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 15<sup>th</sup> Dec, 7:30 AM, 5 PM

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**HYDERABAD**  
 19<sup>th</sup> Dec

## फाउंडेशन कोर्स सामान्य अध्ययन 2024

▶ प्रारंभिक, मुख्य परीक्षा और निबंध के लिए महत्वपूर्ण सभी टॉपिक का विस्तृत कवरेज

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**e-Procurement Notice (National Competitive Bidding)**  
e-Tenders are invited from bidders meeting qualifying requirements for the following works:  
**e-TenderNo.: IRCON/IECT/5022-24R-APDRP/JAMMU/Store/Disposal/04 Date: 21.12.2022**  
Sale of Surplus materials like Transformers, HT/LT Cables, LT Distribution Boxes, Pole Mounted DBs, Energy Meters, ST Poles, G.I. Structures, G.I. Wires etc. and other miscellaneous items lying at IRCON store at Kharsa no 108, Main road, Rajpura, Tehsil-Koula, Dist- Samba, Jammu & Kashmir under RAOPDP Part-B Project/ Jammu of JPDC.

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10.01.2023 upto 15.00 Hrs.

**Last Date & Time of e-Bid Submission**  
10.01.2023 upto 15.00 Hrs.

For further details, visit website <https://etenders.gov.in/eprocure/app> Corrigendum, if any, would be hosted only on the website.  
Chief General Manager/Electrical,  
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Expression of Interest for Operationalization of NW-10 and NW-28 & NW-85 in the State of Maharashtra on Design, Build, Finance, Operate and Transfer basis  
Online bids are invited for the above EoI. The date of download of EoI : 20.12.2022 to 02.02.2023. Date of pre-proposal meeting : 09.01.2023. Last date of online submission of EoI : 02.02.2023 upto 1530 hrs. Date of opening : 03.02.2023 at 1530 hrs.  
Detailed eligibility criteria and EoI along with Instruction to the Bidders can be seen at IWA's website i.e. [www.iwai.nic.in](http://www.iwai.nic.in) and <https://eprocure.gov.in/eprocure/app>

**NORTHERN RAILWAY**  
**CORRIGENDUM**

**Ref: Tender Notice No. 64/2022-23 Dated: 23.11.2022**  
**(I) Tender No. 07221167 due on 09.01.2023**

In reference to above tender, the due date has been extended from 19.12.2022 to 09.01.2023. All other terms and conditions remain unchanged. More details are available on website.  
The corrigendum has been published on website [www.ireps.gov.in](http://www.ireps.gov.in)

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**कार्यपालक अभियन्ता का कार्यालय पथ निर्माण विभाग, पथ प्रमण्डल, साहेबगंज निविदा-रद्द संबंधी सूचना**

e-Tender reference no. RCD/SAHIBGANJ/855/2022-23, Dated : 21.11.2022, PR No. 282997 (Road)22-23\*D के Online आमंत्रित निविदा में uploaded BOQ (परिमाण विपत्र) में त्रुटि होने के कारण निविदा रद्द की जाती है।

कार्यपालक अभियन्ता पथ प्रमण्डल, साहेबगंज  
PR 285596 (Road) 22-23 (D)

**कार्यालय नगर परिषद, जैसलमेर (राज.) 345001**  
क्रमांक / विकार / 2022-23 / 4489 दिनांक :- 16.12.2022

**EXTENSION OF TENDER SUBMISSION DATE**  
इस कार्यालय के द्वारा जारी ई-निविदा सूचना संख्या 19/2022-23 क्रमांक / विकार / 2022-23 / 4373 दिनांक 01.12.2022 के द्वारा जारी निविदा सूचना को प्रशासनिक कारणों से निम्नानुसार तिथि में संशोधन किया जाता है :-

क्र.	विषय	नवीन दिनांक व समय
1	ऑन लाईन निविदा फार्म जमा कराने की अंतिम तिथि	04.01.2023 को सांय: 06.00 बजे तक
2	Tender Fee/Processing Fee व अमानत राशि एवं चाहे गये दस्तावेज कार्यालय में जमा कराने की अंतिम तिथि एवं समय	05.01.2023 को प्रातः 12.00 बजे तक
3	ऑन लाईन तकनीकी निविदा खोलने की तिथि	06.01.2023 प्रातः 11.00 बजे
4	वित्तीय बिड खोलने की तिथि	तकनीकी बिड में सफल संवेदकों को सूचित कर दिया जायेगा

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**e-Tender Notice** दिनांक: 21.12.2022

Office of the Executive Engineer, (E&M) Ichari Dam Ichari (Dehradun) invites online bid from interested parties. Brief summary of tender is given below:  
**Tender No- 09/EE(E&M)/ICHARI/TN/2022-23** Design, Engineering, Supply, Installation, Testing and Commissioning of EWS with AWS for Ichari Dehradun Uttarakhand.  
Estimated value of work: ₹ 2,09,00,000.00 (excluding taxes)  
Availability of tenders on web site:- 22.12.2022 at 10:00 hrs.  
Last date/time for submission of tender:- 13.01.2023 at 17:00 hrs.  
For fuller & further details, kindly visit e-procurement portal "https://uktenders.gov.in"  
**Executive Engineer (E&M) Ichari Dam, Ichari**

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**Govt. of Jharkhand**  
**Ranchi Institute of Neuro-Psychiatry & Allied Sciences**  
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**प्रेस विज्ञापित**  
**DIR/23/12/2022-2023/Recruitment/SR/Psychiatry Dept.**  
राँची तंत्रिका मनोचिकित्सा एवं संबद्ध विज्ञान संस्थान (रिनपास), काँके, राँची के मनोचिकित्सा विभाग में वरीय रेजिडेंट के रिक्त एन्चोर पदों पर नियुक्ति हेतु विज्ञापन।  
स्वास्थ्य, चिकित्सा शिक्षा एवं परिवार कल्याण विभाग झारखण्ड के राँची तंत्रिका मनोचिकित्सा एवं संबद्ध विज्ञान संस्थान (रिनपास), काँके, राँची के मनोचिकित्सा विभाग में वरीय रेजिडेंट मानदेय 75000 रुपये (एवहतर हजार) मात्र प्रतिमाह के रिक्त पदों पर वक इन इंटरव्यू के माध्यम से नियुक्ति हेतु विज्ञापन प्रकाशित किया जाता है। रिक्त की स्थिति निम्नवत है जो कम/अधिक हो सकती है।

Sr. No.	Name of Department/Post	Total Vacancy	Reservation
1	Psychiatry (Senior Resident)	02	ST-01 BC-I-01

2. विज्ञापित पदों पर की जाने वाली नियुक्ति में कार्मिक, प्रशासनिक सुधार तथा राजभाषा विभाग के संकल्प संख्या- 1433 दिनांक 15/02/2019 में अंकित प्रावधान के अनुसार आरक्षण / रोस्टर लागू होगा।  
3. योग्यता:- वरीय रेजिडेंट के पदों के लिए न्यूनतम शैक्षणिक योग्यता विषय - एम0डी0 साइक्यट्री / डी0पी0एम0।  
4. चयन का आधार :- चयन उपसमिति द्वारा विहित प्रक्रिया के अन्तर्गत तत्संबंधि अभिलेखों/प्रमाण पत्रों की जाँच की जायेगी। तदनुसार मनोचिकित्सा विभाग में रिक्ति के विरुद्ध चयन उपसमिति द्वारा वक इन इंटरव्यू के माध्यम से चयनित अभ्यर्थियों के नाम की बुनशंसा की जायेगी। यह नियुक्ति तीन वर्षों के Tenure Post के विरुद्ध की जायेगी। यह नियुक्ति प्रारम्भ में एक वर्ष के लिए होगी तथा सन्तोषप्रद सेवा होने की स्थिति में एक-एक वर्ष के लिए दो बार सेवाविस्तार दी जा सकती है।  
5. नियुक्ति की शर्त:-  
(क) कोई भी व्यक्ति यदि किसी टेंचोर पद पर नियुक्त होते है, तो वे सिर्फ एक टेंचोर अवधि के लिए ही पद धारण कर सकेंगे। उक्त टेंचोर पद पर विषय विशेष में एक बार से अधिक कोई नियुक्ति नहीं हो सकेगी।  
(ख) वैसे चिकित्सक जो पूर्व से वरीय रेजिडेंट का टेंचोर पद कही से भी पूर्ण कर चुके है, वे विशेष विशेष में वरीय रेजिडेंट के वर्तमान पद पर आवेदन देने के योग्य नहीं होंगे।  
(ग) टेंचोर अवधि की समाप्ति के उपरांत वैसे पदधारक जो झारखण्ड स्वास्थ्य सेवा संग्र के सदस्य है धारित टेंचोर पद से स्वतः वे मुक्त हो जायेंगे और वे अपने मूल संग्र में वापस हो जायेंगे।  
(घ) वैसे चिकित्सक जो राज्य स्वास्थ्य सेवा संग्र के सदस्य नहीं है, उनकी टेंचोर समाप्ति के पश्चात उनके द्वारा धारित टेंचोर पद से स्वतः वे मुक्त हो जायेंगे।  
6. अधिकतम उम्र सीमा:- राज्य सरकार द्वारा कोटिवार निर्धारित उम्र सीमा लागू मानी जायेगी। सरकारी सेवा में कार्यरत चिकित्सकों को उम्र सीमा में पाँच वर्ष की छूट दी जायेगी।  
7. वाक-इन-इंटरव्यू- दिनांक 16/01/2023 को पूर्वाह्न 11.00 से अपराह्न 04.00 बजे तक सम्पन्न होगा।  
8. सभी इच्छुक उम्मीदवार वेबसाईट [www.rinpas.nic.in](http://www.rinpas.nic.in) पर दिये गये आवेदन में अंकित सभी वांछित सूचनाएँ पूर्णरूपेण भरकर, सभी मूल प्रमाण-पत्रों की छायाप्रति के साथ वाक-इन-इंटरव्यू आयोजन की तिथि को भाले लेंगे।  
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**SOUTH WESTERN RAILWAY**  
E-Tender Notice No. E-GSU-ELE-2022-23-0T-4  
Dated: 17-12-2022

The undersigned, on behalf of the President of India, Invites E-Tenders for the following work:

Name of work	Approx. Value
I. Electrical arrangements Rs. 1,05,08,419/- for additional loop line on Road 5 At Hosur Yard, II. Electrical arrangements for remodeling of Hosur Yard.	

Last date for submission of bids: **Upto 11:00 Hrs. on 09-01-2023**

For details log on: [www.ireps.gov.in](http://www.ireps.gov.in)

Deputy Chief Electrical Engineer/Gati Shakti Unit  
RUB/559/AADPRB/SWR/2022-23  
Bengaluru  
S.W.Railways SWRRLY SWRRLY

**कार्यालय अधीक्षण अभियन्ता, दीर्घाणा विद्युत वितरण विभाग, विद्युत वितरण मण्डल, चित्रकूट**

अल्पकालीन ई-निविदा सूचना  
अधोहस्ताक्षरकर्ता द्वारा प्रकाशित ई-निविदा विशिष्टीकरण संख्या - 27/SE/EDCCkt/2022-23: जो कि दो भागों में दिनांक-20.12.2022 को समय 13:00 बजे तक प्रतिष्ठित एवं योग्य ठेकेदारों/निविदादाताओं से कार्य हेतु आमंत्रित की गयी थी, परन्तु तकनीकी कारणावश उक्त ई-निविदा के खुलने की तिथि दिनांक-27.12.2022 को समय-13:00 बजे तक विस्तारित की जाती है, विस्तृत जानकारी उ0प्र0 शासन की आधिकारिक ई-प्रोक्योरमेंट पोर्टल <https://etender.up.nic.in> पर उपलब्ध है।  
अधीक्षण अभियन्ता विद्युत वितरण मण्डल, चित्रकूट  
पत्रांक: 3804/वि/रि/न/2022-23/ विद्युत वितरण/दिनांक-21.12.2022  
राष्ट्र हित में बिजली बचाये

**NORTH EASTERN RAILWAY**  
Open Tender Notice No.: SRDEE-TRD-IZN-2022-23-T24  
Date: 16.12.2022

Sr. Divisional Electrical Engineer/TRD, North Eastern Railway, Itanagar for and on behalf of President of India, invites sealed "Open" E-Tender for the following work: Name of work: Outsourcing of PSI equipment maintenance at PBE-SZH, BPR-LKU-KGM, RMU-LKU-KPV and MB-KPV. RMR Sections in Itanagar Division of N.E. Railway for 02 years. Tender reference no.: SRDEE-TRD-IZN-2022-23-T24, Approx. Cost (in ₹): ₹ 1,31,24,034.38, Earnest Money/Bid Security (in ₹): ₹ 2.15,80,00/-, Cost of tender documents (in ₹): 0/-, E-Tender closing date and Time: 09.01.2023, 11:00, Completion period: 24 Months. Note: (1) E-Tender Online will be submitted up to 11.00 Hrs on date 09.01.2023, (2) For full details and submission of bid kindly visit the Official website of Indian railways i.e. [www.ireps.gov.in](http://www.ireps.gov.in)  
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**ई-प्रोक्योरमेंट अल्पकालीन निविदा (प्रथम आमंत्रण)**  
ई-टेंडर रेफरेंस नं०- Sub Cluster (JMM Dhanbad)/09/2022-23 दिनांक- 15-12-2022

क्र०	कार्य की विवरणी	Cluster No.	योजना की संख्या	प्रारंभिक राशि (लाख में)	अंशज राशि (लाख में)	परिमाण राशि (₹00 में)	कार्य पूर्ण करने की अवधि
1	Construction of 2704 Nos. FHTC in Block Topchanchi, comprising of suitable R.C.C./Frame Structure ESR, distribution lines, Source (as required) all complete job in Panchayat Ghungusa, Ramakunda & Adjoining Village in Topchanchi Block of District Dhanbad for the Year of 2021-22	Cluster-6A	91	954.42000	9.55	10000.00	
2	Construction of 2524 Nos. FHTC in Block Topchanchi, comprising of suitable R.C.C./Frame Structure ESR, distribution lines, Source (as required) all complete job in Panchayat Khario, Siyarampur & Adjoining Village in Topchanchi Block of District Dhanbad for the Year of 2021-22	Cluster-6B	96	967.31000	9.67	10000.00	9 Month + 1 Month Trial Run
3	Construction of 2191 Nos. FHTC in Block Topchanchi, comprising of suitable R.C.C./Frame Structure ESR, distribution lines, Source (as required) all complete job in Panchayat Gendnawadih, Matari & Adjoining Village in Topchanchi Block of District Dhanbad for the Year of 2021-22	Cluster-6C	77	817.36000	8.17	10000.00	
6	वेबसाईट पर निविदा प्रकाशन की तिथि					From 22-12-2022, 4:00P.M	
7	बिड प्राप्त के लिए अंतिम तिथि /समय					03-01-2023 up to 5:00P.M 06-01-2023 up to 2:00P.M	
8	निविदा की हार्ड कॉपी जमा करने की तिथि /समय /स्थान					कार्यपालक अभियन्ता, पेयजल एवं स्वच्छता प्रमण्डल संख्या-02, धनबाद / अधीक्षण अभियन्ता, पेयजल एवं स्वच्छता विभाग दुमका क्षेत्र, दुमका। 09-01-2023 up to 01:00 P.M	
9	निविदा प्राप्त बिड खोलने की तिथि /समय					09-01-2023 up to 01:00 P.M	
10	निविदा प्रकाशित करने वाले कार्यालय का नाम एवं पता।					कार्यपालक अभियन्ता, पेयजल एवं स्वच्छता प्रमण्डल संख्या-02, धनबाद।	
11	निविदा खोलने वाले कार्यालय का नाम एवं पता।					कार्यपालक अभियन्ता, पेयजल एवं स्वच्छता प्रमण्डल संख्या-02, धनबाद / अधीक्षण अभियन्ता, पेयजल एवं स्वच्छता अंचल, धनबाद।	
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PR 285630 Drinking Water and Sanitation(22-23)#D

**Government of Jharkhand**  
**Office of the Executive-Engineer**  
**Drinking Water & Sanitation Division Khunti, Jharkhand**  
Email- [eedwsd.khunti@gmail.com](mailto:eedwsd.khunti@gmail.com)

**e-Procurement Notice- 1<sup>st</sup> Call**  
**Tender reference No- DWSD/KH-13(MVS)/2022-23, Date- 20.12.2022**

Sl. No.	Name of Work	Estimated Cost (In Lakh)	Earnest Money (In Lakh)	Cost of BOQ	Time of Completion
1)	Detailed survey, designing and drawing. Construction of R.C.C. Intake Well cum Pump House, R.C.C. Gangway 80 M long and 3.00 M wide, 1.00 MLD capacity Unconventional Water Treatment Plant, RCC Elevated Service Reservoir-02 Nos, Staff Quarter, Compound wall, Approach Road, Supplying and laying Raw and Clear Water rising main and Distribution Network, House Connection, Supplying and Installation of VT and Centrifugal pump motor and Five years operation & maintenance with allied works etc. all complete job for Jaipur, Banai & Adjacent Rural Water Supply Scheme under D.W. & S. Division Khunti on turnkey basis.	1414.07000	14.15000	10,000.00	18 Months+3 month Trial & Run
2)	Detailed survey, designing and drawing. Construction of Intake Well, Infiltration Gallery, Approach Bridge, 1.75 MLD capacity Unconventional Water Treatment Plant, ESR- 01 No. 4.10 Lakh Litre capacity with 14 M staging, staging, Staff Quarter, Compound wall, Supplying and laying Raw, Clear Water rising main and Distribution Network, House Connection, Supplying and Installation of Centrifugal pump motor and Five years operation & maintenance with allied works etc. all complete job for Gobindpur & Adj. Vill. Rural Piped Water Supply Scheme, Karra Block, Under D. W. & S. Division Khunti on turnkey basis.	1667.12000	16.68000	10,000.00	18 Months+3 month Trial & Run
A	Date of Publication of Tender on Website				21.12.2022 up to 5.00 PM
B	Date of Pre Bid Meeting				27.12.2022 up to 12:30 PM
C	Date of Pre Bid Meeting				Office of the E.I.C., D.W. & S. Department, Nepal House, Doranda, Ranchi, Jharkhand.
D	Last date /Time for receipt of Bid (Online)				03.01.2023 up to 5.00 PM
E	Last date /Time for receipt of Bid (Hard Copy)				04.01.2023 up to 5.00 PM
F	Place of receipt of Bid (Hard Copy)				1. Office of the Regional Chief Engineer, D.W. & S. Department Ranchi Zone. 2. Office of the Superintending Engineer, D.W.&S. Ranchi Circle, Ranchi 3. Office of the Executive Engineer, D.W. & S. Division, Khunti
G	Date of opening of Tender				05.01.2023 05.00 PM
H	Name & address of office inviting tender				Executive Engineer, D.W. & S. Division, Khunti
I	Contact no of Procurement office				06528-299928
J	Helpline no of e-procurement cell				07717776462

Further details can be seen on website <http://jharkhandtenders.gov.in> Executive Engineer, D.W. & S. Division, Khunti  
PR 285640 Drinking Water and Sanitation(22-23)\_D

**SEARCH FOR MISSING**

General public is hereby informed that this man namely **Gagan**, S/o Satbir Sharma, R/o VPO Ghumanhera, Delhi, is missing since 22.09.2022 at about 10:30 AM from his house. In this regard a case vide **DD No. 50A, dated 01.10.2022** has been lodged at **P.S. Chhawla, Delhi**. Sincere efforts have been made by the local police to trace out the missing man but no clue has come to light so far.

