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Low-value loans fuelling NPAs in education sector

Default rate lower in loans to students of premier institutes like IITs, IIMs

MIHIR MISHRA
NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 20

LOW-VALUE education loans (up to Rs 7.5 lakh) constitute a bulk of the defaults in the education loan portfolio of banks, according to data accessed by *The Indian Express*.

Data on Non-Performing Assets (NPAs) in education loans of Public Sector Banks (PSBs), obtained through the Right to Information Act, show that the default rate is much lower for loans disbursed to students in premier institutes as compared to those in secondary institutes.

About 239 institutes like the IITs, IIMs, NITs and AIIMS are categorised as premier insti-

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tutes by banks.

According to the data, 4.7 per cent of the total education loans disbursed by the State Bank of India, Canara Bank, Union Bank of India and Indian Overseas Bank have turned into NPAs. In contrast, of the total education loans to students in premier institutes, about 0.45 per cent turned into NPAs. These four banks together constitute about 65 per cent of the total loan portfolio of PSBs.

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PREMIER INSTITUTES & DEFAULTS

Bank	Loans to students in top institutes*	NPAs (%age of total)
SBI	₹ 6,021 cr	₹ 26.96 cr (0.45%)
Canara	₹ 25.97 cr	₹ 36.37 lakh (1.4%)
UBI	₹ 28.63 cr	₹ 32 lakh (1.11%)
IOB	₹ 1.5 cr	Nil
Total of 4 banks	₹ 6,077 cr	₹ 27.64 cr (0.45%)

*239 institutes including IITs, IIMs, NITs, IIITs.

Source: RTI replies

Latest in L-G vs AAP: Party gets notice to return Rs 97 cr spent on ads



Delhi L-G Vijai Kumar Saxena; CM Arvind Kejriwal

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 20

GOVERNMENT FUNDS allegedly being used for political advertisements is the latest flashpoint between the Delhi Lieutenant Governor and AAP, with the former directing the Chief Secretary to recover Rs 97 crore from the ruling party.

L-G Vijai Kumar Saxena cited recommendations of the Supreme Court-appointed Committee on Content Regulation in Government Advertising (CCRGA), which had ruled that government funds were misused for ads.

Saxena's latest directive prompted a sharp reaction from AAP, with its spokesperson Saurabh Bhardwaj saying that the L-G "doesn't have any idea or knowledge" of rules, and accusing him of "dancing to the BJP's tunes".

The ads issue was first brought to the committee's notice in 2016 by former Delhi Congress chief Ajay Maken, when he had filed a complaint against the AAP alleging violation of guidelines.

The ads include some given in newspapers outside Delhi, such as in Tamil Nadu, about the Delhi government's achievements and a full-page advertisement on AAP's anniversary, it is learnt.

According to officials, former L-G Anil Baijal had raised similar

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BUSINESS AS USUAL

By UNNY



This BCCI pitch specialist is also a factory owner, MBA, ex-athlete

VENKATA KRISHNA B
COIMBATORE, DECEMBER 20

HE IS a businessman who runs a textile factory that employs around 1,000 people in Tiruppur and exports to most of Europe, the Oceania region and North America. A former Tamil Nadu athlete in the 110m hurdles at national championships, he also holds an MBA and an MS in Psychology.

But then, that's not really why V Ramesh Kumar is under the spotlight in the cricket circuit.



V Ramesh Kumar

The 44-year-old is the head curator of the Tamil Nadu Cricket Association (TNCA), the man in charge of the pitch at the iconic M A Chidambaram stadium in Chennai — and now, all set to oversee preparations for the upcoming ODI against Australia and the IPL.

It's an interesting journey that's taken more than a decade.

Kumar says it started sometime around 2010, when he was unable to find a curator to make a turf pitch at his own academy, Tiruppur School of Cricket. "So I

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Vice-President Jagdeep Dhankhar, Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh, Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla at a lunch on Tuesday to mark the International Year of Millets next year. PTI

Storm in House over Kharge's 'dog' remark; BJP says apologise, he doesn't

MANOJ CGG
NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 20

STORMY SCENES were witnessed in Rajya Sabha Tuesday between members of the ruling BJP and the Opposition Congress over the "dog" remark made by Leader of Opposition Mallikarjun Kharge against the BJP at a public meeting in Rajasthan a day earlier.

Leader of the House Piyush Goyal demanded an apology from Kharge but the Congress president stood his ground, leading to noisy scenes.

Addressing a public meeting with Congress leader Rahul Gandhi in Alwar on the sidelines of the Bharat Jodo Yatra, Kharge had criticised the government over its refusal to allow a discussion in Parliament on the Chinese transgressions at the Line of Actual Control. Maintaining that the Opposition was only seeking a discussion in Parliament on the border issue, he had said "they talk like a lion outside, but their actions, if you see, are like a mouse."

Accusing the government of misusing investigating agencies

and trying to scare the Congress, Kharge said, "The Congress will never be cowed down. We fought for the country's independence. Indira Gandhi and Rajiv Gandhi sacrificed their lives for the country's unity... Leaders of our party laid down their lives... What have you done? Has even a dog in your house died for the country? Have you made any sacrifice? No. But still they are patriots, and if we say something we are called *desh-drohi* (anti-national)."

Raising the issue in the House, BJP members demanded

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WINTER SESSION MAY END FRIDAY

THE WINTER session of Parliament will likely end Friday, a week ahead of schedule. At a meeting of the Business Advisory Committee on Tuesday, all parties agreed to adjourn House proceedings sine die on Friday. The session, which began on December 7, was to end on December 29.

REVIEW MEETING TODAY

Centre sounds Covid alert, asks states to track positive samples

In letter to states & UTs, Health Secy cites spurt in China, other countries

ANONNA DUTT
NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 20

WITH COVID-19 cases on the rise in several countries including China, the Union Health Ministry raised an alert Tuesday and directed all states and UTs to sequence all positive case samples on a daily basis.

Union Health Minister Mansukh Mandaviya will hold a meeting Wednesday with senior officials and experts to review the Covid-19 situation in the country — India has been reporting around 1,200 cases a week.

In a letter to the states and UTs, Union Health Secretary Rajesh Bhushan said, "In view of the sudden spurt of cases being witnessed in Japan, United States of America, Republic of Korea, Brazil and China, it is essential to gear up the whole genome sequencing of positive case samples to track the variants through Indian SARS-CoV-2 Genomics Consortium (INSACOG) network. Such an exercise will enable timely detection of newer variants, if any, circulating in the country and will facilitate undertaking of requisite public health measures for the same."

"...all states are requested to ensure that as far as possible sam-

EXPLAINED
The tracking, the focus

THE HEALTH Secretary has underlined that India, with its focus on a five-fold strategy of test-track-treat-vaccination and adherence to Covid appropriate behaviour, has been able to restrict transmission. The country is reporting around 1,200 cases a week.

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Invest in a business-friendly UP: Yogi Adityanath

UP Government has taken several reformative steps towards creating an ecosystem for industrial development through policy-driven governance including restructure of 25 investment friendly policies to attract domestic and global investments



That day is not far when Uttar Pradesh will be identified as the most modern state with next-generation infrastructure. The network of expressways in UP, the new airports being built, new rail routes being laid down are bringing several blessings to people of UP simultaneously.

**-Narendra Modi
Prime Minister**

THE UTTAR Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath has invited business leaders and investors from across the globe to attend the Global Investors' Summit 2023 (GIS- 23) to be held in Lucknow from February 10 to 12. While launching the final phase of preparations for the mega event in

New Delhi on November 22, the CM exhorted industry leaders from various sectors to invest in the state. Ambassadors and high commissioners of different countries present at the programme were also invited to attend the GIS-23 to make it a grand success.

In his address to the industry representatives and senior officials of public sector undertakings, state governments and the Union Government, the CM gave details of steps taken to create an industry-friendly atmosphere in the state. He hoped that the GIS-23 would be able to attract more than Rs. 10 lakh crore investments and those investments would help UP take a leap towards its declared goal of making the state's economy to \$1 trillion-economy in the next five years.

Acting on a well-defined plan, the UP government is making targeted efforts towards ensuring that the three-day global conference will be attended by world-class policymakers, top leaders of the corporate world, business delegations, academia, think tanks, and intellectuals for collective brainstorming on business possibilities and opportunities for partnerships.

The UP government is in touch with the officials of 40 countries and so far, 21 of them have shown keen interest in the GIS-23. The Netherlands, Denmark, Singapore, the United Kingdom, and Mauritius will be participating in the GIS-23 as partner countries. The state government is also organising roadshows in 18 countries and seven major cities of India to invite industrial investors from all over the world to the summit.

In the course of promoting the GIS-23 overseas, roadshows have been scheduled in Japan, Germany, Mexico, South Africa, Brazil, Australia, France, Netherlands, Belgium, the UAE and Canada etc. In addition to this, meeting with state officials and various business and industry organisations have also been planned. Earlier this month, the Industrial Development Minister Nand Gopal Gupta 'Nandi' and Public Works Department minister Jitin Prasada visited some countries in Europe to solicit potential investors.

In the curtain raising event in New Delhi, CM Yogi also launched the logo for the GIS-23 and two portals



Yogi Adityanath releasing the Policy Compendium of the Government of Uttar Pradesh for the UP Global Investors Summit-2023, at the Curtain Raiser Ceremony of the UP-Global Investors Summit, in New Delhi on November 22, 2022.

for online monitoring and tracking of the Memorandums of Understanding (MoUs) expected to be signed during the event. One of these portals is the Nivesh Sarathi for proactive investor connect, signing of MoUs and monitoring their implementation. It will function as an online Incentive Management System, too.

A compendium of various sectoral policies that the state government has worked out ahead of GIS 2023 was also released. Highlighting the reforms made to ensure greater ease of doing business (EoDB) in Uttar Pradesh, the CM said, "We

excellence in the state."

Yogi Adityanath highlighted that Uttar Pradesh, with India's largest youth population, has 72 universities and 169 industrial training institutes. Underlining that the state offers unlimited possibilities, he added, "From an investor's point of view, this makes for a great investment environment." The CM further said, "The state government is committed to create an atmosphere of greater ease for businesses. Nivesh Mitra and Nivesh Sarathi portals of the state government are there to ensure Investor facilitation and practical handholding."

with air service to 75 destinations. It is going to become the state with five international airports. India's first freight village is also being built on 100 acres of land in Varanasi. Also, five cities in the state have metro rail services," he added.

With a population of nearly 25 crore, Uttar Pradesh is the source of the spiritual and cultural traditions of India, the CM said and added that it is also the country's biggest religious tourist destination. The fertile land here is the foundation of the prosperity of this region. "UP tops the country in food grain production. It is the

Respected Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has aimed to make India a \$ 5 Trillion economy. In a bid to help the country achieve this goal, Uttar Pradesh is also targetting to become a \$ 1 Trillion economy. With the help of the industrial sector, we will surely achieve this goal.

**-Yogi Adityanath
Chief Minister, Uttar Pradesh**

Adityanath said, "We are working with the PM's mantra of 'Triple T' to accelerate the pace of development. Triple T stands for trade, technology and tourism."

Proactive Governance

- Proactive facilitation and attractive policies
- Simplified procedures and speedy time bound approvals
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Industrial Corridors

- 15% of DMIC catchment area and 57% of AKIC in UP
- Intersection of WDFC and EDFC at Greater Noida
- Multi-modal logistic hubs, industrial parks etc. to benefit from reduced travel time to ports



have provided a competitive, attractive and supportive incentive framework by making structural changes in policies. We are also encouraging new areas, including green energy. Our policies encourage investment for setting up industry-specific centres of

The CM pointed out that Uttar Pradesh was on its way to get 13 expressways, six of which were currently functional. "UP has the longest rail network, which is 16,000 km long. Freight corridors also pass through the state. The state has nine functional airports

biggest producer of sugar and ethanol in the country. We are also number one in the country in the production of various vegetables and fruits," he said.

Giving credit to Prime Minister Narendra Modi for the development of UP, Yogi

UP hopes for biz investment from US, Canada

Corporations like Google, Adobe, Samsung, Tata, Adani, ITC, and JBM Group are part of the 52 significant corporations that have shown interest to invest in different sectors

UTTAR PRADESH is expecting to receive huge investments from the US in the proposed Global Investors Summit-2023 (GIS-2023). There have been clear signals of investments in nine sectors, including IT and agriculture. Official sources revealed that the government has received positive responses from several US companies for an invitation to the GIS-23. Sectors that have received special interest from US companies include IT and electronics, agriculture and food processing, defence and aerospace, pharmaceutical and medical devices, energy, retail and automobiles. Moreover, many venture capitalists are also willing to invest in UP.

In the IT sector, the state government is in talks with companies like Apple, Microsoft Corporation, Alphabet (Google), Amazon, Meta, Visa, Intel, Cisco, Oracle and Adobe. Corporations like Archer Daniels Midland (ADM), Syngenta, Bureau Veritas, Corvea Agriscience, Neutrino, Indigo and Pioneer are interested in the agro and food processing sectors.

Aviation and defence

Companies interested in this sector are BAE Systems, Safran SA, Raytheon, Northrop Grumman, GE Aviation, General Dynamics Corporation, Lockheed Martin Corporation, United Technology Corporation (UTC), Airbus SE and the Boeing Company.

Pharmaceuticals

This includes Johnson & Johnson, Pfizer Inc., Merck & Co., AbbV Inc., Bristol Meyers Squibb,

Abbott Laboratories, Amgen, Gilead Sciences, Eli Lilly & Company and Biogen. Corporations like Exxon Mobil Corporation, Chevron Corporation, Nextra Energy, General Electric, Conco Phillips, Dominion Energy, Duke Energy Corporation and The Southern have shown interest in the energy sector.

Automobiles

General Motors, Ford Motor, BMW, Volkswagen, Tesla, Deere & Co, Pescar Inc and Nissan Motors are likely to invest in the automobile sector of UP.

Govt to attain investor's demands

Following encouraging responses, the state government has placed priority on entering the MoU as quickly as possible. The government is keen to attain the demands of the investors including providing land at their desired location, policy framework, and incentive schemes for specific projects.

Apart from this, the state government officials are in touch with several business organisations — the US Small Business Administration (SBA), National Women's Business Council, SCORE Business Mentoring, and Veterans Business Outreach Center (VBOC). Officials are also in talks with the US Chamber of Commerce Small Business Council, US Export Assistance Center, United States Minority Chamber of Commerce, Entrepreneur Organization, National Federation of Independent Business (NFIB) and International Franchises Association (IFA) etc.

Brand UP goes global; GIS-23 set to be historic

Focus on making UP a global investment hub & creating job opportunities on a large scale

Rich in resources like land and human capital, Uttar Pradesh presents fertile prospects for industrial development

THE UTTAR Pradesh government, led by Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath, has implemented modified Industrial Investment and Employment Policy for different sectors to promote 'Brand UP' at the global level and achieve the goal of making the state a \$1 trillion economy. It is also projecting the developments that have taken place in the state in the last five and a half years in the contexts of ease of doing business, investment-friendliness and safety. The Government of India has honoured Uttar Pradesh with the Achiever Award for its Business Reform Action Plan, as simplification of rules and procedures have created an environment conducive to businesses. Besides, digital facilitation of services for expedient and transparent approval of projects has also been executed.

Realising the importance of a comprehensive framework for investment promotion, the state government is leaving no stone unturned in establishing that Uttar Pradesh is the best destination for investments in India. Specialist professionals are helping the government in various fields to ensure a targeted approach to reaching out to investors through

various channels.

Turning into a global investment hub

The GIS-23 is being organised to establish that Uttar Pradesh is a global investment hub. Promotional activities are being taken up in nearly forty countries. Besides, the state is participating in various national and international trade fairs, programmes and conferences. Hosting as well as participating in such events creates opportunities for B2G dialogues and for showcasing the conditions prevailing in the state.

Invitation for GIS-23 to industry ministers of different countries

Promoting the GIS-23 as a grand opportunity for the industrial and economic development of UP, Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath has sent invitations to the industrial ministers/secretaries of various countries. Mentioning of the industrial promotion policies of the state, the Chief Minister also highlighted the favourable conditions for industries and investment prevailing in the state. Ministers or secretaries of industrial development from the United Arab Emirates (UAE), Japan, Germany, Thailand, Mexico, South Africa, Brazil, Australia, France, Netherlands, Belgium, Canada, the UK, and Argentina etc. have all been invited. The government has fixed a target of receiving investments worth Rs 10 lakh crore at the mega event.



Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath in a meeting with the Bill & Milinda Gates Foundation at his official residence.

Foreigners willing to participate in GIS-23

Even before the formal launch of promotional activities various foreign industrial delegations and diplomats have been visiting Uttar Pradesh and expressing their willingness to participate in the GIS. Last month, a delegation from the US-India Strategic Partnership Forum (USISPF) met Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath for discussions on the upcoming Global Investor's Summit and pitching UP as the best investment destination given its large market coupled with a vast land bank. The CM exhorted the delegates to participate in the GIS-23 from February 10-12, 2023 and said that the summit would be an excellent opportunity to further strengthen Indo-US bilateral trade ties.

'Growth Engine of India'

An Iranian delegation also visited Lucknow to meet Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath. Talking to the delegation of India Foundation and Institute of Political and International Studies, Iran, Yogi Adityanath stated that Uttar Pradesh is the growth engine of India's economy.

Maintaining that with planned efforts in the last five years, the CM said that UP has emerged as the best destination for industrial investment in the country. Uttar Pradesh is now developing its identity on the global stage. Stating that India has become a major global power in recent years, Dr Elahi said that Iran is keen to invest big in Uttar Pradesh.

White tiger cub born at Delhi zoo in Aug dies, another shows similar symptoms

EXPRESSNEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 20

ONE OF the three white tiger cubs born at the Delhi zoo earlier this year has died, zoo authorities said.

The white tiger cubs were born in August after a gap of nearly seven years.

Zoo director Akanksha Mahajan said that the cub died on December 18. "It was showing signs of limping in the left leg and was given supplements. But then the hind portion of the cub was not functioning last week. We began giving medication and laser therapy...but then it collapsed Sunday morning," Mahajan said. Of the three cubs, another cub has also shown similar signs of limping and its hind



The three white tiger cubs were born in August after a gap of nearly seven years. Archive

portion has not been working effectively, she said. Blood samples have been sent for examination to the

Indian Veterinary Research Institute, Bareilly, and the reports are awaited, Mahajan said. "The report will be able to tell

us if it's a pathological problem or a genetic one. There are two probabilities — it could be a viral or bacterial disease, or it could be a genetic issue. This can be diagnosed only once the blood report is available. We have prophylactically started medication with antibiotics for the second cub. We sent one report to the local path lab in addition to the one sent to Bareilly. In the report from the local lab, there was an increased leukocyte count. Usually, when there is an infection in the body, the total leukocyte count increases. It is responding to this treatment, but continues to limp," Mahajan said.

The local lab result has helped rule out leptospirosis, she said. "Leptospirosis is common in big cats. There's also canine distemper...but that has different

symptoms like swelling of the facial portion. These symptoms have not been observed. If it is not pathological, it could be genetic...white tigers have recessive alleles and inbreeding depression usually takes place. Because of this, there can be genetic anomalies sometimes...congenital defects. If the lab results don't show a pathological issue, we'll take up a genetic analysis," Mahajan said.

The Delhi zoo participates in the conservation breeding of tigers. The three cubs were born to Sita, a seven-year-old white tigress, and Vijay, a white tiger that was brought to the Delhi zoo from Lucknow a few years ago. The births in August had taken the number of tigers at the zoo to 11. Of these, seven, including the cubs, are white.

AAP govt vs bureaucrats: Meeting on mohalla clinics takes heated turn

EXPRESSNEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 20

TENSIONS BETWEEN the Aam Aadmi Party government and the city's bureaucracy were palpable as MLA Saurabh Bharadwaj faced off with officials from the Health and Finance departments during a meeting of the Legislative Assembly's petition committee to discuss a delay in paying doctors at mohalla clinics.

The meeting was attended by principal secretaries of health and finance, Amit Singla and Ashish Chandra Verma. DG Health Nutan Mundeja, and Shelly Kabra, project coordinator of mohalla clinics, were also present.

"It came to light that when the health department sent its file to the finance department for disbursement of salaries, the finance department asked for certain documents which were never asked for earlier. It is very unfortunate

that the salaries of mohalla clinic employees were withheld for three months due to such behaviour," said Bharadwaj.

He alleged that payment of dues to companies that conduct tests there were also pending for several months, following which the companies stopped conducting free tests.

Mohalla clinics are among AAP's biggest projects in the city and have often been the centre of attention during the visits of foreign dignitaries as well as other state government officials when they come to the capital.

The petition committee asked the officials to explain why the finance department was sitting on the file by raising "unnecessary" objections. Verma replied, "It takes about 7-8 days to clear any audited file. There might have been some problem or some guidelines might have changed, that is why the objections and cabinet notes were asked by the

Finance department."

Bharadwaj, however, claimed: "The members of the committee believe this was done with the deliberate intention to delay the salaries of these doctors and nursing staff. We believe that the Principal Secretary (Finance) was also involved in taking this decision. The Health department had an unspent budget of Rs 70 crore and it needed only Rs 13 crore for payment of salaries but the finance department put certain conditions and objections restricting the department from using the money."

Verma replied, "... the files were put up on November 12 to me and by November 30, I cleared the file...We received a proposal for the first instalment in May and the fund was released...but an audit is required in the second instalment and we received the file in September end...it would be cleared if it was submitted a bit early. We receive a lot of files daily

and have to go through them carefully."

Bharadwaj also took on Principal Secretary (Health) Amit Singla and ordered him to visit at least three mohalla clinics per day and submit action taken reports to the committee, including number of tests, directions and suggestions issued, on a daily basis.

Asked how many official visits he has made in the last seven months, Singla said, "I do not remember the days but have frequently made visits." Bharadwaj responded, "Is it a park where you go and take a morning walk? The statement clearly proves that you have not made a single visit."

"The committee has not seen remorse or sympathy from these two officials who in a way were responsible for this entire situation... Once the committee goes through the documents that it has asked for, a decision on this matter will be taken by the Vidhan Sabha," he added.



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Any person desirous of supporting or opposing the said petition should send to the Petitioner Companies' advocate at the address mentioned hereunder, notice of his intention, signed by him or his advocate, with his name and address, so as to reach the Hon'ble Tribunal and the Petitioner Companies' advocate on or before the date of hearing fixed by the Hon'ble Tribunal, i.e., 4 January, 2023. Where such person seeks to oppose the petition, the grounds of opposition or a copy of his affidavit shall be furnished with such notice.

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Dated: 20 December, 2022

Address:
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POSSESSION NOTICE (Rule 8(1)) (For Immovable property)

Whereas, The undersigned being the Authorized Officer of the **M/s Varthana Finance Private Ltd., (Formerly Known as M/s. Thirumith Finance Private Ltd.,) Gurgaon Branch**, Under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (54 of 2002) and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a **Demand Notice dated: 01-08-2022 calling upon the Applicants/ Co-Aplicants/ Mortgagees, in Loan Account No's. S19GUR-GUR-008164, U21GUR-GUR-017159, U20GUR-GUR-014932 & U22GUR-GUR-019540, 1). M/s. Adarsh SR Sec School, Represented by its Authorised Signatory, 2). M/s. Adarsh Shiksha Samiti, Represented by its Authorised Signatory, No. 1 and 2 are having office at Village and Post Luhari, Tehsil Hajaraj, Hajaraj Haryana – 124108., 3). Pitamber Singh, S/o. Magha Singh, 4). Seema, W/o Pitamber Singh, No. 3 and 4 are residing at Village and Post Luhari (250), Tehsil : Hajaraj, Haryana - 124108., 5). Neelam Devi, S/o. Kishan Singh, Bisahda, Gautam Budh Nagar, Bisara, Uttar Pradesh – 201008.,** to repay the amount mentioned in the said notice being a sum of **Rs. 87,10,353/- (Rupees Eighty Seven Lakhs Ten Thousand Three Hundred and Fifty Three Only)** as on 25-07-2022, to pay agreed contractual rate of interest together with incidental expenses, cost and other charges etc., as details mentioned in the Demand Notice, till the date of payment, within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

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NHRC team in Bihar to probe hooch deaths, Opp accuses govt of double standard

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ON A day a team of the National Human Rights Commission reached Bihar to probe the hooch deaths, Opposition parties led by the Congress hit out at the government, accusing it of sending such inquiry teams of the human rights watchdog only to states not ruled by the BJP with an intention to destabilise Opposition-ruled governments.

Incidentally, the TMC's Dola Sen raised the issue in Rajya Sabha after making a Zero Hour submission on an unrelated topic – the delay in disbursement of funds under various central schemes. The BJP's Manoj Jha wanted to raise the issue, but could not. The Opposition coordination on the issue was visible outside the House as well.

Hours later, 14 Opposition parties issued a joint statement slamming the NHRC. The parties said the Bihar government has taken stringent steps to tackle bootleggers and arrack makers and argued it also deployed mass-outreach campaigns highlighting the dangers of consuming spurious liquor and reminding the people to prioritise their health.

"However, the ruling regime has once again demonstrated that there is no tragedy which it will not seek to leverage for its own political gain. Following these tragic deaths, the NHRC team rushed to the districts of Saran and Siwan in Bihar to investigate the hooch tragedy. The double standard of the Narendra Modi government is evidenced by the fact that from 2016, when prohibition was imposed by Bihar government led by JDU-BJP, to 2021, there have been over

200 hooch-related deaths in the state, but the NHRC never felt the need to investigate any such incident," the statement said.

The parties said NHRC teams have never visited Gujarat or Uttar Pradesh after similar hooch tragedies. They said 45 people had died in villages of Ahmedabad, Surendranagar and Botad in Gujarat after consuming spurious alcohol in July this year. While 36 people died after consuming spurious liquor in Uttar Pradesh's Aligarh last year, as many as 40 people died in Panipat and Sonapat districts of Haryana after consuming adulterated liquor in 2020.

"In the year 2021, 782 people lost their lives by consuming spurious liquor, of which 108 were from Madhya Pradesh alone and 104 were in Karnataka. In the last six years, 1,322 people died in Madhya Pradesh alone due to spurious liquor. As per data placed in Lok Sabha, 6,954 people have died in the country between 2016 and 2021. Yet, in none of these cases has the NHRC demonstrated as keen an interest as it has done in the case of Bihar," the parties said.

Condemning what they called a "brazen attempt" to seek political mileage from the devastating tragedy, the parties said, "It is apparent that NHRC is being sent only to the non-BJP ruled states as the intent seems to be only to destabilise the Opposition-ruled governments. Sadly, the NHRC and NCPCR appear to have become the latest tools in the hands of the Modi government after using ED, CBI, IT etc to target political opponents for the last 8 years."

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Delhi HC to hear pleas seeking details of Covid vaccines under RTI Act

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NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 20

THE DELHI High Court has agreed to hear next month a batch of petitions challenging the denial of certain information related to the funding and procurement of Covid-19 vaccines by the Centre under the Right to Information Act (RTI), observing that the matter is "important."

During the hearing on Monday, a single judge bench of Justice Prathiba Singh refused to issue a notice at this stage in the petitions moved by author Prashant Reddy T and others.

"We will take it up on re-opening (after vacation)... I will have to consider this because it is an important matter. I am just renouncing it. Let intimation be given to other respondents. I am not issuing notice," the bench said, while listing the matter on January 9, 2023.

When asked by the court why the information was being sought when the vaccination

had been successful, advocate Swathi Sukumar, appearing for Reddy, submitted that most governments across the world had published similar information sought in the petitions and added it was not a "trade secret".

Sukumar said the reliefs prayed for were "not tailored to India" and that the purchase of the vaccines involved public funds. The Centre opposed the issuance of notice and said the matters be renounced.

One of the pleas challenges the order of the Central Information Commission (CIC) which upheld the decision of Biotechnology Industry Research Assistance Council (BIRAC) not to disclose copies of agreements signed with Gennova Pharmaceuticals and Bharat Biotech under Mission Covid Suraksha to develop vaccines.

BIRAC is a not-for-profit company and a public sector enterprise of the Department of Biotechnology, Central government.

CORRECTIONS

ON 20.12.22

IN A photo caption on Page 4, Union Minister of Tourism G Kishan Reddy was wrongly identified as Kiran Kumar Reddy.

In the article 'Defending a bad song' on Page 10, the lyricist of the song 'Badtameez dil' was incorrectly identified as Kumar. The lyricist of the song is Amitabh Bhattacharya.

The errors are regretted.

FROM PAGE ONE CENTRE asks states to track positive samples

Laboratories (IGSLs) that are mapped to the States and UTs," he said.

Currently, the INSACOG network of over 50 laboratories across the country has been sequencing only select samples – positive cases detected among 2% international passengers tested at random, samples from designated sentinel sites, and samples from any cluster or outbreak in the community, according to the guidelines for surveillance by the Health Ministry. In addition, laboratories have also been testing for viral RNA in the sewage system.

Other than increased surveillance, there has been no change in protocol for international arrivals as of now. The protocol revised last month does away with

the need for either a negative RT-PCR or complete vaccination certificate. It said in-bound passengers should "preferably be fully vaccinated as per the approved primary schedule of vaccination against Covid-19 in their country."

Globally, the number of Covid-19 cases has remained almost stable at around 3.3 million in a week. However, the number of deaths increased by 10% over the preceding week, according to the latest situation report of the World Health Organisation released on December 14.

"The number of newly reported weekly deaths increased across three WHO regions: the African Region (+975%; partly due to batch reporting from South Africa), the Region of the Americas

(+37%), and the Eastern Mediterranean Region (+81%," the report said.

There have also been reports of a surge in cases and deaths from China as the country eased its "zero Covid-19" policy earlier this month. The easing of the norms was followed by increase in hospitalisation, shortage of flu medicines, and some schools moving back online.

An Omicron sub-variant BF.7 is reportedly linked to this surge. BF.7, which is a nomenclature assigned to BA.5.2.1.7, has already been detected by the INSACOG network in India, according to those in know of the matter.

As per data from India's national Sars-CoV-2 genome sequencing network, BA.5 lineages accounted for only 2.5% of the

cases in November (BF.7 is an offshoot of BA.5). At present, a recombinant variant XBB is the most commonly seen variant in India, accounting for 65.6% of all cases in November.

Dr Anurag Agarwal, former head of INSACOG, said, "China is now experiencing the Omicron wave that other countries have already seen. Other countries report an increase in cases from time to time, but it has largely not been accompanied by a high number of severe cases and deaths."

He said there is no need for travel restrictions any longer, especially in India where almost everyone has had the infection and been vaccinated, but surveillance and testing of in-bound passengers from a country experiencing a surge may help.

● This BCCI pitch specialist is also a factory owner, MBA, ex-athlete

enrolled for the BCCI course (to become a certified curator) in 2016. And here I'm now," Kumar told The Indian Express.

Kumar first grabbed eyeballs when he prepared pitches for India's two Test matches against England in Chennai last year. For a curator who had never earlier been involved in making pitches even for First-Class matches, it was a leap of faith by the TNCA. But now, as 2023 approaches, Kumar has a more busy schedule ahead of him – apart from the Australia game and IPL, the BCCI has lined-up several more turf assignments in view of his ability to roll out balanced and formatted pitches.

A cricketer till his college days, Kumar's foray into the game at a serious level began with his academy, which is one of the most popular such centres in western Tamil Nadu and currently has about 90 students enrolled.

Out of those 90, almost half of the wards are coached free of cost and the academy takes care of their school and college fees, too. Nine players, boys and girls, from

the academy are part of the Tamil Nadu side across age-groups. Kumar has also given jobs to the unemployed parents of a few of these children.

While those initial years were restricted to his academy, the TNCA first approached him to assist in a few age-group matches in Tiruppur, says Kumar. With those pitches receiving impressive feedback in successive seasons, the state association moved to rope him in as the head curator at the M A Chidambaram Stadium. But Kumar had a condition: he will offer his services free of cost.

"We have been trying hard to convince him to charge at least a minimal fee. But he is hell-bent on not taking even a single penny," says R Palani, TNCA secretary.

Says Ramesh, "I'm not here to make money. Who would charge for following a passion?"

With the association rolling out new venues in Salem, Coimbatore, Tiruppur and Dindigul, and another coming up in Trichy, Kumar gets to spend "very little time at home", leaving the responsibility of running his

business to his wife Malarvizhi Giri, a chartered accountant.

These days, says Kumar, Malarizhi single-handedly runs the business, while he offers help only when he is at home, apart from taking care of their three-year-old daughter. "I've no choice but to leave it to my wife. And it is only because of her encouragement and support that I'm able to do this," he says.

On Tuesday, Kumar's skills were evident at the SNR College Ground in Coimbatore, when Andhra ended up making 277/5 on Day 1 of the Ranji Trophy second round match against Tamil Nadu, with the pitch offering good and consistent bounce.

"You need to have a pitch that has everything for everyone. That is what I learnt from (well-known curators) Ashish Bhowmick (Bengal), Tapas Chatterjee (Rajasthan), Sunil Chauhan (Himachal), Daljit Singh (Punjab), P R Vishwanath (TN) and Prashanth (Karnataka). These guys encouraged me a lot because I was the youngest when I did the course in 2016," says Kumar.

Over the past few years, whenever Kumar has flown abroad for business, he has made it a point to visit a few grounds there, too. "When I'm in the UK, I take permission from a few countries to be with their groundsmen when they make pitches. When I went to Australia, I went to Perth to know why there is a lot of bounce there," he says.

When Coimbatore hosted the Duleep Trophy earlier this year, the pitches he produced received the thumbs-up from former India star Ajinkya Rahane, who captained West Zone to the title. But for Kumar, the biggest applause came from the Indian team in 2021 for the pitches he made at Chepauk against England.

"There was just a three-day gap between two Tests, so there was little time to prepare for the second match. It was under the sun when the first Test was on and in the end, everyone liked it. Virat Kohli, R Ashwin, Rohit Sharma, Ravi Shastri all signed a hat and sent it across. Due to bio-bubble protocols, I couldn't meet them. It was wonderful of them."

● Low-value loans fuelling NPAs in education sector

Overall, about 8 per cent of all education loans disbursed by 12 PSBs, where repayments have started, have turned into NPAs.

For education loans, students get a moratorium period of up to 12 months after they complete their studies. So, for a four-year BTech course, the repayment starts only after the completion of the fifth year if the student fails to get a job. The repayment starts early if the student starts earning.

Following the high rate of defaults in low-value education loans of PSBs, banks have slowed such lending, impacting students enrolled in secondary institutes across the country.

PSBs are the largest lender in the education loan sector and have a market share of about 91 per cent – RRBs (regional rural banks) and private banks constitute the remaining 9 per cent of the market.

Industry insiders told *The Indian Express* that defaults in the

8% OF EDUCATION LOANS TURN NPAs		
Bank	Total Active Education Loans*	NPAs (%age of total)
SBI	₹ 27,027 cr	₹ 603 cr (2.23 %)
Canara	₹ 13,192 cr	₹ 512.08 cr (3.88 %)
UBI	₹ 7,372.76 cr	₹ 611.18 cr (8.29 %)
IOB	₹ 4,046.21 cr	₹ 715.60 cr (17.69 %)
Total loans by 12 PSBs	₹ 79,902.19 cr	₹ 6,246.42 cr (7.82 %)
* Till June 30; PSBs account for over 95% of education loans		

lower band education loans are becoming a concern for banks, which may not be looking to expand their loan portfolio by providing credit to low-value loans.

"High defaults are being reported in low-value loans (up to Rs 7 lakh). Banks are not willing to lend to that segment as liberally as they were doing earlier. This unwillingness by banks to lend to that segment will continue and

they may compensate by opting for high-value loans, which are relatively secure," said an industry observer who did not want to be named.

Another observer said defaults in the low-end segment may have aggravated post-Covid. "The issue of joblessness among students passing out of medium-level institutes has aggravated post-Covid, leading to such a situation,"

he said.

Meanwhile, the government has expressed concern over the slowdown in disbursement of education loans. The department of financial services had called a meeting of these banks in August to ask them to expedite loan disbursement, citing complaints received from various quarters, including the Prime Minister's Office and VIPs, about delay in sanction and denial on flimsy grounds.

Banks, however, may not be willing to increase credit in the below-Rs 7.5 lakh loans. According to the model loan scheme, education loans of up to Rs 4 lakh don't require any collateral to be provided by the borrower, education loans of up to Rs 7.5 lakh can be obtained with collateral in the form of suitable third-party guarantee, and education loans above Rs 7.5 lakh require tangible collateral. In all these cases, co-obligation of parents is necessary.

● House row over Kharge remark

an apology from Kharge even as the Congress members countered them, resulting in noisy scenes and prompting Chairman Jagdeep Dhankhar to say he does not "appreciate such unruly scenes and chaotic behaviour in the House."

Goyal said, "Kharge has made such an indecent speech in Alwar... The kind of language which was used was unfortunate... The way indecent language was used... the completely baseless things that he said... he tried to place untruths before the nation... I condemn it strongly and demand that he apologise to the BJP and the House, where the majority members are from the BJP."

He said Kharge should also apologise to the people of the nation who had elected the BJP to power with an absolute majority.

"The BJP is now the world's largest party. The kind of indecent language he used... which reflected his thinking... He exhibited jealousy. He can be jealous... He can have differences with us... he can be jealous that his party got only 50 seats and we got 303... he can be sad and jealous that nobody is accepting his party... but giving such an indecent speech is an insult to everyone... The House, the country and to every voter of the country... I condemn his conduct, behaviour and language... He should apologise and till then he has no right to be here," he said.

Pointing out that Mahatma Gandhi, after Independence, had said that the Congress should be disbanded, he said Kharge's behaviour shows what the Father of the Nation had said was true.

Amid slogan shouting by BJP members and repeated exhortations by the Chairman to Goyal

to "control your people", Kharge said his remarks were political and were made "outside the House" and there was no need to discuss that in the House.

"Secondly, I am still saying that they (BJP) had no role in the freedom movement... yeh maafi mangne wale log (these people who apologise)" he said, as the treasury benches rose in protest, interrupting him and demanding an apology from him.

Intervening, Dhankhar told members that they are setting a very bad example. "I can tell you people outside are disillusioned. This kind of display of conduct and behaviour gives us a very, very bad name... The 135 crore people of the country are laughing at us... They are worried... Have we reached such a level that we cannot listen to each other now... we are not children." He then allowed Kharge to continue.

Amid the din, Kharge said, "If I repeat here what I had said outside... it will pose difficulties to these people because those people who had tendered apologies during the freedom movement are asking those who had fought for Independence to apologise."

Reiterating that Indira and Rajiv had sacrificed their lives for the country, he asked, "*Aap mei se kin logon ne desh ki ekta ke liye apne jaan di* (who among you sacrificed life for the unity of the country)..." This is what I had said... Isn't it a fact?"

Countering him, Goyal said Kharge had perhaps forgotten that it was the Congress which was responsible for what had happened in Jammu and Kashmir. Pakistan, he said, still occupies Indian territory. China snatched away 38,000 sq km land from India when the Congress was in power, he said.

● Latest in L-G vs AAP

objections, accusing the AAP government of using the state exchequer to pay for advertisements issued by the party.

The issue of advertising has also been used by the BJP to attack the AAP, with party leaders alleging that money meant for social welfare was used for publicity.

AAP's Bhardwaj said, "The L-G doesn't have any idea or knowledge about law and rules. He is dancing to BJP's tunes. They are asking AAP to pay Rs 97 crore, but what about the ads by BJP, Yogi Adityanath, and about Gujarat elections that get published in Delhi? AAP has become a national party... BJP and L-G can try as hard as they want but AAP will stand tall and will not allow anyone to stop the good work being done in Delhi."

Following orders of the Supreme Court, the Central Government had in 2016 formed a three-member committee to regulate advertising content.

This committee had subsequently investigated advertisements issued by the Delhi government's Directorate of Information and Publicity (DIP).

According to officials in Raj Niwas, it was found that over Rs 97 crore was allegedly spent and payments worth Rs 54 crore were pending. They added that in 2017, the DIP had directed AAP convener (Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal) to pay Rs 42 crore to the state exchequer immediately, and directly pay the remaining amount to the advertising agencies involved within 30 days.

The L-G, in his letter, stated that in the past five years, AAP had not complied with the order.

The L-G wrote to the Chief Secretary: "It has also been brought out that such advertisements that are prima facie and blatantly violative of the Supreme Court order have been continuously issued by DIP on direction of the ministers. One such example of wasteful expenditure in violation of the Supreme Court order is the case of advertisements in the bio-decomposer project. While the entire cost for the bio-decomposer project was Rs 41.62 lakhs, the expenditure incurred for advertising it was Rs 16.94 crore, which is 40 times higher than the project cost."

Rohini Nayyar prize for 40-yr-old who works with Nagaland farmers

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SETHRICHEM SANGTAM, who runs an NGO that works with farmers in eastern Nagaland, has won the first Rohini Nayyar Prize for Outstanding Contribution to Rural Development.

Sangtam, 40, was presented with cash prize of Rs 10 lakh, a citation, and trophy at a ceremony here on Tuesday.

The prize has been instituted in memory of Rohini Nayyar, renowned economist who

worked with the Planning Commission. She died last year.

The Nayyar Foundation for Social and Economic Purpose, a foundation set up by her family, will give away the annual prize to those under 40 for their contribution to rural development.

Nayyar's husband, Deepak Nayyar, emeritus professor of Economics, JNU, is one of the directors of the foundation, along with Dhiraj Nayyar, director, economics and policy, Vedanta Resources.

Sangtam, who runs the NGO 'Better Life Foundation', said that

he works with nearly 1,200 farmers in Nagaland's Tuensang and Kiphire to promote sustainable farming practices and help farmers' transition from slash-and-burn to settled cultivation. He helps farmers grow fruit such as kiwi and apple. The NGO also assists farmers with marketing their products, in addition to promoting three cooperative societies of farmers that help with marketing of produce, Sangtam said.

After dropping out of National Law School of India in Bangalore, Sangtam moved to New York as a member of the Global Youth

Advisory Panel to the UN Population Fund. He returned to Nagaland in 2009. "We co-create sustainable solutions. A farmer innovation centre was created with contributions from the local community to invite farmers to share best practices and innovative ideas, and to document and archive," Sangtam said.

"To divert attention from rampant hunting, we began training young boys and girls in folk dance," he added.

The jury comprised Ashok Khosla, founder, Development Alternatives; Rajesh Tandon,

founder, Participatory Research in Asia; and Renana Jhabvala, national coordinator, SEWA.

