge and Rajasthan CM Ashok Gehlot at a rally in Alwar on Monday. *PTI*

Why DMK is happy with Kamal Haasan in yatra

ARUN JANARDHANAN
CHENNNAI, DECEMBER 19

The decision of actor-turned-politician Kamal Haasan to join Bharat Jodo Yatra has indicated that the ruling DMK-led alliance in Tamil Nadu, which has the Congress as a key constituent, may soon have a new ally.

While announcing his decision to walk with Rahul in Delhi on December 24, Haasan said this would reveal where his sympathies lie and the direction he takes in politics.

EXPLAINED

Since its launch in early 2018, Haasan's party, Makkal Needhi Maiam (MNM), has maintained that it will "go it alone and do it alone" in elections, claiming a "moral upper-hand" over all the parties, from the DMK to AIADMK, Congress to BJP. But Haasan is now clearly moving away from his "independent" path towards the Congress at a time when MNM seems to be unravelling, as a slew of its key functionaries has deserted it.

Sources in MNM said Rahul's invitation made Haasan take the decision to join the yatra. "In a letter, Rahul Gandhi asked Haasan to join him during his yatra in Delhi. He chose to accept the invite," a source said.

In Tamil Nadu, alliances led by DMK and AIADMK get over 80% of the votes polled.

A senior DMK leader told *The Indian Express* that Haasan's participation means "one more party has joined our alliance... In 2021 Assembly poills, MNM got 2.52% votes, a little more than T T V Dhinakaran's AMMK, which got 2.3%."

While DMK could not work with MNM in the past, the possibility of their joining hands has now brightened as the former may lose an ally, Indhiya Jananayaga Katchi founder Paarivendhar, a businessman known for his proximity with Prime Minister Narendra Modi and the BJP leadership.

12 gas cylinders a year at Rs 500 each for poor families: Gehlot

HAMZA KHAN
JAIPUR, DECEMBER 19

RAJASTHAN CHIEF Minister Ashok Gehlot Monday announced that Below Poverty Line (BPL) families and those covered under the Ujjwala Yojana will be entitled to 12 domestic LPG cylinders every year at Rs 500 each beginning April.

Gehlot made the announcement in the presence of Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge and former party chief Rahul Gandhi at a rally here on the sidelines of the Bharat Jodo Yatra.

"I will present the budget next month in the Assembly. Right now, I want to say only one thing. Prime Minister Narendra Modi did *natak* (sham) in the name of Ujjwala scheme, of providing the poor with LPG connections, but the cylinders are lying empty as the rates have increased from Rs 400 to up to Rs 1,040," Gehlot said. "We will conduct a study of those who are below the poverty line and covered by the Ujjwala scheme. From April 1, they will be given 12 cylinders a year for Rs 500 each."

The Chief Minister laid emphasis on the issue of inflation, promising to take steps to help people deal with it.

Assembly polls are due in Rajasthan by the end of next year.

Flagging the rising prices of commodities such as flour, lentils, rice and oil, Gehlot said he wants a scheme in the next state budget to provide a kit of essentials to needy families. "We will take steps to reduce the effects of inflation," Gehlot said.

Attacking the central government, Gehlot said "the Constitution is being blown to smithereens, the roots of democracy are growing weak," and institutions such as the judiciary, the Election Commission and probe agencies are working under fear.

DA case: CBI conducts inquiry at institutions run by Shivakumar's family

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
BENGALURU, DECEMBER 19

A TEAM of Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) on Monday "visited" some of the properties belonging to Karnataka Pradesh Congress chief D K Shivakumar, including educational institutions run by his family, in connection with a disproportionate assets case against him.

"They (CBI) have visited some of the institutions in Bengaluru today (Monday). I do not know what they are looking for," the Congress leader said in Belagavi on Monday. Shivakumar's family is linked to a private school and professional colleges located on the outskirts of Bengaluru.

The CBI is investigating "disproportionate assets" allegedly amassed by Shivakumar when he was a minister in the Congress government in Karnataka between 2013 and 2018.



Karnataka Pradesh Congress chief D K Shivakumar

In September this year, the CBI had carried out verification of documents pertaining to Shivakumar's properties at Kanakapura, Dodda Aalahalli and Santhe Kodihalli in the Bengaluru Rural district.

The agency in October 2020 filed an FIR on charges of corruption against the Congress leader, based on the findings of income-tax department searches carried out in August 2017 at around 70 premises linked to Shivakumar. The I-T department had filed a complaint of tax evasion and false evidence against Shivakumar in 2018 after finding Rs 8.59 crore in cash at four Delhi properties.

'Rijiju's remarks on judges, Supreme Court are disturbing, inappropriate'

MANOJ C G
NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 19

AMID A growing conflict between the government and the higher judiciary triggered by Union Law Minister Kiren Rijiju's sharp criticism of the Collegium system of appointment of judges, Rajya Sabha MP and former law minister Kapil Sibal spoke to Manoj C G on a range of issues related to this raging row. Excerpts:

Your views on Law Minister Kiren Rijiju and VP Jagdeep Dhankhar's statements on the National Judicial Appointments Commission (NJAC) issue? Is the government trying to bring back the NJAC, which was struck down by the SC in 2015?

I can't speculate on whether the government is preparing for NJAC in another avatar. But the Law Minister's statements are disturbing and inappropriate, because they relate to the way the court should function. He suggested that judges have too many vacations. The Law Minister not being a practising lawyer is probably unaware of the functioning of courts, especially the Supreme Court.

An SC judge sits in court at 10.30 am and doesn't move till 1 pm. Occasionally he works through till 1.30 pm, returns to court at 2 pm, and doesn't move till 4 pm. They then return home, where they read on average 60-70 files, which possibly takes another 5-6 hours. So a Supreme Court judge sits for 10 hours in the same posture, day after day. The judge also has to look at orders he has passed, clear those, prepare drafts of judgments to be rendered on matters already heard in court. For 2-3 hours in the evening, the judge is probably also dictating judgments. This carries through the weekend. This, apart from administrative matters. So, it's a seven-day job with no rest. I wonder if the Law Minister follows such a stressful routine?

Besides, having heard several cases before vacations, a judge has judgments to draft and circulate for pronouncement as soon as the court reopens. Perhaps the minister does not know that these are working vacations. I say this to show that the Law Minister doesn't have any idea about the workload and pressures judges undergo… which also impacts their health.

The Law Minister said the SC shouldn't hear bail pleas and frivolous PILs.

Article 21 is a fundamental right. No person shall be deprived of his life and liberty except in accordance with the procedure established by law... The Law Minister should not be talking about the court not hearing bail matters because they impact liberty and freedom of citizens. It may not be of any relevance to the minister, because the cause of liberty is not something this government can be proud of. The Law Minister's statement only shows that he is least concerned about people's liberties.



THE EXPRESS INTERVIEW
WITH
KAPIL SIBAL
RAJYA SABHA MP

On PILs, a lot of these are filed by people who are inclined towards the BJP's ideology. Often, law officers willingly support the cause. PIL is a court-established procedure from the days of Justice Bhagwati that has stood the test of time. A lot of landmark judgments have been rendered by the court in respect of the indigent, the marginalised, bonded labour, rights of women, of challenged people, whose voices would otherwise not have been heard.

Is the government targeting the higher judiciary?

It's clear that having captured everything else, they now seek to capture the last citadel of freedom.

The NJAC had unanimous support last time.

The situation has changed radically. I think recent events… the manner in which judges have been appointed to the SC, suggest an overbearing attitude of the government. When they are disinclined towards a judge who has rendered a judgment they perceive to have been against them, they make sure s/he is not elevated to the SC. They also sit on Collegium recommendations for long periods, even after the Collegium has returned a file reiterating the recommendations.

All this doesn't mean that the Collegium system is great. But I'm far more concerned about this government's interference with court processes.

So Opposition parties need a rethink on the NJAC?

Absolutely. Now that I am an Independent MP, I'd persuade my Opposition colleagues to stand up against any attempt to influence the court via NJAC that makes the government the final arbiter on appointments to the SC and High Courts.

The Collegium system is not great either. What is the way out?

We need a system that is more transparent. Of course, it is for the court to handle. There are endemic problems in the Collegium processes that need to be addressed. I'm sure the court realises that. A recently-retired CJI publicly stated as much. But this doesn't mean the government should be the final arbiter on appointments to HCs or the SC.

Should the Opposition demand a Parliament discussion on this?

I don't think so. Institutional wisdom should prevail. The government making such statements through the Law Minister does not augur well. There can be a difference of opinion but to make comments on the functioning of the SC is unacceptable.

How do you see the delay in hearing on cases of public importance? Issues like abrogation of Article 370, CAA are pending. The court is now hearing on demonetisation that happened 6 years ago.

But for the fact that the previous CJI put these matters before Constitution Benches, these would never have been heard. So kudos to him and to the present CJI. My concern is different. Many of these matters have lost relevance. For example demonetisation, which should have been heard when it was relevant. Live constitutional matters, matters that impact polity today, should be given priority. Like hate speech, the manner in which elected governments are toppled, or electoral bonds, which is still a live matter.

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BRIEFLY

UTTAR PRADESH

Police: Class XI student raped by 2 classmates

Meerut: A 17-year-old Class XI student was allegedly gangraped by two of her classmates on Saturday afternoon in a town in Bijnor district. The school principal told the police that the accused students were suspended two months ago for their alleged anti-social activities. According to police, the principal found the girl lying unconscious at the main gate of the school and informed her family. She was admitted to a local hospital where she told her parents on Sunday about the alleged gangrape. "We will soon arrest the two accused who are reportedly minor," said the local police station in-charge. **ENS**

KERALA

Three injured as football fans clash in Kannur

Thiruvananthapuram: After Argentina won the FIFA World Cup by beating France, fans of the two teams clashed in Kannur, leaving three persons injured. According to police, the incident was reported at Palliyamoola near Kannur soon after Argentina won. Fans of France got provoked after they were being mocked at by fans of the winning team. Both sides ganged up and clashed. Of the three injured, the condition of one person is serious. Six persons were taken into custody and their arrest would be recorded soon, said police. **ENS**

UTTAR PRADESH

'93 attack on SP ex-MLA: BJP MP acquitted

Lucknow: A Special MP/MLA Court in Gonda on Monday acquitted BJP MP Brijbhushan Sharan Singh and two others booked for allegedly attacking former Samajwadi Party MLA Vinod Kumar Singh alias Pandit Singh in the district in 1993. Vinod Kumar Singh, who was also a minister in the Samajwadi Party government, died in May last year. **ENS**

JAMMU & KASHMIR

Police set up SIT to probe civilians' killings in Rajouri

Jammu: The J&K Police on Monday night constituted an SIT to probe the killing of two civilians in a firing incident outside an Army camp in Rajouri, sources said. The killings of two civilians and injuries to another on Friday led to massive protests with people demanding a fair probe into the incident. The SIT will work under the SSP, Rajouri, Mohd Aslam. **PTI**

Violence, arson as Allahabad varsity students clash with security guards; classes suspended

MAULSHREE SETH
LUCKNOW, DECEMBER 19



A vehicle set on fire at Allahabad University in Prayagraj, Uttar Pradesh, on Monday. *PTI*

THE ALLAHABAD University in Prayagraj on Monday witnessed violence and arson as a group of students clashed with security guards, leaving several injured. The students allegedly pelted stones and torched vehicles amid allegations of firing inside the campus.

The university suspended all classes on Tuesday, stating that the incident has left the campus in a "panic-stricken situation".

While students alleged that security guards lathicharged and fired on them, leading to violence, the university administration alleged that anti-social elements forced their way inside the campus and indulged in clashes with the security guards who tried to stop them.

The university administration alleged that violence was initially started by the students in which "one motorcycle was set on fire, glasses of cars belonging to two teachers were broken, one generator was set on fire, and arson was reported from the university canteen along with firing".

While the university refuted allegations that any security guard opened fire, a notification issued later in the day by the registrar of the university said, "In view of the unfortunate incidents of violence and serious misconduct that has taken place today, wherein unknown elements broke open the locks of the university gates, which resulted in violence between them and the guards. Stone pelting and torching of vehicles have led to a panic-stricken situation; the work in the university shall remain suspended tomorrow (Tuesday)."

The clash between the students and the guards began after a heated argument with a former student leader, Vivekananda Pathak, who wanted to enter the campus. Pathak claimed that his visit to the campus was merely for a "transaction at the bank inside the campus", which wanted him to complete his "KYC" (know your customer) formalities. He alleged that guards at the university gate not only denied him entry but also misbehaved with him.

As Pathak was denied entry, a scuffle broke out between his supporters and security guards, which later turned into a clash between guards and students. Pathak, who was seriously injured in the incident, is a former NSUI leader and at present is the general secretary of the UP Congress Committee.

"The incident between Pathak and the security guards had settled, but suddenly around 3 pm, over 100 guards on the campus gathered near the student union building with canes. They lathicharged students and even fired at us. It caused panic among students who also became aggressive," student leader Ajay Yadav "Samrat" told *The Indian Express.*

'RADICAL ISLAMISTS KILLED UMESH KOLHE'

NIA: It's a terror act of well-planned criminal conspiracy

SADAF MODAK
MUMBAI, DECEMBER 19

THE NATIONAL Investigation Agency (NIA), in its chargesheet filed on Friday against 11 men for allegedly murdering 54-year-old Amravati resident Umesh Kolhe in June, has claimed that they were 'radical Islamists' of the Tablighi Jamaat. Kolhe was murdered on June 21 by three assailants when he was returning from work, days after he had put up a post on WhatsApp in support of then BJP spokesperson Nupur Sharma, who had made controversial comments on Prophet Mohammed.

"Investigation has clearly emerged that the accused persons hatched criminal conspiracy to kill Umesh Kolhe who had no property dispute, no history of fighting with the accused persons; thereby formed a terrorist gang being highly religiously radicalised to avenge Umesh Kolhe who posted WhatsApp post in support of Nupur Sharma," the NIA chargesheet has said.

It adds that Kolhe "exercised his right to free speech in a free country" in declaring his support to Sharma. Kolhe was murdered while returning home at night after closing the chemist shop he ran in Amravati. His son and daughter-in-law, who were on another scooter, witnessed the incident.

"The act committed by the accused is not just a simpliciter murder but a terror act of well-planned criminal conspiracy hatched by religiously radicalised Muslim youth (Tablighi Jamaat) to strike a terror into the minds of the people and section of people in Amravati and other states of India," the NIA has claimed.

The agency has said that the murder threatened the unity of the country and promoted enmity among communities. It said that the manner in which Kohle was murdered "shall send shivers down the spine of general population of this peace-loving, democratic country, who would never dare to speak up, for what they think is right or wrong".

The agency has named each of the 11 accused to be followers of Tablighi Jamaat, while claiming that one of the alleged masterminds, Irfan Khan, "was a strict follower" of the jamaat and its rules. It said that Khan had become the president of an NGO, Rahebar Helpline, started during the Covid-19 lockdown to provide ambulances for needy patients, conduct final rituals of unclaimed bodies and assist in medical treatments. It said that Khan had become the organisation's president with help of the jamaat's followers and supporters.

The Tablighi Jamaat is a Sunni Islamic proselytising movement which aims to reach out to ordinary Muslims and revive their faith, particularly in matters of ritual, dress, and personal behaviour.

The NIA's chargesheet states that one of the accused, Dr Yusuf Khan, a veterinary practitioner, was part of a WhatsApp group called 'Black Freedom'. Its admin was Kolhe. The NIA states that Kolhe on June 14 had put up a post in support of Sharma on the group which miffed Yusuf and he took a screenshot and shared it with other groups and individuals. The NIA said that the number of Kolhe was also "intentionally circulated", following which other accused began a criminal conspiracy to eliminate him.

Apart from Irfan Khan and Yusuf, the NIA has named Mudassir Ahmed, Shahrukh Hidayat Khan, Abdul Shaikh, Mohammed Shoeb, Atib Rashid, Abdul Arbaz, Mushifique Ahmad, Shaikh Shakil, Shahim Ahmed and booked them on charges including murder, criminal conspiracy and relevant sections of the UAPA. The NIA claims that a "terrorist gang" was formed under the leadership of Irfan. While some are alleged to have conducted a recce of Kohle's shop, some provided logistical support. On Monday, a special court took cognizance of the NIA chargesheet and remanded the accused in further judicial custody till January 2.

NTH to set up EV battery testing centres in Mumbai, Kolkata

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 19

TO COMPLEMENT government's push for electric vehicles (EVs), the National Test House (NTH) will set up testing facilities for EV batteries and charging systems at its Mumbai and Kolkata centres, an official said on Monday. The NTH will also set up a state-of-the-art transformer testing facility at Jaipur, the official said.

Addressing a press conference, Nidhi Khare, Additional Secretary in the Department of Consumer Affairs, said that the government is leveraging PM Gati Shakti Portal to plug gaps and build a robust testing ecosystem, and promoting ease of doing business.

The transformer testing facility at Jaipur will be spread over about 10,000 square metre area and the project will cost around Rs 125 crore. "The government of Rajasthan has given this land virtually free, at a token amount of Rs 1. This is also something that is very-very essential in bringing down the transportation cost, which was otherwise making the testing very-very costly," Khare said.

According to the officials, the transformer testing facility will offer testing facility for transformers with range up to 10MVA. Apart from transformer testing, other allied distribution and transmission equipment like current transformers, potential transformers, overhead conductors, high voltage XLPE cables, insulators, surge arrestors will be tested at this facility, the official said.

As per the official, at present, most of the transformer manufacturers from Punjab, Rajasthan, Uttarakhand, Himachal Pradesh, Jammu & Kashmir, Uttar Pradesh and Madhya Pradesh have to transport their transformers to Electrical Research and Development Association (ERDA), Vadodara, and Central Power Research Institute (CPRI) Bhopal/Bangalore for testing.

"This test facility will reduce transportation cost and time taken in getting transformer samples tested. This will reduce the queuing time in testing of transformers from months to a few days," said an official statement. Alok Kumar Shrivastava, who was also present on the occasion, said as part of its new initiatives, the NTH will set up electric vehicles and their charging system testing facilities. Stating that EVs need testing and standardisation, he said the NTH Mumbai and Kolkata regions will set up EV battery and EV charging system test facilities.

Farmers protest in Delhi, warn of chakka jam if demands not met

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 19

THOUSANDS OF farmers with affiliation to the Bhartiya Kisan Sangh (BKS), a group under Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh, held a rally at Ramlila Maidan on Monday. The farmers warned the Centre and authorities of "chakka jam" in Delhi and other states if their demands on farm laws and policies, minimum support price on wheat and pulses were not met. They also demanded removal of GST on agricultural activities and equipment.

BKS stated they have sent a list of their demands to the Centre and will wait for six months.

Hemraj Patel, a wheat and sugarcane farmer from Madhya Pradesh's Damoh district, said, "We can also block roads and protest for months if our demands aren't met. The government decided an MSP on crops but do they check what happens at mandis? ... Farmers are still suffering"

Farmers from Bihar, Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan and other states were in Delhi to take part in the protest. Their demands include a complete rollback on GST on agricultural activities, scaling up funds for PM -Kisan Samman Nidhi and effective relief policies to help farm animals and trade.

I-T searches at house of singer who wrote songs for farmers' stir

RAAKHI JAGGA
LUDHIANA, DECEMBER 19



Kanwar Grewal, a popular Sufi singer and lyricist, has often courted controversy over lyrics of his songs

THE INCOME Tax Department Monday carried out search operation at the Mohali residence of Punjabi singer Kanwar Grewal, who had remained very active during the farmers' agitation against the now repealed agri laws and whose song on Sikh prisoners languishing in jails for several years was banned the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA).

A posse of CRPF personnel stood guard at Grewal's apartment in Mohali Sector-104 and did not allow his family members to interact with media. While the I-T department officials did not divulge any details, sources said the search was carried out following allegations of tax evasion.

Simultaneous raids were conducted at the residence and commercial property of another Punjabi singer, Ranjit Bawa, in Chandigarh, Mohali and Batala. The premises of Bawa's personal assistant was also searched.

The search operation began at 9.30 am and continued till the time of this report going to press.

The 38-year-old Grewal, a popular Sufi singer and lyricist, has often courted controversy over the lyrics of his songs. The singer who originally hails from village Mehma Sawai in Bathinda was actively seen participating in the farmer's agitation against the three contentious farm laws.

From August 2020 till February 2021, he released 10 protest songs. The first one, 'Eko hi bana', was released on August 21, 2020. His biggest hit was 'Pecha', which he sang along with Harf Cheema. That song was released on November 21, 2020, days before the Delhi Chalo call of farmers.

The song, which went "Kichh le jatta kicchh tayari pecha pe gaya centre naal (Come on farmer, make all arrangements for marching on. This is a direct confrontation with the Centre)", became an anthem of sorts for the farmers marching to New Delhi. 'Itihaas', 'Zwaani Zindabaad', 'Bebe Bapu da khiyaal', 'Aakhree faisla', 'Jitega Punjab' were some of his other songs.

Unnao rape: BJP ex-MLA Sengar seeks interim bail for daughter's marriage

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 19

SENTENCED TO life by a trial court for raping a minor girl in 2017, former UP BJP MLA Kuldeep Singh Sengar,moved the Delhi High Court on Monday seeking interim bail on account of his daughter's marriage.

The bail plea was listed before a bench of Justices Siddharth Mridul and Talwant Singh, but they directed that it be listed before another bench. "List this application before a bench in which one of us, namely, Justice Talwant Singh, is not a member subject to obtaining directions of the chief justice," the bench said, listing the matter for Thursday.

Sengar has moved the court seeking interim bail for two months for his daughter's marriage scheduled for February 8, 2023. He has also informed the court that the ceremonies will begin in January.

Sengar has challenged the trial court's December 16, 2019, order that found him guilty of raping the minor and the December 20, 2019, order that sentenced him to life term. The court found Sengar guilty of rape under IPC section 376 (rape) and sections 5(c) and 6 of POCSO Act, holding that the victim's testimony was "unblemished, truthful and... of sterling quality".

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That's when Mbappe brought the game alive, lent redemptive completion to Messi's magical World Cup triumph

MERE MESSI MAGIC was never going to be enough. He had scored Argentina's opening goal alright to stake first claim to his entitled right. What's more, in what was like watching a sonography of a ticking chess mind, or hearing the first strains of Mozart, he had conjured the masterful opening riff of the wondrous crescendo that was to be Argentina's second goal. Yet, the World Cup final — as if pre-ordained and hence passionless — remained a dull affair awaiting the gong and the coronation. Until in the 80th minute, and then the 81st, Kylian Mbappe brought the game alive and helped elevate the 2022 title clash into perhaps the greatest World Cup final of all time. Mbappe's hat-trick after France's most insipid outing elevated the 2022 World Cup to an unforgettable encounter, and lent redemptive completion to Messi's magical triumph.

The dramatic final also signaled a win for hosts Qatar, the host nation that remained under a grey cloud. Managing to deliver the best-behaved English crowds at a World Cup who didn't end up whingeing about no alcohol and no Cup either and accepted a quarters loss, however, deserves the inventing of some sort of an award. In a less-acknowledged flip side to criticism of Qatar, fans from Africa admitted to CNN that this had been their most accessible World Cup, where they could afford to travel and felt welcome because Qatar eased up on their visas. It reflected in how well the African teams performed, with Morocco the standout story of the tournament. With Saudi Arabia, Japan and Korea al l registering remarkable upsets, and finally a South American team breaking Europe's grip on the Cup after 20 years, Messi has also gladdened the hearts of the rest of the world.

The beauty of football, which certainly won, is that Messi and Mbappe could be playing next month for their club side, Paris Saint Germain, and collectively still lose the Champions League. French goalkeeper Hugo Lloris will team up with the Argentine bludgeon, centre-back Cristian Romero, who elbowed him in the ribs at Spurs when club football gets underway. So engrossing is the football battle that fans will reorient their loyalties without skipping a heartbeat and continue watching the beloved sport. The enduring tale of this World Cup, though, will be how Messi stepped up to fill the until now unfillable void of Maradona after his death, by pulling this Argentine unit on the sheer force of his ambition to prove a point. More than settling the GOAT debate with Cristiano Ronaldo, which was media muppetry clearly, it was Messi earning back the love he always was entitled to but felt bereft of after 2014, from grudging home fans. Even the vanquished French won't mind ending up on the wrong side of that storyline. When your career starts with a World Cup win at age 19, you need the absolute soul-crushing, logic-defying heartbreak of losing a final like at Qatar, to fuel a renewed ambition: That's Messi's return gift to the heir apparent, the magnificent Mbappe.

DON'T UNSEE THIS

Nitish Kumar needs to learn from others' mistakes and his own. Saran tragedy underlines that Bihar's liquor ban is bad policy

UNTIL NOW, ACCORDING to official estimates, 38 people have died in Saran district in a tragically commonplace "hooch tragedy" in dry Bihar. The champion of prohibition in the state, Chief Minister Nitish Kumar, has not expressed sympathy or concern, only an unbecoming peevishness. On the floor of the House in the state assembly, the CM said that "those who drink liquor will die... the example is in front of us". To parry Opposition attacks, he engaged in crude whataboutery: He asked the BJP why it does not raise a hue and cry over such deaths in states where it has governments. The fact is that from 2016, when prohibition was imposed in Bihar, to 2021, there have been over 200 hooch-related deaths in the state. Time and again, other state governments have experimented with prohibition. Nitish Kumar, it seems, has not learnt the lessons from their failures — or his own.

Alcohol abuse does indeed have terrible social consequences. It is also undeniable that it is women, including and especially from among the poor and marginalised sections, who often bear the brunt of alcoholism in the family. Yet, in 2016, the Rules of the Bihar Prohibition and Excise Act sought to punish the families of "offenders", including with fines, confiscation of property and jail time. In 2018, some of the law's more draconian provisions were amended. But the fact remains that there is mounting evidence that prohibition is not the solution to alcoholism. Andhra Pradesh, Haryana, Kerala and Tamil Nadu — to name just a few states — have experimented with it in the past. In each case, the policy has been withdrawn because it pushes consumption underground, places an undue burden on the law and order machinery, increases criminalisation, and depletes revenues. The ban in Bihar has caused reported losses of up to Rs 5,000 crore to the government, while treating citizens as incapable of making responsible choices.

There is, perhaps, a political context to Nitish Kumar's despite-it-all commitment to the ban. In his first two terms, his image for good governance was built from the commendable investment made by his government in enhancing women's rights and welfare — schemes were introduced providing scholarships and cycles to reduce dropout rates for girls. That he is now expending precious political capital to double down on a failed policy seems to indicate that he is out of governance ideas. Earlier this month, he said the consumption of liquor and hooch was not prescribed in any religion — as though policy must be sourced from scripture. In Bihar, it seems that the people and exchequer must suffer because of the chief minister's political commitment to a counterproductive measure.

ONE MAN SHOW

If Musk really wants Twitter to become a public square, he could get off the soapbox, relinquish the megaphone

CONSIDERING THAT THIS is the man who kicked off one of the more tumultuous chapters in the history of Twitter with a poll — "Free speech is essential to a functioning democracy. Do you believe Twitter rigorously adheres to this principle? (March 25, 2022)" — Elon Musk's turn to vox populi on the question of his role at the social media company was only surprising for one reason. Few expected him to risk a "yes" verdict. "Should I step down as head of Twitter? I will abide by the results of the poll," the billionaire tweeted on December 18. When the poll closed, 57.5 per cent of the 17.5 million votes were in favour of "yes".

If one of the defining characteristics of the internet age is user-generated content, then Musk's chaotic leadership of Twitter has been, as they say on the internet, "peak Web 2.0". In the weeks since he got behind the wheel of the company on October 27, Musk has veered from one controversy to the another -- mass layoffs, reinstating Donald Trump's account, launch of paid verification, followed by its rollback -- generating enough content to keep the commentariat busy for months to come. Almost all of this has played out in public, on Twitter, frequently fueled by Musk's own tweets.

It is possible that the polls — whether to bring back Trump and other users who were "deplatformed" before his takeover or whether to restore the suspended accounts of journalists who had allegedly violated Twitter policies — are meant to turn the platform he owns into the public square he claims it is. If that is indeed the case, it might help for Musk to loosen his very firm grip on the megaphone and get off the soapbox. As it stands now, whether he remains CEO or not, Twitter seems to be turning into a one-man show.

The day after the World Cup

When the romance of Messi's last dance subsides, sport — football — will be confronted by complex issues



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AND SO, LIONEL Messi has indeed salvaged the most controversial and politically-charged football World Cup ever.

It started with him cutting a forlorn figure in the opening-match defeat to Saudi Arabia. Gradually, the 35-year-old grabbed the tournament by the scruff of the neck by conjuring moments of magic and channeling his inner Maradona to lead Argentina to its third World Cup title, dethroning France in a final that stirred up a storm in the desert and engulfed the world in it.

The power of sport to provide this kind of drama is the reason why countries and regimes pour billions of dollars to host it and indulge in what's been dubbed as "sportswashing".

It was exactly the kind of climax — already being described as the best World Cup final of all time — Qatar and FIFA, world football's governing body, would have hoped for. For years leading up to the tournament, the country was battered for its record of human rights abuse, migrant workers' deaths and discrimination against the LGBTQI+ community. FIFA was slammed for awarding them the world's most-watched single-sport event.

Qatar launched a counteroffensive by terming the unprecedented backlash, largely from the West, as "racist" and hoped that when football would eventually climb centrestage, everything else would take a back seat.

To some extent, they succeeded in spinning the narrative. As the tournament chugged on, prominent voices — from sportspersons to heads of state — hailed the hosts for their hospitality and for delivering a memorable World Cup, and lauded them for the steps taken to improve conditions for migrant workers.

While the World Cup helped Qatar put on its best face — just like Russia did four years ago — it doesn't absolve the country of the treatment meted out to those who transformed the desert into a football hub. A migrant worker died in mysterious circumstances in the middle of the tournament.

> The sports industry smacks of a Euro-centric attitude in terms of the way it is played, where it is played and when. The first World Cup to be played on Arab soil has broken some shackles. The most important is the shift in attitude towards the 'weaker' teams. Despite the pushback from Europe, the underdogs — Morocco, Japan, Saudi Arabia and the rest — in this World Cup have shown why the edition in 2026 is the perfect time to expand the tournament to 48 teams from the current 32. With Africa and Asia benefiting the most from the increased quotas, the gap between the haves and have-nots will further shrink, which can only be good news for world football.

In that sense, Qatar 2022 was a mirage.

When the dust settles and the romance over Messi's last dance subsides, sport — football, in particular — will increasingly be confronted by these complex issues. The direction in which the wind is blowing, it's clear that a lot of major sports events — from World Cups to the Olympics — will take place in the Gulf for the simple reason that the money is there. It's not necessarily a bad thing.

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It has demonstrated that major events can be held in nations where the weather is hot, during winter months instead of the European summer, if all parties are willing to make some sacrifices — something India might have to push for as well, if it is serious about hosting the Olympics in 2036. The fans of Argentina, Mexico, Morocco and Saudi Arabia showed football can be enjoyed from the stands without being showered in beer.

These are the sporting legacies of Qatar 2022 — it's proven that everything considered different from what is the norm should be given a chance. The troubling part is the non-sporting side.

While no country is in a position to lecture another on morality and ethics, it is for the sporting bodies — that make billions of dollars from their flagship events — to ensure their tournaments are inclusive and reflect a changing, more aware world.

It's also time they drop the pretence that sport is cut off from politics. If anything, this World Cup showed that the two are linked closer than before and the lines will blur even more as stadiums turn into proxy battlefields between nations. As a consequence, athletes, who are forced to take a stand on many issues outside of the sporting arena, will also find themselves under increased scrutiny. Even Messi won't be spared.

In May, the Argentina captain, who played his last World Cup match on Sunday, signed a deal with Saudi Arabia to promote the country. Soon after, the Saudis hinted at launching a bid to host the 2030 World Cup.

FIFA's rotation policy means Asia won't immediately be awarded the tournament and so Saudi Arabia is considering a joint bid with an African nation — Egypt — and a European country, Greece.

While the allure of a World Cup on three continents seems irresistible, albeit controversial, it will, for Messi, create an awkward situation. Argentina, along with Uruguay, is considering a bid to co-host the 2030 World Cup. So, after ending the South American nation's desperate wait for a World Cup, the GOAT might find himself in a situation where he will campaign against his own country.