The description of the missing man is as under:  
**Gender: Male, Age: 24 years, Height: 6'0", Complexion: Fair, Face: Round, Built: Thin, Wearing: Yellow shirt, black lower and sleepers in feet.**  
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Fax : 011-24368639  
SHO  
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**PUBLIC NOTICE FOR AUCTION FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY**  
Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Asset under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets & Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002, read with Rule 9(1) of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002. Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) and Mortgagor(s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged / charged to the Secured Creditor, the possession of which has been taken by the Authorized Officer of M/s. Varthana Finance Private Ltd, Agra, (Formerly known as Thirumeni Finance Private Ltd), will be sold on 10-01-2023 (Tuesday) between 1.00 p.m. to 2.00 p.m "As is Where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" basis, for recovery of below mentioned loan account. The details of the Borrower(s)/ Mortgagor(s) Secured Assets/ Dues/ Reserve Price/Auction date & time, EMD & Bid increase amount are mentioned below :  
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Loan A/c. No.S18AGR-AGR-001151.  
Details of Total Outstanding amount in Rupees : Rs. 52,28,837/- (Rupees Fifty Two Lakh Twenty Eight Thousand Eight Hundred And Thirty Seven Only) as on 16-12-2022, together with further agreed contractual rate of interest plus legal costs / charges, till realization of the entire amount.  
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Date : 22-12-2022, Place : Bangalore Authorised Officer, Varthana Finance Private Limited,

**GOVERNMENT OF JHARKHAND**  
**OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER,**  
**DRINKING WATER & SANITATION DIVISION, MADHUPUR.**

**E-Procurement Notice**  
**(2nd Call)**  
**E-Tender Notice Reference no- 08 /DWSD/MDP/2022-23, Dated : 21.12.2022**

	1	Name of the Department	Drinking Water and Sanitation Department, Jharkhand, Ranchi.
2	Date of publication of Tender on Web site	27.12.2022/ 04.30 P.M .	
3	Date of Pre-bid Meeting	03.01.2023 at 03.30 P.M. in the Office of Engineer-in-Chief, D.W. & S. Department, Nepal House, Doranda Jharkhand, Ranchi	
4	Last date /Time for receipt of Bid	09.01.2023/ 5.00 P.M.	
5	Last date /Time for receipt of E.M. Cost & B.O.Q. Cost	10.01.2023/2.00 P.M. in the office of Executive Engineer, DW&S Division, Madhupur.	
6	Date of Opening of Tender	11.01.2023/ 12.30 P.M .	
7	Name & address of office inviting tender	Executive Engineer, Drinking Water & Sanitation Division, Madhupur .	
8	Name & address of Opening Officer	Executive Engineer, Drinking Water & Sanitation, Division, Madhupur.	
9	Contact no of Procurement office	8002114576	
10	Helpline no. of e-procurement Cell	8002114576	
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Sl. No.	Group No.	No. of Panchayat	No. of Village	No. of Scheme	Estimated Cost (In Lakh)	Earnest money (In Lakh)	Cost of BOQ (In Rs.)	Time of Completion
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
1	SVS/CLTR-8	1.5	14	51	726.39860	7.27	10000.00	9 Months
2	SVS/CLTR-9	1.5	17	63	775.20370	7.76	10000.00	9 Months
3	SVS/CLTR-10	1.5	12	56	721.65482	7.22	10000.00	9 Months
4	SVS/CLTR-11	1.5	10	62	791.61580	7.92	10000.00	9 Months

- Estimated Cost & EMD Cost may vary.
- Further details can be seen on website <https://jharkhandtenders.gov.in>

Executive Engineer  
DW&S Division, Madhupur.  
PR.NO.285639 Drinking Water and Sanitation(22-23):D

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## Govt appoints former SC judge Hemant Gupta as chief of NDIAC

APURVA VISHWANATH  
NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 21

TWO MONTHS after his retirement as a judge of the Supreme Court, the Centre has appointed Justice Hemant Gupta as Chairperson of the New Delhi International Arbitration Centre. In a notification issued December 19, the Appointments Committee of the Cabinet approved Justice Gupta's appointment. He retired on October 16, after a four-year tenure in the top court.

During his tenure as a judge of the apex court, Justice Gupta delivered several important judgments, including the verdict in the Karnataka Hijab ban case. In the split verdict in the Hijab case, Justice Gupta, just three days before his retirement, had dismissed the appeals challenging the March 15 judgement of the Karnataka High Court which had refused to lift the ban. Justice Sudhanshu Dhulia disagreed with Justice Gupta.

Justice Gupta was also part of another two-judge bench split verdict delivered in August this year in which the Karnataka High Court's decision allowing the use of Idgah Maidan in Bengaluru's Chamarajpet for Ganesh Chaturthi celebrations was challenged. The case was heard by a three-judge bench the same day which stayed the High Court ruling.

The Centre also appointed Ganesh Chandru, Partner at Dua Associates, and Advocate Anant Vijay Palli as its part-time members. Palli is the son of former Punjab and Haryana High Court judge P K Palli and is married to Justice Rekha Palli, judge of the Delhi High Court. His brother, Justice Arun Palli, is currently a judge of the Punjab and Haryana High Court.

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## REVIEW MEETING: COVID IS NOT OVER YET, CAUTIONS HEALTH MINISTER

# Covid advisory again: Random test at airports, try to use mask

Two cases of sub-variant BF.7 reported in India so far — from Odisha, Gujarat

ANONNA DUTT  
NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 21

REVIEWING THE situation in India in view of rising cases in China and some other countries, Union Health Minister Mansukh Mandaviya on Wednesday urged people to follow Covid-appropriate behaviour, including wearing masks, maintaining social distancing, washing hands frequently, and getting vaccinated. He also directed officials to "fully gear up and strengthen surveillance".

Official sources said random testing of international passengers on arrival will start again. It had stopped after a revision in travel advisories in November-end. Prior to that, 2% of international passengers were being randomly tested at airports.

Sources in Delhi said two cases of the Omicron sub-variant BF.7, which is reported to be

driving the surge in China, have been detected in India so far — the first in Odisha in September, and the second in Gujarat in November. "The cases were detected a while back and haven't spread so far. It is likely to be similar to other variants that were on the watch list for other countries but resulted in marginal increase in cases in India," said a senior official.

(In Gujarat, officials said two cases of the sub-variant had been reported — in Vadodara in September, and in Ahmedabad in November — and both patients have since recovered.

A press release issued by the Vadodara Municipal Corporation said a 61-year-old woman, who had arrived from the US on September 11 this year, had tested positive for the sub-variant. "The patient had taken three doses of the Pfizer vaccine and was in home isolation," it said.

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Union Health Minister Mansukh Mandaviya chairs a review meeting with experts and officials in view of rising Covid-19 cases in some countries, on Wednesday. *ANI*

## Minister tells Rahul to follow Covid protocol, Congress asks why just us

ANONNA DUTT & MANOJ CG  
NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 21

WITH HEALTH Minister Mansukh Mandaviya asking Congress leader Rahul Gandhi to either follow "all Covid-19 guidelines" during his Bharat Jodo Yatra or suspend it "in national interest", the Congress hit back at the government on Wednesday, accusing it of selectively targeting its programme.

In a letter addressed to Rahul and Rajasthan Chief Minister

Ashok Gehlot on Tuesday, Mandaviya wrote: "Please ensure that in the ongoing Bharat Jodo Yatra in Rajasthan, all Covid-19 guidelines are strictly followed, masks and sanitisers are used, and only those vaccinated against Covid-19 participate. People must isolate themselves before and after they join the yatra... If it is not possible to follow these Covid-19 protocols, then, keeping the public health situation in mind, please suspend the Bharat Jodo Yatra in the national interest..."

The yatra completed its

Rajasthan leg on Tuesday and entered Haryana on Wednesday morning.

Mandaviya said he wrote the letter after three MPs from Rajasthan wrote to him saying many people who had participated in the yatra had contracted the infection. He said Himachal Pradesh Chief Minister Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu, who participated in the yatra some

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## Poll bonds account for 10% to 100% donations to regional parties

DAMINI NATH  
NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 21

FROM 100% of all grants, donations and contributions received by the Biju Janata Dal to about 10% of all declarable contributions to the Samajwadi Party in 2021-2022, electoral bonds contributed a large chunk of the income of regional parties in the last financial year.

According to the BJD's annual audit report for 2021-2022, which was published by the Election Commission on its website Wednesday, the party declared it received Rs 291 crore in the category of "grants, donations and contributions" and the entire amount was in the form of electoral bonds. The income from electoral bonds accounted for 94% of the total income of the BJD: Rs. 307.28 crore.

Similarly, the YSR Congress Party's annual report showed the party received Rs 60 crore from electoral bonds in 2021-

**EXPLAINED** **E** The rule, and the exemption

POLITICAL PARTIES are required to submit details of all contributions in excess of Rs 20,000 each to the ECI in their annual reports. However, contributions from electoral bonds are exempt from the requirement and most prominent national and state parties do not include them in their contribution reports.

2022 and it accounted for 64% of its total income of Rs.93.72 crore and 75% of the income from grants, contributions and donations. The Telangana Rashtra Samithi, which recently changed its name to Bharat Rashtra

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## Watching China border: CCS clears high resolution cameras for ITBP

MAHENDER SINGH MANRAL  
NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 21

AMID SIMMERING tension along the India-China border following the recent clash between Indian and Chinese troops, the Cabinet Committee on Security (CCS) has approved the procurement of around 17 high-resolution cameras for the Indo-Tibetan Border Police (ITBP) to

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**TALIBAN ENFORCE UNIVERSITY BAN FOR AFGHAN WOMEN**

**HEARSES QUEUE AT CHINA MORGUES, W.H.O. CAUTIONS** [PAGE 14](#)

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE  
NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 21

WEEKS AFTER the G20 Bali Declaration echoed Prime Minister Narendra Modi's "not an era of war" advice to Russian President Vladimir Putin, CIA Director William J Burns has said concerns raised by Modi and Chinese President Xi Jinping over

monitor the activities of Chinese forces, The Indian Express has learnt.

The demand for high-resolution cameras was part of the ITBP's modernisation plan-IV, which was sent to the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA), it is learnt.

Sources told *The Indian Express* that the cameras will be among key technical equipment being procured under the plan.

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## Bali echoed PM advice to Putin, now CIA chief says Modi concern has had impact on Russians

William J Burns, CIA Director. *Reuters file*

the Kremlin's threat to use nuclear weapons has had an "impact on the Russians".

In an interview to US public

SOURAV ROY BARMAN  
NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 21

ON DECEMBER 18, the Uttar Pradesh government announced in an official statement the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with "Austin University in San Francisco, USA, to build a Knowledge Smart City at the cost of USD 42 billion (about Rs 35,000 crore)". The MoU was de-

scribed as one of the several signed by the state in its latest push to attract investment from abroad.

On Wednesday, UP's Additional Chief Secretary (Infrastructure and Development) Arvind Kumar clarified that the MoU was signed not with the university but "Austin Consulting Group".

Official records from the US, reviewed by *The Indian Express*,

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## GOVT &amp; POLITICS

**INDIA CAUCUS: CHINA AGGRESSION REASON TO STRENGTHEN INDIA-U.S. TIES** [PAGE 10](#)

broadcaster PBS, Burns said, "Well, he's done — there's been some, I think, very dangerous

nuclear sabre-rattling that Putin and others around him have done. That was part of the conversation I had with one of my Russian intelligence counterparts, Sergey Naryshkin."

Asked where he saw it going, he said, "Well, I think the sabre-rattling is meant to intimidate. We don't see any clear evidence today of plans to use tactical

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## 2 decades in Nepal jail, Bikini Killer Charles Sobhraj to walk free

YUBARAJ GHIMIRE  
KATHMANDU, DECEMBER 21

KNOWN TO the world as the 'Bikini Killer', Charles Sobhraj, the notorious serial killer and French citizen who has spent close to two decades in Kathmandu prisons, will soon walk free.

On Wednesday, the Supreme Court of Nepal ordered Sobhraj's release within 15 days and his immediate deportation to France.

A division bench of Justice Sapana Pradhan Malla and Justice Dil Kumar Shrestha ordered Sobhraj's release on "humanitarian grounds" under rules that al-

low for 25 per cent waiver on the punishment awarded to any convict above 65 years of age.

Sobhraj's release comes 10 months before he would have completed his life term.

Wanted in Nepal for a murder committed way back in the 70s, he was arrested in 2003 from a casino in Kathmandu when he arrived on a tourist visa, before being tried and convicted.

Sobhraj had then told his interrogators that he was under the impression that, like in some other countries, Nepal had 'laws of limitation' which would have given him immunity for crimes committed more than 20 years ago.

Sobhraj also served time in India for 21 years, which included a 22-day break period when he escaped Delhi's Tihar Jail in 1986. Back then, he had drugged prison guards on the pretext of sharing sweets for his birthday.

But once they got him, police in Nepal reopened an investigation from 1975 — of the murder of US citizen Connie Jo Bronzich, who was killed in Kathmandu by Sobhraj, who had approached her by posing as a "charming" gem dealer.

The body of Bronzich, who was staying in the same hotel as Sobhraj, was found lying in a deserted area around 20 km from

Charles Sobhraj had spent two decades in India jail earlier. The Nepal SC has now ordered his release. *Archive*

the building.

Sobhraj was convicted by the district and appellate courts and the Supreme Court.

Sobhraj, 78, had petitioned the government seeking early release citing a poor heart condition and dental problems. Over the years, the French embassy in Kathmandu too lobbied for Sobhraj's release.

"...During the pendency of the petition, I have been suffering from a major heart disease requiring an open heart surgery of the replacement of heart left valve and a repair of the right valve..." Sobhraj had said in an application to the French embassy on August 4, 2017.

In an exclusive interview to *The Indian Express* in 2017, Sobhraj, who had collapsed in jail a few days earlier and was scheduled to undergo a valve replacement at the Gangalal Heart Centre in Kathmandu, said, "I don't know if I will survive this. I have been threatened with death in the courtroom. Besides, the risk factor of an open heart surgery in Nepal is higher than France. In Nepal, it is between 3-5 per cent while in France it is only 1 per cent. But the cardiologists here have decided I should have the replacement as quickly as possible since there is significant damage in one valve and mild damage to the

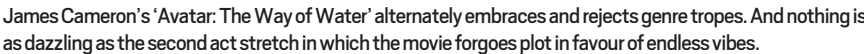
other. Of course, I am nervous about all this."

Sobhraj's notoriety earned him nicknames such as 'Bikini Killer', (many of his victims were mostly backpacking Western tourists in Asia) and 'Serpent' for the skill with which he evaded the police.

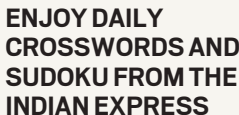
His modus operandi allegedly involved drugging his victims and then killing them. It is estimated that Sobhraj, who was most active between 1972 and 1976, killed 15-20 people in this period.

Sobhraj's chilling murders and jailbreaks have been recounted in countless documentaries, movies and books.





## PUZZLES AND GAMES



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# 5 THE CITY

## 16-YEAR-OLD'S SUICIDE IN FARIDABAD

# 'Upscale school ignored mother's email on son being sexually abused'

**PAYNEET SINGH CHADHA**  
FARIDABAD, DECEMBER 21

AN EMAIL complaint by the boy's mother to the school authorities alleging that her son had been sexually abused and bullied and was having 'suicidal' tendencies; a handwritten note allegedly by the victim mentioning sexual assault by some students; and phone call recordings of the boy discussing the alleged assault with friends – these are some of the crucial pieces of evidence in the chargesheet filed by Faridabad police against the academic headmistress and the principal of a prominent school in the case of suicide of a class 10

student in February this year. Faridabad police filed a chargesheet against the two accused earlier this month before a district court. The academic headmistress has been charged under IPC section 306 (abetment of suicide), and section 21 (punishment for failure to report or record a case) of POCSO Act, and the principal under section 21 of the POCSO Act. Three former schoolmates of the victim, who are also accused in the case, are yet to be chargesheeted.

Police have listed 36 witnesses in the chargesheet.

The 16-year-old committed suicide on February 24, 2022, with his mother – a teacher at the same school – alleging that he

was harassed over his sexuality and the school ignored her complaint. In the FIR, the boy's mother had said that one year before the incident, her son had confided in her that some boys in school harassed him and called him gay.

In a purported suicide note, recovered by the police, the boy had stated, "This school has killed me. Specially higher authorities..."

Police said the statements and evidence collected by the SIT, during its probe, suggest that the school principal did not inform the local police about sexual harassment allegations levelled against some school students by the boy's mother in an email to the authorities dated September 23,

2021 – over five months before the incident. This, the chargesheet states, is a crime punishable under section 21 of POCSO Act.