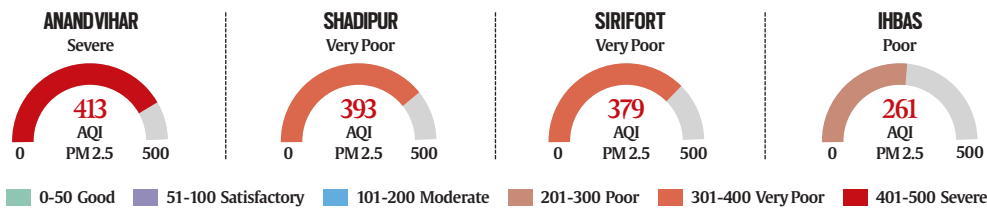
Sangtam was selected winner from among 102 entries. Jhabvala said entries were invited from among people in academia, government and civil society and their work was to be judged based on its impact and innovation.

Recalling Rohini Nayyar's work, NITI Aayog vice-chairman Suman Bery, chief guest at the event, said, "There are so many established programmes now, which, no doubt, rest on the

commitment and ideas and convictions of Rohini and the people she worked with... an institutionalized dimension of the agenda that Rohini worked on is something that's lead by UNDP, called the multidimensional poverty index."

An IAS Officer, Nayyar worked with the Planning Commission of India from 1987 to 2005. She retired as principal adviser, Rural Development. She worked on implementation of rural employment programmes and played a key role in instituting the India Human Development Report.

New Delhi



S K Y W A T C H
FORECAST: December 21
Mainly clear sky.
Dense fog in the morning
MAX: 22 | MIN: 6
0.5°C below normal | 2.0°C below normal

Stage set, inquisitive crowd begins to form: In anticipation of Rahul, Haryana town prepares

PAVNEET SINGH CHADHA
NUH, DECEMBER 20

WITH CONGRESS'S Bharat Jodo Yatra entering Haryana from the Mundaka border in Nuh early Wednesday morning, senior party leaders, workers and people from nearby villages started gathering near the border town on Tuesday evening.

As party workers made final preparations for lodging and other activities at a big tent set up in a village field, about a kilometre from the border, Congress MP Deepender Singh Hooda arrived and addressed a crowd from a stage.

"This is a historic yatra. I welcome you here and I am happy to see the excitement among all gathered here," he told the public.

State Congress president Udai Bhan, Leader of the Opposition Bhupinder Singh Hooda, Rajya Sabha MPs Deepender Hooda and Randeep Surjewala and current and former MLAs will receive the Rahul Gandhi-led yatra at 6 am.

On Tuesday, on the national highway 248A from Gurgaon to Nuh, several earthmoving machines were seen clearing the roads, while hoardings of Rahul Gandhi with senior Haryana Congress leaders lined the road at several locations.



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Groups of men, especially youths from the nearby village of Doha, arrived in a bus and took their seats early, claiming they had come "to bear witness to the yatra and be a part of changing political discourse".

Mohammad Akil (18), who runs his father's grocery shop, said, "I have come here to support leaders who should work for development and improvement of infrastructure and ensure social justice. The politics of polarisation should not exist. *Bhai-chaara bana rehna chahiye.*

Political parties must make a concerted effort to unite people." He added that he would request senior leaders of Congress to build a government university in Nuh.

Taufiq Ali (32), a resident of Bai Khara village in Ferozpur Jhirka, shut his shop early and reached Doha village with his friend to get a glimpse of Congress leader Rahul Gandhi. "*TV pe toh dekha hai kai baar* (Have seen him on television several times). But we wanted to see him in person. He is coming tomorrow, but we wanted to see the arrangements in place. For the first time, such a large gathering is taking place in Ferozpur Jhirka," he said.

Bijender Chaudhary, a resident of Doha village, said, "I have been following the yatra for a couple of months. I am curious to see the mobilisation of a mass movement happening on a large scale in contemporary times. I hope this yatra results in changes in terms of outcomes and helps in bridging gaps between society and leaders, and leads to a dialogue."

Several elderly men sat on carpets and smoked hookah, and planned to camp for the night for a folk performance, before readying for the yatra early Wednesday morning.

According to a route map released by the party, the yatra will enter the state through the Mundaka border and take a break at about 10 am at Anaj Mandi. It will resume from Nasirbas in Nuh around 4 pm and take an evening break at Bhadas Nagina. The night halt will be at Akeda in Nuh.

On Thursday, the yatra will resume at 6 am from Malab village and take a morning break at Ferozpur Namak in Nuh. A public meeting will be held at 3.30 pm in Ghamera village and the yatra will resume from there and take an evening break with another public meeting at Ambedkar Chowk in Sohna. The night halt for the second day will be at Lakhuwas Sohna near the Ballabhgarh turn.

On Friday, the yatra will resume at 6 am from Harchandpur on the Ballabhgarh-Sohna road and take a break at 10 am in Pakhal village. It will resume at 4 pm from Pali Chowk and take a break at the Badkhal turn in Faridabad.

The night halt for the third day will be at Faridabad.

Food, however, can only be served, and not cooked or prepared outdoors. Fast food stalls/ice cream parlours/pan/cigarette stalls, etc will not be permitted. The license will be granted for six months to one year, initially. After that, it can be renewed for five years. Putting together a long list of terms and conditions, the NDMC said that "permission sought may be considered for eating establishments in the Inner Circle area of Connaught Place on an experimental basis after seeking comments of stakeholders/agencies concerned".

Not everyone, however, is convinced that the move will work. "Where is the space? There is a corridor for walking and then there is the parking. How will it work? How will you cordon off the area? This was once done in the late 1990s and early 2000s as well. At the time, CP used to be closed on Sundays and outdoor space was utilised thus on that day. But it meant that garbage would be strewn about outside people's shops the next day," said Atul Bhargava, president, New Delhi Traders Association (NDTA).

He also said that in meetings

NDMC COMES UP WITH DRAFT POLICY CP restaurants could soon serve food outside at night on weekends

MALLICA JOSHI & DIVYAA
NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 20

RESTAURANTS in Connaught Place's Inner Circle could soon be allowed to use the open space adjacent to their establishments to serve food between 9 pm and 1 am during the weekend.

Alcohol, however, cannot be served in the open.

The New Delhi Municipal Council's (NDMC) Health Licensing Department has come out with a draft policy to allow the practice. The demand, the draft states, was raised by restaurateurs in the area citing similar policies in other parts of the city as well as in other countries.

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THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS

- Permission will be granted for 3 days of the week: Friday, Saturday, and Sunday
- Permitted time for open area service will be from 9 pm to 1 am
- NDMC will charge a fee for space allotted to the eating establishment
- Sitting area will be allowed on a temporary basis
- Open space shall not restrict smooth

- movement of persons
- Open space shall not have direct access/opening to the main road
- Open space to be used as a service area shall not be covered on top with permanent arrangement as well as enclosed on sides
- No inflammable materials are to be used for temporary enclosures/umbrellas.



Fake job counting trains costs victims Rs 2.6 crore

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A GROUP of 25 men from Tamil Nadu were allegedly cheated of a combined sum of Rs 2.6 crore on the pretext of providing them jobs at the New Delhi Railway Station, said police. The victims were asked to count the number of trains passing through the station every day, police added.

The accused allegedly lured the men by promising them jobs as travel ticket examiners and clerks in the railway. The matter came to light after an ex-serviceman from Tamil Nadu, who had taken his neighbours and other locals to Delhi to help them get jobs, found that he was allegedly being cheated. Police lodged an FIR in November with Economic Offences Wing. He alleged that he had met a man in Hyderabad who claimed he was closely associated with MPs and ministers in Delhi and could help the youth get jobs. The accused and his associate posed as officials from Northern Railways and asked for a registration amount of Rs 33 lakh from each candidate, said police. One of the victims allegedly paid the amount and was called to Delhi, they added.

"He was subjected to on-the-job training by (another accused) for a month, which was a bogus exercise involving counting the number of trains passing through a platform in a stipulated time period and... was handed over a forged/fabricated training completion certificate" reads the FIR. Another victim allegedly paid Rs 27 lakh and was called for training. The complainant said the news of the job spread in the area and almost 25 men enrolled.

AAP's Sisodia and Sanjay Singh, KCR daughter named in ED chargesheet in liquor policy case

ANAND MOHAN J
NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 20

TELANGANA CHIEF Minister K Chandrashekar Rao's daughter Kalvakuntla Kavitha was part of the 'South group' which paid Rs 100 crore in kickbacks to Aam Aadmi Party leaders in exchange for undue benefits under the now-scrapped Delhi excise policy, the Enforcement Directorate has alleged in its chargesheet.

The chargesheet, filed before a special judge at Rouse Avenue district court, has relied on the statement of Indospirits MD Sameer Mahendru, who is accused in the alleged money laundering case, to allege that he was approached by members of the 'South group'. It is alleged that they expressed an interest in his company, and his initial pushback against this partnership fizzled out after a promise by AAP communications in-charge Vijay Nair to provide him with a wholesale

business. His partnership with the group was further cemented over several phone calls and meetings with Kavitha, it is alleged. As per Mahendru's statement, it is alleged that Nair met Mahendru and told him about a South group member, Arun Pillai, whose "group was keen on investing in Delhi business, that this group had deep pockets, political connections and friends of Arvind Kejriwal".

Mahendru resisted joining this partnership because he was of the view that the group wanted stakes in his company without much investment, chargesheet alleges. It was only later that Arun told Mahendru that he was representing K Kavitha, who revealed her interest in his company, it is alleged. Mahendru relented to their requests after a promise from Nair that "M/S Pernod Ricard's wholesale business would come to him", it is alleged. The ED alleged that Kavitha spoke to Mahendru in September

2021 on Facetime, where she "congratulated Sameer for Delhi business" and was "happy that they have partnered up".

In 2022, Mahendru met Kavitha at her house in Hyderabad where she told him that he was "like family to her and doing business with Arun was like doing business with Kavitha and that they will take this relationship to a larger scale in multiple states and expand majority", the ED has alleged in its chargesheet.

Delhi Deputy Chief Minister Manish Sisodia's name also figures in the ED chargesheet through the statement of businessman Dinesh Arora who, the agency claims, told them that he initially met AAP leader Sanjay Singh, through whom he eventually met Sisodia during a party at a restaurant. He spoke to many restaurant owners "on request of Mr Singh" and arranged cheques amounting to Rs 82 lakh (handed over to Mr Sisodia) for collection of party funds for upcoming assembly elections in Delhi, it is alleged.

Arora also stated that he once raised the issue of shifting a shop from Pitampura to Okhla with Sisodia and the issue was subsequently resolved by the Excise department, the chargesheet claims. He claims to have spoken to Sisodia five-six times and met Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal at his residence with Sanjay Singh, the chargesheet alleges.

Earlier, reacting to reports of her alleged involvement in the scam, Kavitha was quoted by PTI as telling reporters: "We state that we will face any kind of inquiry. If the agencies come and ask us questions we will certainly answer. But tarnishing leaders' images by giving selective leaks to the media, people will refute it."

The AAP leaders and the Delhi government could not be reached for comment. The AAP has maintained the probe is politically motivated and investigating agencies are acting on BJP's behest.

Order on gurdwara under BJP fire, MP Parvesh Singh targets CM Kejriwal

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AN ORDER issued by a sub-divisional magistrate in Delhi over alleged encroachment and noise pollution by a gurdwara in a residential neighbourhood has prompted a sharp reaction from the BJP.

"Delhi government's new Tughlaqi Farman. Now Arvind Kejriwal ji's government will control your religious places also. SDM Rohini has put restrictions on timing and people coming to Gurdwara Shri Guru Singh Sabha in Rohini (sic)," BJP MP Parvesh



BJP MP Parvesh Singh

Singh tweeted.

The Delhi government did not respond to messages seeking a response on the issue.

The order, issued by SDM (Rohini) Shahzad Alam on Monday, states: "Whereas, a conditional order u/s 133 CrPc, vide

order dated 22.10.2022 was issued in which direction/order has been given to... remove encroachment on road and to stop the noise pollution and activities within one week that are causing nuisance and mental harassment leading to public health problem."

According to the order, the gurdwara was opened inside residential flats.

It also said that the persons who have been directed to remove the encroachment had appeared before the court and submitted their representation. "They have been heard in detail. In light of the above facts, thereby order that since gurdwara has

been opened in residential flats, there should be no gathering of more than 10 persons at one time and that too within the limited time frame of 7.15 pm-8.15 pm without use of mic, within the permissible limit of noise," it states.

The SDM allowed the gurdwara to open on Sundays between 6.45 am and 7.15 am. And women devotees will be allowed to perform path/kirtan on Thursday from 3.30 pm to 5.30 pm without use of a mic. "There will be no time limit on exceptional days, that is, Gurupurab and Guru Gobind Singh Jayanti," it states.



by class teachers in consultation with home science or natural science teachers to emphasise the relationship between a healthy diet and "performance in academics/attention span/physical activity/comprehension and growth", as well as to recommend low-cost and high-nutrition meals suggested

The DoE is in the process of identifying students with low BMI and conducting medical check-ups. Archive

by home science teachers. "We can recommend and counsel, but there are limits to how much we can enforce bringing 'healthy snacks' from their homes. If a poor family is finding it difficult to provide something, we can't force them," said a head of a school. "Nutrition plays a vital role in the physical and cognitive growth of an individual. Nutrition for children is essential to achieve their full developmental potential. Poor nutrition not only compromises the

health of school-aged children, but also affects their potential to benefit from education. Good health and hygiene amounts to positive learning outcomes and reinforces positive behaviour amongst the students at the school level that further promotes their overall health and development," states the circular issued to all schools. Addressing absenteeism in schools, owing to poor health conditions, is also among the stated aims of these interventions.

IN A BID TO 'OVERCOME MALNUTRITION'

Snack breaks for school students as Delhi govt plans health interventions

SUKRITA BARUAH
NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 20

A SET of interventions, including institutionalising a "mini snack break" as part of the school timetable, are being introduced in Delhi government schools with the aim of "overcoming malnutrition".

The Directorate of Education (DoE) is in the process of identifying students with low BMI studying in their schools and conducting medical check-ups.

At the same time, it will implement interventions at the school level and keep track of children with low BMI by instructing class teachers to maintain a regular record of the height and weight of each child in their class.

As part of the interventions, school timetables will be restructured with a "mini snack break" two-and-a-half hours before the lunch break.

However, while schools will advise students and parents on what snacks to bring, these will

not be provided by schools themselves, unlike the mid-day meals.

Schools have been instructed to create a weekly planner of "cost-effective" health snacks with three choices per day such as fruit, sprouts, salad, roasted chana and peanuts, and to "advise" students to bring at least one of the items for the mini snack break.

Schools have also been instructed to conduct class-wise counselling sessions of parents

8 IN PARLIAMENT

WINTER SESSION

FROM THE **GALLERY****FROM THE CHAIR****RAJYA SABHA**

“I have enough time to take note of the gravity of the situation, and you can trust me, if there is an occasion to invoke Rule 267 daily, I would not hesitate and if there is no occasion to invoke it even once during my tenure, I would not...”

Chairman **JAGDEEP DHANKHAR** on admission of notices under 267 demanding suspension of all business to discuss India-China border issue

LOK SABHA

“You please do not quote proceedings of the state assembly. All those observations will not be on the record as it is an insult to that House.”

NK PREMACHANDRAN, chairing Lok Sabha, to Lok Jan Shakti Party's Prince Raj, who made a reference to Bihar Assembly during a discussion on drug abuse

QUOTE OF THE DAY

“One question is about stray animals... This is a problem in every state... and we want to work with the state governments to resolve this.”

SANJEEV BALYAN, Union Minister, while replying to BJP's Devji Mansingram Patel about stray cattle menace in Rajasthan

Co-op societies amendment Bill referred to joint House panel

HARIKISHAN SHARMA
NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 20

THE LOK Sabha on Tuesday referred the Multi-State Co-operative Societies (Amendment) Bill-2022 to a joint committee of Parliament comprising 21 members from the Lower House and 10 from the Upper House.

On December 7, the government had introduced the Bill that proposes merger of “any cooperative society” into an existing multi-state cooperative society.

Home Minister Amit Shah moved a proposal to this effect in Lok Sabha, which was approved by a voice vote. The committee has been given time till the last day of the first week of the second part of the Budget Session-2023 to present its report to the House. Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla will appoint one of the members of the committee as its chairperson.

Of the 21 Lok Sabha members on the committee, a maximum of 12 are from BJP—Chandra Prakash Joshi, Jagdambika Pal, Parbatbhai Savabhai Pate, Poonamben Hematbhai Maadam, Ramdas Chandrabhanji Tadas, Annasaheb Shankar Jolle, Nishikant Dubey, Sunita Duggal, Brijendra Singh, Jaskaur Meena, Ram Kripal Yadav and Dhal Singh Bisen. Besides, two members are from Congress Suresh Kodikunnil and Manish Tewari, and one each from DMK (Kanimozhi Karunanidhi), TMC (Kalyan Banerjee), YSRCP (Sri Krishna Devarayalu Lavu), Shiv Sena (Hemant Shriram Patil), JD(U) (Dulal Chandra Goswami), BJD (Chandra Sekhar Sahu) and BSP (Girish Chandra).

The Centre has proposed this amendment through Section 6 of the Bill, introduced in Lok Sabha by Minister of State for



Home Minister Amit Shah in the Lok Sabha, Tuesday. *PTI*

Cooperation B L Verma. As per the present law, enacted 20 years ago, only multi-state cooperative societies can amalgamate themselves and form a new multi-state cooperative society.

But now, “any cooperative society may, by a resolution passed by majority of not less than two-thirds of the members present and voting at a general meeting of such society, decide to merge into an existing multi-state cooperative society: Provided that such resolution shall be subject to provisions of the respective State Cooperative Societies Act for the time being in force, under which such cooperative society is registered,” states the proposed sub-section (10) to be added in Section 17 of the 2002 law.

The Bill also seeks to establish a “cooperative election authority” to bring “electoral reforms” in the cooperative sector. For this, the government has proposed to substitute Section 45 of the 2002 Act. As per the proposed amendment, the authority will consist of a chairperson, a vice-chairperson and a maximum of three members to be appointed by the Centre.

At the time of the introduction of the Bill in Lok Sabha, Opposition members had opposed it.

Drug abuse issue echoes in Lok Sabha, members urge govt to take remedial steps without laxity

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NARCOTICS ADDICTION in Punjab and deaths due to consumption of illicit liquor in Bihar dominated a short-duration discussion in the Lok Sabha on the problem of drug abuse in the country on Tuesday, with members appealing to the Centre to deal with the issue without any laxity.

Opening the discussion, Shiromani Akali Dal (SAD) MP Harsimrat Kaur Badal accused the AAP government in Punjab of landing the state in a mess. Some of her remarks against Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann were expunged from the proceedings.



SAD MP Harsimrat Kaur Badal in the Lok Sabha, Tuesday. *PTI*

“This narco-terrorism will not just affect Punjab, but the entire country,” she said. Trinamool Congress MP Kalyan Banerjee pointed out that policymakers must take into account the fact

that India is sandwiched between the two largest opium-producing regions of the world—the Golden Triangle and the Golden Crescent.

While the Golden Crescent area includes Pakistan,

Afghanistan, and Iran; the Golden Triangle comprises Thailand, Myanmar, Vietnam, and Laos. This found mention in many other speeches as well.

NCP leader Supriya Sule said the government's drug abuse prevention programme has certain gaps, particularly in terms of destigmatising the issue. She said actor Deepika Padukone's fight against depression and Sanjay Dutt's struggle with drug abuse and their eventual triumph are success stories. “How can we use those icons to tell the children and produce the strength in them to say no to drugs? I think, we have to have academic discussions,” she said.

YSRCP member P V Midhun Reddy urged the government to

act against drug abuse with the same intensity displayed in the fight against the Covid-19 pandemic. Mahabali Singh of the JD(U) got engaged in a verbal duel with BJP members over their allegations against the Bihar government on the hooch tragedies.

“There is prohibition in Gujarat, but why did people die after consuming illicit liquor there? Why did people die in Uttar Pradesh, Chhattisgarh or Madhya Pradesh after consuming illicit liquor? Whoever will consume poison will die,” Singh said.

AIMIM's Asaduddin Owaisi claimed 70% drugs are entering the country via sea routes. “What are you doing about this? Drugs are being purchased over dark-net and crypto currency,” he said.

In RS, Opp slams govt during debate on Appropriation Bills

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THE OPPOSITION hit out at the Centre during continued discussion on the Appropriation Bills in Rajya Sabha on Tuesday, saying “gross miscalculation of expenditure” in the Budget and sought to know whether there was any “misplaced focus” when the funds were allocated.

Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman had on Monday (December 19) moved the Appropriation (No. 5) Bill-2022, and Appropriation (No. 4) Bill-2022 for consideration and return, aimed at authorising payment and appropriation of additional spending of Rs 3.25-lakh crore from the Consolidated Fund of India for the current financial year (2022-23).

Congress MP from Gujarat Ameet Jainik said: “The moot question that arises is how come there is so much error in planning? I would like to know from the honourable finance minister was it devoid of any priorities or was there any misplaced focus when the monies were allocated?”

“Whatever it is or whatever it may be, it definitely indicates a gross miscalculation of expenditure,” Jainik added.

He also called for gender budgeting to address concerns of women impacted by the Covid pandemic. “The women who have lost their jobs... it has become difficult for them to re-enter the workforce in comparison to men. This is also happening in the MGNREGA sector,” she said.

Jainik also called for “multi-fold” increase in funds to tackle vi-

olence against women. “Women were pushed into the domestic spheres because of Covid. The Covid phase is over now but those women who were pushed into domestic spheres, data shows, suffered domestic violence,” she said.

TMC member Dola Sen also sought more budgetary allocation for women. “In West Bengal, one in every four MSMEs is led by women,” she said, while underlining the need for better planning on agricultural spending. “Too little agriculture research and sustainable agriculture expenditure is happening when sustainable agriculture is the need of the hour for climate crisis mitigation,” she said.

K Keshava Rao of the Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS) said this could be due to a “lack of control in preparing the Budget”. He, however, said the supplementary budget will be supported only because the Centre is “taking back criticism of the revdis”. “In the beginning itself, I said, I welcome this only because you are depending more on the subsidies. Subsidy is taking back your own criticism of the revdis,” Rao said.

RJD member Manoj Jha asked the government what it was doing to address unemployment. “Mandir-masjid cannot be synonyms for employment,” Jha said. John Brittas of the CPI(M) criticised the decrease in government spending. “If there is stagnation, the government spending should have gone up and the interest rates should have come down. This should have been the twin objectives of this government... they did the contrary. The recent GDP data says that in Quarter-2, the government consumption expenditure contracted by 4.4 per cent,” he said.

NHRC PROBING BIHAR HOCH DEATHS

Constitutional bodies being misused, alleges JD(U) MP

BJP demands relief for kin of deceased, LJP seeks President Rule

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THE ISSUE of Chhapra hooch deaths resonated in the Lok Sabha on Tuesday, with BJP demanding a high-level probe into the incident and JD(U) alleging “misuse” of the constitutional bodies.

Raising the issue during Zero Hour, JD(U) member Rajiv Ranjan Singh ‘Lalan’ said the National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) has informed the Bihar government that it would probe the case of deaths due to spurious liquor in Chhapra. “How did this issue come under the NHRC? The constitutional bodies are being misused. This should not happen,” he said.

He asked as to why the NHRC was not probing the Morbi bridge collapse incident in which 124 people were killed.

Soon after, senior BJP leader Ravi Shankar Prasad, who represents Patna Sahib Lok Sabha constituency, raised the Chhapra hooch tragedy issue and de-



JD(U) MP Rajiv Ranjan Singh ‘Lalan’ in the Lok Sabha. *ANI*

mandated that the NHRC should send a team to investigate the matter. Prasad said more than a hundred people have died in Bihar after consuming spurious liquor. “Their post-mortem was not done and neither their viscera was kept. This is a serious issue of violation of human rights. This matter should be referred to the human rights commission and to the child commission because those who died are children and from backward communities... This is a very serious matter. I request that an NHRC team should

go there,” Prasad said.

Another BJP member Janardan Singh Sigrwal demanded that a high-level probe be conducted. Due to wrong liquor policy of the Bihar government, hundreds of people have died in Saran, he said. Sigrwal alleged that instead of giving compensation, the state government is mocking and trying to hide data. Officials are trying to destroy the evidence there, he said.

Sigrwal demanded that compensation be given to the families of those killed in the hooch tragedy. He also demanded that the matter be investigated by a team of the NHRC, National Commission for Protection of Child Rights, National Women Commission and National Labour Welfare Commission.

Lok Janshakti Party's Chirag Paswan demanded the President Rule in Bihar. “A series of murders due to spurious liquor has started in my state and after that the Chief Minister, the state government and the entire administration machinery is trying to hush up the matter,” Paswan said.



The central courtyard of Parliament where lunch was organised on Tuesday for MPs to mark the International Year of Millets next year. *Photo courtesy: PMO*

PM makes strong pitch for use, promotion of millet, local sports

Says UN declared 2023 as Year of Millet on India's request

LIZ MATHEW
NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 20

INTRODUCING MILLET in the daily diet and programme menus would not only bring in a healthy eating habit but also extend support to small farmers, Prime Minister Narendra Modi told BJP MPs on Tuesday.

Making a strong pitch for the use of millet, and for promotion of sports “linked to the ground” such as kabaddi and kho kho, Modi asked party MPs to launch programmes in their constituencies to promote them.

Modi pointed out that the UN has declared 2023 as the International Year of Millet on India's request and said that millet and dishes made from it would be on the menu of the ongoing G20 meetings. It could also be on the diet charts at angan-

wadis, schools, homes and government meetings, he said.

The Prime Minister's call came on a day the government hosted a ‘millet lunch’ for all MPs.

In the meeting, “Prime Minister Modi gave two aspects on this matter: first, we can promote nutrition through millet; and second, millet items can be placed for G20 guests wherever possible so that they can understand its importance,” Parliamentary Affairs Minister Pralhad Joshi told reporters. “The most important point is that International Millet Year 2023 is being celebrated on the insistence of the letter by the Government of India to the UN.”

Citing Modi's message, Joshi said that more than 85 per cent Indian farmers in the category of small farmers grow millet in large quantities, and a rise in consumption of these grains

would help them financially.

Sources said Modi indicated in the meeting that there should be proper branding of millet products and the country could target diversifying its market.

India is the largest producer of millet in the world, with an annual production of around 10 million tonnes.

In the Parliamentary Party meeting, the second one in the winter session, External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar made a presentation on the G20 meetings.

Party sources said both the Prime Minister and the government have “high stakes” in the G20, which is being chaired by India, and 200 meetings planned across the country, which would have public participation, too. “The government wants to make this an event that would be etched in the memory of the youth,” a Union minister said.

72 artefacts awaiting repatriation from 11 countries, LS told

DIVYA A
NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 20

AS MANY as 72 antiquities are presently awaiting repatriation from 11 countries, the government has said. These are the antique idols and sculptures that have already been notified for return to India by the respective countries where they were discovered, but are yet to arrive.

These include eight from Australia, 17 from Singapore, nine from the UK, 31 from the US, and one each from Bangladesh, Belgium, France, Germany, Italy, the Netherlands

and Switzerland, according to the Ministry of Culture.

The funds for repatriation are spent from the regular allocation of Archaeological Survey of India (ASI), said Union Culture Minister G Kishan Reddy.

Reddy's statement was part of a written response in Lok Sabha on Monday, to a question by BJP MP Dushyant Singh, on return of the stolen antiquities. The ASI, which functions under the aegis of the Culture Ministry, is the nodal agency to retrieve stolen or illegally exported art objects. Once the object is repatriated to the Indian consulate by the respective country, the ASI



India has retrieved over 200 stolen artefacts since 2014 from other countries. *File*

has to spend on logistics for their return.

Singh had also asked about “the funds sanctioned and released for the repatriation of the above-mentioned artefacts; and if there had been any delay in the repatriation of said artefacts due to late release of funds”. While not divulging any particular amount sanctioned for the process, Reddy said, “There has been no such delay due to release of funds”.

According to the statement by the Ministry recently, over 200 stolen artefacts have been retrieved since 2014 by India from countries, including the UK,

Canada, Australia, the US and France.

In October this year, the US had announced the repatriation of 307 antiquities that were stolen and trafficked from India and valued at nearly \$4 million.

In fact, officials said that 20 antiquities retrieved by India from various countries would be put on display at the first culture working group meeting of the G20 in Khajuraho in February 2023. Otherwise, the ASI displays some of these objects at the Gallery of Confiscated and Retrieved Objects in the Purana Qila complex in Delhi. Some of these objects are also being

handed over to various state governments to be repatriated to their original locations.

Singh had also asked about the number of antiquities documented under the National Mission of Monuments and Antiquities (NMAA) digital database so far, and the steps been taken to increase the rate of documentation, to which Reddy responded, “The NMAA has documented 16.5 lakh antiquities so far. The agency conducts workshops and training programmes across the country on the processes of documentation of antiquities and the built heritage.”

5 QUESTIONS

WITH THE CENTRE MOVING APPROPRIATION BILLS IN THE RAJYA SABHA, BRS MP **K KESHAVA RAO** SPEAKS WITH **APURVA VISHWANATH** ON THE ISSUES SURROUNDING THE MOVE

‘Budget not brought about seriously’

What were your concerns?

Today we had something like 75 Grants and 6 Appropriations, working out to Rs 4.35 lakh crore. In a Budget of Rs 400 lakh crore, this is 10% of the Budget and just two months before the next Budget session. This shows the Budget was not brought about seriously or there was gross mismanagement of the economy.

What is your demand from the Centre?

If there is a deficit, it will further increase inflation. The Centre must clarify this to the House.

You mentioned the unemployment issue...

The rate of unemployment today is the highest in the last 45 years. Employment in the private sector has been really hit. Rising inflation and unemployment... these are major concerns.

Do you think this impacts your state?



States ruled by Opposition are treated indifferently. The mismanagement of the Budget is concerning because of the share the states are getting. Despite having 2% of the population, Telangana is the 5th largest contributor to the national GDP. Yet, there are hardly any centrally sponsored schemes.

You talked about the use of agencies against Opposition leaders...

It is not connected to the Budget directly, but I mentioned the misuse of ED because they have asked for Rs 30 crore for construction of a building for ED. It is the Centre's gladiator, they should spend even more on that.

9 GOVT & POLITICS

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi at the lunch hosted in Parliament on Tuesday. PTI

THE SPREAD

THE 'MILLET lunch' organised by the government on Tuesday for all MPs, as directed by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, was elaborate, and many members were surprised at the spread. The lunch menu included *bajre ka rabri* (pearl millet soup), *ragi dosa*, *ragi roti*, *unchel chutney* (Niger groundnut together with garlic, dry coconut and groundnuts), *kalu huli* (curry made with mixed vegetables, cowpea, Bengal gram and field bean), garlic chutney, chutney powder, kadhi (buttermilk made with gram flour), *kalu palya* (moth bean and coconut curry), foxtail millet *bisi bele bhath* (lentil dish cooked with foxtail millet and vegetables), *khara boondi* (crunchy fried globules made from chickpea powder), foxtail millet curd rice, *jolandha roti* (sorghum millet) and green salad. But what most MPs preferred at the lunch, held in the central courtyard of Parliament House building, were the dessert items: *ragi halwa*, *jowar halwa*, *gajar ka halwa*, *bajra kheer* and *bajra cake*.

BOOK A GIFT

UNION MINISTER Dr Jitendra Singh gave out mementos to all officers and participants at the launch of the 'Good Governance Week' at Vigyan Bhavan on Monday. But he feels that "wasteful" production and distribution of these mementos, which often end in trash, must stop. Singh, who has six ministries under his belt, had issued directions on this last year, too, and has now decided to gift books to participants at events hosted by his ministries. To begin with, when the DoPT will celebrate the Good Governance Day on December 25, the minister has decided to present books by former Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee.

PIB flags three YouTube channels for 'fake news'

DIVYAA

NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 20

THE PRESS Information Bureau (PIB) on Tuesday flagged three YouTube channels for "spreading fake news" about the government, its schemes, election commission, Supreme Court, and even Prime Minister. The YouTube channels — News Headlines, Sarkari Update, and Aaj Tak Live — have nearly 33 lakh subscribers and over 30 crore cumulative views to their videos, the I&B Ministry said.

Through a string of 40 tweets on Tuesday, the 'fact check' team of the PIB posted screenshots of videos run by the said YouTube channels, almost all of which were found to be false, it said. News Headlines has 9.67 lakh subscribers, while Sarkari Update and Aaj Tak Live have 22.6 lakh and 65,000, respectively, it said.

This is the first time when the PIB identified YouTube channels for spreading false news. Among

the examples of fake news the PIB cited were videos claiming that the SC has ruled that future elections will be conducted through ballot papers and that government was giving money to people who have bank accounts, Aadhaar and PAN.

"The YouTube channels were observed to be using fake and sensational thumbnails with logos of TV channels and images of their news anchors to mislead viewers to believe that the news was authentic," the statement said, adding that these channels were also found to be displaying advertisements on their videos, thus monetising misinformation.

In the past one year, the ministry has blocked over a hundred YouTube channels for posting content that had "potential to create communal disharmony and disturb public order in the country" by invoking emergency powers under the IT Rules-2021.

However, official sources said the three channels 'busted' on Tuesday haven't been blocked yet.

Nitish forcing Emergency-like situation in House, says ex-minister

SANTOSH SINGH

PATNA, DECEMBER 20

FORMER AGRICULTURE minister and RJD MLA Sudhakar Singh on Tuesday alleged that CM Nitish Kumar has been threatening MLAs if asked uncomfortable questions in the Assembly.

"The CM has been forcing an Emergency-like situation in Assembly," alleged Singh, who had resigned as agriculture minister in October after his differences with the CM on restoration of mandi system. He also criticised Bihar's liquor law and the government's inability to "enforce" it.

Talking to reporters, Singh said he had sought time from Assembly to discuss and introduce his private bill. "According to the rule, Friday is designated for discussion on private member bill, but this has not been happening for a while," he said.

"I have also written go Assembly Speaker to allot me time in next the session for discussion on the proposed new agriculture bill," he added. Singh also demanded at least 60 days in a year for Assembly session.

'For bigger prize (PM post), Nitish has to relinquish smaller things (CM post)'

Rashtriya Janata Dal (RJD) Bihar president and former MP JAGDANAND SINGH spoke to SANTOSH SINGH on Chief Minister Nitish Kumar's recent statement that Deputy CM Tejashwi Prasad Yadav will lead the Mahagathbandan (Grand Alliance) in the 2025 Assembly polls, Nitish's prime ministerial ambitions, the RJD's metamorphosis from drawing nil in 2019 Lok Sabha polls to getting close to power in the 2020 Assembly elections, and the emergence of Tejashwi as a leader. Excerpts:

What is RJD's view on Nitish's statement that Tejashwi should lead the 2025 Assembly poll campaign?

What I said in Delhi was selectively reported by the media. What I meant to say is that Nitish Kumar should take a lesson from VP Singh, who went to people after relinquishing his post (of Union minister in Rajiv Gandhi's government). Ye Janata hai jo kisi ko Pradhan Mantri banati hai. VP Singh bhi tabhi bane the jab janata ne chaha tha. (It is the people who choose their PM. VP Singh too became the PM when

BORDER ROW

Karnataka sends out Belagavi signal, plans to pass resolution

KIRAN PARASHAR

BELAGAVI, DECEMBER 20

DAYS AFTER Union Home Minister Amit Shah met Chief Ministers Basavaraj Bommai and Eknath Shinde in a bid to dial down tensions between the two border states, the Karnataka government said the state legislature would pass a resolution reiterating its position on the Belagavi border issue.

On Tuesday, during a debate on the border dispute in the winter session of the state Assembly held in Belagavi, Bommai suggested a unanimous resolution in both Houses of the state legislature reiterating the party's position.

"If everyone agrees, while giving the government's reply on the border debate, we will pass a resolution reiterating the state's stand in both Houses of the legislature. We have already passed several such resolutions, we will reiterate it," he said, adding that Karnataka's border interests will be protected.

CM Bommai also criticised Maharashtra politicians for attempting to enter Karnataka, saying it wasn't right on their part to "forcefully enter the state and create law and order problems... Our stand has been clear and will stick to that forever. The



CM Basavaraj Bommai and Leader of Opposition in the Assembly Siddaramaiah in the House on Tuesday. ANI

same will be reiterated through a resolution passed by both Houses of the legislature".

On Monday, the Karnataka Police had prevented several Maharashtra politicians from entering the state.

Members of all political parties, including Leader of Opposition Siddaramaiah, agreed to Bommai's suggestion of a House resolution. Initiating the debate, Siddaramaiah accused Maharashtra politicians of raking up the border issue when the matter is already settled with the Mahajan Commission report.

On October 25, 1966, the Centre constituted the Mahajan Commission headed by the then

Supreme Court Chief Justice Mehar Chand Mahajan, at the insistence of Maharashtra. While rejecting Maharashtra's claim over Belagavi (then Belgaum), the commission recommended 247 villages/places, including Jatt, Akkalkote and Solapur, to be made part of Karnataka. It also declared 264 villages/places, including Nippani, Khanapur and Nandagad, to be made part of Maharashtra.

Siddaramaiah also hit out at Bommai over his meeting with Amit Shah in which the Union Home Minister asked the chief ministers of the two states to form a six-member team comprising three ministers from each side to address all boundary issues.

Bommai, however, said Shah

EXPLAINED

A strong message

KARNATAKA'S DECISION to pass a unanimous resolution in both Houses of the state legislature, reiterating its state on the Belagavi border issue, signals a hardening of position. The decision comes days after Union Home Minister Amit Shah met Chief Ministers Basavaraj Bommai and Eknath Shinde in a bid to dial down tensions between the two border states.

had convened the meeting to take stock of the law and order situation. "After the meeting, Amit Shah said the (border) issue should be solved constitutionally. The Karnataka government has not diluted its stand before the Central government or the Supreme Court. I will be the last person to do so," he added.

Former minister H K Patil, who was in charge of border issues during the Congress government led by Siddaramaiah, accused the police and the Home Minister (Aragi Jnanendra) of failing to control the situation.



RAMP UP

Congress Lok Sabha MP Shashi Tharoor, who sprained his left foot last week, expressed disappointment on "how poorly equipped we are to support people with disabilities" while entering Parliament on Tuesday. He tweeted: "When you need to enter Parliament in a wheelchair, there's only one entrance with a ramp, at door 9, a good four-minute trip (with assistance of helpers) to Lok Sabha..." PTI

Gujarat AAP chief arrested over his election campaign speech on Sept 2

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE

RAJKOT, DECEMBER 20

AAM AADMI Party (AAP) Gujarat president Gopal Italia was arrested on Tuesday by Bhavnagar police in connection with a case registered over his speech at an election meeting in the temple town Dwarka on September 2 in the run up to the Assembly elections. He was granted bail after a few hours.

Bhavnagar SP Ravindra Patel told *The Indian Express* that Italia was arrested by Umralla police in Bhavnagar district in connection with a case registered against him under IPC Sections 295-A (deliberate and malicious acts, intended to outrage religious feelings or any class by insulting its religion or religious beliefs) and 298 (uttering, words, etc. with deliberate intent to wound the religious feelings of any person).

"There was an FIR registered against him under IPC section 295-A before election. Umralla police summoned him on Tuesday and when he presented himself at Umralla police station, he was arrested," the SP said, adding that he was released on bail soon after.

"During interrogation, Italia said it was never his intention to hurt religious sentiments of anyone while delivering that speech in Dwarka, but just that he fumbled and erred in arranging words," said JR Bhachkan, circle police inspector of Palitana, investigating officer in the case.

This was for the third time that police summoned Italia. Umralla police had first issued summons to him on September 9, asking him to remain present at Umralla police station on September 15. In the meantime, Italia moved the



Gopal Italia later got bail

Bhavnagar district and sessions court, seeking anticipatory bail.

After the sessions court rejected Italia's application, police issued a summons on October 12, asking him to be present at Umralla police station on October 17. However, Italia moved the Gujarat HC against the sessions court declining him anticipatory bail.

The release said, after Italia withdrew his appeal from the Gujarat High Court on December 12, police issued summons for the third time on December 15.

The FIR was registered at the Umralla police station on September 4 based a complaint by Amit Dangar (31), a land dealer from Ranghola village in Umralla taluka of Bhavnagar district.

According to the court point, Italia had made remarks on Lord Krishna, which the complainant said hurt religious sentiment. Italia had trashed the allegations.

On Tuesday, Italia hit out at the BJP government in the state, and tweeted, "*Bhavnagar police ne aaj mujhe gijafar kiya. Meri khud ki dadi maa ka kal nidhan hua hain, pura parivar dukhi hain lekin Bhajpane mujhe arrest kar liya hain* (Bhavnagar police today arrested me. My own grandmother passed away yesterday. Entire family is grieving and yet BJP arrested me)."

Cong leader booked for remark on Irani

MAULSHREE SETH

LUCKNOW, DECEMBER 20

EVEN AS a sexual harassment FIR was registered against him for his remarks on Union minister and BJP MP from Amethi, Smriti Irani, Congress leader Ajay Rai on Tuesday refused to apologise, saying he did not use any "unparliamentary language" and stated "facts in local dialect".

Replying to questions asked by reporters over the possibility of former Congress president Rahul Gandhi contesting from Amethi in 2024 Lok Sabha elections, the five-time former MLA on Monday said: "It (Amethi) has been the seat of the Gandhi family. Rahulji has been the Lok Sabha MP from there. So has been Rajiv (Gandhi) ji and Sanjay (Gandhi) ji and they have served it." He then



Congress leader Ajay Rai refused to apologise

went on to add: "Most of the factories in Amethi are on the verge of closure. Half of the factories in Jagdishpur industrial area are lying shut. Smriti Irani only comes, shows 'latka-jhatka', and leaves."

Reacting to Rai's remark, Irani said Rahul and his mother Sonia Gandhi needed a new scriptwriter. "You and Mummi ji need to get your misogynistic (misogynist) goons a new speechwriter," she tweeted.

NCW also summoned Rai, saying "the remarks are outrageous and extremely derogatory".

How Could He Buy Rs 5L Watch, Asks DMK Facing heat over 'Rafale' watch, TN BJP chief gives it a patriotic twist

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE

CHENNAI, DECEMBER 20

LATE J Jayalalithaa was known for her expensive watch collection. Even Chief Minister M K Stalin was called out on social media for wearing an expensive watch. BJP's state president K Annamalai is the latest leader to get caught in Tamil Nadu's watch controversy.

After the DMK raised the issue of a special edition watch worth lakhs he was wearing, neither Annamalai's explanation, which was flavoured with nationalism, nor the logic behind it have helped him wriggle out of the controversy.