It's one of the many complexities and contradictions that comes along with the politics and business of sport. And perhaps, even Messi would find it tough to dribble past it.

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DEFENDING A BAD SONG

Of the many problems with 'Besharam Rang', the orange bikini isn't one



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IN NO URDU or Hindi dictionary is "sharifi" a word. Its forced usage to mean "modesty", to me, is one of the most obvious issues with the recently released song, "Besharam rang" from the Shah Rukh Khan and Deepika Padukone-starrer *Pathaan*. This is besides the lacklustre tune composed by Vishal-Sheykhar and the pedestrian choreography by the otherwise talented Vaibhavi Merchant. The song doesn't even have an interesting hook for listeners to latch on to. This is a song without any earwormy qualities, that could have been easily ignored or forgotten.

But this is India, and we live in the volatile world of social media, which follows the playbook of chaos. Out of the many elements for which one could criticise the song, it's the orange outfit worn by Padukone, which features for about 15 seconds towards the end, that has caused a furore. Outrage has been generated by those who consider the colour saffron to be a part of their cultural legacy and not just a fall fashion favourite hue.

Padukone's swimsuit is orange and so "Hindu sentiments are being hurt". Also, what's bothering many is the use of the term "Besharam rang", based on the inaccurate understanding that the song is using this term to describe saffron. That particular line from the song means "the world hasn't seen my true colours". It's a metaphor for the immodesty of the heart, like "Badtameez dil", another phrase by Kumaar, the lyricist of "Besharam rang".

> The right thing to do here is to defend 'Besharam rang' and the makers of 'Pathaan', even though the content one is defending is lousy. And it is, after all, just a song. What needs to be understood is that those involved in the making of 'Besharam rang' most likely did not factor in the connotations of the colour saffron or that dressing Padukone in an outfit of that colour would create a ludicrous controversy.

Many have called for banning the song, while there are also calls to correct the clothes worn in the song, even as effigies of Padukone and Khan were burnt by activists in Indore. In the meantime, Amit Malviya of the BJP took a dig at Mamata Banerjee and tweeted, "At the Kolkata Film Festival, Mamata Banerjee asked Arijit Singh to sing one of his favourites and he chose 'Rang de tu mohe gerua…' It was an evening of realisations. From Mr Bachchan to Arijit, who reminded Mamata Banerjee, in her backyard, that the future of Bengal is saffron…"

In response to Malviya, TMC leader Riju Dutta put out a video of Union minister Smriti Irani from 1998, in which she is seen walking the swimsuit round of a beauty contest in what he describes as a "bhagwa" outfit.

Many on social media then went to the depths of the internet to find the Akshay Kumar song, "Hare ram, hare krishna" from *Bhool Bhulaiyya* (2007) where he is seen in saffron robes along with scantily-clad women, also in saffron robes. Others put up a photograph of Kangana Ranaut drinking while clad in an orange outfit in a scene from her film *Tanu Weds Manu Returns* (2015), perhaps thinking "We've got them with this one". It just kept getting worse, with people pulling out the rape scene in *Bhrashtachaar* (1989) where a politician (played by Anupam Kher) is seen attempting to rape a girl (Shilpa Shirodkar) dressed in a yellowish-orange sari. Or is it tangerine? To those engaged in this online back-and-forth, it doesn't matter. Whatever suits their purpose will do.

The right thing to do here is to defend "Besharam rang" and the makers of *Pathaan*, even though the content one is defending is lousy. And it is, after all, just a song. One may have a problem with its quality — its lack of originality, lazy lyrics or even the fact that it sticks to a worn-out template already used by the same combination of director Siddharth Anand, composer duo Vishal-Sheykhar, singer Shilpa Rao and lyricist Kumaar in "Ghungroo" (War, 2019). This song was a play on "Mohe aayi na jag se laaj" sung by Salma Agha in *Param Dharam* (1987) and later popularised by Anup Jalota as a bhajan and many others in the past. What needs to be understood, however, is that those involved in the making of "Besharam rang" most likely did not factor in the connotations of the colour saffron or that dressing Padukone in an outfit of that colour would create a ludicrous controversy.

Also, saffron is just a colour. Colours do not come with religion. The associations with varied things are just manmade metaphors rearing their heads from the dark chambers of our minds.

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UNREST IN MAHA CONG

DISSIDENTS IN THE Maharashtra Congress (I) legislature party, reacting angrily to Chief Minister Babasaheb Bhosale's utterances against them, have drafted an 18-point charge-sheet against him which is to be submitted to the party high command. When six MLAs could be suspended from the party for using filthy language, Bhosale was also liable for a similar action, the two leaders of the dissidents said. The charge-sheet accused Bhosale of inefficiency, nepotism, anti-party activity and undignified behaviour.

MILAN MISSILES

INDIA IS UNDERSTOOD TO have begun receiving deliveries of "Milan" anti-tank missiles, considered to be among the most advanced in the world. Manufactured jointly by France and West Germany, "Milan" incorporates a semi-automatic guidance technique for fast operation. It is easily portable and can be operated from armoured or unarmoured vehicles.

PORTUGAL PM RESIGNS

PORTUGAL'S PRIME MINISTER Francisco Pinto Balsemão announced his resignation but said there would be no early general elections. He said in a statement to the press that he had decided to devote himself entirely to the Social Democratic Party, which emerged as the biggest loser in local elections last weekend. He gave no indication of who will follow him.

PM CAMPAIGNS

PRIME MINISTER INDIRA Gandhi, addressing a series of election meetings, Gandhi compared the performance of the Congress (I) governments in several states with that of the non-Congress (I) governments to drive home the point that it was necessary to strengthen the ruling party at the Centre by electing the same party in the states.

N-PLANT BLAST

SOUTH AFRICA'S FIRST nuclear power station has been hit by a series of explosions, but officials have refused to release any details. An official of a French company involved in the construction said that there had been four blasts and "it certainly was an attack, a case of sabotage."

WHAT THE OTHERS SAY

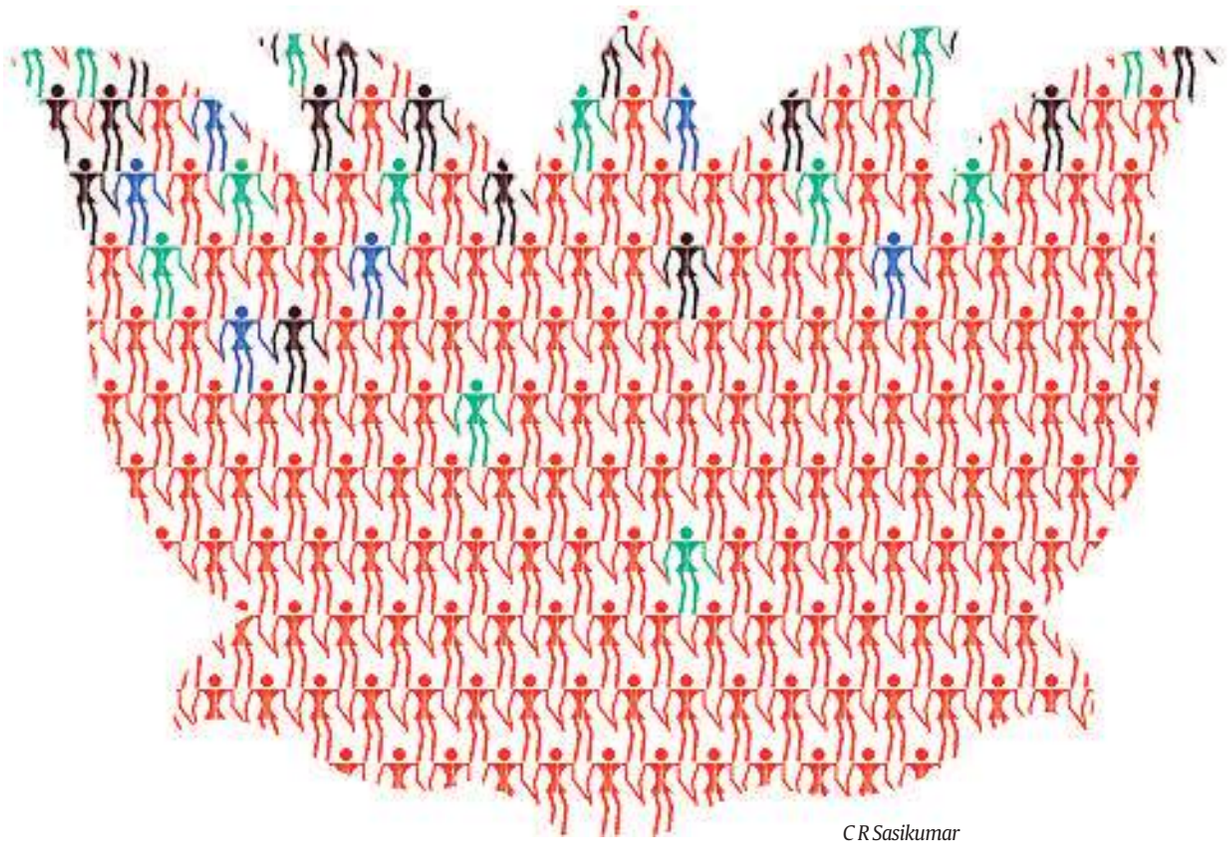
"Pakistan's repeated offer of engagement has been turned down by the far right dispensation ruling India. The peace process is unlikely to be resumed anytime soon, but at least both sides should dial down the rhetoric to prevent further escalation."
— DAWN, PAKISTAN

The weight of success

BJP has become the natural party of governance. But comforts of power mean that training a new generation of party workers must become more rigorous



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THE BHARATIYA JANATA Party's massive victory in Gujarat, another one in its journey to electoral ascendency since 2014, is significant for more than one reason. The most important among them is the shifting context in the party system in India. The earlier political discourse and articulation of demands were rooted in the ideological contours of the Nehru era as well as the experiences and lessons of the freedom movement. New generations came to be and socio-economic contexts in India and the world changed but the old perspectives and politics continued. A new psychological-philosophical climate has been inaugurated by the current ideological-political class, which was at the margins during the old regime. The reference point of parties and discourses is cultural nationalism and the vision of Prime Minister Narendra Modi. The BJP's pan-India presence makes it a natural party of governance.

History shows both ideology and individuals play a vital role in shaping the destiny of nations. Modi became instrumental in the progressive unfolding of the BJP's ideology, programmes and organisation. Cultural nationalism is no longer confined to issues like cows and conversions. Legacies and heroes of the freedom movement that were earlier selectively used by Nehruvians and Marxists have become part of the BJP's aggressive agenda. The Tiranga Yatra and honouring grass roots freedom fighters by the party as part of Amrit Mahotsav show the expanding horizon of the party. Another, no less important development is the end of the psychological inhibition vis-a-vis ideas, forces, personalities and symbols that party workers and others were victims of, especially because these shibboleths were based on a politics of binaries. Modi dramatically increased the capacity of the party to embrace diverse ideas and heralded a mental revolution among the workers.

India's diversities in all aspects of life require a party to remain free from an isolationist outlook and the practice of "political untouchability". The BJP has consolidated itself by co-opting leaders and forces from multiple sources to acquire a broad-based social-cultural identity. For instance, in the Northeastern states, where the party had a symbolic presence, it made a great leap through this avenue. The party is privileged to have the rigorous ideological-organisational activities of the RSS, which give its expansion stability and an ideological flavour. No social or geographical space is beyond the reach of the party.

In this expansion phase, the relationship between the core and periphery of a party commonly becomes dichotomous. The core's claim of purity creates hierarchies inside the party – something that was witnessed in Congress in the pre-Independence period. Socialists receiving secondary status before the Gandhians led to the formation of the Congress Socialist Party. This dichotomy has been meticulously avoided in the BJP. The circulation of leadership is no longer confined to the core. Homogenisation of party workers and opportunities for them within the party has levelled the playing field.

Organisational socialisation and opportunity are not new. They were present in the Bharatiya Jana Sangh (BJS) as well as BJP. The difference is that it has moved from a top-down to a bottom-up approach. At least four political actors belonging to different streams — Syama Prasad Mookerjee (Hindu Mahasabha), Prem Nath Dogra (Praja Parishad), Mauli Chandra Sharma (Arya Samaj) and Bhai Raghu Vira (who left Congress over Nehru's China policy) were party presidents in the BJS. However, things had not moved at the grass roots. After the split in the Janata party in 1980, when the BJP was formed, relatively fewer RSS workers found space in the party. However, the party has made great advancements in the inclusion and integration of both political elites and the grass roots.

Big changes need thought and action beyond the traditional limits drawn by politics. Modi as prime minister demolished the Nehruvian reticence towards Indian culture. He rediscovered India's identity. In foreign lands, people find in him a representative of India's culture. He presented the Bhagavad Gita to his counterparts and used traditional idioms to explain India's perspective. His vision and actions become the basis of new narratives, primarily on culture and the economy. For him, Hindu culture, philosophy and modes of worship are creatively blended and the three never found such a powerful and unbroken expression in leadership before domestic and international audiences. This has given Modi unmatched popularity among the people whose identity remained contested or suppressed.

The BJP has also transcended the left-right division. Economic policies are dedicated to time-bound development. While India's corporate strength is increasing, welfarism has also made a great leap. Governance today is an amalgamation of both the Swatantra Party and Socialists' programmes. The Latin American experiment vindicates India's third way. The pink revolution, which gave the Latin American left parties a popular mandate to liberate their nations from poverty failed. Political leaders who ascended to power denouncing "American hegemony" or new imperialism got discredited. Therefore, the Indian experiment in the Neoliberal age becomes very challenging. Neoliberalism is a resurrection of a laissez-faire political economy. However, the BJP's economic-political nuances acknowledge the importance of the public sector and institutions essential for the stability of a society.

It is also important, however, to acknowledge that the party's success also throws up challenges. One of them is developing intellectual rigour to counter the tremendous intellectual resources of anti-Hindutva forces, who now have global allies. For instance, while Indian leaders succeeded in soliciting the support of the international community for yoga, it still faces resistance in India for allegedly being a "majoritarian" idea.

Modi has obliterated the feudal hierarchies between office bearers and common workers within the BJP and new party programmes make them interdependent. Mao tried to do this in China through the Cultural Revolution but failed abysmally due to his authoritarian perspective.

But the party's quest for inclusiveness needs to be guarded as well. In many African countries, such endeavours provided opportunities to the mediocre and those with sectarian tendencies to take over parties and governments. This was also seen in US politics in the mid-980s. The BJP leadership is well aware that the party's horizontal expansion is not free from such danger. When Modi calls for "Congress mukt" politics, he means the political culture institutionalised by the Congress in the form of dynasty, nepotism, corruption, corporatism and individualism.

The current leadership of the BJP has roots in the politics of the 1970s — they learnt political acumen through ideological and political struggles. The new generation is being groomed in relative comfort and ease. For a party that has a long road ahead to achieve its ideological objectives, it becomes essential for them to pass through a more rigorous training process. It is here that the "melting pot" formula of the BJP will come into play.

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The era of free data is over

Across the world, the law is coming for Big Tech



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THE US IS a fractious nation, where all 52 states rarely agree on anything and the two major political parties agree on nothing at all. However, there is one piece of legislation making its way through the political system, where the Democrats, Republicans, Senate and Congress seem to be concurring with each other. This is the ADPPA, or the American Data Privacy and Protection Act, which promises to radically transform the US data privacy and protection landscape.

When made into law, a "covered entity may not collect, process, or transfer covered data unless the collection, processing, or transfer is limited to what is reasonably necessary and proportionate to" achieve one of the 17 allowed purposes. It will also ban the use of "sensitive" data like health information and geolocation, ban targeting minors and even not allow the "Accept All" buttons that the European GDPR has made ubiquitous. The US is not alone. While the GDPR set the trend, UNCTAD reports that 80 per cent of all countries in the world have a data protection and privacy legislation or are putting one into effect. Not all of these laws are as strong as in the US, Europe or Australia — the ones in China and Brazil are considered "moderate", while, interestingly, the ones in India and South Asia are fairly "limited" in their scope. Most of them, including the US and Indian ones, were legislated recently.

There is a reason why countries are falling over themselves to control and manage data — it is only lately that data has been thought of as a valuable resource as well as a potent weapon, and governments like to own and control resources and weapons. Historically, the greatest wealth has been created by harnessing and exploiting natural resources. The first barons and lords were those who owned and controlled land, and had serfs extract agricultural value out of them. Timber was the next logical resource to be exploited. Railroads constructed on virtually free land built the next generation of barons, who were followed by mining magnates scooping out minerals from the earth. Huge wealth was amassed by colonial resource exploitation. Then came oil; wars were fought, borders redrawn, fortunes built, and oceans overrun over oil. Now, data has been pronounced the new oil, and future world powers will be created on the back of data.

China brought itself into contention with manufacturing, now it is separating itself from the pack by leveraging data and AI. Vladimir Putin has famously remarked that "the nation that leads in AI (and so data) will lead the world". The US is waging war by choking off chips and technologies that enable AI from their geopolitical foes. The countries are late to the party though, Big Tech discovered the value of data much earlier and the Googles, Facebooks and Tencents have built trillion-dollar companies exploiting it. But much like oil, data has been used as a weapon too — influencing elections, defrauding investors, faking news.

In this entire scenario, the Indian situation is particularly interesting. India and China are perhaps the only two large countries where digitisation and data have happened at "population scale". The big difference in India is that it has happened with large government intervention — the digital stories of the West, and even China, are largely private enterprise-led. The Indian digitisation story has been breath-taking in its scope of scale: Digital public infrastructure like identity (Aadhaar), payments (UPI) and the upcoming National Health Stack and the Open Network for Digital Commerce (ONDC), built on the India stack have begun to transform its society and economy.

India as a country and the Indian consumer are leapfrogging the world in digitisation and digital technology, with the government treating these as digital public goods. The scale and richness of consumption, demographic and even personal data being generated is massive, and there is an immense scope to leverage this. Nandan Nilekani, the architect of this initiative, talks of Indians "becoming data-rich, before they become economically rich", pointing out an opportunity for individuals to harness and monetise their own data, rather than intermediary Big Tech platforms doing so -- as it happened in the rest of the world. Take, for example, the ONDC initiative, which if successful can democratise e-commerce rather than it being in the hands of an Amazon-Flipkart duopoly.

The Indian approach to regulating data is three-pronged: The much-amended data protection Bill, which has been considerably watered-down, the forthcoming telecom Bill and a Digital India Act to replace its IT Act. No law, not even the much-lauded ADPPA is perfect, and not everyone will be happy with the set of data laws in India. Whatever form and shape it takes, a few outcomes are definite. One, the era of "free data" is over, and Big Tech companies, which built trillion-dollar businesses out of it will have to tweak their business models (take the case of Facebook, which has suffered a multi-billion dollar hit due to Apple rewriting its privacy code).

Two, there will be a patchwork of laws across the globe, and multinational companies dealing with data will find it very cumbersome to work across all of them. Therefore, irrespective of what a country's law is, it is very likely that the strictest will be applied to all of them, and GDPR might become that.

Three, some law is better than no law, and we hope to have more consumer protection, transparency and privacy protection than before. However, it will continue to be an arms race, with governments playing whack-a-mole with data entities, trying to stamp out new ways to beat new regulations, as newer AI-driven technologies like ChatGPT come in with their own data conundrums.

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A taste of Israeli chutzpah

By calling out 'The Kashmir Files', Nadav Lapid showed an artist's honesty



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NADAV LAPID, A film director from Israel, criticised *The Kashmir Files* at the International Film Festival of India (IFFI) held in Goa. He did so at the same time and place that the embassy of Israel was hoping to publicise *Fauda* – an Israeli show, popular domestically and internationally. For Lapid, the propaganda in *The Kashmir Files* is an issue because it legitimises violence, bigotry and prejudice against the Muslims of Kashmir. This view wasn't his alone — three other jury members at IFFI agreed. The sole Indian member was the one who distanced himself from the view.

The film, many who see it feel, has no sympathy for Kashmiri Muslims and excuses and endorses the use of state aggression against them because of "what happened to Hindus". In essence, the film seems to say that revenge is more important than reconciliation.

Revenge begins a cycle of violence that seems to have no end. But how should one abjure violence when there is a reason and excuse for it in the past? The story of Tibetan people living in exile in the different cities of India carries a powerful message in this regard. They have been refugees from a supremely powerful China that won't let them return to Tibet as Tibetan people. They must abandon their practices, faith and symbols and assimilate, China demands. Yet, the leaders of the Tibetan government in exile, in Dharmshala, do not call for armed groups, guerilla fighters and martyrs.

The Tibetan national struggle is unique and to an extent, an ideal that is possible to act upon because the Dalai Lama thinks teaching or preaching violence in the name of a national struggle will not make his people better. They must have peace and non-violence as sacrosanct principles. It is also the negation of the notion that we need a state and nation at any cost.

By speaking against the notion of revenge in *The Kashmir Files*, Lapid has given us a taste of Israeli chutzpah.

"Chutzpah" comes from Hebrew and is now part of the English dictionary. It denotes "behaviour, or a person's attitude, that offends or shocks people but is so confident that they may feel forced to admire it".

Those who have been to Israel and know people from the country will understand why they are known as straight talkers. In a way, the manner there seems almost the opposite one can often see among Indians, which is wrapped in sincerity, niceties and a sense of obligation. Lapid's straight-talking at IFFI is a great example of this forthrightness. He knew he would annoy his host; he was fully aware that his words would offend the government as he had gathered that there was a full endorsement of *The Kashmir Files* by the ruling party. And he would almost certainly be aware of the fact that after his statement, he is very unlikely to be invited to such a prestigious platform in India any time soon.

Benjamin Netanyahu is famous for setting a new record of chutzpah in America while he was the Prime Minister of Israel in 2015. Then president Barak Obama was finalising the delicate nuclear pact with Iran and Netanyahu chose to speak against it in the joint session of Congress at Capitol Hill.

Lapid, in a recent interview, spoke also of his own country and how he thinks that speaking frankly isn't an easy task in Israel either. But it is also essential for people to debate and disagree. He is reflective and expects that we all have the capacity to think about an event in a complex manner. Many progressive Indians, left organisations and even Indian governments have been critical of Israel over the decades. Once, at the United Nations in 1975, Zionism or Israeli nationalism was sought to be labelled as racism — a proposition to which India voted in the affirmative. The state of Israel, now a strong ally and strategic partner, hasn't sought an apology or reversal from India.

In fact, Nadav's candid speech against the movie doesn't impact India-Israel relations either. He is not even a representative of the state, like the ambassador and others who tried their best to do damage control in haste.

Haider, one of the better films about Kashmir made by Vishal Bhardwaj in 2014, uses the word "chutzpah" as a metaphor for many things. Shahid Kapoor, in a masterful performance as the eponymous character, says what chutzpah means in practice. A person goes to rob a bank, robs all the cash from the cashier and then goes on to ask for a form to open an account to deposit the money. *The Kashmir Files* is a movie that robs people of their sensitivity, kindness and capacity for trust. It then expects endorsement as a work of art.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

PREJUDICE, BY LAW

THIS REFERS TO the editorial, 'In bad faith' (IE, December 19). The marriage between politics and communalism is not a new phenomenon in Indian politics. In the name of "love-jihad", the politics of this era intrudes on people's privacy. The violation of the right to privacy has become routine in India. These laws are now finding space in advanced states like Karnataka and Maharashtra. This panel could have a devastating impact on the culture and spirit of the city.

H Upadhyay, *via email*

THIS REFERS TO the editorial, 'In bad faith' (IE, December 19). The Maharashtra government's decision to set up a committee to monitor marriages between persons belonging to different faiths is a violation of citizens' rights. The committee is a means to discourage interfaith marriages and relationships. It can also be deployed to harass citizens in such relationships. This is the direct product of the hoax of "love jihad". The government has reduced its role to that of a khap panchayat with this move.

S S Paul, *Nadia*

UNDIPLOMATIC

THIS REFERS TO the editorial, 'Race to the bottom' (IE, December 19). A Pakistani diplomat demeaning the leader of a foreign country, its largest neighbour no less, undermines the standards of international discourse. This one incident has sabotaged the possibility of any breakthrough in the bilateral relationship between India and Pakistan in the near future. Islamabad needs to clarify its stand on Bilawal Bhutto-Zardari's statement.

Sudip Kumar Dey, *Barasat*

LIQUOR BAN

THIS REFERS TO the article, 'Drunk on power' (IE, December 19). Nitish Kumar may have been well-intentioned when he implemented the liquor ban in 2016. Sadly, this isn't the first time that people have lost their lives due to the consumption of illegal alcohol. It is unfortunate that the Bihar CM has blamed the victims. Post the liquor ban, the mafia has flourished across the state and the Bihar police failed to take necessary action.

Bal Govind, *Noida*

THIS REFERS TO the article, 'Drunk on power' (IE, December 19). There is no social or economic rationale for prohibition. It has been shown, time and again, only to increase criminalisation and health risks — even risking death — because of unregulated production of alcohol. With every tragedy and deaths, the political justification for the policy too will diminish. It is time that Nitish Kumar reconsider this ill-fated policy.

Biswadeep Chatterjee, *Delhi*

Karnataka BJP MLC proposes Bill to ban Halal certification

Belagavi: BJP legislative council member N Ravikumar has proposed a private Bill that allows banning of food certification by any other institution other than Food Safety and Security Association of India (FSSAI). The bill is aimed to keep some institutions at bay that certify permissible food for Muslims.

The Halal issue had earlier sparked unrest after few pro-Hindutva organisations in Karnataka called for boycott of Halal meat during Ugadi celebration and to use Jhatka meat.

Ravikumar said, "There is a parallel unauthorised system which is certifying food products to control the market. Under Food Safety and Standards Act 2006, we are planning to introduce the section which regularises it."

Meanwhile, Congress leaders have expressed displeasure over the Bill and said it was nothing but an attempt to divert attention. **ENS**

Governing India in 2047: A team of young civil servants, academics, entrepreneurs has a vision

HARIKISHAN SHARMA
NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 19

FOR SEVERAL months, a group of 30 young IAS officers were part of a team that was engaged in a special mission: draw up a governance vision for India in the year 2047.

After several brainstorming sessions, this group, which also includes 10 non-IAS officials, 40 academicians and 80 entrepreneurs, all around 40 years of age or less, has come up with ideas for the future. The focus is on "four thrust areas" — office automation, use of data analytics in office automation, AI and machine learning.

"For instance, files keep moving from one level to another in the present system. It should not go above a certain level. If it crosses that level, then a red flag should be raised. To flag urgent files, or see how many days a file has been held by one officer, we will use data analytics," said an official.

These ideas, once approved by the Council of Ministers headed by the Prime Minister, will become part of the Vision India@2047 document for the governance sector being prepared by the Department of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances (DARPG).

Governance is one of the nine sectors identified for this initiative, each headed by a secretary-level officer. The other sectoral groups include those on finance, commerce and industries, internal security and social sector. Of these, two groups — finance, and commerce & industries — have already presented their vision to the Council of Ministers.

"The focus of Vision India@2047 is on young civil servants who will rise to policy making positions by 2047, to set up their interactions with academia, start-ups and research institutions to provide a cutting edge exposure to technology in office automation, AI/ ML and block chain," V Srinivas, Secretary, DARPG, told *The Indian Express*.

ROADMAP FOR THE FUTURE

Vision documents being prepared on:
- Governance
- Finance
- Commerce and Industries
- Internal security
- Social Sector

It is learnt that the draft is currently under the consideration of the Group of Secretaries (GoS) on Governance, which is headed by Information and Broadcasting Secretary Apurva Chandra.

Work on the Vision India@2047 document for governance gained pace earlier this year, when an advisory group headed by MoS for Personnel, Public Grievances and Pension Jitendra Singh suggested that young civil servants with about 25-30 of service left should be given the task.

Thereafter, the DARPG identified 30 IAS officers after which 10 more non-IAS officers were added into the group. Apart from the officers, 40 young faculty members from premier institutions such as IITs and IIMs were picked. Also added to the group were entrepreneurs from 80 start-ups (40 seed-stage start-ups and 40 advance start-ups) were also identified.

Officials said these 160 members were placed in 40 cells, each comprising one officer, one representative each from a seed start-up and an advance start-up, and a faculty member.

According to officials, the 10 groups met for three days from March 7-9 at IIT-Madras and presented their recommendations, which were later shared with senior officials of different ministries and subsequently included in the governance vision draft.

Dr Adeela Abdullah, 37, a 2012-batch IAS officer, was part of the group on Water. "Vision India 2047 should be looking at every aspect of the water problem. We should be in such a position that in 2047, we should look at having tap water ready for drinking..." she said.

IAS officer of the 2009 batch, Varnali Deka, was part of the group on Fintech and Inclusion. "The shining point was synergistic convergence between the industry, academia, the start-ups, and the civil services..."

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Between Nov 9 and Dec 16, SC disposed of 6,844 cases



CJI had said benches will take up 10 transfer and 10 bail pleas every day

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 19

THE SUPREME Court disposed of a total of 6,844 cases including 1,163 bail matters between November 9, when Justice D Y Chandrachud took over as Chief Justice of India, and December 16, its last working day before the winter recess.

A total of 5,898 cases were filed during this period.

The highest number of cases, 277, was filed on November 9, while December 12 saw the highest disposals, 384.

Besides bail and other matters, the court also disposed of 1,353 transfer petitions arising from matrimonial disputes.

On November 18, CJI Chandrachud had announced that all benches of the court will take up 10 transfer petitions and 10 bail applications every day.

He said that the decision was taken at a full court meeting and that all transfer petitions pending before the Supreme Court will be decided before the winter recess.

The CJI had added that after the transfer petitions, all benches will take up 10 bail matters as they involve questions of personal liberty.

"I have also directed that we will give priority to bail matters. So, 10 bail matters every day after transfer petitions because that is a matter of personal liberty. Ten transfer petitions because those are family matters, followed by 10 bail matters across all benches. Then we will start the regular work", he had said.

On December 14, Union Law Minister Kiren Rijiju, speaking in the Rajya Sabha, had flagged the pendency of cases at the top court. He said he had urged the court to "take up those cases which are relevant and which are appropriate for the Supreme Court to take up. If the Supreme Court of India starts hearing bail applications, if the Supreme Court of India starts hearing all frivolous PILs, it will definitely cause a lot of extra burden on the hon. court itself because the Supreme Court, by and large, is treated as a constitutional court".

However, in an order on December 16, the court said that "right to personal liberty is a precious and inalienable right recognised by the Constitution" and lack of intervention by it can even lead to "serious miscarriage of justice".

A bench of CJI Chandrachud and Justice P S Narasimha said this in an order directing the sentence imposed on a man convicted under the Electricity Act to run concurrently and not consecutively.

"The history of this Court indicates that it is in the seemingly small and routine matters involving grievances of citizens that issues of (the) moment, both in jurisprudential and constitutional terms, emerge. The intervention by this Court to protect the liberty of citizens is hence founded on sound constitutional principles embodied in Part III of the Constitution. The Court is entrusted with judicial powers under Article 32 and Article 136 of the Constitution of India. The right to personal liberty is a precious and inalienable right recognised by the Constitution. In attending to such grievances, the Supreme Court performs a plain constitutional duty, obligation and function; no more and no less", the SC said.