Police said the special investigation team (SIT) sought the details of communication between the complainant and school authorities, and it was found that in an email to the principal on September 23, 2021, the boy's mother had accused three of her son's schoolmates of "sexually abusing" him, while five other schoolmates were alleged to have had "bullied verbally and harassed him" by her. On these five students, the chargesheet states that the probe did not find them to "have behaved with any sexual intent" and that they sim-

ply made fun of each other.

"Because of the abuse done by these students to my son, he has lost its mental composure, he is having suicidal tendencies," read the mother's email to the school. The mother had mentioned in the email that after morning sports practice and during lunch breaks, her son was sexually assaulted by the students on school premises.

Police said on October 25, 2021 – a month later – the school principal replied to the complainant stating: "... all five students named by you in your mail have departed from school and are no longer on its rolls. Of the four students mentioned in context of verbal abuse, the school

is not in receipt of any complaint against them in the past from your end or any other quarter. The same notwithstanding, consequent to your mail... highlighting your concern in a communication to school for the first time, we have made immediate and concerted efforts to pursue the matter by speaking... to the said four students in presence of their parents. They have vehemently denied their involvement in any such act and expressed shock at the possibility of any association with such behaviour."

The principal, in the email, further stated, "The alleged incident as stated by you carries no specific particulars or evidence. Yet a strong message of positive

respect for every student has been reiterated by school with all of them in presence of their parents..."

Days after the incident was reported, police had formed an SIT to investigate the case. In the chargesheet, police said that a week before the incident, the boy told a friend over the phone that during an exam, the headmistress was "repeatedly torturing and putting pressure on him".

On February 21, during another exam, the headmistress troubled him by putting pressure on him in the middle of the exam, he told his friend, the chargesheet states, adding: "As a result, due to the mental tor-

ture suffered, he became so scared that he started having panic attacks and had to seek medical treatment and the boy ended his life..."

In the chargesheet, police also said that 10 call recordings from the victim's phone were submitted by the complainant and sent for forensic analysis. Police said that as per the transcripts of three phone calls of the victim with his friends in October 2021, November 2021 and February 2022, the boy mentioned that he was allegedly sexually harassed by some students at school and the students had tried to rape him in the school washroom when he was in class 8.

## AMID SPIKE IN CASES IN CHINA

# Covid shadow re-emerges, CM calls emergency meet

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE**  
NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 21

THE DELHI government is monitoring the Covid situation and the health department has asked officials to ensure genome sequencing is done for all positive cases being reported in the city. Officials said they will also take stock of oxygen plants and other logistics available in the state government-run hospitals.

Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal has called an emergency meeting on Thursday to discuss the Covid situation in the national capital and make preparations.

The move comes amid a spurt in Covid cases in China. The Union Health Ministry Tuesday urged all states and Union Territories to gear up the whole genome sequencing of positive samples to keep track of emerging variants.

According to senior officials, the state health department will implement the Centre's guidelines, which were issued on Tuesday.

"We are also taking stock of infrastructure and redoing it



According to the Delhi government's health bulletin, on Wednesday, the city recorded five Covid cases. *Archive*

"We have not had any Covid patients for the last 20 days; whenever a patient comes we will send samples for genome sequencing," said Dr Suresh Kumar, the medical director at Lok Nayak Hospital.

According to Dr Ekta Gupta, a virologist at ILBS, the Delhi government has instructed to conduct 100% genome sequencing sampling.

"All positive cases will be tested for now. We have the data till November 20, and all samples were XBB variant-dominant," said Dr Ekta.

The Covid numbers in Delhi have been low and the city has been reporting less than 20 positive cases in a day since December 4, while the number of tests hovered between 2,500-3,000. One death was reported on December 5.

Till December 20, three Covid positive patients were admitted to hospitals across the city, and 21 were in home isolation, according to the data.

Union Health Minister Mansukh Mandaviya Wednesday reviewed the Covid situation in the country, and directed officials to be alert and strengthen surveillance.

wherever required. Whatever preparations we did in the last phase of the pandemic, we will take it further and add more," said an official.

According to the Delhi government's health bulletin, on Wednesday, Delhi recorded five cases of Covid and one death. A total of 2,642 tests were conducted, and 19 people were recorded to be in home isolation while three were in hospitals.

There are 8,211 beds in Covid-dedicated hospitals, out of which 17 are occupied and 8,194 are vacant, the bulletin showed.

The genome sequencing will be conducted at the lab in the Institute of Liver and Biliary Sciences (ILBS).

Doctors at Lok Nayak hospital, the nodal hospital for Covid infections, have been instructed to send all samples for genome sequencing.

## BRIEFLY

### Centre to provide Delhi Rs 700 cr for upkeep of roads

**New Delhi:** The central government will provide a fund of Rs 700 crore from the Central Road Fund to Delhi for construction, repair, maintenance and beautification of roads in the national capital, officials said. It was decided during a meeting held between Union Minister Nitin Gadkari and Delhi L-G V K Saxena, said L-G House officials. **ENS**

### Edu dept tells schools to sensitise students about air pollution

**New Delhi:** In a bid to combat air pollution in the city and raise awareness amongst children about climate change, the Delhi government's Directorate of Education has directed its schools to organise sensitisation activities. All deputy directors of education (DDE)-district have been requested to nominate two prominent private schools and two government schools as first points of contact for sensitisation and send their details to the Science Branch by December 26, a DoE circular said. **PTI**



**DELHI POLICE**  
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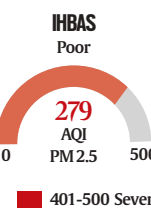
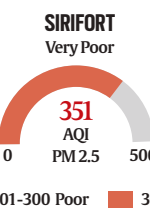
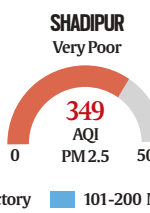
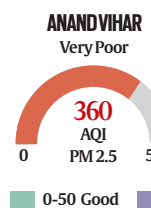
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2.0°C below normal

## Schoolgirl kills self over leaked video, 1 held

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE  
GHAZIABAD, DECEMBER 21

AN 18-YEAR-OLD schoolgirl hanged herself in Ghaziabad on Monday evening, allegedly after a neighbour posted objectionable videos of her on social media.

The accused, Irfan, was arrested on Wednesday evening.

The girl's father has alleged that earlier this month, the accused drugged her drink and recorded an objectionable video, which he later posted online. He also alleged that he was threatened by the accused's father, and that personnel at Khoda police station had not registered an FIR when he and his daughter went to the police station on Saturday.

DCP (Trans Hindon) Deeksha Sharma said six police teams were deployed to arrest the accused and his father. The latter has not been caught yet, police said.

The DCP said that an investigation into why an FIR was not filed when the woman earlier approached the police would also be conducted.

The FIR has been filed under sections relating to criminal intimidation, abetment of suicide and criminal conspiracy, as well as relevant provisions of the IT Act.

ALLEGATIONS FALSE, NO EVIDENCE: SISODIA LEGAL TEAM

## In liquor chargesheet, ED claims bizman took over as Nair was busy in polls

ANAND MOHAN J  
NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 21

THE ENFORCEMENT Directorate, in its chargesheet filed in connection with the now-scrapped Delhi excise policy, has alleged that businessman Dinesh Arora acted as a "conduit for kickbacks" between the 'South group' and the Aam Aadmi Party.

The ED chargesheet relies on statements made by Arora, Indospirits MD Sameer Mahendru and South group member Arun Pillai to allege that Arora took over from AAP communications in-charge Vijay Nair when the latter was busy with the Goa and Punjab Assembly elections. Arora, who is an approver in the CBI case, is not an accused in the ED case, but the agency has relied on his statements to make allegations of kickbacks from the South group, of which Telangana Chief Minister K Chandrashekar Rao's daughter Kalvakuntla Kavitha is accused of being a member.

According to chargesheet, on an occasion, Delhi Deputy CM Manish Sisodia allegedly held a meeting of retailers, and when Arora arrived late, Sisodia asked

him to sit next to him. This is based on Mahendru's statement, recorded by the ED on September 10, 2022. According to the statement, Sisodia "gesturing" to Arora "to come and sit next to him" was a "message which was received by the market that he was close to AAP and specifically Dy CM", the chargesheet alleges.

Sisodia's legal team denied the allegations made in the chargesheet. "The allegations made in the chargesheet are false and there is no evidence apart from the statement of the accused. The agency does not have witnesses in this case and relies on the statement of the accused. We will make our case before the court during the trial."

In Pillai's statement to the ED, recorded on September 18, 2022, he told the agency that he met Nair and Arora at India Habitat Centre in November-December, 2021, the chargesheet states.

The chargesheet alleges that in this meeting, Nair told him that since he was busy with the elections in Goa and Punjab, "all matters related to the Delhi Excise will be managed by Arora". It is alleged that Nair "meant that whatever demands/directions of kickbacks from Delhi Govt they will come

through Dinesh Arora and he has been authorised to do so and that everyone in the liquor industry should follow his directions".

It is alleged that "Nair had total control with regards to the policy drafting and all of its implementation; that Arora has been closely associated with AAP since the first time they came into power in Delhi; that he used to collect cash from all hoteliers and restaurants in Delhi for the AAP".

The chargesheet alleges that Pillai told ED that Nair was staying in a house next to the Delhi CM's office and had "full access to him since he handled the social media handles and advertisements for AAP". He, however, clarified that Nair has "not specifically told him that he discussed excise matters with the CM" but since he was working closely with the party, "it may be understood that he was discussing these policy formulation issues with Delhi CM and CM office", the chargesheet alleges. Arora claimed that when L1 application file of Indospirits was stuck with Excise department, he brought this to Nair's notice, who "spoke to... Secretary to Manish Sisodia, who sent necessary instructions to the Excise department", it is alleged.

AFTER L-G NOD

## Restaurants at Siri Fort Complex can now stay open till 1 am

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE  
NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 21

IN A bid to increase revenue and boost nightlife across the city, Delhi Lieutenant Governor V K Saxena Wednesday permitted restaurants and cafeterias in the Delhi Development Authority-owned Siri Fort Sports Complex, Qutab Golf Course and Bhalswa Golf Course to stay open till 1 am.

Currently, the food and beverage services at the Siri Fort Complex are allowed to remain open till 11 pm. Every day thousands of people visit the complex, which offers a wide range of sports facilities.

"This comes as a gift to the people of the city during the ongoing festive season and the forthcoming new year celebrations. Starting today, residents of the capital will be able to enjoy a richer nightlife at these premier locations. The decision will also result in increased economic activities resulting in more revenue generation," said officials.

The L-G also constituted a high-power committee to ease



Currently, the food and beverage services at the Siri Fort Complex are allowed to remain open till 11 pm. Archive

and facilitate licence requirements for restaurants/eateries and directed it to examine the existing regulations and suggest ways of expediting the licensing processes.

"In an order issued to this effect, the DDA has directed the concerned authorities at the three complexes to ensure adequate security, lighting and parking," said officials.

Officials added that the L-G has been consistently pushing for Delhi to have a nightlife comparable to other metropolitan

cities and national capitals.

The Municipal Corporation of Delhi (MCD) recently granted licences to around 150 eateries/restaurants for open, terrace, and outdoor dining in different localities of the city. In October this year, the L-G approved 314 commercial establishments, including online delivery services of food and medicines, logistics, transport and travel services and other essential commodities as well as business process outsourcing (BPO) centres, to operate 24x7.

## Tensions flare over Sunday mass in Burari, police called in

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE  
NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 21

A SUNDAY mass inside a hall at a residential area was interrupted and a protest was staged, allegedly by locals in North Delhi's Burari area. Delhi Police said residents started protesting outside the hall based on suspicion that the tenant and a pastor were forcing people to convert.

The incident took place around 10 am on December 11 in a hall where the tenant had invited more than 20 people, including the pastor, who is from Kerala.

Both police and the neighbours were called by the building owner, who has been having issues with the tenant over Christmas carols and the use of loudspeakers.

Police said neither the tenant nor the pastor have approached them with a complaint. No case has been registered against the residents, though police have taken action against the person who posted a video of the incident for sharing "offensive/sensitive/trouble-fomenting posts".

**A purported video shows a group of people protesting outside the hall chanting 'Jai Shri Ram' and 'Bharat Mata Ki Jai'**

As per the video and the police, protesters stopped the mass and removed chairs while asking people to vacate the premises.

Meanwhile, the building owner made a PCR call alleging the pastor was converting people. A purported video shows a group of people protesting outside the hall chanting 'Jai Shri Ram' and 'Bharat Mata Ki Jai'.

Sagar Singh Kalsi, DCP (North), said the place is not a church but a private room in Burari's Baba Colony.

"The residents had gathered based on suspicion... We had sent adequate police staff to attend the PCR call and nothing cognizable was found. The pro-

testers were dispersed and the place was vacated. The matter has been resolved. There was no vandalism. The tenant had only called her friends and pastor for a Sunday gathering. There was no disruption or break-in....," said the DCP.

"There's no communal issue here. The landlady had issues with the tenant, who had gatherings at the hall. The issues have been going on for some time. On the day of the incident, she made allegations of religious conversion. The tenant is still there. The pastor returned to Kerala and also doesn't wish to lodge a complaint," said an officer.

Meanwhile, the letter sent to the Twitter user who shared the video mentions that the post has the "potential to foment trouble amongst the peace-loving and law-abiding citizens".

The video has now been deleted. The user had posted the video with a caption that the vandalism took place at a church. Police said the date of the incident is incorrect, and the incident took place in a residential area, not a church.

## Gurgaon: First arrest in Chintels collapse

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE  
GURGAON, DECEMBER 22

A SPECIAL Investigation Team arrested the proprietor of the firm, which was carrying out repair and renovation works at a tower in Gurgaon's Chintels Paradiso society where a portion of a sixth-floor apartment had collapsed all the way to the first floor.

Police said the accused, Amit Austin, the proprietor of Manish Switchgear and Construction, was arrested Wednesday by an SIT formed to probe the case. His firm was carrying out tiling work in a flat of the tower allegedly without adequate safety measures, said police.

The district administration had ordered an enquiry and a structural audit of the society. Last month, the Gurgaon deputy commissioner passed an order and directed the society's developer to permanently close tower D, which has 17 floors and 64 flats, so its demolition can begin. The deputy commissioner had said that on recommendations of an IIT Delhi report and an enquiry by district administration committee, the tower had been deemed unsafe for habitation.

The enquiry report of the district administration had claimed that the representative of the developer of the society and M/s



The collapse took place in February 2022

Manish Switchgear and Construction had allegedly failed to regulate and monitor the retrofitting works, which led to the collapse of slab and ensuing damage to lower floors in February 2022.

"After perusing the IIT Delhi's report... it is clear that wrong methodology was adopted for the repair work, which led to the immediate collapse. The shuttering support was required before undertaking the retrofitting in flat D-603, but it was not provided," the report had said. The committee's report had said the manner in which the slab of floors below that sixth floor collapsed indicated that there were structural deficiencies in the structure of Tower D. "This apprehension has been confirmed by IIT Delhi report, wherein it was mentioned that there is rapid and early corrosion of reinforcement that occurred due to the presence of excessive chlorides in the concrete," it said.

## HC expresses concern on row between Metro staff, CISF constable

MALAVIKA PRASAD  
NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 21

WHILE HEARING two petitions seeking quashing of an FIR involving an altercation between a DMRC employee and a CISF constable at a Metro station, the Delhi High Court Wednesday expressed concern on the behaviour of the parties stationed at a public place which is "teeming with people".

A single judge bench of Justice Jasmeet Singh was hearing two cross petitions filed by Mahendra Singh Meena, a DMRC employee, and Sajukta Patra, a CISF constable, both stationed at Ramesh Nagar Metro station when the altercation took place in 2015.

Patra's counsel submitted that she had three daughters and the matter be quashed as the parties had arrived at a settlement. Similarly, Meena's counsel submitted that situations like this happen sometimes. Meena was asked by the court what had happened and he submitted that he was on "guard duty" at the station and was asked not to open a "side gate" by his superiors, when the constable asked him to open it several times which eventually ended in an altercation. Justice Singh remarked, "What's the

In which world will this trial end in foreseeable future: Khalid Saifi to HC

MALAVIKA PRASAD  
NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 21

UNITED AGAINST Hate activist Khalid Saifi booked by Delhi Police in its 2020 Northeast Delhi riots "larger conspiracy case" told the Delhi High Court Wednesday that the restrictions on the power of a court to grant bail should not be pushed too far.

A special bench of Justices Siddharth Mridul and Rajnish Bhatnagar reserved orders on Saifi's bail appeal on December 12. On Wednesday, senior advocate Rebecca John made additional arguments before the bench on what constitutes a prima facie case while referring to certain judgments. Saifi and several others were booked under UAPA and provisions of the IPC for being the alleged masterminds of the February 2020 riots, which erupted during the anti-CAA and NRC protests in the city.

John submitted that the expression prima facie has been stipulated under UAPA section 43D(5) which states that bail will not be granted to a person accused of offences under certain chapters of the UAPA unless the public prosecutor is heard on the accused's bail plea. The proviso further states that the accused will not be given bail if the court is satisfied that there are reasonable grounds for believing that a "prima facie" case exists against the accused.

John thereafter referred to a 2019 judgment of the Supreme Court in NIA vs Zahoor Ahmad Shah Watali where the apex court had set aside a Delhi High Court order granting bail to J&K businessman Watali, arrested by the NIA on charges of "terror funding".

Later, John referred to a 2021 judgment of the apex court, UOI vs K A Najeib, where a three-judge bench of the Supreme Court headed by then Chief Justice N V Ramana upheld the grant of bail under UAPA when the accused had undergone incarceration for a significant period even as it recognised that bail under UAPA was an exception.

She argued, "The chargesheet in FIR 59/2020 (larger conspiracy case) has 495 witnesses, 33 protected witnesses, 63 investigating officers, and three supplementary charge sheets. In which reasonable world this trial will end in the foreseeable future which has about 15 accused?"

John concluded by saying that the judgment in Najeib's case asks the court that "if you have constitutional powers to intervene, those powers have to be used concomitantly along with the powers to grant bail".

problem if you have to open the gate four times?"