The issue was first raised by Electricity Minister V Senthil Balaji, saying "how the state BJP chief, who says he only has four goats, could have bought a watch for Rs 5 lakh".

BJP insiders think that Annamalai could have just avoided the question and moved on, but the state party chief went on to explain that he bought the



BJP's state president K Annamalai

watch before he became the head of the BJP in Tamil Nadu.

Annamalai said the special edition wrist watch was made of the same material as Rafale fighter jet and he chose the watch model out of patriotism. "I wear this because I'm a patriot, and this watch is important to me. Since I can't fly a Rafale jet, I'll wear this watch until I die," he said.

In a series of tweets, Annamalai also said he was always ready to fight with DMK on the issue of corruption.

"The details of my Rafale watch, which was purchased in May 2021, along with its bill (before I became TN BJP president), all of my lifetime I-T statements, photocopies of my 10 years of all of my bank accounts (every single income I had received will be

shown), all my earnings as an IPS officer from August 2011, and till I resigned, details of all of the immovable properties I own that is over Rs 1 lakh, including the number of sheep and cows I have, will be released on the day I'll be starting to travel across by foot in TN to meet our people... If anybody can find 1 paise of property more than what I have declared, then all my property will be given to the government. Now, I leave it to my Tamil Nadu brothers & sisters to decide whether they want to seek this from the @arivalayam (DMK headquarters) party leaders as well," Annamalai tweeted.

After Annamalai took the time to give a detailed answer, Balaji asked if wearing an expensive watch was also a patriotic thing to do. He also wondered if Annamalai had to "create a bill" for the watch. "Everything about Annamalai's wealth is already in the affidavit he filed for the 2021 elections. Let him stop lying to people. Is it patriotic to wear an expensive watch?" Balaji asked.



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INTERVIEW

WITH

JAGDANAND SINGH

RJD BIHAR PRESIDENT

AND FORMER MP

people wanted him to be the PM).

Are you suggesting Nitish should relinquish his CM post to stitch together the Opposition for his Mission 2024?

Mai itna hi kahama chahta hoon ki dadi cheez ko prapt karne ke liye

chhoti cheez tyagni padti hai (I only want to say that to gain the bigger prize [the PM post], you have to leave behind the smaller things [the CM post]). One remembers how VP Singh energised the entire Opposition by launching the corruption allegations (the Bofors scandal against Rajiv Gandhi). We have to prepare well to defeat a divisive force like BJP. We have to get together with leaders like Mamata Banerjee, Naveen Patnaik, and others. It can't be possible if one (Nitish) is stuck with smaller things.

Instead of saying that Tejashwi will lead the 2025 campaign, why didn't Nitish pass on the CM seat to the RJD leader?

He didn't say he wouldn't make Tejashwi CM before 2025 either. But if Nitish goes to Delhi, Tejashwi will be Bihar CM. After all, one person can't remain both the PM and the CM.

Is Tejashwi ready to lead Bihar at this stage?

Tejashwi was accepted as the leader in the 2020 Assembly polls itself. I don't want to go into the reasons why we couldn't win... No

EXPRESS NETWORK

From asst at chemist's shop to owner of 20 properties, drug lord lands in NCB net

NAVJEEVANGOPAL
CHANDIGARH, DECEMBER 20

FROM WORKING at a chemist's shop as an assistant till just a few years ago to owning 20 properties, including a discotheque in Chandigarh, a restaurant in Zirakpur, and a rice mill in Ludhiana, it was only a matter of time before Akshay Chhabra came under the scanner of authorities.

However, more than his ragsto meteoric rise to riches story, it was the arrest of a drug peddler in mid November that led the Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB) to the the doorsteps of Chhabra. The 32-year-old Ludhiana resident was eventually arrested on November 24 from Rajasthan while trying to flee to Sharjah in the UAE.

With Chhabra's arrest — the NCB termed him the kingpin — the agency claimed to have busted a cartel smuggling contraband into India from Pakistan. The NCB has arrested nine members of the module, an official said.

Till December 9, the NCB had seized 29.268 kg of heroin, 5,470 kg of morphine, 0.557 kg of opium, 23.645 kg of a suspected narcotics powder, four bottles of HCL, one bottle of acetic anhydride, 31 live bullets and one magazine as part of the case.

"The investigations revealed

that main accused Chhabra, a resident of Ludhiana, had 20 properties, including a disco which he operated on lease in Chandigarh and a restaurant in Zirakpur, apart from a rice mill and investment in liquor business," said the official, adding that the restaurant has been sealed. Chhabra acquired a majority of the properties in a year's time, the official added.

The matter came to light after the Chandigarh Zonal Unit of the NCB apprehended one Sandeep Singh alias Deepu from Ludhiana on November 15 with 20.326 kg of heroin, following a tip-off. Subsequent investigations led the NCB to uncover two heroin processing units in Ludhiana.

On November 24, the NCB arrested Chhabra, along with another accused Gaurav Gora alias Ajay Kumar, from Jaipur International Airport.

It was while working at a chemist's shop that Chhabra came in touch with a notorious drug smuggler, who was shot dead in 2019 in a targeted killing. An investigator said several years ago, Chhabra's parents sold some eatables by the roadside. "At that very place, he went on to build a highrise," said the officer.

The others arrested include those involved in facilitating the sale of the drugs, handling finances and those involved in a hawala racket, the officer added.

KALAHANDI TEACHER MURDER CASE

Key accused found hanging inside jail

SUJIT BISOIYI
BHUBANESWAR, DECEMBER 20

THE PRIME accused in the Kalahandi school teacher murder case, Gobinda Sahu, was found hanging from a tree in the Kantabanji sub-jail of Balangir district in Odisha on Tuesday.

The incident took place hours before he was scheduled to appear in the court of the judicial magistrate first class. Jail authorities said Sahu was found hanging with a gamcha (soft towel) and was rushed to the nearest hospital, but doctors declared him dead.

Official sources said Kantabanji jail warder Akshaya Kumar Mohanty has been suspended on charges of dereliction of duty. Even as the jail authorities had initiated an inquiry by a DIG-rank officer, DGP Sunil Kumar Bansal has ordered a crime branch probe into the matter.

Sahu was the key accused in the alleged kidnapping and murder of Mamita Meher, who was working as a teacher in Mahaling of Kalahandi district where Sahu was the managing committee president. It was alleged that Sahu murdered Meher, chopped her body into pieces and burned it before burying. Sahu also allegedly burned her

mobile phone, bag and other belongings to destroy evidence. He was arrested on October 19.

The police probe had revealed that the woman had threatened of exposing Sahu's extra-marital affairs after which he allegedly strangled her to death inside his car. Sahu's wife Susama alleged that her husband had been murdered. Talking to local mediapersons at Mahaling, Susama said her husband was mentally strong and could never take such an extreme step. She had last talked to him around 11 am on Monday.

On October 8, 2021, Meher, a resident of Jharni village in Balangir district, had gone missing. On October 19, her decomposed body was exhumed from an under-construction stadium near the school at Mahaling.

Alleging a major conspiracy, former BJP state unit president and Kalahandi MP Basanta Panda demanded probe by central agencies, preferably by the CBI, into the case. Echoing a similar view, Congress veteran Suresh Routray demanded a judicial inquiry under the supervision of a sitting High Court judge.

Meanwhile, the Odisha Human Rights Commission took suo motu cognizance and sought a report from the jail authorities and the Balangir SP in 15 days.

MAHARASHTRA GRAM PANCHAYAT POLLS

BJP, Shinde claim MVA dislodged in rural areas; Oppn says 'exaggeration'

SHUBHANGI KHAPRE
MUMBAI, DECEMBER 20

THE BJP on Tuesday claimed victory in 2,348 of the 7,000 gram panchayats in Maharashtra for which results were declared. The ruling coalition, of which the Balasahebanchi Shiv Sena of Chief Minister Eknath Shinde is a part, claimed to have bagged 3,190 panchayats in total and said it was now ahead of the Maha Vikas Aghadi (MVA) in rural Maharashtra. The Opposition alliance dismissed the claim as an exaggeration.

The polls for 7,135 gram panchayats were held on Sunday while in the rest of the 616 panchayats, members and sarpanches were elected unopposed. Since gram panchayat elections are not contested on

party symbols, the ruling alliance and the MVA indulged in political one-upmanship and claimed they had won more panchayats.

Nationalist Congress Party (NCP) state president Jayant Patil said his party had won 1,300 gram panchayats while the MVA's tally goes up to 2,651 when the village bodies won by allies Congress and Shiv Sena (Uddhav Balasaheb Thackeray) are accounted for. The provisional numbers for the sarpanch polls, which were a direct contest, are — BJP: 1,422; Balasahebanchi Shiv Sena: 709; NCP: 987; Congress: 607; Shiv Sena (UBT): 571; and others: 1,135. The final numbers are awaited.

A preliminary analysis of the trends indicates that the BJP is ahead in the village local body polls, followed by the NCP, while

the Shinde faction of the Sena is way ahead of the Thackeray group. Even the Congress has overtaken the Shiv Sena (UBT) led by former CM Uddhav Thackeray.

Though the final results were awaited as counting was underway in some panchayats, the BJP and the Shinde faction were quick to claim victory.

CM Eknath Shinde told reporters, "The BJP-Balasahebanchi Shiv Sena got a thumping victory. It is a befitting reply to our rivals who mocked our coalition government. The success has brought greater responsibilities and we will work to fulfil the aspirations of rural Maharashtra."

Deputy CM Devendra Fadnavis told the media at the Nagpur Vidhan Bhavan premises, "The BJP is way ahead of

other political parties thus reasserting its number one party status in rural Maharashtra. The results show the people's acceptance of the government and its policies. The success is not confined to any one region but across Vidarbha, Marathawada, north and western Maharashtra, and Konkan."

Jayant Patil dismissed the ruling coalition's claim that it had overtaken the MVA in rural Maharashtra. "All the results have yet to come. There are at least 1,400 gram panchayats whose final tally is awaited as per our information. We expect to enhance our tally. Even after misusing all government machinery, the Shinde-Fadnavis government cannot dislodge the MVA's rural base in the state."

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HIGHWAY PILE-UP

Vehicles after a pile-up due to fog on Yamuna Expressway on Tuesday. One person was killed and many injured. *Gajendra Yadav*

Day after eviction, Opposition stages walkout, Assam govt defends move

DEBRAJ DEB
AGARTALA, DECEMBER 20

A DAY after Assam government began a major eviction drive near Batadrava Than in Nagaon district, in what it calls a move to free the birthplace of Vaishnavite saint Srimanta Sankardeva, Opposition legislators staged a walkout in the Assembly in protest and demanded that the government ensure the evicted families get alternate pieces of land.

While Opposition AIUFD alleged that the "inhuman" eviction drive targeted people from the minority community, state ministers and top district administration officers denied this and said it was carried out peacefully, with no resistance from residents.

A Congress and an AIUFD delegation. Meanwhile, left for Batadrava to take stock of the situation. According to administration, the eviction drive has been undertaken to clear "encroachment" over 1,000 bigha land around Batadrava Than.

On Tuesday, the first day of the five-day winter session,



Police personnel during an anti-encroachment drive, at Batadrava in Nagaon, Assam, on Monday. *PTI*

AIUFD MLAs moved an adjournment motion to discuss the eviction move. Speaker Biswajit Daimary rejected the motion and said while he is not against the drive, it can be discussed in some other way instead of adjourning business of the House.

In protest, AIUFD legislators went to the Well of the House, shouted slogans and sought rehabilitation of those evicted. As BJP

members joined the verbal duel by countering AIUFD slogans, Opposition MLAs from Congress, AIUFD and Independent MLA Akhil Gogoi walked out.

Leader of Opposition, Congress's Debabrata Saikia, said: "These people were based there for more than 30 or 40 years. They are Indian citizens and the government policy for landless people is that they must

be provided alternative land..."

AIUFD MLA Aminul Islam claimed that most families evicted were Muslims and alleged that the BJP-led state government is trying to polarise people for electoral gains. "This is a barbaric and inhuman move," he said and indicated that the party may soon seek legal recourse.

State minister Ashok Singhal denied that any particular community was targeted and said the "holy birthplace of Srimanta Sankardeva was freed" from encroachment. "Evicting encroachers is our dharma and duty," he added.

Maintaining that it went off "peacefully", Nagaon DC, Narendra Shah said contrary to how the eviction process "is being portrayed", both Hindu and Muslim religious sites were removed from encroached area. "There were two mandirs and two mosques — all temporary structures — and we removed them," Shah said.

Nagaon Superintendent of Police Leena Doley said there was no resistance from local residents and the eviction process went off peacefully.

Fadnavis in House: Trapped in interfaith marriages, girls are facing atrocities

ALOK DESHPANDE
NAGPUR, DECEMBER 20

DEPUTY CHIEF Minister Devendra Fadnavis on Tuesday said that the state government is not against interfaith marriages but it cannot deny that cases of "love jihad" are a reality and the government is ready to frame a special Act, if needed.

"After the Shraddha Walkar case, protests have been held across districts demanding a law against love jihad. I want to clarify that government is not against interfaith marriages. But it is observed that in some districts, as a part of a larger design, such types of marriages are taking place and within a year or more, the woman faces atrocities," Fadnavis said.

"Therefore, some states have even enacted laws on love jihad. This love jihad name has been given by Kerala Police. This is not against any person or religion. But we will have to accept that such cases are taking place," he added.

Fadnavis was replying to the discussion on calling attention motion on Vasai resident Shraddha Walkar's murder by her live-in partner Aaftab Poonawala in Delhi.

"We are studying laws made by various states on this issue and if needed, we are prepared to bring one such Act in Maharashtra. Our position is to ensure that no woman faces atrocities," he said. Fadnavis



Chief Minister Eknath Shinde with Deputy CM Devendra Fadnavis in Nagpur on Tuesday. *ANI*

added that the government setting up a special committee to handle issues related to interfaith marriages was aimed at solving similar problems faced by women.

Earlier, BJP MLA Atul Bhatkalkar had alleged that there was possible political interference, as the police did not act when Shraddha filed a case of domestic abuse against Aaftab in Vasai.

"As of now, we have found no political or outsider interference on the police. However, she withdrew her complaint to the police after a month and we are probing why she did that?" said Fadnavis.

Maintaining that Shraddha's complaint had clearly mentioned that she was beaten by Aaftab, BJP MLA Ashish Shelar said a special committee needs to probe police inaction. To this, Fadnavis said. "It is true that she withdrew her complaint. But it was after one month of filing it. A special committee will probe why no action was taken in that one month."

AHMEDABAD TO HOST

After cities' sherpas meet, G20 mayoral summit likely in July

DAMINI NATH
NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 20

MAYORS FROM selected cities of G20 countries are likely to meet in Ahmedabad in July to chart a road map for urban development as part of India's year-long presidency of the group, according to Union Housing and Urban Affairs Ministry (MoHUA) officials.

The Urban-20 — or U20 — platform for cities of G20 was kicked off on Monday in Ahmedabad, which was selected as the host city this time. Gujarat Chief Minister Bhupendra Patel launched the logo, website and social media handles of U20.

On Tuesday, MoHUA joint secretary and U20 coordinator Kunal Kumar highlighted the importance of the initiatives being planned under U20. "In the next two decades, India is likely to add more people to its cities than the entire population of the United States," he told The Indian Express. "It is important that we lead the discussion when it comes to the future of cities."

The first meeting of the cities' sherpas, who are officials from the selected cities, will be held in Ahmedabad on February 9 and 10, with the priority areas being "encouraging environmentally responsive behaviour, ensuring water security, accelerating cli-

mate finance, leveraging 'local' potential and identity, reinventing urban governance and planning frameworks and catalysing digital urban futures", the ministry said in a statement on Tuesday.

After that meeting, a U20 communicate to be approved by mayors from the G20 countries would be drafted. Kumar said the mayoral summit is likely to be held in July 2023. Delhi, Mumbai and Bengaluru are among the cities selected.

The U20 initiative started in 2018 with Buenos Aires as the host, followed by Tokyo, Riyadh, Milan and Rome, and Jakarta in the following years.

The ministry stated, "U20, one of the engagement groups of G20, provides a platform for cities from G20 countries to facilitate discussions on various important issues of urban development, including climate change, social inclusion, sustainable mobility, affordable housing, and financing of urban infrastructure and propose collective solutions. Bearing in mind the importance of cities as growth centres of development, the U20 strives to enhance the profile of cities on the global stage."

It said the U20 communicate would be presented by the Ahmedabad Mayor to Prime Minister Narendra Modi or his representative.

Police stop family of six from crossing over to PoK

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, DECEMBER 20


SIX MEMBERS of a family, including women and children, left their home in Mendhar area of Poonch district on Tuesday morning and drove towards Chakkan Da Bagh near Line of Control (LoC) to cross over to PoK. The reason — to register protest against some local revenue officials.

The family, however, were apprehended by the police enroute near Chakkan Da Bagh and taken to Poonch police station. The police have taken cognisance of the matter and requested the Poonch district magistrate to initiate appropriate action.

Those apprehended included 36-year-old Zafar Iqbal, his mother Karamat Bi (60), his two

sisters-in-law Zaheer Kousar (34) and Zanib Kousar (30), besides two nephews, Naseeb Khan (12), and Arbaz Khan (10). "Zafar drove the family from Gohlad village in Mendhar in an ECHO vehicle belonging to his uncle," police said.

"We were upset with some local revenue officials for delaying the partition of our property, despite court orders," Zafar Iqbal told the police. He said Assistant Commissioner, Revenue, Poonch, had in 2021 ordered partition of the property between him and his uncles. "But, using their clout, my uncles managed to influence the local officials to halt the process," he added. Iqbal admitted that crossing over to PoK would not have solved their problems. "We took the extreme step out of frustration, we don't even have relatives living across the LoC".




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Wanted Maoist surrenders

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
SAHIBGANJ, DECEMBER 20

A CPI(MAOIST) member on Tuesday surrendered before the police in Chaibasa.

Kuldeep Ganju was an area commander of the banned Maoist group who was active for the past 12 years and was currently working with Central Committee member Mihir Besra, Chaibasa SP Ashutosh Shekhar said. A resident of Khallari area of Ranchi, Ganju was accused in seven cases of murder and other cases. He is also an accused in the attack on former BJP MLA Gurucharan Nayakin Jhilmua village.



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WEST BENGAL
GRSE launches anti-submarine designed by it

Kolkata: Indian Navy's first Anti-Submarine Warfare Shallow Water Craft (ASWSWC), built by the Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineers (GRSE) Ltd, has been launched by Rasika Chaube, financial adviser (defence services), Ministry of Defence. The ship has been named 'Arnala' after its predecessor, decommissioned in 1999. Cmde PR Hari IN (Retd), CMD, GRSE, Cmde Ashok Khetan, Head (L&T Shipbuilding), RAdm Sandeep Mehta, ACWP&A, Indian Navy, RK Dash, Director (Finance), GRSE and other senior officials of the Indian armed forces, GRSE and L&T were present on the occasion. **ENS**

MAHARASHTRA
Minor harassed, her father killed in fight; 4 held

Mumbai: A 49-year-old man and his two sons sustained serious injuries in a fight that took place on December 14 between two groups over harassment of a girl in an eastern suburb of Mumbai. The man succumbed to his injuries on Monday. Police have arrested four accused, including a woman, in the case. The main accused had allegedly harassed the victim's minor daughter in public and made lewd remarks. The girl called up her father and other family members. The accused also brought other associates, including some women, and a fight broke out between the two groups. **ENS**

ODISHA
Ambulance driver, patient share drinks

Jagatsinghpur: An ambulance driver stopped his vehicle on the way to a hospital and offered his injured passenger a peg, while pouring himself another. In videos that have gone viral on social media, the ambulance driver is seen making pegs, of what seems to be an alcoholic beverage, for himself and the patient, while parking his vehicle on the side of a highway in Tirtol area. The incident came to light on Monday after bystanders took videos and uploaded those on social media. **PTI**

PUNJAB
2 workers killed in steel factory boiler blast

Ludhiana: Two workers died and four others were injured in a boiler blast in a steel factory in Ludhiana's Doraha city Tuesday. The incident took place at Great India Steel Company on Rampur road, a Khanna police spokesperson said. DSP (Payal) Harsimrat Singh said the blast took place in the boiler in the morning when six workers were inside. Two of them — Vinay Singh and Rahul Kumar — died on the spot," said DSP Singh, adding that the bodies were shifted to SPS Hospital, Ludhiana. The injured are being treated for burns at Sidhu Hospital, their condition is stated to be stable, said police. An investigation into the reasons for the blast is underway, police said. **ENS**



The fifth submarine of the Project-75 Kalvari Class submarine in Mumbai. *Express*

Project 75: Fifth Kalvari-class attack submarine delivered to Indian Navy

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
PUNE, DECEMBER 20

THE FIFTH submarine of Project 75 to build Kalvari-class diesel electric attack submarines, Yard 11879, was delivered to the Indian Navy on Tuesday. When commissioned, it will be christened INS Vagir.

Project 75 includes indigenous construction of six submarines based on Scorpene class developed by French defence major Naval Group, formerly DCNS, and the Spanish state-owned entity Navantia. These submarines are being constructed at Mazagon Dock

Shipbuilders Limited (MDL), Mumbai, under collaboration with Naval Group.

Launched on November 12 in 2020, Vagir commenced sea trials from February 1, 2022 and has completed all major trials, including weapon and sensor trials in the shortest time in comparison to the earlier submarines, officials said. The submarine would shortly be commissioned into the Indian Navy.

Other submarines of the Kalvari class are INS Khanderi, INS Karanj and INS Vela, which have already been commissioned into the navy, and Vagsheer, which was launched in April this year. This class of sub-

marines have diesel electric transmission systems and are attack submarines, also known as 'hunter-killer', which means they are designed to target and sink adversary naval vessels.

The Kalvari-class submarines have capability of operating in a wide range of naval combat, including anti-warship and anti-submarine operations, intelligence gathering and surveillance and naval mine-laying. These submarines are around 220-feet long and have a height of 40 feet. It can reach highest speeds of 11 knots on surface and 20 knots when submerged.

Submarines in the current Kalvari class take their names

from now-decommissioned classes of submarines, which include Kalvari, Khanderi, Karanj, Vela, Vagir and Vagshir. The decommissioned Kalvari and Vela classes were among the earliest submarines in post Independence Indian Navy, which belonged to Soviet origin Foxtrot class of vessels.

Kalvari has been named after a Tiger Shark, Vagir and Vagsheer after a deadly deep sea predator sandfish of the Indian Ocean and Vela after a stingray species. Khanderi has been named after an Island Fort built by Chhatrapati Shivaji, which played a key role in his navy, and Karanj after an island located south of Mumbai.

J&K: 3 Lashkar militants killed in Pulwama

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
SRINAGAR, DECEMBER 20

THREE LASHKAR-E-TOIBA (LeT) militants were killed in a gunfight in south Kashmir's Pulwama on Tuesday morning. Police said the slain militants were responsible for the killing of a Kashmiri Hindu and a labourer from Nepal.

On early Tuesday, a joint team of J&K Police, Army and paramilitary forces cordoned off the Munjh Marg village in south Kashmir's Shopian after inputs about the presence of militants.

Police said the militants hiding in the area opened indiscriminate fire and tried to break the security cordon, following which the team retaliated.

"Three terrorists linked to proscribed terror outfit have been killed," J&K Police tweeted. "Among the three neutralised local terrorists, two were identified as Lateef Lone of Shopian, involved in killing of a Kashmiri Pandit Purana Krishna Bhat; and Umer Nazir of Anantnag, involved in the killing of Till Bahadur Thapa of Nepal," police said, quoting A DGP (Kashmir) Vijay Kumar.

Police have recovered an AK 47 rifle and two pistols.

COURT EXTENDS CUSTODY OF 11 PFI LEADERS

PFI had cadre to gather info, make hit list: NIA

SHAJU PHILIP
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM, DECEMBER 20

THE NATIONAL Investigation Agency (NIA) has told a special court in Kochi that the banned Popular Front of India (PFI) had a "secretary wing of reporters to collect details of the leaders of other communities and prepare list of targets".

The NIA made the revelation against the PFI in an affidavit submitted in the court, seeking extension of the judicial custody of 11 PFI leaders who had been arrested from Kerala in September last week as part of a nationwide swoop on its premises and functionaries. The NIA submitted that for conducting

effective investigation, the agency requires more than 90 days to examine large volumes of digital data and other details collected during the probe and to take it to a logical conclusion.

The court on Tuesday extended the judicial custody of the arrested PFI leaders by another 90 days. It said the PFI had imparted training on subversive activities to its cadres in its offices.

Referring to the murders committed by PFI cadres in Kerala and outside, the NIA said: "Some of the victims did not have any association or any previous engagement with PFI. Victims were randomly selected by the leadership of PFI. They were studied, permission was given by PFI to attack and kill the victims brutally so as to send the

message of terror in society."

The probe revealed suspicious transaction of funds used for unlawful activities and some of the PFI leaders and cadres had propagated the ideology of Islamic State (IS). A few had joined the proscribed organisation in Syria, while others had even travelled to Syria to join the IS, the NIA said.

Several documents, including digital evidence, have been collected. One of such documents contained a list of individuals whom the PFI had identified as possible targets. Analysis of mirror images of seized digital devices is also under progress. Preliminary analysis of the data showed material related to the proscribed IS and fund transaction by the accused for illegal activities, it said.

Delhi court grants bail to Kashmir man in terror-funding case

Says helping a person build a house cannot be considered as incriminating

ANAND MOHAN J
NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 20

HELPING A person build a house or providing financial help to a man for his daughter's medical treatment cannot be considered as incriminating, a Delhi court told the National Investigation Agency (NIA) while granting bail to a Kashmiri man in a terror-funding case.

In its chargesheet, the NIA had alleged that accused Javid Ahmed Lone was a member of banned outfit Jamaat-e-Islami (JeI) which was involved in "separatist and secessionist activities in J&K" by collecting funds through foreign donations in the name of charity and "using them for violent and secessionist activities".

Lone was arrested on February 15, 2022, after he was questioned multiple times in the case. He was an imam at a mosque in Ganderbal.

The NIA stated that they recovered a list of JeI members from the possession of Lone, who allegedly collected Rs 15 lakh from them. It was alleged that Lone promised a man financial help to build a house and gave Rs 500 to another man to treat his daughter's illness.

Additional Sessions Judge Shailender Malik noted that this list of banned members recovered from the accused "by itself is not sufficient" to establish Lone's association with JeI.

The judge said that it was not appropriate to discuss other evidence at this stage, adding that "helping a person in building a house or providing financial help to a poor man for the treatment of his ailing daughter cannot be considered incriminating".

Abu Bakr Sabbaq, who appeared for Lone, argued that there was no evidence to show Lone's involvement with the JeI. He argued that the allegation that a gun and ammunition were found at his house was not supported by two prosecution witnesses as they had in their statements said that no recovery was made by the NIA.

The central agency clarified in court that this was a clerical mistake.

The court, however, noted that "interestingly, entire statement of these witnesses does not in any manner state the alleged recovery" from Lone's house. The court said that the witnesses would at least talk about the recovery of the weapon even if there was a clerical mistake.

BJP YOUTH wing's Bareilly unit chief and his aide were arrested for allegedly bulldozing the hut of a contract worker and molesting his daughter in Faredpur area of the district late Monday evening. BJP Office-bearer Pradeep Yadav's father and 16 unidentified people have also been booked.

According to police, Pradeep accompanied with 19 people carrying fire arms, clubs and sticks raided the premises owned by Ashok Kumar on Monday evening on a bulldozer and demolished his hut. They also thrashed Ashok's family members with lathis and allegedly molested his daughter when she and other women in the family tried to stop them.

On informed by the residents of the area, a police team reached the spot and arrested Pradeep and his aide. They also impounded the bulldozer.

According to a complaint lodged by Ashok Kumar, Pradeep has been eyeing his land, which he had bought in 2007 after they migrated to Bareilly from Shahjahanpur. While the male members of Ashok's family drive horse carts, women sell cow dung on a large scale. Ashok alleged that Pradeep has been threatening them to vacate the plot for some time. Ashok also filed a case in the court against the BJP leader's continued intimidation. The case is currently under trial.

2 UP officials booked for siphoning off relief money for rape victim

ASAD REHMAN
LUCKNOW, DECEMBER 20

TWO GOVERNMENT officials in Raebareilly district have been booked for their alleged involvement in siphoning off Rs 3 lakh compensation meant for a rape victim by using forged documents.

District Probation Officer Jaipal Verma and contractual worker Rajesh Srivastava have been booked for cheating, forgery, and criminal breach of trust among other IPC sections.

It has been alleged that Verma and Srivastava forged Aadhaar card with the details of a woman, identified as Poomima Tewari, and used it for siphoning off Rs 3 lakh which was sup-

posed to be the compensation money for a rape victim, who had no information either about the compensation money or the bank account that was opened in her name.

Circle Officer (Raebareilly City) Vandana Singh, who has so far investigated the case, told The Indian Express: "There is a contractual worker by the name of Rajesh Srivastava. A woman named Poomima Tewari got in touch with him for an application regarding getting Rs 30,000 grant for her wedding. Srivastava asked Tewari to get her Aadhaar card, photo and other documents. When she took the documents, Srivastava took her to a bank and got a new account opened for her at a Bank of Maharashtra branch. A few days

later, the woman received a message that Rs 3 lakh was credited to her account, while she was supposed to get Rs 30,000."

"She then got in touch with Srivastava and asked for details who then started giving her vague answers. Then, she went to the bank where she was told that out of the Rs 3 lakh, Rs 1.25 lakh had been withdrawn. We got the CCTV footage from the bank and found that the withdrawal was done from an ATM by Srivastava's son. We then found out that the account was opened in the name of a 2019 rape victim. She had no information about the compensation money," the Circle Officer added.

The case was lodged on a complaint from Poomima Tewari's mother.

Age of adolescence risky, full maturity not at 18 but at 25: Kerala university to HC

SHAJU PHILIP
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM, DECEMBER 20

JUSTIFYING A notification that bars women students of Government Medical College, Kozhikode, from stepping out of their hostel after 9.30 pm, Kerala University of Health Sciences on Tuesday told the Kerala High Court that seeking "absolute freedom on attaining the age of 18 may not be appropriate and good for the society, and maturation is

accomplished at the age of 25".

The court was considering a petition filed by women students of Kozhikode medical college, who challenged a directive of the Higher Education Department that prevents them from leaving the women's hostel after 9.30 pm.

The single-judge bench of Justice Devan Ramachandran, which is considering the petition, had earlier played the directive and sought views of all stakeholders, including the university.

In the affidavit, the university stated that "opening the gates of

hostels without any regulation would be detrimental to the society at large if the same is done without a proper scientific study. Various studies conducted on adolescent behaviour point to the fact that the percentage (of) road accidents and fatalities, use of drugs and other substances, rate of suicides and homicides, etc, are very high among them."

"The age of adolescence is too risky to be handled and seeking absolute freedom, which the petitioners may not even get at their homes, is not justifiable," it stated.

The university brought to focus medical aspects to substantiate its argument: "The age of maturity does not necessarily bring in brain maturation. The brain remains in an active state of maturation during adolescence. Such evidence support the hypothesis that the adolescent brain is structurally and functionally vulnerable to environmental stresses, risky behaviour, drug addiction, impaired driving and unprotected sex," it said.

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ASI, Agra civic body spar over tax notices to Taj Mahal, Agra Fort

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
LUCKNOW, DECEMBER 20

THE ARCHAEOLOGICAL Survey of India (ASI) has been served notices by the Agra Municipal Corporation over dues in property, service, and water taxes for three city-based monuments, including the Taj Mahal, Agra Fort and the Itmad-ud-Daula Tomb.

For the Taj Mahal, a UNESCO World Heritage site, the ASI has to pay property tax to the tune of Rs 1.4 lakh and Rs 1.9 crore in water tax, according to the notices. While Agra Mayor Naveen Jain said the notices were served for the "structures outside the monuments", senior ASI officials

termed the MC's move wrong, claiming that even a structure outside a monument is part of it and can't be taxed as per the rules.

Superintending Archaeologist (Agra) Raj Kumar Patel said, "We have been served house tax notice for the eastern gate of the Taj Mahal. The notice hasn't been served yet, but we have information about it. The amount for the house tax for eastern gate of the monument is Rs 1.4 lakh, while another notice for water and sewage charges is of Rs 1.9 crore. Both notices were served by the Municipal Corporation."

"Another notice for the Itmad-ud-Daula tomb is regarding property tax to the tune of Rs 1.2 lakh.



Taj Mahal has to pay Rs 1.9 crore in water tax

Also, a notice of Rs 5 crore for service charges for the Agra Fort has been issued," he added.

The officer claimed that these taxes are not applicable on monuments and their upkeep.

"The monuments are exempted from such taxes under various Acts and laws of the government and we have filed a reply to the notices," he said.

Mayor Jain said, "It is correct

that the monument (Taj Mahal) is not taxed under the MC rules. The notices served by the civic body for structures outside the monument that are being used for commercial purposes such as stay of staff. CISF officials are also staying there. This is a residential activity. We haven't served notice for the monuments. As of the water tax, we have formed a team and sent it to the monument to examine the matter and submit a report. Further action will be taken accordingly," said Jain.

"If they have an objection, they can file a reply and a solution can be reached. We had served notice in 2017 for the Taj Mahal, but got no response. Both are government departments," said the Mayor.

On the Mayor's claim that the notices were served for residential and other structures built outside the monument, Patel said there is not a single house near the Taj Mahal.

"The notification on the Taj Mahal is also part of the monument. The entire premise is part of the monument. There are some structures for upkeep of the monument. For instance, if there are CCTV cameras at the monument, we need a room to check the footage. Same goes for the ticket counters and other things. These structures are used for the upkeep of the monument. Under the Ancient Monuments and Archaeological

Sites and Remains Act, 1958, the structures for preservation, conservation and protection are all part of a monument. Even the fencing and the land is part of the monument," he said.

They have replied to the notice citing said the Act for the functioning of the municipalities in the state that says that these monuments are tax-free, Patel claimed.

On the mayor's reference to a notice being served in 2017, Patel said, "I don't know about it. And if it is the case, why were not we given reminders." The monument is the nation's property and the ASI is merely a custodian, he said, adding the ownership of most monuments is with the state government.

TOP OF THE WORLD



Harvey is 2 years into 23-year sentence. *File*

US
Weinstein found guilty of rape in LA trial

Los Angeles: After a month-long trial and nine days of deliberations, Los Angeles jurors on Monday found Harvey Weinstein guilty of the rape and sexual assault of just one of the four accusers he was charged with abusing. But the three guilty counts involving an Italian actor and model known at the trial as Jane Doe still struck a major blow against the disgraced movie mogul, and provided another #MeToo moment of reckoning, five years after he became a magnet for the movement. Weinstein, 70, who is two years into a 23-year sentence for a rape and sexual assault conviction in New York that is under appeal, could get up to 24 years in prison in California when he's sentenced. **AP**

THAILAND
One missing marine found

Bang Saphan: Thailand's military mobilised helicopters, warships and unmanned drones off its central coast on Tuesday as rescue teams raced to find survivors after a navy corvette sank at the weekend in choppy waters. One marine was rescued alive on Tuesday from the waters of the Gulf of Thailand, the navy said, among dozens who were forced to abandon the HTMS Sukhothai late on Sunday after it was knocked over by four-metre (13 ft) waves and strong winds. Five were found dead. **REUTERS**

GERMANY
Former Nazi, 97, convicted

Berlin: A 97-year-old woman who worked as a Nazi concentration camp secretary was convicted on Tuesday for her role in the murder of thousands of people, in what could be one of the country's last trials for World War Two crimes. The district court in the northern town of Itzehoe handed Irmgard Furchner a two-year suspended sentence for aiding and abetting the murder of 10,505 people and the attempted murder of five people, a court spokesperson said. A court statement said the prisoners were "cruelly killed by gassings, by hostile conditions in the camp, by transports...and through death marches". **REUTERS**

AS VIRUS LOOMS LARGE ON CHINA

Fear rises over new Covid wave, countries ponder how to help Xi

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OFFICIALS AND global health experts outside China are anxiously watching a COVID-19 surge there, worried a nation of 1.4 billion people is inadequately vaccinated and may not have the healthcare tools to treat a wave of illness expected to kill more than one million people through 2023.

Some U.S. and European officials are struggling to figure out how, or if, they can help mitigate a crisis they fear will hurt the global economy, further constrain corporate supply chains and spawn new coronavirus variants of concern.

"We have made that point that we are prepared to help in any way they might find acceptable," U.S. National Security Council spokesman John Kirby said on Wednesday.

President Xi Jinping has long insisted that the country's one party-system is best suited to handle the disease, and that Chinese vaccines are superior to western counterparts, despite some evidence to the contrary.

"China's vaccine nationalism is deeply tied to Xi's pride, and accepting Western assistance would not only embarrass Xi, it



People line up at a makeshift fever clinic set up inside a stadium in Beijing amid Covid surge. *Reuters*

would also pierce his oft-propagandized narrative that China's governance model is superior," said Craig Singleton, deputy director of the China program at the Foundation for Defense of Democracies.

European and U.S. officials are conducting careful behind-the-scenes talks with Chinese counterparts, while issuing deliberately worded public statements intended to make clear that the ball is in Beijing's court.

Washington and Beijing officials discussed handling Covid earlier this month in talks in China to prepare for Secretary of State Antony Blinken's visit early next

year, U.S. national security adviser Jake Sullivan said last week. He refused to give details, citing "sensitive diplomatic channels."

German chancellor Olaf Scholz discussed the issue in a visit to Beijing last month along with BioNTech Chief Executive Ugur Sahin.

Beijing has said "institutional advantages" will help it get through without foreign assistance, and China's estimated COVID death toll is still lower than the 1.1 million U.S. deaths.

Governments find it diplomatically hard to help China's crisis in the way the latter might be willing to accept. **REUTERS**

Many without medicines in surge of virus

China: As Covid rips through parts of China, millions of Chinese are struggling to find treatment — from the most basic cold remedies to take at home to more powerful antivirals for patients in hospitals. The dearth of supplies highlights how swiftly — and haphazardly — China reversed course by abandoning its strict "zero Covid" policies about two weeks ago. In many cities, signs of outbreaks have emerged. China reported only seven deaths from Covid so far this week, but reports of crowded crematoriums and funeral homes have raised concerns about the accuracy of government data. Lines of people queue at hospitals, and medication has flown off shelves.

State media reports, however, called the shortages temporary. **NYT**

Pak forces storm hostage site, free all, kill 33 militants

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PESHAWAR, DECEMBER 20

PAKISTANI ARMY commandos on Tuesday stormed a counter-terrorism centre and killed militant detainees who had seized control of the facility, as well as rescuing their hostages, after talks failed to resolve a two-day standoff, the defence minister said.

Khawaja Asif told parliament that all the hostages had been freed by the army in the operation, in which two Special Services Group (SSG) commandos were killed and several soldiers including an officer were wounded.

"The SSG started this operation...and all the terrorists have been killed," he said in televised comments, adding that the army had retaken full control of the counter-terrorism compound.

Pakistani Taliban militants detained at the centre had snatched interrogators' weapons and taken them captive on Sunday. Asif did not say how many militants were killed or how many hostages had been held.

Commando forces had surrounded the military cantonment area in Bannu district where the detention centre was located, where about 20 fighters from the Pakistani Taliban, known as the Tehreek-e-Taliban



Smoke rises from the cantonment at Bannu. *Reuters*

Pakistan (TTP) were holed up.

Pakistani authorities had on Monday opened talks to try to resolve the standoff, but "all options failed and the terrorists refused to free innocent people, so we decided to use force", a senior security official said.

Residents said they heard explosions coming from the vicinity of the centre on Tuesday as helicopters hovered overhead.

The TTP emerged to fight the Pakistan in the years after US-led allied forces intervened in neighbouring Afghanistan to oust ruling Taliban in 2001 and drive them over the border to Pakistan.

Afghanistan's Taliban regained power after foreign forces withdrew in August 2021 and the affiliated TTP ramped up attacks announcing the end of an Afghan Taliban-brokered ceasefire with the Islamabad government last month. **REUTERS**

PURDUE VARSITY

Indian-origin student murder: Accused 'unfit' to stand trial

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WASHINGTON, DECEMBER 20

A 22-YEAR-old South Korean student from the Purdue University in the US, who was charged with the murder of his Indian-origin roommate two months ago, is incompetent to stand in the trial, a judge has ruled.

Ji Min Sha, a cybersecurity major from Seoul attacked his 20-year-old roommate Varun Manish Chheda on October 5 by stabbing him multiple times. Chheda from Indianapolis was found dead in McCutcheon Hall in the campus.

The two lived in McCutcheon Hall on Purdue's West Lafayette campus, about 104 kilometres northwest of Indianapolis.

Tippecanoe Circuit Judge Sean Persin appointed two doctors to treat Ji Min Sha until he is found competent to understand the charges against him and assist in his defence.

Persin ruled after reading a report prepared by defence-hired psychologist Dr Sean Samuels, who interviewed Sha for five hours shortly after the slaying. Court records indicate Sha told police he believes "he is extensively involved in international espionage and is a former CIA operative," *WLFV-TV* reported.

Police found Chheda in a chair and Sha covered in what appeared to be blood.

AFTER PUTIN ADMITS TO 'EXTREME DIFFICULTIES' IN RUSSIA-HELD AREAS

Zelenskyy visits frontline areas of east Ukraine

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IN PERHAPS his most daring visit to the front lines since Russia invaded Ukraine 300 days ago, President Volodymyr Zelenskyy traveled to the ravaged city of Bakhmut on Tuesday morning to rally the soldiers there and demonstrate his defiance of Russia's invasion.

His unannounced visit came only hours after President Vladimir V. Putin acknowledged that his war may not be going according to plan, saying the situation in Russian-held parts of Ukraine was "extremely difficult." The battle for Bakhmut, in Ukraine's eastern Donbas region,



Zelenskyy awards a serviceperson at the site of the heaviest battles in Bakhmut. *AP*

has turned into one of the bloodiest campaigns of the war.

Despite months of Russian bombardments and waves of assault by formations from the Wagner Group, an infamous paramilitary organization that has helped lead the Kremlin's war effort in parts of Ukraine, the city has remained in Ukrainian control.

In Bakhmut, Zelenskyy saluted the courage of the soldiers. Zelenskyy has repeatedly spoken about that the "very difficult" situation in parts of Donbas, with the fighting around Bakhmut particularly vicious.

He said in a recent address that Russian forces had "destroyed" Bakhmut, turning the city, once home to 70,000 people, into "burned ruins."