उपभोक्ता संरक्षण एवं बाट माप विभाग
उत्तर प्रदेश शासन

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प्रेस विज्ञप्ति

प्रदेश के राज्य उपभोक्ता आयोग में रिक्त 01 गैर न्यायिक सदस्य (महिला) के पद पर नियुक्ति की जानी है। उक्त नियुक्ति हेतु चयन प्रक्रिया उपभोक्ता संरक्षण अधिनियम 2019 के अंतर्गत बने उपभोक्ता संरक्षण (राज्य आयोग और जिला आयोग के अध्यक्ष एवं सदस्यों की नियुक्ति के लिए अर्हता, भर्ती की पद्धति, नियुक्ति की प्रक्रिया कार्यकाल पद से त्याग पत्र और हटाना) नियम 2020, दिनांक 15 जुलाई, 2020 के प्रावधानों के अंतर्गत की जाएगी। उक्त पद पर नियुक्ति हेतु विज्ञापन पत्रांक : 1805 / 84-2-2022, दिनांक 19 दिसम्बर, 2022 एवं आवेदन प्रारूप, राज्य उपभोक्ता आयोग की विभागीय वेबसाइट http://scdrc.up.nic.in पर अपलोड है। आवेदन करने की अंतिम तिथि दिनांक 20 जनवरी, 2023 निर्धारित है। इच्छुक अभ्यर्थी उक्त वेबसाइट से सेवा शर्ते एवं आवेदन पत्र का प्रारूप प्राप्त कर, वांछित औपचारिकताओं को पूर्ण करते हुए राज्य आयोग कार्यालय में डाक के माध्यम से अथवा सीधे निर्धारित तिथि दिनांक 20 जनवरी, 2023 तक आवेदन निबन्धक, राज्य उपभोक्ता विवाद प्रतितोष आयोग, उ0प्र0, सी-1, विक्रान्त खण्ड-1 (शहीद पथ के बगल में) गोमती नगर, लखनऊ उ.प्र. पिन कोड 226010 के पते पर कर सकते हैं। आवेदन पत्र अपूर्ण होने अथवा निर्धारित तिथि के पश्चात प्राप्त होने पर आवेदन पत्र स्वतः निरस्त समझे जाएंगे

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THE GREAT GIG IN THE SKY

Drones fly in formation to create an image of Parliament House during an event in Gorakhpur on Monday. *PTI*

छत्रपति शाहू जी महाराज शोध एवं प्रशिक्षण संस्थान
"भागीदारी भवन", गोमती नगर, लखनऊ।

अतिथि प्रवक्ताओं के आवेदन पत्र आमंत्रित किये जाने हेतु, विज्ञापन।

उ0प्र0 शासन द्वारा छत्रपति शाहू जी महाराज शोध एवं प्रशिक्षण संस्थान, भागीदारी भवन, गोमती नगर, लखनऊ की स्थापना अनुसूचित जाति, अनुसूचित जनजाति तथा अन्य पिछड़ा वर्ग के निर्धन एवं मेधावी अभ्यर्थियों को विभिन्न प्रशासनिक सेवाओं की परीक्षाओ के पूर्व निःशुल्क कोचिंग दिये जाने के उद्देश्य से की गयी है। उक्त संस्थान गोमती नगर में डा0 भीम राव अम्बेडकर सामाजिक परिवर्तन स्थल के समीप स्थित है। संस्थान में सिविल सेवा परीक्षा की तैयारी हेतु संचालित किये जाने वाले कोचिंग सत्रों में संबंधित परीक्षा के नवीनतम पाठ्यक्रमानुसार प्रारम्भिक एवं मुख्य परीक्षा के विभिन्न विषयों (सा0अ0-इतिहास, भूगोल, सा0 हिन्दी, भा0 अर्थव्यवस्था, भा0 राजव्यवस्था, विज्ञान एवं प्रौद्योगिकी, जीव विज्ञान, रसायन विज्ञान, पर्यावरण परिस्थितिकी/जैव विविधता, समसामयिकी/उ0प्र0 विशेष, गणित, निर्णयन क्षमता, रीजनिंग, अंग्रेजी आदि) में व्याख्यान हेतु अनुभवी तथा प्रोफेशनल अतिथि प्रवक्ताओं की आवश्यकता है। संस्थान में व्याख्यान हेतु इच्छुक व्यक्ति, जो निम्न योग्यता/शर्ते पूर्ण करते हों, के आवेदन पत्र निम्न प्रारूप पर दिनांकः 30 दिसम्बर 2022 तक आमंत्रित किये जाते हैं।

वांछनीय योग्यता

1- प्रतिष्ठित निजी कोचिंग संस्थानो से ऐसे अनुभवी व्याख्याता जिन्हें न्यूनतम 03 वर्ष का अनुभव हो तथा जिन्होंने संबंधित विषय में परास्नातक परीक्षा उर्त्तीण की हो। (नेट/जे0आर0एफ0 उर्त्तीण अभ्यर्थियों को वरीयता प्रदान की जायेगी)
2- विश्वविद्यालय, शासकीय अथवा अनुदानित डिग्री कॉलेज में सक्षम आयोग द्वारा विधिवत रूप से सहायक प्राध्यापक या अधिक स्तर पर चयनित (कार्यरत अथवा सेवा निवृत्त)
3- नेट/जे0आर0एफ0 उत्तीर्ण राज्य/केन्द्रीय विश्वविद्यालयों में पी0एच0डी0 करने वाले अभ्यर्थी।
4- विगत 05 वर्षो में (वर्ष 2016 से) संघ लोक सेवा आयोग द्वारा आयोजित सिविल सेवा मुख्य परीक्षा/उत्तर प्रदेश प्रान्तीय सिविल सेवा मुख्य परीक्षा न्यूनतम 02 बार उर्त्तीण की हो।

शर्ते

1- चयनित अतिथि प्रवक्ताओं को दिये गये टॉपिक/विशय पर परीक्षण व्याख्यान देना होगा। व्याख्यान पर छात्रों के फीड बैक के आधार पर निदेशक द्वारा चयन के संबंध में अंतिम निर्णय लिया जायेगा।
2- सामान्यतः किसी भी चयनित प्रवक्ता को तीन सत्र से अधिक अध्यापन का अवसर नही दिया जायेगा, तथापि असाधारण परिणाम (Exceptional Result) देने वाले अतिथि प्रवक्ता को निदेशक के निर्णय के आधार पर अध्यापन हेतु आगे भी अवसर दिया जा सकता है।
3- प्रत्येक सत्र के उपरांत प्रवक्ता के समग्र मूल्यांकन के आधार पर उसे आगामी सत्र में अध्यापन का अवसर दिया जायेगा।
4- आवेदकों में व्यवसायिक कौशल (Professional Aptitude) के साथ-साथ सामाजिक उपयुक्तता (Social Aptitude) भी होनी चाहिये। संस्थान में अध्यापन कार्य हेतु उच्च चारित्रिक एवं नैतिक मूल्यों (Strong Moral & Ethical Values) का होना अति आवष्यक है।
5- संस्थान में व्याख्यान के लिये आमंत्रित किये जाने वाले अतिथि प्रवक्ताओं को समय-समय पर शासन द्वारा निर्धारित दर के अनुसार मानदेय का भुगतान किया जायेगा।
6- चयनित अतिथि प्रवक्ताओं को संस्थान की "अतिथि प्रवक्ता आचार संहिता" का पालन करना होगा।
7- आवेदन पत्र का प्रारूप विभागीय वेबसाइट www.bhagidaribhawan.in पर उपलब्ध रहेगा तथा कार्यालय समय में संस्थान से भी प्राप्त किया जा सकता है।

संस्थान में आवेदन करने वाले अभ्यर्थियों को साक्षात्कार हेतु फोन/मोबाइल के माध्यम से बुलाया जायेगा। अलग से कोई बुलावा पत्र आदि नही भेजा जायेगा। आवेदन पत्र केवल निर्धारित प्रारूप पर ही स्वीकार किये जायेगें। आवेदन पत्र के साथ समस्त आवश्यक अभिलेख (अंक पत्र, प्रमाण पत्र, अनुभव आदि) की छाया प्रति संलग्न करना आवष्यक है। इच्छुक आवेदक संस्थान में किसी भी कार्य दिवस में (कार्यालय समय- प्रातः 10:00 से 5:00 बजे के मध्य) सम्पर्क कर आवेदन पत्र पूर्ण रूप से भरकर अधिकृत कर्मचारी के पास जमा कर सकते हैं अथवा स्पीड पोस्ट के माध्यम से निम्न पते पर भेज सकते हैं।

नोट-

1- साक्षात्कार में उपस्थित होने वाले अतिथि प्रवक्ताओं को व्याख्यान हेतु आमंत्रित किये जाने की बाध्यता नही है।
2- चयनित अतिथि प्रवक्ताओं को संस्थान की आवष्यकतानुसार आमंत्रित किया जाता है।
3- साक्षात्कार में सम्मिलित होने के लिये किसी प्रकार का यात्रा भत्ता/अन्य भत्ता नही दिया जायेगा।

संयुक्त निदेशक
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Survey sheds light on bleak state of elementary education in Jharkhand

ABHISHEK ANGAD
RANCHI, DECEMBER 19

ONE TEACHER in 20 per cent of the 138 schools sampled, zero schools with functional toilets, electricity and water supply--all three taken together, inadequate government funds for midday meals, very few schools with the prescribed pupil-teacher ratio of below 30, and grossly misleading data on the number of functional toilets in schools. These are some of the findings that point out the dismal state of the schooling system, especially post Covid-19, in Jharkhand as per a new survey titled: 'Gloom in the Classroom' in 138 primary and upper-primary schools in 16 districts.

The survey was conducted by Gyan Vigyan Samiti Jharkhand and the report was prepared by economist Jean Dreze and researcher Paran Amitava. The report, released on *roadscholarz.net* – a portal run by freelance scholars and student volunteers interested in action-oriented research, socio-economic rights and related issues – said basic comparisons between the sample schools and all-Jharkhand data from the Unified District Information System for Education (U-DISE) did not uncover any evidence of 'serious bias'.

The survey covered topics such as the condition of the school infrastructure, teaching methods, midday meals, obstacles to better quality education, remedial measures initiated to help children affected by the Covid-19 crisis, and teachers' views on various matters.

The report said: "The dismal state of the schooling system in Jharkhand reflects decades of state apathy towards elementary education. This apathy is both a mistake and an injustice. It is a mistake because quality education for all could transform the economy and society of Jharkhand. It is an injustice because it keeps oppressed classes and communities where they are."

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Four Brazilian nationals booked, pastor arrested for 'illegal conversion' in UP

MANISH SAHU
LUCKNOW, DECEMBER 19

FOUR BRAZILIAN nationals, including a woman, have been booked along with a 28-year-old local pastor and his wife for allegedly trying to convince people to convert to Christianity in Sitapur district. While police have arrested the pastor, David Asthana, under the UP Prohibition of Unlawful Conversion of Religion Act, they have kept the four Brazilian nationals at their Lucknow hotel and are probing their roles.

According to police, they received information on Sunday that a group of people were protesting against a pastor and his associates at Shahbazpur village of the district, accusing them of trying to lure people to adopt Christianity.

A police team reached the spot and rescued the pastor and his associates, including the four Brazilian nationals who, police said had come to India around two months ago on a tourist visa.

They have been sent to their hotel in Lucknow where they will be staying under police security. Police have informed officials in the Brazilian Embassy in Delhi.

Nine Lankans arrested from TN camp, NIA says involved in smuggling to revive LTTE

MAHENDER SINGH MANRAL
NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 19

THE NATIONAL Investigation Agency (NIA) has arrested nine Sri Lankans from the special camp for Sri Lankan Tamil refugees at Tamil Nadu's Tiruchirappalli over their alleged involvement in drugs and arms smuggling to revive the LTTE.

The agency said that two of the arrested men were in regular touch with a Pakistan-based drug runner, Haji Salim, who often travelled between Dubai, Pakistan and Iran. These men and Salim were working to revive the LTTE in Sri Lanka and India, the NIA said.

"The arrested men have been identified as C Gunashekharan alias Guna, Pushparajah, Mohammad Asmin, Alahapperumaga Sunil Ghamini Fonseaa, Stanly Kennady, Ladiya Chandrasena, Dhanukka Roshan, Vella Suranka and Thilipan," a spokesperson for the agency said.

"The case pertains to activities of a Sri Lankan drug mafia controlled by C Gunashekharan and Pushparajah in association with Haji Salim, drug and arms supplier based in Pakistan, which has been operating in India and Sri Lanka in illegal drugs and arms for the revival of LTTE in India and Sri Lanka. This case was registered suo-moto by the NIA on July 8 this year," the spokesperson said.

'Went into burning house to save Quran': Hero of Longewala battle, Bhairon Singh Rathore, dies

DEEP MUKHERJEE
JAIPUR, DECEMBER 19

EVEN SIX months back, octogenarian BSF veteran Bhairon Singh Rathore would wake up before 5 am everyday, complete his daily routine of yoga, and head to the ground in his village of Solankiatala in Jodhpur district, where youngsters would train to join the Indian Army.

Family members say that during his interactions with the young Army aspirants, he would often recall an anecdote from the 1971 Battle of Longewala — Rathore's heroics in this battle have become part of military folklore.

"My uncle would often recall how he went inside a burning house during heavy artillery fire to save a copy of the Quran while evacuating a Muslim family. When the family thanked him, he said '*ye to mera dharam hai*'," says Arun Singh, nephew of Rathore.

Naik (Retd) Bhairon Singh Rathore, who was awarded the Sena Medal in 1972 for his bravery during the war, died in Jodhpur on Monday. He was 81.

Rathore became a household name after his character was played by actor Suniel Shetty in the 1997 movie, *Border*.

"My father passed away today at the Jodhpur AIIMS, where he was admitted on December 14. The doctors said he suffered a brain stroke," Rathore's son Sawai Singh told *The Indian Express* on Monday.

During the Battle of Longewala, which took place in December 1971, Rathore was posted with the 14th BSF Battalion and attached to the Indian Army's 23 Punjab Regiment.

"Being a local, he knew the desert area and topography and gave crucial information to the members of the 23 Punjab regiment. During the battle, he dealt heavy casualties to the Pakistani force by firing a light machine gun. Even at this age, he would always encourage youngsters from our village to join the Army and would give them advice about fitness and clearing physical tests," says nephew Arun Singh.



BHAIRON SINGH RATHORE
1941-2022

But the family does have a grudge. "My father often rued that in *Border*, his character was shown to have been killed in the war. It was his last wish to meet Suniel Shetty, who portrayed him. We tried to make it possible, but it remained unfulfilled," says son Sawai Singh.

His relatives added that while the movie showed Singh was married by the time of the war, he had, in fact, married later.

"Naik (Retd) Bhairon Singh Ji will be remembered for his service to our nation. He showed great courage at a crucial point in our nation's history. Saddened by his passing away. My thoughts are with his family in this hour of sadness. Om Shanti," PM Narendra Modi tweeted on Monday.

Actor Shetty, too, tweeted on Monday, offering condolences to Rathore, "Rest in Power Naik Bhairon Singh Ji. Heartfelt condolences to the family."

A BSF spokesperson said Rathore's body has been taken to a training centre of the force in Jodhpur where a wreath laying ceremony will be held on Tuesday. After this, the cremation will be conducted in his village with full military honours.

"The braveheart took his last breath at AIIMS, Jodhpur, today. DG BSF and all ranks condole the passing of Naik (retd) Bhairon Singh, Sena Medal, the hero of the Longewala battle. BSF salutes his intrepid bravery, courage and dedication towards his duty," the force tweeted.

BSF records about the Longewala battle state: "When one of the 23 Punjab boys was killed, Lance Naik Bhairon Singh took his light machine gun and inflicted heavy casualties on the advancing enemy..."

— WITH ENS, NEW DELHI

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PERSONAL

It is for general information that I,Pooja Rani,D/O-RAJENDRA SINGH,R/O VILLAGE & P.O KHUBARIYAPUR,THANA & TEHSIL-CHHIBRAMAU,DISTT-KANNAUJ,STATE-UTTAR PRADESH-209721,decalre that name of my-father has been wrongly-written as Rajender Singh in my-10th and 12th-educational documents.The actual-name of my-father is Rajendra Singh,which may be amended accordingly.vide-affidavit no.IN-DL31878933261057U dated-15/12/2022,Sworn before-notary RajKumar,Delhi 0040645876-9

This is to inform that my name in the share certificate of Grindwell Norton Ltd is mentioned as Mangala Gopinath, whereas my name in PAN Card is mentioned as V S Mangala Devi and the name on my Demat account is Mangala Devi V S. I confirm that both the above names refer to me only and my name henceforth will be Mangala Devi V S. 0070818279-1

It is for general information that I,SOURAV BAG,S/O RABINDRA NATH BAG,R/O.A-214, Fourth-FLOOR,LAJPAT NAGAR-1,SOUTH-Delhi,DELHI-110024 declare that name of mine and my-father and my-mother has been wrongly-written as SOURAV BAGH,ROBIN BAGH and SUNITA BAGH in my all-educational documents The actual-name of mine my-father and my-mother are SOURAV BAG,RABINDRA NATH BAG and SUNITA BAG respectively, which may be amended-accordingly. 0040645869-10

It is for general information that I, TEJASHVI S/O-RAMAKANT,R/o-(P-6), 56,ASP,AIR-FORCE STATION, DABUA COLONY,FARIDABAD,HARYANA -121005,declare that name of mine has been wrongly-written as Tejeshvi Vashist in my 10Th-Class marksheet and certificate.The actual-name of mine is TEJASHVI respectively, which may be amended-accordingly. 0040645870-10

It Is For General Information That I,Pramod Mittal,S/o-Mothu Ram Mittal,Residing At,12-A, Adhchini,Aurobindo-Marg,Malviya-Nagar South-Delhi,Delhi-110017,Declare That Name Of Mine Has Been Wrongly-Written As Pramod Kumar In My Educational-Documents And In My-Passport No.K 7993542.The Actual-Name Of Mine Is Pramod Mittal.Which May Be Ammended-accordingly. 0040645869-9

I,Vineet Kumar,S/o Rajram Gupta,R/o I-9/28-29,Sector-16,Rohini,Delhi-110085,have changed my name to Vineet Gupta. 0040645870-5

I,Yash S/o Raj kumar,R/o H-732 Shakurpur Anandwas Delhi-110034 have changed my name to Yash Naraniya. 0040645869-8

I,Vijay Singh Bhandari,S/o Ram Singh,R/o 156A,D-Block, Kamna Vaishali, Mother Dairy, Sector-2, I.E.Sahibabad, Ghaziabad,Uttar Pradesh-201010,have changed my name to Vijay Singh. 0040645873-4

I,Samia,D/o Mohd Hasan,R/o P-3/1,Batla House,Jamia Nagar,New Delhi-110025,have change my name to Samia Hasan 0040645876-5

I,Vijay Pal Singh Sheokand,S/o Kartar Singh,R/o.H.No-66 Jharsa-Gurgaon Haryana-122003,have changed my name to Vijay Pal Singh,for all Purposes. 0040645888-3

I,Ved Prakash Arora S/o Kasturi Lal R/o 28,West,Mukherjee Nagar,1st-Floor,Delhi-110009,have changed my name to Ved Parkash for all purposes. 0040645873-8

I,Vandna Sheokand,W/o Vijay Pal Singh R/o.H.No-66,Jharsa-Gurgaon,Haryana-122003. have changed my name to Vandna Rani,for all Purposes. 0040645888-2

I,VIVIAN,S/O SANTOSH MICHAEL R/O.C-101,ANAND NIKETAN NANAKPURA, SOUTH-WEST DELHI-110021,HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO. VIVIAN MICHAEL. 0040645888-8

I,VAISHALI KUKRETI,W/O.SURINDER KUMAR,ADD-B-245, STREET.NO-2 WEST VINOD-NAGAR,MANDAWALI FAZALPUR, EAST-DELHI-110092,changed my name to VAISHALI,for all,future Purposes. 0040645870-7

I,Triloksingh devasingh Negi, S/o- Devasingh negi,Address-L-Ist-162/3 Asthal mandir Sangam-vihar deoli Delhi-110062,Changed my name to Trilok negi. 0040645870-9

I,Tarun Aggarwal,S/o Sri Niwas Aggarwal R/o.Flat.No-101 MIG-Ashok Vihar-Phase-2,Delhi-110052,have changed my name Tarun Aggarwal to Shivay Goyal,for all purposes. 0040645884-2

I Shashwat S/o Sh. Keshav Kumar Singh R/o Flat No.A-1402, 4th Avenue, Gaur City-1, Greater Noida West, Gautam Buddha Nagar, Uttar Pradesh-201301 have changed my name to Shashwat Singh for all purposes. 0040645788-6

I,Tajinder Kaur Monga,w/o Harjeet Monga,R/o-E-458,Top Floor,Greater Kailash Part-2, Delhi-110048,have changed my name to Tajinder Monga,for all purposes. 0040645876-2

I,Sumit S/o Dharamraj R/o.H.No.575, Village,Nahara-Sonipat(Haryana)-131103,have changed my name to Sumit Dahiya,for all Purposes. 0040645888-5

I,Sumanpreet Bhatia,W/o-Tarunjeet Singh Bhatia,R/o-A2B/39C,Ekta Appartment, Paschim-Vihar,Delhi-110063,have changed my name to Sumanpreet Kaur Bhatia. 0040645869-1

I,Sriadibhatla Bhavanidevi alias Ganti Bhavani Devi, D/o Sriadibhai Murty Narsimha W/o Ganti Rama Mohan Rao R/o,E-120/121, E-Block, Mansa-Ram Park,Matiala Uttam-Nagar, New-Delhi-110059,have changed my-name to Ganti Bhavani Devi. 0040645879-8

I,Simran,W/o-Surendra Pal Singh, Address-wz-215/1A, third-Floor kh no- 780, gali.no.3,virender-nagar new delhi 110058,changed my name to Simran Arora. 0040645871-9

I,Shaifali Dhingra W/o Naveen Dhingra R/o.2401,M3M Latitude,Golf Course Extention-Road,Sector-65,Badshahpur, Gurgaon(Haryana)-122101,have changed my name to Shaifali Kapahy Dhingra. 0040645888-7

I,Samsuddin Khan,Father of,Mohammad Izhar,R/o.C-96 second-floor,Defence Colony,Delhi-110024,Have changed my minor-son name Mohammad Izhar to Izhar Khan. 0040645884-3

I,SUHAIL KHAN/SUHAIL AHMED,S/O RAFIK AHMED,R/O-1945, DDA-JANTA FLATS,GTB-ENCLAVE,MANDOLI,DELHI-110093,have changed my name to SUHEL AHMED. 0040645871-6

I,SHWETA SINGH W/O GOPAL R/O PLOTNO.38,RAMESHWAR NAGAR,ADARSH NAGAR,DELHI-110033.HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO SHWETA. 0040645873-2

I,SARLA PUNDIR,W/o RAKESH KUMAR PUNDIR R/o.H.No.1369,GALI.NO.18 TAU NAGAR, RAM-GOPAL COLONY,ROHTAK HARYANA-124001,have changed my name to SARLA DEVI PUNDIR. 0040645888-1

I,SHARAD KUMAR AGGARWAL,S/0 MAHESH CHAND,R/0-5873/19A,UA JAWAHAR-NAGAR,DELHI,HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO SHARAD AGGARWAL,FOR All,FUTURE PURPOSES. 0040645871-3

I,SALAHUDDIN,S/O SHARFUDDIN,R/O E-3/4,RAMESH PARK LAXMI-NAGAR DELHI-110092,HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO SALAUDDIN,FOR ALL PURPOSES. 0040645871-4

I,Rekha Ajit Soni,W/o Ajit Soni,R/o-117, 2nd floor,Jagriti Enclave,Anand Vihar, Delhi-110092,have changed my name to Rekha Soni 0040645876-4

I,Rajesh Kumar Aggarwal,S/O Ram Nath Aggarwal R/o-E-56, F.F.,Jhilmil Colony Delhi-110095,Have Changed My Name To Rajesh Aggrawal,For All Purposes. 0040645869-7

I,RITU DHAWAN,W/O KAMAL DHAWAN R/O.22/12, FIRST-FLOOR,OLD RAJENDER-NAGAR,NEW DELHI-110060,have changed my Minor daughter's name,from HANNAH to HANNAH DHAWAN. 0040645871-8

I,Pramod Kumar S/o Manak Chand R/o H No-599,Ward.No-2,Near-Neem Chowk Ahir,Wara Old-Faridabad, Haryana-121002,have changed my name Pramod Kumar Sharma. 0040645888-11

I,Parvesh S/O Tareef Singh R/O,H.No-480/1,Lamba Chowk Sector-24, Mujessar-Faridabad, Haryana-121005, have changed my name to Parvesh Kumar. 0040645869-5

I,Pankaj Kumar S/o Ganga Saran R/o 76, Allah-Mohalla, Choupal Tehkhand, Okhla-Phase-I,Delhi-110020, have changed my name to Neeraj for-all-purposes. 0040645879-7

I,PRAHLAD KUMAR ROHIRA,S/O MANSA RAM ROHIRA,R/O CB-28C,SHALIMAR BAGH,DELHI-110088.HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO PRAHLAD ROHIRA. 0040645870-6

I,Namita W/o Sunil Kumar R/o.H.No-240 Sector-37,Amarnagar Faridabad-122003,Have Changed My Name To Namita Rajput,For Future. 0040645869-2

I,Munish Neb S/o Anil Kumar Neb R/o-J-208,First Floor Rajouri Garden Delhi-27 Have Changed my name to Manish Neb Permanently. 0040645873-6

I,Mo Jaheer S/o Kallu R/o RZJ-213, Durga Park, Pocket-8, Nasirpur, New Delhi-110945, have changed my name to Zahir. 0040645879-3

I Sita Rani Arora D/o Late Hakim Gurudutt W/o Sh.Parshotam Lal Arora R/o C-501, Green Valley Apartments, Sector-22, Dwarka, New Delhi-110077 is also known as Sita Rani. Both names are of one and the same person. 0040645788-4

I Sanjay Kumar S/o Shri Hari Singh Yadav have changed my minor son's name from Raghav to Raghav Raj for all future purposes. 0040645791-1

I,Meher D/O,Deep Bedi,R/o 15, Hargobind Enclave,Vikas Marg,Delhi -110092,have changed my name to Meher Bedi for all purposes. 0040645873-3

I,Manoj Kumar S/o Jai Kishan R/o,F-4, Kh.No.113, Ram-Chander Market, Rajpur-Khurd Extn., Delhi, have changed my-name to Manoj Kumar Patel. 0040645879-9

AI,Manoj Kumar Jain,S/o Jugmandar Das Jain R/o-X/4028 Gali.No.15,Shanti Mohalla,Gandhi Nagar,East Delhi,Delhi-110031,Have Changed My Name To Manoj Jain,For All Purposes. 0040645870-1

I,Manish Neb S/o Anil Kumar Neb R/o-J-208,First-Floor Rajouri Garden Delhi-27 Have Changed my Minor Daughter name Rubani to Rubani Neb Permanently. 0040645873-5

I,Manish Neb S/o Anil Kumar Neb R/o-J-208 First-Floor Rajouri Garden Delhi-27 Have Changed my minor son name Ranbeer to Ranveer Neb Permanently. 0040645873-7

I,MUJIBUR RAHMAN,S/o IDRAK AHMED KHAN, ADRESS-N-84/A1,N-BLOCK GALI.NO.2 BATLA-HOUSE JAMIA NAGAR,OKHLA NEW-DELHI 110025,changed my name to MOJIBUR RAHMAN. 0040645888-9

I,MOHD GULBAS,S/o MOHD NAEEM,R/o-D-1/209,NEW KONDLI DELHI-110096,HAVE CHANGED MY NAME FROM GULBAS TO MOHD GULBAS, FOR ALL PURPOSE 0040645870-3

I,MOHAMAD NOOR S/O ABDUL HAMID R/O 518,POCKET-11,SECTOR-A/6,NARELA,DELHI-110040.HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO NOOR MOHAMAD. 0040645888-10

I,MISS PRABH SIMRAN,D/O SANJEEV ANAND,R/O D-226, LAJPAT-NAGAR PART-1,NEW DELHI-110024,CHANGED MY NAME PRABH SIMRAN ANAND. 0040645869-3

I,MANISH S/O MADAN LAL R/O HNO.47,KOT MOHALLA,NEAR GURDWARA,SONIPAT-131001.HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO MANISH SACHDEVA. 0040645873-1

I,MANISH GOVIND GUNTHEY,S/O GOVIND GUNTHEY,R/O-FLAT NO-2112 ATS ONE HAMLET SEC-104,NOIDA GAUTAMBUDDHA-NAGAR,UP-201304,HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO MANISH GUNTHEY. 0040645870-2

I,Kharati Lal S/o Veer Bhan R/o 134, Kanoongo Apartment, I.P. Extension, Delhi-110092, have changed my name to Khairati Lal Arora. 0040645879-5

I,KAWALJIT KAUR,W/O-HARJEET SINGH R/O.WZ-H-31C,SANT-NAGAR EXTENSION,TILAK-NAGAR,DELHI-110018,have changed my name to KAWALJEET KAUR. 0040645871-5

I,Juned Qamr,S/o-Mohammad Qamaruzzma,R/o-999/2,Khalapar P.O. Shiv Murti P.s.City Kotwali Muzaffarnagar,up,Have Changed my name to Juned & Surname Qamar,for all purposes. 0040645871-2

I,Jarneal Singh S/O Jeet Singh R/O,Plot No-27-B,Vikas Nagar Extension Nilothi Delhi-110041,have changed my name to Jarnail Singh. 0040645869-6

I,Jagjit Singh,S/o Sohan Singh,R/o B-20, Street.No-12,Sant Garh,Tilak Nagar, Delhi-110018,have changed my name to Jagjeet Singh. 0040645884-1

I,JEENAT KHAN W/O SUHAIL KHAN/ SUHAIL AHMED,R/O-1945, DDA-JANTAFLATS,GTB-ENCLAVE,MANDOLI DELHI-110093,have changed my name to JEENAT BEGAM. 0040645871-7

I,Ishwer Chand S/o Janeshwar Dass Jain R/o.H-18/65, Sector-7,Rohini,Delhi-110085,have changed my name to Ishwer Chand Jain. 0040645870-4

I,Harvinder Kaur,W/o Bhupinderpal Singh, R/o.1898/18,First Floor, Govindpuri Extension, Kalkaji, New Delhi-19,have changed my name to Harwinder Kaur & my date of birth has been wrongly-written18-03-1967instead of 18-03-1966in passport. 0040645869-4

I,Harjeet Singh Monga,S/o Atma Singh Monga,R/o-E-458,Top Floor,Greater Kailash Part-2, Delhi-110048,have changed my name to Harjeet Monga,for all purposes. 0040645876-1

I,GURMIT SINGH,S/o TRILOK SINGH R/o 126, 1ST FLOOR, CHAND NAGAR, TILAK NAGAR,Delhi-110018,have changed my name to GURMEET SINGH. 0040645871-1

I,Devender Singh,S/O-Ramesh Singh,R/O-V-1/47,Budh Vihar,Phase-1,Delhi-110086,declare that Devender Kumar,S/O-Ramesh Kumar and Devender Singh,S/O-Ramesh Singh both the names are one and same person. 0040645882-1

I Ravinder Mohan S/o Late Sh. Harkishan Lal, R/o L-1-5, South Extension-II, New Delhi-110049, I hereby declare that Ravinder Mohan Bakshi and Ravinder Mohan Gujral and Bakshi Ravinder Mohan Gujral and Ravinder Mohan are the name of one and the same person. In future I shall be known as Ravinder Mohan for all purpose. 0040645803-1

I,Deb Chandra Malakar alias Deb Chand Malakar S/o,Basudeo Malakar, R/o,Flat-No.202,H.No.18 & 19, S/F, T-Extn-Part-I, Uttam Nagar,New Delhi-110059,have changed my-name to Deb Chand Malakar. 0040645879-6

I,Naushaba,W/o Mohd Hasan,R/o P-3/1,Batla House,Jamia Nagar, New Delhi-110025,have change my name to Noshaba Hasan. 0040645876-6

I,Daljinder Singh Nagi S/o Ajit Singh R/o 662/2, Gali-No.1, Punjab-Basti, Anand Parvat, Karol-Bagh , Delhi-110005, have changed my name to Daljinder Singh. 0040645879-1

I,DIVYA RATHEESH,W/o Mr.Ratheesh,R/o House.No.T-112,UGF, Flat.No.D1, Ward.No.6,Sunrise Appt,Mehrauli,New Delhi-110030,Have changed my name to DIVYA O A, for all future Purposes. 0040645884-4

I,Chinky W/o Aman Gulati R/o-74C QU-Block Near Income Tax Colony Delhi-110034,have changed my minor daughter name Gyana Gulati to Gammya Gulati. 0040645876-7

I,Chand Baboo S/o Zahir R/o RZJ-213, Durga Park, Pocket-8, Nasirpur, New Delhi-110045, have changed my name to Chand Babu. 0040645879-2

I,Ashok Kumar S/o Kishan Chand R/o 14/271, Trilokpuri, Delhi-110091 inform that Ashok is my given name and Kumar is my surname for-all-purposes. 0040645879-4