In the FIR, Meena had accused Patra of physically abusing him, the court noted. The HC said, "This is a case where you are dealing with people... Metro stations are teeming with people..." When the counsel for the parties submitted that such situations sometimes occur and their clients were human, the HC said, "My only concern is how will you serve people if you can't control your temper."

However, the HC noted that the parties had arrived at a settlement and submitted their respective affidavits indicating that they did not have a grievance against each other would assist in the quashing of the FIR.

The parties submitted that they had arrived at a settlement without any threat, pressure, coercion or undue influence and had no objection if the FIR was quashed. The parties stated that they "regret their actions and undertook to never repeat them". Observing that the FIR was lodged in 2015, chargesheet had been filed and considerable time had been spent in the matter, the HC quashed the FIR subject to both parties paying Rs 10,000 each as cost and depositing it with Delhi Legal Services Authority within a week.



### GOVERNMENT OF TAMIL NADU - WATER RESOURCES DEPARTMENT

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- Bids must be accompanied by security of the amount specified for the works in the table below, **Sl. No. 1 and 2 Payable at Paramakudi in Favour of Executive Engineer, WRD., Lower Vaigai Basin Division, Paramakudi**. Bid security will have to be in any one of the forms as specified in the bidding document and shall have to be valid for 45 days beyond the validity of the bid.
- Bids must be delivered to the **Superintending Engineer, WRD., Lower Vaigai Basin Circle, Sivagangai.62** on the date and time specified in the table and will be opened on the same day, in the presence of the bidders who wish to attend. If the office happens to be closed on the date of receipt of the bids as specified, the bids will be received and opened on the next working day at the same time and venue.
- A prebid meeting will be held for the work on **12.01.2023 at 11.00 hours (IST)** in the office of the Superintending Engineer, WRD., Lower Vaigai Basin Circle, Sivagangai.62 to clarify the issues and to answer questions on any matter that may be raised at that stages as stated in Clause 9.2. of "Instructions to Bidders" of the bidding documents.
- Other details can be seen in the bidding documents.

Sl. No	Package no.	Name of work	Approximate value of work	Bid security	Cost of documents and pGood and Service Tax (GST)	Period of completion	Period of sale of Bid documents	Last date of Receipt of Bid	Date of opening of Bid
1.	01 / TNIAMP / WRD / LVB / Works / Phase IV/ 2021-2022	Rehabilitation and Modernisation of Left Main Canal of Vaigai River below Parthibanur Regulator from L.S. 0 to 22.20 Km and the Salaigramam branch channel in Manamadurai and Ilayangudi block of Manamadurai and Ilayangudi Taluks in Sivagangai District of Lower Vaigai Sub Basin.	Work Value :- Rs. 1854.79 Lakhs GST :- Rs. 333.86 Lakhs Total :- Rs. 2188.65 Lakhs	Rs. 44.00 Lakhs	Rs. 15,000 + Rs. 2700	24 Months (Including monsoon period)	30.12.22 to 30.01.23	Upto 3.00 PM on 31.01.23	At 3.30 PM on 31.01.23
2.	02 / TNIAMP / WRD / LVB / Works / Phase IV/ 2021-2022	Rehabilitation and Modernisation of Left Main Canal of Vaigai River below Parthibanur Regulator from L.S 22.20 to 45.00 Km and the Upper and Lower nattarkal Branch channels in Nainorkoil and Ramanathapuram block of Paramakudi and Ramanathapuram Taluks in Ramanathapuram District of Lower Vaigai Sub Basin	Work Value :- Rs. 2510.29 Lakhs GST :- Rs. 451.85 Lakhs Total :- Rs. 2962.14 Lakhs	Rs. 60.00 Lakhs	Rs. 15,000 + Rs. 2700	24 Months (Including monsoon period)	30.12.22 to 30.01.23	Upto 3.00 PM on 31.01.23	At 3.30 PM on 31.01.23

**Note :-**

- Details are available in the following website and bid documents can be downloaded at free of cost from the website : [www.tenders.tn.gov.in](http://www.tenders.tn.gov.in)
- Cost of bid document and GST to be remitted through chalan in Treasury / State Bank of India under the Head of account if purchased from this office

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New Delhi





# 7 IN PARLIAMENT

WINTER SESSION

FROM THE GALLERY

## FROM THE CHAIR

RAJYA SABHA

"I urge all of you to plant minimum one hundred trees in a year. And, when the members do it, geographically well spread out, it may not be much in numbers, but surely it will send a very good message which will be motivational and inspirational."

JAGDEEP DHANKHAR

Chairman

## LOK SABHA

"You can ask questions during the question hour. People have elected and sent you here to ask questions."

OMBIRLA, Speaker, to protesting Opposition MPs

## QUOTE OF THE DAY

"The latest World Bank Report has given an accurate analysis... Speaking about India, (it) has given a clear and pointed analysis where it says, 'Macro-fiscal fundamentals are better than they were during the taper tantrum episode in 2013, when India was classified under a fragile five'..."

NIRMALA SITHARAMAN, Union Finance Minister, in the Rajya Sabha

# Sonia questions govt over China; Opp walks out of House over no discussion

## At CPP meeting, says 'calculated attempt' to delegitimise judiciary, refers to challenges

MANOJ CG

NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 21

LAUNCHING A multi-pronged attack on the BJP-led Union government, Congress Parliamentary Party (CPP) chairperson Sonia Gandhi Wednesday accused it of making a "calculated attempt" to delegitimise the judiciary in an effort to reduce its standing in people's eyes and said the "stubborn" refusal to allow a discussion in Parliament on Chinese "incursions" shows its "disrespect for democracy".

Sonia's comments came at a meeting of the CPP she chaired, the first after Mallikarjun Kharge took over as party president.

She said India continues to face significant internal and external challenges — inflation, unemployment, social polarisation, weakening of democratic institutions, and repeated border incursions. Led by Sonia, Opposition members staged a demonstration at the Gandhi statue in Parliament and demanded a discussion on the Chinese transgressions.

Sonia said continuing "incursions" by China are a matter of serious concern. "The whole nation stands with our vigilant soldiers who repelled these attacks under difficult conditions. The government, however, stubbornly refuses to allow a discussion on the issue in Parliament. As a result, Parliament, political parties, and the people remain ignorant of the true situation on the ground," she said.

Sonia said: "When facing a significant national challenge, it has been the tradition in our country to bring Parliament into confidence. A debate can shed light on several critical questions. Why is China emboldened to continually attack us? What preparations have been made to repel these attacks, and what more needs to be done? What is the government's policy to deter China from future incursions? Given that we continue to have a severe trade deficit with China, importing far more than we export, why is there no economic response to China's mil-



Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge, party leaders Sonia Gandhi, P Chidambaram and KC Venugopal, as well as DMK leader TR Baalu and other MPs protest at Parliament complex demanding discussion on the Indo-China border issue, on Wednesday. PTI

itary hostility?"

"What is the government's diplomatic outreach to the global community," she asked.

A frank discussion strengthens the nation's response, and it is the government's duty to inform the public and explain its policies and actions, she said. "This refusal to allow a Parliamentary debate on such a matter of grave national concern shows disrespect for our democracy, and reflects poorly on the government's intentions. It demonstrates its inability to bring the nation together," she said.

"On the contrary, by following divisive policies, by spreading hatred and targeting some sections of our society, the government makes it harder for the country to stand up as one against foreign threats.... At times like these it must be the government's endeavour and responsibility to unite our people, and not divide them as it has been doing these past several years," she said.

## As 1st step, Opp shows unity inside

THE WINTER Session has so far seen seamless coordination among opposition parties. For instance, the TMC on Tuesday led an Opposition walkout in Rajya Sabha in protest against NHRC singling out non-BJP-ruled states. On Wednesday, many opposition MPs joined a demonstration led by the

EXPLAINED

Congress demanding a discussion in Parliament on the Chinese aggression. While Opposition unity — or formation of an anti-BJP alliance outside Parliament — appears difficult, the parties seem to be aiming at the low hanging fruit of unity inside Parliament this time around.

She also tore into the government for entering into a confrontation with the Supreme Court. "A troubling new development is the calculated attempt underway to delegitimise the judiciary," she noted. "Ministers, and even a high constitutional authority, have been enlisted to make speeches attacking the judiciary on various grounds. It is quite clear

that this is not an effort to provide reasonable suggestions for improvement. Rather, it is an effort to reduce the judiciary's standing in the eyes of the public."

Sonia said the economic situation continues to be distressing, despite the government's repeated insistence that all is well.

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## Dhankhar rejects two notices under House rule, says not in order

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NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 21

RAJYA SABHA Chairman Jagdeep Dhankhar on Wednesday did not accept two notices under Rule 267 of the House for discussion on the border issue with China and rising prices of essential commodities and said they were not in order.

He assured Opposition members that he will invoke Rule 267 on merit. Dhankhar had given a similar assurance to the MPs while rejecting six notices under Rule 267 on Tuesday. Under Rule 267 of Rajya Sabha's Rules of Procedures and Conduct of Business, a listed business of the day can be suspended to take up an urgent matter with the Chair's approval. After the listed papers were

laid on the table of the House during Zero Hour, Dhankhar said he had received notices from TMC's Dola Sen and Congress member Pramod Tiwari for suspension of rules under Rule 267. "The same is not in order," he said on Sen's notice on rising prices.

Tiwari's notice was over "illegal and unprovoked Chinese transgressions" in Dipsang Plains and parts of Arunachal Pradesh. Dhankhar said the notice lacked in every element of Rule 267.

Observing that his predecessors have invoked Rule 267 during their respective tenures, the Chairman said the number has never been in double digits during their five-year tenure. "But I am not a statistics-driven person. If there is an occasion, I will invoke the rule. If there is no occasion, I will not invoke it," he said.

## WRITES TO RS CHAIRMAN

## RJD MP demands Goyal apology for Bihar remark

New Delhi: RJD MP Manoj Kumar Jha on Wednesday shot off a letter to Rajya Sabha Chairman Jagdeep Dhankhar, drawing his attention to what he called a "demeaning" remark about Bihar made by Union minister and Leader of the House Piyush Goyal in the House. He demanded an apology from Goyal and urged the Chairman to expunge the remarks.

Goyal's remark came on Tuesday when Jha was speaking on the discussion on the Appropriation Bill. "I was making a point that the government should devote equal attention to the poor and the corporate

houses. And then suddenly Goyal said *inka bas chale toh desh ko Bihar hi bana de* (if they have their way, they will turn the country into Bihar)," Jha said.

In his letter, Jha said, "One would have thought it impossible that a member of the rank of the Leader of this esteemed House would make a statement demeaning one of the greatest states of the Union of India. As the Leader of the House of Rajya Sabha... Goyal should ponder and reflect on whether the sneering tone with which he speaks about Bihar is appropriate." **ENS**

## Inflation under close watch, apt handling of pandemic averted recession: Sitharaman

MANOJ CG

NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 21

AGAINST THE backdrop of the Opposition raising heat over price rise, Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman Wednesday said the government is keeping a close watch on inflation to ensure there is no surge in prices. She said India is "somewhere very close" to doubling its GDP and argued that the government's handling of the pandemic disruptions ensured that the country didn't slip into recession like many other nations.

The minister was replying to a discussion in Rajya Sabha on Supplementary Demands for Grants, which Lok Sabha passed last week, authorising the government to spend an additional Rs 3.25-lakh crore in the current financial year.

The debate saw the Opposition tearing into the gov-



Nirmala Sitharaman at Rajya Sabha, Wednesday. PTI

ernment over its management of the economy and issues like unemployment and price rise. Sitharaman replied in equal measure, attacking the Congress, Left and several other parties.

The Opposition had accused the government of "gross miscalculation of expenditure" in the Budget and sought to know if there was any "misplaced focus" when the funds were allocated.

Responding to the criticism, Sitharaman said it was not un-



S Jaishankar at Rajya Sabha on Wednesday. PTI

more than 90 per cent of India's trade takes place by sea routes and more than 80 per cent of the country's hydrocarbon requirements was sea-borne.

He said the Bill addresses the issue of death penalty as an "exceptional case" and the quantum of punishments envisaged are in

line with the gravity of offences.

"In the absence of a specific law or a legal provision in the Indian Penal Code or the Criminal Procedure Code on piracy, this Bill would provide an effective legal instrument to combat maritime piracy. It would enable us to discharge our obligations under the UNCLOS which we had signed in 1982 and ratified in 1995," he said.

He said between 2008 and 2011, there have been 27 maritime incidents in which 288 Indian nationals were involved. And between 2014 and 2022, there were 19 piracy cases in which 155 Indian crew members were involved and the numbers show why the country needs this bill so badly, he said.

we are very clear that we are going to see that the revenue that we are generating is sufficient to take care of this addition," she said.

Sitharaman said many countries, including large developed economies, are facing recession because of "the way in which they handled the Covid is different from the way we handled it".

"Because the tendency was that we should give money in the hands of the people, go for printing notes," she said, noting that even Chidambaram had then asked the government to "borrow and spend and even print money to reboot the economy". "As we close the calendar year 2022, we should look at the negative effect of the implementation of such a suggestion by the other countries and recession is happening there, perhaps," she said, adding, India did not get into recession because of the "targeted way" it gave the relief during Covid.

## LS passes Bill to add communities in list of STs in Chhattisgarh

New Delhi: The Lok Sabha on Wednesday passed a Bill to include Dhanuwar, Dhanuwar, Kisan, Saunra, Saonra and Binjhia communities in the list of Scheduled Tribes in Chhattisgarh.

The Constitution (Scheduled Tribes) Order (Fifth Amendment) Bill, 2022 was passed by Lok Sabha through voice vote.

The Bill also seeks to formalise Bhuinya, Bhuiyan and Bhuyan as synonyms of the Bhabia Bhumia community. It also includes three Devanagari versions of the name of the Pando community. **PTI**



Union Home Minister Amit Shah at Parliament House complex, Wednesday. PTI

however, said it didn't find any evidence of spyware on the 29 phones that were examined. But the panel had also noted that the central government "has not co-operated" in its probe.

Earlier, when the House met in the morning, Opposition MPs, who staged a protest outside the Parliament House asking the government to break its silence on India-China border issues, got up seeking a discussion on the matter. "Prime Minister should come to the House to give a statement," MPs were heard saying. Some of the MPs were shouting 'Bharat Jodo' slogans also. But the Speaker insisted that the questions should be taken up during the question hour. With MPs not obliging, Birla adjourned the proceedings in a few minutes till 12 noon.

As soon as the Lok Sabha met at noon, members of Congress, DMK, NCP and Left parties repeated the demand. Congress' leader of the House Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury urged Speaker Om Birla to allow a discussion on the India-China issue.

With the Speaker not allowing the issue to be taken up, they staged a walkout. Janata Dal (United) MPs also joined them.

## 5 QUESTIONS

BJP MP RADHA MOHAN DAS AGARWAL ASKED THE CENTRE TO ENSURE LAKSHADWEEP IS CONNECTED WITH THE MAINLAND BY REGULAR FLIGHTS. HE SPEAKS TO LIZ MATHEW ON THE ISSUE.

## 'Lakshadweep is not connected properly with the mainland'

**You raised the issue of a lack of connectivity to the Lakshadweep islands...**

Lakshadweep is a strategically important place for India. It is near strategic points of Sri Lanka and Pakistan. Recently, we found Jamaat-e-Islami working there, and some PFI units are also there. The majority of residents there are Muslims, and they are nationalists. They are not connected properly with the mainland. These islands are 200-500 km away.

**What was your demand?**

Most people from Lakshadweep travel to Kerala for medical care, higher education and even shopping and recreation. But there is only one flight from Agatti to Kochi, and that also is just a 72-seater one. More than 1,000 people would come to the mainland if there is a regular flight service. People there are also not getting proper treatment. So, I demanded regular flight services between Kochi and Agatti — at least 5-6 flights daily.

**You also mentioned connectivity between the islands...**

Lakshadweep consists of several islands, and the people in these islands are

Zero tolerance towards drugs, all dealers will be in jail in two years: Shah in LS

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE

NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 21

HOME MINISTER Amit Shah said on Wednesday that Modi government has zero-tolerance policy towards drugs, the result of which was that drug seizures and cases against traffickers went up in recent years.

During a debate in the Lok Sabha, Shah said: "Our government has a zero-tolerance policy towards drugs. Those countries promoting terrorism in our country are using drug money... presence of this dirty money also hollows our economy," he said.

The minister said the government has mapped possible routes and drug trafficking networks in 472 districts across the country. "No matter how big the culprit is, in the next two years... they will be behind bars," he said.

As per the data shared by the minister, 62.6-lakh kilo of drugs were seized between 2014 and 2022 as compared to 22.45-lakh kilo between 2006 and 2013. The value of the drugs seized went up from Rs 33,000 crore to Rs 97,000 crore in the same period. Shah also said that the number of cases registered increased from 1.45 lakh between 2006 and 2013 to 4.14 lakh between 2014 and 2022. The number of arrests increased from 1.62 lakh to 5.23 lakh, he said.

Shah said the Home ministry has adopted a three-pronged strategy — strengthening of institutions; empowerment and coordination among agencies; and extensive awareness and rehabilitation campaigns.

When Congress and Trinamool Congress members raised the issue of drug haul in Gujarat, Shah said such instances were a reflection of the state machinery doing its job well. "If non-recovery of drugs is a mark of a drug-free state, Punjab will have to be seen as a drug-free state," he said, adding that Gujarat is a border state and drug smugglers may use its ports to push drugs into India.

Shah said the Centre has empowered the Border Security Force, Seema Suraksha Bal and Assam Rifles to register cases under the NDPS Act, while lashing out at those politicising the issue, saying agencies cannot work effectively if they are powerless.

related to each other. But there is no regular connectivity between them... My contention is that Lakshadweep needs UDAN (Central scheme to connect under-served air routes) services. We can even use large helicopters instead of planes, since the islands have helipads.

**You are a Rajya Sabha MP from Uttar Pradesh. Why are you raising the issue of Lakshadweep?**

I have been made in-charge of the Lakshadweep BJP organisation. I went to Agatti and Kavaratti for two days. I could see their problems myself. I am going to meet civil

aviation minister Jyotiraditya Scindia tomorrow (Thursday) for a detailed discussion. I have already met him once and discussed it.