NOTE WITH KING CHARLES UNVEILED

The design for the first set of bank notes to feature the new monarch of the UK, King Charles III, was unveiled by the Bank of England on Tuesday. *PTI*

As Kim's sister issues threat, US flies bombers, stealth jets

HYUNG-JINK KIM
SEOUL, DECEMBER 20

THE UNITED STATES flew nuclear-capable bombers and advanced stealth jets in a show of force against North Korea on Tuesday, as the powerful sister of North Korean leader Kim Jong Un derided doubts about her country's military and threatened a full-range intercontinental ballistic missile test.

The deployment of the U.S. B-52 bombers and the F-22 stealth fighter jets for joint drills with South Korean warplanes was part of an agreement to protect South Korea, its Defense Ministry said.

The drills, which also included F-35 and F-15 fighter jets from South Korea, took place in

the waters southwest of Jeju island, the ministry said. The U.S. F-22 jets were deployed in South Korea for the first time in four years and will stay throughout this week for training with South Korean forces, it added.

The drills were held after North Korea claimed to have launched a test satellite for the development of its first military spy satellite, and tested a solid-fueled motor to be used on a more mobile intercontinental ballistic missile in the past several days.

Earlier Tuesday, Kim's sister, Kim Yo Jong, used terms such as "malicious disparaging," "rubbish" and "dog barking" when she dismissed the outside assessments that cast doubt on North Korea's spy satellite development and long-range missiles. **AP**

UK govt refuses to agree on pay demands as nurses, medics strike

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LONDON, DECEMBER 20

THE BRITISH government said Tuesday it will not offer more money to nurses and ambulance crews to end strikes that are piling pressure on an already overstretched health system.

Prime Minister Rishi Sunak's Conservative administration is under pressure to increase its pay offer to health care staff who are seeking big raises in the face of decades-high inflation that was running at 10.7% in November.

Thousands of nurses walked off the job Tuesday in their second 24-hour strike this month. Ambulance drivers, paramedics and dispatchers are set to strike on



Demonstrators hold a placard in support of nurses in London. *AP*

Wednesday and again on Dec. 28. Railway staff, passport officers and postal workers are also staging walkouts in the U.K.'s biggest strike wave for decades — a response to a cost-of-living crisis driven by soaring food and en-

ergy prices in the wake of the pandemic and Russia-Ukraine war.

Pat Cullen, head of nurses union the Royal College of Nursing, urged Sunak to "step in now and do the decent thing on behalf of every patient and member of the public of this country" by negotiating over pay. The union has asked for a raise of 5% above inflation but says it is willing to accept less.

The union says more strikes will happen in January if no deal happens. The government insists it can't get directly deal in pay talks between unions and employers, but Sunak also told the *Daily Mail* that double-digit public sector raises would drive inflation even higher, which would "make people poorer in the long run." **AP**

THE 1931 PHOTO ALSO SHOWED A NAZI FLAG IN THE STREETS THROUGH A WINDOWSILL

After 90 years, a menorah that symbolised defiance is relit in Germany

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BERLIN, DECEMBER 20

RACHEL POSNER, a rabbi's wife in Kiel, Germany, took a photograph in 1931 that she had no idea would one day resonate with people across the world: It was of her family's Hanukkah menorah, nine candles framed in a window through which a large Nazi banner could be seen hanging across the street.

"Death to Judah," so the flag says. 'Judah lives forever,' so the light answers," she scribbled defiantly on the back of the photograph.

Now, 90 years since her fam-

ily fled Germany with the menorah, it has returned, along with her descendants, to be lit for the first time in the country since the family escaped.

"It was a complicated decision, to come here. I had mixed feelings about going to Germany," said Nava Gilo, Posner's granddaughter.

She and her brother brought the menorah with them from Israel, where the family has made a home since fleeing Germany in 1933, before the country was established. They had never been to Germany and said they never had a desire to go to the place where their relatives had been persecuted or had died

in the Holocaust.

Ms. Gilo said that changed for her earlier this year after the mayor of the Posner family's former hometown, Kiel, wrote to them. He invited them to visit an exhibition about their family's history — and their iconic photo.

The Posner descendants decided not just to come to Germany, but to bring the menorah with them.

For most of the year, the menorah is exhibited at the Yad Vashem museum in Jerusalem.

The family donated it on the condition that it could reclaim the heirloom every Hanukkah.

Its visit to Germany this year, organized by the German



A nine-branched Menorah lit during Hanukkah. *File*

Friends of Yad Vashem, began with a trip to Kiel and ended on Monday, the second night of

Hanukkah, with the lighting of the menorah on a windowsill at Berlin's grand Bellevue Palace,

the official residence of the German president.

"We are experiencing the wonderful gift of reconciliation," said the president, Frank-Walter Steinmeier, at the start of the ceremony. "And today, we see that 90 years after this menorah was last lit in Germany, there is once again a daily Jewish life here."

He lit the candles alongside Gilo's brother, Yehuda Mansbach, who sang the blessings over the candles.

Gilo said she believed their grandmother understood the power of the photo of the family menorah, but could never have foreseen just how much it would resonate.

The picture was one of 17 photos the rabbi's wife sent to Germany in 1974, when the Kiel museum put out a call for photographs of Jewish life.

Yet it was only two decades later, Gilo said, that the image began to spread.

"I especially liked our visits with some schoolchildren in Kiel — so many of them were immigrants, from so many countries," she said. "And all of them had questions about the photograph. All of them were interested in learning about it."

The menorah is being used as part of a campaign by the German Friends of Yad Vashem, entitled "Show Light."

Before lighting the menorah in Berlin, the family displayed its heirloom in Kiel, which is currently offering an exhibition about Jewish life in the city through the story of the Posners.

Although Germany is having a reckoning with its Nazi past and the Holocaust, like many other countries, including the United States, it has seen a rise in anti-semitic hate crimes in recent years.

In 2019, a gunman made a failed attempt to attack a synagogue in the German city of Halle.

"We all have to bring the light," Gilo said. "Everyone has to try to be brave — like my grandmother." **NYT**



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EXPLAINED HEALTH

Virus & fear surge in China: what’s happening and why

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NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 20

A SURGE of Covid-19 infections in China in the past few weeks has prompted warnings that the country could witness over a million deaths in the coming months, even though official figures presented a very different picture. China reported five deaths for Monday and two for Sunday, according to a Reuters report, taking its total death count to 5,242. Just about 2,700 new cases were reported on Monday, substantially lower than the nearly 40,000 cases that were being reported a couple of weeks ago. However, several media reports suggested that the situation was far more serious.

What’s happening?

China has been seeing a surge in cases ever since it relaxed the suffocating restrictions last month following rare public protests. Infections have been spreading rapidly after that — the daily case count touched new records in the first two weeks of this month.

While the official daily numbers have since come down, there have been reports of hospitals being overwhelmed, of shortages of flu medicines, and of schools moving back online.

China had been following a zero-Covid policy for the last three years, which involved extremely restrictive measures to deal with any surge in cases. Every known case, even asymptomatic, was mandatorily hospitalised, small outbreaks triggered hard lockdowns, and suspected cases, and all their contacts, were kept under long isolation. Foreign travellers had to mandatorily go through 10 days of isolation.

The measures were painful but effective in keeping a check on the spread of the virus for three years. However, it also meant that a large proportion of the population was never infected by the virus, and had no natural immunity, thereby rendering it extremely susceptible. So, once the virus was able to break through the defences, as it sometimes did, it spread rapidly in the population. That is what happened in March-April this year, when China saw an explosion of cases for the first time.



Workers manufacture antigen testing kits for Covid-19 at a workshop in Jiangsu province, on Monday. Reuters

Fast-transmitting variant

The dominant virus strain in China is BF.7, a sub-variant of Omicron that has been in circulation for over a year now. There are over 500 Omicron sub-variants currently in circulation. BF.7 is the name for the BA.5.2.1.7, which itself has evolved from the BA.5 sub-variant. BF.7 is not unique to China. It accounted for

over 5 per cent of the cases in the US in October and over 7 per cent of the cases in the UK.

But the surge in China has nothing to do with the variant circulating there, according to virologist Dr Ekta Gupta.

“There is no scientific evidence to suggest that there is one particular variant that is driving the surge in China. Neither is there evidence to suggest that any new variant is the cause. If you look at the Gisaidd data (a global database of Sars-CoV-2 genomes), nothing vastly different has been uploaded from the country,” Dr Gupta said.

She said it was the large susceptible population that was the key driver of the surge.

“From what I can understand, the strict lockdowns in China meant that a huge proportion of the population did not get the infection. We have seen that a natural infection provides a wider and longer immunity against Covid-19. In India now we are seeing people out and about, even without masks, but we are not reporting a high number of cases because people have a hybrid immunity from natural infection as well as high levels of vaccination,” Dr Gupta said.

Concern for the world

While the surge has remained confined to China, there are fears that it might spread to other countries as well since international travel is back almost to pre-Covid levels now. An even bigger concern, considering that large numbers of infections are taking place in China, is the possibility of the virus evolving into more dangerous variants.

“That is certainly one of the fears. As the virus finds more and more hosts, it has more and more chances of mutating into new forms. And no one can predict how dangerous these new mutations could be,” said Dr Virander Chauhan, former head of the Delhi-based International Centre for Genetic Engineering and Biotechnology.

Grim projections

The surge in China has prompted dire warnings that point to potentially millions of deaths in the country. A report in *Nature* published on Monday cited a study which said nearly 1 million people could die in China over the next few months. Reuters listed three other recent studies which have projected between

1 million and 2.1 million deaths in China.

While such projections in the past have been way off the mark — one study at the start of the pandemic had said 1–3 million people were likely to die in India by the middle of April 2020 — the situation in China right now is drastically different from what other countries have faced.

China has nearly 1.4 billion people, most of whom are susceptible to infection. The rapid spread of the virus could mean very large numbers of people falling sick at the same time.

The Chinese vaccines, Sinovac and Sinopharm, are also reported to be not very effective. China was the first country to have started vaccinating its people, way back in June 2020. But that also meant that the vaccine was not fully developed at that time.

Vaccines haven’t prevented infections in any significant manner, but they have been quite effective at preventing severe diseases and deaths elsewhere. But this is in doubt in China now. The effectiveness of Chinese vaccines would be the most crucial factor in deciding the outcome of the current Covid crisis in China.

EVERYDAY SCIENCE

FIRST WINTER FOG HITS DELHI: WHAT IS FOG, AND WHAT CAUSES IT?



A foggy morning in New Delhi on Tuesday. Praveen Khanna

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FOR CONSECUTIVE mornings on Monday and Tuesday, dense fog enveloped north-western India, including Delhi, Punjab, Haryana, parts of Uttar Pradesh and Rajasthan. The fog episodes, which follow a comparatively warm beginning to the winter, are likely to recur over the Indo Gangetic Plain for the next three days.

What causes fog

Fog, like clouds, forms when water vapour condenses. Presence of moisture and a fall in temperature are key to fog formation.

As the land cools at night, the air close to the surface also cools, and the moisture in it condenses to form fog. Fog begins to form in the early hours, when the temperature is the lowest.

On Monday, fog in Delhi began to form around 1.30 am. Fog can have “high spatial variability”, and its intensity can depend on factors like humidity, wind, and temperature, R K Jenamani, scientist, India Meteorological Department (IMD), said.

Situation in NW India

Temperatures have begun to dip over northwestern India. On December 17, Delhi recorded the lowest minimum temperature of the season so far — 6 degrees Celsius. The fall in temperature along with moisture and light winds over the Indo Gangetic Plain has resulted in dense fog, said the IMD.

An update from the SAFAR forecasting system categorised the fog episode in Delhi on Monday as “radiation fog”. Radiation fog (or ground fog) episodes last for a few mornings on account of calm winds and western disturbances. Going by a 31-year average till 2021, Delhi records around 25.3 hours of very dense fog in December, and 38.3 such hours in January.

Pollution and fog

The note by the IMD says that “Delhi being more polluted, records more fog days compared to others”. Dr Gufran Beig, founder project director, SAFAR, said a phenomenon called advection fog, which is seen when the humidity is much higher, is likely in the last week of December and in January.

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A MAJOR international environmental conference has just concluded in Montreal, Canada, promising to take urgent action to protect and restore the world’s biodiversity — all the different forms of life, plants as well as animals, that inhabit this planet.

This conference was the biodiversity equivalent of the more high-profile climate meetings that are held every year. Signatories to the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD), a 1993 agreement, meet every two years — not annually like the climate meetings — to work on a global plan to halt biodiversity loss and restore natural ecosystems. The Montreal meeting was the 15th edition of this conference, hence the name COP15 — or the 15th Conference of the Parties to the CBD.

The Montreal Conference has delivered a new agreement called the Global Biodiversity Framework (GBF), which contains four goals and 23 targets that need to be achieved by 2030. The GBF is being compared to the 2015 Paris Agreement on climate change that is guiding global climate action.

Biodiversity Convention

The comparison of the biodiversity meetings with the climate conferences is not incidental. The two are in fact closely related. The UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) and the CBD were both outcomes of the 1992 Rio Earth Summit — as was the third member of the family, the Convention to Combat Desertification (CCD), which deals specifically with the issue of land degradation. The CBD came into force in 1993; the other two in the following year.

The three environmental conventions seek to address the issues that overlap among them. Climate change is one of the main drivers of biodiversity loss, while changes in land and ocean use have an impact on climate change. Land degradation



Eve Bazaiba Masudi, Environment Minister of the DRC (centre) with Brazilian Foreign Minister Leonardo Cleaver de Athayde (left) and Daniel T S Simanjuntak of Indonesia at the COP15 on biodiversity in Montreal, on Monday. AP

appears as a cause as well as effect in both climate change and biodiversity loss. So, while all the three agreements hold their separate COPs, the interlinkages, not very obvious in the 1990s, are getting increasingly evident. The success on any one helps the cause of the others too.

The CBD is not just about conservation and restoration of ecosystems. It is also about sustainable use of natural resources, and equitable sharing of benefits from the use of these resources. For example, if a European pharmaceutical company wants to make use of some medicinal properties of plants grown in Tamil Nadu, the benefits of such use, monetary or otherwise, must be equitably shared among all stakeholders, including the indigenous populations that are custodians of that specific biological resource.

Cartagena and Nagoya

The CBD has given rise to two ‘supplementary’ agreements — the Cartagena Protocol of 2003 and the Nagoya Protocol of 2014. Both agreements take their names from the places where they were negotiated.

The Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety seeks to protect biodiversity from genetically modified organisms by ensuring their safe

handling, transport and use. Genetically modified crops, for example, can interfere with natural ecosystems in ways that might not yet be fully understood. That is the reason why GM crops are cultivated on segregated farms.

The Nagoya Protocol on Access and Benefit Sharing deals with the commercial utilisation of biological and genetic resources, for example, by pharma companies. It asks the host countries to provide access to its genetic resources in a legal, fair and non-arbitrary manner and, as mentioned above, offers them a fair and equitable share of benefits arising out of the utilisation of those resources.

More than the GBF that countries agreed to in Montreal earlier this week, it is these two Protocols that are comparable to the Paris Agreement on climate change.

The 30 x 30 target

The meeting in Montreal that concluded on Monday was the second part of COP15, the first part having been held in Kunming in China last year. Kunming was supposed to hold the entire COP15, but due to Covid-19 restrictions, it could only organise a hybrid event — part online, part in-person meetings

Why are some people unhappy then?

Some activist groups had wanted the apology to come from King Willem-Alexander, in Suriname on July 1, 2023, and the process to have been more consultative. Yet others have criticised the fact that the apology has not been accompanied with reparations. “What was completely missing from this speech is responsibility and accountability,” Armand Zunder, chairman of Suriname’s National Reparations Commission, was quoted as saying by *Reuters*. “If you recognise that crimes against humanity were committed then the next step is you say I’m responsible for it, we’re liable for it ... Indeed I’m talking about reparations.”

What are attitudes in the country today?

In 2020, the then UN rapporteur on racism, Tendayi Achiume, had said that a self-image of “tolerance” was blocking the tackling of discrimination in The

Netherlands.

The country has reported allegations of systematic racism in its police force and other government services, there have been instances of dual nationals being unfairly accused of childcare benefits fraud, and migrants have in general been found to have lower levels of educational and professional success than White Dutch people.

As Rutte said in his speech, “Centuries of oppression and exploitation still have an effect to this very day. In racist stereotypes. In discriminatory patterns of exclusion. In social inequality.”

The apology itself has been a long time coming. Sections of the Dutch population feel the nation today has nothing to apologise for in crimes committed centuries ago, while some fear that an apology can open the floodgates to demands for reparations.

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Dutch history of slave trade, and why the country’s PM has apologised

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NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 20

DUTCH PRIME MINISTER Mark Rutte on Monday apologised for his country’s historical role in slavery and slave trade, in a speech that was seen by many as crucial but not sufficient. Members of the aggrieved communities said Rutte’s apology smacked of “colonialist attitudes” as it was delivered without due consultation with them. Also, many have argued that an apology without reparations is not enough. The increased engagement of the Dutch with their racist and colonial past has been spurred on by the murder of George Floyd in the US in 2020. Rutte’s apology follows the report of a national advisory panel set up after the murder.

What did Prime Minister Rutte say?

In a speech made at the National

Archives in The Hague, Rutte said, “We who live in today’s world must acknowledge the evils of slavery in the clearest possible terms, and condemn it as a crime against humanity. As a criminal system which caused untold numbers of people untold suffering. Suffering that continues in the lives of people today. And we in the Netherlands must confront our part in that history.”

What is the Dutch history of slave trade?

According to the United Nations Slavery and Remembrance website, “Like other European maritime nations, the Dutch were quick to involve themselves in the transatlantic slave trade. Between 1596 and 1829, the Dutch transported about half a million Africans across the Atlantic... The Dutch also shipped about a half million Africans to their settlements in Dutch Guiana.”

The Dutch put slaves to work in their coffee, sugar and tobacco plantations, apart

from household labour in colonies. The centuries of slave trade funded what is known as the Netherlands’ ‘golden age’ — the period roughly between 1585–1670, when trade, arts, sciences and the military flourished in the country.

As Rutte said, “By 1814, more than 600,000 enslaved African women, men, and children had been shipped to the American continent, in deplorable conditions, by Dutch slave traders... In Asia, between 660,000 and over one million people — we don’t even know exactly how many — were traded within the areas under the authority of the Dutch East India Company.”

When slavery was abolished in 1863, it was not the slaves who received compensation from the Dutch state, but their owners.

What else is the government doing?

While Rutte made his apology in The Hague, representatives of his government

are travelling to former colonies to make similar apologies — to Suriname, Aruba, Curaçao, St Maarten, Bonaire, St Eustatius and Saba. Apart from this, as per an official statement, “The government will make €200 million available in a fund for measures aimed at raising awareness, fostering engagement and addressing the present-day effects of slavery.”

An independent commemoration committee has been proposed, which will “be tasked with ensuring a large-scale, dignified commemoration of the history of slavery on 1 July 2023, together with the Caribbean parts of the Kingdom, Suriname and other countries.” July 2023 is being seen as the 150th anniversary of the abolition of slavery, as, while it was formally abolished in 1863, another 10 years were required to put it into practice.

The government also said it will “give the Netherlands’ role in the history of slavery a substantial place in education”.



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The proposal to raise import duties on non-essential items reeks of protectionism, must be immediately abandoned

THE NARENDRA MODI government, according to a report in this newspaper, is planning to raise import duties on all “non-essential items”. Non-essential would cover not luxury goods — the likes of Giorgio Armani perfumes, Johnnie Walker single malts or Bentley limousines — but those for which “adequate domestic manufacturing capacity” exists. Individual ministries would identify and prepare a list of such goods based on a “granular” assessment, following which their tariffs will be hiked. The whole idea reeks of protectionism and should be immediately abandoned. This isn’t simply a throwback to an earlier pre-reform era, when the infant-industry argument was used to justify protection against international competition. Here, higher import duties are being proposed neither on luxury nor newborns, but on products of fully-grown and mature adult industries. There can be nothing more perverse than mollicoddling those requiring no nurturing.

Infant industries apart, import substitution was another rationale for protectionism offered by Nehruvian era policymakers. Those very ideas are gaining acceptance, ironically, under a regime that has left no stone unturned in destroying the last vestiges of a past they label as inglorious. Between 1991-92 and 2007-08, India’s peak customs duty on non-agricultural products had come down from 150 per cent to 10 per cent. That trend has reversed, especially during the Modi government’s tenure. The country’s average applied import tariff, which stood at 13.5 per cent in 2014, rose to 18.3 per cent in 2021. The last 4-5 years have also seen an aggressive deployment of the “granular” approach, with import duty increases in diverse products — from solar modules and cells, mobile phone parts, smart meters, earphones and loudspeakers to apples, almonds, sodium cyanide and umbrellas. All in the name of protecting and promoting domestic industry, of course.

The fundamental problem with the “granular” approach is that it favours one industry over the other: What may be output for one (say, steel or polyester staple fibre) is input for another (automotive and clothing makers). Inevitably, the one that lobbies best benefits the most, even as the focus of CEOs moves from factory floors and dealerships to the corridors of North Block and Udyog Bhawan. The losers are the consumers and user industries. True atmanirbharta lies in India producing not just for itself, but also the world — and earning foreign exchange to be able to import things it needn’t or cannot produce competitively. While the Modi government’s Production Linked Incentive scheme to invite investments from both domestic and foreign manufacturers in specific industries is consistent with this objective, the same cannot be said about erecting tariff walls to ward off import competition. Atmanirbharta should not become a backdoor entry for protectionism.

BATTLE FOR BELAGAVI

At the heart of the dispute is a linguistic chauvinism that seeks to refute the existence of multilingual cultures and communities

THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR the re-emergence of shrill linguistic chauvinism in Maharashtra and Karnataka over Belagavi lies with the political parties in both states, which have preferred to inflame sentiments than calm tempers. Governments in Mumbai and Bengaluru have allowed parochial groups to set the agenda and let the situation turn worse. Last week, Karnataka stopped politicians from Maharashtra, including an MP, at the inter-state border when they tried to travel to Belagavi to meet the agitators. Pro-Marathi and pro-Kannada groups have started protests, some of which turned violent last week. The Maharashtra and Karnataka legislative assemblies are poised to pass resolutions that frame a hardening of their respective stances. The warring parties must heed Home Minister Amit Shah, who has appealed to them to wait for a resolution from the Supreme Court, which is hearing a petition on the matter.

At the heart of the matter is Maharashtra’s claim over Belagavi, a city with a significant Marathi-speaking population, in Karnataka. Belagavi became a part of Karnataka, then Mysore state, when state borders were redrawn in 1960. Maharashtra has since been demanding the inclusion of Belagavi and a few hundred villages within its boundaries. It also rejected the recommendation of the 1966 Mahajan Commission, a panel set up by the Centre and headed by former Chief Justice of India Mehr Chand Mahajan, which ruled in Karnataka’s favour. Chauvinist outfits have kept stirring the pot and mainstream parties dip into it whenever they seek a distraction from bread-and-butter governance issues. The fact is Belagavi — and many other border towns and villages — have multilingual populations. While language has been central to the formation of social identities, it became a marker of state boundaries only after Independence. Languages travelled with traders, craftsmen, missionaries, soldiers, and even clerks, and multilingual societies were created as kingdoms and states were constituted and reconstituted. Multilingualism, which has a history of centuries, cross-fertilised the production of literature in Indian languages and the seamless transfer of ideas across linguistic subcultures.

When borders were redrawn to create linguistic states, care was taken to safeguard minority linguistic cultures. The state boundaries were expected to be soft borders that allowed bilingual or multilingual communities to flourish, as they did in the past. Maharashtra and Karnataka, like most linguistic states in India, are relatively new entities while the geographies they encompass have been home to bilingual and multilingual communities and cultures for centuries. The rich music, theatre, cinema and literature of both these states have been shaped by the uninhibited mixing of linguistic cultures. The people who carry the flag of monolingualism are ignorant of both the history and culture of their own states and the country.

DONALD BABU

In the saga of Donald Trump’s NFT cards, echoes from a Govinda-David Dhawan classic

IT MAY NOT seem like it at first glance, but there is something in common between Donald Trump and Raja Babu, the lead character played by Govinda in the 1994 film directed by David Dhawan. Raja, like Donald, was the descendant of a rich man. He too was considered a less-than-sophisticated chap by many — his appeal lay in a cultivated in-your-face rusticity. Earlier this week, the former US president seemed to take another page from Raja Babu’s book when he launched a series of ludicrous Non-Fungible Tokens (NFTs).

Raja, to impress city-slicker Madhu (Karisma Kapoor), pasted photographs in various costumes on his living room wall — “Yeh hai Raja Babu doctor ke pose mein; yeh lawyer ke pose mein”, says his Man Friday. In each of his NFTs, up for sale, Trump too can be seen in various poses: Donald the superhero, Donald the astronaut, Cowboy Trump and Santa Trump. Over 45,000 of these “Trump cards” were sold almost immediately. On social media and TV shows, there was mirth at Trump’s expense and the ridiculous outfits he digitally donned. But Donald would have the last laugh: The digital “art” sold out in record time.

Just as the “mass” ’90s Bollywood comedies ruled the box office, Trump — despite the attacks on his latest money-making scheme — will likely turn in a profit. But Raja Babu’s true educational qualifications (Madhu discovers) were negligible and the authenticity of Trump’s digital “art” is now under question. If only those who obsessively track Trump had broader cultural horizons and been exposed to the Govinda classic, they could have predicted the entire episode. For those on the sidelines, though, Donald Babu’s antics are just as entertaining as Raja Babu.

60 years on, the challenge



ARUN PRAKASH AND ASHOK HUKKU

Tawang clash should serve as harsh reminder of close call that Arunachal Pradesh, then NEFA, had in 1962

JOHN F KENNEDY’S APHORISM — “Victory has a thousand fathers, but defeat is an orphan” — was proved right (again) on the 60th anniversary of the 1962 India-China War this year when no official homage was paid by the Ministry of Defence (MoD) or any politician to the fallen of 1962 at New Delhi’s National War Memorial.

Indian casualties in the 1962 China-India war, according to MoD figures, were 4,126 soldiers dead, wounded and missing in action, and 3,968 taken prisoner by the Chinese People’s Liberation Army (PLA). While some Indian army units may have commemorated, with pride, the sanguinary battles of Rezang La and Walong, for the rest of the country, 65 per cent of whose citizens were born after 1962, this seems to be a forgotten war.

The December 9 clash between Indian troops and PLA soldiers in the vicinity of Tawang should serve as a harsh reminder of the close call that Arunachal Pradesh (then known as the North-Eastern Frontier Agency or NEFA) had in 1962. So, let us recall a bit of this history, lest it repeats itself.

Starting on October 20, 1962, the Chinese PLA advanced along two axes 500 miles apart — Tawang and Walong — and overcoming fierce but sporadic Indian resistance, overran NEFA in three weeks. On November 21, China declared a ceasefire and PLA troops withdrew 20 km behind the McMahon Line. The Indian Army had fought with courage and tenacity, often, to the last man and last bullet, but they were let down by a fatal combination of political complacency, faulty intelligence and military incompetence and pusillanimity.

According to Australian journalist, Neville Maxwell, Nehru’s foolhardy “forward policy” was based on flawed inputs from his confidant and Intelligence Bureau chief, B N Mullik, who assured him that whatever the Indians did, “there need be no fear of a violent Chinese reaction”. Since the PM placed such faith in Mullik, none of the army generals could muster the courage to challenge his flawed advice.

Sixty years later, we can take reassurance from the fact that India and its armed forces have come a long way and there will be no replay of the 1962 debacle. We must, how-

There are some disturbing questions that lurk unanswered in every citizen’s mind. Does our ruling elite know what is driving China’s diplomatic and military bellicosity? How much longer will this 60-year-old Himalayan drama play out? Why are military commanders negotiating and where are our diplomats? What is our counter-strategy to deter China? Why is Parliament in the dark?



ANJALI MENON

CINEMA AS A medium has incredible power in our country. The reach and impact of a movie can be understood when a street child tells you that there are days when he chooses to watch a movie instead of eating his daily meal. His logic is that after a meal he would be hungry soon, but a movie stays with him for so much longer, giving him hope and joy. I was stunned by these words spoken to me by a 12-year-old ragpicker.

With more than 50 per cent of its population under the age of 25 years today, our country stands poised with the possibility of immense change in the coming 25 years. And there is much that needs to change to propel us out of the weighty biases that hold us from achieving our true potential. Discriminatory practices and limitations on individual liberty, safety and opportunity that are inherited need to be scraped away like old skin. Despite all the sloganeering, when more than half of the Rs 10 billion Nirbhaya Fund for women’s safety remains unused for 10 years in a country where women so desperately need safety, it points to a lack of socio-political-cultural will. A radical cultural gear shift can help shape a different future. And among cultural tools for this purpose, there is none bigger than cinema in India today.



Just as the new hairstyle of a superstar is enough to send their fans into an imitative frenzy, the love and enthusiasm to imitate spills into fashion, language and cultural behaviours too. In the past, the entertainment industry has contributed to considerable levels of toxic masculinity in this country. How about utilising the medium to undo that?

ever, bear in mind that China in this inter-regnum has seen phenomenal economic, technological and military growth and vies with the USA for the global “pole-position”. Today, the Chinese threat hangs like a sword of Damocles over our heads, and without actually going to war, they have imposed a huge economic burden on us by forcing the “counter-mobilisation” of 50,000-60,000 extra Indian troops, stretching an already lean defence budget.

Analysis indicates that the country’s post-Covid financial situation and depressed GDP growth rates will not permit any significant hike in defence expenditure. Such are the liabilities under the “pay and pension” heads that undertaking essential modernisation and re-equipment of the armed forces is not possible, even if the defence budget is hiked from the current 2.1 per cent to 2.5 per cent of the GDP, an unlikely prospect. Ill-conceived and ill-timed schemes like Agnipath and bans on import of military hardware are neither going to save money nor engender instant self-reliance. But at this critical juncture, they can erode combat-effectiveness.

Resumption of robust economic growth is the only panacea for the “guns vs butter” dilemma that India faces. However, given the gravity of threats confronting us, it is incumbent upon the government to fund defence expenditure that is vital for ensuring the nation’s security. There exists more than adequate scope for effecting savings — by cutting down on wasteful/non-essential government expenditure, by reducing vote-garnering subsidies, or by disinvestment/monetisation of idle assets. National defence is important enough to even warrant borrowing from the market.

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The answers to all these questions lie with our elaborate national security appa-

ratus at whose apex sits the four-member Cabinet Committee on Security chaired by the PM. This committee, provided it meets when required, is meant to be the final arbiter on all matters of national security. Also in place are bodies like the high-powered National Security Council, the Strategic Policy Group, and the National Security Advisory Board, tasked with strategic analysis and evolution of policy options.

Given this elaborate set-up, it is perplexing that not only does India lack a China-specific strategy, but has yet to formulate a national security strategy (NSS). Preceded by a “reality check” in the form of a comprehensive defence review, the NSS would spell out national aims and objectives, outline the nation’s security goals and provide policy-guidance for the defence, foreign affairs and intelligence establishments.

Diplomats and commentators, attribute the dismal state of Sino-Indian relations to “misperceptions” and “trust deficit”. While this may be true of the border situation, we must acquire absolute clarity about China’s larger objectives. In Xi Jinping’s hegemonic grand-strategy, he sees India, especially if it acquires allies, as a regional hindrance that needs to be curbed. His compulsion in Siachen is to prevent the Indian Army from dominating Highway 219, and insulating the cherished China-Pakistan Economic Corridor from interference. Skirmishing and territorial creep in Ladakh and Arunachal are meant to keep India distracted and off-balance.

While the military must be allowed to seek tactical advantage, it is also time for India to shift diplomatic gears from “reactive” to “proactive”, starting with a calibrated brake on burgeoning Sino-Indian trade, whose deficit has zoomed past \$70 billion. It is also time to break our silence and canvass international opinion via the UN, G20 and other international forums to pressurise China to come to the negotiating table. The Sino-Indian Border Peace and Tranquillity Agreement is now 30 years old and MEA needs to resume some old-fashioned diplomacy.

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THE STORYTELLER’S WAY

I would like to see cinema help us shed the biases that hold India back

As a worker in Indian cinema, (an industry with a strong male-dominant narrative on and off screen), I would like to see cinema influencing people to bring about the socio-cultural shift we need. I would like to see our storytellers inspire people to think differently.

While we are aware of the power of this industry, what stops us from mobilising this power for social advancement? I have often been told that such messaging works in arthouse cinema but there is no space for it in commercial cinema. I disagree because commercial cinema has far greater reach than arthouse films and the number of times a hit song from a commercial film is played on a personal device far exceeds any other piece of content created in our country. To paraphrase Spider-Man, that kind of power comes with great responsibility. While the stars and makers enjoy the privileges and pleasures of such exalted adoration, perhaps they could reciprocate by inspiring the audience towards specific social changes.

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industry has contributed to considerable levels of toxic masculinity in this country. How about utilising the medium to undo that?

Taare Zameen Par created a sea change in the attitude towards dyslexic children from even their own parents. 3 Idiots made us look again at contemporary education and real learning. We cheered for Chak De India and the many new-generation sportswomen who were inspired by it. These are all box office hit films that engaged and entertained us while expanding their goals to raise awareness and empathy among the audience. I am keen to see our storytellers consciously ensure that their content urges the audience to counter discriminatory biases and provoke thought and action.

Yes, this ardent hope for India@100 stems from my perspective as a woman and as a filmmaker. As they say, a picture is worth a thousand words. In cinema, we have 24 pictures per second and whether we like it or not, the content we make has meaning and power. Those are 24 opportunities every second to “be the change”.

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DECEMBER 21, 1982, FORTY YEARS AGO

GOVT DENIES REPORT

A WASHINGTON POST report suggesting that India’s military leaders have prepared a contingency plan for a pre-emptive strike against Pakistani nuclear facilities and proposed such an attack to the Prime Minister, Indira Gandhi, earlier this year was denied by the Indian Government. The Washington Post, quoting US intelligence sources, says the PM decided against carrying out an attack on Pakistan’s nuclear installations when she first heard the proposal nine months ago, “but she did not foreclose the option of striking if Pakistan appeared on the verge of acquiring a nuclear capability”.

FOREIGN PRESSURES

PRIME MINISTER INDIRA Gandhi com-

plained that foreign powers were trying to keep India under their influence by putting direct and indirect pressure on the country to change its policies. But India will not be pressurised by them and leave its goal of self-reliance, she said.

REPLACE BHOSALE

DISSIDENTS IN THE Maharashtra Congress (I) legislature party are “seriously” contemplating requisitioning a meeting to express their lack of confidence in Chief Minister Babasaheb Bhosale. Addressing a press conference jointly, the dissident leaders, Balasaheb Pawar and Jambhwantrao Dhote (both MPs) said 111 legislators had so far signed a memorandum addressed to the party high command pleading for imme-

diate replacement of Bhosale.

DIEGO GARCIA

Mauritius will continue to fight relentlessly to regain possession of Diego Garcia, and will urge the coming non-aligned summit in New Delhi to give a call for the early return of the island. Mauritian Prime Minister Anerood Jugauth said that he had sought the support of India, as the host country for the summit. PM Indira Gandhi, during her visit to Mauritius, had lent strong support for the restoration of Diego Garcia to Mauritius, he said. While Britain had accepted the sovereignty of Mauritius over the island, it was not prepared to ask the US to dismantle its military base on the plea that the base was meant to preserve peace.

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THE IDEAS PAGE

Judicial independence, above all

A credible and impartial system of appointing judges is necessary. It must ensure accountability, fostering a judiciary which, at an individual and systemic level, is independent from other branches of government



FEROZE VARUN GANDHI

IN FEBRUARY 1970, Swami Kesavananda Bharati, head of the Edneer Matha in Kerala, filed a petition with the Supreme Court, under Article 26 of the Constitution, challenging the Kerala government's attempts to impose restrictions on the Matha's management of its property. Three years later, the Supreme Court, with a 7-6 majority, outlined the basic structure doctrine of the Constitution, emphasising the restrictions on Parliament's ability to amend the Constitution, in particular, its key principles and architecture.

When Emergency was declared, the Supreme Court, too, was stacked with a new set of judges. In particular, AN Ray was appointed as chief justice by the president, superseding three judges who were senior to him — he was noted as one of the judges who had not signed the Kesavananda judgement. Under him, the landmark judgement was revisited with a bench of 13 justices. The hearing of the case was conducted over two days — it was soon discovered that no review petition had actually been filed, with the review initiated over an oral request — an improper process, leading to the chief justice unilaterally dissolving the bench. The basic structure doctrine survived, barely — despite the Centre having a committed judiciary. For India, the landmark judgement helped tip the balance away from autocracy to democracy.

Recently, there has been confrontation between the Centre and judiciary on the interpretation of Article 124 (2) and 217 (1) of the Constitution. Article 124 (2) highlights that every judge of the Supreme Court will be appointed by the president after consultation with such of the judges (in particular, the chief justice) of the Supreme Court and of the high courts in the states as necessary. Similarly, for high courts, Article 217 (1) highlights that every judge of a high court will be appointed by the president after consultation with the Chief Justice of India, the governor of the state, and the chief justice of the high court. Judicial interpretation in *SP Gupta vs Union of India* (1981), the *Supreme Court Advocates-on-Record Association vs Union of India* (Second Judges case) (1993) and *Article 143(1) ... vs Unknown* (Third Judges Opinion) (1998) has further evolved the principle of judicial independence and led to a collegium system for recommending judges.

Currently, the Centre can accept or reject recommendations made by the collegium system — however, if a recommendation was reiterated, the government was obliged to accept it. More recently, this consensus has given way to a stalemate, as the Centre stalls recommendations reiterated by the Collegium — on November 22, the Supreme Court pulled up the government for not following timelines laid down in the Second Judges Case; the Standing Parliamentary Committee on Law and Personnel has also highlighted its disagreement with the Department of Justice that the time for filling vacancies cannot be indicated.

The net effect of this historic tussle between the independent judiciary and overweening Centre has been a decline in the capacity of India's judicial system — in August



C R Sasikumar

2022, there were approximately three vacancies (of 34) in the Supreme Court, along with about 381 (of 1,108) vacancies for judges in the high courts. The lower judiciary had about 5,342 (of 24,631) seats vacant, accounting for 20 per cent of its capacity. Such vacancies, particularly in the high courts of Bombay, Punjab & Haryana, Calcutta, Patna and Rajasthan are bound to have an impact on judicial efficiency (with about four crore cases pending, as of August 2022).

Of course, judicial reform is long pending. Select countries have the appointment of judges by political institutions (for instance, parliament, executive) — in Italy, appointments to the Constitutional Court are made by the president, the legislature and the Supreme Court, with each entity allowed to nominate five judges. In the US, Supreme Court justices are nominated (for life) by the president and then approved by Senate via a majority vote. The German Constitutional Court is appointed by the Parliament (each House gets four appointments in each of the Court Senates) with a supermajority vote (2/3). Naturally, this can lead to a partisan judiciary.

Beyond this, judicial elections have also been utilised to enhance the accountability of the judiciary — a variety of states in the US using elections for judicial appointments to the State Supreme Courts. However, this can incentivise judges to give populist judgements and lead to judicial capture by special interest groups. This can also mean gridlock — not advisable for any democracy with a tendency towards coalition government.

Other countries have experimented with judicial councils (often comprising of existing judges, representatives of the Ministry of Justice, members of the bar association, laymen, etc) — in Iraq, all judges are graduates of a Judicial Institute, with all applicants undergoing written and oral tests, along with an interview with a panel of judges. In the US, the state governor appoints state judges based on recommendations provided by a merit commission. In Japan, the Supreme Court Secretariat controls lower-level judicial appointments, along with their training and promotions. The UK too has moved from such a system towards a judicial commission. More recently, the Centre pushed for judicial appointments to be conducted via a Judicial Commission (National Judicial Appointments Commission Bill, 2014) — on October 16, 2015, the Supreme Court struck down the NJAC Act

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(2014) with a 4:1 majority, while highlighting that it was open to greater transparency in the collegium system — in particular, making the collegium more transparent, fixing eligibility criteria for appointing judges and debating whether an empowered secretariat was required to appoint judges.

Further reform can build on this. The Collegium system can continue; however, a secretariat may be empowered to select and recommend candidates, with the Executive continuing to hold power to appoint judges. The secretariat could be staffed with current judges, members of the bar association, representatives of the law ministry and laymen and should push for greater representation of our society in the judiciary — as of December 2022, there were only three women and two SC judges in the Supreme Court.

Beyond judicial appointments, there is a clear need for having a new Court of Appeal (refer PIL by V Vasanthakumar). The Supreme Court was never intended to be a regular court of appeal against orders in high courts (Bihar Legal Society vs Chief Justice of India, 1986) — the Supreme Court should not be hearing bail applications. Instead, as recommended by the Law Commission, we need to have a Federal Court of Appeal, with branches in major metros. Meanwhile, the Supreme Court should be transformed into a Constitutional Court (via a constitutional amendment) — doing this would mean fewer cases (about 50, anecdotally) being kept pending at the highest level. Additionally, we must push for a defined retirement age, say 65, for all judges, whether at a high court or Supreme Court level — post retirement, there should also be a mandatory cooling off period for judges to be nominated to roles in government.

Judicial independence continues to be important for the health of India's democracy. A credible and impartial system of appointing judges is necessary to achieve judicial independence. Any appointment must ensure judicial accountability, fostering a judiciary which, at an individual and systemic level, is independent from other branches of government. Such a judicial system should be detached from political ideology and public pressure and also from the hierarchy within it. As we push for this, we should avoid a committed judiciary.

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WHAT THE OTHERS SAY

“We demand that Bangladeshi authorities at home and in destination countries prioritise the lives of migrant workers. These are the people on whose labour and remittances our economy is dependent.” — **DAILY STAR, BANGLADESH**

Primary Health Care 2.0

India should use its G20 presidency to draft a plan that commits to a universal, affordable, inclusive and just healthcare system



RITU PRIYA

HEALTH NEEDS TO be a central agenda for the G20 2023. It has been one of the priority areas for G20 deliberations since 2017, when the first meet of health ministers of G20 countries was organised by the German presidency. The G20 now has health finance in its financial stream and health systems development in the Sherpa stream. An annual G20 meeting of health ministers and a joint health and finance task force reflects the seriousness the subject has gained. The Berlin Declaration 2017 of the G20 health ministers provided a composite approach focusing on pandemic preparedness, health system strengthening and tackling antimicrobial resistance. The Covid-19 pandemic gave added urgency to pandemic preparedness and the Indonesian presidency in 2022 made it the major focus. The Indian presidency needs to advance these agendas.