I,Arvind Kumar Singh,S/O Sarabjit Singh R/o.1886-I 2nd-Floor Aravali-Vihar Sector-49,Faridabad,Haryana-121001,have changed my-Minor's Daughter's name Anmol to Anmol Singh,for all purpose 0040645888-4

I,Akhil Gaur,Residence of.flat.no.1203, ivory tower,the retreat,south city-1,have changed my-daughter's name Mayra Gaur to Myra Gaur,for all Purposes. 0040645888-6

I,Ajit Kumar Soni,S/o Shankar Lal Soni,R/o-117, 2nd floor,Jagriti Enclave,Anand Vihar Delhi-110092,have changed my name to Ajit Soni 0040645876-3

I,Abdul Karim,s/o Abdul Rauf,House.No.4612,Charkhe Walan Chowk,Near-Chawari Bazar Jama Masjid, Delhi-110006,Have Changed my Name,from Abdul Kareem to Abdul Karim,for all,Future Purposes. 0040645870-8

I,ARCHANA RENJITH,wife of,Renjith K K Presently,residing at,Sreemangalam, Enikkara,Karakulam,Thiruvanathapuram-695564,have changed my name,from ARCHANA RENJITH to ARCHANA M P vide-affidavit,dated-19-12-2022. 0040645876-10

I, Trilok Chand Baswala, S/o Lala Ram, R/o G-634D, 3rd Flr, Rajeev Ratan Awash, Bapraula, Delhi-43, have changed my name to Trilok Baswala & my Father's name from Lala Ram Baswala to Lala Ram for all future purposes. 0070818307-1

I, Thanisha S Jain, D/o Suresh R Jain, R/o No. 38/1, Prestige Sukri Serenity Apt, Flat No-G03, Kanakpura Main Road, Opp Krishna Rao Park, Basavangudi, Bengaluru, Karnataka- 560004, have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Taneesha S Jain. 0070818277-1

I, Sakshi, W/o Ankit Kohli, R/o Z 405, Siddartha Apt, Mp Encl, Pitam Pura, Delhi-110034, have changed my name to Sakshi Kohli. 0070818281-1

I, SWATI PATIL, W/o CHIROJIT LAHIRI, R/o P66, 2nd Floor, Uppal Southend, Sector-48, Block-P, South City-II, Gurgaon, Haryana-122018, have changed my name to SWATI PATIL LAHIRI for all purposes. 0070818302-1

I, Ritesh Girdher, S/o Subhash Girdhar, R/o H.No-15, UGF, Ram Nagar, Krishna Nagar, Delhi, have changed my name to Ritesh Girdhar for all purposes. 0070818316-1

I, Neetu W/o Parveen Kumar R/o H No 129-L Model Town Sonipat have corrected my name as Neetu instead of Neetu Kumar for all future purpose and records. 0040645799-1

I, Richa Tiwari W/o Deepak Tiwari R/o 1702, Pearl, Arihant Ambience, Crossing Republik, U.P. have corrected my father's name mentioned in my passport from Mohan Chadra Upreti to Mohan Chandra Upreti which is mentioned in my Class-X document also. 0040645790-1

I, Rajjo Singh, S/o Ramswaroop, R/o 71, Kanjauli, Post Kanjauli, Sadabad, Hathras, Sadabad, Uttar Pradesh- 281306, have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Jag Singh. 0070818276-1

I Sandhya Devi alias Sandhya D/o Sh. Dev Dutta Sharma W/o Sh. Rajesh Vashist R/o K-35/40, Street No.13, West Ghonda, Delhi-110053 have changed my name to Sandhya Vashist for all purposes. 0040645788-7

I Himani D/o Sh. Rajneesh Kumar W/o Sh. Kaushal Kumar R/o 59, Khasra No.612, Green Residency, Chipyana Buzurg, Gautam Buddha Nagar, Uttar Pradesh-201009 have changed my name to Himani Singh for all purposes. 0040645788-5

I, Rajesh Sharma S/o Kewal Krishan Sharma R/o 519, Rishi Nagar, Shakur Basti, Delhi-110034, have changed my name as Rajesh Kumar permanently 0040645855-1

I, OURBAN ALI S/O SULEMAN ALI R/O E-286,MANGOLPURI, DELHI-110083.HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO KURBAN ALI FOR ALL PURPOSES. 0040645876-8

I, NANAK CHAND BINDRANI, S/o LATE HUNDRAJ MAL, R/o BN-57, West Shalimar Bagh, Shalimar Bagh, Delhi-110088, inform that NANAK CHAND BINDRANI and NANAK RAM BINDRANI both are same and one person. 0070818304-1

I, Mohit Sippy R/o B-9/11 Vasant Vihar, New Delhi 110057 have changed my minor daughter's name from Aavni to Aavni Sippy for all purposes. 0040645863-1

I, Mahak, W/O Yuvraj Mandla R/o House No. E-20, Palam Vihar Ext, Near, Bhim Properties, Dharam Colony, Cartarpuri Alias Daulatpur, Nasirabad, (63), Gurgaon, Haryana- 122017. have changed my name and shall hereafter be Known as Mahak Punjani 0070818138-1

I, Karambir Yadav S/o Sh Kishori Lal resident of RZG 455 D, Ground Upper Floor Raj Nagar Part 2 Palam Colony New Delhi 110077 have changed my name from Karambir Yadav to Karambir vide affidavit dated 16.12.2022 at New Delhi. 0040645763-3

I, Kadu Lal Meena, S/o Kishan Lal Meena, R/o Choragaon, Karauli, Rajasthan-322203, have changed my name to Ashok Kumar Meena. 0070818296-1

I, Gaurav, S/o Darshan Kumar, R/o 12/6A, Nehru Enclave East, Kalkaji, Delhi-110019, have changed my name to Gaurav Kanwar for all purposes. 0070818311-1

I, Ekta Rani, W/o Balraj Pathak, R/o F-175, Sec-36, Greater Noida, G.B.Nagar-201310, have changed my name to Ekta Pathak for all Purposes. 0070818303-1

I, DESHRAJ S/O LATE SHRI VISHWANATH, R/O B-77, SECTOR-46, NOIDA, GAUTAM BUDDH NAGAR, UTTAR PRADESH have changed my Name to "DESHRAJ SINGH", for All purposes. 0040645838-1

I, CHAITANYA CHARV CHANDOK, D/o NAVNEET CHANDOK, R/o A-37, 02ND FLOOR, NEW KRISHNA PARK, TILAK NAGAR, WEST DELHI 110018, have changed my name to CHAITANYA CHANDOK. 0070818252-1

I, Bikram Singh, S/o Navav Singh, R/o Village- Masoori Bana, Meerut-250001, have changed my name to Vikram Singh. 0070818308-1

I, Bhavna, D/o Shiv Ratan Singh, R/o A-1/87 B, Madhu Vihar, Dwarka, New Delhi - 110059, have changed my name to Bhavna Singh. 0070818254-1

I, Balraj, S/o Amrit Lal Pathak, R/o F-175, Sec-36, Greater Noida, G.B.Nagar-201310, have changed my name to Balraj Pathak for all purposes. 0070818301-1

I, Arvind Kumar S/o Kaledeen Prajapati R/o House No.Sk-11-B, Sec-110, Noida, Gautambudhnagar, have changed my name to Arvind Kumar Prajapati for all purpose. 0040645789-1

I, Leela Ram Meena, S/o Prahlad Kumar Meena, R/o Gagwana, Dausa, Rajasthan 321608, have changed my name to Rohit Meena. 0070818283-1

I, Anuska Jain, D/o Sushil Kumar Jain, R/o 1698/122, Shanti Nagar, Tri Nagar, Delhi-110035, have changed my name to ANUSHKA JAIN for all future purposes. 0070818312-1

I, Amrit Lal, F/o Balraj Pathak, R/o 176, Morni Road, T-Point, Morni Chownk, Nada Sahib, Sec-31, Panchkula, Devinagar (Part) (384), Devi Nagar, Panchkula, Haryana-134109, have changed my name to Amrit Lal Pathak for all Purposes. 0070818300-1

I, Amjad S/O Mohammad Islam R/o-B-28 Vikas Enclave, Vikas Nagar, Uttam Nagar, Delhi-110059, have changed my name to Mohammad Amjad 0040645793-1

I, Akvinder Kaur, W/o Amandeep Singh, R/o H.No-696, VPO-Saunkra, Tehsil- Nilokheri, Distt- Karnal, Haryana-132116, have changed my name to Manpreet Kaur. 0070818298-1

I Tinveer Kazmi S/O, Syed Masood Husain Kazmi R/o 504, Tower 4, Purvanchal Royal Park Sector 137, Noida 201304 have changed my name to Tanvir Kazmi for all purposes. 0040645864-1

I Sonia Goel,W/o-Pradeep Goel R/o-60/20,1st Floor,Prabhat Road,Ramjas Road,Karol Bagh,Delhi-110005 have changed the name of my minor son from Bhavy Goel to Bhavin Goel for all purpose. 0040645843-1

I Jaspal Singh Bhatia S/o S. Anoop Singh Bhatia R/o A-36, Fateh Nagar, New Delhi-110018 inform that Jaspal Singh Bhatia and Jaspal Singh is one and the same person. 0040645862-1

I,Parminder Singh,S/o-Satbir singh Address-wz-215/1A, third-Floor kh.no-780 gali.no.3,virender-nagar,new delhi 110058, Changed my name to Parminder singh Arora. 0040645871-10

I Dharmender Kumar S/O, Bhagirath Kimothi R/o H No-37,khasra No-47, Block-e, Bhoop Singh Colony, Raj Pur Khurd, Delhi-110068 have changed my name to Dharmender Kimothi for all purposes. 0040645867-1

LOST & FOUND

I, Sarita, W/o Late Sh. Harbir Singh, R/o House No.17, Near Mandir Wala Mohalla, Tajpur Kalan, N.W. Delhi-110036, have declare that the Original Allotment Letter, Registry Chain and Freehold Document has been lost of my Flat No. 47, Block-B, Sector-11, Dwarka, New Delhi. Its use illegal. 0070818306-1

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All concerned are hereby inform through. this public notice that my client Vishal Gambhir, S/ o Late Sh. Satish Gambhir and Seema Gambhir, W/o Sh. Vishal Gambhir both are R/o C-44,. New Ranjeet Nagar, Patel Nagar, Central Delhi New .Delhi -110008, has dishonored and debarred and seized all relation with his son i.e. Sh. Gaurav Gambhir S/o Sh. Vishal Gambhir from his movable and immovable properties with them as the above said son had demolish the reputation of my client in the society and he is not treating my client as there lawful mother and father, my client shall not be held responsible for any of his acts, deed and things in whatsoever in any manner and if anyone deal with them, shall be deal as per his/her own risk, cost and consequences.

Sd/- **ROHTASH KUMAR ADVOCATE**
Lawyers Chamber
Chamber No. 267, Saket District Court, New Delhi -110017

PUBLIC NOTICE

My client Sh. Ashok Kumar, alongwith other family members, R/o 208A, Savitri Nagar, New Delhi-110017, have debarred their son Mr. Ravi Kumar and his wife Reshma from all their moveable or immoveable properties due to their misconduct, threatening and quarrelsome attitude towards my client. Therefore, he severed their all relations from them i.e. Mr. Ravi Kumar and his Wife Reshma. If they make any deal or relations/act/deed with any person, my client will not be responsible for the same in future and my client will have no relation of any manner in future with them.

Raj Kumar (Advocate)
Ch. No. 774, Saket Courts New Delhi-17

PUBLIC NOTICE

My clients Mohd. Taher S/o Abdul Mazid & his wife Nasra W/o Mohd. Taher both R/o H. No. 41, Block-F, Pkt-12, Sec-15, Rohini, Delhi, do hereby Severe All Relations 84 Debar their Son Mohd. Akil from all movable-immovable property(s) & assets due to his misconduct, disobedience and being out of control. Anybody dealing with him, shall do at his/her cost tis risk and my clients will not be responsible for his acts in future.

Sd/-
P.K. Poddar
Advocate
Ch. No. 904, Rohini Court, Delhi

PUBLIC NOTICE

To be known to all that I WING. CDR. P. M. KUMAR S/O SH. K. PARAMESWARAN NAIR, R/O- GH-12/210, FIRST FLOOR, SFS FLAT, PASCHIM VIHAR, NEW DELHI-110087, allottee of DDA SFS FLAT NO.-210, FIRST FLOOR, POCKET-GH-12, CATEGORY-II, PASCHIM PURI KNOWN AS PASCHIM VIHAR, NEW DELHI-110087, has applied for conversion of the aforesaid flat from lease hold to free hold vide application No. DDAHACA72877157 dated-13/12/2022 in DDA. The original documents ie. FIFTH & FINAL DEMAND LETTER of the above flat have been lost. An FIR to this effect has been lodged in PS Crime branch Delhi. Any person claiming any right, interest, having any objection or found in possession of original documents, may write/contact with above named person at above Mobile No.9513322122 within 15days from the date of publication of this notice. The person claiming any right, interest, objections with respect to this property can personally inform or write to Deputy Director(LAB) Housing, D-Block, 3rd Floor, Vikas Sadan, INA, New Delhi.

PUBLIC NOTICE

I, for and on behalf of my client Smt. Nirmal Puri D/o late Shri D.C. Mehta R/o D-4/1, Model Town, Delhi-110009, hereby inform to the General Public at large that the original Partition Deed Regd. as Document No.30842, in book No.I, Vol. No.5159, on pages 123 to 133, Regd. on 21.11.2008, duly Regd. in the office of the Sub-Registrar-VI, Pitampura, Delhi, regarding Property No.D-4/1, Model Town, Delhi, have been lost/misplaced on 17.12.2022 at L.S.C., Gujranwala Town-I, Delhi, for which FIR/NCR (online) has been lodged in P.S. Crime Branch, Delhi, Bearing LR No.1096761/2022, Dt.19.12.2022. Anybody found the same anywhere, please contact at #9891234252.

Devendra Pal Singh
Advocate Enrol. No.D/2621/06
Office No.G-4, Balaji Plaza, Plot No.8, L.S.C., Gujranwalatown, Part-I, Delhi-110009. Ph. No.9891234252

PUBLIC NOTICE

To be known to all that my client, RAJIV KOCHHAR S/o LATE SH. INDER KOCHHAR R/o FLAT NO.696, S/F, PKT-C, SARTIA VIHAR, NEW DELHI-110076 Purchaser/Owner of DDA SFS FLAT NO.696, SECOND FLOOR, CAT-II, PKT-C, SARITA VIHAR, NEW DELHI-110076 have applied for certified copies of said flat in DDA. The original documents i.e. DEMAND CUM ALLOTMENT LETTER, ALLOCATION LETTER & NOC FOR WATER AND ELECTRICITY CONNECTION of the above said flat has been lost. An F.I.R./NCR/LR NO. 1093362/2022 dated 17/12/2022 to this effect has been lodged in P.S. Crime Branch, Delhi.

Any person(s) claiming any right, interest, having any objection or found in possession of original documents, may write/contact with above named person at above Address/Phone No. 9810090016 within 15 days from the date of publication of this notice. The person claiming any right, interest, objection with respect to this property, can personally inform or write to Deputy Director (Housing)-SFS or Director (H)-SFS, D Block, Vikas Sadan, New Delhi

PUBLIC NOTICE

This Notice is hereby given to general public that Mr. Ranjit Dabas who claimed to be owners and in possession of Entire First Floor without roof rights, "Said Floor", Part of Property Bearing no. 29, area measuring 48.00 Sq.mtrs., in Block-G, Pocket-1, Sector-11, situated in the layout plan of Rohini Residential Scheme, Rohini, Delhi-110085 by virtue of Sale Deed dated 11.08.2020 now Mr. Ranjit Dabas has approached IDBI Bank Limited for financial assistance and therefore shall be mortgaged with the said Bank. We give this public notice that if any person having any claim/objection regarding ownership and/or creating mortgage of the said property or any part of the said property in favour of IDBI Bank Ltd is/are hereby requested to notify the same in writing to undersigned with supporting documentary evidence at the address mention below within 5 days from the date of publication of this notice, failing which any claim, if any, of such persons will be consider to have been waived and/or, abandoned and our client shall proceed with the disbursement of loan against the said property and subsequent creation of Mortgage in respect thereof.

For Juris NextGen Law Offices
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PUBLIC NOTICE

It is hereby informed to general public that Special Power of Attorney issued by Mr Sada Rang Tandan s/o Mr Ganesh Das Tandan in favour of Mrs Usha Shenoy for executing conveyance deed on his behalf has been misplaced/lost. The details of conveyance deed are as under:-
Conveyance Deed executed on Aug 13, 2007 in favour of Mr Alok Bhatt for Flat number 91-C, Pocket-C, Mayur Vihar Phase-2 Delhi-110091.

Sd/-
Mrs. Leena Sharma Zaveri
Advocate, Enrl. No. 344/96
Chamber No. 747, Lawyers' Chambers, Delhi District Courts, Saket, Delhi 110017
Ph: 9891662656
On behalf of **Mrs.Shruti Kalra** and **Mr. Vivek Sharma**.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Be it known to all concerned that my clients, Ms. Omvati along with her husband namely Sh. Chokhe Lal R/o Kh. No. 924, Gali No. 2, Kushak No. 2, Near Kalimata Mandir, Kadi Pur, Alipur, Dist. North West, Delhi 110036 also at Village Vidha Nagla, Majra - Rasulpur, Tahsil - Khair, Dist. Aligarh (UP), has severed all his relation and has disowned/debarred her elder son namely Virender S/o Sh. Chohke Lal and his wife namely Poonam Kumari (Daughter in law) from her all movable and immovable (ancestral and self acquired) properties situated in Delhi, Aligarh and Sonipat, Haryana, due to his bad intentions and misbehaviour toward my clients. If, anybody will deal with my son and/or his wife, he will do so of his own responsibility and my clients will not responsible in any manner, whatsoever, for any act done by my above said son and/or his wife as they have became disloyal, dishonest and disrespectful to my clients and as my clients has already been end the all relationship with her son and daughter in law.

Sd/- (**NIRAJ KUMAR**) ADVOCATE
Ch. No. 373, Western Wing, Tis Hazari Courts. Delhi-54

PUBLIC NOTICE

I, on behalf of my clients **Mr. Jitendra Kumar**, S/o Late Shri S. C. Gupta, **R/o 289, Vikas Kunj, Vikas Puri, New Delhi-110018**, aged 61 years, hereby declare that his son **Mr. Akul Gupta** is involved anti-Social Activities and now out of his control, hence my Client Mr. Jitendra Kumar is disowning him from his all movable/immovable properties. Anybody deals with him at his/her own risk and my client shall not be responsible for same.

Advocate Udyan Vats
Enrol no: D/67/2012 Add : 45-A, Pocket-4, Mayur Vihar-1, Delhi-91.

PUBLIC NOTICE

It is to inform you that my client Shri Vikas Mahajan S/o Shri Satpal Mahajan R/o H. No. 209, Near Moti Mahal Restaurant Sec-16, Kheri Kalan, Faridabad, Haryana-121002 is going to equitable mortgage Ground floor, Municipal No. 4582 (Part) and a shop, Municipal No. 4583-C without roof, which is approximately 44 square yards, the total area of which is approximately 110 square yards, which is located at House Municipal No. VII/4581-83, Ward No. VII. Gali Sehtara, Ajmeri Gate, Delhi-110006 with Canara Bank, MSME FARIDABAD, HARYANA and as Certificate of Sale dated 16.01.1961 concern with above said property is not available with him in Original /Photocopy. Thus if there is any third party litigation/objection they may contact to the bank within a week from the date of publish of this Pubic Notice.

Sd/- **MEENU SHARMA**
ADVOCATE
Office:- 104, First Floor, Lotus Tower Near Nathu Sweets, Laxmi Nagar New Delhi-110092

PUBLIC NOTICE

It is hereby informed to all that my client M/s Mandarin Buildwell Pvt. Ltd. through its Director Sh. Atul Goel, having registered office at A-1/291, Safdarjung Enclave, New Delhi, has purchased the land comprised in Khasra no. 886/1 (1-00), Revenue Estate of Village Rajokri, New Delhi from its erstwhile owner Sh. Surender Sharma S/o Late Sh. Prakash Sharma vide Agreement to Sell, GPA, Registered SPA, Possession Letter etc dated 26.09.2011. My client was also handed over physical possession of said land. The public at large is informed not to deal with any person in relation to said land and if done, same shall be at his own risk and costs, without prejudice to my client's rights & interest therein.

Sd/-
Vishal Maan
(Advocate)
Address: B- 1641A, Vasant Kunj, New Delhi- 110070
Email: vishalmaan72@gmail.com
Date: 15.12.2022 Ph: 989993415
Place: New Delhi

PUBLIC NOTICE

It has been informed that I have lost original Allotment letter dated 14.07.1992 somewhere in Kamla Nagar on 10.12.2022 of my property no. 8B/56, Rang Rasayan CGHS Ltd, Sector-13, Rohini, Delhi-110085. I have registered an Information Report with Crime Branch, Delhi vide LR No. 1092108/2022 on 17.12.2022. If any one finds the document please contact:-

Raghu Nandan Vashisht,
I-89, Ashok Vihar, Phase-I, Delhi-110052
(M) 9837047390

Public Notice

Public Notice is given the general public that my client namely Sheikh Taheer Hussain S/o Amir Bakesh and Sayara Bano W/o Sheikh Taheer Hussain both R/o H. No. E-195, Gali Number-70, Mahavir Enclave Part – 3, D.K. Mohan Garden, West Delhi, Delhi - 110059, have severed their all relation with their son namely Hatim Ahmed S/o Sheikh Taheer Hussain. They have disowned him all from their movable and immovable properties and my clients shall not be held responsible for any act of him.

Mohd. Nadeem Khan (Advocate)
(Delhi High Court) En.No. D/1919/2014
Ch. No. 618, Western Wing,Tis Hazari Court, Delhi- 54

PUBLIC NOTICE

Public at large is hereby informed that my client(s) State Bank of India, I hereby inform that property bearing : H.No. G-23/4, Street No.19, Khasra No.13/485, Kunwar Singh Nagar, Nangloi, Najafgarh Road, Delhi-41, area measuring-50 Sq.Yards, presently owned by Sh. Vinay Kumar Sharma S/o Sh. Banarsi Das Sharma by virtue of Authorization Slip executed by POI, vide regd. no.7279, dated.18.10.2022, SR-II-A, Delhi, and Sale Deed vide regd. no.906, dated.11.01.2005, SR-II, Janakpuri, Delhi, and as per owner version the said property/House is/are free from all sorts of encumbrances. Link Documents which are missing (if any) & duly informed vide LR No. 1097935 /2022, dated 19.12.2022 with SHO Crime Branch, Delhi.
It is hereby notified that any person or entity, firm /Company, Bank, HUF/ Member of HUF, Financial Institution having any claim, any Charge, interest or lien or claim on the basis of documents and/or objection to thereof, he/she/they may lodge/ notify the same to the undersigned with documentary proof / court judgement within 15 days from the day of publication of this public notice, failing which any further/future claim/ objection(s) shall be rejected & my client/prospective buyer(s) as a bona-fide purchaser/conclude the title /sale deed proposed to be executed in favor of my client(s) or in the name of his/ her/their nominees shall be deemed to be clear & marketable without any defect, encumbrances, flaw & impediment.

Mithilesh Kumar (Advocate)
Ch.No.717, District Courts Rohini, Delhi-85 # 9810593109

PUBLIC NOTICE

My client Dinesh Kumar Saraswat S/o late Shyam Nath Saraswat R/o 4/2634, Street 7, Bihari Colony, Delhi-110032 has severed relation and debarred his son Rahul Saraswat and daughter-in-law Preeti Saraswat from his movable-immovable properties due to their misbehavior. My client will not be responsible for their any acts in future.

Dinesh Tandon (Advocate)
CH.No.G-524, 5th Floor, Karkardooma Courts, Delhi

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN TO THE GENERL PUBLIC THAT MY CLIENTESS SMT. POONAM W/O LATE DEEPAK KUMAR, R/O D-4/70B, 4TH FLOOR, VASHISHT PARK, SAGARPUR, NEW DELHI- 110046 HAD DEBARRED TO HER SON NAMELY SHRI VASU AND HIS WIFE SMT. VIDHI SHARMA FROM HER MOVABLE AND IMMOVABLE PROPERTY WITH IMMEDIATE EFFECT AS PRESENT BOTH LIVING SEPRATELY IN RENTED ACCOMODATION FROM 08.07.2022 REASONABLY IN HER OLD AGE SHE DO NOT WANT ANY HARASSMENT AND CREATION OF PROBLEMS FROM HER SON AND HIS WIFE IN DAILY LIFE BEING SHE IS A PEACEFUL CITIZEN. MAYBE IF ANYBODY DEALS WITH THEM FOR ANY KIND AT THEIR OWN RISK AND CONSEQUENCES AND MY ABOVE SAID CLIENTESS SHALL NOT BE HOLD RESPONSIBLE IN ANY MANNER.

Sd/- **A.K. JAIN** ADVOCATE
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ई-निविदा आमंत्रण

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म.प्र. माध्यम/107757/2022 कुलसचिव

North Bihar Power Distribution Company Limited

(Regd. Office: Vidyut Bhawan, Bailey Road, Patna) Govt. of Bihar
IN VAT No. 10AAECN1588M2ZB CIN No. U40109BR2012SGC018920
Website: www.nbpdcl.co.in, E-mail- ipdsit.bihar@gmail.com

(SHORT TENDER)
REQUEST FOR PROPOSALNIT NO: -45/PR/NBPDCL/2022

North Bihar Power Distribution Company Limited (NBPDCL), a Government of Bihar Undertaking, invites Request for Proposals (RFP) for "selection of a system Integrator for expansion of Server Room (Non IT infrastructure) for Data Centre and Disaster Recovery Data Centre, Operation and Maintenance for period of 3 years at SBPDCL and NBPDCL". Online bid from eligible and experienced Companies/Firms/State or Central Govt. undertaking who have necessary experience are welcome.

Sl. No.	Particulars	E.M.D. (Rs.)	Cost of RFP Document (Rs.)
1.	Request for Proposal for selection of asystem Integrator for expansion of Server Room (Non IT infrastructure) for Data Centre and Disaster Recovery Data Centre Operation and Maintenance for period of 3 years at SBPDCL and NBPDCL	Rs. 33,00,000 only	Rs. 23600/- only (Inclusing of GST @18%)
Period of Sale/download of RFP document	From 23.12.2022to09.01.2023 (up to 15:00 Hrs.) through websitehttps://eproc2.bihar.gov.in		
Submission of bid in soft -copy through website https://eproc2.bihar.gov.in	Up to 09.01.2023 (up to 18:00 Hrs.) Rs 23,600 (Rupees Twenty Three Thousand and Six Hundred Only) will be paid Online asa cost of Tender document through online portal and Bank Guarantee of Rs. 33,00,000only (Rupees thirty three lakh only) need to be paid as Bid Security (Earnest Money Deposit) in the form of Bank Guarantee in favour of " Senior Manager (F&A), North Bihar Power Distribution Company Limited" in a separate envelope.		
Date of Pre-Bid Meeting	26.12.2022at 11:00 Hrs.(on MS team, link will be notified on request basis via email)		
Date of Bid Submission	09.01.2023 up to 18:00 Hrs.		
Date of Pre -qualification & Technical Bid Opening	10.01.2023 up to13:00 Hrs.		
Date of opening of Price Part:	To be notified on https://eproc2.bihar.gov.inafter Technical Bid Evaluation		

The RFP documents can be downloaded from website https://eproc2.bihar.gov.in . Submission of RFP documents must be accompanied with receipt of payment towards cost Tender document and Bank Guarantee / Draft for EMD in favour of "Senior Manager (F&A), North Bihar Power Distribution Company Limited", failing which the bid shall be summarily rejected. Original Bank Guarantee is required to be submitted in the office of Chief Engineer (Project-I) Urban, NBPDCL, VidyutBhawan, Patna, Bihar before 13:00 hrs.on10.01.2023.

PR- 12085(Ni.Ni.) 2022-23

Chief Engineer (Project-I), Urban
North Bihar Power Distribution Company Limited

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APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION



General public is hereby informed that an unidentified of male namely Arjun S/o Ramphal **Age:** 45 years, **Height:** 5'5", **Face:** Round, **Complexion:** Shallow, **Build:** Thin, **Identification: "Rajeshri"** written on right wrist in english, wearing blue colour jacket, blue colour pant and red colour shoes in feet, was found unconscious on 05.12.2022. He was admitted in RML Hospital by PCR vide MLC No. E253563/904671/2022. He was left from hospital without treatment. On 06.12.2022 he was again admitted in RML Hospital. During the treatment he died on 15.12.2022. In this regard DD No. 70-A dated 15.12.2022 has been lodged at P.S. Tughlak Road, New Delhi.

Any person having any information or clue about the deceased may kindly inform to the undersigned on the following address or telephone nos.

SHO : P.S. Tughlak Road, New Delhi
Ph.: 011-23012100

DP/3948/NDD/22

New Okhla Industrial Development Authority

Administrative Building, Sector-6, Noida, (U.P.)
Website: www.noidaauthorityonline.com

E-TENDER NOTICE

E-Tenders are invited from firms / contractors registered with UPLC Lucknow for the following jobs against which bids can be uploaded and same shall be opened/downloaded as per schedule mentioned. The details and conditions of all tenders are available on NOIDA Authority's official Website: **www.noidaauthorityonline.com** and **https://etender.up.nic.in.** Please ensure to see these websites for any changes/amendments & corrigendum etc.

(A)

1.	**36/SM-Jal-III/ET/2022-23,** Water Chlorination (Supply Installation Commissioning and Testing salt based Electro Chlorination Plant & Two Year Operation at Booster 155 & Booster-158) Noida. **Cost Rs. 70.51 Lacs.**
2.	**37/SM-Jal-III/ET/2022-23,** Strengthening of W/s (P/L DI Water line in Sector-144) Noida. **Cost Rs. 92.06 Lac.**
3.	**44/DGM/AO/SM(JAL-OA)/2022-23,** M/o of sewar line and MSPS/SPS at Expressway (Emergency work Replacing, Supply and Laying of Burst High Tension 11 KV Grade XLPE and other related Electric works for MSPS-1 Sec.-136) Noida. **Cost. Rs. 39.42 Lacs.**
4.	**48/SM (Jal)-II/ET/2022-23,** M/o W/s (S/F of line shaft set at network sector-22, 23,24, 21A and village Chaura Raghunathpur, Sadatpur and village Sarfabad and Basai) Noida, (For Two Years). **Cost Rs. 93.98 Lacs.**
5.	**49/SM (Jal)-II/ET/2022-23,** M/o W/s (Labour Operation of Network Sector-90, 136, 137, 138, 139, 140 and 140A), Noida, (For Two Years). **Cost Rs. 52.22 Lacs.**

Which can be uploaded by date 02.01.2023 upto 5:00 PM. Pre-qualification shall be opened/downloaded on date 03.01.2023 at 11:00 AM.

(B)

1.	**31/SM-Jal-III/ET/2022-23,** M/o W/s (S/F of Line Shaft for UGR & Tws. in Sector-47, 80, 81 & Phase-II), Noida. (For Two Years) **Cost Rs. 49.91 Lacs.**
2.	**19/SM(Jal)-II/ET/2022-23,** M/o W/s (Cleaning of OHT, UGR for Two Year in Sec-20, 25, 37, 38, 52, 53, 75, 100 and Vill-Gijhore) Noida, **Cost Rs. 71.03 Lacs.**
3.	**30/SM(Jal)-II/ET/2022-23,** M/o Sewerage (Searching, Raising, Cleaning of Sewer Manholes, P/F Manhole Cover Frames and P/L of Damaged Sewer Line at Network Sector-32, 32A, 33, 34, 35, Village Morna and Cleaning of S.P.S. Well-10/33). (For Two Years). **Cost Rs. 54.91 Lacs.**
4.	**36/SM(Jal)-II/ET/2022-23,** Strengthening of Sewerage (Providing and Laying of Sewer Line and Sewer Connection to S.P.S. Sector-85 by Trenchless Method Near GoI Chakkar Sector-137), Noida. **Cost. Rs. 48.71 Lacs.**

Which can be uploaded by date 26.12.2022 upto 5:00 PM. Pre-qualification shall be opened/downloaded on date 27.12.2022 at 11:00 AM.