**There were protests on the islands against some development proposals made by the administration. Did anyone raise that issue with you?**

Some people have told me about their issues, and I had a discussion with the administrator. We are trying to find out solution for many issues. Some problems are already sorted out.





## 8 GOVT &amp; POLITICS



## SNAP, CHAT

THE SMOOTH functioning of Parliament in the Winter Session seems to have deprived members to interact much. So, on Tuesday, when Lok Sabha was adjourned for a short while over the India-China border issue, women MPs from the Opposition found a few minutes to catch up. Some of them — members from the TMC, YSRCP, NCP, DMK and the Congress — were looking to click a photograph inside the House and initially missed Sonia Gandhi, who was engaged in a conversation with National Conference's Farooq Abdullah in the front row. When both leaders realised that the women MPs were having fun, Abdullah alerted them about Sonia's presence. NCP's Supriya Sule said they were coming to her side to click a picture but Sonia immediately got up and joined them — with a big smile.

## JUST TWO MINUTES

ASTICKLER for discipline in the House, Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla does not make an exception even for ministers. During laying of papers on the table on Wednesday, Minister of State for Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution Ashwini Kumar Choubey was not present when his name was called. As he came in, Choubey received a warning from the Speaker to be present on time. Later, when MoS Kapil Moreshwar Patil stood up to lay papers listed against his senior minister, Giriraj Singh, Birla asked him to say specifically that he was tabling the papers on behalf of Singh. When the debate on drug abuse resumed, Birla asked members to limit their speeches to two minutes and to not repeat what others have already stated. BJP's Sunita Duggal made a special request for more time, as the fight against drugs is an issue she is involved with in her constituency. But Birla repeated, "Just two minutes."

## NO MONKEY BUSINESS

GOVERNMENT OFFICES in Lutyens' Delhi have tried it all when it comes to warding off monkeys living in the lush green spaces surrounding the buildings. From hiring monkey-chasers to men imitating langur sounds, many options have been employed over the years. The latest attempt is installing photo cutouts of langurs in the corridors of Shastri Bhawan, seemingly to scare away any monkey that wanders in. According to some officials, the cutouts placed on corners and staircases seem to be working.

## HEADLESS IN GOA

EVEN IN the normal course of things, appointments of heads of centrally funded higher education institutions is a lengthy process. In the case of IIT Goa, which has been awaiting a full-time director since July, the wait has turned longer. The Education Ministry had in September appointed Pasumarthi Seshu, the then director of IIT Dharwad, to take over. But Seshu has expressed his inability to take up the position. As a result, the appointment process, which will take at least four to six months, has started afresh.

## Could defeat Covid-19 due to Jesus blessings: Telangana public health director

**REENIVAS JANYALA**  
HYDERABAD, DECEMBER 21

TELANGANA'S DIRECTOR of Public Health Dr G Srinivasa Rao said on Wednesday that it was due to the "blessings and kindness of Lord Jesus Christ" that the country could defeat Covid-19. Speaking at a Christmas function, organised by Dr G S R Charitable Trust that he had founded in September 2021, at Kothagudem in Bhadrachalam district, Dr Rao said that it was due to Lord Jesus Christ that India has progressed so much. "We could defeat Covid not because of our work, but due to the blessings and kindness of Lord Jesus Christ," he said.

The Trust had invited "pastors and laypersons" for the 'Joy of Christmas' event at Srinagar Colony at Kothagudem on Wednesday.

Dr Rao, who was appointed Telangana Public Health Director in May 2018 after starting his career in the health department in 2004, guided the state through the pandemic. Dr Rao, who hails from Aswapuram in Bhadrachalam district, had founded the Trust in memory of his father, also a doctor, who mainly worked in tribal areas.

He said that the Trust will open a hospital in the coming years for tribals in his home district where treatment will be free of cost. He also promised to support education and skill enhancement in the district.

## Before Mandaviya-Rahul row, BJP's Gujarat election pitch claimed success in Covid fight

**ADITIRAJA**  
VADODARA, DECEMBER 21

UNION HEALTH Minister Mansukh Mandaviya on Wednesday shot off a letter to Congress leader Rahul Gandhi asking him to "suspend the Bharat Jodo Yatra" or strictly follow the Covid-19 protocols in view of the rising coronavirus cases across the globe, especially in China.

However, during the recent Gujarat Assembly polls, in which the BJP registered a record landslide by winning 156 of the 182 seats, the party's key campaign plank was to focus on the Narendra Modi government's "successful fight" against Covid, highlighting how "crowds could gather without masks" in India even as other countries continued to witness a surge in Covid cases.

In the course of their Gujarat campaign, top BJP leaders, including Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Union Home Minister Amit Shah, other Union ministers, UP Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath and party president JP Nadda, as well as party candidates, projected a narrative that spotlighted the "visionary actions of PM Modi" in developing indigenous vaccines to fight Covid-19.

While PM Modi himself mentioned the Covid vaccination drive in his every speech, the BJP's campaigners and candidates credited him for "ensuring that we can gather in such big numbers without masks, even as

## No salary for those sitting at home, J&amp;K L-G warns protesting Pandit govt staff

**ARUN SHARMA**  
JAMMU, DECEMBER 21

JAMMU AND Kashmir Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha, in a "clear message" to agitating Kashmiri Pandit employees and reserved category employees, said no salary would be given to them while they "continue to sit at home".

"We have paid all of them salary up to August 31, but it cannot be allowed that their salary is released when they continue to sit at home," Sinha said. "This is a clear message which all shall understand," he said after reporters asked him about the non-payment of salary to a number of Kashmiri Pandit and reserved category Dogra employees of the Union Territory

administration who had left their postings in Kashmir and went to Jammu six months ago following targeted killings of minorities in the Valley by militants. The employees have been agitating in Jammu for the past six months seeking the relocation of their posts outside the Valley.

Sinha said he has full sympathy with the employees, and asserted that the J&K administration is fully prepared to help them and ensure their safety. However, he added, "The minority employees should also keep in mind that they are employees of the Kashmir division... Like a district cadre employee of Poonch cannot come to Jammu, those of Kashmir division, too, cannot be posted here. Everyone should understand this."

He said the administration



**J&K Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha**

had no transfer policy for reserved category employees as of now, and that a committee was examining the matter.

The reserved category employees from Jammu division have been posted in the Kashmir Valley from time to time as part of the inter-district recruitment

policy framed in 2006. Over the years, the government appointed 3,000-3,500 people from the Scheduled Castes in Jammu and posted them in the Valley.

The Lt Governor said that while it was true that unfortunate incidents took place, "We have resolved most of their (protesting employees') problems," he claimed, saying that they wanted postings at safe places.

"I have had personal interaction with senior officers, and most of them have been posted at district headquarters, while some have been posted at the tehsil headquarters," he said. "There are some employees in the Rural Development Department who cannot be posted in cities and towns and they have been posted in villages nearer to the cities," he added.

Apart from this, the administration also made arrangements so that no Kashmiri Pandit or minority community employee is posted alone at any school or any other place in the Valley, and to ensure that there are at least two or three such employees there, Sinha said. "They have just one problem of accommodation, which I accept is their genuine concern. The land has been provided and tenders floated for most of the work. By April, the administration will give 1,200 dwelling units, and next year also, it will give 1,700-1,800 more such units," he said.

To take care of their security issues, an officer has been appointed in every district, he said, adding that one such officer is posted in his office as well for redressal of their grievances.

## Yatra leaves Rajasthan, Rahul carries 'mohabbat ki dukaan' to Haryana

**PAVNEET SINGH CHADHA**  
NUH (HARYANA), DEC 21

REITERATING THAT that they are "opening a shop of love in BJP's market of hate" through the Bharat Jodo Yatra, Congress leader Rahul Gandhi on Wednesday said that the fight today is between two ideologies: one which benefits a select few, and the other being "the voice of people, the farmers, labourers".

Addressing a gathering around 7 am in Doha village in Ferozepur Jhirka of Nuh, as the yatra entered Haryana, and its 105th day, Rahul said leaders of parties from across the political spectrum are increasingly losing connect with the people. "I am talking about all political parties — whether it is the Congress, the BJP or the SP, *netaon aur janta ke beech mein khaai ban gayi hai* (there's a gulf between leaders and the people). Leaders think there is no need to listen to the people. They give long speeches. This yatra has tried to change that... we have given a vision for the nation's politics."

Rahul said he will ask Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge to ensure that wherever the party was in power, party leaders must walk with the people once a month and discuss their problems. He added, "*Sadkon pe chalna chahiye, dhakke khaane chahiye, ghutne chheenle chahiye*



**Rahul Gandhi with ex-servicemen during Bharat Jodo Yatra in Nuh on Wednesday. PTI**

(it is important to walk with people, get pushed around, and hurt your knees in the process)."

Talking about spreading love, Rahul said: "BJP leaders asked me the reason for the yatra; they asked what is the need to walk from Kanyakumari to Kashmir. I replied: *Aapke nafrat ke bazaar mein, mohabbat ki dukan khol rahe hain* [we are opening a shop of love in your market of hate through the yatra]. When these people go out to spread hatred in this country, people of our ideology go out to spread love and affection."

Calling unemployment the "biggest issue" facing India, Rahul said that during the yatra, he met thousands of youths — "some of

them were engineers, some had studied medicine and wanted to be doctors; some wanted to be in the IAS and a few wanted to work in the judiciary. When I asked them what they are doing now, (one learnt that) some are driving an Uber or working as labourer... *aisa Hindustan humein nahi chahiye* (we don't want India to be like that)."

Rahul also questioned the silence of BJP leaders, including the Prime Minister, on inflation. "You must remember that the price of a gas cylinder was Rs 400 when UPA was in power. Today, a cylinder costs Rs 1,200. The price of petrol was Rs 60 per litre; today it is Rs 107 a litre.

Wherever Narendra Modi-ji and BJP leaders used to go (before 2014 elections), they spoke about inflation. They do not mention it now."

Talking about infrastructure in BJP-governed Haryana, senior Congress leader Jairam Ramesh said he had not come across any state over the course of the last 104 days of the yatra where the condition of roads was worse than what he saw during the walk from Mundaka to Ferozepur Jhirka grain market. "I counted more than 350 potholes over 14 km. *Aaj hum raaste par nahi chale, hum gaddhon mein chale* (we did not walk on road, we waded through potholes)," he said.

## OPS challenge to EPS: If you don't want a united AIADMK, then start a new party

**ARUN JANARDHANAN**  
CHENNAI, DECEMBER 21

OUSTED AIADMK leader O Panneerselvam on Wednesday challenged the AIADMK interim general secretary Edappadi K Palaniswami to start a new party and run it if he has the courage instead of "capturing" a legacy party built by MGR and nurtured by J Jayalalithaa using "money power".

Addressing a gathering of office-bearers of his faction in Chennai, Panneerselvam, called as OPS, said it was Palaniswami's self-styled attitude without any self-respect that has led to the weakened state of AIADMK in the state despite its legacy.

Unlike his usual calm style, OPS, who was in a confrontational tone, asked, "Who are you (Palaniswami or EPS) to bring disgrace to the party founded by



**O Panneerselvam speaks at a meeting of AIADMK (OPS faction) district secretaries in Chennai on Wednesday. PTI**

MGR and nurtured by Jayalalithaa?"

Soon after OPS made strong remarks about EPS leadership, AIADMK spokesperson and the former minister D Jayakumar said "OPS means nothing but a private limited company."

"What they are having today is a board meeting of directors. They have issued an advertise-

ment to hire people and recruited them for jobs... We don't consider it as a political party," Jayakumar said.

In his speech at the meeting, OPS said it was EPS's autocratic attitude without any self-respect which led to the party's defeat in the 2021 Assembly elections.

"It all started from Koovathur," he said, referring to

## MP: Cong moves no-trust motion in Assembly

**PRESS TRUST OF INDIA**  
BHOPAL, DECEMBER 21

THE OPPOSITION Congress on Wednesday moved a no-confidence motion against the Shivraj Singh Chouhan-led government in Madhya Pradesh in the Assembly, targeting it over issues such as corruption and atrocities against women and tribals. The debate, which saw heated exchanges, will continue Thursday.

After Question Hour, Leader of Opposition Govind Singh moved the no-confidence motion. The motion was admitted by Speaker Girish Gautam. Opposition members targeted the BJP government over law and order, unemployment, inflation and corruption among other issues.

The BJP MLAs rejected the charges, claiming the Opposition has failed to come up with any concrete issues.



**CM Mamata Banerjee in Kolkata on Wednesday. Express**

## GANGASAGAR MELA

## Attempts could be made to spark communal tension: Mamata to cops

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE**  
KOLKATA, DECEMBER 21

WEST BENGAL Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee on Wednesday said she suspects that a conspiracy may be hatched by some to trigger communal tension during the Gangasagar Mela scheduled for January next year.

She was speaking during a high-level review meeting on preparations for the Mela, which is slated to be held from January 11-14 next year on the Sagar island. She directed senior police officers to step up security in the run-up to the mela. She said, "Many will plan for communal tension. We have to foil their plan."

Bigger crowds are expected this time after a lull induced by the Covid-19 pandemic situation in the past two years. The state

government expects nearly 30 lakh people to attend the mela and take holy dip during 'Makar Sankranti', official sources said.

"I will ask the state health department to be alert about the Covid situation and instruct them to form a team comprising expert doctors, led by the health secretary. We must ensure surveillance," Banerjee said.

She added that on the lines of Ganga Aarti in Varanasi, from this year aarti would be done at Gangasagar too.

Representatives of the Army, Navy, Coast Guard, Eastern Railway, Shyama Prasad Mukherjee Port, BSNL and the NDRF, among others, were present at the meeting. The Chief Minister is likely to visit the Sagar island by the month-end to review preparedness. Over 3,000 buses and barges will be deployed for the Gangasagar Mela.

an internal party crisis in the AIADMK in which V K Sasikala faction had taken custody of the majority of AIADMK MLAs that eventually led to the defeat of the then CM OPS in an assembly floor test in early 2017.

It was that defeat of OPS that helped EPS, then a trusted aide of Sasikala, to become CM. However, five years later, OPS joined hands with Sasikala while EPS, who is controlling the party with the support of majority office-bearers, is opposing the re-entry of OPS and Sasikala into the party.

Referring to a recent statement of EPS, OPS said: "He says there is not even one per cent chance for the party to get united again. You start a new party and run it then... If you have the courage, you run the party on your own... Come to the street, and declare that 'I am starting a new party,' OPS challenged EPS.

## Modi father of new India, says Amruta Fadnavis

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE**  
MUMBAI, DECEMBER 21

AMRUTA FADNAVIS, wife of Deputy Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis, on Wednesday courted controversy once again by calling Prime Minister Narendra Modi the "Rashtra Pita" of modern India.

Maintaining that the India has two fathers of nation, Amruta, a banker and singer, said during a mock court interview (Abhirup Nyayalay) in Nagpur: "It is my firm view that we have



**There are 2 Rashtra Pita: Maharashtra Deputy CM's wife**

two Rashtra Pita. Narendra Modi is the father of new India and Mahatma Gandhi is the father of the nation of earlier times."

A year ago, too, Amruta had called Modi the father of modern India. It was in this context the interviewer sought to know

that if Modi is the Rashtra Pita, then who is Mahatma Gandhi. The remark invited criticism from Opposition parties.

Shiv Sena (UBT) MP Sanjay Raut said, "I am absolutely speechless. I don't know how to react to this. I leave it to Chief Minister Eknath Shinde and Deputy Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis to speak on the matter."

Congress leader and former minister Yashomati Thakur said, "People who subscribe to BJP and RSS are repeatedly trying to undermine and malign Mahatma Gandhi. The agenda of

BJP and RSS is to change history. They are master at spreading lies and creating their own narrative to mislead the people. It is a well thought out attempt towards changing history."

A senior NCP leader, requesting anonymity, said, "How should we react? It is shocking. Can anybody be compared to Mahatma Gandhi? This is so trivial."

A BJP leader, on the condition of anonymity, said: "It is her individual view. Since she is not with the BJP, we cannot react. We have to respect the opinion of a private person."



SDM, executive officer held in UP housing scam

*Lucknow:* The Chandauli police in Uttar Pradesh on Monday arrested a sub-divisional magistrate (SDM) and an executive officer (EO) in connection with the alleged anomalies found in house allotments made under the Manyawar Kanshiram Housing Scheme.

The accused SDM, Sunil Kumar, and EO Rajendra Prasad were posted in Ambekar Nagar and Ballia districts, respectively.

In 2013, an FIR was lodged after allegations that houses were allotted to people under the Manyawar Kanshiram Housing Scheme in violation of norms, Additional SP, Chandauli, Vinay Kumar Singh said.

"The FIR also alleged that houses were allotted to ineligible candidates, in lieu of money. Initially, the police investigated and filed a final report in the case. However, the complainant filed a protest application, following which, further investigation was conducted," police said. **ENS**

GAURI LANKESH MURDER CASE

Tissues on toothbrush match DNA of 'shooter': forensic expert in court

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE  
BENGALURU, DECEMBER 21

A FORENSIC expert has confirmed in court his finding of DNA match between tissue samples obtained from a toothbrush abandoned at a hideout and 30-year-old Parashuram Vagmore — the alleged shooter in journalist Gauri Lankesh, 55, murder that took place in Bengaluru on September 5, 2017.

Purushotham, an assistant director and technical manager of the DNA section at the Karnataka State Forensic Science Laboratory, confirmed his findings in the trial court on December 15.

Purushotham presented a series of findings, including the DNA match of tissues found on a toothbrush with Vagmore, as well as hair found on bedsheets at hideouts with other key players in the murder plot.

The DNA match is considered a key evidence to link the Vagmore's presence in Bengaluru during the execution of the crime plotted by a right-wing group. The SIT charge sheet filed in November 2018 identifies Vagmore as the one who shot Gauri Lankesh at the doorstep of her house.