Health systems strengthening has engaged the global community in thinking through the content and directions — what is to be strengthened, and how? The concept of Universal Health Coverage (UHC) was born in the 2000s to prevent catastrophic medical expenditures due to secondary and tertiary level hospital services by universalising health insurance coverage. The UHC has been the big global approach for health systems strengthening since 2010, also adopted in 2015 as the strategy for Sustainable Development Goal-3 on ensuring healthcare for all at all ages. However, the limited impact of this narrow strategy was soon evident, with expenditures on outdoor services becoming catastrophic for poor households and preventing access to necessary healthcare and medicines, while many unnecessary/irrational medical interventions were being undertaken.

So, in 2018, the Astana Conference organised by WHO and UNICEF put out a declaration stating that primary healthcare (PHC) is essential for fulfilling the UHC objectives. In 2019, the UN General Assembly adopted the combined UHC-PHC approach as a “political declaration”. With demonstration of the benefits of PHC services during the pandemic, the World Bank published a report in 2021, “Walking the Talk: Reimagining Primary Health Care After COVID-19”. The dominant hospital-centred medical system is becoming unaffordable even for the high-income countries, as apparent during the 2008 recession and subsequently. However, these global vision documents, while adding primary level care to UHC, are not addressing the nature of hospital systems themselves and their linkages.

A PHC-with-UHC approach means strengthening primary level care linked to non-medical preventive action (food security and safety, safe water and air, healthy workspaces, and so on) through whole-of-society and whole-of-government approaches, and extending the “PHC principles” to secondary and tertiary care services. This could be the most cost-effective systems design — the comprehensive game changer that global health care requires. Building on the landmark Alma Ata

declaration on PHC of 1978, what must be additionally included are the more recent initiatives that can be clustered together under five themes. First, making health central to development in all sectors: Health in all policies, one health (linking animal and human health for tackling antimicrobial resistance and zoonotic diseases), planetary health, pandemic preparedness. Second, health systems strengthening: Designing PHC-with-UHC for diverse contexts. Conceptualised as a continuum of care — from self-care in households to community services, to primary level para-medical services and first contact with a doctor, to all hospital services; with PHC principles — services provided as close to homes as possible, with appropriate technologies that are cost-effective, affordable and easily deliverable, promoting self-reliance. This can be a win-win system design for the users, medical personnel and those involved in the management of healthcare systems.

Third, appropriate technologies adopted as a norm — by strengthening health technology assessment, ethics of healthcare, equitable access to pharmaceutical products and vaccines, integrative health systems using plural knowledge systems rationally. Fourth, health and healthcare from the perspective of the marginalised: Gendered health care needs, Health care of indigenous peoples globally, occupational health, mental health and wellbeing, healthy ageing. Fifth, decolonisation and democratisation of health knowledge, with interests and perspectives of low-middle-income countries (LMICs), prevention and patient-centred healthcare.

India has several pioneering initiatives that can contribute to the PHC-with-UHC discussion: Lessons from the National Health Mission for strengthening public health delivery; the HIV-control programme's successful involvement of affected persons/communities and a complex well-managed service structure; pluralism of health knowledge systems, each independently supported within the national health system; health personnel such as the ASHAs, mid-level health providers and wellness centres, traditional community healthcare providers with voluntary quality certification; research designed for validation of traditional systems; pharmaceutical and vaccines production capacity; developments in digital health; social insurance schemes and people's hospital models by civil society.

What is required is the drafting of PHC-with-UHC (a PHC 2.0) with a broad global consensus and commitment to a more sustainable (i.e. cost-effective and affordable, inclusive and just, environment-sensitive in infrastructural and technology choices) and people-empowering health system. Pursuing such an agenda would involve much dialogue within countries, regions and globally. This process could be kick-started by working through the G20 Indian presidency year towards a call for organising a global conference on rethinking healthcare systems that moves a Declaration on Sustainable and Empowering Health Care for the 21st Century. The G20, with its membership of the G7 high income countries and the emerging LMICs, and its think-tank structures, is an appropriate platform to take up this long unfinished agenda.

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TO REMEMBER SHAHEEN Bagh today is to remember a political moment of invaluable feminist import that marked a historical shift in the trajectory of Indian feminism. The hypervisible presence of ordinary Muslim women at various protest sites articulated a new language to re-conceptualise the negotiations between gender, religion, and the nation-state.

Reflecting on the anti-CAA protests three years later, the Shaheen Bagh protests (December 2019-March 2020) stand out as an inflection point for Indian feminism on two fundamental grounds.

Firstly, the Muslim women of Shaheen Bagh reconciled the dichotomous identities of religion, feminism, and secularism. By advocating for their rights as citizens, the Muslim women primed their identities as members of the nation-state and established that Indian feminism could respond to issues beyond gender. In priming their identities as citizens, they transcended the discursive predicament of Indian feminism that had been preoccupied with proving Islam as secular and non-patriarchal.

Although the Hindu feminists in the 1960 and 1970s indigenised feminism by assimilating Hindu religious scriptures as expressions of Indian feminism, Muslim feminists had to extricate themselves from any forms of religiosity to qualify as feminists. The centring of Muslim women's experiences in the mainstream feminist discourse has qualita-

tively changed the relationship of Indian feminism with religion wherein Indian feminists either reclaimed religious tenets or disengaged with religion altogether.

However, at numerous Shaheen Baghs that emerged across the country, the political expression of religion through one's clothing and carrying out daily prayers at protests sites not only articulated the political agency of Muslim women but also disrupted the secular-liberal sensibility that sees religion in public sphere as antithetical to the idea of a “modern-nation state”. By the strategic priming of their identity as Indian citizens to advocate for constitutional rights while not dismissing the registers of religion and gender, Muslim women re-articulated the meaning of secularism. At Shaheen Bagh, Muslim women did not have to transcend religion to acquire membership into a secular-feminist discourse. Instead, by carrying out their religiosity publicly, Muslim women untethered themselves from the political burden of re-interpreting the tenets of Islam as a non-patriarchal, secularist religion.

The Shaheen Bagh protests ruptured the binary of religion and feminism which has been a historical particularity for Indian feminism. Simultaneously, it elevated the stance of Indian feminism to advocate for a collective emancipation of social groups marginalised not only on account of gendered oppression, but also by the state. The

hypervisible use of Indian flags and the centrality of the Indian preamble, especially the phrase “We the People of India” reinforced the idea that the protest was not only about “Muslim” oppression but vocalised the attack on the constitutional values of the country.

Articulating their marginalisation and exclusion through a language of “an attack on the constitutional rights”, the protesting Muslim women valorised their identities as Indian citizens as a mode of resistance and thereby, adopted an intersectional approach to underscore the multiple matrices of power, where the nation-state is one of the registers of oppression besides gender, religion, class, and caste.

Secondly, as the face of a leaderless movement, Muslim women chartered out a space for themselves and transcended the politics of the two groups that have historically represented their interests: Non-Muslim feminists and Muslim men. The Shah Bano controversy is an important case in point that explicates how the interests of Muslim women have been represented either by a patriarchal vantage point or through a non-Muslim feminist discourse.

However, in Shaheen Bagh, Muslim women occupied the centrestage, both in the spatial optics of protest sites and in the political discourse to advocate for their rights as citizens. These protests emphatically articulated Muslim feminism as a resistance to both patriarchy and Hindu ma-

joritarianism. From Shah Bano to Shaheen Bagh, Indian feminism has seen a tremendous shift in the centring of experiences of Muslim women within the mainstream feminist discourse wherein Muslim women represent themselves and are not represented by either Hindu women or Muslim men.

The Shaheen Bagh protests centred the experiences of Muslim women and the multiple axes of their political and social subordination which had been marginalised in the mainstream feminist discourse — a space historically dominated by mostly upper-caste Hindu women. Shaheen Bagh registers a new moment for Indian feminism that points to the reconciliation of religious identity, gender concerns and rights of being an equal citizen in the interest of Muslim women — something that both the Indian women's movement and the Muslim Personal Law Board failed to address during the Shah Bano case.

Instead, this leaderless movement with Muslim women at its vanguards, upheld and celebrated the foundational tenets of feminism — building a collective that questions oppression, forging solidarities across social positionings and fostering a community that is inclusive and just.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

UNLEARNT LESSON

THIS REFERS TO the editorial, ‘Don't unsee this’ (IE, December 20). Andhra Pradesh, Haryana, Kerala and Tamil Nadu have provided mounting evidence that prohibition is not the solution to alcoholism. But Nitish Kumar seems to have learnt no lessons — either from these states, or from his own. In Bihar, there have been more than 200 hooch-related deaths since 2016 when prohibition was imposed. It increases illegal consumption of alcohol and also burdens the law and order machinery. His statements enable insensitivity on the ground.

Akanksha Singh, Delhi

THIS REFERS TO the editorial, ‘Don't unsee this’ (IE, December 20). The recent Bihar hooch deaths are another tragic demonstration of the folly of prohibition. In another state adhering to prohibition, Gujarat, hooch killed 42 people in July this year. With prohibition, the poor are pushed towards illicit liquor, which is cheap and unsafe. As per economy pundits, where there is demand, a market will erupt. Prohibition only directs it underground. This lucrative parallel econ-

omy, which leads to corruption and crime, is far more socially damaging than lawful drinking. Governments are free to issue advisories on liquor consumption. But permitting adults to drink, if they wish, is a much better policy.

Sanjay Chopra, Mohali

ONE FOR THE BOOKS

THIS REFERS TO the editorial, ‘The 80th minute’ (IE, December 20). The FIFA World Cup final will be remembered for a long time owing to the drama it offered. Argentina finally won the trophy they've been pursuing for 32 years. However, the final match was heartbreaking for Kylian Mbappe, who gave his all but had to watch others fall short in the penalty shootout. For Messi, at the fag end of his career, this was a tryst with destiny. Both Mbappe and Messi lived up to their tall reputations. Yet, this Cup was about so many other things. Morocco's dream run was cheered by all. Japan and South Korea's performances instilled hope for Asians. Qatar managed to deliver a World Cup, at least on the field, like no other.

Khokan Das, Kolkata

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PERSONAL

My-father actual/correct-name is Om Parkash Malik instead of Om Prakash Malik which is wrongly-written in my DL-1120130266893.Yogesh Kumar Malik, S/o- Om Parkash Malik- A-3/12, Mianwali-Nagar, New-Delhi-87. 0040646047-8

It,Is for general information that i, SUSHIL CHATURVEDI, S/o SATISH CHATURVEDI, R/O- L-1/120, Block-L-1, Satsang Bhawan-Road, Mohan-Garden,Uttam Nagar, West-Delhi-110059,declare that name of mine and my father has been wrongly written as SUSHIL CHAND and SATISH CHAND in My SBI Bank, A/c- No.32214731157. The actual name of mine and my father are SUSHIL CHATURVEDI and SATISH CHATURVEDI,Respectively,whi ch may be amended accordingly 0040645973-2

It is for general information that i am policy-holder of LIC vide policy no 173700699 in my nickname Tinku,thereafter my parents changed my name as SIDDHARTH SHARMA S/o Shashi Kant Sharma,which is in my educational and other government records,and earlier my adress was,B-4/34,sector-18,Rohini Delhi but now i am,residing at,A-120,gali no-4,jagatpuri mandoli-road,North-East,Delhi-93. 0040646076-7

It is for general information that i Vipan Kumar S/o-Late Sh.Chuni Lal residing at-G-15/106, Sector-15, Rohini, Delhi-110089 declare that name of mine has been wrongly written as-Bipan Chand in my Service Book.The actual name of mine is Vipan Kumar respectively which may be amended accordingly. 0040645947-1

I,hitherto known as SHITIJ GOSAIN,S/o Late Sh.SK Gosain,R/O A-78,First-Floor Ganesh-Nagar,West-Delhi,New-Delhi-110018,have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as SHITIJ KUMAR GOSAIN. 0040646035-9

I,hitherto known as PRAKASH CHAND alias PRAKASH CHAND HARUAN,S/O HAJARI Lal.,residing at,T-53, HARIJAN BASTI,T-HUTS KOTLA FIROZ-SHAH,DELHI-110002,have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as PRAKASH CHAND. 0040646035-8

I,Vandna alias Vandna Kathuria, D/o Shanti Sarup Chaudhry, W/o, Sanjiv Kathuria, R/O,CAF/121,Janakpuri Delhi-58,have changed my,name to Vandana Kathuria, for all, Purposes. 0040646009-8

I,TARUN KUMAR AGARWAL S/O BADRI PRASAD R/O B-260,SECOND-FLOOR,LOK VIHAR,PITAMPURA,DELHI-110034,HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO TARUN KUMAR GARG. 0040646035-4

I,Surendra Kumar Soni,s/o Sushil Kumar Soni R/o.16/849 Joshi-road Karol bagh New-Delhi-110005,have changed my name to Surender Kumar Soni,for all purposes. 0040646009-2

I,Sumit S/o-Rajiv Kumar Behl R/O Chotu Ram Colony Sector-7,Near-Kuldeep Singh Memorial-School,Jhajar (Haryana)-124103,have changed my name to Sumit Behl,for all Purposes. 0040646041-2

I,Shweta Roy W/o Rajesh Roy R/O H.No E-328, Sector-17, Vasundhra Ghaziabad, U.P-201012 have changed my name to Shweta Mallika. 0040646009-4

I,Shiv Dass alias Neebar,S/O-Bhagirath,H.No-40,Hanuman LANE,Connaught place,New-Delhi,Central-Delhi,110001,have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Nibar. 0040646035-7

I,Vineet S/o-Jai Bhagwan Gupta R/O-36,Gf,East-Avenue Road East Punjabi-Bagh Delhi-26,have changed my name to Vineet Gupta. 0040646009-9

I,Shilpi Mishra W/o Rajat Misra R/O Flat No.542, Sector-28, Noida(UP) have changed my name to Shilpi Misra for all future purpose. 0040646007-2

I,Satender S/o Surender Sharma,R/o S-117,Block-S, Gali-No.9,Vikas Nagar, Uttam-Nagar, New-Delhi-110059,have changed my name to Satender Sharma. 0040646079-4

I,Saloni Madaan,W/o-Sharad Madaan R/O-244A Regent-Shipra Sun-City Indirapuram Ghaziabad,U.P.201014,inform That Lovely Sharma and Lovely Madaan and Saloni Madaan is one and the same person. 0040646076-3

I,SHEETAL,W/O SANJEEV BAIISOYA,R/O H.NO.6, FIRST-FLOOR, ALIGANJ,KOTLA MUBARAKPUR,NEW-DELHI-110003, have changed my name to SHEETAL BAIISOYA, permanently. 0040646076-4

I,Alwin Thomas Fernandes, S/o Cyprian Fernandes, Employed as JE (Q&S&C) at CWE Ezhimala (MES), R/o 204, Essel Star, Jayashree Gate, Maroli, Opp Syndicate Bank, Mangalore, Kulshekara, Dakshina Kannada, Karnataka-575005, have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Alwyn Thomas Fernandes. 0070818412-1

I,SANJEEV BAIISOYA,S/O SH.PARKASH CHAND,R/O,H.NO.6,FIRST-FLOOR, ALIGANJ,KOTLA-MUBARAKPUR,NEW DELHI-110003,have changed my name to SANJEEV BAIISOYA, permanently. 0040646076-5

I,S.N. SINGH,S/O-FUDO SINGH SINGH R/O-SINGHPUR BEGUSARAI BIHAR,CHANGED MY NAME TO SACHCHIDA NAND SINGH,Permanently. 0040646079-9

I,Ramanpreet Kaur,W/O-Harpreet Singh Sahni R/O,XG-5-6,Shiva-Enclave,A-4,Block Paschim-Vihar,Delhi-110063, have changed my -minor Son's name Manekas Singh To Manekas Singh Sahni. 0040646035-5

I,Ramanpreet Kaur Sahni,W/O Harpreet Singh Sahni R/O,XG-5-6,Shiva Enclave,A-4,Block Paschim-Vihar,Delhi-110063, have changed my name To Ramanpreet Kaur. 0040646035-6

I,Rajat Mishra S/o Sheo Kumar Misra R/o Flat No.542, Sector-28, Noida(UP) have changed my name to Rajat Misra for all future purpose. 0040646007-1

I,Rahul S/O-Jaiprakash,R/o Village Rattanthal tehsil Kosli district Rewari (Haryana)123301,have changed my name to Rahul Singh,for all Purposes. 0040646041-1

I,RAMPHAL SINGH,S/O FERU SINGH R/O HNO.D-3/72,STREETNO.3,AMAR COLONY,EAST GOKALPUR,DELHI-110094.HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO RAMPHAL. 0040646035-2

I,Prakash Dhawan S/o Surjeet Pal Dhawan,R/O 2965, Gali no-2, Dharampura, Gandhi Nagar,Delhi-110031,have changed my name to Tej Prakash. 0040646053-11

I,Poonam Chaudhary W/o Naveen Kumar Chaudhary R/O-2192, Khampur, West Patel-Nagar, New Delhi-110008,have changed my name to Punam Chaudhary permanently. 0040646079-6

I,Parkash Chand,S/O-Shri Som Datt Gupta,R/O-H.No.3070,Mahendra Park,Rani Bagh,Delhi-110034,have changed my name to Parkash Chand. 0040646053-2

I,Paramjeet kaur,w/o Jagjeet Singh,R/O B-37,Bholi Nagar,Masjid Moh,NDSE-Li,have changed my name to Rupinder Kaur,for all future purpose. 0040646041-4

I,PRIYANKA,D/O SHRI DHARAM PAL MANETHIYA,R/O D-73,YADAV-NAGAR, BADLI,NORTH-WEST,DELHI-110042, have changed my name to PRIYANKA MANETHIYA,for all,future Purposes. 0040646041-5

I,Nidhi,W/O-Shri Prakash Chand R/O-H.No. 3070,Mahendra Park,Rani Bagh,Delhi-110034,have changed my name to Nidhi Gupta. 0040646053-1

I,PRADPEE KUMAR GOYAL S/O,GOPI RAM GOYAL,R/O A-15, SHIVALIK MALVIYA NAGAR,NEWDELHI-110017, HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO PRADEEP GOYAL. 0040646009-5

I,N/O-91202534M ,Hav Mohd Khurshid, S/O- Late Mir Mohd Village/Tehsil-Mankote ,District-Poonch. In my service records the name and D o B of my son has been wrongly mentioned as Marhoof Ahmed D o B- 15-05-2003 instead of Mahroof Ahmed D o B- 01-05-2007, It needs corrections. Objections be filled to concerned authorities within seven days. 0020450133-1

I,No-91202534M ,Hav Mohd Khurshid, S/O- Late Mir Mohd Village/Tehsil-Mankote ,District-Poonch. In my service records the D o B of my son namely Iftikhar Ahmed has been wrongly mentioned as 31-05-2007 instead of 05-07-2009, It needs corrections. Objections be filled to concerned authorities within seven days. 0020450134-1

I,NARESH MADNANI S/O KANYA LAL NEBHAN DASS MADNANI R/O M-2/A-3,JUHELAL APARTMENT, PITAMPURA,DELHI-110034,HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO NARESH KUMAR MADNANI. 0040646035-3

I,NARENDER CHOPRA S/O ATAM PRAKASH CHOPRA R/O KHASRA NO.89/90,GROUND-FLOOR,GALINIO.6,LAXMAN GALI,VILLAGE-WAZIRABAD,DELHI-110084.CHANGED MY NAME TO NARENDER KUMAR CHOPRA. 0040646035-1

I,MOHIT GOYAL,S/O SATPAL GOYAL R/O PLOTNO.75, SECOND-FLOOR,POCKET-11,BLOCK-D,SECTOR-8,ROHINI,DELHI-110085,HAVE CHANGED MY CHILD NAME CHARVI TO CHARVI GOYAL. 0040646041-10

I,Kamlesh@ Kamlesh Kumari Gupta@Kamlesh Kumari Aggarwal,w/o Sunil Kumar Gupta,R/O C-7,Sector-47,Noida, Gautam Budh Nagar,Uttar Pradesh-201303,have changed my name to Kamlesh Gupta, permanently. 0040646041-6

I>Pittu Vidya Sagar S/o Pittu Hanumaiah R/O E-303, Paramount Emotions GH-05A, Greater Noida West, Sector-1, Gautam Budh Nagar, UP-201306 declare that Pittu Sagar & Vidya Sagar Pittu both are the name of same person. In future I will be known as (Vidya Sagar Pittu) for all purposes. 0070818472-1

I,Jasmin Kaur D/o Bhupinder Singh Paddam R/O C-401, Prakriti-Apartment, Plot-No.26, Sector-6, Dwarka,New Delhi-110075,have changed my -minor daughter's name Twisha Bhardwaj to Twisha Kaur. D.O.B.-18.12.2014. 0040646079-8

I,Jasmin Bhardwaj D/o Bhupinder Singh Paddam R/O C-401, Prakriti Apartment, Plot-No.26, Sector-6, Dwarka, New Delhi-110075,have changed my name to Jasmin Kaur. 0040646079-7

I,Jai Bhagwan,S/O Faquir Chand Gupta R/O 36,Gf,East Avenue Road East Punjabi Bagh,Delhi-26,have changed my name to Jai Bhagwan Gupta. 0040646009-10

I,Jagrit Sharma S/o-Pramod Sharma S/O JD-73-C,Pitampura,Delhi 110034, have changed my name from Jagrit Sharma to Jagrit. 0040646041-3

I,Harish Chandra Kumar,S/o Mulakh Raj Kumar,R/o House.No.31, Sector-15, Sonipat, Haryana- 131001,have changed my name to Harish Chander Kumar,for all purposes. 0040646009-1

I,Garib Chand,S/o Kripa Ram,R/O B-38, 1st-Floor, B.K Dutt Colony,Lodhi Road,Delhi-110003,have changed my name to Garib Chand Spolia permanently 0040646041-8

I,GHAN SHYAM S/O,SHIV BUX R/O,041, GALLI.NO-8,2B, NANGLOI EXTENSION NEWDELHI-110041,HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO GHAN SHYAM SHARMA. 0040646009-6

I,Fazil Ahmad S/O Munne Khan R/O, Na-41,New No-172, Gali.No-7,Vishnu Garden, Delhi-110018,have changed my name to Fazzil Ahmed. 0040646009-3

I,Durga Das@ Durga Prashad,S/o Gopal Dass R/o 1/20,Old-Rajinder Nagar,Delhi-110060,have changed my name to Duraga Prasad, permanently 0040646041-7

I,Bhavya bindal,D/o-Sanjeev bindal, Address- A-401shri Ganesh apartment plot.no.77, opposite Hong Kong-bazaar sector-56,urgaon,Haryana-122011,changed my name to Bhavyya bindal. 0040646035-10

I,Basanti Devi Gupta W/o Mathura Prashad Gupta R/o-196,3rd-Floor Vaishali- Enclave Pitampura Delhi-110034,have changed my name to Basanti Devi. 0040646041-9

I,Avinash Yadav S/o Akhilesh Yadav R/O Vijji-Majgaon,PS-Bankata Buzurg,Teh-Alapur,Distt.-Ambedkarnagar, U.P.,inform that in army service-records of my father my name was written as Abhinash Yadav,whereas my correct-name is Avinash Yadav. 0040646047-10

I,Abhishek Shahrawat R/O B-1/5, Brij-Vihar, Near Pushpantaji Enclave, Pitampura, Delhi-110034,have changed my -minor daughter's name Aaranya to Aaranya Shahrawat. 0040646079-5

I,ANAND KUMAR AGRAWAL,S/O RAMWATAR AGRAWAL,R/O FLAT.NO 806,TOWER-4, LOTUS PANACHE, SECTOR-110,NOIDA,GAUTAMBUDH NAGAR,UTTAR PRADESH-201301, have changed my name to ANAND AGRAWAL. 0040646079-1

I,AKHLOQ HAIDER R/O-3272,ALOK VIHAR-I, SECTOR-50 NOIDA,GAUTAM BUDDHA-NAGAR NOIDA,U.P.201301,Have changed My name,from AKHLOQ HAIDER to AKHLAQ FATIMA,for all,future.purposes. 0040646076-2

I,ABHIK RAJESH BAIJAL,S/O RAJESH RAVISHANKAR BAIJAL,R/O D-117, SECTOR-61,NOIDA,GAUTAMBUDH NAGAR,U.P.201301,changed my name to ABHIK BAIJAL. 0040646079-3

I,AAYUSHI AGRAWAL,D/O ANAND AGRAWAL,R/O FLAT.NO.806,TOWER-4, LOTUS PANACHE,SECTOR-110,NOIDA,GAUTAMBUDH-NAGAR,UTTAR PRADESH-201301,changed my name to AYUSHI AGRAWAL. 0040646079-2

I,AAISHI ANSARI,D/O-WAHID HUSSAIN R/O,M-104,A,M-BLOCK,LAXMI-NAGAR DELHI-110092,MY-PASSPORT.NO-K-1813238,MY FATHER NAME MENTION IS WAHID, BUT HE WOULD BE KNOWN AND CALLED WAHID HUSSAIN AS PER AADHAR CARD/PAN CARD/VOTER CARD PLEASE CHANGE THE NAME FOR FUTURE ALL PURPOSES. 0040646076-6

I,Uzma D/o Late Maqsood Ali R/O B-26 Senior Citizsn Home Complex P-4, Greater Noida U.P. have changed my name to Uzma Maqsood Ali for all future purposes. 0070818476-1

I, Sunena Bhardwaj D/O Krishan Kumar, R/o H. No-63, 2 Ashok Vihar Phase 3 Extn, Gurgaon, Haryana- 122001. Declare that Name of My Father and My Mother has been wrongly written as Krishan Bhardwaj and Santosh Kumar in my 10th Class Certificate and 12th Class Certificate. The actual name of My Father and My Mother are Krishan Kumar and Santosh Bhardwaj, which may be amended accordingly. 0070818422-1

I, Abhitabh Bhushan, S/o Chandra Bhushan Prasad Singh, R/O S202, La Royale, Indirapuram, Ghaziabad, have changed my name to Amitabh Bhushan. 0070818487-1

I, Subra D/o Sh.Sudhir Chander R/O D-71, Sector-22, Noida, Gautambudhnagar have changed my name to Shubhra Budakoti for all purpose. 0040645983-1

I, SADHNA W/o of MANOJ GUPTA, residing at 133-A Khs No 641 Balbir Vihar Karan Vihar DELHI 110086 in some documents my name is wrongly mentioned as SADANA but my correct and actual name is SADHNA for all purposes. 0040645802-2

I, Subha Chakraborty D/O Niharendu Chakraborty, W/O Sujit Kumar Chakraborty R/O Flat No 232, Pocket A-4, Konark Apartment, Kalkaji Extension, New Delhi-110019. have changed my name and shall hereafter be Known as Subhamitra Chakraborty 0070818424-1

I, Shibban khan, S/o Bundan Khan, R/O S17/6, 2nd Floor, Batla House, Jamia Nagar, New Delhi 110025, have changed my name to Shabban Khan. 0070818396-1

I, Sarita Soni W/o Shahanavaj Alam R/o-B-10, Shiv Vihar, Vikas Nagar, Uttam Nagar, Delhi-110059 have changed my name to Sahiba. 0070818465-1

I, Rudransh Khatri S/O Ramesh Singh, R/O House No-846, Near Gramin Bank, Jharsa, Gurgaon, Haryana- 122003, have changed my name and shall hereafter be Known as Himanshu 0070818421-1

I, Refait Khatoun Wife of No-18145w,Rfn Shazad Ahmed Rai, R/O-Chhungan, Tehsil-Mendhar, District-Poonch, my name and D o B has been wrongly mentioned in my husband's service records as Rafit Khatoon D o B- 01-03-1998 instead of Refait Khatoon D o B- 31-12-2001 as in Aadheer card and other relevant documents. It Needs correction. Objections be filled to 13th JAKLI within seven days. 0020450133-1

I, Ravi Gupta S/o Jai Prakash Gupta, R/O Laxmi Nagar, Delhi-92 has changed my name to Ravi Aggarwal S/o Jai Prakash Aggarwal for all future purposes. 0040646026-1

I, Randhir Kumar, S/o Ramnareesh Singh, R/O Chaman Vigha, Koraua, Jehanabad, Bihar-804417, have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Randhir Yadav. 0070818431-1

I, Rajesh Kumar, S/o Ram Dulare, R/O E-1/48, Kanpur Road, Sector-G, LDA Colony, Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh-226012, have changed my name to Moti Lal. 0070818453-1

I, Nazma Saifi w/o Raisuddin Saifi R/o 39A, J-Extension Laxmi Nagar Delhi-110092 have changed my name to Nazima 0040646076-1

I, Muhammad Majeed S/O Ikkal R/O-T-2250, Gali.No-21A, Baijeet-Nagar, Patel Village, New Delhi-110008,have changed my name to Mohd.Majid Sidique, for all future purposes 0040645973-1

I, Mohammad Shakir, S/o Mohd. Mustafa, R/O Flat No. F-199, Jalvau Vihar, Sector-Phi-2, Greater Noida, U.P., have changed my name to Mohammad Shakir Khan for all future purposes. 0070818503-1

I, Miku Goyal S/o Pawan Goyal R/O I-66, First Floor, Kirti Nagar, Delhi, have changed my name to Yash Goyal for all purposes. 0070818494-1

axd, Kishan Mandal S/O Shri Aditya Mandal R/o House No.2120, Gali No.12, Balmiki Mohalla, Tughlakabad Extn. New Delhi 110044, have changed my Minor Son Name Devgan Kumar to Devraj Kumar for all purposes. 0040645955-1

I, Khalid, S/o Salim Khan, R/o D-92, Abu Fazal Enclave Part-2, Shaheen Bagh, Okhla, Delhi-110025, have changed my name to Khalid Khan. 0070818482-1

I, Kesar Singh, S/o Vijay Singh, R/O Y-50, Sec-12, Noida, Gautam Buddha Nagar, U.P., declare that Kesar Singh & Kesar Singh Negi both are the name of same person. In future I will be known as Kesar Singh for all purposes. 0070818458-1

al, Kenheya Lal Shaarma S/o Shri. Ishwari Dutt R/O-117, Sec-17C, Vasundhara, Ghaziabad have changed my name to Kenheya Lal. 0070818471-1

I, Geeta Devi, W/o Late Deep Chand Gupta, R/O WZ-953, Palam Village, South West Delhi-110045, have changed my name to Sankara. 0070818452-1

I, Devahuti Sharma Bisht, W/o Deepak Bisht, R/o House No-D-138/B, Sector-26, Noida, U.P., have changed my name to Devahuti Sharmaah for all future purposes. 0070818461-1

I, Naina Dhawan W/o Tej Prakash R/O 2965,Gali no-2, Dharampura, Gandhi Nagar,Delhi-110031,have changed my name to Niteshwari. 0040646053-10

I Shatrundam Srivastava S/O, Sanjay Kumar R/O B-5, Pandara Road Flats, New Delhi have changed my name to Shatrundam Srivastav for all purposes. 0040646000-1

I VIMAL alias VIMAL ATOLIA, w/o of Sh RAVINDER KUMAR, residing at CL-1 Kh No-56/11 Budh Vihar Delhi 110086 after marriage have changed my name to VIMAL for all purposes. 0040645802-1

I SUDEEP S/O SURENDER SINGH R/O HARDEV PANNA, KAIR, DELHI-110043, INDIA HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO SUDEEP SEHRAWAT 0040645949-1

I Kirti D/o Shri Prem Chand R/o G-17/9, Laxmi Park, Nangloi, West Delhi, Delhi-110041 have changed my name to Kirti Gupta for all purposes. 0040645952-8

I Amrita Dutta Mitra D/O, A K Dutta R/O H1/55, Mahavir Enclave, New Delhi-110045 have changed my name to Amrita Dutta for all purposes 0040645995-1

I SAROJ SHARMA W/O, GHAN SHYAM SHARMA, R/O,41, GALLNO-8,2B, NANGLOI- EXTENSION NEWDELHI 110041,HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO SAROJ DEVI. 0040646009-7

PUBLIC NOTICE

It is for general information that I, Zareen Husain Farooq Dio Ahmed Omar Farooq, R/o Iqbal Manzil, Badar Bagh, Aligarh Koil, Aligarh, Uttar Pradesh-202001 hereby declare that name of mine has been wrongly written as Zareen Hussain in my all educational degrees and certificates. The actual name of mine is Zareen Husain Farooq, which may be amended accordingly.

NOTICE
I, Gurcharan Singh s/o ...Sundar Singh, R/o ...309 A pocket B Sidharth Extension Delhi has been transferred/sold the Original Share Certificate of 24-D Royal Apartment ,issued by Hon. Secretary, Royal Sahakari Awas Samiti Ltd., Sigma 4 Greater Noida. on 30/04/2010. If it is found by someone, I may be contacted at Mobile No. 9810222078 or same may be returned to me at the above number & address mentioned herein below, failing which my client(s) shall not be held responsible in any manner whatsoever. **Mohd Khairul Hussain (Advocate)** A-38, Kailash Colony, Khatlan & Khatlan New Delhi-48. Mob.-9810391672

PUBLIC NOTICE
Notice is hereby given to public at large that the instructions of my client Sh. Brahant Singh Awar, S/O Late Sh. Hari Singh R/O A-337, Shivalik, near Malviya Nagar, New Delhi-17, hereby inform to public at large that my client has identified and discovered his son Mr. Anish Tanwar, from all his movable & immovable assets/properties, on account of consistent disrespect, ill-treatment, misbehavior and harassment of my client as well as his wife Smt. Rajbala Tanwar, by Mr. Anish Tanwar and his wife Smt. Shipra Basia Tanwar, in as much to the extent of hurting abuses and extending threats to meet their undue and unjustified demands from my client and his afore named wife. Above said Mr. Anish Tanwar and his wife Smt. Shipra Basia Tanwar, are out of the control of my client and are living separately from my client, in a house conducted by my client, in the area of about 270 square yards, falling within the total area of BST Farms, Shriram Lane, Dera Mandi Village, New Delhi-110074, which belongs to and owned by my client and where they have been gratuitously allowed to reside by my client. Be it known to all that my client Mr. n no manner be liable for & responsible for any of acts, deeds and affairs of Mr. Anish Tanwar & his wife Smt. Shipra Basia Tanwar, whatsoever may be & whatsoever, shall deal, engage and keep their relation with them, they shall do at their own risk & consequence.

PUBLIC NOTICE
Flat No.M-27/A-3, Janta Flat, Ground Floor, Dilshad Garden, Delhi-110095, Shri Pradeep Kumar S/o Shri Jagdish Raj have lost the DDA documents 1. Demand Letter 2. Possession-cum-Allotment Letter 3. Possession Slip 4. NOC (Electricity & Water connection) for M-27/A-3, Janta Flat, Ground Flat Floor, Dilshad Garden, Delhi-110095, Shri Pradeep Kumar S/o Shri Jagdish Raj have lost the DDA documents LK No.241349(2021). **Sd/- (MANOHAR CHANDRA) Advocate** Chamber No. F-427, Karkardooma Courts Delhi-110032

PUBLIC NOTICE
Be it known to all concerned that my client Sh. Anrendr Singh S/o Lt. Sh. Rajendra Singh, R/o R-2 E-331, Nihal Vihar, Nangloi, West Delhi, Delhi- 110041 has disowned/debarred his son namely Sh. Mukesh from all movable & immovable properties due to his conduct, misbehavior and being out of his control. Any person dealing with his son in any manner shall be on his/her own risk and consequences. My client shall not be responsible for any acts, things or liability due by his son.

PUNEET KUMAR ADVOCATE
3rd Floor, Building No. 9,DDA Mkt Ashok Vihar Ph-II, Delhi-110052

PUBLIC NOTICE
Public is hereby informed that my clients Mr. Shankar Lal and his wife Mrs. Maya Devi both residents of W-281/48 G Block, Mangoli Puri, Delhi 110083, have severed all relations and disowned their son Mr. Devendra Kumar and his wife Mrs. Kavita Devi and debarred them from all their movable and immovable properties because of their disobedience and abusive behaviour. Anyone dealing with Mr. Devendra Kumar and his wife Mrs. Kavita Devi will do so at their own risk and responsibility and my clients will not be responsible for any act, deed or behavior done by them. **AMIT BAJAJ ADVOCATE** Chamber no. 227, Civil Side, Tis Hazari Courts, Delhi-110054

PUBLIC NOTICE
This Notice is hereby given to general public that Mrs. Pawan Lata Vashisht who claimed to be owner and in possession of the Property bearing no. D-2, area measuring 35 sq. yds, out of Kharsa no. 57, situated in the area of Village Ghonda Chauhan Banger, in the Abadi of Gali no. 9, Brahmapuri, Illaga Shahrada, Delhi, by virtue of Regd. General Power of Attorney, now Mrs. Pawan Lata Vashisht has selling said property to Mohammad Taimoor and Mohammad Taimoor, has approached Jana Saml Finance 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 Jana Saml Finance Bank Limited, isare hereby requested to notify the same in writing to undersigned with supporting documentary evidence at the address mentioned within 7 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** E-65,GF, Greater Kailash Enclave Part-I, New Delhi-110048

17 ECONOMY



GOLD

₹54,740



RUPEE

₹82.75



OIL

\$76.72



SILVER

₹67,984

Note: Gold, silver rates at Delhi spot market, gold per 10g, silver per 1 kg; Crude oil (Indian basket) as of December 19

SENSEX: 61,702.29 ▼ 103.90 (0.17%) NIFTY: 18,385.30 ▼ 35.15 (0.19%) NIKKEI: 26,568.03 ▼ 669.61 HANG SENG: 19,094.80 ▼ 258.01 FTSE: 7,359.92 ▼ 1.39 DAX: 13,908.13 ▼ 34.74

International market data till 1900 IST

SECTOR WATCH
AUTOMOBILE

Tax structure in auto sector needs a relook: Bhargava

SHUBHRA TANDON & VIKRAM CHAUDHARY
NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 20

RC BHARGAVA, chairman of Maruti Suzuki India, the country's largest passenger vehicle manufacturer, has said that the tax structure in the auto sector needs rationalisation.

Speaking at the company's annual media meet on late on Monday, he said that the regulatory burden is the highest on small cars and a uniform tax structure across all segments of vehicles will not augur well for the growth of the sector.

"Taxation on cars has always remained high compared to most other products. You cannot grow an industry with 50 per cent taxation (including cess). It has not happened anywhere in the world," he said.

"Even in richer countries, where cars are much more affordable for their population (because their per capita income is high), taxes on cars are much lower. In the EU, for example, it's about 19 per cent and in Japan it's about 10 per cent. That kind of taxation on cars isn't very different from the rate of taxes on most other products in those countries," Bhargava added.

He said that the government needs to think that should cars be charged more than the average rate of taxation?" If yes, then we are, in some way, accepting the thing that cars or luxury products should be taxed more than non-luxury prod-

According to MSI chairman RC Bhargava, auto sector is still heavily taxed, which affects industry growth

ucts, which is the old socialist way of thinking and taxation," he said.

According to him, the countries that have progressed on manufacturing have done it on the basis of the auto industry, and the government should take a rational decision on taxing cars.

He highlighted that the affordability factor has been an impediment for the car industry's growth for several years now, and the growth rate is only falling.

Bhargava said that the car industry's growth in the country has slowed to 3 per cent from 12 per cent in the past 12 years.

"Car penetration figures show that we are adding 1 point each year to the car penetration. It is somewhere around 30 cars per thousand people. It has been going up in the last five years by one person per year. If our target is to get to China's level which is now 170 (cars) per 1,000 people, it will take us 140 years to get there," he said.

At present, automobiles are taxed at a 28 per cent with additional cess ranging from 1 per cent to 22 per cent depending on the type of vehicle.

SEBI BOARD MEETING

Share buybacks via stock exchanges to be phased out

ENSECONOMIC BUREAU
MUMBAI, DECEMBER 20

THE SECURITIES and Exchange Board of India (Sebi) in its board meeting on Tuesday amended the share buyback regulations and announced to gradually phase out buyback through stock exchange route.

The markets regulator also took decision to strengthen the governance mechanisms in Market Infrastructure Institutions (MIs).

"We feel that the tender route is the more equitable route for buybacks. The other routes are vulnerable to favoritism because nobody really knows that in the exchange mechanism when the company is going to come in order to buyback shares and only few people may be aware of it and benefits may flow to those few people... so it (buyback through exchange) is not an equitable mechanism. "In that context, we are seeking to phase out the stock market for buyback but in the interim, since we do not want any knee-jerk reaction, we proposed there will be a min-

imum utilization of the amount and it has been increased from 50 per cent to 75 per cent, which means if you announced buyback, you must do at least 75 per cent," Sebi chairperson Madhabi Puri Buch told reporters after the board meeting. Sebi said a separate window will be created on stock exchanges for undertaking buyback till the time buyback through stock exchange is permitted.

For buyback through tender offer route, the markets regulator announced the reduction in timeline for completion of buyback by 18 days by removing the requirement of filing draft letter of offer with SEBI. It was permitted to offer revision of buy-back price until one working day prior to the record date.

There were few other proposals, which were recommended by the Keki Mistry-headed committee, but were not taken up at today's meeting. On taxation of buybacks, Buch said the market regulator will engage with the Ministry of Finance.

Sebi announced that the functions of MIs will be categorized into three verticals - criti-



SEBI headquarter in Mumbai

File

cal operations; regulatory, compliance and risk management; and other functions, including business development. It said MI will give higher priority to the resource allocation towards the functions under the first two verticals over resource allocation towards the third vertical. MIs will set up an investment committee as a new statutory committee which will be responsible for evaluating expenditure, investments into other compa-

nies and CSR activities.

Sebi said a sharper code of conduct will be applicable to the MI, the governing board, directors, the key management personnel (KMPs) and committee members.

"Board members and KMPs will be held accountable if they are aware of wrongdoing(s) and do not appropriately report the same," the regulator said.

It announced the introduction of a platform for risk reduction access to investors in case of disruption of trading service provided by a stock broker. In the event of disruption of trading services provided by a broker, clients face significant risk if they are unable to square off their open positions or cancel orders pending at the stock exchange, particularly when the markets are volatile. "To provide such clients a facility to reduce the risk of open positions / pending orders during periods of disruption in services of their broker, it has been decided that stock exchanges shall introduce an Investor Risk Reduction Access Platform," Sebi said.

Full report on www.indianexpress.com

Banks write off loans worth ₹11.17 lakh cr

New Delhi: Banks have written off Rs 11.17 lakh crore bad loans from their books in the last six years till financial year 2021-22, Parliament was informed on Tuesday.