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अति अल्पकालीन कोटेशन आमंत्रण सूचना सं0–28, वर्ष 2022–23

निबंधित संवेदको/आपूर्तिकर्ता/ख्याति प्राप्त फर्मों/कम्पनियों से विभिन्न कार्यालयों में सामग्रियों आदि का आपूर्ति एवं अधिष्ठापन हेतु कोटेशन आमंत्रित किया जाता है।

उक्त कोटेशन दिनांक–26.12.2022 को अपराह्न 3:00 बजे तक अधोहस्ताक्षरी के कार्यालय में प्राप्त किया जाएगा और उसी दिन 3:30 बजे अपराह्न में कोटेशनदाताओं या उनके द्वारा प्राधिकृत प्रतिनिधियों के समक्ष खोला जाएगा।

कार्य विवरणी :–

Group No 1. - Repair and Maintenance of rest work in passage in front of conference hall and Other Work at 1st Floor,WRD, Bhawan Patna. का कार्य।

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NORTHERN RAILWAY

NOTICE INVITING TENDER

Name of work and its location	30-Elect-59-T-2022-23-E3 Electrical work regarding Improvement/up gradation of electrical assets of general power supply
Approx cost of the works in	Rs. 207.45 lacs
Address of the office	Sr. Divil Elect. Engineer/General, New Delhi.
Bid Security	Rs. 253700.00
Date & time of submission of tender	12.01.2023, 12.00 Hrs.
Opening of tender	12.01.2023, 12.00 Hrs.
Website & notice board	**www.ireps.gov.in** & Sr. Divl. Elect. Engineer/ General, New Delhi.

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CONSTRUCTION OF BOUNDARY WALL

E-Tender Notice No. 33 of 2022-23 dated: 16-12-2022 Sr. No.1: e-Tender No. DRM-ADI-126-2022-23 **(1) Name of Work:** Ahmedabad Division - Construction of 2500M Boundary Wall at New Bhuj. **(2) Approximate NIT Cost:** ₹ 3,40,07,044.08 **(3) EMD Cost:** ₹ 3,20,000.00 **(4) Closing and Opening date and time of e-tender:** 10-01-2023 at 15:00 Hrs. and 10-01-2023 at 15:30 Hrs. **(5) Address of the Office:** Sr. Divisional Engineer (Co-ordination)-Ahmedabad, DRM Office, Nr. Chamunda Bridge, Opp. New Swadeshi Mill, Naroda Road, Amdupura, Ahmedabad-382345. **Website for participating e-tender: www.ireps.gov.in** ADI-220

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1. कार्य की विस्तृत विवरणी :

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2. वेबसाइट में निविदा प्रकाशन की तिथि – 26.12.2022
3. ई–निविदा प्राप्ति की अंतिम तिथि एवं समय – 04.01.2023 अपराह्न 5:00 बजे तक
4. ग्रामीण विकास विशेष प्रमंडल, गिरिडीह/मुख्य अभियंता कार्यालय, ग्रामीण विकास विशेष प्रक्षेत्र, एफ0 एफ0 पी0 भवन, धुर्वा, राँची में निविदा शुल्क, अग्रधन की राशि, Bank Credit Certificate एवं Affidavit जमा करने की तिथि एवं समय 05.01.2023 अपराह्न 05:00 बजे तक।
5. निविदा खोलने का स्थान – मुख्य अभियंता कार्यालय, ग्रामीण विकास विशेष प्रक्षेत्र, एफ0 एफ0 पी0 भवन, धुर्वा, राँची।
6. निविदा खोलने की तिथि एवं समय –06.01.2023 अपराह्न 2:00 बजे।
7. निविदा आमंत्रित करने वाले पदाधिकारी का नाम एवं पता :– कार्यपालक अभियंता, ग्रामीण विकास विशेष प्रमंडल, गिरिडीह।
8. ई–निविदा प्रकोष्ठ का दूरभाष सं० – 9431323435 (संबंधित कार्यपालक अभियंता का दूरभाष नम्बर)
9. निविदा शुल्क राष्ट्रीयकृत बैंक द्वारा निर्गत ड्राफ्ट या बैकर्स चेक जो कार्यपालक अभियंता, ग्रामीण विकास विशेष प्रमंडल, गिरिडीह के पदनाम से देय हो देना होगा।

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NORTHERN RAILWAY

NOTICE FOR E-AUCTION

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S. No.	Date & time of e-Auction	Assets to be auctioned
1	22.12.2022 at 11:30 am	12148 (F1 & F2), 12432 (F1), 12582 (F1), 12644 (F1, F2 & R1), 12780 (R1), 22418 (F2 & R1)
2	23.12.2022 at 11:30 am	12011 (F1), 12017 (F1), 12029 (F1), 12040 (F1),12280 (F1), 12455 (F1), 14010 (F1), 14041 (F1), 14521 (F1, F2 & R1), 22454 (F1, F2 & R1)
3	26.12.2022 at 11:30 am	12013 (F1), 12015 (F1), 12031 (F1), 12045 (F1), 12448 (F1), 12459 (Fl),12463 (F1), 12986 (F1), 15280 (F1), 22210 (F1), 22429 (F1), 22472 (F1, F2 & R1)
4	27.12.2022 at 11:30 am	12963 (F1), 14152 (F1), 14164 (F1, F2 & R1), 14681 (F1), 20938 (F1 & R1), 22401 (F1), 22414 (F1)
5	28.12.2022 at 11:30 am	12265 (F1, F2 & R1), 12428 (F1), 12497 (F1), 12584 (F1), 12754 (F1) 14014 (F1), 14035 (F1, F2 & R1), 14212 (F1) 14553 (F1 & R1)
6	29.12.2022 at 11:30 am	12191 (F1), 12506 (F1) 12918 (F1), 14316 (F1, F2 & R1), 15035 (F1, F2 & R1), 20802 (F1), 22463 (F1), 22485 (F1)
7	30.12.2022 at 11:30 am	01 LVPH (24 tonnes) in each train - 12236/12235, 12264/12263, 22429/22430, 22460/22459
8	02.01.2023 at 11:30 am	12392 (F1), 12457 (F1, F2 & R1), 12804 (F1), 14507 (F1, F2 & R1), 19338 (F1), 20914 (F1, F2 & R1), 20946 (F1), 22479 (F1), 22654 (F1)
9	03.01.2023 at 11:30 am	12036 (F1), 12066 (F1), 14011 (F1 & R1), 14731 (F1 & R1), 15060 (F1 & R1), 20473 (F1 & R1), 22168 (F1, F2 & R1), 22950 (F1), 22986 (F1)
10	04.01.2023 at 11:30 am	12005 (F1), 12038 (F1), 12481 (F1, F2 & R1), 12646 (F1 & F2), 14812 (F1), 22421 (F1, F2 & R1), 22482 (F1, F2 & R1)
11	05.01.2023 at 11:30 am	01 LVPH (23 tonnes) in each train - 12226/12225, 12284/12283, 12425/12426, 12432/12431, 12438/12437, 12442/12441, 12445/12446, 12454/12453, 12488/12487, 14033/14034 & 20408/20407, 22412/22411, 22414/22413, 22420/22419, 22428/22427 & 22434/22433 01 VP (23 tonnes) - 22418/22417

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Office of the Superintending Engineer, Building Construction Department, Chotanagpur Circle, Line Tank Road, Ranchi

e-Procurement Notice (Very Urgent)

Tender Reference No.-BCD/SECNC/21/ BCD, Special Works Division, Ranchi/2022-23 Date:-19-12-2022

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1.	*Renovation of Drive Way, Ramp Near In-Gate, Third Floor Guest Room Bed, Door Locks of All Guest Room, Hot Water Generator and Other Miscellaneous Work of Jharkhand Bhawan, Vasant Vihar, New Delhi for the Year 2022-2023*	Rs. 64,93,200.00	4 (Four) Months	27.12-2022 11:00 AM	02.01.2023 11:00 AM	02.01.2023 11:30 AM	03.01.2023 11:30 AM	Office of the Superintending Engineer, Building Construction Department, Chotanagpur Circle, Line Tank Road, Ranchi	0651-2200049	0651-2200049

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PR 285373 (Building Construction Dept Chotanagpur Circle)22-23*D

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NOTICE INVITING E-TENDER

Type of tender/TE no.	Open tender/STQ-2063
Name & complete address of office giving tender	The Chief Engineer/TS, 3rd Floor, Shakti Sadan, PSTCL, Patiala
Scope OF work	SPECIFICATION FOR DESIGN, MANUFACTURE, TESTING & SUPPLY OF 11/0.433 KV, 200KVA, Sub Station Transformers- 35 nos
Starting date of downloading	Date of publication
Last date of downloading	23.01.2023 upto 11.30 hrs.
Last date/time for bid submission	23.01.2023 upto 11.30 hrs.
Date/time for opening of bids	25.01.2023 at 11.30 hrs.

Detailed NIT/specification may be downloaded from PSTCL E-tendering website https://eproc.punjab.gov.in.nicgep/app Corrigendum, if any will not be published in newspaper, As such the website may be visited regularly for updates.

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Sd/- Dy. CE/TS (Design), PSTCL, Patiala

STEM WATER DISTRIBUTION & INFRASTRUCTURE CO. PVT. LTD., THANE

Vardan Commercial Complex, 9th Floor, MIDC, Road No. 16, Wagale Industrial Estate, Thane (W) 400 604.
stemwatercompany@gmail.com

E-Tender Notice No. 36 (2nd Call) for 2022-23.

STEM Water Dist. & Infra. Co. Pvt. Ltd., Thane are invited E-Tender in the form of B-1 Tender for following work.

1	Providing and supplying of new Bracing & Gusset plates to Anjur Bridge & other work. Estimated Cost Rs. 5,06,74,824/- (Excluding GST)	Start Date	21.12.2022 at 12.00 Hrs
		End Date	29.12.2022 at 12.00 Hrs
		Open Date	29.12.2022 at 15.00 Hrs

E-Tender documents will be available for view/downloading on authorized website https://stem.abcprocure.com Right to reject any or all tenders without assigning any reason there of is reserved by the STEM Water Distri. & Infra. Co. Pvt. Ltd. Thane.

Sd/-
(Sanket M. Gharat)
Managing Director

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Notice No: 3224 Date: 17.12.2022

3rd Corrgendum

In continuation to this office NIT No. 2744, dated 21.10.2022 for the selection of Solar Power Generator (SPG) for the development of RTS Projects on Government buildings under RESCO model, it is for the information of all the prospective bidders interested for this project that the date and time for submission of online copies of the technical bid has been further extended under Clause No- 1.2.3 of the Instruction to Bidders (ITB) are as follows.

Sl. No.	Event	Date & Time	Venue
01.	Due date and time for submission of online copies of Technical Bid and Price Bid.	11.01.2023, 5:00 PM	To be applied through www.tenderwizard.com/OREDA website.
02.	Due date and time for submission of hard copies of Technical Bid for select Bid Forms only.	11.01.2023, 5:00 PM	OREDA Head office, Bhubaneswar.
03	Due date and time for the opening of online Technical Bid, except Price Bid.		To be published through www.tenderwizard.com/OREDA website.

All other terms and conditions of the NIT shall be remain unchanged. Details can be seen from the website **www.tenderwizard.com/OREDA** or **www.oredaorissa.com**. Further orrigendum, if any, will be uploaded in these websites only.

Sd/-
Chief Executive
OIPR-04065/11/0010/2223

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(A Government of Tamilnadu Undertaking)
No.417, Pantheon Road, Egmore, Chennai-600008.Phone:28191890/28190259; Fax: 044 -28190636

Sl. No.	Tender No. / Rate Contract (RC) No./ Item with qty./ Document Cost.	Sale Period	Pre bid	Last Date Submission	Opening
1.	Online Tender No.E895/GC/NHM/TNMSC/ENGG/2022, Dt.19.12.2022- Gamma Chamber (1) – Rs.5,725/-	20.12.2022 to 04.01.2023	27.12.2022 11.00 AM	05.01.2023 11.00 AM	05.01.2023 12.00 Noon
2.	Online RC Tender No.E896/LAF/RC/TNMSC/ENGG/2022, Dt.19.12.2022- Laminar Air Flow (25) – Rs.3,435/-	20.12.2022 to 04.01.2023	27.12.2022 12.00 Noon	05.01.2023 11.00 AM	05.01.2023 12.00 Noon
3.	Online RC Tender No.E897/DF/RC/TNMSC/ENGG/2022, Dt.19.12.2022- Blood Bank Deep Freezer -40 deg(10) & Ice Lined Deep Freezer (57) – Rs.5,725/-	21.12.2022 to 05.01.2023	28.12.2022 11.00 AM	06.01.2023 11.00 AM	06.01.2023 12.00 Noon
4.	Online RC Tender No.E898/Implant/RC/TNMSC/ ENGG/2022, Dt.19.12.2022- Plastic Surgery Implants (1000 Sets) – Rs.5,725/-	21.12.2022 to 05.01.2023	28.12.2022 12.00 Noon	06.01.2023 11.00 AM	06.01.2023 12.00 Noon
5.	Online Tender No.E899/CS/NHM/TNMSC/ENGG/2022, Dt.19.12.2022- Cystopin (31) – Rs.5,725/-	22.12.2022 to 23.01.2023	30.12.2022 11.00 AM	24.01.2023 11.00 AM	24.01.2023 12.00 Noon
6.	Online RC Tender No.E900/DLY/RC/TNMSC/ENGG/2022, Dt.19.12.2022- Hemodialysis Machine and consumables (150) – Rs.5,725/-	22.12.2022 to 23.01.2023	30.12.2022 12.00 Noon	24.01.2023 11.00 AM	24.01.2023 12.00 Noon

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General Manager (Equipment)

TAMIL NADU CEMENTS CORPORATION LIMITED

(A GOVERNMENT OF TAMIL NADU UNDERTAKING)
5th Floor, Aavin Illam, No.3A, Pasumpon Muthuramalingam Salai, Nandanam, Chennai-600 035.

e-TENDER NOTICE

e-Tender Ref.No:59/2022-23, Supply of Imported Limestone on F.O.R at Ariyalur Cement Works, Ariyalur District, T.N. Est. Value: Rs.32.00 crores, EMD: Rs.5,00,000/-

Submission of tender: Up to 3.00 P.M. on 20.01.2023

Important Note: A pre-bid meeting will be held on 05.01.2023 at 3.00 P.M at TANCEM, Corporate Office, 5th Floor, Aavin Illam, No.3A, Pasumpon Muthuramalingam Salai, Nandanam, Chennai – 600 035. The Tender document can be downloaded from **www.tntenders.gov.in** Corrigendum / Addendum to this publication, if any would appear only on the above said website.

DIPR/5596/TENDER/2022 **GENERAL MANAGER (MARKETING)**

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GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA OFFICE OF THE CHIEF CONSTRUCTION ENGINEER RURAL WORKS CIRCLE, CUTTACK

0-1473

No. Tender Online RWC — 33/22 Letter No.-5/38 Date :- 17.12.22

e-Procurement NOTICE

1. Name of the work :- Road Works under IInprovement to existing RD Roads for the year 2022-23 under Rural Works
2. Class of contractor
c) Estimated cost more than Rs.6.00 Crore & : upto Rs.50.00 Crore :- Special Class (of Odisha PWD) & relevant class of other licensing authorities.
d) Estimated cost more than Rs.1.00 Crore & upto Rs.20.00 Crore :- A Class (of Odisha PWD) & relevant class of other licensing authorities.
c) Estimated cost more than Rs. 20.00 Lakh & upto Rs.3.00 Crore :- B Class (of Odisha PWD) & relevant class of other licensing authorities.
3. Time for Completion :- As specified in the Column-5 of the Annexure.
4. Detail Projects :- As per Annexure attached
5. Other Details :-

Procurement Officer	Bid Identification No.	Availability of Tender on-line for bidding From	To	Last Date & Time of seeking tender clarification	Date & Time of opening of tender Technical Bid	Financial Bid
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Chief Construction Engineer, Rural Works Circle, Cuttack	Tender Online RWC - 33/ 22	23.12.2022 at 11.30 A.M.	06.01.2023 to 05.00 P.M.	06.01.2023 up to 02.00 P.M.	07.01.2023 at 11.30 A.M.	Will be intimated later

Further details can be seen from the website **www.tendersodisha.gov.in**

Sd/-
Chief Construction Engineer
Rural Works Circle, Cuttack

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NORTHERN RAILWAY

TENDER NOTICE

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Assistant Materials Manager, Northern Railway, DSL, Stores, Depot, Shakurbasti, Delhi-110034, for and on behalf of the President of India invites e-tender through e-procurement system for supply of the following item.

S.N.	Tender No.	Brief Description	Qty.	Closing date
1	42225082C	"Supply and Installation of Aerosol based Fire detection and suppression system as per technical requirement specified as per RDSO spec no.RDSO/PE/SPEC/AC/0192-2018 (Rev-1) for electrical, cubicles, traction convertors etc. of Vande Bharat Express to be executed through firms approved under the RDSO approved sources:- One set will consist of 2 canisters of 100 gms each with 02 Nos. sensors including wiring, brackets or any other accessories required for successful Installation and commissioning".	92 Sets	11.01.2023

Note: 1. Vendors may visit the IREPS website i.e. **ireps.gov.in** for details.
2. No manual offer will be entertained.

No. 42225082C/DSL/SSB/2022 Dated: 16.12.2022 3364/2022

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The messy economy of Lionel Messi's Argentina

UDIT MISRA
NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 19

AHEAD OF Sunday's FIFA World Cup final, a BBC reporter noted that people on the streets of Buenos Aires, given a choice between having zero inflation and Lionel Messi lifting football's greatest prize, would choose the latter.

Sky-high inflation

The inflation rate in Argentina was more than 92 per cent in November — which means prices were almost double of what they had been a year ago, in November 2021. It was the highest inflation rate in the country in 30 years.

This wasn't a one-off — the inflation rate was 50% in November 2021, and 40% in November 2020. And for 2023 and 2024, the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) has projected Argentina's inflation rate at 83% and 60% respectively. The International Monetary Fund (IMF) has made similar projections.

Central banks in most developed countries are effectively pushing their economies into recession by relentlessly raising interest rates, just so that inflation can be kept below or just into double digits. In India, the RBI has had to explain to the government why it allowed inflation to spike to more than 6% for nine consecutive months.

Other central banks have been raising rates in installments of around 75 basis points (0.75 percentage points), and the RBI and US Federal Reserve have spoken in terms of rates reaching a terminal rate of 5.5%-6% levels. By contrast, in nine cycles of rate hikes through 2022, Argentina's central bank has jacked up interest rates to a massive 75%.

Faltering GDP growth

Rapid growth in the economy offers some consolation for high inflation. In Argentina, high inflation has been accompanied by the GDP (total output measured in $ terms) contracting for three straight years — 2018, 2019, and 2020.

Argentina's economy in fact, saw a contraction in four of the nine years before 2018. Unsurprisingly, the country's GDP has been effectively stagnant since the 2008 Global Financial Crisis — it was $ 533 billion in 2008, and $ 568 billion in 2021.

In 2021, the economy grew by more than 10 per cent, thanks to the low base effect in the wake of the Covid-19 pandemic. In 2022, it is expected to grow by just 4.5%, and in 2023 and 2024, by around 2% each.

Per capita incomes

As the population increases and economic output remains stagnant, per capita GDP will fall. Incomes per capita are now at levels last seen almost 15 years ago.

IN FACT

"Poverty incidence continues above pre-pandemic levels as high inflation counteracts the effects of the relatively positive performance of the labour market," the World Bank said in its Macro Poverty Outlook (MPO) published in October 2022.

"Despite lower unemployment over the last year, economic opportunities for youth are limited — particularly among young women with low levels of education," it said.

Vanishing forex reserves

High inflation, uncertain growth outlook, and high fiscal deficits in any country keep investors away. The actual exchange rate of the Argentinian peso has diverged wildly from the one mandated by the authorities. This happens when demand on the street is so low that it cannot command the artificially set exchange rate.

The country's net foreign exchange reserves have fallen to just above $ 3 billion.

How did this happen?

Argentina has a long history of economic mismanagement.

The World Bank's latest MPO states that the country "is struggling with large macroeconomic imbalances, which are slowing the pace of economic growth". The OECD says Argentina's "budgetary rigidities and discretionary transfers contribute to fiscal deficits and their monetization, fueling inflation".

Simply put, if a government doesn't respect budget constraints and simply spends money (even if it has to print it), it will fuel runaway inflation; as indeed, is happening.

"Tight capital controls are leading to large gaps between official and alternative FX (foreign exchange) markets, preventing the Central Bank from accumulating international reserves, despite historically high terms of trade," the OECD report states.

What is to be done?

According to the OECD document, Argentina needs to usher in structural reforms to boost productivity and reduce imbalances. It points out two main issues: improving competition among private players and streamlining spending by the government.

"Improving the business environment for the private sector and strengthening competition could open up new opportunities for raising productivity and exports... Better targeting of social transfers, including reviewing tax and pension regimes, would reduce poverty and inequity while improving fiscal accounts," says the OECD assessment.

Where football comes in

In a paper published in September 2022, Marco Mello of the University of Surrey used OECD data from 1961 onward to show that winning the World Cup increases a country's GDP growth by at least 0.25 percentage points in the two subsequent quarters.

This, according to the paper, is "primarily driven by enhanced exports growth, which is consistent with a greater appeal enjoyed by national products and services on the global market after the victory of a major sport event".

Correlations aside, there is no rule about how winning the World Cup will affect Argentina's economy. For now, the nation is celebrating — and as *The Indian Express* headlined a report on the morning after Messi's magical night, "Cup lifts Argentina".

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EXPLAINED SPORT

MESSI HAS WON THE WORLD CUP BUT HE CAN'T TAKE IT HOME. HERE'S WHY



Lionel Messi kisses the FIFA World Cup Trophy as he celebrates with teammates at the end of the final against France in Lusail, Qatar, on Sunday. *AP*

ON SUNDAY, after arguably the greatest World Cup final ever, Lionel Messi finally got his chance to lift football's greatest prize — more than 16 years after he played his maiden match of the game's flagship tournament.

So, will Messi and Co. get to take the trophy back home to Argentina to show their delirious fans? No, is the simple answer. Here's why.

Jules Rimet Trophy

The original World Cup trophy was called the Jules Rimet Trophy, in honour of the former FIFA president who was instrumental in the conceptualisation of the global football tournament.

From 1930, when the first World Cup tournament was played, to 1970, the trophy, which was made of gold-plated sterling silver, and weighed 3.8 kg, was given to the champions.

Back then, FIFA had a rule that allowed a country that had won the World Cup three times to keep the trophy. So after Brazil won their third title in 1970, they took the Jules Rimet Trophy home.

In 1983, the trophy was stolen from the headquarters of the Brazilian Football Confederation in Rio de Janeiro. It was never recovered, and is widely believed to have been melted down for the gold. Only the base of the trophy was found.

Incidentally, this was the second time the trophy was stolen. In 1966, ahead of the World Cup tournament being hosted by England, it had disappeared from a public exhibition — it had been, however, found only days later.

FIFA World Cup Trophy

Since 1974, the champions have been presented with the FIFA World Cup Trophy, which replaced the Jules Rimet Trophy that Brazil took home. Designed by artist Silvio Gazzaniga and weighing 6.175 kg, the trophy contains 4,927 g of gold.

However, the winners receive only a gold-plated bronze replica of the trophy, and are not allowed to take home the original. This is chiefly due to security concerns. The original is displayed at the FIFA World Football Museum in Zurich, and is brought out only for the World Cup tournament. At the end of each tournament, the winning country's name is inscribed on a plate that is attached to the base of the trophy.

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE



SIMPLY PUT QUESTION & ANSWER

Trends in organ donation

Organ donation numbers in 2021 were close to the highest they have been in the last five years. But deceased donations, which hold the key to addressing India's needs, are still not common enough. Here's why — and how this situation could be addressed

ANONNA DUTT
NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 19

AFTER A fall during the first year of the Covid-19 pandemic, organ donation numbers bounced back in 2021. However, the number of deceased donations — organs donated by the kin of those who suffered brain death or cardiac death — has remained lower than the number of donations from living persons, data presented by the government in Parliament show.



CHART 1

ORGAN DONATIONS IN INDIA

	DECEASED	LIVING	PERCENTAGE DECEASED DONATION
2017	2,152	7,429	22.46%
2018	2,493	8,086	23.57%
2019	2,138	10,608	16.77%
2020	1,060	6,459	14.10%
2021	1,743	10,644	14.07%

CHART 2

STATES WITH MOST DECEASED ORGAN DONATIONS

	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Telangana	338	445	346	217	554
Tamil Nadu	621	768	530	236	276
Maharashtra	364	370	463	204	263
Gujarat	177	145	168	103	202
Karnataka	192	277	312	98	191

CHART 3

STATES WITH MOST LIVING ORGAN DONATIONS

	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Delhi	1,902	1,986	2,111	1,196	1,738
Tamil Nadu	1,239	1,310	1,287	721	1,419
Maharashtra	741	667	1,089	513	1,051
Kerala	202	227	909	722	987
Haryana	361	423	826	559	893

What do the numbers show?

Of the 12,387 organs — kidney, liver, heart, lungs, and pancreas among others — harvested in 2021, only 1,743 — a little more than 14% — were from deceased donors. The numbers harvested in 2021 were close to the highest in the last five years (12,746, in 2019), the data show.

The numbers are skewed in favour of living donations — organs like kidney and liver donated by living family members.

A total 10,644 organs were harvested from living donors, which was more than the 10,608 living donations of 2019. Only 14.07% of the total organs harvested in 2021 were from deceased donors, much less than the 16.77% of 2019.

The proportion of deceased donations — and the absolute number of donations — was higher still in 2017 and 2018. Of the total donations, 2,152 or 22.5% were from deceased unrelated donors in 2017 and 2,493 or 23.6% in 2018.

There is also a geographical skew in deceased donations. All but two deceased organ donations in 2021 were in 15 states, with the top five — Telangana, Tamil Nadu, Maharashtra, Gujarat, and Karnataka — accounting for more than 85% of the total. Two organs were harvested from a deceased donor in Goa.

One reason for the geographical skew could be that most organ transplant and harvesting centres are concentrated in these geographies.

Dr Krishan Kumar, director, National Organ and Tissue Transplant Organisation (NOTTO), said the number of deceased donations were slowly picking up to pre-pandemic levels. "But our aim is to reverse the current trend of nearly 80 per cent transplants using organs from living donors," Dr Kumar said.

Why is there a need to increase deceased donations?

The first reason is the gap in the number of organs needed and the number of transplants that happen in the country.

In absolute numbers, India conducts the third highest number of transplants in the world. Yet, of the estimated 1.5-2 lakh persons who need a kidney transplant every year, only around 8,000 get one. Of the 80,000 persons who require a liver transplant, only 1,800 get one. And of the 10,000 who need a heart transplant, only 200 get it.

Demand is on the rise because of the increasing prevalence of lifestyle diseases. Besides, organs like heart and lungs can be retrieved only from deceased donors.

The second reason is that without deceased donations, a precious resource is wasted.

Nearly 1.5 lakh persons die in road traffic accidents every year in India, many of whom can ideally donate organs. Although donations are possible after the heart stops working, almost all organs are currently harvested from brain dead persons.

India has an organ donation rate of about 0.52 per million population. In comparison, the organ donation rate in Spain, the highest in the world, is 49.6 per million population. Unlike India where a person has to register to be an organ donor — and the family has to consent to it after death — Spain has an opt-out system where a person is presumed to be a donor unless otherwise specified.

How can the number of deceased donations be increased?

It is not just the law that has led to Spain achieving its high number of deceased donations, argues an article in the *British Journal of General Practice*; having a medically qualified transplant coordinator helps. In India, the larger hospitals that are capable of harvesting organs do employ transplant coordinators to explain and guide the families through the process.

At present, only 2.6 organs from a deceased donor are transplanted; there are at least eight.

Harvesting organs from those who have had cardiac death — instead of brain death — can also increase the numbers. However, there are practical problems. As Kalpesh Mhatre, Transplant Coordinator at the Maharashtra ROTTO-SOTTO (Regional and State Organ and Tissue Transplant Organisation) explained, "The organs have to be harvested very quickly after cardiac death because the circulation of blood carrying oxygen to organs stops. However, in India, by the time the family members are informed (of the death) and they come from different parts of the city or even from outside, it is too late."

Dr Krishan Kumar also stressed on the need to increase awareness.

"People in India are altruistic, what we need is more awareness about organ transplant so that people register as donors. We routinely organise events to increase awareness; we have also started reaching out to school children. Along with awareness, they also need to have faith that the donated organs are actually helping others and we are working on building that trust as well," Dr Kumar said.

In addition, good transport networks between cities and states can help boost organ donation, Dr Kumar said. The government is working to improve coordination among the Road, Railway, and Aviation Ministries to facilitate the creation of green corridors for faster transportation of organs.

As per the current mechanism, the availability of an organ is reported by the hospital to the state organ and tissue transplant organisation that matches it with recipients locally; if a match isn't found, it is referred to the regional organ and tissue transplant organisation, and then to NOTTO.

How can an individual become a donor?

To become a registered organ donor, you can take a pledge on the NOTTO website, or mail a filled-in Form 7 of the Transplantation of Human Organs Act.

In addition to registering, it is important for donors to explain their beliefs — and commitment to donation — to the members of their family. This is because even with a donor card, the family's consent is sought for organ donation after the death of the individual. If the family refuses, the organs are not harvested.

Pay, staff crises: Why nurses in UK have launched historic strike action

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 19

AS BRITAIN braces for a second day of strike by nurses of the state-funded National Health Service (NHS), the government on Monday appeared adamant on not agreeing to their main demand of salary hikes, even as news reports suggested that the Health Secretary, Steve Barclay, was likely to urge health unions to come for fresh negotiations.

The first strike was on December 15, the first-ever nationwide walkout in the 106-year history of the nursing union. According to Reuters, an estimated 100,000 nurses went on strike at 76 hospitals and health centres, cancelling an estimated 70,000 appointments. The same number were expected to go on strike on Tuesday. The strike affects England, Northern Ireland, and Wales, but not Scotland. Emergency care and treatment for life-threatening conditions were provided during the strike.

UK cabinet minister Oliver Dowden told the BBC on the nurses' strike, "We will be resolute to this, because it would be irresponsible to allow public sector pay and inflation to get out of control and we owe a wider duty to the public to make sure we keep our public finances under control... We're trying to be reasonable, we're trying to be proportionate and we're trying to be fair."

Why the nurses are striking

The NHS nurses want better pay; they say that due to the low salaries, many are quitting the profession, leaving it severely understaffed and overworked, and also compromising the quality of care offered to patients. According to *The Guardian*, "Figures from NHS Digital show there were a record 47,496 full-time equivalent nursing vacancies in England at the end of September, representing a vacancy rate of 11.9 per cent."

The Royal College of Nursing (RCN) union has demanded a raise of 5 per cent above the rate of inflation, which in November was almost 11 per cent. The union has claimed that the earnings of its members fell by 6 per cent in the last decade.

What the govt says

The government has said that the 4 per cent hike offered to nurses is fair, based on recommendations by an independent NHS Pay Review Body, and anything more than this is fiscally unsustainable.

"I have listened to unions and I am open to further discussions, but their [pay] demands are not affordable in the economic circumstances," Health Secretary Barclay said.

Prime Minister Rishi Sunak has taken a similar line, saying the pay offer is "appropriate and fair", and maintaining that the government remains open to talks. Sunak told the BBC, "The Health Secretary has always been clear that his door is always open for talks — we want to be reasonable, we want to be constructive. We've got enormous gratitude for all public sector workers for the job they do, and I know things are difficult right now. That's why the government is providing lots of support for people, particularly with energy bills."

The government has also pointed out that nurses received 3 per cent after the pandemic, when hikes were frozen for several sectors.

There are also fears that agreeing to negotiate on what the pay review body recommended can lead to similar demands in other sectors, which the government can ill-afford.

Pressure rising on govt

Despite its firm stance, the Sunak government is under pressure, with large sections of the public supporting the nurses' strike. Some Labour politicians like Ian Byrne and John McDonnell have been at the picket lines to click pictures with striking workers, raising nervousness in Tory ranks.