The toothbrush with Vagmore's DNA material was among the personal belongings dumped following the murder by a building contractor, H L Suresh, whose house was used as a hideout for planning and ex-

Gangraped, girl made desperate call to family, phone was snatched: Police

SAGAR RAJPUT

PALGHAR (MAHARASHTRA), DECEMBER 21

AT 12.05 am on Saturday, hours after she was confined to a vacant bungalow in a Palghar village and allegedly gangraped, the 15-year-old called her family but before she could get a word in, the phone was snatched from her. As her ordeal continued, the family spent the night looking for her, police said.

Police said the girl, who was confined to the bungalow for about 15 hours starting last Friday evening, was raped eight times by six men, while three others attempted to rape her. All nine accused have been arrested and booked under relevant sections of the IPC and the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act.

The girl dropped out of

school last year.

According to police, around 6 pm Friday, the girl left the village market, saying she had to take back her mobile charger that she had given a friend. She told police that while in the market, one of her friends, whom she had known for about four months, met her and offered to drop her home.

Instead, he allegedly took her to the bungalow, where two of his friends were present. "They were consuming alcohol there," said a police officer.

Sometime later, police said, the three accused allegedly snatched her phone and took turns to rape her through the night.

The police officer said four other men reached the bungalow late in the evening. "When the victim pleaded with the men to help her get out of there, one of them agreed and took her on

his bike, but he brought her back to the same bungalow. Following this, four of the accused took her to the beach and forced themselves on the 15-year-old," the investigator said.

Police said that sometime around midnight, while the accused were drinking and talking among themselves, the girl managed to get her phone and called her family. During the call, which barely lasted a few seconds, the girl sobbed and before she could talk, the accused snatched the phone from her.

The girl's family, police said, tried calling back several times, but the accused allegedly kept disconnecting and later switched off her phone. Members of the family then set out to look for her, but failed to locate her. Police say the family didn't approach them that night.

On Saturday morning, two other men allegedly went to the

bungalow and raped her.

Later in the afternoon, the accused allegedly used her phone to send a message to a friend of the victim saying she had been kidnapped.

Around 2 pm, after being informed by the girl's friend, the family went to the police station and lodged a complaint.

By then, the accused had released the girl, and handed over her phone. However, she did not go home and remained seated under a tree near her house, where the police found her.

"We traced her through her mobile location, after which we took her into confidence. When she revealed her ordeal, we dispatched different teams and arrested the accused involved in the case," the officer said.

Police said the incident has left the girl traumatised and that they are providing her psychiatric counselling in a hospital.

Manipur: Seven students dead, over 35 injured in bus accident

JIMMY LEIVON

IMPHAL, DECEMBER 21

AT LEAST seven school students died and over 35 others sustained injuries Wednesday after the bus they were travelling in fell off a cliff near a village in Manipur, about 55 km from state capital Imphal, officials said. All those who died were girls aged 14-17 years.

The incident occurred around 11 am near Longsai part-III village in Noney district when students from the Yairipok Thambalnu Higher Secondary School in Thoubal district were travelling in two buses on an excursion to the scenic Khoupum valley.

Officials said the driver of one of the buses, mostly carrying girl students, lost control of the vehicle at a sharp curve with no guard rails.

Five students died on the spot and two more succumbed to injuries at the Bishnupur district hospital, about 25 km from the site. The injured were later referred to hospitals in Imphal.

"I heard a loud noise. Seconds later, I heard people crying and calling for help," said a resident of Longsai.



Manipur Chief Minister N Biren Singh with a student injured in the school bus accident, in Imphal on Wednesday. ANI

"This is an accident-prone zone and it's the third road mishap here this month. But the authorities have not addressed the issue," said another resident.

Official sources said the death toll may rise with five other students in critical condition.

Following the accident, the state's Education department banned school excursions till January 10.

Manipur Chief Minister N Biren Singh announced an ex-gratia payment of Rs 5 lakh each to the families of those who died, Rs

1 lakh each for the seriously injured, and Rs 50,000 each for those with minor injuries. He also announced that the state government would bear the medical expenses of those injured.

Taking to Twitter, the Chief Minister posted that he "visited the injured students in the accident that happened today at the Old Cachar Road" and "met the families of the students who passed away".

Singh also acknowledged the timely response of Longlai residents in the rescue operation.

Shot down by BSF along Punjab border, drone falls on Pak side

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

NEW DELHI, AMRITSAR, DECEMBER 21

A PAKISTAN drone that entered India from along the International Border in Punjab was intercepted by BSF troops following which it fell on the other side, a senior officer said on Wednesday.

The drone was "downed" by Border Security Force (BSF) troops around 7.20 pm on Tuesday and it has been taken away by the Pakistan Rangers, he said.

The incident took place near the Daoke border post in Amritsar.

It was found lying 20 metres inside Pakistan territory opposite Indian border post Bharopal when a search was

conducted on Wednesday morning, a BSF spokesman said.

"It hovered in the sky for a few minutes when counter-drone measures were taken, and fell while returning. Search is in progress to find if it dropped anything on the Indian side," he said.

In another narcotics recovery case from along the same border but not related to the drone, the BSF recovered 25 kg of suspected heroin from a

farm in Fazilka district on Wednesday around 2 am.

The troops got alerted after some activity was noticed on both sides of the India-Pakistan border fence near Gatti Ajaib Singh village of the said district.

"BSF troops fired towards Pakistani smugglers ahead of the border fence. However, smugglers managed to run away taking advantage of dense fog. A total of 25 packets suspected to be heroin weighing approximately 25 kg, a PVC pipe and a shawl were recovered in this incident," the spokesman said.

HC nod to make Ajanta firm party to Morbi case

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE

RAJKOT, DECEMBER 21

THE GUJARAT High Court on Wednesday allowed an application seeking to summon Ajanta Manufacturing Private Limited (OREVA Group) as a respondent in a suo motu public interest litigation (PIL) on the suspension bridge collapse in Morbi on October 30 that killed 135 people. The firm was in charge of maintenance and operations of the suspension bridge.

However, the court rejected an application by 46 councillors of the Morbi municipality, seeking to join the proceedings in the case, on the ground that they apprehended that the state government may supersede the civic body.

On December 19, the councillors made a representation to Chief Minister Bhupendra Patel, requesting him to not supersede the municipality and thereby allow them to complete their five-year tenure as councillors.

On Wednesday, taking up the PIL, which the HC had initiated suo motu in November, a division bench of Chief Justice Aravind Kumar and Justice Ashutosh Shastri allowed a civil application filed by Dilip Chavda through his advocate Uttkarsh Dave.

In his application, Dilip, whose



The bridge collapse in Gujarat's Morbi killed 135 people. File

younger brother Ashok Chavda (38) and Ashok's wife Bhavna Chavda (34), were among those who died in the tragedy, prayed that AMPL of OREVA group be summoned as a respondent in the PIL. After the couple's death, their six-year-old daughter Harshi was orphaned. The tragedy has orphaned six other children as well.

The AMPL was the private party in charge of maintenance and operations of the suspension bridge, as per an agreement the Morbi municipality had signed with the private firm in March this year. However, the cable-stayed bridge, constructed in 1987, collapsed just four days after AMPL managing director Jaysukh Patel threw it open to visitors after repair and maintenance.

"...it is clear that the entire ad-

ministration/repair/operation of the ill-fated bridge was within the control of M/s Ajanta... M/s Ajanta did owe a duty of care to the public at large, which it failed to exhibit and which led to the unfortunate incident. Such acts of malfeasance on the part of M/s Ajanta will make it liable for the payment of exemplary damages... it is necessary that M/s Ajanta be joined as Respondent No.7 to this petition," Dilip pleaded.

Admitting the application, the division bench ordered to serve a notice on AMPL. The state government, the state home department, commissioner of municipalities, Morbi municipality, Morbi district collector, and Gujarat State Human Rights Commission are the six other respondents in the PIL.

Water supply survey begins

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE

NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 21

THE UNION Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs on Wednesday said it has started a survey of water supply in cities in order to assess the quality, quantity and coverage of supply.

Though the Peyjal Survekshan under the Ministry's Atal Mission for Rejuvenation and Urban Transformation 2.0 (AMRUT 2.0)

was launched on September 9, the ground survey was started on December 15, a MoHUA statement said.

"The survey will serve as a monitoring tool and an accelerator for the AMRUT mission while also fostering healthy competition among cities... Water utility services, using water utility services, water bodies, non-revenue water (NRW) estimation, best practices and innovation are the key focus areas," the ministry said.

HC extends stay on Anil Deshmukh's bail order

OMKAR GOKHALE

MUMBAI, DECEMBER 21

THE BOMBAY High Court on Wednesday extended till December 27 the time to make effective the bail order to former Maharashtra home minister Anil Deshmukh. On December 12, Justice Makarand S Kamik, while granting bail to Deshmukh in a corruption case, had said the order will become effective only after 10

days, so that the CBI can approach the Supreme Court to challenge the same by then. The 10-day period was to end Wednesday.

"It is made clear that no further request under any circumstances will be entertained," noted a single-judge bench of Justice Makarand S Kamik. The CBI had approached the High Court seeking extension of the stay on effect of the bail order till reopening of the Supreme Court as the vacation bench was not available.

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## 27-yr-old woman killed in moving car, two held

## UTTARAKHAND

# Ankita murder case: HC junks plea for CBI probe



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एकदुसर कालीन निविदा जाना के ई प्रक्रियाके के कालीन उपचारनो के निमित्त औद्योगिक होखे के निमित्त कार्वाय, विकास एवम् अनुसूचन रख-रखाव के कामो हुनकरा सारकालीन उपकरणो/निर्माणो/प्राधिकरणो/परिपट्ट/उत्तर निगमो के पंजीकृत/पूण/डेकेदारो के अप्यकालीन/पूण कालीन ई-निविदायो आमंत्रित के जातरी है।

क्र.सं.	कार्य का नाम	सर्वोच्च कालीन	निविदा कालीन तिथि व समय	श्रेणी
1.	Repair of Asphaltnic Road at I.A. Masoorie Gulewathi Road, Distt. Hapur.	50.98	निविदा 30.12.2022 को 11:00 बजे तक हुनकरा सारकालीन	Class-A
2.	Construction of Road at I.A. Masoorie Gulewathi Road (From Plot No. F-70 to F-73 and From Plot No. F-99 to F-105), Distt. Hapur	33.44	निविदा 30.12.2022 को 11:00 बजे तक हुनकरा सारकालीन	Class-B & Above

उक्त कार्यों का निविदा दिनांक 22.12.2022 को 11:00 बजे से दिनांक 29.12.2022 को सायं 05:00 बजे तक सारकालीन हो सारकालीन। उक्त सारकालीन द्वारा सारकालीन निविदा 02.01.2023 को सायं 05:00 बजे तक पंजीकृत सड़क/प्राधिकरणो के कार्यालय के जातरी हो सारकालीन।

**नोट:-** 1. निविदा दाना अगुनी निविदादारी में सारकालीन एक एजीडोरपेटिड सारकालीन डे अडिशन होत। असरन से कोई कर नही होत। 2. निविदा सारकालीन विस्तृत जानकारी वेबसाइट [www.upsidc.com](http://www.upsidc.com) पर सारकालीन लिंक प्रोवीडरकालीन [www.upsidc.com](http://www.upsidc.com) पर <http://tender.upnic.in> पर देखी जा सारकालीन।

**उत्तर महापौरावास (सिडलिन), निमार्ण सड़क-थराना, उपरोधऔद्योगिक विकास प्राधिकरण।**



## Classifieds

### PERSONAL

**I,shrishriti** D/o-nagender mishra,R/O 1 008 vivek-vihar sector-82 noida -gautam budh nagar,up-201304,Have changed my Name to shrishriti mishra.For all future purposes.

0040646236-9

**I,hitherto** known as Devinder Dua alias Devinder Kumar Dua,s/o Sh.Deen Dyal Dua,R/o 623,Dr.Mukherjee Nagar,Delhi-110009,have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Devinder Dua.

0040646218-5

**I,ZEENAT KHAN W/O**-SUHAIL KHAN/SUHAIL AHMED,R/O-1945, DDA JANTA-FLATS, GTB-ENCLAVE,DELHI-110093,have changed my name to JEENAT BEGAM.

0040646213-5

**I,Yogesh Kumar S/O**-Mahinder Malhotra,H.No-B-8/5,Krishna Nagar,East Delhi-110051,Have Changed my Name to Yogesh Kumar Malhotra.

0040646231-1

**I,Vimla** Devi W/o Binod Kumar Gautam R/o RZ D-2/83 Gali.No.5,Mahavir Enclave Delhi-110045 changed my name to Vimla.

0040646231-2

**I,Vikrant**, S/O Prakash, R/o-2/282 NDMC Staff Qtrs,Bapu Dham,San Martin Marg,Chanakyapuri,New Delhi-110021,have changed my name to Vikrant Tanwar,for all purposes.

0040646218-4

**I,Tushar S/O** Prakash Chand Upadhyay R/O,K-388,Gali.No-8,Mahipal -Pur,Delhi-110037,have changed my name to Tushar Upadhyay,for All,future purpose.

0040646216-7

**I,Tarun S/o** Anil Kumar Yadav,R/o,H.No.72,Main Road,VPO,Bagrolla,New Delhi-110045,have changed my name to Tarun Yadav,for all Purposes.

0040646236-2

**I,Tanvi** Goyal W/O Sudhir Kumar R/O 2946,Kashmiri Block,Tritihankar Nagar,Jain Nagar,Karala,Delhi-110081,have changed my name to Tanvi Sharma for all future purposes.

0040646231-7

**I,TABASSUM PARVEEN.W/O** MOHD RIZWAN,R/O,H.NO B-106,B-BLOCK,MAIN MARKET,NEW SEELAMPUR, NORTH EAST DELHI-110053,HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO TABASSUM.

0040646213-2

**I,Syyed** Faizan Ali S/O Kayad Ali R/O, New A-120,Raghubir Nagar,Delhi-110027 have changed my name to Faizan Ali For All future purpose.

0040646218-2

**I,Sweta** Dheeraj Chandak W/O Dheeraj Chandak R/O B-8/220-221,3rd-Floor, Sector-3, Rohini, New Delhi-110085, have changed my name to Sweta Chandak.

0040646251-2

**I,Sunil** Vasdev s/o OM PRAKASH VASUDEV, R/O House. No.0904,Tower-22,Paras Tierrea,NSEZ Block-A, Sector-137, Noida, Uttar-Pradesh-201305,have changed my name Sunil Kumar Vasudev for all.Purposes.

0040646213-9

**I,Shobha** Devi W/O No.14619806H Rank HAV ACP NB/SUB Jitendra Kumar Yadav R/O,Flat.No.304,2nd-Floor,Om Vihar Phase-I,GokulDham Society,Uttam-Nagar,Delhi-5,have changed my.name to Sarla Devi Vide.affidavit date.21.12.22 before,Delhi.

0040646236-10

**I,Sharmila** Devi,W/o Gore Lal Singh,R/O C-2/821 Khasra.No.1586 Phase-4,Aya Nagar,New Delhi-110047,have changed my name,from Sharmila Devi to Rani Devi,for all future Purposes.

0040646218-1

**I,Shama** Azaz,W/o-Mohammad Azaz R/O-A-249,Buland Masjid,Shastri Park,Gandhi Nagar,Bhajanpura North-East-Delhi-110053,Have Changed My Minor-Daughter Name,From Inaya To Inaya Azaz,For All Purposes.

0040646231-4

**I,Sarla** Rani Gulati,W/O Deep Chand Gulati R/o.H.No.310, Sector-3, Vasundhara, Ghaziabad,Uttar Pradesh-201012,Have Changed my Name to Sarla Gulati,for All,future purposes.

0040646213-4

**I,Sarasan** Kochukunj Narayanen S/o Kochukunj Narayan D-45,Top Floor, Block10, Subhash Nagar, Mayakunj Mayapuri,Delhi-110064,have changed my name to Sarasan Kochukunju Narayan.

0040646227-9

**I,Sahil** Rathore S/o,Sanjay Rathore,R/o-H.No.D-40,Shiv-Ram Park,Nangloi,Delhi-110041,that my-mother's name has been wrongly-written in my-Educational Documents as Babita Rathore instead-of her correct-name is Shashi.

0040646251-5

**I,AURANGZEB REHAN CHAUDHARY, S/O**.SALAHUDDIN CHAUDHARY,HOUSE.NO-1590, RODGRAN LAL KUAN, CENTRAL, DELHI-110006,changed my name to CHAUDHRY AURANGZEB REHAN,for all,future Purposes.

0040646236-8

**I,SURJEET** KUMAR S/o-SH.PARSHOTAM DASS R/O-N-504,JALVAYU VIHAR,SECTOR-25,NOIDA,GAUTAM BUDH NAGAR,U.P-203101,have changed my,daughter's name,from AYANNA SHARMA to AAYANA SHARMA for all,future purpose.

0040646218-6

**AI,Rupanshi** Garg W/o Aman Kumar Singhal R/o H.No.14, 4th-Floor, Deepali Enclave, Pitampura,Delhi-110034,have changed my name to Rupanshi Singhal.

0040646251-3

**I,Rajesh,S/o** Bal Kishan, R/o 28/84,2nd Floor,DDA Flats,Kalkaji,Delhi-110019,have changed my name to Rajesh Kanojia,for all purposes.

0040646218-3

**I,Rajesh S/o** Sh. Veer Bhan,R/o.H.No. 1012,Gali No.-1,Near Apna-Enclave Phase-01,Laxman-Vihar,Gurgaon (Haryana)-122001,have changed my name to Rajesh Kumar,for all Purposes.

0040646236-1

**I,RAKHI** ARAWAL,W/O ANAND AGRAWAL,R/O FLAT.No.806, TOWER-4, LOTUS PANACHE,SECTOR-110,NOIDA, GAUTAMBUDDH-NAGAR,UTTAR PRADESH-201301,changed my name to RAKHI AGRAWAL.

0040646236-7

**I,Priti** Spouse of Dileep Kumar Resident of H.No.2, Gali.No-01, Rajkoti Village,New Delhi-110038 have changed my Name from Priti to KM.Priti Sharma vide affidavit dated-19.Dec.22 before NCT.Of Delhi.