The non-performing assets, including those in respect of which full provisioning has been made on completion of four years, are removed from the balance sheet of the bank concerned by way of write-off, Minister of State for Finance Bhagwat Karad said. PTI

'Office leasing to rise 52% this year across top 6 cities'

Occupiers have been snapping up office space across the top Indian cities, said Colliers India report



BENGALURU: Office leasing estimated to rise 66% in 2022

CHENNAI: To see 64% rise

DELHI-NCR: May witness 40% growth

HYDERABAD: Likely to rise 29%

MUMBAI: Expected to rise 59%

PUNE: May see a growth of 53%

In 2023, Bengaluru followed by Hyderabad is expected to see most of the new supply

Source: Colliers India/PTI

Fitch affirms India rating at 'BBB-'

ENSECONOMIC BUREAU
MUMBAI, DECEMBER 20

FITCH RATINGS on Tuesday affirmed India's long-term foreign currency issuer default rating at 'BBB-' with a stable outlook, saying India's rating reflects strengths from a robust growth outlook compared to peers and still-resilient external finances.

However, these are offset by India's weak public finances, illustrated by high deficits and debt relative to peers, as well as lagging structural indicators, including World Bank governance indicators and GDP per capita, it

said. 'BBB' ratings, classified as investment grade, indicate that expectations of default risk are currently low and the capacity for payment of financial commitments is considered adequate, but adverse business or economic conditions are more likely to impair this capacity.

India's still-resilient external finances have supported India in navigating the large external shocks during the past year, it said.

According to Fitch, sustained consumption and investment recoveries underpin our GDP growth forecast of 7.0 per cent in the fiscal year ending March

2023 (FY23). India is somewhat insulated from the gloomy global outlook in 2023, given its modest reliance on external demand.

"Nevertheless, we expect declining exports, heightened uncertainty, and higher interest rates to slow growth to 6.2 per cent in FY24 ('BBB' median: 2.0 per cent). We also expect consumption growth to moderate as pent-up demand fades," Fitch said.

India's robust medium-term growth outlook is a key supporting factor for the rating, Fitch said.

Full report on www.indianexpress.com

Services sector hiring to stay firm in Q4: Report

ENSECONOMIC BUREAU
NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 20



AMIDST THE global recession, India's hiring sentiment for the services sector looks firm at 77 per cent in the upcoming January-March quarter, with the 'intent to hire' set to increase by 27 per cent from Q4 2021, according to the 'Employment Outlook Report' for Q4 for the services sector by TeamLease released Tuesday.



"A comprehensive analysis of the hiring trends across industries, functions and regions, the report indicates that India is leading with the highest hiring intent despite the ongoing global inflation. Close to 77 per cent employers (as compared to 73 per cent in Q3) are keen to increase their resource pool in the services sector. However, in comparison to Q4 2021, intent to hire has risen by 27 per cent. Overall, across services and manufacturing sectors, an average of 68 per cent employers (65 per cent in Q3) have expressed a strong hiring sentiment," it said.

Among categories of employees, the hiring outlook for Q4 is better for fresh graduates and entry-level employees, with 79 per cent employers (74 per cent in Q3) willing to hire from this cat-

egory, while for mid-level employees it stands at 50 per cent and senior level at 32 per cent. From a business size perspective, intent to hire by large enterprises is at 82 per cent for Q4, followed by small enterprises at 61 per cent and medium enterprises at 50 per cent. The key sectors leading in the hiring outlook include e-commerce (98 per cent), telecommunications (94 per cent), educational services (93 per cent), financial services (88 per cent), retail (85 per cent) and logistics (81 per cent), the report said. The hiring intent for the services sector is at an exceptionally high level for Tier-1 cities like Bangalore (97 per cent), Chennai (94 per cent), Delhi (90 per cent), Hyderabad (86 per cent) and Mumbai (85 per cent), mainly across telecom and financial services sectors.

POSTGRADUATE INSTITUTE OF MEDICAL EDUCATION & RESEARCH CHANDIGARH
CORRIGENDUM
Ref: E-Tender Notice No. PI(EP)/22-23/05.
The following changes are made:
1. For the tender item at Sr. No.08 (High Energy Linear Accelerator For NHE) the bid submission dates and bid opening dates have been amended as under:-
● Bid Submission date from 20.12.2022 to 04.01.2023
● Bid Opening date from 21.12.2022 to 05.01.2023.
All other details shall remain the same.
PROFESSOR IN-CHARGE (EP)

		DELHI JAL BOARD : GOVT. OF NCT OF DELHI ADDITIONAL CHIEF ENGINEER-M-5 OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER (E&M)-M-5 KANHIVA NAGAR, DELHI-110035 E-Mail:- eecn2016@gmail.com					
PRESS NIT No. 18/EE(E&M)-M-5 (2022-2023)							
S. No.	Name of Work	Estimated Cost	Tender Processing Fee	Earnest Money	Tender ID No. & Date of Release of tender in E-Procurement Solution	Last date / Time of receipt of tender in E-Procurement Solution	
1.	Modernisation of 02 Nos. Elevators under accessible India campaign at Varunakaya Office Complex phase-II Delhi Jal Board Re-invited	I/Rate	500.00	Rs. 77800/-	2022_DJB_233221_1 16-Dec-2022 06:00 PM	29-Dec-2022 11:30 AM	
Further details in this regard can be seen at https://govtprocurement.delhi.gov.in							
ISSUED BY P.R.O. (WATER) Advt. No. J.S.V. 422 (2022-23)					Sd/- (R.K. RAI) EX. ENGINEER (E&M)-M-5		
<i>“STOP CORONA; Wear Mask, Follow Physical Distancing, Maintain Hand Hygiene”</i>							

		OFFICE OF THE SUPRINTENDENT ENGINEER (WW)-III DELHI JAL BOARD: GOVT. OF N.C.T. DELHI CHANDRAWAL WATER WORKS NO.II CIVIL LINES, DELHI-110054 E-mail:- eecplantww.djb01@gmail.com					
PRESS NIT No.36/(2022-23)							
S. No	Name of work	Estimate Cost	Earnest Money (Fresh)	Tender Processing Fee (Fresh)	Publication date of tender in e-procurement Solution	Last date & time for receipt of tender from e-procurement solution	
1.	Redevelopment and replacement of M.S. platform at V-9 RCC Well near I.T.O. (Tender ID: 2022_DJB_233255_1)	3661044/-	73500/-	500/-	17.12.2022	27.12.2022	
The more detail required above can be seen on website www.delhi.govtprocurement.com						(ER. ABSAR AHMED EX. ENGINEER(C) PLANT, WW ChandraNS at WW No.II, Civil Lines, Delhi-110054	
ISSUED BY P.R.O. (WATER) Advt. No. J.S.V. 420 (2022-23)							
"STOP CORONA, WEAR MASK, FOLLOW PHYSICAL DISTANCING, MAINTAIN HAND HYGIENE"							

Uttar Pradesh New and Renewable Energy Development Agency, (UPNEDA)
(Deptt. of Additional Sources of Energy, Govt. of U.P.)
Vibhuti Khand, Gomti Nagar, Lucknow-226010. Tele Fax: 0522-2720779, 2720829
Mobile No:- 9415609012. Website: www.upneda.org.in E-Mail: compneda@rediffmail.com

Notice Inviting Tender

UPNEDA invites Online Bids from Prospective Bidders through GeM Portal for **Empanelment & Rate Contract for Design, manufacture, supply, transportation and erection of FRP Catamaran Solar Boat-20 Seater with Zero emission including 5 years operation and maintenance at Various Water Bodies (Lakes, Rivers and Reservoirs) at various places in the State of Uttar Pradesh.**

S. No.	Name of Work	Capacity (Nos)	Estimated Cost excluding GST (Rs)
1.	Empanelment & Rate Contract for Design, Engineering, Manufacturing, supply, transportation and erection of FRP Catamaran Solar Boat-20 Seater with Zero emission including 5 years operation and maintenance at Various Water Bodies (Lakes, Rivers and Reservoirs) at various places in the State of Uttar Pradesh.	10 Nos	Rs 5,00,00,000/-
The tentative capacity mentioned above which may vary widely. Depending upon the demands to be received from various sources.			
GeM Bid No: GEM/2022/B/2881889, dated 20.12.2022			

The work completion time for all the above work is 4 (four) month. The Bid document is available at GeM Portal from 20.12.2022 Interested bidders may view, download the Bid document, seek clarification and submit their Bid through GeM Portal upto the date and time mentioned in the table below:

a	Availability of tender document on website	From : 20.12.2022
b	Bid submission end date & Time	On: 17.01.2023 upto 6:00 pm
c	Pre Bid Meeting	On: 27.12.2022 at 12:30pm
d	Online technical Bid Opening date & time	On: 17.01.2023 at 6:30 pm
e	Financial Bid Opening date & time (Only of technically qualified bidders)	Shall be intimated later
f	Venue of opening of technical & financial Bids	UPNEDA Head Office, VibhutiKhand, Gomti Nagar, Lucknow-226010

Numbers of the system mentioned as above, may increase or decrease. Director, Uttar Pradesh New and Renewable Energy Development Agency, (UPNEDA) reserves the right to reject any or all tenders without assigning any reason thereof. The decision of Director UPNEDA will be final and binding.

हमारा प्रग ऊर्जा संरक्षण
Director, UPNEDA

KERALA WATER AUTHORITY e-Tender Notice

Tender No: 71_72/2022-2023/KWA/PHC/TVLA
(1) J.M - 5th SSSC RWSS to Vallikkodu Kodum - Providing 3311 FHTCs, improving productivity of WTP, Supply, erection and commissioning of V pump set and including road restoration works in Vallikkodu Pl. (2) J.M - 5th SWSM - Supplying and laying distribution lines and providing 3660 FHTCs including road restoration works in Konni Pl. EMD : Rs. 500000 each. Tender Fee: Rs. 17700 each. Last Date for submitting Tender : 11-01-2023 02:00:pm
Phone : 0469260162
Website : www.kwa.kerala.gov.in www.etenders.kerala.gov.in

Superintending Engineer PH Circle Palakkad

Rajasthan State Mines & Minerals Limited (A Government of Rajasthan Enterprise)

4, Meera Marg, Udaipur - 313001 Phone: (0294)2427177 / 2428763-67, Fax (0294)2428768, 2428739 Email:- contractscs.rsmml@rajasthan.gov.in
Detailed Notice Inviting Tender Date-15.12.2022

NIT No. & Date	Description of Work
e-Tender No. Cont.-16/2022-23 dated 14.12.2022 UJEN No. MML2223SL0800 124	Loading of Limestone Gitti of Various sizes into Trippers/Dumpers from Crusher Hopper (s) and different stacks lying at Company's Sanu Limestone Mines, Distt. Jaisalmer, its transportation from Mines to Railway Siding at Sanurawal station, and its unloading, stacking, watch & ward and mechanized loading of Limestone Gitti into Railway Wagons using Front End Loaders etc. Contract value Rs. 9152.00 Lacs, EMD in Rs. 183.04 Lacs D.D. in favour of RSMML Ltd. Udaipur/ BG. Tender Fees Rs. 4720/-

Other terms & conditions have been given in detailed tender for which please visit us at our website www.rsmml.com or www.sppp.rajasthan.gov.in or eproc.rajasthan.gov.in or contact GGM (Contract) on above address.
Raj.sanwal/G22/11994 DGM (Admin.)

KARNATAKA INDUSTRIAL AREAS DEVELOPMENT BOARD (A Government of Karnataka Undertaking)

No.49, 4th & 5th Floor, East Wing, Khanija Bhavan, Race Course Road, Bengaluru - 560001.
Phone No. 080-22265383 Website: www.kiadb.in

No. IADB/ENGG/ETND-EP-32/16048/2022-23 Date: 19.12.2022

SHORT TERM NOTICE INVITING TENDER (Through GOK e - Procurement Portal Only)

Tender under two cover bid system is invited for the works mentioned below as per the Karnataka Transparency in Public Procurement Act 1999 and Rules 2000 through electronic procurement from eligible Contractors holding valid Class-I (Civil) issued from KPWD, Government of Karnataka who have got adequate financial resources, state of the art technology, suitable construction equipments, technical man power & sufficient past experience for the following work as per the schedule given below:

Name of the work: (1) Establishment of Plug & Play Infrastructure in the CA plot (which is reserved for Fire station) at Nandur Kesaratagi Industrial Area, 2nd Phase, Kalaburgi District. (2) Formation of sub layout including formation of 15m & 18m Wide Asphalt Roads including Construction of RCC Side Drains, Culverts and Providing & Laying of HDPE Water Supply Pipe Lines of Thandya 2nd Stage 1st Phase Industrial Area, Nanjangodu Taluk, Mysuru District.

Last date for submission of bids is: 09.01.2023 upto 04:00 pm

Applicants May Download Bidding Documents from the E-Procurement Portal <https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in>

Sd/-
Chief Engineer-2
KIADB, Bengaluru



ANDHRA PRADESH CENTRAL POWER DISTRIBUTION CORPORATION LIMITED
Sd/- Chief General Manager Projects APCDCL-VIJAYAWADA
Email: cgmproj.apcdclgpcpdcl.in

Tender Notice No: CBM/PROJECTS/VJA/DBT/ALLIED/SP-10/2022-23
Bids through e-procurement.gov.in are invited from eligible bidders for "Supply and fixing of 4 Lakh SMC Meter Boxes with clamps, 4Lakh 3P 415V 40A MCCB, 4Lakh Shunt Capacitors, 10sqmm twin core PVC cable and 10 sqmm single core PVC cable, 4 lakh 20mm dia15mts Long Electroplated Spike Earthing and GI wire No.8 and fixing of Smart Meters in SMC Meter Box and other material as per the specification to 4 Lakh agriculture service premises to capture Agricultural services consumption data in erstwhile Krishna, Guntur and Prakasam Districts under YSR Uthala Vyavasaya Yojana Pathanam with 100% CAPEX Model". The Tender information will be made available in AP e-Procurement Portal from **22.12.2022, 16:00 Hrs**, Last date for Bid submission online is **11.01.2023, 17:30 Hrs**



आईआरईएल (इंडिया) लिमिटेड
IREL (India) Limited
(A Govt. of India Undertaking - Department of Atomic Energy)
CIN : U1500MH1950G01008187
Rare Earths Division, Kochi, Kerala, email : purchase-red@irel.co.in
An ISO 9001, 14001 & 45001 Company


TENDER NOTICE
IREL (India) Limited, Rare Earths Division invites tender for the following item / job descriptions:

Description	Availability of tenders in the website
Procurement of Flowmeter etc.	22.12.2022 14.00 Hrs.
ARC for R&M of Electrical Installations.	21.12.2022 14.00 Hrs.
ARC for retrofitting of RCC structural elements	28.12.2022 14.00 Hrs.
Supply & Erection of 30M ³ and 18M ³ CSFRP Tanks	30.12.2022 14.00 Hrs.

For details visit the following websites
gem.gov.in, **MSTC**, **http://bit.ly/cpppireli**
www.irel.co.in/tender-information.

Any corrigendum/ extension to the above tenders shall be hosted in the above websites only.

GM & Head, RED
Date: 21.12.2022
Dwp 48129/12/0072/2223



NORTHERN RAILWAY
TENDER NOTICE
Invitation of Tender through E-Tendering (E-Procurement Systems)


N.I.T. No	31-22-23/WE
Name of work with its location	Outsourcing of maintenance activities to provide habitable conditions at Delhi Kishanganj-I and Delhi Kishanganj-II Railway Colonies in the section of SSE/W/DKZ-I & DKZ-II under ADEN/E-IV and Outsourcing of maintenance activities to provide habitable conditions in Loco Colony DEE in the s/o SSE/W/DKZ-I under ADEN/E-IV for 11 months
Approx. Cost of work	18553792.38
EMD Amount	243060.00
Completion period of work	11 Months
Date and Time for submission of tender and opening of tender	Closing date of tender on 10.01.2023 at 15:00 hrs.
Website particulars notice board location complete details of tender can be seen and address of the office from where the tender from can be purchased etc.	Above tender available on website i.e. www.gem.gov.in

128-W/269/OET/22-23/WE/NT/31
Dated: 17.12.2022

Divisional Engineer Estate-II
Northern Railway, New Delhi
For & on behalf of President of India

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Punjab State Power Corporation Limited
Regd Office: PSEB Head Office, The Mall, (Patiala)
CIN: U40109PB2010SGC033813, Website: **www.pspcl.in**
(Contact Number: 96461-23323)


Tender Enquiry No. PPR-31/2022
Dated: 15.12.2022

Chief Engineer/PP&R Organization, Shed No. D-3, Shakti Vihar, PSPCL, Patiala invites E-tender under three part bid system for supply of electrical energy from interstate/intrastate sources viz. Generators, Traders having Valid Inter State Trading License issued by CERC for interstate trading of energy, intrastate trading license issued by, PSERC for intrastate trading of energy, State Electricity Boards, State Electricity Utilities, States, IPPs & CPPs from 1st Jan 2023 to 31st Mar 2023. The link for the e-Bidding portal is **www.mstcecommerce.com** and is also available on the website of Ministry of Power (**www.Powermin.nic.in**) and PFC Consultanc, Limited (**www.pfcindia.com**).

For detailed NIT & tender specifications please refer to **www.mstcecommerce.com** from 15.12.2022 onwards.

NOTE: Corrigendum & addendum, if any will be published online at **www.mstcecommerce.com**.

C-477/22 19735/Pb









NORTH WESTERN RAILWAY
Notice Inviting e-Auction for the contract of Catering

With reference to above, e-Auction for the contract of **CATERING** has been invited. The catalogues have already been published in IREPS website.

Catalogue No.	Type of Contract	Lot No.	Station Name	Category	Date/Time & Periof of Contract
Catering- Ju-02	Catering Special Minor Unit (SMU)	Catg-JU-BUT-SMU-89-22-1	BUT	SMU-MIN	Startat 11:00 hours on 02.01.2023. Contract Period: 05 years
		Catg-JU-BGKT-SMU-92-22-1	BGKT	SMU-OBC	
		Catg-JU-BANE-SMU-84-22-1	BANE	SMU-SC	
		Catg-JU-KMNC-SMU-104-22-1	KMNC	SMU-ST(W)	
		Catg-JU-BANE-SMU-87-22-1	BANE	SMU-ST	
		Catg-JU-DNA-SMU-97-22-1	DNA	SMU-SC	
		Catg-JU-GOTN-SMU-99-22-1	GOTN	SMU-SC	
		Catg-JU-KMNC-SMU-103-22-1	KMNC	SMU-SC	
		Catg-JU-BUT-SMU-90-22-1	BUT	SMU-ST	
		Catg-JU-BUT-SMU-88-22-1	BUT	SMU-SC	
		Catg-JU-JOR-SMU-102-22-1	JOR	SMU-ST	
		Catg-JU-JOR-SMU-100-22-1	JOR	SMU-OBC	
		Catg-JU-JOR-SMU-101-22-1	JOR	SMU-SC(W)	
		Catg-JU-BANE-SMU-86-22-1	BANE	SMU-OBC	
		Catg-JU-DNA-SMU-94-22-1	DNA	SMU-OBC	
Catering- Ju-03	Catering Special Minor Unit (SMU)	Catg-JU-BGKT-SMU-91-22-1	BGKT	SMU-SC	Startat 11:00 hours on 03.01.2023. Contract Period: 05 years
		Catg-JU-KMNC-SMU-105-22-1	KMNC	SMU-ST	
		Catg-JU-BANE-SMU-85-22-1	BANE	SMU-OBC	
		Catg-JU-DNA-SMU-96-22-1	DNA	SMU-OBC(W)	
		Catg-JU-DSO-SMU-98-22-1	DSO	SMU-ST(W)	
		Catg-JU-DNA-SMU-93-22-1	DNA	SMU-MIN	
		Catg-JU-BNO-SMU-124-22-1	BNO	SMU-OBC	
		Catg-JU-OSN-SMU-155-22-1	OSN	SMU-OBC(W)	
		Catg-JU-AAS-SMU-121-22-1	AAS	SMU-SC	
		Catg-JU-BMQ-SMU-129-22-1	BMQ	SMU-MIN	
		Catg-JU-LUNI-SMU-107-22-1	LUNI	SMU-ST	
		Catg-JU-LUNI-SMU-106-22-1	LUNI	SMU-MIN(W)	
		Catg-JU-AJT-SMU-120-22-1	AJT	SMU-OBC	
		Catg-JU-BMSN-SMU-123-22-1	BMSN	SMU-MIN(W)	
		Catg-JU-HRLI-SMU-133-22-1	HRLI	SMU-SC(W)	
		Catg-JU-OOH-SMU-154-22-1	OOH	SMU-OBC	
		Catg-JU-LUNI-SMU-108-22-1	LUNI	SMU-MIN(W)	
		Catg-JU-AQG-SMU-122-22-1	AQG	SMU-SC(W)	
		Catg-JU-BSDA-SMU-125-22-1	BSDA	SMU-OBC	
		Catg-JU-BOM-SMU-130-22-1	BOM	SMU-MIN	
		Catg-JU-GOLE-SMU-131-22-1	GOLE	SMU-SC	
		Catg-JU-NYK-SMU-153-22-1	NYK	SMU-SC	
		Catg-JU-JNZ-SMU-134-22-1	JNZ	SMU-OBC	
		Catg-JU-BIPR-SMU-127-22-1	BIPR	SMU-ST	
		Catg-JU-GVMR-SMU-132-22-1	GVMR	SMU-SC	
		Catg-JU-BSRL-SMU-126-22-1	BSRL	SMU-MIN	

Note : Initial Cooling Off Period is 30 minutes. Successive Lot Closing Interval is 10 minutes. Lot wise Closing Time can be viewed in e-Auction module of IREPS., **Earnest Money :** 5% of the Bid value, Prospective bidders are requested to visit e-Auction Leasing module on IREPS website (**www.ireps.gov.in**). The Lot-wise details are available therein under the above mentioned Catalogue No. **1079-SN/22**

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(घनकचरा व्यवस्थापन विभाग)
मुदतवाद

Tender ID : 2022_VVCMC_845843_2

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Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike
Office of the Executive Engineer,
Project Central-5, Bengaluru-560 002.

No: EE/PC-5/TEND/04/2022-23
Dated: 20.12.2022

INVITATION FOR TENDERS (IFT)

(Short Term Tender Notification) (Through e-Procurement Portal GOK website: **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in** only)


The Executive Engineer, Project central-5, BBMP invites tenders on behalf of the Chief Commissioner, BBMP, Bengaluru from eligible Tenderers for the construction of works detailed in the table below.

Sl. No.	Name of the Work	Approx Amount put to tender (Rs. in lakhs)	EMD (Rs. in Lakhs)
1.	New Construction of Urban Primary Health Centre Buildings in Ward No.41 & Ward No. 39 and Repair/ Upgradation of Urban Primary Health Centers in Ward No.13 & ward No.15 in Dasarahalli Zone.	175.86	2.64 lakhs (Rs one lakh through E-Procurement & remaining as specified in bid document)

Calendar of Events: (1) Documents may be downloaded through e-portal from 22.12.2022 onwards. **(2)** Tender must be submitted online through E-Procurement Portal on or before 17.30 hrs on 07.01.2023 and the opening of tenders will be as per the E-Procurement portal guidelines. **(3)** Last date for receipt of queries is 31.12.2022 up to 17.30 hrs. **(4)** Pre-bid meeting will be held on 02.01.2023 at 16.00 hrs. **(5)** Technical bids will be opened on the website **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in** on 09.01.2023 at 16.30 hrs.

Sd/- Executive Engineer, Project Central-5

Govt. of Bihar



Rural Works Department

Office of the Engineer-in-Chief, Rural Works Department, Bihar

BRRDA,3rd Floor, Land Development Bank Building, BudhMarg, Patna, Bihar -800001

(बिहार ग्रामीण पथ अनुसंधान नीति, 2018)

Notice Inviting Tender for Rural Roads Maintenance based on Output and performance based Contract through e-procurement mode on Model Bidding Document (MBD).

(Notice Inviting Tender No. - MR-3054-45/2022-23)

1. Designation and Address of the Advertiser :

Office of Engineer-in-chief, Rural Works Department, Bihar, Patna

2. Date of Issue of Notice Inviting Tender :

16.12.2022

3. Period for downloading of Tender documents :

From 09.01.2023(9:00) to 23.01.2023 up to 15:00 hrs. From website-http://pmsgsyntenderbih.gov.in

4. Date, Time & Place of Pre- Bid Meeting :

Date 12.01.2023 time 15:00 hrs. Place O/o Concerned Superintending Engineer

5. Last Date & Time for uploading tender :

Date 23.01.2023 up to: 15:00 hrs. http://pmsgsyntenderbih.gov.in

6. Date, time for online opening of Technical bid :

Date 23.01.2023 up. Time: 15:30 hrs.

7. Last date, time and place for submission of Original instrument of EMD, Cost of BOQ, Bank credit facility certificate and an Affidavit regarding correctness of Information provided with bid document :

Till 15:00 hrs on 23.01.2023
Place- O/o-concerned
(i) Executive Engineer Or (ii) Superintending Engineer Or (iii) Chief Engineer

8. The Engineer in chief, Rural Works Department on behalf of Governor of Bihar invites bids from the eligible bidders for the works detailed below.

9. Details of Works:-

SL. No	Package No.	District	Name of Division	Block	Name of Road	Length (In Km)	Cost of Initial Rectificati on with Surface Renewal (In Lakhs)	Cost of 5- Years Mainte nance (In Lakh)	Total Estimated Cost (In Lakhs)	Cost of BOQ (In Rs)	Bid Security (In Lakhs)	Amount Payable to Works Division
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
1	MR- N/22-23 Biraui/02	Darbhanga	Biraui	Kiratpur	SH 56 Harinagar Gaon Tak	0.740	65.785	5.734	71.519	10000	1.430	EE. RWD Works Division, Biraui
		Total for the Group				0.740	65.785	5.734	71.519			
2	MR- N/22-23 Biraui/03	Darbhanga	Biraui	Biraui	T029 to Rajmani tak	3.624	185.560	43.550	229.110	10000	4.582	EE. RWD Works Division, Biraui
		Total for the Group				3.624	185.560	43.550	229.110			
3	MR- N/22-23 Manjhaul Bakhri/ 10	Begusarai	Manjhaul Bakhri	Khudabandpur	Bariyarpur Kisan High School To Bandh	0.700	53.449	4.611	58.060	10000	5.511	EE. RWD Works Division, Manjhaul Bakhri
		Begusarai	Manjhaul Bakhri	Navkothi	Rajakpur Thakurwari Tola Se Navsrijit Primary School Rajakpur	0.900	83.150	5.930	89.080			
		Begusarai	Manjhaul Bakhri	Cheriya Bariyarpur	T05 To Harijan Tola Khajahapur	1.100	28.739	11.572	40.311			
		Begusarai	Manjhaul Bakhri	Cheriya Bariyarpur	Manjhaul Pustakalay chowk To Gara Pokhar	1.200	38.434	11.321	49.755			
		Begusarai	Manjhaul Bakhri	Chhaurahi	Pansala To Jana	1.100	27.195	11.172	38.367			
		Total for the Group				5.000	230.967	44.606	275.573			
4	MR- N/22-23 Teghra/ 07	Begusarai	Teghra	Mansurchak	Bank Mor To Balan Nadi tak	0.550	39.207	3.518	42.725	10000	4.108	EE. RWD Works Division, Teghra
		Begusarai	Teghra	Mansurchak	Satha Railway Gumti Se Samastipur Simant	0.820	53.848	8.146	61.994			
		Begusarai	Teghra	Mansurchak	REO Road Se Dashrathpur	0.480	35.490	3.062	38.552			
		Begusarai	Teghra	Teghra	Utkarmit Middle School Se Ramnarayan Singh Ke Ghar Se Via Kamleshwari Master Ke Ghar Tak	0.810	56.982	5.138	62.120			
		Total for the Group				2.660	185.527	19.864	205.391			
5	MR- N/22-23 Sheohar/ 02	Sheohar	Sheohar	Dumri Katsari	Dumari- Bira Chhapra	3.900	226.940	40.050	266.990	10000	12.477	EE. RWD Works Division, Sheohar
		Sheohar	Sheohar	Sheohar	Fatehpur Se Basahia Ram	2.537	124.820	29.910	154.730			
		Sheohar	Sheohar	Piprahi	Chamanpur Se Ojha Tola	4.500	153.730	48.420	202.150			
		Total for the Group				10.937	505.490	118.380	623.870			
6	MR- N/22-23 Darbhanga a-1/05	Darbhanga	Darbhanga -1	Hanuman Nagar	T04 to Moro	1.869	103.550	20.700	124.250	10000	9.270	EE. RWD Works Division, Darbhanga -1
		Darbhanga	Darbhanga -1	Hanuman Nagar	Taralahi Chowk T01 To Baghala Mushari Tola	1.500	105.270	14.230	119.500			

NORTHERN RAILWAY

TENDER NOTICE

Re-Invitation of Tender through E-Tendering (E-Procurement System)

S.N.	Tender Notice No. & Date	Name of work with its location	Approx. Cost of work	Amount of Earnest Money	Completion period of the work	Date & Time for submission of tender & opening of tender
1.	32-W-BR-49-28 UMB DATE 19.12.2022	Improvement to longitudinal level of girder with provision of stool of Br. No. 28 & 49 on JHL-HSR in the jurisdiction of AXEN/BL/UMB	Rs. 899244.17	Rs. 18000	(03) Three Months	Upto 15.00 Hrs. on 11.01.2023 opening of tender after 15:00 hrs on same day

Note : Above tender is available on website, IREPS site i.e. www.ireps.gov.in where complete details of Tender can be seen & downloaded.

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EAST CENTRAL RAILWAY

Open e-Auction

Dhanbad, dt. 17.12.2022

Divisional Railway Manager (Commercial), East Central Dhanbad, on behalf of President of India invites open e-Auction through IREPS portal vide website www.ireps.gov.in for awarding the contract. Details are as under:-

SI.No.: i : (1), e-Auction Catalogue : ii : ATM, e-Auction Catalogue no. : iii : ATM-5-22, Scheduled date and time of e-Auction starting details : iv : 05.01.2023 from 14.00 hrs., Details of work and name of stations : v : e-Auction for Installation of Automated Teller Machine (ATM) at 16 locations / Stations over Dhanbad Division for the period of five years i.e. Dhanbad (3 location), Renukut, Gomoh, Barkakana, Daltonganj, Chopan, Singrauli, Koderma, Parasnath, Hazaribagh Town, Garhwa Road, Hazaribagh Road, Chandrapura, Barwadih.

SI.No.: i : (2), e-Auction Catalogue : ii : Publicity, e-Auction Catalogue no. : iii : PUB-4-22, Scheduled date and time of e-Auction starting details : iv : 06.01.2023 from 12.00 hrs., Details of work and name of stations : v : Sole advertisement right inside of Ranchi road, Katrasgarh, Patratu station for three years.

All prospective bidders are advised to visit the website www.ireps.gov.in for full details and participate against the above mentioned e-Auction as per schedule given vide column No. iv, Railway Administration reserves the right to reject any or all the tenders without assigning any reason what so ever.

Divisional Railway Manager (Commercial) E.C. Railway, Dhanbad

PR/01721/DHN/COM/LN/22-23/48

Regional Office :
Krishna Honda Building,
Akharaghat Road,
Muzaffarpur-842001

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Bank of Baroda

POSSESSION NOTICE
(FOR IMMOVABLE PROPERTY)

Whereas, the undersigned being the authorised officer of the BANK OF BARODA under the securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(12) read with rule 3 of the security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a demand notice calling upon the borrower(s)/Gurantor to repay the amount within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The borrowers having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the Borrowers/Gurantors and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under sub section (4) of section 13 of the Act with rule 8 of the said rules.

The Borrowers/Gurantors/Mortgagers in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property/ies and any dealings with the properties will be subject to the charge of the BANK OF BARODA for the amount and further interest there of the contractual rate plus, charge and expenses till date of payment.

The Borrower's attention is invited to provision of sub section (8) of section 13 of the SARFAESI Act 2002, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

Name of the Branch/ Name & Address of the Borrower/Guarantors	Description of the Immovable Propertiles	Demand/ Possession Notice Date	Outstanding Amount
Bank of Baroda (E-Vijaya) Muzaffarpur Branch Borrower : Mr. Rakesh Kumar, S/o Bhagya Narayan Ojha, Guarantors 1. : Mrs. Krishna Devi W/o Bhagya Narayan Ojha Guarantors 2. : Mr. Ranjan Kumar S/o Bhagya Narayan Ojha All are at Jeewan Bima Nigam, Mushari, Muzaffarpur- 842001 Bihar	Registered Mortgage of land & building in the name of Mrs. Krishna Devi W/o Bhagya Narayan Ojha situated at Anchal Mushari, Dist.- Muzaffarpur bearing sale deed no. 12176, Khata No. 508, Khesra No. 3442, KH, Thana No. 334, Area- 35 Decmal. Boundaries :- Binod Ojha, S: Raj Kishore Thakur, E: Gopinath Ojha, W: Road	06-09-2022 / 15-12-2022	Rs. 57,30,195.04/- as on 03.09.2022 together with further interest thereon at the contractual rate plus all cost charges & expenses till date payments

Place : Muzaffarpur
Date : 20.12.2022

Authorised Officer
Bank Of Baroda

Govt. of Bihar

Office of the Executive Engineer
RWD,Works Division Darbhanga-1

Notice Inviting Tender No. – ET/RWD-DBG1/MR-3054-02/2022-23

(बिहार ग्रामीण पथ अनुसंधान नीति, 2018)

Notice Inviting Tender for Rural Roads Maintenance based on Output and performance based Contract through e-procurement mode on Model Bidding Document (MBD).

1. Designation and Address of the Advertiser

2. Date of Issue of Notice Inviting Tender

3. Period for downloading of Tender documents

4. Date, Time & Place of Pre-Bid Meeting

5. Last Date & Time for uploading Tender Document by Bidder

6. Date, Time for Online Opening of Technical bid

7. Last Date, Time and place for submission of Original Instrument of EMD, Cost of BOQ and Affidavit regarding correctness of Information provided with bid document

: Executive Engineer, Rural Works Department, Works Division, Darbhanga-1

: 19.12.2022

: From 05.01.2023 (9:00) To 16.01.2023 upto 15:00 Hrs
From Website:<http://pmgsytenderbih.gov.in>

: Date 30.12.2023 time 15:00 Hrs

: Place O/o Superintending Engineer, RWD Works Circle, Darbhanga

: Date 16.01.2023 upto 15:00 Hrs <http://pmgsytenderbih.gov.in>

: Date 16.01.2023 up Time: 15:30 Hrs

: Till 15:00 Hrs on 16.01.2023

: Place-O/o Concerned

(i) Executive Engineer or (ii) Superintending Engineer or (iii) Chief Engineer

	Package No.	Division	Block	Name of Road	Length (In Kms.)	Initial Rectification including Surface Renewal (Rs. In Lacs)	5 Years Ordinary Maint. Cost (Rs. In Lacs)	Estimated Cost Value (ECV) (Rs. In Lacs)	Cost of BOQ (In Rs.)	Bid Security (Rs. In Lacs)	Amount Payable To Works Division	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
1	MR-N/21-22 Darbhanga -1/01	Darbhanga 1	Darbhanga Sadar	L042 to Parri	3.000	116.089	31.151	147.240	10000	2.945	Executive Engineer R.W.D. WORKS DIVISION DARBHANGA-1 through bbbank draft issued from nationalised bank payable at Darbhanga bank draft issued from nationalised bank payable at Darbhanga	
			Total for the group		3.000	116.089	31.151	147.240				

9. Bid Validity: 120 days from the date of opening of bid.

10. Any Contractor registered in appropriate category with the central Government/ any State Government or any PSU or an agency of International or national repute may participate in the tender but registration with the Rural Works Department, Bihar will be essential after issue of L.O.A. and before executing the agreement.

11. Detailed NIT can be seen on Website:<http://pmgsytendersbih.gov.in> or on the notice board of the office of the undersigned.

Details informations visit website state.bihar.gov.in/prdbihar

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Dated: 19.12.2022

VACANCY NOTICE

ADVERTISEMENT NO.09/22

IMPORTANT NOTE:- Only online applications will be accepted. Applications received through any other mode shall stand summarily rejected. No correspondence will be entertained in this regard.

The opening date and closing date for receipt of online applications are as under:

Opening Date for Submission of Online Applications:- 03/01/2023 (03 JANUARY, 2023)

Closing Date for Submission of Online Applications:- 01/02/2023 (01 FEBRUARY, 2023)

Online Applications are invited for recruitment to the following posts under Directorate of Education, Govt. of NCT of Delhi.-

SI No	Post Code	Name of the Post	Name of Department	Group	Grade Pay	Vacancy						
						EWS	UR	OBC	SC	ST	Total	PWS
1	42/22	PGT Economics- Female	Directorate of Education	B	4800	-	03	01	-	02	06	02

Candidates must apply online through the website <https://dsssbonline.nic.in>. The closing date for submission of online application is up to 01/02/2023 (till 11:59 PM) after which the link will be disabled. The applicants are advised to visit DSSSB's website <https://dsssb.delhi.gov.in/current-vacancies/Delhi-subordinate-services-selection-board> to check the detailed advertisement and confirm their eligibility for the above vacancies based on the Recruitment Rules of the Directorate of Education. The date of conduct of examinations will be intimated in due course only through the website of the Board. Further, candidate is advised to visit website of the Board on regular basis to get updates. The Board shall not be responsible for any lapse on the part of the candidate in this regard.

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(For Immovable Property)

Whereas,

The undersigned being the Authorised Officer of the Punjab National Bank, Circle SASTRA Ara, Hotel Regal, Second Floor, District-Bhojpur, Ara-802301 Ara-802301 under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of Powers conferred under Section 13 read with rule 3 of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, issued a Demand Notice dated 14.06.2022 calling upon the Borrower M/s. Smriti, Prop Sh. Krishna Mohan Agrawal, Smt Abha Agrawal W/O Sh. Krishna Mohan Agrawal, Sh Manish Agrawal S/O Sh. Hrideshwar Narayan Agrawal, Smt. Deepa Agrawal Rs. 1,46,40,183.00 (Rupees One Crore Forty Six Lakhs Forty Thousand One Hundred Eighty Three Only), and interest thereon from 01.06.2022 within 60 days from the date of notice/date of receipt of the said notice.

The borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said Rules on this 17th day of December 2022.

The borrower in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the Punjab National Bank of Rs. 1,55,36,334.00 (Rupees One Crore Fifty Five Lacs Thirty Six Thousand Three Hundred Thirty Four Only) as on 30.11.2022 along with future interest and expenses from 01.12.2022 until payment in full.

The Borrower's/Guarantor's/Mortgagor's attention is invited to provisions of sub section (8) of section 13 of the Act in respect to time available to redeem the secured assets.

Description of Immovable Property

(1) All that part and parcel of Property situated at Mauza-Kayamnagar, Thana No.-144, Khata No.-303, Khesra No.-32(Part), PS-Koilwar, District-Bhojpur, Area 15.625 Decimal (5 Kattha), Sale Deed No.1894 Dated.23.02.2015, Mortgaged by:- Sh. Krishna Mohan Agrawal S/O Shri Hrideshwar Narayan Agrawal and Smt. Abha Agrawal W/O Sh. Krishna Mohan Agrawal, Boundary:- North - Hitnarayan Singh, South -10 feet Kachchi Rasta, East - Imroja Baidar Manish Agrawal Vagairah, West - Kamalkant Chaoudhary.

(2) All that part and parcel of Property situated at Mauza-Kayamnagar, Thana No.-144, Khata No.-303, Khesra No.-32(Part), PS-Koilwar, District-Bhojpur. Area 15.625 Decimal (5 Kattha). Sale Deed no.1895, Dated.23.02.2015, Mortgaged by:- Sh. Manish Agrawal S/O Sh. Hrideshwar Narayan Agrawal and Smt. Deepa Agrawal W/O Sh. Manish Agrawal, Boundary:- North - Hitnarayan Singh, South - 10 feet kachchi Rasta, East - Awadesh Singh, West - Imroja Baidar Krishna Mohan Agrawal Vagairah.

(3) All that part and parcel of Property situated at Mauza-Kayamnagar, Thana No.-144, Khata No.-76, Chak Khata No. 97, Khesra No.-33, Chak Khesra No. 20, PS - Koilwar, District - Bhojpur, Area 9.375 Decimal (3 Kattha), Sale Deed No.-11753 Dated- 01.12.2011, Mortgaged by :- Shri Manish Agrawal S/O Shri Hrideshwar Narayan Agrawal and Smt. Deepa Agrawal W/O Sh. Manish Agrawal. Bounday :- North - 5 feet Chauda Rasta, South - Daharu Yadav, East - Rameshwar Yadav, West - Imroja Baidar Manish Agrawal Vagairah.

(4) All that part and parcel of Property situated at Mauza-Kayamnagar, Thana No.-144, Khata No.-76, Chak Khata No. 97, Khesra No.-33, Chak Khesra No. 20, PS-Koilwar, District-Bhojpur. Area 9.375 Decimal (3 Kattha), Sale Deed No.-11754 Dated.01.12.2011, Mortgaged by:- Sh. Krishna Mohan Agrawal S/O Sh. Hrideshwar Narayan Agrawal and Smt. Abha Agrawal W/O Sh. Krishna Mohan Agrawal, Boundary:- North- 5 feet chauda rasta, South - Daharu Yadav, East - Imroja Baidar Krishna Mohan Agrawal Vagairah, West:- Nij Mokir.

(5) All that part and parcel of Property situated at Mauza-Vyaschak, Thana No.-110, Khata No.-15, Khesra No.-394 (Part), PS-Shahpur, District-Bhojpur, Area 13 Decimal, Sale Deed No.8073 Dated.30.08.2006, Mortgaged by:- Sh. Manish Agrawal S/O Sh. Hrideshwar Narayan Agrawal and Smt. Deepa Agrawal W/O Sh. Manish Agrawal, Boundary:- North - Kameshwar Lal, South - Imroja Baidar Krishna Mohan Agrawal Vagairah, East - Khesra No. 422. West - Balihari Ozha (Khesra No. 395).

(6) All that part and parcel of Property situated at Mauza-Vyaschak, Thana No.-110, Khata No.-15, Khesra No.-422, PS-Shahpur, District-Bhojpur. Area 22 Decimal, Sale Deed No.-8075 Dated-30.08.2006, Mortgaged by:- Sh. Krishna Mohan Agrawal S/O Sh. Hrideshwar Narayan Agrawal, Sh. Manish Agrawal S/O Sh. Hrideshwar Narayan Agrawal, Smt. Abha Agrawal W/O Sh. Krishna Mohan Agrawal, Boundary:- North: Kameshwar Lal, South - Khesra No. 508 East - Kameshwar Lal, West - Baidar Krishna Mohan Agrawal vo Manish Agrawal vo Balihari Agrawal.