The Guardian report said that an opinion poll by *The Observer* had found that after Thursday's strike, three fifths (60 per cent) of voters said they supported the nurses' action, up three points from the last poll a fortnight ago. Around 29 per cent opposed the nurses' move, down one point.

At least two Conservative leaders, former health minister Dan Poulter and former Conservative Party chairman Sir Jake Berry, have gone on record to say that the government should improve its offer to the nurses.

What happens next

The nurses' union has maintained that if their demands are not met, they will escalate the strikes. Pat Cullen, general secretary of the RCN, was quoted as saying by *The Guardian*: "The government should get this wrapped up by Christmas. January's strikes, if they are forced to go ahead, will see more hospitals and more nurses taking part than at present — 2023 needs to be a fresh start for all, not more of the same."

Britain is also facing labour strikes in many other sectors, such as those by airport and rail workers, ambulance drivers, and postal services workers.



SOUTH AFRICA

RAMAPHOSA WINS BATTLE TO LEAD ANC

President Cyril Ramaphosa of South Africa prevailed on Monday in his bid to win a second term as leader of the governing African National Congress, overcoming attacks from within his highly factionalised party and an embarrassing scandal involving what he said was the theft of more than a half-million US dollars from his farm.

TOP OF THE WORLD



The COP 15 summit on biodiversity ended on Monday. *AP*

CANADA

Historic biodiversity pact reached at UN

Montreal: Negotiators reached a historic deal at a UN biodiversity conference early Monday that would represent the most significant effort to protect the world's lands and oceans and provide critical financing to save biodiversity in the developing world. The most significant part of the agreement is a commitment to protect 30% of land and water considered important for biodiversity by 2030, known as 30 by 30. Currently, 17% of terrestrial and 10% of marine areas are protected. The deal also calls for raising $200 billion by 2030 for biodiversity from a range of sources and working to phase out or reform subsidies that could provide another $500 billion for nature. **AP**

EUROPE

EU accuses Meta of antitrust breaches

THE EU on Monday accused Facebook parent Meta of breaching antitrust rules by distorting competition in the online classified ads business. In its complaint following an investigation launched last year, the EU's executive commission took issue with the tech company tying its online classified ad business, Facebook Marketplace, to FB. It's also concerned that Meta imposes unfair trading conditions on rivals "for its own benefit." Meta disputed the allegations. "The claims made by the EU Commission are without foundation," Tim Lamb, Meta's head of EMEA competition, said." **AP**

TAIWAN

Probe launched against TikTok

Taipei: Taiwan's government has opened a probe into TikTok on suspicion of illegally operating a subsidiary on the island, though the company's owner denied the accusation. Taiwan's China-policy making Mainland Affairs Council said on December 9 a working group under the Cabinet had discovered that TikTok was suspected of "illegal commercial operations" in Taiwan. Taiwan's Liberty Times newspaper reported that TikTok's owner, ByteDance, had set up a subsidiary on the island to tout for business, contravening Taiwanese law. However, ByteDance said "recent reports" were incorrect. **REUTERS**

SWEDEN

Extradition of journalist sought by Turkey blocked

Stockholm: Sweden's SC on Monday said it had blocked the extradition of a Turkish man accused by Ankara of taking part in a coup attempt in 2016, a potential blow to Sweden's bid to join NATO. Bulent Kenes, a journalist who fled to Sweden in 2016 and was granted asylum, is accused by Turkey of taking part in the coup. "It is clear in this case that there are several hindrances against extradition," the court said. **REUTERS**

AT LEAST THREE PEOPLE WOUNDED, NINE BUILDINGS DAMAGED IN CAPITAL

Putin arrives in Belarus as over 30 Russian 'kamikaze' drones hit Kyiv

AGENCIES
KYIV, DECEMBER 19

MOSCOW LAUNCHED a "kamikaze" drone attack on Monday, hitting key infrastructure in and around Kyiv, hours before Russian President Vladimir Putin arrived in Belarus, fuelling fears he will pressure his ally to join a new offensive on Ukraine.

The Russian leader's brief trip to Minsk could herald more military support for the Kremlin's war effort, after Belarus provided the Kremlin's troops with a launching pad for the invasion of Ukraine last February. Lukashenko, meanwhile, needs help with his country's ailing economy. It was a rare trip to Minsk by Putin, who usually receives Lukashenko at Kremlin.

Sitting beside Lukashenko before their talks in Minsk, Putin emphasised the allies' close military-technical ties. He said they include not only mutual supplies of equipment but also joint work in high-tech military industries.

Analysts say the Kremlin might look again for some kind of Belarusian military support for its Ukraine operations. But the winter weather and Russia's depleted resources mean any big Russian attack probably won't come soon, according to the Institute for the Study of War, a think tank in Washington.

The Ukrainian Air Force said it had shot down 20 of 35 drones that Russia had launched, though those that evaded air defences had hit power plants, electrical systems and other civilian targets.Officials said at least three people were wounded and nine buildings damaged in the Kyiv region.

The Ukrainian atomic energy agency accused Russia of sending one of the drones over part of the South Ukraine Nuclear Power Plant, in the Mykolaiv region. "This is an absolutely unacceptable violation of nuclear and radiation safety," Energoatom wrote on Telegram.

Kyiv officials said 18 drones were shot down over the city of 3.6 million. The drone barrage caused emergency power outages in 11 central and eastern regions, including the capital region, authorities said.



Vladimir Putin with Alexander Lukashenko at a meeting in Minsk, Belarus on Monday. *Reuters*

EXPLAINED

Pressure on Belarus to up support

LUKASHENKO RELIES on Putin for financial, fuel and security assistance to maintain his 28-year grip on power. The two men have met six times since Russia's invasion, using Belarus as a staging ground for its abortive assault on Kyiv. Though, Lukashenko has said repeatedly he has no intention of sending his country's troops into Ukraine, he is under mounting Kremlin pressure to provide more support for Russia's war.

EU nations agree gas price cap to fight energy crisis

Brussels: European Union nations' energy ministers have agreed a gas price cap, a spokesperson for the Czech Republic said on Twitter on Monday. The deal follows weeks of talks on the emergency measure that has split opinion across the bloc as it seeks to tame the energy crisis.

According to officials, EU countries' energy ministers agreed that the cap on gas prices would be triggered when benchmark gas prices spike to 180 euros per megawatt hour. Russian warships set off Monday to take part in a joint naval drills with China, an exercise that showcases increasingly close defence ties between the two countries.

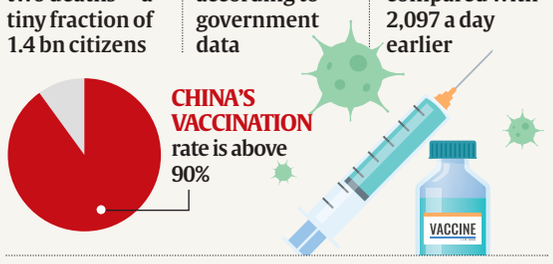
The EU gas price cap would kick in if prices on the front-month Dutch Title Transfer Facility gas hub contract exceed 180 eur/MWh for three days, the document detailling EU ministers' agreement showed. The cap can be triggered from February, and will not apply to over the counter trades initially. **REUTERS**

Tracking Covid in China

5,237 COVID DEATHS reported officially, including latest two deaths — a tiny fraction of 1.4 bn citizens

1.5 MILLION DEATHS feared in coming months, according to government data

1,995 SYMPTOMATIC CASES reported on Sunday, compared with 2,097 a day earlier



Adults have received booster shots **57.9%** **42.3%** 80 years and above have received booster vaccine, said government data

Text: Reuters

From Zero Covid to no plan: Behind China's U-turn as deaths rise

NYT & AP
BEIJING, DECEMBER 19

CHINESE HEALTH authorities on Monday announced two additional Covid-19 deaths, both in the capital Beijing, that were the first reported in weeks and come during an expected surge of illnesses after the nation eased its strict "zero-COVID" approach.

The southwestern city of Chongqing was the latest frontline of Xi Jinping's "zero Covid" war, until it came to epitomise China's potentially devastating about-face that has cracked the Communist Party's edifice of absolute control.

Warnings about the dangers of the coronavirus have swiftly disappeared, replaced by official claims that the Omicron is generally mild. By holding off from easing until now, the government has saved many lives, *the People's Daily* said on Thursday in a long article defending Xi's pandemic strategy as "totally correct."

In reality, an examination of how the shift unfolded in Chongqing and elsewhere reveals a government overtaken by a cascade of Covid outbreaks, confusion over directives, economic woes and then political protests.

Xi had contrasted his prior pandemic success with the "chaos of the West," brandishing it as proof of his grand narrative of a rising China: orderly, secure, farsighted. But he had no plan for measured retreat from "zero Covid". The government is racing to approve vaccines and to obtain Western medicines after shunning them. Officials, long focused on eliminating cases, are struggling to marshal resources.

Xi turned China's intense top-to-bottom mobilisation against pandemic into a showcase of the party's organisational strength. For two years, his Covid war enjoyed widespread public acceptance, but eventually the effort exhausted staff, strained local finances, and appeared to drown out attempts to discuss a measured transition.

Xi has no likely successor and could stay in power for at least another decade. But the scars from the abrupt change may feed distrust in his domineering style.

Hostage crisis: No success in talks between Pak and Taliban militants

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
PESHAWAR, DECEMBER 19

NO BREAKTHROUGH was achieved on Monday in talks between the government and the Taliban militants, who seized a counter-terrorism centre and took some people as hostages in Pakistan's restive Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province a day earlier, even as negotiation was underway to secure the safe release of hostages.

The situation in Bannu remained tense on Monday as police and security agencies cordoned off the cantonment area and asked residents to stay indoors. Internet and phone services were also suspended.

Special Assistant to the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Chief Minister Barrister Muhammad Ali Saif said the situation was at a standstill and there there was no breakthrough as yet, according to *Dawn.com*. Saif said he was constantly in contact with the Taliban.

"I spoke to the Taliban high-ups through the night," he was quoted as saying. He admitted that talks had not been fruitful thus far. He also confirmed that a security official was killed in the Bannu compound by the militants but did not elaborate further.

The terrorists have demanded to call a local religious figure, Maulana Ahmed Ullah, for negotiations. They also allowed a hostage to talk to their senior security officers. Meanwhile, TTP issued a statement claiming that the prisoners have taken many security officers and jail staff hostage since last night and only want safe passage of the TTP prisoners either to South or North Waziristan tribal districts.

Laptop? liquids? UK moves to end some airport security checks

THE NEW YORK TIMES
LONDON, DECEMBER 19

THEY ARE the rituals of modern travel: the frantic drinking of water bottles in airport security lines, the shampoos tossed into the trash, the fights over whether Bolognese sauce is a solid or a liquid. And, as far as the British government is concerned, those days should come to an end by June 2024.

On Thursday, the British government said new technology at its airports could let it substantially relax and speed up security checks, allowing liquid containers of up to two liters in hand luggage and doing away with a requirement to extract big electronics, like laptops or tablets, from carry-on bags.

"The UK are the pioneers," said Jeffrey C Price, a professor of aviation at the Metropolitan State University of Denver. "We're not aware of similar announcements/initiatives by other countries," Perry Flint, a spokesman for the International Air Transport Association, a trade group for the world's airlines, said.

Now, airports will have until June 2024 to upgrade their equipment and screening processes, the government said. The new screening equipment, which uses a type of X-ray technology, essentially provides a 3-D image of the contents of a passenger's bag, and makes use of what the government said were "highly advanced threat detection algorithms."

RWANDA DEPORTATION PLAN LAWFUL: UK COURT

London: Britain's High Court ruled Monday that a plan to send asylum-seekers on a one-way trip to Rwanda is legal but the government must consider the circumstances of each case before deporting anyone, a judgment that sets the controversial policy up for further legal battles. The policy would involve Britain sending thousands of migrants who arrive on its shores to Rwanda. **AGENCIES**



THAI NAVY SHIP SINKS

Thai navy ships and helicopters searched Monday for over 30 sailors still missing more than 24 hours after their warship sank in rough seas in the Gulf of Thailand. As of afternoon, 75 sailors from the HTMS Sukhothai corvette had been rescued and 31 were still missing, the navy said *AP*

Amber Heard plans to 'settle' defamation suit against Depp

THE ACTRESS Amber Heard said on Monday that she did not plan to go forward with her appeal of the defamation case involving her ex-husband, Johnny Depp, writing in an Instagram post that she had decided to settle the long-running dispute following a defeat at trial earlier this year.

In June, a jury in Virginia found that Heard had defamed Depp awarding Depp more than $10 million in damages. The jury also found that Depp had defamed Heard through a comment made by his lawyer, awarding Heard $2 million.

Both sides had appealed the parts of the case that each had lost. But Heard said she did not wish to continue the case. "After a great deal of deliberation I have made a difficult decision to settle the defamation case," her post said. The terms of the settlement were not clear, and lawyers for Heard and Depp did not respond to requests for comment. **NYT**

Dutch PM apologises for Netherlands' role in slave trade

ASSOCIATED PRESS
THE HAGUE, DECEMBER 19

DUTCH PRIME Minister Mark Rutte apologised Monday on behalf of his government for the Netherlands' historical role in slavery and the slave trade, despite calls for him to delay the long-awaited statement.

"Today I apologise," Rutte said in a 20-minute speech that was greeted with silence by an invited audience at the National Archive.



Clave, Monument for Slavery, by Alex da Silva, in Rotterdam, Netherlands, Monday. *AP*

Ahead of the speech, Waldo Koendjbiharie said an apology was not enough. "It's about money. Apologies are words and with those words you can't buy anything," he said.

Rutte told reporters after the speech that the government is not offering compensation to "people — grandchildren or great grandchildren of enslaved people." Instead, it is establishing a 200 million-euro ($212 million) fund for initiatives to help tackle the legacy of slavery in the Netherlands and its former colonies and to boost education about the issue.

Rutte apologised "for the actions of the Dutch state in the past: posthumously to all enslaved people worldwide who have suffered from those actions."

Describing how more than 600,000 African men, women and children were shipped, mostly to the former colony of Suriname, by Dutch slave traders, Rutte said that history often is "ugly, painful, and even downright shameful."

73-yr-old suspect among 6 dead in Canada shooting

REUTERS
OTTAWA, DECEMBER 19

SIX PEOPLE, including the 73-year-old suspect, died and one was seriously injured in a shooting at a residential building in the city of Vaughan in Canada's Ontario province on Sunday night, local police said.

The suspect was shot at by police and he was pronounced dead at the scene, Ontario's Special Investigations Unit (SIU) said in a statement Monday morning.

The SIU, which investigates deaths involving police, said it was looking into the death of the suspect and that a postmortem was scheduled for Tuesday.

Authorities have not released more information about the victims or the suspect's motive.

"We're in the process right now of doing notifications to those families, so at this point I can't share any information on the victims or the subject," York Regional Police Chief Jim MacSween told reporters Sunday night, according to local media.

Police responded to a call about an "active male shooter who had shot several victims" at a condominium in Vaughan, just north of Toronto, the York Regional Police Department said in a statement. An investigation is ongoing, it said, adding that there was no further threat to public safety.

MUSK SURVEYED IF HE SHOULD REMAIN HEAD, OVER 57% SAID NO

Twitter users say Musk should step down as CEO

ESHE NELSON
DECEMBER 19

ELON MUSK asked Twitter users Sunday if he should step down as head of the social media site. More than 17 million votes were cast and delivered a clear verdict: 57.5 per cent said he should quit, in a Twitter "poll" that closed after 12 hours on Monday.

Musk had said he would abide by the results of the vote. After voting ended there was no immediate response from Musk on Twitter. If he follows through, Musk would be handing over the reins of the company that he bought for $44 billion in late October. The turbulent weeks since then have been marked by mass layoffs at the company, falling advertising sales, executive resignations and various high-profile user accounts suspended for infractions of new policy.

On Sunday, Twitter announced a policy to prevent users from sharing links and user names from other social platforms, like Instagram, Facebook and Mastodon, and then apparently curtailed the same policy. But for some users, including former supporters of Musk, the chaotic weekend was a breaking point.

Musk's latest actions with Twitter were "the last straw," Paul Graham, a founder of the start-up accelerator Y Combinator, tweeted on Sunday. Graham had supported Musk's takeover, but on Sunday he wrote, "I give up. You can find a link to my new Mastodon profile on my site." His account was briefly suspended.



Over 17 million votes were cast and delivered a clear verdict

Last week, Twitter suspended about two dozen accounts that tracked the locations of private planes, including one that followed Musk's private jet, justifying the decision with a new policy that banned accounts if they shared another person's "live location."

After asking users whether he should stay on as chief executive of Twitter, Musk said in another tweet: "No one wants the job who can actually keep Twitter alive. There is no successor."

There are signs that Musk's ownership and focus on Twitter are interfering with his other business ventures. Since Musk acquired Twitter, the value of Tesla has sunk. The car company's share price was $225 on October 27, the day Musk completed the acquisition of Twitter. On Friday, Tesla shares closed at $150.

"Attention focused on Twitter instead of golden child Tesla has been another big issue for investors and likely is behind this poll result with many Musk loyalists wanting him to leave as CEO of Twitter," analysts Daniel Ives and John Katsingris at Wedbush Securities wrote.

Musk's resignation from Twitter would be a "a major step forward," they added, with the billionaire finally realising that there has been "growing frustration around this Twitter nightmare that grows worse by the day." **NYT**

GOLD	RUPEE	OIL	SILVER
₹54,652	₹82.7	$77.19	₹68,255

Note: Gold, silver rates at Delhi spot market, gold per 10g, silver per 1 kg; Crude oil (Indian basket) as of December 16

SENSEX: 61,806.19 ▲ 468.38 (0.76%) **NIFTY:** 18,420.45 ▲ 151.45 (0.83%) **NIKKEI:** 27,237.64 ▼ 289.48 **HANG SENG:** 19,352.81 ▼ 97.86 **FTSE:** 7,367.79 ▼ 35.67 **DAX:** 13,949.22 ▼ 56.15

International market data till 1900 IST

AT GOOGLE FOR INDIA EVENT

DPDP, Telecom Bills to be cleared in Monsoon session, says Vaishnaw

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU
NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 19

THE GOVERNMENT is expecting to get Digital Personal Data Protection Bill (DPDP Bill) and Telecommunication Bill passed in Monsoon session of Parliament, Union Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw said on Monday, at Google For India event.

The IT and telecom minister said another bill on Digital India Act will be also floated in a month for public consultation. Vaishnaw said under Telecommunication Bill, the government will be coming up with light touch regulation with focus on user's protection.

He said that the prime minister has given a very clear target of creating a comprehensive legal regulatory framework and the entire exercise, including the three bills, Digital India, DPDP and Indian Telecommunication Bill 2022, should be completed within a period of 14-16 months.

According to an official notice on December 17, the Ministry of Electronics and IT extended the last date for receiving public comments on the draft digital DPDP Bill till January 2, 2023.



IT and telecom minister Ashwini Vaishnaw with Google CEO Sundar Pichai. *File*

Meanwhile, speaking at the same event, Google CEO Sundar Pichai said India will be a big export economy and it needs to create a balance between safeguarding citizens and enabling companies to innovate with its framework. The company is focusing on startups from India and out of its $300 million for the startups, around one-fourth will be invested in entities that are led by women, he added.

The company had launched $10 billion (about Rs 75,000 crore) to make access to the internet affordable. Through Google India Digitisation Fund, the company bought a 7.73 per cent stake in Jio for $4.5 billion and a 1.2 per cent stake in Bharti Airtel for $700 million.

Pichai, is on his visit to India after a gap of around three-and-a-half years. He met President Droupadi Murmu, Prime Minister Narendra Modi and held a joint session with Union IT and Telecom Minister Aswhini Vaishnaw. He said during each visit he notices that the sophistication of the Indian startup ecosystem is measurably improving and Indian startups like Glance are getting noticed worldwide. "There is no better time to do a start-up than the current moment. Even though we are working through a macro-economic moment like this. Companies like Google were created in moments of downturn. I think I am very bullish about it over time," Pichai said. He said that the technology is working at a big scale, which calls for framing responsible and balanced regulation.

"Given the scale and technology leadership it (India) will have, it's important to make sure you are balancing, putting in safeguards for people. You're creating an innovative framework, so that companies can innovate on top of a certainty in the legal framework.

"I think it is an important moment in time. India will also be a big export economy. It will benefit from an open and connected internet and getting that balance right will be important," Pichai said. In July 2020, Google had announced plans to invest $10 billion in India over next five to seven years asit looks to help accelerate adoption of digital services in the key overseas market. **WITH PTI**

EXPLAINED

Google India Digitisation

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'Encryption is a societal question...needs healthy debate among govt, cos and citizens'

A NUMBER of threats that India faces in cyberspace are similar to what the United States or Europe typically face, and India should get rid of legacy digital infrastructure to become more resilient to cyberattacks, ROYAL HANSEN, Google's vice president of engineering for privacy, safety, and security said. In an interview with SOUMYARENDRA BARIK, Hansen also spoke about the threat from foreign state actors, some of the unique challenges that India's cyberspace faces, and Google's stand on the encryption debate. Edited excerpts:



"The big players remain to be big, but what's also happened is that smaller states are also buying exploits and acting bigger "

ROYAL HANSEN
GOOGLE V-P, ENGINEERING FOR PRIVACY, SAFETY, AND SECURITY

There is said to be the involvement of a foreign state actor in the recent cyberattack on AIIMS. Are foreign states today thebiggest actors in cyberspace, or are they mostly independent actors?

Google's Threat Analysis Group (TAG) and Mandiant, which we acquired earlier this year, track around 300 nation state groups. And we see threats from nation state actors continue to grow.

The big players remain to be big, but what's also happened is that smaller states are also buying exploits and acting bigger. So it is becoming a bigger and bigger issue not because armies are growing in each of these countries. It's the ecosystem of people buying and selling exploits, data, compromising botnets etc. The lines are becoming very blurry.

In India's case, it is just like in the USA, that when you are a big player, writing software for the world, and your economy is growing, you are going to be on the attackers' list. So, Google will be training 40,000 developers on writing secure software.

India should also get rid of legacy infrastructure so that the country is more resilient to cyberattacks.

Is Google having conversations with the Indian government on cybersecurity and how to make their systems more secure?

One of the reasons Google's global senior leadership is in India is to have meetings with the government along those lines. We will share threat intelligence on things like high end attackers and the trends we are seeing and how we are baking that threat intelligence into our products like Google Pay and Gmail.

What do you think is the biggest cyber threat facing India today? Is it unique to the country?

One of the main issues is the use of legacy infrastructure which is a common trend across the world, not just India. These systems typically become the first point of attack. The difference in India is not the type of attacks, but the pace at which the country has grown. There are more new people participating, businesses growing. So it becomes that much more important that we don't use legacy systems. You have to be secure by default. Along with that the products also have to be safe.

Companies like Apple and Meta's WhatsApp have taken essentially a very pr-encryption stance in their products and services. Does Google also think that end-to-end encryption should be the norm for most digital services? Or should there also be consideration for law enforcement purposes and baking some kind of accessibility?

The most important thing is not to view this as just a technical problem. We are talking about societal questions. There is a tendency to say that one technology or one implementation can solve it. Like we have seen in other industries like aviation, naval, healthcare etc. there are always tricky tradeoffs.To me, it is important that governments, companies, tech platforms, and citizens have a healthy debate. I am in favour of a societal approach.

Encryption is a tool and we use it in certain cases. But do I think everything in the world will be end-to-end encrypted? No, because then services can't be rendered.Yes, there is absolutely a time and place for end-to-end encryption, but what lots of people also want is for a service provider to see and act on their data so that they can give them a convenience.

It is a healthy debate that society needs to have, and we're not the arbiters of that. I want it to be a societal question.

18% of Mumbai MSME loans are non-performing assets

GEORGE MATHEW
MUMBAI, DECEMBER 19

AS MUCH as 18 per cent of loans taken by micro, small and medium enterprises (MSME) in Mumbai, India's commercial capital, turned into non-performing assets (NPAs) as of September 2022, mirroring the stress in the sector.

Out of Rs 162,874 crore loans taken by MSMEs in Mumbai (including suburban region), Rs 22,579 crore involving 46,978 accounts have turned into NPAs, according to data compiled by the State Level Bankers Committee (SLBC) of Maharashtra. Of this, MSME NPAs from Mumbai alone have amounted to Rs 19,324 crore, or 18 per cent of loan outstanding of Rs 109,927 crore, and Mumbai suburban Rs 3,255 crore (six per cent) of Rs 52,947 crore outstanding.

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However, the RBI's Financial Stability Report says the aggregate NPA ratio in the MSME sector has moderated from 11.3 per cent in September 2021 to 9.3 per cent in March 2022.

A loan becomes NPA when the principal or interest payment remains overdue for 90 days.

According to the RBI definition, in a micro enterprise, the investment in plant and machinery or equipment should not exceed Rs one crore and turnover is below Rs 5 crore. In a small enterprise, the investment in plant and machinery or equipment should not exceed Rs 10 crore and turnover should be below Rs 50 crore. In a medium enterprise, the investment in plant and machinery or equipment should be below Rs 50 crore and turnover below Rs 250 crore.

In Maharashtra, out of a total MSME loans of Rs 314,914 crore, Rs 34,488 crore, or 11 per cent, have become NPAs, according to SLBC data. Public sector banks accounted for Rs 30,938.6 crore MSME loans and Rs 2,986.9 crore banks. However, NPAs in the state have fallen from Rs 47,901 crore, or 19 per cent of total loan outstanding as of September 2021. The spurt in MSME loans in 2020-21 came after the government announced lockdown in the wake of the Covid pandemic in March 2020. Thousands of NPAs downed shutters and the entire sector faced cash crunch and demand slowdown.

Full report on www.indianexpress.com

'Flexi staffing industry adds 78,000 jobs in Jul-Sep'

The industry added jobs buoyed by a strong festive season and rising demand across sectors, as per the ISF report



06%
Jobs in Indian flexi staffing industry rose as compared to the previous quarter

7.3%
New jobs in general staffing

2.2%
New jobs in IT staffing remained under pressure

2.32 lakh:
Jobs added by over 110 member companies in past 4 quarters

90 lakh:
110 members of ISF have generated employment in 10 years

14 lakh:
Currently employs annually

Source: Indian Staffing Federation/PTI

Sebi to discuss mkt norms in Board meet

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU
MUMBAI, DECEMBER 19

THE SECURITIES and Exchange Board of India (Sebi) is likely to discuss various market regulations, including on share buyback norms, in its December 20 board meeting.

Last month, the market regulator had sought comments on a consultation paper on review of regulations on buyback of securities. Among various proposals, the paper, based on recommendations of the Keki Mistry-headed committee, proposed to enhance the size of any buybacks from 25 per cent at present to 40 per cent of the paid-up capital and free reserves of the company through a tender offer route. It also proposed to reduce the cooling-off between buybacks.

In its board meeting, the market regulator is also likely to clear regulations related to strengthening of governance of market infrastructure institutions (MIIs).

Google's $1 million grant to IIT Madras for studying AI bias

NANDAGOPAL RAJAN
NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 19

GOOGLE ON Monday announced that it will be providing a $1 million grant to IIT Madras to set up a first-of-its-kind multidisciplinary Center for Responsible AI to conduct research on various aspects of bias in artificial intelligence, especially from an Indian context.

Google.org will also offer a similar sum to independent non-profit Wadhwani AI to develop efforts to deploy AI models that help with "crop disease monitoring, predicting yield outcomes and bringing efficiencies to Kisan call centers," Manish Gupta, Director of Google Research India, told indianexpress.com.

As part of Google for India 2022, the company also announced its move to contribute t the agri stack defined by the Government of India with a "combination of remote sensing and AI to tackle problems arising in agriculture in a scalable manner". Gupta said Google will apply its AI models over satellite images to be able to identify things like farm boundaries, locations of the farms and then "also develop an understanding of the agricultural landscape".

He said the plan is to go deeper and "apply additional analysis like what crop is being grown, estimate yield and so on" helping both policy makers as well as financial institutions. Google has already kicked off a pilot project on this with the Telangana government and has been working with a few startups on making some base layers available for the solutions.

Elaborating on how the model will work, Gupta said: "We will describe the boundaries and how these are changing over a period of time.

Full report on www.indianexpress.com

Govt notifies six insurance regulations of IRDAI

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU
MUMBAI, DECEMBER 19

THE GOVERNMENT has notified six significant decisions of the insurance regulator IRDAI, which were decided by its board on November 25, 2022. Effectively, the insurers can implement these six rules immediately.

The speed of the notifications shows the government's priority on the issue of penetration in the insurance sector. It is expected that the government will deal with the proposed amendments in the two insurance acts-Insurance Act,1938 and IRDA Act, 1999 for overhauling the insurance sector, which were put up for the public comments early this week, in a similar way, insurance experts said. Normally, it takes a couple of months to notify any board decisions of the IRDAI.

The following decisions have been made into rules.

Increase in tie-up limits for intermediaries: To enable the policyholders/ prospects to have wider choice and access to insurance through various distribution channels and facilitate the reach of insurance to the last mile, the maximum number of tie ups for Corporate Agents (CA) and Insurance Marketing Firms (IMF) have been increased. A CA can tie up with 9 insurers (earlier 3 insurers) and IMF can tie up with 6 insurers (earlier 2 insurers) in each line of business of life, general and health for distribution of their insurance products. The area of IMF operation also been expanded to cover the entire state in which they are registered.

Regulatory sandbox: It is a framework which provides a testing environment to the companies to enable them to test their innovative products, technologies, etc., in a controlled regulatory setting. It promotes innovation and technological solutions in the industry. Certain amendments were also carried out in the Regulatory Sandbox Regulations to allow the insurers/intermediaries to do experimentation on an ongoing basis by increasing the experimentation period from '6 months' to 'upto 36 months' and moving from the existing batch-wise clearances/approvals to clearances/approvals on a continuous basis. A provision for review of rejected applications under sandbox has also been introduced as a part of amendments.

Other forms of capital: In order to facilitate ease of raising other forms of capital viz., subordinated debt and/or preference shares, the requirement of prior approval from IRDAI is dispensed with. The amendments have also enhanced the limits for raising such capital (threshold limits increased from 25% to 50% of paid up capital & premium, subject to 50% of net worth of the company).

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BRIEFLY

Crypto, ED raid

New Delhi: The Enforcement Directorate has attached proceeds of crime worth Rs 907 crore and arrested three persons in cases related to money laundering by crypto exchanges, Minister of State for Finance Pankaj Chaudhary told Parliament on Monday. **PTI**

HDFC, rates

Mumbai: Mortgage financier HDFC Ltd has increased its retail prime lending rate on housing loans by 35 basis points, effective December 20. The revised home loan rates will start from 8.65 per cent onwards for credit score of 800 and above, the company said. **ENS**

Yes Bank completes transfer of $5.81 bn bad loans to JC Flowers

REUTERS
BENGALURU, DECEMBER 19

PRIVATE LENDER Yes Bank said on Monday it completed the transfer of bad loans worth Rs 480 billion ($5.81 billion) to private equity firm J.C. Flowers, in a deal aimed at cleaning up its balance sheet.

The deal, the largest sale of bad loans in the Indian banking sector yet, comes more than two years after the central bank stepped in to take control of the lender after a dramatic rise in toxic assets alarmed investors and depositors.

The lender's stock has shown signs of a recovery after being driven down sharply over the last two years, although it remains a fraction of its 2018 peak of Rs 404. It is up about 56 per cent so far this year, last trading at Rs 21.4 .

"This transaction would further strengthen our balance sheet, allowing the bank to focus fully on growth and profitability as future strategic objectives,"

Yes Bank Chief Executive Prashant Kumar said in a statement.Yes Bank's gross bad loan ratio edged down to 12.89 per cent at the end of the September quarter from 13.45 per cent at the end of June. Yes Bank also concluded allotting shares and share warrants worth $1.1 billion to private equity firms Carlyle and Advent International, in its bid to boost its capital and fund growth.

Note in circulation rises 8% annually, says FM

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 19

Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman Monday said note in circulation has witnessed an annual growth of 7.98 per cent to Rs 31.92 lakh crore as of December 2, 2022. The demand for currency depends upon several macroeconomic factors, including economic growth, she said.