0040646212-1

**I,Prakash S/O**Jagdish Chand Upadhyay R/O,K-388,Gali.No-8,Mahipal Pur,Delhi-110037,have changed my name to Prakash Chand Upadhyay,For All,future purpose.

0040646216-8

**I,Parveen** kumar,S/o-Shyam Chand Address:-511 D-2/5A govind-Puri kalkaji New-Delhi-110019,changed my name to Parveen Kumar khatana.

0040646213-1

**I,Pankaj S/O**-Dharm Pal,R/o-Gandhi Metal Colony, Near-Old Power House,Adarsh Nagar(Qutubpur),Rewari (HR.) 123401,have changed my name to Pankaj Kumar Khatawala.

0040646236-6

**I,Pankaj** Jain,S/o Sh.Om Prakash Jain R/o.480/11,Jain-Gali,Near-Purani-Sabzi Mandi-Gohana, District-Sonipat,Haryana-13130,have changed my-minor daughter name,from Navya to Navya Jain,for all,future purposes

0040646251-1

**I,Shanti** W/O-Prakash Chand Upadhyay R/O,K-388,Gali.No-8,Mahipal Pur Delhi-110037,have changed my name to Shanti Upadhyay,for All,future purpose.

0040646216-6

**I,PRAMOD KUMAR SHARMA, S/O**.PURAM MAL SHARMA, ADD-F-BLOCK SHIV MANDIR NARAYANI DHAM HARI-NAGAR,SOUTH-WEST DELHI-110064,changed my name to PRAMOD KUMAR SHASTRI,for all,future Purposes.

0040646216-2

**I,Rupali** Lamba D/o S. Daljeet Singh Wallia R/O 46, Munirka Enclave, J.N.U., New Delhi-110067, have changed my name to Rupali Wallia.

0040646203-1

**I,NORBI** TSHERING S/O SHRI.PHURBA TSHERING, R/o-90/83,Third-Floor, Malviya Nagar, New-Delhi-110017, permanently residing at J.P.Sharma Road-4, Passang Building, Darjeeling,W.B-734101,have changed my minor son's name from LOVITH SINGH to LOVITH TSHERING, and henceforth he shall be known as the LOVITH TSHERING, for all purposes.

0040646160-5

**I,NAZIA** ANWER,W/O-HAIDER MEHNDI, R/O-1545-46,AZIZ GANJ,BAHADURGARH ROAD,DELHI-110006, HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO 'NAZIA HAIDER MEHDI' FOR ALL PURPOSES.

0040646224-5

**I,Mukund** Madukar Paithankar,S/o Madhukar Narayan-Paithankar,R/o-1135, Ifcco Colony,Sector-17B,Gurgaon (Haryana)-122001,have changed my name to Mukund Madhukar Paithankar.

0040646236-5

**I,Meenakshi** W/o,gaurav Arora R/o,Plot.No.70-71-72, First-Floor, Flat-No.202, Jain Colony, Part-1, Uttam-Nagar,New Delhi-110059,that name of mine has been wrongly-written as Tani Arora in my-minor daughter Hazel Arora aged-10-years in her School-Records and Birth Certificate.The actual-name of mine is Meenakshi.

0040646251-6

**I,Mahender** Kumar S/o Sh. Suraj Bhan R/o-17/1, Rohtak-Road, Nangloi, West Delhi-110041, have changed my name to Mahender Kumar Garg.

0040646251-4

**I,Madhu** Pathak W/o Bhisam Kumar Pathak R/o-102,Partap Nagar,Gali-Road,Delhi-110064,inform that in my-Passport my Given-name was written as Madhu Pathak, whereas my Given-name is Madhu and surname is Pathak i.e.-Madhu Pathak.

0040646231-8

**I,Bane** Khan S/o-Mohd Rafiq,R/o H.No-D-363,Gali.No-11,Shri Ram Colony,Rajiv Nagar,Delhi-110094,have Changed my name to BANNE KHAN,permanently.

0040646218-7

**I,M** INGOCHA SINGH,FATHER OF,MONGIAM DINESH SINGH presently,residing at,NONGPOK KEITHEL MANBI MAKHA,LEIKAI,ANDRO,IMPHAL EAST,MANIPUR-795149,have changed my name,from M INGOCHA SINGH to MONGIAM INGOCHA SINGH,vide-affidavit dated.21-Dec-2022.

0040646251-8

**I,Kavita,D/o** Krishan Lal,H.No. 1316/28,Arjun Nagar,Rohtak(Haryana) - 124001, have changed my name to Kavita Paruthi for all Purposes.

0040646236-3

**I,Kavita** Rani w/o Sanjeev Kumar R/O-U-131,Vijay Nagar,Narela,Delhi-110040,have changed my name to Kavita for all future purposes.

0040646231-3

**I,JC-594830P,Sub H/Lt** Jaffar Hussain, S/O- Ghulam Mustafa Mattu, R/O- Soti, Tehsil-Gandoh, District- Doda-182203. In my service records the D o B of my son namely Junda Jaffar Matoo has been wrongly mentioned as 28-02-2012 instead of 28-12-2014. It needs correction. Objections be filled to 13 JAKLI within seven days.

0020450187-1

**I,Hardip** Grewal, S/o Surinder Singh Grewal, H.No.32,Amaltas Marg, DLF City Phase-1, Gurgaon(Haryana)-122002, have changed my name to Hardip Singh Grewal.

0040646236-4

**I,Fekhrool** Hasan s/o-Mohd Siddiq,R/o H.No.B-181,Gali.No-11,B-Block, Shri Ram Colony,Rajiv Nagar,Delhi-110094,Have Changed my name to FAKHRUL HASAN, permanently.

0040646218-10

**I,Ekta D/O** Sanjay Kumar,R/O C-1A, 207, T-Huts, Ring Road, I.P.Depot,New Delhi declare that name of mine and my father has been wrongly written as Ekta Chauhan and Sanjay Chauhan in my 10th Class Educational Documents. The actual name of mine and my father are Ekta and Sanjay Kumar.

0040646216-9

**I,Mamta** Sachdeva,D/O-Late Shri Brij Mohan Sachdeva,R/O-C-4/154,Keshav Puram,Delhi-110035,inform that Mamta Manocha and Mamta Sachdeva both the names are one and Same person.D.O.B.-17/02/1976.

0040646224-2

**I,Balwinder** Singh Mehra (Old Name),S/O-Gyan Chand,R/O-5/9,Ramesh Nagar,Single Story,Ground Floor,Front Side,Delhi-110015,have changed my name to Balvinder singh(New Name) permanently.

0040646224-7

**I,Ankur,S/o-Ranbir** Singh R/o-T Jaat Mohalla,Ratan wal Gali,Dholi Siras Dhusiiras South West Delhi-110077,have changed my name to Ankur Soni for all purposes.

0040646224-4

**I,Ampil** KK W/o Sarasan Kochukunj Narayan D-45,Top Floor, Block10, Subhash Nagar,Mayakunj Mayapuri Delhi-110064,have changed my name to Ambili Sarasan.

0040646227-10

**I,Amit** Kumar,S/O-Narsingh Upadhyay,residing at flat No-4/508,Phase-1,Bharat City,Tila More Nistoli, Ghaziabad,Uttar Pradesh-201003,have changed the name of our minor Son Aradhyia Upadhyay aged 11-years and he shall hereafter be known as Aradhyia Upadhyay.

0040646224-3

**I,NORBI** PHURBA TSHERING, R/o-90/83,Third-Floor, Malviya Nagar, New-Delhi-110017, permanently residing at J.P.Sharma Road-4, Passang Building, Darjeeling,W.B-734101,have changed my minor son's name from LOVITH SINGH to LOVITH TSHERING, and henceforth he shall be known as the LOVITH TSHERING, for all purposes.

0040646216-1

**I,ANKUSH S/O** HARISH KUMAR WADHWA,R/O G-45,GROUND FLOOR,KIRTI NAGAR,WEST DELHI-110015,HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO ANKUSH WADHWA.

0040646213-3

**I,ABID S/O**-NAWAB ALI,R/O PLOT.NO.S-1, FLAT.No.202, SHALIMAR-GARDEN EXTN.-1,DAYANAND-PARK,SAHIBABAD, GHAZIABAD,UTTAR PRADESH-201005,have changed my name to ABID CHOUDHARY.

0040646213-6

**I, Yudit** Jain, S/o Rajesh Jain, R/o 21-B, K.D. Block, Ashok Vihar, Delhi - 110052, have changed my name to Yudit Jain for all purpose.

0070818612-1

**I, Vikrant S/O V.P.**Bahal R/o M-1-806, GD-Block, Gulmohar Garden, Rajnagar Ext. Ghaziabad have changed my name to Vikram T Bahal.

0070818596-1

**I, Vailji** Bhai Dantani s/o Punja Bhai Dantani R/o K-287, JJ Colony, Raghubir Nagar, Tagore Garden, Delhi-110027 have changed my name to VELJI BHAI DANTANI.

0040646145-1

**I, Surender, S/o** Govind Singh, R/O C-56, Third Floor, Front Side, Mohan Garden, Uttam Nagar, Gd, West Delhi-110059, have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Surender Gusain.

0070818597-1

**I, Shikha** Sharma,W/o Mohd Anas,R/o-3132, Gali Sushila,Delhi Police Bhawan,Turkman Gate Delhi-110006,have changed my name Madiha Anas

0040646227-6

**I,BHISHAM** OMPRAKASH DEWANI, S/O,OMPRAKASH DEWANI, ADD-G-58,2ND-FLOOR LAJPAT-NAGAR I,SOUTH-EAST DELHI-110024,changed my name to BHISHAM DEWANI,for all future Purposes.

0040646213-7

**I,Shiji** BS,Spouse of Army No.15313501K, Hav. A/ya Kumar C, resident of JC-30F, 2nd Floor, LIG Flats, Hari Enclave, Hari Nagar, Delhi-110064 have changed my name from Shiji Aijayan to SHUI BS, vide affidavit dated 19/12/2022 before Adv. O.P. Chaudhary, Notary Public,New Delhi.

0040646145-2

**I,Shahadat** Ali,S/o Rehmat Ali,R/o-BB-104 Gali No.3,Subhash Basti Nabi Karim,Pahar Ganj Delhi-110055 have changed my name to Shahdat Ali

0040646227-4

**I,Saloni** Singh D/o Sanjay Kumar R/O S/o F-92, Gamma-1, Greater Noida U.P.have changed my fathers name from Sanjay Singh to Sanjay Kumar Singh for all future purposes.

0070818645-1

**I, Sunita** Choudhary, W/o Kuldeep Rana, R/o 191 pkt 11, Sec23, Rohini, Delhi, have changed my name to Sunita Rana.

0070818641-1

**I, Sajid** Akhtar S/o Shahbuddin R/o 390, Shahzada Bagh, Inderlok, Delhi-110035 have changed my minor daughter's name Rida to Aleeza for all future purposes.

0070818656-1

**I, Ruchika** Verma W/o Lalit Verma R/o EA-170/2,Tagore Garden Delhi-110027, have changed my name to Ruchi Verma Permanently

0040646160-2

**I, Rizzu, W/o** Samim R/O-B-863,Dera Gazi Khan, Pitampura, Delhi-110034,have changed my minor son's name from Ashraf to Sahil

0040646227-2

**I, Reena** Gaur W/o Sanjay Kumar Singh R/O F-92, Gamma-1, Greater Noida U.P.have changed my name to Reena Singh for all future purposes.

0070818651-1

**I, Ram** Kishan Singh S/o Bhooza Singh R/o-House.No-15, Gali.No-1 Ashok Vihar, Gurgaon,Ashoka-122001,have changed my name to Ram Kishan Chhoker, Permanently

0040646160-3

**I, Rakesh** Shrivastav, S/o Balmukund, R/o 45, Street No.6, Mohani Enclave, Akbarpur Behrampur, Ghaziabad, have changed my name to Rakesh Kumar.

0070818644-1

**I, Ragini** Saxena W/o Gopal Saxena R/o S-3, Shiv Apartment, E-Block, Patel Nagar, U.P.-201001 have changed my name to RAGNI SAXENA for all future purposes.

0070818643-1

**I, RAJEEV** RAI, S/o Gokul, R/O 9/7, Narar, Nibhapur, Jaunpur, Uttar Pradesh -222204, have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as SUBEDAR SAROJ.

0070818642-1

**I,Pushpa** Devi, W/o Shri Niwas, R/O B-102, Vitek Vihar, Sector-82, Noida, Gautam Buddha Nagar, Uttar Pradesh-201304, have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Pushpa.

0070818605-1

**I, Mohd** Meraj,S/o Serajuddin,R/O-H.No.2723, GALI BADLIYAN PAHARI BHOJLA CHURI WALAN DELHI-110006,have changed my name to Meraj UI Haq.

0040646227-8

**I, Mohammad** Azmaan Khan,S/o Mohammad Akram,R/O-A-35,Iddag Road,near mother dairy,sadar bazar, Delhi-110006,have changed my name Mohammad Azmaan

0040646227-3

**I, Mirza** Chand Beg Zakhmi,S/o Mirza Evaz Ali,R/O N-86, Gali No.16,Brahampuri, Seelampur, Delhi-110053,have changed my name to Chand Baig,for all purposes.

0040646227-1

**I, Miku** Goel, S/o Pawan Goyal, R/O-166, First Floor, Kirti Nagar, Delhi, have changed my name to Yash Goyal for all purposes.

0070818646-1

**I, Md** Adnan Khan,S/o Rais Khan,R/O-1940, Gali Unth Wali,Suiwalan Darya Ganj,Delhi-110002 have changed my name to Adnan Khan

0040646227-5

**I, Lalit** Kumar S/o Ved Prakash R/O-EA-170/2, Tagore Garden Delhi-110027, have changed my name to Lalit Verma Permanently

0040646160-1

**I, Kuldeep, S/o** Paresch Chandra Roy, R/o H. No. 224, Kaijyana Hatgham, Thana- Hatgham, Tehsil- Khaga, Fatehpur, Uttar Pradesh-212652, have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Kuldeep Roy.

0070818596-1

**I, Mohd.** Shahana Begum, D/o Mohd. Ismael Shami, Residence AF Enclave, Jamia Nagar, Okhla, South Delhi-25, have changed my name to Shahana Begum Shamsi for all future purposes.

0070818658-1

**I, Kenheya** Lal Sharma S/o Shri. Ishwari Dutt, R/o-117, Sec-17, Vasundhara, Ghaziabad, have changed my name to Kenheya Lal.

0070818471-2

**I,Arshad** Siddiqui s/o Abdul Samad,R/O H.No.A-12/3A,G/F, khasra No-49,Ambedkar Colony,chatrapur,Delhi-110074, have Changed my name to MOHD ARSHAD SIDDIQUI,permanently.

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# 13 THE IDEAS PAGE

## The odds of mass prosperity

India will cross China’s population next year. We must anchor our strategy in human capital and formal jobs rather than fiscal or monetary policy



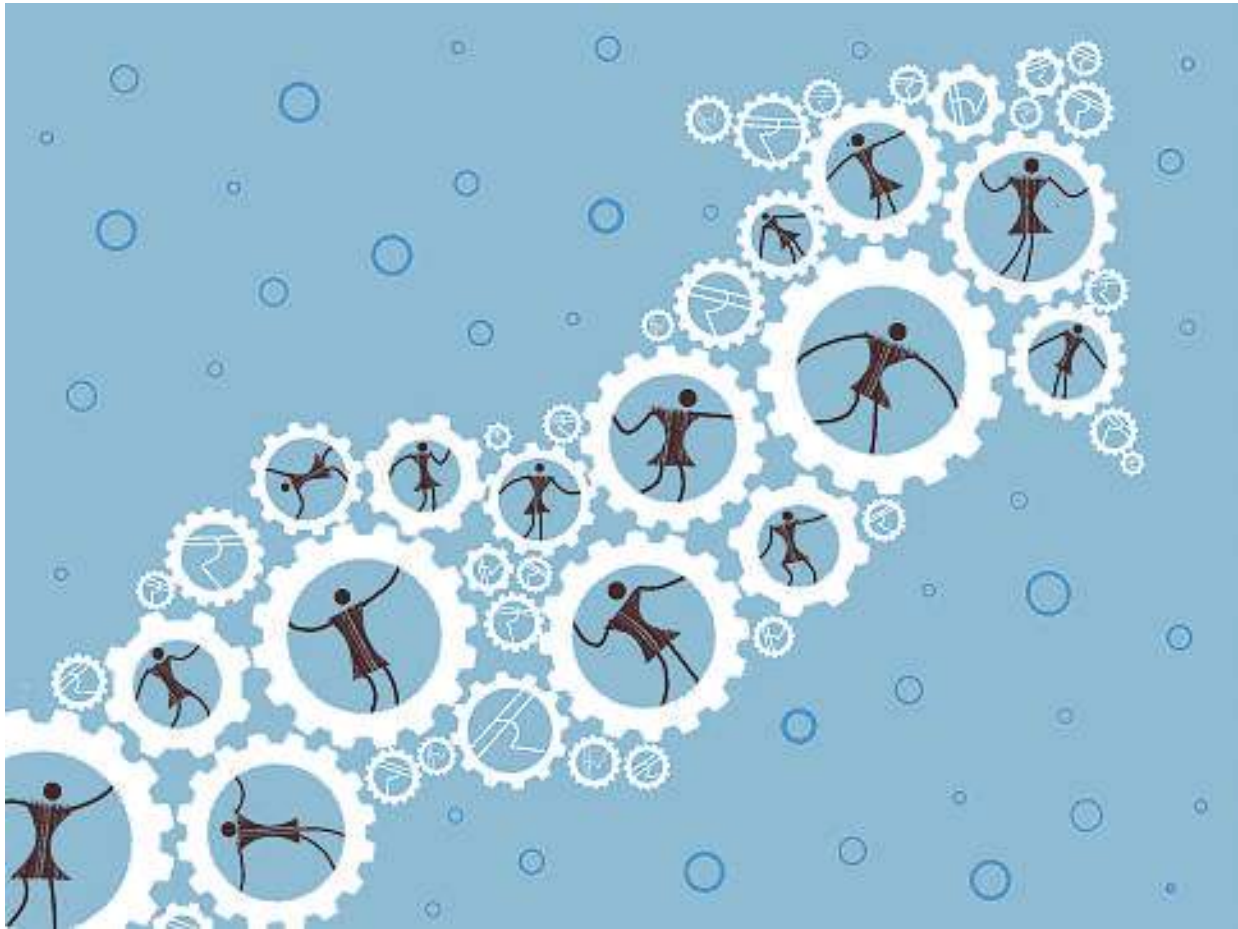
MANISH SABHARWAL AND ASHISH DHAWAN

SOMETIME IN APRIL 2023, we estimate that India’s 1.43 billion people will exceed China’s population. This milestone is bittersweet. Sweet because we have more than doubled the horrible 31-year life expectancy the British left us with in 1947, without brutal freedom-destroying state interventions (China’s one-child policy means it will lose workers equalling France’s population in the next decade). Bitter because mass prosperity for massive populations is hard. India’s large remittances from a small population overseas reinforce that our mass prosperity strategy should be human capital and formal jobs.