(7) All that part and parcel of Property situated at Mauza-Vyaschak, Thana No.-110, Khata No.-15, Khesra No.-394, PS-Shahpur, District-Bhojpur. Area 22 Decimal, Sale Deed No.- 3872 Dated 02.05.2006, Mortgaged by:- Sh. Krishna Mohan Agrawal S/O Sh. Hrideshwar Narayan Agrawal and Smt. Abha Agrawal W/O Sh. Krishna Mohan Agrawal. Boundary:- North - Nij Mokir Kameshwar Lal, South - Balihari Ozha, East - Khesra No. 422, West - Balihari Ozha.

Date : 17.12.2022
Place : Bhojpur

(Authorised Officer)
Punjab National Bank

New Delhi

	<p align="center">भारतीया खेतेन निगम लिमिटेड CONTAINER CORPORATION OF INDIA LTD. (A Govt. of India Navratna Undertaking)</p>		
<p align="center">NOTICE INVITING E- TENDER</p>			
<p>CONCOR invites E-Tender in Single Packet Form of tendering for the following work-</p>			
Tender No.	CON/Mumbai/AA-II/Engg/Track Maint. Works/2022/12		
Name of Work	AMC for Repair & Maintenance of Railway Tracks at CFS/DCT, DCT/ Turbhe, MMLP/Bali, MMLP/Mihan, ICD/Aurangabad, ICD/ Mandiepe & MMLP/Thane in Mumbai Cluster of Area-II.		
Estimated Cost	Rs. 4.66 28.39/- including GST		
Completion Period	02 Years (24 months)		
Earnest Money Deposit	Rs.3.83,200/- (Through e-payment)		
Cost of Tender Document	Nil		
Tender Processing Fee (Non-refundable)	Rs. 4,720/- (inclusive all taxes & duties through e-payment)		
Date of Sale of Tender (online)	21/12/2022 (11:00 Hrs.) to 04/01/2023 (17:00 Hrs.)		
Date & Time of Submission of Tender	05/01/2023 up to 17:00 Hrs.		
Date & Time of Opening of tender	06/01/2023 at 11:30 Hrs.		
<p>For financial eligibility criteria, experience with respect to similar nature of work, etc, please refer to detailed tender notice available on website www.concorindia.com, but the complete tender document can be downloaded from website www.tenderwizard.org/CCIL only. Further, corrigendum / addendum to this Tender, if any, will be published on website www.concorindia.com or www.tenderwizard.org/CCIL and Central Procurement Portal (CPP) only. Newspaper press advertisement shall not be issued for the same.</p>			
<p align="right">Group General Manager (Engg./Ops-I)</p>			
<p align="right">Phone No. 011-41222500</p>			



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IISERM(1592)22-23/Pur
ई-निविदा आमंत्रण सूचना / NOTICE INVITING E-TENDER

Date : 16-12-2022

Sr.	Tender Ref. No.	Description	Last date & time for upload the tender
01	IISERM (1592) 22-23/ Pur	Supply, Installation and Commissioning of Glove Box for air-free chemical reactions in lab	16-01-2023 up to 11.00AM

For detail and apply online, please visit the website
<http://eprocure.gov.in/eprocure/app>, "<http://www.iisermohali.ac.in>".
 Bid/s) shall be accepted only through online mode and no manual submission of the same shall be entertained. -sd-

सहायक रजिस्ट्रार (भंडार और खरेद)
 Assistant Registrar (Stores & Purchase)

 **U.P. POWER TRANSMISSION CORPORATION LIMITED**

E-Tender Notice

Online e-Bids are invited for “**Supply of 04 Nos. 500MVA Transformer**” against Tender Specn. No. ESD-8/182. E-tender uploaded on 20.12.2022 on <https://etender.up.nic.in>. EMD for the tender is Rs. 85.43 Lacs and tender Fee of Rs. 11,800.00 will be deposited through RTGS/NEFT. Last date for submission of tender is 20.01.2023 at 16:00 Hrs and opening of part-1 is 23.01.2023 at 16:00 Hrs. Total Quantity, tender specification and other terms and conditions is as per tender document available on the e-tender portal. Undersigned reserve the right to cancel the e-Bids without assigning any reason.

Corrigendum, Addendum, Extension if any shall be uploaded only on the above website. Bidders are advised to visit the website regularly for updated information from time to time.

Superintending Engineer, Electy. 765/400kV SDC,
11th floor, Shakti Bhawan Extn. Lucknow.

No. 543-ESD-8/182/IV Dated: 20.12.2022

SOUTH EAST CENTRAL RAILWAY				
TENDER NOTICE FOR SUPPLY OF STORES/ITEMS				
E-TENDER NOTICE No.: NIT/14/22/52 Dated 13.12.2022.				
South East Central Railway has implemented an e-system. On the behalf of the President of India, Principal Chief Material Manager, South East Central Railway invites e-tenders for supply of the following items. Advertised tenders will be dealt through e-procurement system only. No manual offer will be entertained. These Tenders can be accessed under the link www.irops.gov.in .				
Sr. No.	Tender No.	Brief Description	Tender Closing/Opening Date	Qty.
1.	03223341	Locking arrangement of uncoupling rod	25.12.2022	24000 Set
2.	05225391	Tender for Rate Contract for supply of PVC Signaling Cable, Size 6 Core X 1.5 Sq mm	02.01.2023	1200 KM
3.	0224175A	BURGE ARRESTER	04.01.2023	96 Nos.
4.	0321405B	Modified Elastomeric Pad for CASNUB Bogie	06.01.2023	104927 Nos.
5.	03211096	Spring loaded lever type suspended valve 25mm	11.01.2023	3040 Nos.
6.	0322282B	140 KN AIR SPRING FOR LHB GS COACH (140 KN AIR SPRNG)	11.01.2023	09 Set
Tender Closing/Opening Time: At 16.30 hours				
Railways reserves the right to issue any Corrigendum to the tenders. Corrigendum & Important Notice to vendors may be seen in the link www.irops.gov.in CPFR/10/369 For Principal Chief Materials Manager/Bilaspur.				
f South East Central Railway @ @secrail				

HIGH COURT OF DELHI AT NEW DELHI
NOTICE INVITING TENDER
Tender Notice No. 03/DHC/GA-II/HK/2023-24
CONTRACT FOR ENGAGEMENT OF CONSERVANCY,
HOUSEKEEPING (Mechanized) AND SANITATION SERVICES
AT HIGH COURT OF DELHI, SHER SHAH ROAD,
NEW DELHI-110003.

Sealed tenders, with 90 days validity from the date of opening of tenders are invited from reputed/eligible agencies for providing conservancy, housekeeping (mechanized) and sanitation services at High Court of Delhi, Sher Shah Road, New Delhi-110003, for carrying out the work as per specifications of the tender for the period from **01.03.2023 to 28.02.2025**.

Number of personnel required is as under:

Housekeepers 298 (Unskilled)
[not less than (i) 172 male (in first shift) from 7.00 a.m. to 3.00 p.m.;
(ii) 24 female (in first shift) from 8.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m.;
(iii) 14 female (in second shift) from 10.00 a.m. to 6.00 p.m.; and
(iv) 88 male (in second shift) from 1.00 p.m. to 9.00 p.m.]

Supervisors	25 personnel (semi-skilled) (including 6 female)
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Copy of the terms and conditions of the tender may be obtained on payment of Rs. 5000/- (Rupees Five Thousand Only) (non-refundable), in the form of pay order/demand draft only drawn in favour of "Registrar General, High Court of Delhi" from the Administrative Officer (Judicial), General Admn.-II Branch, Room No. 6, Ground Floor, Administrative Block, High Court of Delhi, Sher Shah Road, New Delhi-110003, in person on any working day between 3.00 to 4.00 p.m. up to 12th January, 2023. No cash payment will be accepted.

Detailed notice inviting tender, bid form and necessary information are also available on the official website of the High Court of Delhi i.e. www.delhihighcourt.nic.in, which can be downloaded and used by the Bidder. In such case, the Bidder must enclose Rs. 5000/- (Rupees Five Thousand Only), in the form of Pay Order/Demand Draft in favour of "Registrar General, High Court of Delhi" in addition to EMD, failing which the tender will straightaway be rejected.

The tender complete in all respects should reach the Administrative Officer (Judicial), Receipt & Despatch (Establishment-II Branch), 3rd Floor, 'S' Block, High Court of Delhi, Sher Shah Road, New Delhi-110003 before the date and time as mentioned in the schedule below:

- ### **SCHEDULE**
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| 1. | Date of Publication | : | 21.12.2022 |
| 2. | Last Date & Time for submission of Bids along with EMD | : | 13.01.2023 by 04.00 p.m. |
| 3. | Opening of Technical Bids | : | 21.01.2023 at 03.00 p.m. |
| 4. | Opening of Financial Bids | : | 28.01.2023 at 03.00 p.m. |
| 5. | Date of commencement of work | : | 01.03.2023 |

Sd/-
(Bhaskara Nand)
Deputy Registrar
High Court of Delhi,
New Delhi



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महापञ्चक जेन-५

OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER Road Construction Department, Road Division, Daltonganj	
Short Term e-Procurement Notice	
e-Tender Ref/No- 12/RCD/Daltonganj/2022-23/1093 Dated:-20.12.2022	
1. Name of Work	IRQP Work of Patan-Daltonganj (Bariya Chowk) Road km 0.00 to 17.90 for the year 2022-23.
2. Estimated Cost	Rs. 10,47,05,910.00 (Rupees Ten Crores Forty Seven Lacs Five Thousand Nine Hundred Ten) Only.
3. Bid Security (Amount)	Rs. 10,47,100.00 (Rupees Ten Lacs Forty Seven Thousand One Hundred) Only.
4. Time of Completion	04 Months
5. Date of Publication of Tender on Website	26.12.2022, 10:30 AM
6. Last Date/Time of Online Bid Submission	09.01.2023, 12:00 Noon
7. Last Date/Time of Submission of Tender Fee & EMD	11.01.2023, 15:00 PM
8. Date and Time of Bid opening	12.01.2023, 12:30 PM
9. Bid (Tender Fee & EMD) Submission Address	Office of the Chairman, e-Procurement Cell, Room No. 330A, 3rd floor, Road Construction Department, Jharkhand Mantralaya , Dhurwa , Ranchi.
10. Name & address of officer Inviting tender	Executive Engineer, R.C.D., Road Division, Daltonganj,08562-225019
11. E-mail Id	ceermedini-jhr@nic.in
12. Helpline number of e Procurement cell	0651-2401010

कार्यालय अधीक्षण अभियन्ता
अलीदाद वृत्त, लोक निर्माण विभाग, अलीदाद
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SALUTE THE SOLDIER

HC/GD B. B. MANJHI PTPS PATRATU
21-12-1996

CISF proudly remembers the supreme sacrifice of this brave-heart. On this day, he laid down his life at the altar of duty while fighting with miscreants at PTPS Patratu. His courage and bravery would remain an abiding source of inspiration for the force. The force will remain eternally indebted to him for his noblest deeds.

MEICAL HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (Government of Uttar Pradesh)
Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh

NOTICE INVITING e-TENDER **Dated : 19.12.2022**

HSCC (India) Limited Construction agency of Medical Health & Family Welfare, Lucknow. Government of Uttar Pradesh, MAHFW/UP invites online percentage rate bids from eligible contractors/firms for the following works:

S. No.	Name and Description of Work	Estimated cost
(i).	Construction of Drug Ware House at Hapur(Uttar Pradesh)	Rs. 78.28 Cr.
(ii).	Construction of Drug Ware House at Shamli(Uttar Pradesh)	Rs. 75.90 Cr.

Completion period is 12 months for each work. Further, details are available in detailed NIT and tender documents are available online from 21.12.2022 HSCC e-tender portal www.tenderindia.com HSCC, HSCCE website www.hscceol.com and in CPW portal. Last date of submission of Bids is 05.01.2023. Correspondence to this publication, if any, would appear only on said websites and be published.

GM (Projects), HSCC (I) Ltd.

SEARCH FOR MISSING/KIDNAPPED



General Public is hereby informed that one boy **Namely: Gopal Roi, S/o Dudh Kumar Roi, R/o:** Village Boral, P.S. Jangli Padda, District- Hugli, West Bengal has been missing from Sui Walan, Chandni Mahal, Delhi since **13.12.2022** from the area of P.S. Chandni Mahal, Delhi In this regard a case vide **DD No. 75A dated 13.12.2022** has been lodged at P.S. Chandni Mahal, Delhi. The description of the missing/ kidnapped male is as under: **Age:** 18 years 1 month, **Sex:** Male, **Height:** 4'6", **Complexion:** Shallow, **Wearing:** Blue colour jacket, blue colour jeans and slipper in his feet. Sincere efforts have been made by local police to trace out the missing boy but no clue has come to light so far. Any person having any information or clue about this missing person kindly inform to the following:-

Website: <http://cbi.nic.in>
E-mail Id - cic@cbi.gov.in
Ph.: 011-24368638, 24368641
011-24368639
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P.S. Chandni Mahal, Delhi
Ph.: 011- 23279338, 8750870423

उ.प्र. पावर ट्रांसमिशन कारपोरेशन लि. ई-निविदा सूचना निम्नलिखित कार्य/आपूर्ति हेतु ई-निविदायें दो भागों में जी.एस.टी. में पंजीकृत, प्रतिष्ठित एवं अनुभवी ठेकेदारों/ फर्मों से ऑन लाईन ई-निविदा पोर्टल वेबसाइट 'http://etender.up.nic.in' पर आमंत्रित की जाते हैं। निविदा मूल्य जी.एस.टी. सहित तथा धरोहर राशि आर.टी.जी.एस./एन.एफ.आई.टी./ बैंक गारण्टी के माध्यम से अधिशासी अभियन्ता, विद्युत पारेषण खण्ड, अमरोहा के भारतीय स्टेशन बैंक, शाखा-जोया (जिला-अमरोहा) में संचालित चालू खाता सं. (Current Account) - 307235557626, IFSC Code- SBIN 0007413, MICR No. 244002026 में ठेण्डर खुलने की दिनांक तक जमा करें। अन्य नियम व शर्तों का विस्तृत विवरण ई-निविदा पोर्टल वेबसाइट पर उपलब्ध रहेगा। निविदा में किसी भी संशोधन या तिथि विस्तार ई-निविदा पोर्टल पर अवश्य देख लिया जाए। सामान्य-निविदा खुलने की दिनांक- 19.01.2023 1. ई-निविदा संख्या-67/ ई.टी.सी.डि./ एम./ 2022 विद्युत पारेषण मण्डल-द्वितीय, मुरादाबाद के अन्तर्गत अधिषण अभियन्ता के उपयोग हेतु 01 नम डीजल चालित वाहन, इंड्रार सहित उपलब्ध करने का कार्य। धरोहर राशि र. 4000/- निविदा प्रपत्र का जी.एस.टी. सहित मूल्य र. 590/- ई-निविदा खुलने की दिनांक-19.01.2023 1. ई-निविदा संख्या- पारेषण विद्युत परिवर्तन 63 एम सम्बन्धित निविदा 590/- 69 ई.टी.सी. खण्ड- गजरील उपकेन्द्र का कार की जा निविदा विद्युत के.वी. अतिरि केवी कमिश्नि र. 130 मूल्य बचायें पारेषण लि. वि.पा.म 20/12/

<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; align-items: center;"> <div style="text-align: left;"> <p>गो.टी.नो. देय होयें एवं</p> <p>2018-17 / 42 आर्टीकल</p> <p>2022-2 ऑडिट / OS</p> <p>में प्रहरी सोल्टरेवर</p> <p>नो टेकेदार का सेतु एवं</p> </div> <div style="text-align: center;"> <h2 style="margin: 0;">GOVT. OF MAHARASHTRA</h2> <h1 style="margin: 0;">PUBLIC WORKS DIVISION</h1> <p style="margin: 0;">Website-www.mahapw.gov.in</p> <h3 style="margin: 0;">E-TENDER NOTICE NO. 16/OPEN</h3> </div> <div style="text-align: right;"> <p>Online percentage rate e-tenders in "B-1" from are for the Division, Nagbhid (Ph No. 7179-240066) for the following</p> </div> </div>	
Sr. No.	Name of Work
1	Construction of Mandal Adhikari and Talathi Bramhapuri, Saoli and Sindewahi District Chandrapur
2	Improvement with Windening to Bramhapuri Chandli Nanahori Torgaon Belgaon Kolari Road Km. 14/300 to 18/300 (Deulgaon Village) to Taluka Bramhapuri District Chandrapur.
3	Improvement with Windening to Adyal Hattili NH-353 (D) to Khed Kahali Khndala Nanhori Kolari Road (MDR-123) in K.m. 16/500 to 21/00 to Dighon to Tapal village) in Taluka Bramhapuri District Chandrapur.
4	Improvement with windening to Mandki Jawar Sawalgaon Chincholi Chikhalgaoon Ladaj Road 17/00 to 21/00 in Taluka Bramhapuri District Chandrapur
5	Reconstruction of Bridge on Adyal Hattilenda 353 (D) to Khed Kahali Khndala Nanhori Kolari Road (MDR-123) in Km. 14/500 in Taluka Bramhapuri District Chandrapur
6	Reconstruction of Bridge on Adyal Hattilenda 353 (D) to Khed Kahali Khndala Nanhori Kolari Road (Near Tapal Village) (MDR-123) in Taluka Bramhapuri District Chandrapur
7	Improvement with Windening to Bramhapuri Chandli Nanahori Torgaon Belgaon Kolari Road Km. 3/00 to 5/800 (Kahali Village) to Chandli Taluka Bramhapuri District Chandrapur
8	Improvement with Windening to Adyal Hattili NH-353 (D) to Khed Kahali Khndala Nanahori Kolari Road (MDR-123) in Km. 6/500 to 8/500 (Khed Village) in Taluka Bramhapuri District Chandrapur
9	Construction of Sarvajik Sabhagruha at Devasthan Shankarpur Taluka Chimur Dist. Ch

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कार्यालय प्रबन्ध निदेशक पश्चिमांचल विद्युत वितरण निगम लि. खिवटोरिया पार्क, मेरठ

ई-निविदा सूचना निविदा अधिसूचना संख्या: एनपीएल/निविदा/२०१७/EPABX System (Intercom) एम्.सी.टी./2022-२३ के अंतर्गत वायव्य क्षेत्रों के माध्यम से परिणामांशल विद्युत वितरण निगम लि., मुम्बईपालिका में स्थानिक Digital EPABX System (Intercom)/Telephone Set का निर्माण कर-खाव्य आसुर्यक समझौता/उपकरणों सहित कारोबार जाने हेतु, दिनांक 12.01.2023 अग्रहान 12.00 बजे तक ई-निविदा आम्रान्विति है। निविदा में यदि कोई त्रुटि/अप्रत्यक्ष अथवा निविदा खुलने की तिथि में विस्तार होता है, तो इसकी सूचना ई-टेंडर वेबसाइट www.etender.up.nic.in पर तथा www.pvvnl.org पर उपलब्ध कराई जायेगी। हस्ता.. अधिकृष्ट अभियान्त्रिक (मु.) कुष्ठे प्रबन्ध निदेशक एवं निवेदन में बिजली बचाव "बिलारी चौरों की सुचना कल्याणालन नगर पर दै: 1800-180-3002 (मेरठ), 1800-180-8752 (वलनकर)" पडोज 439 डिफोन 20.12.2022

<h1 style="text-align: center;">OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER</h1> <h2 style="text-align: center;">Road Construction Department, Road Division, Daltonganj</h2>		
<h3 style="text-align: center;">Short Term e-Procurement Notice</h3> <p style="text-align: center;">e-Tender Ref No- 13/RCD/Daltonganj/2022-23/ 1094 Dated:- 20.12.2022</p>		
1.	Name of Work	IRQP Work of Kudwa More To Tarhasi Road km 0.00 to 14.95 for the year 2022-23
2.	Estimated Cost	Rs. 8,77,64,500.00 (Rupees Eight Crores Seventy Seven Lacs Sixty Four Thousand Five Hundred) Only.
3.	Bid Security (Amount)	Rs. 8,77,700.00 (Rupees Eight Lacs Seventy Seven Thousand Seven Hundred) Only.
4.	Time of Completion	03 Months
5.	Date of Publication of Tender on Website	26.12.2022, 10:30 AM
6.	Last Date/Time of Online Bid Submission	09.01.2023, 12:00 Noon
7.	Last Date/Time of Submission of Tender Fee & EMD	11.01.2023, 15:00 PM
8.	Date and Time of Bid opening	12.01.2023, 12:30 PM
9.	Bid (Tender Fee & EMD) Submission Address	Office of the Chairman , eProcurement Cell, Room No. 330A, 3rd floor, Road Construction Department, Jharkhand Mantralaya , Dhurwa , Ranchi.
10.	Name & address of officer Inviting tender	Executive Engineer, R.C.D., Road Division, Daltonganj,06562-225019
11.	E-Mail Id	ceercedmedi@jhr@nic.in
12.	Helpline number of e-Procurement cell	0651-2401010

Note : Estimated amount may vary.
 For further details can be seen on website <http://jharkhandtenders.gov.in>.

Executive Engineer
Road Construction Department
Road Division, Daltonganj.

15th Floor, Two Horizon Center, DLF Phase 5,
Sector-43, Golf Course Road, Gurugram,
Haryana -122002 Phone No. 9810074167
website : www.elamrinale.in

PUBLIC NOTICE

Whereas, Elan Buildcon Pvt. Ltd. is in the process of undertaking development of a Commercial Colony, in Sector-84, Gurugram Manesar Urban Complex, Gurugram, Haryana over an area measuring 5.91875 acres (2.3952 Hectares) the revenue estate of the said land is in accordance with the provision of License No. 34 of 2014 dated 12.06.2014, granted by Director, Town & Country Planning, Haryana, Chandigarh.

And whereas, several individuals have made bookings/entered into partnership agreement for allotment of plot/ property in the said colony (hereinafter referred as allottees)

And whereas, the building plans earlier approved for the said Commercial Colony is now revised in terms of deviations made at site during the construction.

And whereas, the office of Director, Town & Country Planning, Haryana, Chandigarh has required seeking of objections/suggestions against in the principal approval for the occupation certificate as a pre-condition for allowing such revision in the building plan.

Accordingly, vide this public notice objections are hereby invited from any of the allottees in the said commercial colony on the deviations made at site during the construction, in the said Colony. A copy of earlier approved building plans bearing Drawing No. ZP/20/S/2017/20493, dated 24.08.2017 and the as-Built Drawings of 5.91875 Acres are available for perusal of the existing allottees on:- a) our website www.elamrinale.in; b) in the office of the undersigned and c) in the office of Senior Town Planner, Gurugram, Town & Country Planning, Haryana, HSPV Complex, Sector-14, Gurugram, Haryana.

Any allottee having any objection in terms of deviations made at site during the construction, may file his objection in the office of Senior Town Planner, Town & Country Planning Department, HSPV Complex, Sector-14, Gurugram and in the office of the undersigned within thirty (30) days of publication of this notice, failing which it shall be assumed that there are no objections to the deviations made at site during the construction.

Place: Gurugram Date : 21.12.2022

<p>IN, NAGBHID</p> <p>ov.in</p> <p>ATED 2022-2023</p> <p>ntended by Executive Engineer, P.W.</p> <p>owing works from contractors.</p>	
	<p>Estimated</p> <p>Cost in Lakh</p>
<p>office in Taluka</p> <p>rapur.</p> <p>to Kahlai Kaleta</p> <p>(MDR-101) in</p> <p>olari village) in</p>	<p>620.00</p> <p>580/00</p>
<p>da Dudhawali to</p> <p>ighori Deulgaon</p> <p>(Nanhori Village</p> <p>hapuri District</p>	<p>550.00</p>
<p>odi Kinni Betala</p> <p>(MDR-78) in Km.</p> <p>andrapur</p>	<p>550.00</p>
<p>dudhawali to NH-</p> <p>ighori Deulgaon</p> <p>uka Bramhapuri</p>	<p>400.00</p>
<p>dudhawali to NH-</p> <p>ighori Deulgaon</p> <p>in Km. 19/700 in</p>	<p>320.00</p>
<p>to Kahlai Kaleta</p> <p>(MDR-101) in</p> <p>Kaleta village) in</p>	<p>320.00</p>
<p>da Dudhawali to</p> <p>ighori Deulgaon</p> <p>(NH 353 D) to</p> <p>andrapur.</p>	<p>250.00</p>
<p>agnade Maharaj</p> <p>andrapur.</p>	<p>45.00</p>
<p>As per Online Schedule</p>	

<p align="center">As per Online Schedule</p> <p>etender Schedule. mahatenders.gov.in As per E-pay- mahad. should be submitted online.</p> <p>register themselves for Class-II & mahatenders.gov.in for e-tenders. Public Works Department website www.</p> <p>P.W. Division, Nagbhid 222 sion, Nagbhid (Jaya Thakre) Executive Engineer Public Works Division, Nagbhid</p>	<p align="center">"IMPORTANT"</p> <p>Whilst care is taken prior to acceptance of advertising copy, it is not possible to verify its contents. The Indian Express (P) Limited cannot be held responsible for such contents, nor for any loss or damage incurred as a result of transactions with companies, associations or individuals advertising in its newspapers or Publications. We therefore recommend that readers make necessary inquiries before sending any monies or entering into any agreements with advertisers or otherwise acting on an advertisement in any manner whatsoever.</p>
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Government of Jharkhand

Rural Works Department

JHARKHAND STATE RURAL ROADS DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (JSRRDA)

3rd Floor, F.F.P. Building, Dhurwa, Ranchi 834004

SHORT NOTICE INVITING TENDERS (VERY SHORT NOTICE)

(National Competitive Bidding Through e-Procurement)

Re-e-Tender No. - 57/2022-23

PN RO- 264151 dated 17.02.2022

Dated: _____

The undersigned on behalf of Government of Jharkhand invites item rate bids through e-Procurement from the eligible bidders registered in appropriate class with Road Construction Department and Rural Works Department of GoJ for post five year Maintenance of works (List of Schemes shall be displayed in the website : pmgsytendersjhr.gov.in) of Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana.

The bid should be submitted online in the website pmgsytendersjhr.gov.in. The bidders should have valid Digital Signature Certificate for online submission of bid.

Maintenance- NIT - 53 / 2022-23 (Retender)								
Sl. No.	District	Block	Package No.	Road Name	Road Length (in Km)	Amount (in Lakh)	Earnest Money (in lakh)	Time of completion
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
1	Chaibasa	Manjhari	JH-M-WSM-02 / 2021-22 (6 th Call)	Ladusai To Pandrasali Road Reo Road To Balkand Road	0.75 1.95	66.93	0.67	30th March 2023

Details of bid submission is as under:

Procurement Officer	Place of Opening	Availability of tender (on-line) for bidding		Date & time of opening (on-line) of tender	
		From	To	Technical bid	Financial bid
1	2	3	4	5	6
Chief Engineer, JSRRDA, Ranchi	Chief Engineer, JSRRDA, Ranchi	21.12.2022 at 10.30 AM	28.12.2022 upto 5.00 PM	28.12.2022 at 5.30 PM	To be informed later



Note :-

- Amount of Bid Security should be taken as mentioned in the Bid Data Sheet of the Bidding Document.
- Cost of Bid Document (Rs. 10000) shall be deposited online in form as mentioned in Bid Data Sheet failing which the bid will be treated non responsive and action shall be taken as per Sec. 2 of ITB clause 12.2 (d). Online payment through RTGS/NEFT should not be made through SBI.
- In case, it is found, even after the award of work that the bidder has submitted/ uploaded any false/erroneous/fraudulent statement/document, he/she is liable for blacklisting and forfeiture of Bid Security.
- Bidders must submit GST registration certificate without which bid is liable to be rejected.
- Bidders whose names appear in the Debar/blacklist of RWD, RCD or any Department of GoJ/Gol (including JSRRDA) shall not be allowed to participate in above bids.
- Bids submitted by bidders, who have long pending ATR(s) / have made inordinate delay in execution of earlier allotted construction/ maintenance works of PMGSY, may be rejected summarily.
- In case of any discrepancy/dispute about units in BOQ, units as mentioned in Current SOR on which BOQ has been prepared shall prevail.
- Participating bidders are free to submit grievances, if any, against the decision of technical evaluation within five working days from the date of uploading of decision of technical evaluation only through email at jh-ee@pmgsy.nic.in. Grievance submitted after stipulated period shall not be considered.
- Bidders must have valid registration with Employee Provident Fund organization under EPF and Miscellaneous Provisions Act 1952 failing which the bid shall be rejected.

All other details including details of schemes of Maintenance works to be executed can be seen in the bidding document which will be available in website pmgsytendersjhr.gov.in from 28.12.2022 as per schedule mentioned above.

Chief Engineer
JSRRDA, Ranchi

PR 285467 Rural Work Department (22-23)_D


Government of Jharkhand

Civil Surgeon-Cum- CMO Pakur

Department of Health, Medical Education & Family Welfare

Very Urgent Tender Notice

Tender Notice No.: 02/PKR/2022 Date: 20.12.2022

Civil Surgeon cum CMO, Pakur, Jharkhand Invites Tender from eligible bidders for entering into rate contract for including supply & installation of Ultra Sonography Machine. Blank tender documents with detailed conditions can be obtained through website <https://pakur.nic.in> and Hard copies of technical bid and financial bid should be submitted to the Office on and before declared due date.

Sr. No	Particulars	Details
1	Name of the work	Rate contract for Supply and Installation of Premium Real time 4D Color Doppler Ultrasound System
2	Date of Publication of Tender on website Date of Publication of Tender in News Paper	18/12/2022 21/12/2022
3	Last date of receipt of pre bid queries (if any) from intended bidders	On 21.12.2022 latest by 3.00 P.M. The bidders may visit the departments concerned and submit their queries/ suggestions to the Civil Surgeon cum CMO, Pakur through e-mail id provided below.
4	Date / time for receipt of bids by Regd. Post/ Speed Post/ By Hand	01/01/2023 Up to by 3.00 p.m.
5	Opening of Bids	02.01.2023 by 4.00 p.m.
6	Tender Document Fee (Non-refundable)	Rs.1000/- (Rs. One Thousand Only)
7	Earnest Money Deposit (EMD)	Rs.50000/- (Rs. Fifty Thousand Only)
8	Correspondence at	cs.pakur@gmail.com

Note: The specified dates and time may change due to declaration of holidays or any other unforeseen circumstances. The same shall be informed through web-portal as and when required.

PR 285499 Health Med Edu and Family Welfare(22-23),D

Civil Surgeon Cum CMO Pakur.




Govt. of Jharkhand
Office of the Director
Ranchi Institute of Neuro-Psychiatry & Allied Sciences
Kanke, Ranchi – 834006 (Ph.:2450303, 2450813)
www.rinpas.nic.in, Director-rinpas@jharkhandmail.gov.in & Directorrinpas@gmail.com

E-tender notice No. Tender Document No:- DIR/21/12/2022-2023/ DIET(Re-Tender), Agriculture & Horticulture Center(Re-Tender) are invited in two bid system (Technical & Price Bid) through e-tendering process only, from competent and eligibel agencies, for a period of minimum one year.

Date on publication on website	26/12/2022
Date of start of Online Bid Submission	27/12/2022, 11.30 A.M.
Last Date and time for submission of Bids	16/01/2023, 17.00 P.M.
Opening of bidding	18/01/2023, 11.30 A.M.
Technical Part “A”	

Note :- For further details, please visit website <http://jharkhandtenders.gov.in>
Letter No. 3289, date- 20/12/2022
PR.NO.285471 RINPAS(22-23):D

Sd/-
Director,
RINPAS, Kanke, Ranchi



Govt. of Bihar
Office of the Executive Engineer
RWD,Works Division Darbhanga-1


Notice Inviting Re Tender No. – ET/RWD-DBG1/MR-3054-03/2022-23
(बिहार ग्रामीण पथ अनुसंधान नीति, 2018)
Notice Inviting Tender for Rural Roads Maintenance based on Output and performance based Contract through e-procurement mode on Model Bidding Document (MBD).

1. Designation and Address of the Advertiser : Executive Engineer, Rural Works Department, Works Division, Darbhanga-1
2. Date of Issue of Notice Inviting Tender : **19.12.2022**
3. Period for downloading of Tender documents : From **05.01.2023** (9:00) To **16.01.2023** upto 15:00 Hrs
From Website:<http://pmsgsyntenderbih.gov.in>
4. Date, Time & Place of Pre-Bid Meeting : Date **30.12.2023** time **15:00** Hrs
Place O/o Superintending Engineer, RWD Works Circle, Darbhanga
5. Last Date & Time for uploading Tender Document by Bidder : Date **16.01.2023** upto **15:00** Hrs <http://pmsgsyntenderbih.gov.in>
6. Date, Time for Online Opening of Technical bid : Date **16.01.2023** up Time: **15:30** Hrs
7. Last Date, Time and place for submission of Original Instrument of EMD, Cost of BOQ and Affidavit regarding correctness of Information provided with bid document : Till **15:00** Hrs on **16.01.2023**
: Place O/o - Concerned
(i) Executive Engineer or (ii) Superintending Engineer or(iii) Chief Engineer

8. Details of Works:-

Sl. No.	Package No.	Division	Block	Name of Road	Length (In Kms.)	Initial Rectification including Surface Renewal (Rs. In Lacs)	5 Years Ordinary Maint. Cost (Rs. In Lacs)	Estimated Cost Value (ECV) (Rs. In Lacs)	Cost of BOQ (In Rs.)	Bid Security (Rs. In Lacs)	Amount Payable To Works Division
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
1	MR-N/22-23/Darbhanga-1/02	Darbhanga1	Darbhanga Sadar	Gaushaghat Basudevpur Path to Basudevpur Ram Tola Mahadalit Tola	0.800	36.436	7.384	43.820	10000	10.461	Executive Engineer R.W.D. WORKS DIVISION DARBHANGA-1 through bbbank draft issued from nationalised bank payable at Darbhanga
			Darbhanga Sadar	Sonhan Mahadev Mandir Tola to Maheshpatti	0.650	18.932	6.711	25.643			
			Darbhanga Sadar	L023 to Fakirna Tak	1.020	30.255	12.390	42.645			
			Darbhanga Sadar	Kothiya Gram to Shivdhara Mohammadpur Main Road Tak	1.690	61.234	16.043	77.277			
			Darbhanga Sadar	NH 57 Maulaganj to Chakjamal Khatbe Tola tak Jane wali Road	1.560	57.689	11.267	68.956			
			Darbhanga Sadar	NH-57 to Chakjamal	1.430	63.384	15.553	78.937			
			Darbhanga Sadar	L046-NH-T04 Ranipur to Buchaman	1.690	97.281	18.771	116.052			
			Darbhanga Sadar	L045-NH T02 to Bela Dulha Jane Wali Path	1.430	52.283	17.428	69.711			
Total for the group					10.270	417.494	105.547	523.041			

9. Bid Validity: 120 days from the date of opening of bid.
10. Previous Tender was invited by the office of the Engineer in Chief, RWD, Bihar , Patna through NIT No. MR-3054-17/2022-23 which tender ID was 119138.
11. Any Contractor registered in appropriate category with the central Government/ any State Government or any PSU or an agency of International or national repute may participate in the tender but registration with the Rural Works Department, Bihar will be essential after issue of L.O.A. and before executing the agreement.
12. Detailed NIT can be seen on Website:<http://pmsgsyntendersbih.gov.in> or on the notice board of the office of the undersigned.
Details informations visit website www.state.bihar.gov.in/prdbihar
Executive Engineer
Rural Works Department
Works Division,Darbhanga-1
PR- 12191 (R W D) 2022-23
नरो से बनानी दूरी है, क्योंकि परिवार जरूरी है




Punjab State AIDS Control Society
(Department of Health & Family Welfare), Punjab

Tender Notice Reference No. PSACSP/Proc/2022-2023
Dated 16.12.22 Chandigarh
The Department of Punjab State AIDS Control Society, Chandigarh invites bids for the Procurement of Test Kits and Consumables as follows:

Sr. No.	Item/Work
1	HIV Rapid Test Kits & Safe Delivery Kits
2	ANC Consumables
3	STI/CTI Kits


Closing date & time of online bids: 11/01/2023 4:30 pm
For details log on to: www.eproc.punjab.gov.in linked department Health & Family Welfare, Punjab.
Note: Any corrigendum(s) to the tender notice shall be published on the above website only.

Sd/-
Project Director
Punjab State AIDS Control Society
19734/PB



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DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES
OFFICE OF THE ADDITIONAL CHIEF ENGINEER, EASTERN CIRCLE-II, CHANDIKHOLE
Email ID:- seec2chandikhole@gmail.com
***e-Procurement Notice No. ACE, EC-II/ 09 of 2022-23 (On-line)**

Sr. No.	Name of the works	Availability of Tender On-line for bidding		Date of Opening of Technical Bid (Cover-II)
		From	To	
1	1 Raising & Strengthening of Baitarani left embankment from Korkara to Baidyanath temple 2 Protection to Scoured bank on Baitarani Right from Balighai to Sidheswar 3 Bank Protection work of Jambua saline embankment on Gobari left from RD.4700M to 5315M. in Mahakalapada Block of Kendrapara District 4 Protection to Scoured Bank of river Luna left of Gopalpur Akhandi sahi OAE near village Dadpur from RD 5861M. to 6420M.	22.12.2022 at 10 AM		09.01.2023 up to 5.00 PM
2	Total No. of Packages : 04 No. Individual Packages			10.01.2023 at 11.30 AM
3	Tender Cost : Rs. 798.24 Lakh (Approximately)			
	Rs. 735.30 Lakh (Approximately)			
	Rs. 837.26 Lakh (Approximately)			
	Rs. 840.54 Lakh (Approximately)			
4	Cost of Bid Document (Non Refundable) : Rs. 10,000.00 (On-line payment) for each Package			
5	Bid Security : "Bid Security Declaration" is to be furnished as per Finance Department Office Memorandum No. 8484/F dated 05.04.2022. The bids without "Bid Security Declaration" will be summarily rejected.			
6	Class of Contractor : "Special Class" & "A" for SL. No. 1, 2, 3 & 4			
7	Period of Completion : 12 (Twelve) calendar months for SL. No. 1, 2, 3 & 4			
8	Other details are as follows			
Procurement Officer		Bid Identification NO.		
Additional Chief Engineer, Eastern Circle-II, Chandikhole		ACE, EC-II JPD 09 OF 2022-23		
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		ACE, EC-II AUL OF 2022-23		
		ACE, EC-II AUL 08 OF 2022-23		
9. e-mail id : seec2chandikhole@gmail.com		Sd/- Additional Chief Engineer, Eastern Circle-II, Chandikhole		
Further detailed conditions can be seen from the Govt. website www.tendersorissa.gov.in		OIPR-32322/11/0012/2223		




GOVERNMENT OF MAHARASHTRA
PUBLIC WORK DEPARTMENT
INVITATION FOR TENDERS
Website <http://mahatenders.gov.in> Email,jawhar.ce@mahapwd.gov.in
E-TENDER NOTICE No. 28 For 2022-23

ONLINE Tenders (e-tender) in "B-1" form for the following works is invited by the Executive Engineer, P.W. Division, Jawhar, (Phone No. 02520- 222226) on Government of Maharashtra Electronic Tender Management System from the Registered Contractors in appropriate class of Public Works Department of Maharashtra State.
This tender notice contains 11 (Eleven) work and their details can also be viewed on www.mahapwd.com and also downloaded from Government of Maharashtra e- tendering Portal <http://mahatenders.gov.in> and sub portal.