Indian Overseas Bank
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DEPARTMENT
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GEM TENDER FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF DIGITAL COLENDING AND POOL BUY OUT PLATFORM

GEM BID REFERENCE NO: GEM/2022/B/2871109 DATED 17.12.2022

The tender document for the above tender is available in Government e-Market Place

www.gem.gov.in & www.iob.in

For tender details and future amendments, if any, keep referring to the following website **www.gem.gov.in**

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Tender No : SE/PHC/KKD/81/2022-23
Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM)-CWSS to Eramala and Adjoining Seven Panchayaths in Kozhikode District-Rehabilitation of existing 1.20 LL Capacity OHSR at Nirayil and Laying Distribution System and Providing FHTCs in Purameri Panchayath- Zone 1 Purameri. **EMD** : Rs. 500000/-, **Tender fee** : Rs. 16540+(2978)GST, **Last Date for submitting Tender** : 11-01-2023 04:00:pm **Phone :** 0495 – 2371046.
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Tender No : 63 & 64/22-23/SE/PHC/PKD
1. Providing FHTCs 11862 Nos & road restoration 2. Construction of 7.5LL OHSR, Providing FHTCs(5707 Nos), railway crossing using HDD method and road restoration. **EMD** : Rs. 500000 each, **Tender fee** : Rs. 16540 each, **Last Date for submitting Tender** : 09-01-2023 03:00:pm **Phone :** 04912544927
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‘Climate justice doesn’t mean that you let the world be in darkness. Everyone has a right to a life with dignity’



(From right) Bhupender Yadav, Union Cabinet Minister for Environment, Forests and Climate Change and Labour and Employment, with Amitabh Sinha, Resident Editor, Pune, and Anant Goenka, Executive Director, The Indian Express Group

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At a recent Adda in Delhi, Bhupender Yadav, Minister of Environment, Forests & Climate Change and Labour & Employment, spoke about sustainable consumption and COP27, the clearance given to GM mustard, and why development and environment are not opposed to each other

On India’s environmental targets

In 2015, when the climate change agreement was finalised in Paris, all the countries agreed to climate action targets which were called their Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs). There is this principle of common but differentiated responsibilities, where each nation would set targets according to its past responsibility in generating emissions and its prevailing capacities.

As part of its NDC, India had decided to reduce its emission intensity by 33-35 per cent by 2030 compared to 2005 levels. We also promised to generate 40 per cent of our electricity from renewables by 2030. The third target was to increase our forest cover. These were our quantitative targets. We also had qualitative targets in the NDC, which included adaptation action.

It was decided in Paris that all the countries will strengthen NDCs after five years but this exercise was delayed by two years due to the pandemic. In 2021, at the Glasgow COP26, PM Narendra Modi announced his five-point climate agenda, called ‘Panchamrit’. Accordingly, India has now said it would revise its renewable target to 50 per cent, and the emission intensity target to 45 per cent. India is among 30 countries to have upgraded its NDC. PM Modi also announced Mission LiFE, which is about behavioural changes, both at the individual and community level, to fight climate change.

India has also launched three big climate action groups. In 2015, we partnered with France to form the International Solar Alliance which now has a membership of 130 countries. In Glasgow, the Prime Minister talked about One Sun, One World, One Grid, an effort to connect electricity grids across the world so that solar power can be harnessed uninterrupted. Recently, the Cabinet has given the approval to the Coalition for Disaster Resilient Infrastructure (CDRI), which is the second international organisation that we have created. This will help in the creation of more resilient infrastructure in developing countries that can withstand natural disasters. Then, with Sweden, we have launched the Leadership Group for Industry Transition or LeadIT with the objective of getting governments, industries and other organisations together in the fight against climate change. LeadIT works on hard-to-abate industries such as the aluminum, cement, and transport sectors, which have a high carbon footprint.

On the need for sustainable consumption

Sustainable consumption is a global necessity. Our country’s population today is 17 per cent of the total world population, while our carbon emission is four per cent. The population of the developed world is also 17 per cent but their carbon emission is about 60 per cent. Their higher carbon intensity is because of their consumptive lifestyle.

As places develop, there will be an increase in energy demand. That is why we talk about climate justice. We have to provide electricity to 125 crore population. But is a more sustainable lifestyle possible? We think, it is. How much water we consume in the shower, at what temperature we run our air conditioners, whether we switch off lights when we are not in the room. These issues need to be discussed.

Also, India has now taken over G20 presidency. One of the things we are working on is circular economy, which involves strengthening our reusing and recycling capabilities. Recently, I was having a chat with UNEP executive director Inger Andersen and we were discussing Mission LiFE. She made an interesting remark… that we are taking out useful things from nature, and returning it in the form of waste. We talk about civic sense, moral sense, legal sense… it is time we talk about environmental sense as well.

The biodiversity COP is happening in Montreal. Of the total water bodies worldwide in the 17th century, only 13 per cent are left. We are actively working towards rejuvenation of lakes and other water bodies. I have always said that if forests are our lungs, wetlands are our kidneys. The Paris Agreement actually acknowledges that civilisational values, which consider nature as mother, must be respected.

On the difference between ‘phase-out’ and ‘phase-down’ of fossil fuels

Today, civilisation can’t survive without energy. The international rules on climate change are very clear. Climate action by any country has to be mindful of the circumstances and constraints in that country. In Glasgow, some of the countries asked for the phase out of coal. Now, a large number of developing countries are dependent on coal. If coal has to be phased out, then at least the developed countries should fulfil their commitments on climate finance to help the transition to cleaner fuels. But the developed countries haven’t even delivered on the US$ 100 billion commitment. They are supposed to provide both finance and technology.

Today, the western countries have increased their usage of coal and gas. Every country should have this right to assess its



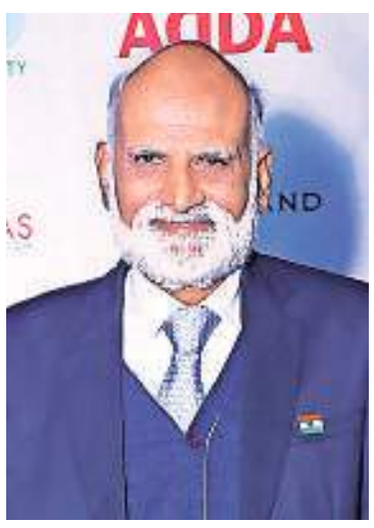
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(From left to right) Devin Narang, Prakash Hinduja, Ajit Kumar, Anant Goenka and Anmol Singh Jaggi in a candid moment



Guests greeting Union Minister Bhupender Yadav at Express Adda



Mugdha Kaur Jaggi, Founding Member, Param Seva Foundation, presenting a bouqet to Yadav



(Left to right) The team of Vision IAS — Sarthak Gautam, Marketing Manager; Aman Singhmar, Head, Marketing and Business Development; Shiwanshu Dwivedi, Marketing Manager

QUICK QUESTIONS

Organisation or government, what do you prefer?

The organisation is important because it's through the organisation that can you come in the government.

You read a lot. Who is your favourite non-fiction author?

I can't name just one — I read everyone, both from the Left and the Right.

Name one non-BJP politician whom you admire.

Lifelong, I've been a huge admirer of Ram Manohar Lohia *ji*.

Name one non-BJP Prime Minister you admire the most.

He didn't get the chance and was betrayed, but I think Charan Singh was a leader with a deep understanding of this country.

In 2024, the biggest competition will come from — AAP or Congress?

The country's main Opposition is the Congress but I'm not sure how much of a competition there will be.

Any NGO in India whose work you admire ?

TERI (The Energy and Resources Institute), but there are others, too.

Between the BJP and the RSS, who is the big brother?

The relationship is not that of big brother. We are people who came from the RSS thought process. The BJP works as an independent political party.

Welfare, identity or development, what's the strongest election tool?

Welfare.

needs and use fuel according to the circumstances it finds itself in. And global warming is being caused not just by burning of coal, but by all fossil fuels. So why should coal be singled out for phase-out? All fossil fuels should be phased out, including gas which is being used widely in western countries. That is why we keep talking about climate justice.

The other issue which we saw some progress on is loss and damage. This issue was pending for 30 years. The most vulnerable countries have made minimal contribution to global warming. But they face a lot of climate disasters. Who is going to compensate for the loss and damage they face? India was at the forefront of developing countries demanding a loss-and-damage architecture. India is a strong voice of the developing world. We are a big country, and it is our responsibility to take up the case of the developing countries, while making our own contribution towards climate actions. We have always maintained that in climate change, India is a solution, not a problem. We will fulfil our targets, make our contributions, but would also ask for climate justice.

On why climate change is never an election issue in India

I feel environment will be the biggest issue in the future. Actually, there are three major environmental issues on which all the countries assemble and discuss, and have these COPs (conference of parties). The one on climate change has become very big. But there is a similar discussion going on on desertification. Desertification is also a very big challenge. Shortage of fertile land and degradation are threats to food security in the future. The third issue is biodiversity, whose COP is happening in Montreal right now. Humans exploit about 50,000 different varieties of flora and fauna for its needs, be it food, medicine, oil, energy or even cosmetics. Unsustainable consumption of biodiversity will lead to an imbalance in nature.

These issues have become so prominent that they have triggered green movements in several countries. And I think these issues will become even bigger in the coming years. They would require regular policy interventions. So, it might not be an election issue today, but in five or 10 years, this will be very important in elections too.

On whether development issues fetch more votes than environmental

There should not be any contradiction between development and environmental concerns. I will give you an example. We have just constructed a new underpass below Pragati Maidan. We got an assessment done through TERI. Its report is publicly available. It shows that this underpass has eliminated substantial amount of pollution, smoke, vehicular emissions from the traffic jams that used to be common at that site. This kind of infrastructure will have to be built. Climate action does not mean that everyone has to go back to darkness. Every person has a right to live with dignity. The mistake that we often make is to consider that this planet is only for human beings. This is for all life forms. If this world only had human beings, and no forests, no animals, no birds, no rivers, would anyone even like such a world? So the issue isn't environment or development, but balanced development. Between 1965 and 2000, the population of the Great Indian Bustard in our country had declined from 1,500 to 200. We are now actively working for this bird's conservation and breeding, which are the only ways to save it. We need to have moderated development, conserve the bird, as well as fulfill the country's energy needs through renewables. Votes are not an issue. Ultimately, policy-makers are faced with building the best human civilisation.

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On environmental clearance for the Greater Nicobar Island development project

In the Greater Nicobar project, only 1.5 per cent of the total area of Nicobar Islands will be affected. There must be a balanced approach between development and conservation. To counter (the cutting of eight lakh trees in Nicobar), compensatory afforestation is being done on a 130 sq km area in one of the main regions of the country and even in Delhi-NCR, which requires trees for better air. The entire scientific report is out there that has all the analysis.

On the opposition to genetically modified crops

Should we not promote scientific research? If scientists of Delhi University have developed this GM mustard, can't we test it out? How can there be resistance to scientific trials, according to well-prescribed rules? There is a food security angle too. Right now, nearly 55-60 per cent of edible oils in India are imported. And much of these are from genetically modified varieties of crops. In many countries, only GM varieties of oilseeds are being grown. So it is okay to import GM crops from other countries, but not to carry out our own research on GM? Are we a closed society? I acknowledge the concerns on pollinators, on honeybees. But unless we go ahead with scientific trials we wouldn't know how, and to what extent, these are being impacted. Scientific research must be allowed. We must move towards self-reliance.

On the change in voting patterns

The right to vote has been given to the individual, not to the family. So, if this is happening, it is a welcome development. Earlier, an entire village would vote on the direction of one person. But there is strength in our democracy. There's an openness. I don't feel bad even if family members vote differently. It should happen because that is democracy. Everyone is entitled to their own choice. But everyone must vote. Many people talk a lot but don't vote. As society progresses, political campaigning and the subjects of political communication change. In the 1950s, ideology used to be a big issue. Today, I think people have moved beyond ideologies, which have both good and bad implications. In the 50s, great orators were liked. Later, TV debaters were preferred. Then came the age of social media. Communication and ideologies change. Urbanisation, publicity, and economic wealth will increase and people will move to the cities. This will change the social climate. The issues will also change. If we can change our Constitution according to the changing needs, then the voting pattern will change. An evolving society is good.

On the government's position on the Supreme Court order on pensioners

We are reviewing the judgment, which deals with Section 6A in The Provident Funds Act, 1925, regarding schemes. We will soon make a decision in this regard after reviewing the judgment. In the Ministry of Labour, there are two major departments. The Employees' State Insurance Corporation (ESIC), where we get a chance to serve the labourers. There are 160 ESIC hospitals and 18 medical colleges in the country. We have 3.90 crore Insured Persons (IP) and 12 crore beneficiaries. We have an EPFO fund of 6.5 crore subscribers and its value is Rs 18 lakh crore. They are our biggest trust. The government maintains transparency in this.

On the need for reforms in labour rules

We have subsumed 29 Labour Acts and made four codes — the Code on Wages, Industrial Relations Code, Social Security Code, and the Occupational Safety, Health, and Working Conditions Code. In the earlier acts, the employer would have been penalised even if they didn't paint the toilet walls. So we have ended such laws through these new codes and limited the rules to bodily injury cases. We have got these codes to increase the ease of doing business and ease of progress. Several state governments are bringing in their own reforms.

On whether Punjab farmers will be penalised for burning crops

After working on it for a year, crop burnings have reduced by 40 per cent in Haryana. The reason for that is a 2-lakh-tonne ethanol plant near Panipat. We have installed plants through the CPCB too. Burnings have reduced in Punjab too. Only two districts had more burnings. If we sincerely focus on reusing and recycling, we can completely reduce the burning by next year. Those who sold biomass in Delhi for advertisements of Rs 24 crore, refused the usage of biomass in Punjab. If you were successful with biomass in Delhi, then why are you stopping it in Punjab?

VOICE BANK



HARSH SHRIVASTAVA
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, BLUE CIRCLE MEDI SERVICES

Climate change action is being spearheaded by the Central government. What should be done to motivate the 30 state governments for climate action? There is no training for forest staff in the states, which leaves them at the bottom of the pyramid.

As there is a National Climate Action Plan (NCAP), similarly, there is a State Climate Action Plan (SCAP). There is a Central committee that coordinates this matter. Our adaptation plans are carried out differently in different states. We are working on the capacity-building of forest staff and we have several centres for that in Coimbatore and Assam. We have registered contractual staff on the e-SHRAM portal. We have also received the report from the committee headed by former IAS officer Keshav Saran Varma. We are working on the philosophy of Mission Karmayogi for capacity-building.



SHYAM BAGRI
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Shouldn't we hold awareness campaigns for citizens to become more climate-conscious and help them bring about lifestyle changes? Also, why not penalise people if they harm the environment?

In June, this year, PM Modi asked all countries for their suggestions and ideas (to combat climate change). When I talk to African, Latin American and developing countries, I ask about their civilisation values. PM Modi launched Mission LiFE in Gujarat in October, along with UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres. At COP27, we honoured youths from countries with innovative ideas for climate action. In a Ministry consultation, we decided to plan programmes for universities, women and gram sabhas. It would be good if newspapers had a section for behavioural change, which people could look forward to.

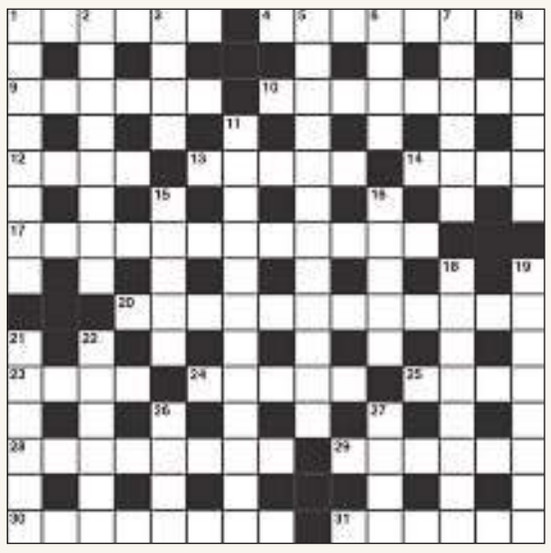


DR GR PATIL
SAMKALP IAS

What is the government planning to do about the waste generated from solar panels in 10 years' time?

Like we have brought in rules for plastic, rubber and electronic waste, and EPR Policy for big companies, we have started work on the regularisation process of the reuse and circular economy policy. For e-waste, we have decided on the collection process of three-four years for 100 per cent collection.

CROSSWORD 4929



ACROSS
1 Mother's involved with plan for making bombs (6)
4 Coming in last after me she gets caught (8)
9 Names include a famous soprano (6)
10 One may put his suit in a case - or vice versa (8)
12 Headland or loch (4)
13 Cheat people (5)
14 Ring starts involuntary movement of the ear (4)
17 As found in the doll's hospital? (5,7)
20 An incoming charge (9,3)
23 Can recall Napoleon's exile (4)
24 Gain favour with a hot dish (5)
25 Withdrawal of 101 meeting points (4)
28 Charge too much? (8)
29 He takes orders to break the circle (6)
30 Easy opponent to beat and knock to the floor (8)
31 An indication of cold perhaps (6)

DOWN
1 Common title for Satan? (8)
2 A friend has new ideas for building a fence (8)
3 Heavy role for an actor (4)
5 Small cutters one may find extremely useful (4,8)
6 Issue of time off (4)
7 Something good to drink to (6)
8 The cad is out to break the engagement (6)
11 Go over - to the enemy once more? (12)
15 Lose one's footing on a piece of glass (5)
16 Mint bar? (5)
18 Naturally it's to do with a series of lectures (2,6)
19 Perhaps I'd come about something commonplace (8)
21 About to take successful action to recover (6)
22 A sailor girl with unmarried sisters in her care (6)
26 A voice raised in a loyal toast (4)
27 Large family; many in jail (4)

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DAY TODAY

BY PETER VIDAL

ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr 20)
Life is a drama, and there is one particular role that you alone can play. The problem is that the way things look at the present, you may end up having to pay as well. It will be truly galling to have to foot the bill on top of putting in so much effort.

TAURUS (Apr 21 - May 21)
If brand new involvements or associations are to flourish as you hope, everything must be above board from the word go. It is only fair to point out that if a partner does practise a little deception, it will only be because they wish for the best.

GEMINI (May 22 - June 21)
Personal trouble will only arise now if you allow partners to feel left out, taken for granted or otherwise unfairly neglected. If that is indeed the case, you will have to make amends sooner rather than later. If an apology is called for, then summon up all your courage and offer it.

CANCER (June 22 - July 23)
Good, solid social influences indicate that ordinary, friendly meetings will be very much more pleasant than potentially explosive, passionate encounters. If you ask for total commitment from a partner at any time over the next ten days, you may get more than you bargained for.

LEO (July 24 - Aug 23)
You tend to divulge only what you want others to hear, and this might be a very wise policy at home. For the next two weeks, it is almost impossible to predict how partners will react. You'll be walking on egg-shells part of the time, so tread lightly.

VIRGO (Aug 24 - Sep 23)
Although you are right to make as much effort as you do to please those you care for, it is fair of you to expect them to return the favour. Hopefully a family member, or someone you've been living with, will reconsider their previously unhelpful response.

LIBRA (Sep 24 - Oct 23)
If you want to have a peaceful existence, then please stop making so many mountains out of so few molehills. To be perfectly plain, it is about time you stopped worrying about other people making a mess of their lives, and started trusting them instead.

SCORPIO (Oct 24 - Nov 23)
You should continue to stick out for what you know to be right and just. Also, be sure that with the Moon sailing through sensible regions of your chart, other people will be on your case, so no ducking out at the last minute. If you do let someone else down, do it gently.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov 24 - Dec 22)
It's true to say that in a matter of weeks you will forget that you were ever racked by indecision, or that you were pulled in so many directions at once that you thought you were going to explode. However, you can expect to change your mind one more time.

CAPRICORN (Dec 23 - Jan 20)
Your discreet Capricornian imagination should now be on show. If it's entertainment you're after, a spot of culture should go down well, and if routine work dominates your day, bring a little of your creative passion to bear: partners will appreciate it.

AQUARIUS (Jan 21 - Feb 19)
The full significance of a social invitation, or even of an accusation, is not yet clear. This is hardly your fault, so don't let others blame you just because they couldn't organise a decent get-together. They have to take responsibility for their own actions — or lack of actio.

PISCES (Feb 20 - Mar 20)
The Piscean temperament should be nicely soothed by today's helpful words and hopeful promises. There is a vague chance that something might run into a brick wall. Perhaps you will collide head-first with reality, either in the form of financial restrictions or opposition from a close partner.

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.

Do not remove a __ from your friend's forehead with a ___. - Chinese proverb (3,,7)

ENAET

BELNCH

STYLI

GILTFH

SOLUTION: EATEN, SILTY, BLENCH, FLIGHT
Answer: Do not remove a **fly** from your friend's forehead with a **hatchet** - Chinese proverb

SUDOKU 5054

Difficulty Level 5s
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

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SOLUTION SUDOKU 5053

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E-AUCTION NOTICE

Ministry of Environment & Forests (MOEF) registered Purchasers/Firms, as recyclers/re-processors for used oid, are invited to attend the E-Auction for Purchasing of used/refused black oil through bidding, conducted by General Store Depot, Northern Railway, Shakurbasti, Delhi-34 on **28.12.2022** at **11.00 A.M.**.

S. No.	Lot No.	Description	Qty.
1	SSE-EMU-GZB-2022-21	Scrap Waste Used/Refused Black Oil Contained in M.S. Drums, Capacity-200 KGs Qty: 30 Nos. Drums=6000 KGs (Approx) As is Where is Basis. Note: Oil will be sold along with Drums, Loading by Purchaser, Segregation of Water If Found is Allowed at Time of Delivery. Location:- lying near inspection pit (HWH End).	6000 KGs. =30 Nos. Drums.

Railway reserves the right to cancel the E-Auction for used oil on the said date without assigning any reasons thereof. Unsold Material (Used Oil, if any) shall again be put up for sale in ensuing E-Auction. The detail of Lots/Qty. are available on website **www.ireps.gov.in** in auction catalogue Dated- 28.12.2022.

No.:- Scrap Used Oil/E-Auction/SSB/2022-23 Date: 17.12.2022 3365/2022

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PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF A PERSON ACCUSED

(See Section 82 Cr.PC.)

Whereas complaint has been made before me that accused **Amit Kumar, S/o Ganesh Dhanuk,** R/o H.No. 253, Gali No. 6, Baba Mohan Ram Colony, Mukundpur Part-II, Delhi has committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence in **Case Reg. No. 5007/2020, e-FIR No. 00064/2019 U/S 379/411 IPC** PS Burari, Delhi and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest thereupon issued that the said accused **Amit Kumar** can not be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said accused **Amit Kumar** has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant).

Proclamation is hereby made that the said accused **Amit Kumar** of **Case Reg. No. 5007/2020, e-FIR No. 00064/2019 U/S 379/411 IPC** PS Burari, Delhi is required to appear before this court to answer the said complaint on or before 20.01.2023.

By Order
Shri Mayank Aggarwal
Metropolitan Magistrate-09
Central Room No. 286
Tis Hazari Court, Delhi

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EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

The Chief Medical Superintendent on behalf of the President of India invites Expression of interest for JHI, ROK & MTC from reputed Labs for undertaking the Pathological & radiological investigations etc. for the Railway beneficiaries at JHI, ROK & MTC Health Units under Divl. Hospital, N. Rly, Delhi from NABL/Non NABL Labs at CGHS rates or in case CGHS rates for a particular investigation is not available then AIIMS rate or any other government hospital rate shall be applicable. In case no government rate is available then reasonable rate as per mutual agreement between railway and the center shall be applicable for a period of two years from the date of award of work on monthly payment basis. Centre should mention percentage of discount of rate, if any, on application form. The interested labs should be fully equipped with modern machines. The institute should have valid license from X-ray regulatory authorities & should be registered under PNDT Act. The institute /Labs should also have qualified Radiologist & Pathologist working. The application form terms & conditions may be obtained from the office of the Chief Medical Superintendent, S.P. Mukherjee Marg near Novelty Cinema, Delhi-110006 from **20.12.2022** to **21.01.2023** up to **15:00 Hrs** on any working day. **The last date of submission of the application is 21.01.2023 up to 17:00 hrs**, in the office of the Chief Medical Superintendent, S.P. Mukherjee Marg near Novelty Cinema, Delhi-110006. The EOI and the details of the investigation are also available on the Northern Railway website: **www.nr.indianrailways.gov.in** which can be downloaded.

Chief Medical Superintendent
No.: 63-Med-Lab Invest-DLI-2022 N. Rly, Divisional Hospital Delhi
Dated: 19.12.2022 3372/2022

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SEARCH FOR MISSING/KIDNAPPED



Rajnandani

General public is hereby informed that a girl namely **Rajnandani, D/o: Shiv Charan Sha, R/o: H.No. 22, Pusta Road, Aali Village, New Delhi has been reported missing/kidnapped since 11.12.2022 at about 06:30 PM from her home. In this regard FIR No. 589/2022 dated 14.12.2022 has been registered at P.S. Sarita Vihar, New Delhi.** The description of missing/kidnapped girl is as under:

Name: Rajnandani, Age: 17 Years, Height: 5'4", Complexion: Fair, Built: Medium, Face: Round Wearing: Light Green Colour Plajo & Suit and Hawai Chappal in Feet.

If anyone have any information about this missing/kidnapped girl please inform P.S. Sarita Vihar, New Delhi.

Web: http://cbi.nic.in, Email: cic@cbi.gov.in
Ph.: 011-24368638/24368641, Fax: 011-24368639

SHO
Police Station Sarita Vihar, New Delhi
Ph: 011-26825553, 8750870921

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Appeal for Identification



General Public is hereby informed that a male dead body **Name:** Unknown, **S/o** Unknown, **R/o:** Unknown **Age:** Approx. 50 years, **Height:** 5 Feet, **Complexion:** Fair, **Sex:** Male, **Wearing :** White Shirt, Black Jersey and Grey Color lining pant was found dead On divider in front of ICICI Bank Main Chandni Chowk Road, Delhi at 5 AM on 15.12.2022. In this regard, a **DD No. 3A, dated 15.12.2022** has been lodged at PS: Kotwali, Delhi.

Sincere efforts have been made by local police to trace out information about this person but no clue has come to light so far.

Any, person having any information or clue about this person may kindly inform to the following.

SHO
P.S., Kotwali, Delhi
Ph. : 011-23977100, 8750870121

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E-TENDER NOTICE

Sr. DEE-TRS-GZB acting for and on behalf of President of India Invites E-Tender against Tender No. **230-TRS-GZB-2022-23-29.** The details are as under:

1.	**Name of the work:**	'Repair, Rectification, wiring and Re commissioning of CNC vertical turning lathe of M/s Premiere make and repair of surface wheel lathe of M/s HYT make including re discing of 4 no. axles of WAP7/WAP5 locomotives using above two machines and wheel press of M/s Isgec make'.
2.	**Approx. cost of work:**	Rs.49,55,853.68
3.	**Earnest Money to be deposited:**	Rs.99,100.00
4.	**Last Date & Time of Submission of tender bid of tender:**	10.01.2023 (11:00 Hrs.)
5.	**Date & Time of opening of tender document:**	10.01.2023 (After 11:00 Hrs.)
6.	**Website particulars where complete details of tender documents can be seen:**	**www.ireps.gov.in**

Note: (i) The tenderer/s must be registered on the Indian Railway E-Procurement System (IREPS) site i.e. **www.ireps.gov.in** for participating in e-tender system.
(ii) For all terms and conditions please refer tender document.
(iii) No manual offers are acceptable.
(iv) Cost of Tender document and Earnest money will be acceptable through net banking or payment gateway only.

No. 230-TRS-GZB-2022-23-29 Dated: 19.12.2022.

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MAGH MELA 2022-23
Prayagraj Mela Authority
Triveni Bhawan, Triveni Bandh, Daraganj, Prayagraj
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Notice Inviting E-Tender-For Procurement of Stage for Prayagraj Mela Authority, Selection of Agency to undertake Renting, Operating and Maintaining the Community Toilets near Sangam area and Procurement of Floating Jetty for Prayagraj Mela Authority, Prayagraj

The Prayagraj Mela Authority Invites Bids for **Tender No.20/MM 2022-23** for "Procurement of Stage for Prayagraj Mela Authority", **Tender No.21/MM 2022-23** for "Selection of Agency to undertake Renting, Operating and Maintaining the Community Toilets near Sangam area" and **Tender No.22/MM 2022-23** for "Procurement of Floating Jetty for Prayagraj Mela Authority". The Request for Proposal Documents shall be made available from the Uttar Pradesh E-Procurement website Https://etender.up.nic.in on 20/12/2022 for Tender No. 20/MM 2022-23, Tender No. 21/MM 2022-23 and Tender No. 22/MM 2022-23. Interested parties may download/upload their proposal from 1600 hrs 20/12/2022 till 1400 hrs 09/01/2023 for Tender No. 20/MM 2022-23, Tender No. 21/MM 2022-23 and Tender No. 22/MM 2022-23 via Digital Signature Certificate (DSC). The bids received by interested parties shall be opened in the presence of the respective bidders at 1500 Hrs on 09/01/2023 for Tender No. 20/MM 2022-23, Tender No. 21/MM 2022-23 and Tender No. 22/MM 2022-23. Details regarding the tender shall be made available on **https://etender.up.nic.in.**

Meladhikari,
Magh Mela 2022-23,
Prayagraj Mela Authority,
Prayagraj.

पत्र संख्या-1445/पन्द्रह-मा.मे.(2022-23) दिनांक 19 दिसम्बर, 2022

HIMACHAL PRADESH
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT
Telephone No. 01893-220098, E-mail : hp-kan2@nic.in
INVITATION FOR BIDS (IFB)

The Superintending Engineer HPPWD 9th Circle Nurpur H.P. on behalf of Governor of H.P. invites the items rate bids, in the electronic tendering system from the eligible class of contractors registered with HPPWD for the works as detailed in the table.

Sr. No.	Name of work.	Estimated Cost (In lacs).	Starting date for downloading Bid.	Earnest Money (In lacs)	Deadline for submission of Bid	Eligible Contractor
1.	C/O road from Pir Bar Satsang Ghar to Radha Swami Satsang Ghar at Beh Dhounta via Paniali i/c causeway on Dhounta Khad and Badhal Khad bridge to vill. Paniyali upto Guga Mandir Panchauat Kanol Km. 0/0 to 7/160 (SH:- 5/7 mtr. Formation cutting, Passing places, R/walls, CD work, P/L GSB, WBM-II, WBM-III, Mettaling & Tarring work, road side drain and parapets, P/F road furniture etc.) including five year maintenance under NABARD RIDF-XXVIII).	486.79	26-12-2022 10.00 AM.	9.74	05-01-2023 (5.00 PM)	'A & B' Class.
2.	Construction of Khajjian to Har road Km. 0/0 to 3/00 (SH:- Formation cutting, Cross Drainage work, Passing Places, R/walls, GSB, WBM-II, WBM-III, Tarring work, CC pavement, side drain and parapets) including five year maintenance under NABARD RIDF-XXVIII).	267.23	26-12-2022 10.00 AM.	5.34	05-01-2023 (5.00 PM)	'A & B' Class.
3.	C/O Chandbeh Baruna Bhawarna road Km. 0/0 to 2/090 (SH:- formation cutting, R/walls, CD work, CC pavement, road side parapets, road side drain, GSB, WBM-II, WBM-III, M/T & signed boards etc.) including five year maintenance under NABARD RIDF-XXVIII).	218.01	26-12-2022 10.00 AM.	4.36	05-01-2023 (5.00 PM)	'A & B' Class.
4.	C/O link road from Majheen to Chowki Dhorian Jaman Mehra Harwah via Jandal Chhir Km. 0/0 to 5/270 (SH:- Formation Cutting, Passing places, R/walls, CD work, P/L GSB,WBM-II, WBM-III, Tarring work, CC pavement, road side drain and parapets etc.) including five year maintenance under NABARD XXVIII).	454.81	26-12-2022 10.00 AM.	9.10	05-01-2023 (5.00 PM)	'A & B' Class.
5.	C/O link road from Dehrian to Balah Km. 0/0 to 3/450 (SH:- Formation Cutting, Passing place, CD work, side drain, Parapets and R/walls GSB, WBM-II, WBM-III, metalling & tarring and cement concrete pavement) including five year maintenance under NABARD-XXVIII).	447.90	26-12-2022 10.00 AM.	8.96	05-01-2023 (5.00 PM)	'A & B' Class.