Sr. No.	Name of Work	Work Portion (Rs. Lakhs)	Earnest money (Rs)	Class of Contractor	Tender form Fee	Time limit in (Calendar)	Remark
1	Construction of Urinal and Toilet Block At Gandhipool, Taluka- Mokhada, District-Palghar.	1,653,566.00	17,000.00	Class V(A) & Above	Rs. 500/+18% GST Rs. 90/- Total 500/-	180 Days (Including)	
2	Construction of Retaining Wall At Accident Spot on Mokhada, Devbandh Road, Taluka-Mokhada, District-Palghar.	4,114,708.00	43,000.00	Class V & Above	Rs. 500/+18% GST Rs. 90/- Total 500/-	180 Days (Including)	
3	Construction of Compound Wall (For Security) For Servent Quarter At- Khodala, Taluka-Mokhada, District-Palghar.	5,843,704.00	61,000.00	Class IV(A) & Above	Rs. 1000/+18% GST Rs. 180/- Total 1180/-	300 Days (Including)	
4	Construction of Compound Wall At Sub Division Office Mokhada, Taluka-Mokhada, District-Palghar.	5,869,186.00	61,000.00	Class IV(A) & Above	Rs. 1000/+18% GST Rs. 180/- Total 1180/-	300 Days (Including)	
5	Development of Bahiravnath Mandir Premises Under Khodala Tourism Place At-Khodala. Taluka-Mokhada, District-Palghar.	6,501,631.00	67,000.00	Class IV(A) & Above	Rs. 1000/+18% GST Rs. 180/- Total 1180/-	300 Days (Including)	
6	Beautification of Talav At-Khodala Tourism-Place At-Khodala, Taluka- Mokhada, District-Palghar.	6,506,355.00	67,000.00	Class IV(A) & Above	Rs. 1000/+18% GST Rs. 180/- Total 1180/-	300 Days (Including)	
7	Beautification of Talav At-Jaisagar Dam At-Jawhar. Taluka- Jawhar, District-Palghar.	4,233,332.00	45,000.00	Class V & Above	Rs. 500/+18% GST Rs. 90/- Total 500/-	180 Days (Including)	
8	Construction of Retaining Wall At-Jaisagar Dam At-Jawhar. Taluka- Jawhar, District-Palghar.	4,321,890.00	45,000.00	Class V & Above	Rs. 500/+18% GST Rs. 90/- Total 500/-	180 Days (Including)	
9	Development Work for Tourist At-Dabhosa Tourism Place At-Dabhosa, Taluka-Jawhar, District-Palghar.	4,357,355.00	45,000.00	Class V & Above	Rs. 500/+18% GST Rs. 90/- Total 500/-	180 Days (Including)	
10	Construction of Gutter and Retaining Wall on Saiwan Ozar Road SH-72 Km. No.25/200 to 26/200, Taluka-Jawhar, District-Palghar.	8,283,879.00	90,000.00	Class IV(A) & Above	Rs. 1000/+18% GST Rs. 180/- Total 1180/-	300 Days (Including)	
11	Strengthening and Improvement to Accidental Spot on Mokhada Chas Hatert Sarson Road MDR-18 Km. 10/00 to 12/00, Taluka- Jawhar, District- Palghar.	6,982,802.00	72,000.00	Class IV(A) & Above	Rs. 1000/+18% GST Rs. 180/- Total 1180/-	300 Days (Including)	

Period of E-Tenders : **Date - 21.12.2022 to Date-28.12.2022**
Date of Opening : **Date - 30.12.2022 after 11.00 hrs. (If possible)**
The Executive Engineer P. W. Division Jawhar Reserves right to Accept or Reject any offer. Conditional offers will not be accepted.
Note :-
1. All eligible/ interested e-tenders are required to be enrolled on portal enrolled on ports <http://mahatenders.gov.in> before down loading tender documents and participate in e-tendering.
2. The Electronic tendering system for Public Works Department of Government of Maharashtra will be available on separate Sub Portal with URL <http://mahatenders.gov.in> as part of the Electronic Tendering system of Government of Maharashtra which is available on the Portal <http://maharashtra.tenders.in>
OW.No.PWD/JWR/TC/5173
Office of the Executive Engineer
Public Work Division, Jawhar
Dist. Palghar, Pin-401603
Date:- 05.12.2022
DGIPR-2022-23-4849
Sd/-
Executive Engineer
P. W. Division, Jawhar
Dist-Palghar



Govt. of Bihar
SOUTH BIHAR POWER DISTRIBUTION COMPANY LTD., PATNA
(A Govt. of Bihar undertaking)

(Regd. office: Vidyut Bhawan, Bailey Road, Patna)
email-cecivilsbpdcl@gmail.com
(Department of civil of SBPDCL)
NOTICE INVITING TENDER
NIT No. 70 /PR/SBPDC/2022
(Through e - procurement mode only - www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in)

Online e-Tender is invited by Chief Engineer (Civil), SBPDCL from eligible and experienced Agency/Firm/Company/State or Central Govt. Undertaking who have necessary experience, for the work mentioned below--

Sl. No.	Name of Work	Estimated Cost	E.M.D.	Cost of BOQ	Bid Processing Fee	Completion time
1.	CONSTRUCTION OF NEW CONTROL ROOM AT 33/11 KV PSS JAKKANPUR, PATNA.	Rs. 74,64,200/-	Rs. 1,49,300/-	Rs. 11,800/-	Rs.590/-	09 Months


BOQ sale start Date : **06.01.2023** through website www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in
Date of pre bid meeting : **06.01.2023**
Period of Sale of Tender documents up to: **12.01.2023(up to 1:00 P.M.)** through website www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in
Online receipt of tender up to:- **13.01.2023 (up to 3:00 PM)** EMD, Bid processing fee and cost of BOQ to be paid through online mode i.e. internet payment gateway (Credit/debit), Net banking, NEFT/RTGS to BSEDC, Patna before last date and time of opening of Technical Part.
Date of opening of Technical Part: **On 13.01.2023 after 3:30 PM**
Date of opening of Price Part: To be notified after Technical Bid Evaluation (www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in)

The tender documents are available at website www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in. Tender documents must be accompanied with scanned copy of online transfer/DD in favour of **"Senior Manager (F& A), SBPDCL"** Payable at Patna towards the cost of EMD, failing which the tender shall be summarily rejected.
Chief Engineer (Civil)

For complains regarding corruption Vigilance Help Line No.- 9431821485, 0612-2504969 Consumer can deposit electricity bills via Sahaz Vasudha Centre or via bsebills.org
Note:- Subsequent information/notification/corrigendum will be available only on website of EPROC 2.0 and/or SBPDCL i.e., www.eproc2.bihargov.in and/or www.sbpdc.co.in


For registration logon to www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in and e-Procurement Help Desk
Mjunction services limited, RJ Complex 2nd Floor, Canara Bank campus Khajipura, Ashiyana Road, PS – Shashtri Nagar, 800014 Patna. Contact No. 1800 572 6571

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"परस्पर सहमति से न्यायिक निर्णय प्राप्त करें" "समय एवं खर्च की बचत करें" "
PR- 12182 (Ni Ni) 2022-23
बिहार में शासक का व्यापार, विक्री एवं सेवन अवैध है।
संवर्धित शिकायत इस नंबर पर दर्ज करावें आपकी जानकारी गुप्त रखी जाएगी।
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Rajasthan Knowledge Corporation Limited

RAJASTHAN KNOWLEDGE CORPORATION LIMITED
7-A, Jhalana Institutional Area, Behind RTO, Jalpur-302004
Notice Inviting Bid/e-Bid
NIB No. RKCL/22-23/732 & RKCL/22-23/1116
1. EOI invited for Onboarding of Private Partners to provide B2C Services through RKCL's Authorized IT Gyan Kendras in the state of Rajasthan and
2. Bid for Selection of Agency for Online Proctored Assessment & Digital Evaluation Solution, invited from interested bidders. Particulars of bid may be visited on the procurement portal (<https://eproc.raajasthan.gov.in/>) (<https://sppp.raajasthan.gov.in/>) of the state; and www.rkcl.in.
UBN: KCL2223SLRC00020 Online Proctored Assessment & Digital Evaluation Solution
MD, RKCL




Bihar Sahakar

Rural Works Department
Short Notice Inviting Re-Tender
(No.-RWD/MMGSY/SBD/ET/04/2022-23)

Executive Engineer, Rural Works Department, Works Division Simri bakhtiyarpur invites on behalf of Governor of Bihar Percentage rate tender (through e-procurement online system, SBD Based) from bonafide, approved and eligible Contractors registered with RWD/RCD/CPWD/MES/ Railways/Other State/Central Govt. departments for the following MMGSY works including maintenance for five years after construction of roads.


Sl. No.	Name of work	Length in (KM)	Total Cost (In Lakh)	EMD (In Lakh)	Cost of BOQ. In Rs.	Time of Completion	Amount Payable to
1	Part-A Cheriya Hat to Cheriya Dih Tola Tak. Part-B Construction of Box Bridge 3 Cell x 8.0m x 3.0m at-CH-1.620KM in Cheriya Hat to Cheriya Dih Tola Tak Road With Approach Road.	2.384KM 26.20m 50.00m	471.195	9.424	10000=00	12 Months	E.E, RWD Works Division, Simri Bakhtiyarpur Payable at Saharsa

1. Tender documents consisting of plans, specification, the schedule of quantities of the various classes of work to be done and the set of terms & conditions of contract to be complied with by the contractor whose tender may be accepted and other necessary documents can be seen in the office of the concerned Executive Engineer between hours of 11.00 A.M & 03:00 PM. from **30.12.2022 to 16.01.2023** everyday except on Sunday and Public Holidays. All these documents can be downloaded from the website: <http://pmsgsyntendersbih.gov.in> directly.
2. A set of bidding documents will be available online on website <http://pmsgsyntendersbih.gov.in> Cost of bid document non-refundable will be deposited in the form of demand draft of any schedule bank in favour of the Executive Engineer mentioned in column 8 of the table corresponding to the respective Road.
3. Bids must be submitted on-line on website <http://pmsgsyntendersbih.gov.in> on or before 03:00 PM dated **16.01.2023**
4. Affidavit along with Original Demand Draft of Cost of Bid Document in the form of DD and Bid Security shall be placed in an envelope and must be submitted at the office of concern Chief Engineer, Superintending Engineer & Executive Engineer either by registered post or by hand before dated **16.01.2023** up to 15:00 Hours of the Bid strictly observing the following conditions :-
5. Online & Offline Bid Opening Date **16.01.2023** at 15:30 Hours.
6. Place. Date & Time of Pre Bid Meeting : Concerned works circle office, 27.12.2022, 11.00 AM
7. Details information visit website state.bihar.gov.in/prdbihar
Executive Engineer ,
Rural Works Department ,
Works Division Simri Bakhtiyarpur.
PR- 12218(RWD) 2022-23
नरो से बचने का है एक ही उपचार, दृढ़ संकल्प और परिवार से प्यार।



WEST CENTRAL RAILWAY

CIVIL ENGINEERING (CONSTRUCTION) (SINGLE PACKET)
E-TENDER NOTICE OPEN TENDER
Dy. Chief Engineer (Const.-II), West Central Railway, Satna for and on behalf of President of Union of India invites following open E-Tender. **Tender No.- DYCEC-II-STA-09 of 2022, Description of work** - Supplying and stacking of 65mm gauge machine crushed track ballast conforming to Railway's specification and special conditions including loading, unloading and transportation with contractor labours, tools, and machinery etc. complete between CH: 146126.9 to 130000.00 in KURJ-Panna section in connection of new line work under Dy. Chief Engineer (Cost-II), Satna. **Milestones Proposed are as follow-** Key Activity - Key Dates from the date of Commencement of work(DI) 1. Submission of Ballast test report (D2)D1+15, 2. Supply of Cumulative 3000 cum ballast (D3) D1+30, 3. Supply of Cumulative 9000 cum ballast (D4) D1+60, 4. Supply of Cumulative 15000 CUM ballast (D5)D1+ 90, 5. Supply of Cumulative 21000 cum ballast (D6) D1+120, 6. Supply of Cumulative 27000 cum ballast (D7) D1+150, 7. Supply of Cumulative 33000 cum ballast (D8) D1+180, 8. Supply of Cumulative 39000 cum ballast (D9) D1+210, 9. Supply of Cumulative 45000 cum ballast (D10) D1+240, 10. Supply of Cumulative 51000 cum ballast (D11) D1+270, 11. Supply of Cumulative 57000 cum ballast (D12) D1+300, 12. Supply of Cumulative 63000 cum ballast (D13) D1+330, 13. Supply of Cumulative 69000 cum ballast (D14) D1+364. "D1"- Date of schedule commencement of work as per LOA. **Note-** (a) In case there is delay in handing over of site by Railway for ballast supply, Key activity date will be revised accordingly duly recording the reasons. (b) There will be penalty of Rs.10000/- per day in case of delay of execution of work of ballast supply without valid reasons with respect to key activities mentioned above. (c) The Penalty imposition will be separate for each Sub-Key Activities of Mile Stone if completion date of key activity goes beyond mentioned schedule date. However, if the delay is recovered in the next key date (s), the penalty may be waived by the competent authority (Engineer) on the request of the Contract agency. (d) If total schedule quantity of ballast is supplied as per Final TDC given in Column 3, the Imposed Penalty/Penalties may be waived by the Competent Authority (Engineer) on the written request of the Contract Agency. (e) In case of delays in the completion of the whole works or a part of the works, beyond stipulated completion period as per Key Dates are given above without valid reasons and even after imposition of per day penalty, the contract agency shall be liable to pay liquidated damages as stipulated in General conditions of contract (GCC) April- 2022. **Date of Tender Closing- 23.01.2023, Approx. Cost** - Rs. 7,32,78,000.00, Complete details are available in the E-tender notice uploaded on the website www.irops.gov.in and also placed on the notice board of the Dy. Chief Engineer (Const.-II), West Central Railway, Satna's office. Offers are acceptable through IREPS only. Off line/Manual offer will not be accepted in any condition.
Dy. Chief Engineer (Const-II), West Central Railway, Satna
कोरोना को है हराना, तो टीकाकरण जरूर करना



Government of Maharashtra
School Education & Sports Dept.
Maharashtra Prathamik Shikshan Parishad
Jawahar Bal Bhavan, Netaji Subhash Marg, Charni Road, Mumbai-400 004
NOTICE FOR E-TENDER

SAMAGRA Shiksha, Maharashtra Prathamik Shikshan Parishad, Govt. of Maharashtra invites proposals from reputed and experienced companies to participate in the competitive bidding process to supply of various type of Early Childhood Care and Education Kit (ECCE) Set for students of pre-primary school in the state of Maharashtra. For the detailed Tender document, interested bidders should visit <https://mahatenders.gov.in/tenders>. Tender submission would be online and the deadline to submit the proposal is dt. 09.01.2023 at 04.00 pm.
Date : 19.12.2022
Sd/-
(Kailas Pagare, I.A.S.)
State Project Director
MPSP, Mumbai
DGIPR/2022-2023/4864

PUBLIC NOTICE

Whereas, DLF Limited is in the process of development of Commercial site having area of 32.36 acres as part of DLF City Phases I, II, III and 4.00 acres of Licence No. 59 of 2018 dated 07.09.2018 totaling to 36.36 acres, in Sectors 24, 25 & 25A, Gurugram, in accordance with the provisions of licenses granted by DG, TCP, Haryana, Chandigarh.

And whereas, DLF Limited has proposed the approval of revised building plans of Buildings 4 and Basement of Building - 2 & 3, Security Guard Rooms falling in the above said commercial site.

And whereas, the office of DG, TCP, Haryana, Chandigarh has required seeking of objections for the revision of building plans as a pre-condition.

Accordingly, vide this public notice, objections are hereby invited from the existing allottees, if any, of the said commercial site for the amendment in the building plans. A copy of the earlier approved building plans and the building plans now to be revised, bearing in-principle approval No. ZP-1156/JD (RA)/2022/37813 dated 15.12.2022 are available for perusal on our website www.dlf.in. The said building plans can also be perused at the office of undersigned, as well as in the office of Senior Town Planner, Sector 14, Gurugram.

Any existing allottee having an objection on the revision of building plans may file their objections in the office of Senior Town Planner, Gurugram within 30 days from the publication of this notice, failing which it shall be assumed that there are no objections to the existing allottees for revision of building plans.

Neelu Goel
For DLF Limited
1st floor, Gateway Tower,
DLF City Phase III,
Gurugram 122002
CIN No. L70101HR1963PLC002484
Place: Gurugram
Date: 21.12.2022

RANJI TROPHY

Indelible impression

For Mumbai batsman Jaiswal, form is temporary but tattoos are permanent

DEVENDRA PANDEY
MUMBAI, DECEMBER 20

HE GOT the ‘believe’ in 16-10-2019 and he began to ‘trust’ himself from 7-5-2022. Mumbai’s opening batsman Yashasvi Jaiswal got these dates and words tattooed on his left and right hand. Before every game, any tight situation or any dull moment, he will look at those lines.

On October 16, 2019, Jaiswal slammed 203 against Jharkhand in List A tournament which made him believe that he can bat among the best in the world and on May 7, 2022, he scored 68 for Rajasthan Royals against Punjab Kings to win his first Player Of the Match award.

This is not the end of it. On one side of his stomach, he has tattooed the crucial days of his cricketing journey: when he made his debuts in the IPL, Ranji Trophy, Vijay Hazare and Syed Mushtaq Ali Trophy.

Jaiswal talks about the importance of those numbers, days and dates in his life. “I decided to get it fixed permanently on my hand. For me, trust and belief in myself is very important. It keeps reminding me who I am and why I should always trust and believe in myself. These two words are very important in my life now,” Jaiswal told *The Indian Express*.

On Tuesday, the 20-year-old slammed his seventh First Class hundred which came in 11 games. He struck 162 which had 27 fours and one six against Hyderabad.

Mumbai batters dominated the entire Day One of Ranji Trophy at the MCA-BKC ground. Jaiswal was not the only one who had a big smile at the end of the day.

Mumbai captain Ajinkya Rahane struck unbeaten 139, Suryakumar Yadav continued his sheer dominance by slamming 90 off 80 balls while Sarfaraz Khan was batting on an unbeaten 40 as Mumbai were 453/7 at stumps. Jaiswal says post May 2022, life took a turn for the better. Physically, he understood his body and mentally, he knew what he wanted to achieve in life. Before IPL, he underwent a one-month training for Rajasthan Royals in different places like Talegoan in Nagpur or in Mumbai. Jaiswal began to take his training more seriously than before.

“I always wanted to do well like any other player but somewhere there was a lack of trust in myself. When I failed, I used to ask, am I good? Or bad? So one day I told myself that if I need to do well and succeed, then I need to trust myself first. I need to believe in myself. These are mere two words but now I realise how important these two words are in my life,” Jaiswal narrates.



Mumbai's Ajinkya Rahane and Yashasvi Jaiswal (right) scored centuries. (Below) Jaiswal with tattoos on both his arms and ribcage. Devendra Pandey



For a boy, who has faced all hardship in his early life, it took some time to understand his game. In his early days Jaiswal stayed in maidaan tent, sold pani-puri and later went on to play for the India under-19 team.

Before coming to the Ranji Trophy opener, Jaiswal had a 146 for India A vs Bangladesh A. In Vijay Hazare Trophy he scored, 10, 104, 142, 63, 73 not out and 4 runs. In IPL he scored 258 runs with an strike rate of 132.

Jaiswal doesn't want to jump the gun and instead wants to go through the grind. He spoke to Rahane and took cue from Yadav while batting. He knew that he wasn't able to match the brilliance and excellence of Yadav, who was playing his strokes at his will.

Jaiswal added 153 runs with Yadav for first wicket and later 206 runs with Rahane

for second wicket. The Mumbai batsman toiled Hyderabad all around the ground in 90 overs they managed to score at the run rate of 5.7. Jaiswal points out how he tried to learn from his seniors and try to grab their good points.

“With Surya, it was really nice to be at non-striker end as he was showing his class here. With Ajju bhai he was guiding me when to hold on and try to pace my innings. I gained experience batting with them. I'm not doing anything extra, I'm doing the same thing again and again, it's a process which I'm following where I'm not bothered about the result,” Jaiswal said.

With a long season to go, Mumbai will hope their opener will continue the form and keep his trust and belief intact.

Brief Scores: Mumbai 457/3 (Y Jaiswal 162, Ajinkya Rahane 139 not out, S Yadav 90, Sarfaraz Khan 40 not out) vs Hyderabad

DAY 1 ROUND-UP

Baroda on top

Baroda's Jyotsnil Singh and Pratyush Kumar put on 234 runs for the opening wicket against Haryana. **Brief Scores:** Baroda 370/2 (Jyotsnil Singh 186 not out; Pratyush Kumar 110) vs Haryana

Gaikwad slams fifty

Ruturaj Gaikwad, Naushad Shaikh and Ankit Bawne scored half-centuries as Maharashtra took control against Saurashtra.

Brief Scores: Maharashtra 253/2 (Naushad Shaikh 93 not out, Ruturaj Gaikwad 65, Ankit Bawne 61 not out) vs Saurashtra

Mayank hits fifty

Mayank Agarwal scored a fifty as Karnataka took control against Pondicherry.

Brief Scores: Pondicherry 170 (Vidwath Kaverappa 4/52, Vyshak 3/39) vs Karnataka 111/1 (Ravi Samarth 59 not out, Mayank Agarwal 51)

Hooda slams ton

Deepak Hooda's ton helped Rajasthan put up a decent score.

Brief Scores: Rajasthan 310/5 (Deepak Hooda 133; Jalaj Saxena 2/74) vs Kerala

Baltej scalps 4/29

Baltej Singh brought Punjab back after they were broulled out against Railways.

Brief Scores: Punjab 162 (A Singh 5/65) vs Railways 77/7 (Baltej Singh 4/29)

Anustup slams 159*

Veteran Anustup Majumdar's lifted Bengal from 44 for five after Sidharth Sharma had put them in trouble.

Brief Scores: Bengal 310/9 (A Majumdar 159 not out, S Ahmed 49; Sidharth Sharma 5/69) vs HP

Shorey shines

Opener Dhruv Shorey struck his eighth first-class hundred.

Brief Scores: Delhi 271/7 (Dhruv Shorey 139 not out) vs Assam

MP recovers

Rajat Patidar and Akshat Raghuvanshi hit fifties as Madhya Pradesh recovered against Chandigarh.

Brief Scores: MP 289/7 (Rajat Patidar 88, Akshat Raghuvanshi 65 not out; Sandeep Sharma 5/81) vs Chandigarh

Sword of debt no longer hangs over Bhavani

ANIL DIAS
DECEMBER 20

CABHAVANI Devi has won the national fencing title eight times. She also became the first Indian fencer to qualify for the Olympics (2020). Those are spectacular achievements and she knows it.

Those are not what gives her happiness though, because professionally, she's always wanting to achieve more – an Asian title, an Olympic medal. What gives her true happiness, she says, is the fact that she had paid off all the loans her family had secured for her just so that she could continue playing her sport. “Fencing is an expensive sport. There's always going to be a financial burden if you hail from a lower-middle class, choose fencing as your profession and have to travel abroad for competitions. A ballpark figure can be as much as Rs 70-80 lakh annually. We didn't have that kind of money,” she told *The Indian Express* on the sidelines of the GoSports Awards Night here on Tuesday.

Bhavani's parents, her mother, in particular, weren't going to allow her to give up on her dreams. “My parents would go to offices and ask for some kind of funding for me. If they weren't successful, my mother, at times, has even sold her jewellery just so I could compete at international competitions,” Bhavani says, recalling the times when the funding would come only a couple of days before a tournament and she had to hurriedly pack her bags and book tickets.

Being supported by the GoSports Foundation and having represented the country at the Olympics means that she no longer has to struggle financially.

What that struggle however has given her is an invaluable experience and an outlook toward life that she would've never had, she says. “Had I not taken up fencing I would've been a normal person who thought she had to stay quiet, focus on her studies and be shy all the time. With what I've experienced so far, I feel that I'm capable of facing any obstacle right now,” the 29-year-old says.

Choosing the sport

In secondary school, Bhavani signed up for all activities she could: Taekwondo, squash, volleyball, in which she says she was exceptional, and even embroidery, in which she was anything but exceptional.

In standard six, she zeroed in on two sports – squash and fencing. But it so happened that both the tournaments were on the same day. For the squash event, she had to take a bus to the venue while the fencing event was at the stadium she was already at. And since her friends were already at the stadium, she chose to stay there.

“I also thought only affluent people play squash as it's mostly played in clubs and gymkhanas. Thankfully I had no real idea



Bhavani Devi.

about the costs of fencing,” she says with a laugh.

While her friends all won medals in that competition, she was the only one who didn't win anything. “I was so upset that it motivated me to do better. It was losing that school event that made me set goals. And they just kept getting bigger – district, state, national, international,” she says.

Fencing in India

Fencing in the country has largely been a lonely sport for Bhavani. Before the Olympics, there was nobody competing on the international stage like her. Things have changed dramatically, Bhavani says.

Four National Centres of Excellence (NCOE) have been established where they've hired foreign coaches. “What has changed is that athletes are being sent for more international competitions, sometimes more than five events in a year. And not just the seniors, it's the juniors that are been sent too.

“When I was competing in the cadet category, I took part in just one competition. That affected me a lot because when I went to the senior level, I just couldn't cope at all. I'm glad it won't be the same for the athletes now,” she says.

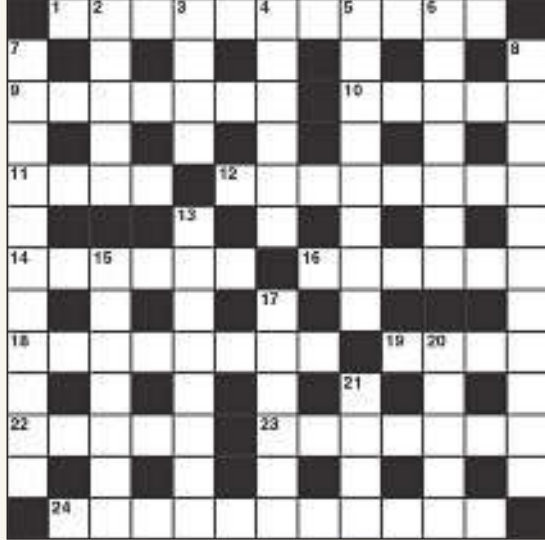
Paris 2024

She had a whirlwind route to qualifying for the Tokyo Olympics, having to depend on South Korea beating Hungary to seal a spot and Bhavani expects it to be just as difficult to qualify for Paris 2024.

“The pressure of qualification is immense but now I want to use my experience. I've learned how to be calm and it has helped me tremendously. More than anything, I'm working with a very good team in France and I'm ready.” So are their chances of an Indian Olympic medal in fencing?

“I'm confident of doing well. Also, with the support fencing has been receiving it's only a matter of time that fencing medals at the Olympics,” she says. Bhavani only hopes that countless Indians can have the joy she has had. “Fencing is just happiness. You are playing with a sword without stress. Now that's fun.”

CROSSWORD 4930



ACROSS

- 1 Fear landing accident may be the big finish (5,6)
- 9 Stew one has to stir round perhaps (7)
- 10 Wrong way to achieve a takeover (5)
- 11 Boast about one's apparel (4)
- 12 The whole lot is transplanted into a cool bed (8)
- 14 Cut off some of the beams? (6)
- 16 Maker of images (6)
- 18 Told but possibly not needing to be (8)
- 19 I'll enter race and end up a wreck (4)
- 22 I leave belligerent speech for business (5)
- 23 Repeat it's a matter of fear and tie (7)
- 24 A handy pointer (5,6)

DOWN

- 2 A revolting individual seen in flight (5)
- 3 Crackers - or what they're required for? (4)
- 4 Describing an arrangement for all perhaps (6)
- 5 Mentally ill - needs new routine before cure starts (8)
- 6 The French female gets subordinate to do the washing (7)
- 7 They may go to pot (4,7)
- 8 It pays an actor to keep them up (11)
- 13 Stay for an execution (8)
- 15 Stop the music (7)
- 17 Outstanding work of art (6)
- 20 We object to long period in employment (5)
- 21 Anxious to show how cutting you can be? (4)

Solutions Crossword 4929: Across: 1 Napalm, 4 Enmeshed, 9 Callas, 10 Litigant, 12 Ness, 13 Welsh, 14 Otis, 17 Model patient, 20 Admission fee, 23 Elba, 24 Curry, 25 Foci, 28 Overload, 29 Cleric, 30 Pushover, 31 Sneeze. Down: 1 Nickname, 2 Pallsade, 3 Lead, 5 Nail scissors, 6 Emit, 7 Health, 8 Detach, 11 Recapitulate, 15 Slide, 16 Ingot, 18 Of course, 19 Mediocre, 21 Recoup, 22 Abbess, 26 Alto, 27 Clan.

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MARVIN by Tom Armstrong



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.

He who has a ___ to ___ can bear almost any ___ - Friedrich Nietzsche (3, 4, 3)

CVEIO



ARTTHW



PHYLA



EEILVV



SOLUTION: HE WHO HAS A WHY TO LIVE CAN BEAR ALMOST ANY HOW - FRIEDRICH NIETZSCHE

SUDOKU 5055

Difficulty Level 1s

Instructions

To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every digit from 1 to 9 must appear in each of the nine vertical columns, in each of the nine horizontal rows and in each of the nine boxes.

Difficulty Level

1s = Very easy; 2s = Easy; 3s = Medium; 4s = Hard; 5s = Very Hard; 6s = Genius



SOLUTION SUDOKU 5054



DAY TODAY

BY PETER VIDAL

ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr 20)

Among the many helpful planetary aspects today are two which are strongly suggestive of welcome financial rewards as a result of a change of direction or moderately unusual achievement at work. In other words, a well-deserved increase in income.

TAURUS (Apr 21 - May 21)

Today's celestial schedule is crammed with planetary alignments that are bound to keep the emotional situation moving along at a cracking pace. You may expect, indeed welcome, changes in mood. Also don't hide from feelings you cannot face. Meet them head-on and they might just disappear.

GEMINI (May 22 - June 21)

Not until after another few days have passed will you be entirely clear about what should, or must, be done. If you wish, you may prevaricate until next week, hopeful that other people will share the prevailing sense of indecision and uncertainty.

CANCER (June 22 - July 23)

Concentrate on activities which can be accomplished in harmony with other people, and realise that it may not be wise to fight crusades at work. The moment you start speaking your mind, it may become clear that you have forgotten what you were talking about.

LEO (July 24 - Aug 23)

In spite of a wave of optimism, which is inclined to appear without warning and sweep all before it, this is a very dodgy moment to take risks. Your planets are casual and reckless, which means that you must therefore take very great pains to make sure that everything works out as planned.

VIRGO (Aug 24 - Sep 23)

Powerful, challenging circumstances are urging you to become very much more outspoken, outgoing and self-confident. Proceed with optimism, but at the first hint of complacency or carelessness, everything will unravel. That's why you've got to keep awake and stay alert.

LIBRA (Sep 24 - Oct 23)

Sometimes, you do one thing and the universe does another. As fast as you try and keep things as you want them, others will undo your handiwork. A helpful perspective on the mid-week's mixture of good and bad humour, is that everyone will get what they want at least some of the time.

SCORPIO (Oct 24 - Nov 23)

It's partly because some stunning planetary aspects now relate to financial matters that you should take such care. It's exactly at times like these that carelessness with resources and personal possessions can be expensive. After all, there's no such thing as a free lunch.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov 24 - Dec 22)

Try to remember that with Mars now exerting its powerful presence, you may be exhibiting an irrepresible urge to become number one. There are indeed amazing chances of success, but, if at any time it seems that the tide is going against you, don't force the pace.

CAPRICORN (Dec 23 - Jan 20)

For all your confidence, self-determination and fighting spirit, it is clear that you cannot fight battles on your own behalf. There is an almost compulsory idealism around at the moment which means that you have no choice but to put others first.

AQUARIUS (Jan 21 - Feb 19)

You'll find opportunities in the midst of adversity. The principle group of planets now affords you a marvellous opportunity to have your cake and eat it, probably several times over. Just make sure that everyone else is too preoccupied with their own little affairs to notice.

PISCES (Feb 20 - Mar 20)

An intriguing but challenging relationship between Jupiter, your planetary ruler, and Mars, is one to celebrate. While it can be good to let off steam, you need to do so in a manner which is not going to cause accidents or regrets. Your diplomatic skills are in demand.

POLITICAL STATEMENTS BANNED

Formula One drivers will need prior written permission from the sport's governing body to make 'political statements' from next season following an update of the International Sporting Code. **REUTERS**

THE FRENZY

200k tracked flight



The anticipation over the arrival of the Argentine national team back home after their World Cup win was unparalleled by any other major event in the country this year. According to AP, a whopping 200,000 people were tracking the flight the team was on, having laid over in Rome from Qatar, and thousands thronged the airport as soon as they reached on Monday night. The team was serenaded by rock band La Mosca singing Muchachos, a song that has become the unofficial anthem of the team of sorts, as the team bus headed from the airport to the Argentina Football Association (AFA) headquarters in Ezeiza on the outskirts of Buenos Aires.

Fans camp overnight



Argentine fans are so eager to get a glimpse of the team and partake in the celebrations, described by local media as one of the biggest national events of the year, that many of them reached the Obelisk monument on Monday night itself, camping overnight for the parade on Tuesday afternoon. According to Argentine publication Clarin, there were many that reached the AFA headquarters on Monday night to welcome the players, and camped overnight to then travel with the team in the parade once it begins on Tuesday afternoon. In the early hours of Tuesday, pictures emerged of fans enjoying a picnic and celebrating before the official team bus left.

Warning of crowding



Due to the massive numbers expected at the Obelisk on Tuesday, Argentine government officials made special arrangements for security at the AFA headquarters with the Buenos Aires police, and also made appeals to the people to maintain law and order during that time. Gabriela Cerruti, Spokesperson of the Argentine Presidency, tweeted to fans to "celebrate in peace and community". Chief of Government of Buenos Aires, Horacio Rodríguez Larreta, estimated that over a million people will be on the streets of the city and appealed on a local radio station to fans to not crowd in one area, like the Obelisk, which could cause massive chaos.

Paris says thank you



Thousands of fans in central Paris cheered the arrival home of a France team that lost one of the greatest World Cup finals. Kylian Mbappé and teammates landed at Charles de Gaulle Airport from Doha just after 8 p.m. local time Monday and descended from the plane in a sombre mood. Smiling airport staff members holding signs that said "Thank you" and "Paris loves you" were passed without acknowledgement by the team. Looking tired and still visibly disappointed by their loss to Argentina in a penalty shootout in Qatar, the players boarded buses that took them to greet the hordes of excited fans waiting for them at Place de la Concorde. There, the team's mood brightened.

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PAINTING THE TOWN WHITE, LIGHT BLUE

The Argentine team during an open-top bus parade in Buenos Aires on Tuesday. The bus window reads in Spanish 'World Champions'. *AP*

Argentina's after-party

World Cup winners greeted by thousands despite landing at 2am; open-top bus parade followed

REUTERS

BUENOS AIRES, DECEMBER 20

HUNDREDS OF thousands — millions by some estimates — of ecstatic Argentines flooded onto the streets of Buenos Aires on Tuesday to cheer the country's World Cup-winning soccer squad led by Lionel Messi after their plane landed in the pre-dawn hours.

The team arrived in the early hours at Ezeiza airport where despite it being around 3am (0600 GMT) thousands were waiting with banners, flags and flares, and howling in joy after 36 years since the country's last World Cup victory.

By around midday hundreds of thousands had congregated in downtown Buenos Aires, with major roads shut down for the parade. People held up banners of Messi and late icon Diego Maradona, played instruments or climbed lampposts or bus stops.

"It's crazy, it's incredible, it's the best thing that can happen to you in life," said Matias Gomez, 25, a metalworker.

"It is an enormous joy to see all these happy people, all together, one with the other, holding hands, giving each other hugs, kisses. We are all one today."

The Argentine capital has been in party mode since the dramatic victory over France in Sunday's final in Qatar, which has helped mask economic woes in the South American nation battling one of the world's highest inflation rates.

The victory, in a penalty shootout after a whipsaw game, made the country world champions for the first time since Diego Maradona hoisted the trophy in 1986 and the third in total. The government made Tuesday a national holiday to allow fans to celebrate the win.

The players, after spending a few hours at the Argentine Football Association (AFA)



Lionel Messi posted a picture on Facebook of him waking up with the World Cup trophy by his side; Messi at the Ezeiza airport in Buenos Aires in the wee hours.

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facilities near the airport, left on an open-top bus with signs saying "World Champions" and three stars to mark the country's trio of trophies. The players danced and cheered with fans who circled the bus. Police were having to hold people back to allow the vehi-



cle to move forward on its slow journey towards the centre of town.

Earlier Messi, 35, who has burnished his reputation as one of the world's greatest players, sent out a message on Instagram saying "Good morning!" with a photo of him sleeping in his room at the AFA complex next to the golden trophy.

Messi has said the final - where Argentina beat France 4-2 on penalties after a scintillating 3-3 draw after extra time - would be his last match in the World Cup, though he intends to play a few more games for the national side.

At times it has felt that the whole country has been partying through the night from Sunday onwards in the southern hemisphere summer, the joy of victory infecting everyone with cars regularly blaring their horns in

celebration. "There are people lying on the floor who came straight from the last party to get up and keep partying," said Elio Maisares, 25, as he celebrated in the city where everyone and everything was covered in the white-and-blue of the "Albiceleste".

"Just look at all this, look at everything that is painted in light blue and white. Along the roads, the highways, all the people are rooting for Argentina," he said. "It's really impressive, it's unique, what a way to cry. I cried this morning, yesterday, the day before yesterday, I can't cry anymore, it's incredible!"

Post-Maradona generation

Argentine Santiago Cutia, 34, had never felt the elation of his country winning the soccer World Cup before, born two years after late icon Diego Maradona last hoisted the trophy aloft for the Albiceleste in 1986.

He has now.

His generation, who grew up after the peak of Maradona, witnessed for their first time their team become world champions on Sunday, beating France on penalties in a whipsaw final. It was a third World Cup for Argentina, but the first in 36 years.

"I am 34 years old and I had never seen Argentina become champions before," said Cutia as he celebrated with hundreds of thousands of fellow fans in the center of Buenos Aires wearing his blue-white team jersey and sunglasses.

The win was also a first for star player Lionel Messi, galvanizing his claim to be the world's greatest player. Messi has long lived in the shadow of Maradona in Argentina, who fans still adore with almost God-like status. "To celebrate it here with everyone - and having the bonus that Messi got the trophy - is an unexplainable happiness," added Cutia, who said France's comeback that almost turned the game on its head late on had been tough emotionally for the fans.

BRIEFLY

Self-belief is the biggest takeaway: Harmanpreet

Mumbai: India might have been handed a comprehensive 1-4 defeat in the series but the biggest takeaway for the hosts from the five-game T20 rubber has been self-belief, said women's team captain Harmanpreet Kaur. India lost the fifth and final women's T20I by 54 runs here on Tuesday. "Lot of things we learnt from them, the way they were clearing the boundaries - that's something we'd like to bring in. Self-belief has been the biggest positive in this series. We have a month off now where we'd like to train hard before the World Cup," Harmanpreet said.

BRIEF SCORES: Australia: 196 for 4 in 20 overs (Ashleigh Gardner 66 not out, Grace Harris 64 not out; Devika Vaidya 1/26) **bt India:** 142 all out in 20 overs (Deepti Sharma 53; Heather Garham 4/8).

US Open champs to play at Tata Open

Pune: Rohan Bopanna and Ramkumar Ramanathan will not defend their Tata Open Maharashtra title together as they will pair up with different partners. US Open champions Rajeev Ram and Joe Salisbury will feature in the doubles draw. Bopanna, who is also the top-ranked Indian doubles player in the world at 19, will team up with Dutchman Botic van de Zandschulp while Ramkumar has joined forces with Mexico's Miguel Angel Reyes-Varela. With their combined rank of seven, American world No. 3 Ram and Britain's world No. 4 Salisbury will be the top seeded team at the ATP 250 event. **PTI**

Life bans for invading pitch, injuring goalie

Melbourne: Football Australia has issued life-time bans to two Melbourne Victory supporters who rushed onto the field during an A-League game, including one who allegedly hit Melbourne City goalkeeper Tom Glover with a metal bucket. Glover had a concussion and a facial laceration after being hit by the bucket. **AP**

Boston marathon winner banned

Monaco: Kenyan marathoner Diana Kipyokei has been banned for six years and stripped of her 2021 Boston Marathon title for doping and tampering, the Athletics Integrity Unit said. Kipyokei's urine sample after winning in Boston in October 2021 had traces of triamcinolone acetonide — an anti-inflammatory prohibited at races when an athlete does not have permission to use it as a medication. **AP**

Nikhat, Simranjit advance at nationals

Bhopal: Nikhat Zareen (50kg), the world champion, and World Championships bronze medallist Simranjit Kaur (60kg) began their campaign in the sixth Women's National Boxing Championships with dominating wins. Telangana's Nikhat didn't break a sweat on way to defeating Tamil Nadu's LK Abinaya in a round-of-32 bout. Punjab's Simranjit was at her attacking best against Nilzaya Angmo of Ladakh. **PTI**

Brave England juggernaut rolls on, makes history in Pakistan with clean sweep

REUTERS

DECEMBER 20

ENGLAND'S BOLD brand of cricket brought more accolades on Tuesday as they became the first Test team to complete a 3-0 whitewash in Pakistan with their eight-wicket victory in the third and final match in Karachi. The tourists, having restricted Pakistan to 216 in the second innings, comfortably chased a target of 167 to bring up their third straight victory in the series after wins in Rawalpindi and Multan.

Prior to the tour, England had won only two Tests in Pakistan and it was their first series win in the country since 2000-2001.

An opening partnership of 87 from Zak Crawley (41) and Ben Duckett (82 not out) had given England a flying start while all-rounder Rehan Ahmed, promoted to number three, made 10 runs before the 18-year-old leg spinner lost his off-stump on Monday.

Ahmed had put England in control of the Test on Day Three after becoming the youngest bowler in men's Test history to take a five-wicket haul on debut.

Duckett and captain Ben Stokes (35 not

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out) returned to the crease on Tuesday and their 73-run partnership pushed England over the line during the morning session of Day Four.

England have made huge progress under Stokes and new head coach Brendon McCullum, whose high-risk high-reward 'Bazball' style has brought nine wins in 10 Tests. Prior to the change in leadership England had been mired in a miserable run of one win in 17 Tests. Asked to sum up England's first Test tour of Pakistan since 2005, Stokes said: "Perfect."

"We've got a process we want to play but the challenge was the different pitches for every Test," he added.

"We stuck to our game plans and adapted really well. The commitment and mindset have been top drawer. It comes down to the



England's Ben Duckett (R) with Ben Stokes after victory in the third Test.

belief, that I and the 10 other guys have. That resonates around everyone, the confidence everyone has gives me so much confidence in myself too."

ENGLAND IN PAKISTAN

Year	Winner	Scoreline
1961-62	England	1-0 (3)
1968-69	Drawn	0-0 (3)
1972-73	Drawn	0-0 (3)
1977-78	Drawn	0-0 (3)
1983-84	Pakistan	1-0 (3)
1987-88	Pakistan	1-0 (3)
2000-01	England	1-0 (3)
2005-06	Pakistan	2-0 (3)
2022-23	England	3-0 (3)

Harry Brook was named Player of the Match, and the Series, after making 111 in the first innings in Karachi, his third ton in as many matches. "Probably been my best tour so far," Brook said.

Pakistan captain Babar Azam said they had played well in parts but could not keep the pressure on for long enough. "We were not good enough to fight back but, credit to England they played really well," he said.

"First innings we lost back-to-back wickets, we were good in patches but not good

for longer periods and that cost us."

England's head coach Brendon McCullum finds it "scary" to think about how good a captain Ben Stokes can become after the team's whitewash of Pakistan.

Transformative influence

The former New Zealand batter, credited with bringing about a radical change in England's approach to playing Test cricket, said the team has performed incredibly well to win the series in Pakistan.

"Ben has had a transformative influence in the year gone by and his work on and off the field is fantastic," McCullum told Sky Sports. "There's maverick in it and genius in a lot of it," he added.

"He's just got an insatiable appetite to keep moving the game forward, which is super-impressive. But for me, it's the man management, it's the consistency of message, it's the pure passion and drive that he's got to make a significant difference in Test cricket, and English cricket, which is most impressive. So I feel incredibly lucky that I've taken over this job when Stokesy has got the reins, and I think he's only going to get better and better and better, which is quite scary."

Stokes, who has won nine of the 10 Tests he has captained, added that the duo of Duckett and Crawley had set new standards for England coming at the top of the batting order.

"I think the two at the top of the order, they've set the bench-mark in every innings (in Pakistan) and they set it last evening (Monday) as well. I give a lot of credit to Zak coming in those conditions, that situation and to go out and play the way he did."

The all-rounder, who remained unbeaten on 35, said Duckett was a role model in selflessness.

"The selflessness that he showed last night is exactly what we are as a team. If I had to pinpoint everyone I would be here all day as everyone has stood up at one point in this series and played a match-defining role."

"That is unbelievable to have as a team. It's all well having belief in yourself but when you have belief in the other 10 guys around you to influence the game it's seriously special," added Stokes.

BRIEF SCORES: Pakistan 304 & 216 vs **England** 354 & 170/2 (Ben Duckett 82 n.o., Zak Crawley 41, Ben Stokes 35 n.o.; Abrar Ahmed 2/78)