The bidders are advised to note other details of tender from the department website .www.hptenders.gov in. **Date of opening of tender is 06-01-2023 at 11.00 AM.**

Superintending Engineer,
9th Circle, HP.PWD., Nurpur.
Pin No. 176202.
Tel. No. 01893-220098. e-mail:- hp-kan2@nic.in
on behalf of Governor of Himachal Pradesh
HIM LOK SAMPARK

5160/HP

NORTH CENTRAL RAILWAY
Corrigendum No. 64225021 Dt. 19.12.2022
FIRST CORRIGENDUM
On behalf of the President of India, Principal Chief Material Manager, North Central Railway, Prayagraj is issued a corrigendum against Tender no. 64225021 Published against EPS Tender Notice no 22/77 dated 15-11-2022 and RO No. 1539/22(AN). **Tender No. :** 64225021, **Particulars :** Item Description (Sr. No. 10, 18, 20, 23 & 24), **From :** Existing, Opening Date : 14.12.2022, **To :** Updated, 27.12.2022. Other Terms & conditions of Tender remain unchanged. **1539/22(AN)**

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TENDER NOTICE
DY.CMM-Ajmer, acting for and on behalf of The President of India invites E-Tender against Tender No. 42225534 Closing date 10.01.2023 at 14.25 hrs. Bidders will be able to submit their original/revised bids up to closing date and time only. Manual offers are not allowed against this tender and any such manual offer received shall be ignored. **Description of Work: SET OF SLIDING DOOR ARRANGEMENT (RH & LH) AS PER RDSO DRG. NO. RDSO/CG/DRG/21008 ITEM NO. 7 & 8 ONE SET CONSIST OF ONE NO. OF RH DOOR AND ONE NO. OF LH DOOR, TOTAL 02 DOORS IN ONE SET., Quantity:** 130 Set, **Date and time for Submission of tender :** Submission of E-Tender up to 10.01.2023 at 14:25 hrs., **Website particular : www.ireps.gov.in** **1071-SN/22**

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E-Tender Notice
Divl. Rly. Manager, N.W.Rly. Bikaner for and on behalf of President of India invites open E-Tender for the following works up to 15.00 hours on 10.01.2023 as below: **Tender No. 177, Name of Work with its Location : Supply of 2200 Cum Stone ballast (Machine Crushed) 65 mm Gauge as per revised specification of RDSO track ballast of IRS-GE I-June 2004 at Manheru yard in c/w Development of freight terminal and Infrastructural facilities at Manheru station under ADEN/Bhiwani. Approx. Cost of Work :** Rs. 2085512.00 **Earnest Money :** Rs. 41800.00 **Tender No. 178, Name of Work with its Location : Raising of passenger Platform as High Level at Dhana Ladanpur halt on RE-HSR section under ADEN/Bhawani. Approx. Cost of Work :** Rs. 14350578.25 **Earnest Money :** Rs. 221800.00, **Note :** Other terms & conditions will be shown on the website **www.ireps.gov.in** **1073-SN/22**

NORTH WESTERN RAILWAY
TENDER NOTICE
DY.CMM-Ajmer, acting for and on behalf of The President of India invites E-Tender against Tender No. 42225533 Closing date 16.01.2023 at 14.25 hrs. Bidders will be able to submit their original/revised bids up to closing date and time only. Manual offers are not allowed against this tender and any such manual offer received shall be ignored. **Description of Work: DOOR FRAME COMPLETE FOR AUTOMOBILE CARRIER COACH WITH SIDE ENTRY AS PER RDSO DRG NO. RDSO/CG/DRG/21043 (SHEET 1 & 2) ALONG WITH HINGE-2 ITEM NO. 17 OF DRG. NO. RDSO/CG/DRG/21042 QTY. 6 NOS./SET NOTE : HINGE ITEM NO. 8 OF DRG. NO. RDSO/CG/DRG /21043 TO BE SUPPLIED IN LOOSE CONDITION I.E. NOT WELDED WITH DOORS., Quantity:** 130 Set, **Date and time for Submission of tender : Submission of E-Tender up to 16.01.2023 at 14:25 hrs., Website particular : www.ireps.gov.in** **1070-SN/22**

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I think we should keep the number 10 jersey prepared for the next World Cup if he (Lionel Messi) feels like playing. He earned the right to do whatever he wants with his career.

LIONEL SCALONI, ARGENTINA COACH

Adventures of Messi, and other stories

The Indian Express staffers pen down their favourite moments from the 2022 World Cup



Failing to turn back the clock, Ronaldo's Cup ends in tears

FOR THOSE few seconds, the Cristiano Ronaldo of old reappeared. The ball from the right was played into space with the hope that Ronaldo would get there. There were two Moroccans marking him. Surely at 37, the speed in his legs were gone, they would have though. 90+2 minutes on the clock, Portugal trailing and on the verge of being knocked out. If there was a moment of redemption this had to be it. The burst of speed was phenomenal from man desperate to lift himself and Portugal from depths of agony. The ball had suddenly gained speed, almost like it was trying to mock Ronaldo. Yet he latched onto it, left the Moroccans in his wake and was perfectly placed to beat the indestructible Bono, the goalie. Inches to the left with a little more power and Ronaldo would have been off, to the closest camera, jumping in the air and landing with this arms by his side and screaming Siuuuu. Ronaldo had found his explosiveness one last time in a World Cup. In his prime there would be only one winner in such a one-on-one situation. Here he looked ashen-faced and turned skywards briefly. A what-could-have-been moment, that marked the end of one of the great careers. He had come off the bench with eyes glowing with ambition only to leave with tears rolling down, and perhaps for the first time felt mortal, like us mortals.

NIHAL KOSHIE

Neymar comforted by Perisic's son after loss against Croatia

WHILE THE Qatar World Cup has given me a life-time memory of seeing Lionel Messi win his maiden World Cup trophy, one of my everlasting memory of World Cups has been watching Diego Maradona's Argentina team suffer a 1-0 loss against Lothar Matthaus's West Germany in the 1990 final as a seven-year-old on national broadcaster Doordarshan. And watching Croatian midfielder Ivan Perisic's son Leo Perisic in the Croatian red-white checkerboard shirt comforting Brazilian striker Neymar after Brazil's loss on penalties against the Luka Modric-led Croatian side has to be the memory of this World Cup. Like Messi, Neymar was also chasing World Cup glory and as a heartbroken Neymar embraced the young Leo and shook his hands, it would certainly have made him forget the loss for a few minutes, and to hope again. Neymar is 30 right now and he too can emulate Messi in the 2026 World Cup.

NITIN SHARMA

Iranian and German teams send a loud and clear message

WE LOVE OUR idols, especially athletes to be the voice of the masses. Good days, bad days there are still plenty of loyal fans who swear by their hero. In a World Cup that had plenty of controversy to write home about, the manner in which teams made political statements are bound to make some fans beat their chest with pride. Be it the Iran team standing up for women back home or Germany covering their mouths as a protest to the OneLove armband ban.

Of course, these things wouldn't bring about any significant immediate change visibly, but to take a stand in the most watched sporting event on the earth is one to be celebrated. Remember how the whole of Brazil rallied behind Richarlison for standing up to the previous right-wing government that was dividing the society? It is hard to determine the sort of impact these protests and messages had on the masses now, but when the tide changes and Iran women walk around without Hijab and LGBTQ+ people roam around freely in Qatar, the images of Iran and Germany players will hold a special place in history.

VENKATA KRISHNA B

Asano's underdog uprising, a climax straight out of manga

IT WAS a climax straight out of manga: an understated Japanese warrior, all of 5'5", on a collision course with an onrushing, six-foot-two German giant, channelling all the strength to overpower him and finding balance to launch a shot that could've torn the net.

Takumi Asano's 83rd-minute goal in the group stage not only stunned the Germans and continued the underdog uprising - Saudi Arabia had beaten Argentina just the day before - but it also shattered a stereotype or two. The run and the finish busted the myth that Asians weren't physically as strong as the Europeans - a view commonly held about Japanese players, no matter how talented. The moment was also symbolic in the sense that the win underlined the rising stature of Asian football, which is never taken too seriously globally.

Special mention: Morocco goalkeeper Yassine Bounou's toddler son salivating while looking at a mic as his dad gave an interview, and then actually licked it twice, thinking it's ice cream. Has to be the most adorable moment of the World Cup.

MIHIR VASAVDA

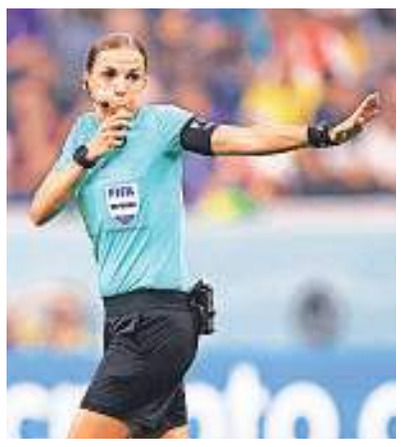
Frappart: 1st woman to have a final say in men's Cup game

IN ALL the negativity surrounding Qatar World Cup, with stories about their anti-LGBTQ stance, women's rights issues, the ban on alcohol and deaths of migrant labourers, a historic moment at a FIFA World Cup has largely flown under the radar.

Stephanie Frappart made history in this tournament as the first woman to referee a men's World Cup match. Alongside assistants Neuza Back from Brazil and Karen Diaz from Mexico, the Frenchwoman formed part of an all-female refereeing trio officiating the Costa Rica vs Germany Group E match.



During their opening World Cup game, Messi was walking, when Saudi Arabia's Ali Al-Bulayhi tapped him on the shoulder to say, "You will not win". *Pics: AP/Reuters*



In total, six female referees were selected to call games in Qatar. They were all made to pass the same fitness tests as their male colleagues.

For them though, it was not really about breaking barriers. It was more about having equal opportunities and being rewarded for their consistent performances.

Next up: female coaches at the men's World Cup.

ANIL DIAS

For FIFA to grow, it was imperative that they included women at their quadrennial extravaganza. since they have been doing some phenomenal work at every level of the game, especially grassroots.

Weghorst goal: Individual spark + collective choreography

DESPITE THE narrative of the tournament being tailored around Lionel Messi and Argentina, it was the move that nearly foiled them that stood out: Wout Weghorst's short-free kick goal to equalise for the Netherlands in the 102nd minute of regulation time in the quarterfinal.

It was ingenuity that is hard to describe - the timing, the foresight to pull it off, the deceptively-taken short free-kick from Koopmeiners, the run and composed finish from Weghorst, the wild celebrations. A moment of individual inspiration and collective choreography that can encapsulate, on its own, the sporting theatre this World Cup will be remembered for.

To top it all off, that Louis Van Gaal had his fingerprints all over it, in his last decisive action in an over 40-year-long football career, made it sweeter. That the Dutch coach could continue to impact the sport's grandest stage nearly three decades after his coaching peak, and less than a year after a successful battle with prostrate cancer, was one of the underrated stories of the tournament.

NAMIT KUMAR

You don't tell Messi he won't win! Coz then he will

WITH THE knowledge of hindsight, a moment from Argentina's first game now looks so unreal. Leo Messi was walking, when Saudi Arabia's Ali Al-Bulayhi tapped him on the shoulder to say, "You will not win". Messi seemed too startled to react and stayed mum. A novice daring a champion who seemed too meek and resigned. A dreadful deja-vu of previous failed World Cups spread, especially after 'where is Messi?' memes. But that turned out to be the last moment Messi was quiet. Messi 2.0 was upon us from the next game: the hitherto unknown angry mouth, sledges, fights with referees and opponents, the emotional lodestar, the pied piper of crowds, a man who stretched out to tie destiny to his yoke. Argentinian people who had been cold to Messi in the past were moved by this spectacle of Messi extending himself, almost going beyond character, for them.

SRIRAM VEERA

Mbappe - loneliness of Hurst sprinkled with French despair

TO SIT on the bench and watch Argentines weep. To walk to the podium knowing you weren't going to take the World Cup. To then stand on the sideline as Lionel Messi lifts what you wanted.

Kylian Mbappe took the loneliness of Geoff Hurst and sprinkled a bit of French despair onto it. There are now two players who have scored a hat-trick in the World Cup Final. Mbappe is the only one in the history of football to score one and not go home with the title. The loneliest of lonely spots, now solely his.

Gut-wrenching failures make athletes. Mbappe's already astronomical stock was never lower after he changed the dynamics



of player power in football, what with his new contract with Paris Saint Germain and the control it exudes. This adds character to his story arc. But it's a cruel twist of fate. To score three at a stage that hallowed and still have to watch the greatest of all time walk away with it – is an all-time great World Cup story. But if Mbappe can take anything away from Messi, for every 2014, there's a 2022.

SHASHANK NAIR

Mbappe - like Jonah Lomu's freight train in ballet shoes

NOTHING COULD match the sense of anticipation and adrenaline to what one feels when Kylian Mbappe gets the ball by the touchline and runs at defenders. There is something primal in the excitement one derives from the sight – as if a tiger is launching at its prey.

Football and rugby are similar sports in some respects, and watching Mbappe in full flight is akin to witnessing former All Blacks star Jonah Lomu during the 1995 World Cup. For his unprecedented speed, strength and overall athletic skill, the New Zealander was nicknamed the 'freight train in ballet shoes', a description which fits Mbappe just fine.

Allied to everything else he has got, the French phenom has confidence in abundance, and a sense of occasion. Anybody else in his situation would have let the looping ball drop at the edge of the Argentine penalty area, controlled it with a touch, and gone closer to goal before having an attempt. Not Mbappe. He took the ball in the air, and with one swing of the foot, found the far corner of the net. In this World Cup, Mbappe showed what is possible, and there's a lot more to come from him.

TUSHAR BHADURI

No Italy, No World Cup

THAT'S IT. The no-moment 'Noment'. For how can World Cups even bother to occur without Italy? And without their dreaded defensive might and their brooding midfield string-pullers, namely Pirlo. Two editions have gone past attempting to identify their make-do alternates, in vain. So one must settle for snatches of their shadows, glimpses of their likeness spread across teams, without bothering to root for one team.

That earnest Busquets attempt to string together a move which ended in nothing in the final third as they went down to Morocco. Jules Kounde' heroic goal line clearance to stop Azzedine Ounahi because Gatusso was long gone, and Chielleni and Bonucci couldn't drag them into even qualifying for the World Cup. Or kinda, sorta shifting allegiance to Aguerd, Saiss & El Yamiq because they were quite brilliant. Giroud's poaching swoop, because Quagliarella used to, back in that 2010 edition. Every powerful drive fisted off by Lloris or Bounou or Dibu Martinez, because Gigi Buffon once could flap away those.

Perhaps the best thing about 'No Italy' was you could marvel at Messi's assists and Mbappe's never-give-uppers equally, without the ugly partisanship that saw in football many a malicious metaphors.

SHIVANI NAIK

The Casemiro creativity: of *favela*-fab fame

FOR THE game against Switzerland, Neymar was injured and Brazil's frontline was lacking teeth. Casemiro, officially identified as a defensive midfielder, would connect a match-winner with barely 7 minutes left to take his team into the last 16. It was a strike that would have made even a world-class forward feel inadequate. The acrobatic audacious goal had a Selecao stamp on it.

It was also his hat-doff to his country's unique football culture. In his nation of record-breaking goal-scorers, everyone on the field fancies their chance to beat the goalkeeper and, more importantly, are equipped to beat the defense - even those who ply their trade as a defender. It's this urge to find the net that made Casemiro wander to the far end of the field and once there, he wasn't like fish outside water. Before describing the breath-taking goal, the back story about why Brazilians are football's amphibians - biologically blessed to be at home anywhere on the field.

Till date, top clubs like Brazilian Palmeiras and Flamengo regularly take their academy trainees to *favelas* so that organised training doesn't regiment the street-footballer in them or take them too far away from the soul of Brazilian football. The tiny clearings of the dense Dharavi-kind slums are the football fields where innovation and originality are born.

It's at these amateur games that a young talented dribbler needs to get the better of a burly pub-bouncer, a local drunk or a has-been pro to get the ball between a make-do goal - two bricks kept a few meters apart. It's here they learn to utilise tiny spaces and the skill to kick the ball with every part inch of their feet. Toe poke, back heel, giving the ball a brush of the foot-fingers, curving the outside of boot - the plain vanilla kick with the inside of the foot is way too boring for



them. Casemiro, who grew up in a difficult neighbourhood, awakened the inner street-baller in him. He showed the Brazilian DNA that gives him an attacking instinct. With no urgency, he ambled into the penalty box with five defenders in front of him. Two of them went towards the left-flank to double team Vinicius Junior. Casemiro got space and walked further ahead. His back was still towards the goal, as he watched Vinicius cut in.

By the time the ball reached him, he had taken a quick 180 degree turn. Facing the goal now, he unleashed a first-time drive with the outside of his foot. Like a James Anderson away swinger, the ball would travel diagonally across the penalty box and disturb the side-netting. That evening at the favela, many young dribblers would have attempted the Casemiro banana kick with the outside of their bare feet.

SANDEEP DWIVEDI

Mbappe story: From getting lift from Zidane to becoming France's driving force

SRIRAM VEERA
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THE BALL looped towards Kylian Mbappe, 97 seconds after he had kicked in a penalty. He had barely touched the ball in live play until that 81st minute. He hadn't shown any special feel for the ball, as if he were a mere pawn in Messi's destiny.

Now the ball was dipping towards him. It would have been understandable had he taken a touch, steadied himself, and taken aim. But nope. Instead, he goes for a remarkable volley, as if he had been in a hot streak all through the night. A true mike-drop moment.

How does he do it? How did he bring the Kylian of Bondy, a tough neighbourhood in the northeastern suburbs of Paris where he grew up, to the World Cup stage on what seemed a nightmarish night?

His father would know. "The Kylian of Monaco, you send him back to Bondy and that of Bondy, you tell him to come back to Monaco immediately. That's the one we need here."

Words of wisdom from when Mbappe was 15-16 and struggled to fit in at Monaco. Frequently benched, he would cry every night. That's when his father had a heart-to-heart chat. 'Don't try to fit in with the new style, unleash yourself, unburden, just go for it, Bondy style'.

"That phase [early in Monaco] brought out the devil who slept in him," his father would tell L'Equipe before this World Cup.

Every time Lionel Messi reached out with his hands to clasp the trophy, Mbappe would rip it open; Messi would meet thin air. Right through the game, Argentina played like a team who knew their destiny. France hadn't turned up, Mbappe had let the devil sleep in him, Olivier Giroud's most passionate moment was throwing a plastic bottle in anger after being substituted, and even Antoine Griezmann, who would be everywhere in this new evolved version of a playmaker, was an apparition.

The turnaround

It would all start from Messi, in some ways. He would lose the ball in midfield to the right as if his mind was elsewhere, and it would be shuttled to Mbappe who would do one-twos with Marcus Thuram, and then unleash his jaw-dropping insouciance on the world.

"The Town where anything is possible" is a large hoarding attached to a building in Bony with Mbappe's image. But it's a saying that emerged long before Mbappe. It didn't come from sport but from culture and education, as the neighbourhood tries to clean up its image after the 2005 riots.

The Maitrise de Radio France choir opened a school here to see if kids could be turned to music. Then came the 'Bondy Blog', which attained worldwide fame through its micro-journalism to uplift the area. 'Cafe Philos' mushroomed where people study music, art history, astronomy, not for a degree but to educate themselves. And sports, of course. It's in this melting pot that Mbappe grew up. His father, aged just 1, had landed up here from Cameroon.

"Our neighborhood is an incredible melting pot of different cultures — French, African, Asian, Arab, every part of the world. People from outside of France always talk about the banlieues in a bad light, but if you're not from here, you can't really understand what it's like. People talk about 'thugs' like they were invented here. But there are thugs everywhere in the world. There are people who are struggling everywhere in the world. The reality is that when I was a kid, I used to watch some of the toughest guys in the neighborhood carry groceries for my grandmother. You never see those parts of our culture on the news. You only hear about the bad, never the good," Mbappe would write in Players Tribune.



Kylian Mbappe hero-worshipped Zinedine Zidane and Cristiano Ronaldo.

When Mbappe was four, he would walk into the AS Football club where his father worked, and hear conversations about tactics and football.

"There can't be any other kid in the world who would have heard so many conversations … and assimilated football concepts that others only heard and understood years later," Athmane Brioche, then general manager of the club, told the authors of the book Mbappe.

Meeting his idol

He had wallpapered his room with Cristiano Ronaldo posters and would endlessly ape the Ronaldo side-step on the field. He also hero-worshipped Zinedine Zidane and even asked the local barber to give him the Zidane cut. "I didn't understand that it was baldness," he would tell years later.

When he was 14, Zidane wanted to meet him at a Real Madrid training session. "Zidane met us in the parking lot by his car, and it was a really nice car, of course. We said hello, and then he offered to drive me over to the field for training. He was pointing at the front seat, like, 'Go on, get in.' But I just froze and asked, 'Should I take off my shoes?' Hahaha! I don't know why I said that. But it was Zizou's car! He thought that was really funny. He said, 'Of course not, come on, get in,' he writes in Players Tribune.

"He drove me to the training pitch, and I was just thinking to myself, I am in Zizou's car. I am Kylian from Bondy. This is not real. I must still be sleeping."

For nearly 80 minutes in Doha, on World Cup Final night, he could barely find himself and the ball.

Then, just like that, the star exploded. No one else looked remotely comfortable taking a shot against Emilio Martinez, but Mbappe would put the ball behind him three times in one night. He would also float two beautiful crosses in the dying minutes, but his teammates couldn't reach them.

The boy from Bondy nearly denied Messi his greatest moment. The footballing gods had to intervene to ensure a night when Mbappe didn't lose and yet Messi won.

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Injured Rohit to miss 2nd Bangla Test as well

DEVENDRA PANDEY
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INJURED INDIA captain Rohit Sharma won't be playing the second Test against Bangladesh in Dhaka starting on Thursday. Sharma injured his left thumb while fielding during the second One-Day International on the trip earlier this month and returned home to consult a specialist in Mumbai. He missed the first Test with KL Rahul taking over as stand-in captain, and it was confirmed on Monday that Sharma would miss the second Test as well.

Sharma has had training sessions at the Mumbai Cricket Association (MCA)-BKC (Bandra-Kurla Complex) for the past few days, but sources said that he was finding it difficult to hold a bat. The Indian board will wait for a few more days before they pick the team for the home white-ball series against Sri Lanka, scheduled to start on January 3, but if Sharma doesn't recover in time, he might have to miss the three T20Is against the visitors. The neighbours from across the Palk Strait will also play three ODIs on their tour.

"He (Sharma) was finding it tough to hold his bat properly and couldn't play shots either. So it was decided not to send him to Bangladesh. The board will wait for a few more weeks to see whether the injury improves and whether he can make it for the Sri Lanka home series," a BCCI official said.

The BCCI selection committee has already named Abhimanyu Easwaran as Sharma's replacement and he will be asked to remain with the team.

The Indian board, earlier in a press release, had informed that the team management in Bangladesh had advised Sharma to return home so he could consult specialists in Mumbai. Despite his injury, Sharma had nearly pulled off the second ODI against Bangladesh when he came to bat at number nine and scored an unbeaten 51 off 28 balls with three fours and five sixes. He needed a six off the final ball of the match to seal victory, but failed to hit left-arm pacer Mustafizur Rahman out of the ground.

Reflecting on his injury, Sharma had said after the game, "It (thumb injury) isn't too great. Some dislocation and some stitches. Fortunately, not a fracture and so, I was able to bat." Sharma has been blighted by poor fitness a lot since becoming India's all-format captain, and that is one of the reasons for the board thinking on the lines of different captains for various formats.

The Indian team won the first Test against Bangladesh by 188 runs and Sharma's injury means that Shubhman Gill, who scored his maiden Test century at Chattogram, will retain his place at the top of the batting order.

During an innings, Virat *bhai* told me "*tu* video game *khel raha hai kya*?"

DEVENDRA PANDEY
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SURYAKUMAR Yadav is experiencing a purple patch in white-ball cricket at the international level, and is now eyeing a berth in the Indian Test team. The Mumbai middle-order batsman will be in action during the Ranji Trophy game against Hyderabad starting at the MCA-BKC ground on Tuesday. In a chat with *The Indian Express*, Yadav spoke about his exploits over the past six months, how he himself is amazed at some of the shots he plays, and why he feels a Test call is round the corner.

EXCERPTS:

During the T20 World Cup, everyone wondered how you managed to play 360-degree cricket on a consistent basis? What is your mantra?

I was playing such shots at domestic and IPL level as well, but to do so successfully on the big stage has left even me amazed. The other day, I saw videos of my batting over the past three months. And I told myself "*arre, yeh knock meine aise kaise khel diya?* How did I do this? I saw it on social media and it kept on repeating on my timeline. So I watched it all.

What was the team's impression when you played such kind of strokes?

Rohit (Sharma) is the only one who has seen me for a very long time. But this season, he saw so many knocks that a time came when he didn't tell me anything. In a few games, he said "*mujhe ab kuchh bolna nahi abhi tere baare mein* (Now I don't have anything to say about you)". Once I was batting with Virat (Kohli) bhai, and he came and told me "*tu video game khel raha hai kya? Alag chal raha hai tera bhi* (Are you playing video games? You are at a different level)." It felt nice to hear these things.

I spoke to Rahul (Dravid) bhai too. When he saw my innings like these, he came and told me that the position at which I bat, I can go and change the game. When he became India coach, I went and told him once that when the match is between the 7-14 over stage, please send me out to bat. I have batted in that situation plenty of times for Mumbai Indians. I know how to score runs in that particular situation. My mind was clear and I just went and told him. He agreed and told me to express myself whenever I go out to bat.

Rohit Sharma once said that you carry the most suitcases in the team. Any reason?

(Laughs) My wife travels with me. So a few suitcases are added, especially when we are travelling abroad. It could be cold or hot weather. There are shoes for different outfits (laughs).

What he (Rohit) meant is did I carry extra baggage once I come out to bat? I had told him that whatever extra baggage I have in terms of planning, I leave it on the ground. When I'm on the ground, I don't think about anything else. And whether I have scored or not, I never discuss cricket with anyone once I'm back, until and unless we players are seated together.

So what do you do once you are back in your room?

I watch my videos once I'm back. I try to read situations and learn from my teammates.

Do you have any rituals before you go out to bat?

I don't have any, actually. I just sit near the dugout and watch the entire game without looking here and there. I don't watch the TV nearby. I just like to warm up near the boundary before I go out to bat. I always sprint when I go out to bat. That's the only excitement I have. Every second ball, I will stretch, will keep my bat in my hand and roll it to get the feel of it.

The reason I sprint to the ground is to feel my legs get free till the time I reach the middle. What if I have to run three runs on the first ball? Aisa na ho ki body thandi hai (The body should not be cold).



Mumbai's Suryakumar Yadav on eve of the Ranji game vs Hyderabad. *PRADIP DAS*

As a batsman, when do you feel that everything is right?

The bat sound makes me feel that *aaj apna din hai* (today is my day). At the same time, it's difficult to be in the present because my mind tells me that I can score a lot today. It's important to be in the present. Like in the first T20 World Cup game, I scored 10 runs off the first three balls. I had got a head start. In that situation, if anyone scores a 25-ball 50, the match is done. I got out as I felt ki *aaj bada lagega* (score a lot). My mindset has always been to change the game.

Which innings, according to you, was the defining knock for SKY?

I think that half-century against South Africa in Perth was the defining knock for me. It was the most challenging wicket I have faced till date. Before the game, I went to bat in the nets for 15 minutes and I got the feeling of Perth there itself. The practice pitches were quick. So I faced a mere 15 balls and told Vicky paaji (batting coach Vikram Rathod) that I am done for the day, whatever batting is to be done will be done in the match. When I went in to bat, I told myself *ki yeh pitch toh sochne se bhi jyada tez hai* (this pitch is quicker than I thought). So, when I went to the non-striker's end, I kept thinking which shots I could play as there was bounce too. When we were 49 for 5, we had nothing to lose. We could have got all out for 75, but I decided to take the positive route.

Who is the person in the team whom you can call whenever you are in doubt?

I share a good rapport with Rohit, so I talk to him. I give my views and take his view too.

Your wife says you watch a lot of movies?

I like to watch Andaz Apna Apna, Chup Chup Ke, Golmaal, Hulchul, Heri Pheri. I can watch them endless times. Be it a World Cup game or any other game, I will watch it in my room on my phone. My wife has asked me to maintain a work-life balance.

Did you feel the change once you came back home?

Everywhere I'm going, I have been chased by people, which is new for me. Every Indian I met in Australia or New Zealand, even at the Singapore airport, a couple screamed "Suryakumar Yadav, how are you." I was shocked and wondered why they are doing this, *aisa mein kya kar diya* (what have I done)?. I ran to catch my flight. There has been a change for sure. I'm the same as before, just my time has changed. Now the family knows that it won't be easy to travel with them. Earlier we used to go out for family dinners or a movie. These are the things I enjoyed, but now I know there will be restrictions.

Everyone is saying you should be picked for Test cricket now?

I feel I'm close. I have played this format. I have an idea of red-ball cricket because we all start from red-ball cricket. Yes, conditions are challenging but if you can apply your mind and alter your game, you can succeed.

OTHER KEY FIXTURES

Assam vs Delhi, Guwahati; Jharkhand vs Goa, Jamshedpur; Bengal vs Himachal Pradesh, Kolkata; Madhya Pradesh vs Chandigarh, Indore; Gujarat vs Jammu & Kashmir, Ahmedabad; Tamil Nadu vs Andhra, Coimbatore; Saurashtra vs Maharashtra, Rajkot; Baroda vs Haryana, Vadodara; Rajasthan vs Kerala, Jaipur; Railways vs Punjab, Delhi.

Ahmed puts England on brink of 3-0 win

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LEGSPINNER Rehan Ahmed became the youngest men's test cricketer to claim a five-wicket haul on his debut and put England on the brink of a historic 3-0 sweep in its first test tour to Pakistan in 17 years.

Pakistan's batters crumbled for 216 in the second innings of the third and final test as the 18-year-old Ahmed grabbed 5-48 and Jack Leach (3-72) claimed all three of his wickets in the space of six deliveries on Day 3 to leave England a modest target of 167 runs. Ben Duckett (50 not out) and Zak Crawley (41) motored England to 112-2 by stumps with their aggressive "Bazball" brand of batting — named after their coach Brendon McCullum.

England needs a further 55 runs to register its second successive win inside four days following its thrilling 26-run victory at Multan last week. England won the first test by 74 runs in dimming light on the last day on a flat wicket in Rawalpindi. Crawley and Duckett plundered 87 runs off 69 balls before mystery spinner Abrar Ahmed grabbed two late wickets. Crawley was adjudged leg before wicket while attempting a sweep and Rehan Ahmed (10), promoted up the order, smacked two boundaries before he swiped and got clean bowled.

Harry Brook's third successive century had given England a 50-run first innings lead when it replied with 354 after dismissing Pakistan for 304, with Ahmed and Leach sharing six wickets between them.

Pakistan, staring at its first ever 3-0 whitewash at home, lost the last seven wickets for 52 runs in the second innings as Ahmed stifled the middle-order with his sharp googlies and legspin. Captain Babar Azam (54) hit his third half century in the last four innings and Saud Shakeel (53) made his fourth fifty in his debut series before Ahmed left the lower order clueless on a wicket which has a variable bounce and slow turn from Day 1. Babar and Shakeel had rebuilt Pakistan's hopes with a 110-run stand before both fell late in the second session to Ahmed.

Babar became the fourth test player to complete 1,000 runs this year, but played an overambitious pull against Ahmed's short ball soon after completing his half century and Ollie Pope held a sharp catch at short mid-wicket.

Brief Scores: Pakistan 304 & 216 (Babar Azam 54, Saud Shakeel 53; Rehan Ahmed 5/48) vs England 354 & 112/2 (Zak Crawley 41, Ben Duckett 50 not out). England need 55 runs more to win

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