A strong case for human capital-driven productivity is our software employment — 0.8 per cent of workers generate 8 per cent of GDP. This case is reinforced by remittances from our overseas population of less than 2 per cent of our resident population crossing \$100 billion last year. A World Bank report suggests that the qualitative shift during the previous five years from low-skilled, informal employment in Gulf countries (the share of Saudi Arabia, the UAE, Kuwait, Oman, and Qatar dropped from 54 per cent to 28 per cent) to high-skilled formal jobs in high-income countries (the share of the US, UK, and Singapore increased from 26 per cent to 36 per cent) is significant. Last year, the US replaced the UAE as the single biggest source country with 23 per cent of remittances. Our rich forex remittance harvest — roughly 25 per cent higher than FDI and 25 per cent less than software exports — is fruit from the tree of human capital and formal jobs.

A modern state is a welfare state, but this does not default to muscular fiscal and monetary policy. Monetary policy is, at best, a placebo, painkiller, or steroid especially since credit availability is a bigger problem in India than credit cost. And if fiscal deficits could make countries rich, no country would be poor. The freebie rejection by Gujarat’s electorate is heartening but this generationally unfair policy will resurface in the 2024 national elections. Global experience suggests where governments spend money (pensions, interest, salaries, education, healthcare, roads, etc) and how this spending is financed (taxes or debt) matters more than how much is spent (about Rs 80 lakh crore in India this year). Covid made enormous fiscal and monetary policy demands, but the bigger the binge, the bigger the hangover. Western central banks are struggling to shrink their balance sheets because they used what Harvard’s Paul Tucker calls “unelected power” to chase goals outside their mandate, administer medicine with poorly understood side effects, and speed down highways with no known return paths.

Academics encouraged these articulate technocrats by suggesting interest rates will remain low indefinitely so fiscal deficits matter less than they did. This lack of history and humility has not aged well — rich-country borrowing rates have risen by 300 per cent plus and inflation hurts the poor the most. India avoided these fiscal and monetary pol-



C R Sasikumar

icy excesses. This prudence now combines with previous structural reforms (GST, IBC, MPC, UPI, DBT, NEP, etc) and a reform “tone from the top” to create a fertile habitat for productive citizens and firms.

The Union budget in February will renew the reform agenda. The Ministry of Finance is the closest we have to a Ministry of Employment. The Finance Bill must target productivity and continuity by legislating human capital and formal job reforms previously proposed. It should reduce the implementation glide path for the powerful National Education Policy 2020 from 15 years to five years. It should abolish separate licensing requirements for online degrees and freely allow all our 1,000-plus accredited universities to launch online learning. It should accelerate growing our 0.5 million apprentices to 10 million by allowing all universities to launch degree apprentice courses under tripartite contracts with employers under the Apprentices Act.

It should notify the four labour codes for all central-list industries while appointing a tripartite committee to converge them into one labour code by the next budget. It should continue EODB reforms by designating every enterprise’s PAN number as its Universal Enterprise Number. It should explode manufacturing employment by abolishing the Factories Act — this painful Act accounts for 8,000 of the 26,000 plus criminal provisions in employer compliance — and require all employers to comply under each state’s Shops and Establishment Act (like Infosys, TCS, and IBM India do). It should create a non-profit corporation (like NPCI in payments) that will operate an API-driven National Employer Compliance Grid and enable central ministries and state governments to rationalise, digitise and decriminalise their employer compliances.

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It should reduce the gap between *chitthi-waali* salary (money numbers in employment letters) and *haath-waali* salary (money received in hand) by making employees’ provident fund contributions optional but raising employer PF contributions from the current 12 per cent to 13 per cent. It should notify a previous budget announcement to create employee choice in their contributions to health insurance (ESIC or insurance companies) and pensions (EPFO or NPS). Most importantly, it should link all employer subsidies and tax incentives to high-wage employment creation (a difficult-to-fudge and easy-to-measure effectiveness metric for this public spending is employer provident fund payment).

India and China’s per capita GDP was equal in 1991; theirs is now five times higher. Arguably, unlike when China started serious reform in 1978, India today faces a more unfavourable global context of growth, exports, and manufacturing. Also, China’s reforms were faster and crisper without the fixed costs of democracy. But this deficit led to their unchallenged policies of Cultural Revolution, one-child norm, and zero-Covid. India’s cantankerous democracy is a strength. An excellent new book, *We the People of the States of Bharat* by Sanjeev Chopra, suggests our constantly changing internal maps since 1947 reflect India’s ability to reconcile diverse aspirations because people think in decades, countries think in centuries and civilisations think in millennia. Experience and evidence now firmly suggest the odds of mass prosperity in the planet’s most populous nation rise from possible to probable by anchoring our strategy in human capital and formal jobs rather than fiscal or monetary policy.

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## WHAT THE OTHERS SAY

“Even if [Donald Trump] cannot recover, others are already using his playbook. The prospect that he will rebound, or another like him will take his place, is all the more reason to establish the full record of his actions – whether or not they ultimately lead to legal consequences.” — THE GUARDIAN

## Stay with science, go slow on GM

Evidence suggests that government must be careful and cautious on GM mustard in Indian farms



DILNAVAZ VARIAVA

THOSE WHO OPPOSE GM crops, and favour an agro-ecological or biosafety or precautionary approach, are repeatedly derided as “unscientific” and “Luddites”. Let us look at the facts.

Transgenic technology, unlike other technologies, is uncontrollable and irreversible after environmental release. Living Modified Organisms (LMOs), as the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety refers to Genetically Modified Organisms (GMOs), propagate themselves and proliferate. This process cannot be reversed. Therefore, any deliberate environmental release has to be only after thorough, independent, peer-reviewed assessment of long-term implications. The precautionary principle is a cornerstone because of the unpredictability and time lag of serious outcomes manifesting in highly complex living systems, and their irreversibility. To draw a parallel, not a single one of 330 invasive species (for example, lantana, parthenium) in India has yet been eliminated, despite estimated damage of Rs 8.3 trillion by just 10 of them!

More than 25 years after their introduction, GM crops are still globally grown in just 29 out of 172 countries. Moreover, 91 per cent of GM crop area continues to be in just five countries (USA, Brazil, Argentina, Canada, India). Most countries of Europe and Japan, Israel, Russia, Malaysia etc., do not grow GM crops. In China, a first adopter, Bt cotton area has been declining and non-GM hybrid technology is used for rapeseed/mustard.

Only two traits are present in over 85 per cent of GM crops grown — herbicide tolerance (HT, where crop plants are modified to withstand large amounts of toxic weed-killing chemicals), and/or insect resistance (pesticidal toxin, usually Bt, is produced inside the plant). In 2000, 761 scientists warned of adverse impacts. Scientific evidence shows that adverse impacts are expanding.

HT crops result in not only ecological damage, but human health impacts for consumers. Like tobacco, once declared safe, the effects take long to manifest. Beekeepers say that HT mustard will affect honey production and contaminated honey will damage exports. As regards human health, probable carcinogenicity, neuro-toxicity, reproductive health problems, organ damage etc. have been documented by independent research on GM crops and associated herbicides, once claimed by developers and regulators to be “safe”. Like thousands of doctors in other countries, over 100 eminent Indian doctors have conveyed their concerns to the Prime Minister and asked that no HT food crops be released and the planted GM mustard be uprooted before flowering.

It is claimed that DMH-11 is not an HT crop as the use of the Bar gene — which confers a herbicide tolerance trait — is essentially for the pollination control technology in creating hybrids, and glufosinate herbicide will only be used during seed production. The reality is that by virtue of the Bar gene being present in both parental lines,

and thereby also in all their hybrid offspring, this GM mustard can withstand application of a toxic weedkiller, glufosinate, including in farmers’ fields. It should therefore have been assessed as an HT crop. If governments, for over 10 years, have been aware of the illegal planting of herbicide tolerant cotton and rampant illegal use of glyphosate on such HT cotton, and have been unable or unwilling to stop this, what “regulatory process” will now prevent farmers in search of low-cost weeding options from spraying glufosinate on herbicide tolerant mustard? The ongoing litigations in the Supreme Court are about serious shortcomings in our regulatory regime. Minutes of meetings of the regulatory body GEAC and the “guidelines and protocols” on the regulator’s website reflect an absence of regulatory protocols for HT crops. And yet a crop with an HT trait is being released in the environment! The technical expert committee (TEC) appointed by the SC and the unanimous multi-party reports of two parliamentary standing committees have exposed serious lapses and inadequacies in bio-safety testing. They all advised that herbicide tolerant crops, which GM Mustard is, should not be released in Indian conditions. Even the government-nominated experts in the TEC asked for a ban on HT crops. The government, surely, cannot call them unscientific!

Testing on GM mustard has been done with test protocols evolved by the crop developer, and most tests were done by the applicant. No independent health expert participated in the committees that looked at GM mustard safety. To this day, biosafety data of GM mustard has not been posted on the regulator’s website for independent scrutiny.

Initial publication by the developer’s team publicised GM mustard’s herbicide tolerance ability as a great benefit to farmers. When strong evidence of the hazards of HT crops and herbicides emerged, claims of yield increase were made, with a higher yield of 25-30 per cent being projected. When it was shown that the yield increase claims were based on comparison with an old, non-hybrid variety, and there were several higher-yielding mustard hybrids that should have been the comparators, it is claimed that DMH-11’s parental lines will be very useful for breeding better hybrids, though the countries with the highest yields in the world do not use this GM HT technique. The benefits claimed, hence, are therefore questionable.

It is claimed GM mustard is necessary to reduce India’s edible oil import bill. Most of the edible oil we import is not GM oil, but cheap, non-GM, palmolein oil. For mustard yield improvement, safe agro-ecological solutions such as the “system of mustard intensification” are showing significant yield increases. This technology should be promoted, not GM HT mustard of dubious yields and safety.

What is the urgent necessity for GM mustard release when the Supreme Court’s Technical Expert Committee and two unanimous reports of multi-party parliamentary standing committees have recommended that HT crops should be banned in India and the precautionary principle followed?

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SHAZIA ILMI

## Listen please, Imam saheb

Barring Muslim women from contesting polls is against Quran and Constitution

EARLIER THIS MONTH, Imam Shabbir Ahmed Siddiqui of the Jama Masjid in Ahmedabad ordained that Muslim women should not be given election tickets. He has claimed that Islam itself is against women coming out in the open and hence, it is against them standing for elections and campaigning or even visiting mosques for prayers.

Islam is Siddiqui’s religion as well as mine. So, without the benefit of his pulpit, here’s a factual pushback.

The Imam said that political parties are giving election tickets to Muslim women for general seats because they aim to weaken Islam. “Are there no men left? Is there a dearth of men,” he asked. The answer, Shahi Imam saheb, is “no”. There are plenty of talented men — as well as women. There’s also a Constitution that forbids discrimination against women. The Quran, the holy book you claim to uphold, too makes no such discrimination.

Benazir Bhutto to be the elected prime minister of Pakistan twice (1988 and 1993). Khaleda Zia was the elected prime minister of Bangladesh in 1991. Megawati Sukarnoputri served as the president of Indonesia from 2001-2004. Vjosa Osmani is the president of the de facto Republic of Kosovo, and before her was Atifete Jahjaga. In 2010, Roza Otunbayeva became the president of Kyrgyzstan, Ameenah Fakim became the president of Mauritius in 2015 and Mame Madior Boye became prime minister of Senegal in 2001. I would like to tell the Imam and his ilk that all these women are Muslim and that he should not be letting down

both the Constitution and the Quran in such a pitiable manner.

Sadly, not a single Muslim voice has called out this religious leader’s patriarchal diktat. Will one amongst them speak up against discrimination within the larger community, openly practised under the guise of religion?

Some fellow Muslims I know stay away for reasons of political convenience. Their existence rests on citing Islamophobia and crying persecution — anything, as long as the ruling dispensation is pilloried. It is not for them to cite a solid example of religious discrimination by this political regime in its policy, governance or dispensation of welfare schemes.

In percentage terms, my Muslim brethren only outnumber the other religions, proportionally to their population, as beneficiaries of housing, educational and all other welfare schemes because of the base effect (being consigned to the lowest socio-economic indices by the secular rahnumayiat [leadership], the mercenary politics of tokenism and appeasement).

Most of the clergy in India have led unsuspecting millions astray. Consumed by a visceral hatred for the Narendra Modi juggernaut of vikas and vishwas, this tribe of medievalists thinks nothing of disfiguring the word of the Holy Quran, undermining its authority and supremacy over all other interpretative texts.

On triple talaq and hijab, for instance, they decided to undermine the holy book as opposed to either the Hadith or local norms. Talaq-e-biddat or triple talaq — the annulment

of a marriage by the oral denouncement of a man to his wedded wife — is banned in most Islamic nations (including Pakistan). The enactment of the legislation banning triple talaq saw resistance from the same “secular brigade”, which used the minority card to build political capital but worked against the real “minority within the minority” by opposing the Muslim Women (Protection of Rights on Marriage), Bill, 2019, popularly called Triple Talaq Bill, in Parliament.

I wonder when the “liberals” of India will expose the obvious marginalisation of the “minority within the minority” by the so-called secular parties. Or do they also believe that Muslim women are less than Muslim men and, therefore, not worth defending?

Similarly, during the hijab controversy, the Islamists could not cite a single verse from the Quran that espoused the burqa for women. Arab men, like the women, also wear the traditional kufiyah or ghutra, a headdress to protect them against heat and sand.

Is it possible that this Imam and his kind have no idea that women not only congregate in mosques in many Islamic and non-Islamic countries, but also at the Masjid Al Haram itself? So, while Muslim women are welcome in Mecca and Medina in Saudi Arabia and at the holy Al Aqsa mosque in Israel, they must not congregate in Indian mosques. My women friends and I too have offered prayers in various masjids, including Al Aqsa, unhindered.

The denial of political participation for women and their invisibilisation should be

taken up by every Muslim man or woman. Intervention by courts or political entities is misinterpreted as interference. Muslims must rely on their own conscience, instead of ceding their powers to a regressive clergy or political parties whose raison d’être is a hatred of PM Modi. The truth must be spoken and articulated from within the community.

Many will predictably have just a single point of contention: That this author is from the BJP. Yes, the same party that enabled 40 per cent more Muslim girls to pursue primary education. “The school dropout rate among Muslim daughters was more than 70 per cent and this situation persisted for 70 years,” the PM said in a speech. “The government started the Swachh Bharat Mission, built toilets for school-going girls. Now, this (dropout) rate has fallen to nearly 30 per cent,” he added.

I contend that my political moorings are preceded by my birth and upbringing in a Muslim neighbourhood in Kanpur, Uttar Pradesh, and by my being the daughter of a Maulana and being given the title of “Ilmi” by the Deoband seminary. Those who think that I’ve written this article because I’m in the BJP must realise that they have gotten the theory of cause and effect all wrong. First-hand experience of leftist hypocrisy is what has led to this moment.

And I will never allow any intermediaries between my Allah and I.

The writer is a women’s rights activist and national spokesperson, BJP

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### PRIORITISE UNITY

THIS REFERS TO the editorial, ‘Battle for Belagavi’ (IE, December 21). Both Maharashtra and Karnataka are currently under the BJP’s control. It is ironic that the chief ministers of these states are battling it out in public, while the party claims to stand for “Akhand Bharat”. Unity, rather than states’ claim over a few towns and villages, should be the priority. It is crucial that both states maintain the status quo until a legal remedy is found.

SS Paul, Nadia

### AN INSPIRING FIGHT

THIS REFERS TO the article, ‘Looking back at Shaheen Bagh’ (IE, December 21). The author has rightly noted the various shifts that the Shaheen Bagh movement marked for Indian feminism. It was spearheaded by Muslim women who raised their voice on issues beyond their religious identity and gender. Their fight inspired many others across the country at the time. It was a version of feminism that was rooted in issues deeply Indian, not borrowing definitions from the West.

H Upadhyay, via email

### DEEP-ROOTED ISSUES

THIS REFERS TO the article, ‘Judicial independence above all’ (IE, December 21). Clashes between the judiciary and the Centre do not bode well for a country with 3.93 crore pending cases, 5,500 vacancies in subordinate courts and poor infrastructure. A collaborative approach between the two branches of the government is needed, perhaps with a joint screening committee.

Abhishek Mishra, Allahabad

### FRESH WORRIES

THIS REFERS TO the report, ‘Centre sounds Covid alert, asks to track positive samples’ (IE, December 21). The Centre has asked state governments to track Covid cases and provide samples for genome sequencing to identify different variants. The alert comes on the back of other nations reporting a rise in Covid cases. Genome sequencing will enable timely detection of new variants and help prepare to tackle a spike in cases. Meanwhile, the government should issue fresh guidelines for the public.

Khokan Das, Kolkata



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## TOP OF THE WORLD



The win means that Deuba will possibly be the PM. *File*

### NEPAL

#### Deuba elected parliamentary party leader

**Kathmandu:** Nepali Congress Chairman Sher Bahadur Deuba on Wednesday earned first legitimacy towards his bid to retain the PM's post as he won the election for the NC's Parliamentary Party leadership. Deuba (78) defeated his lone rival Gagan Thapa (56) for the post securing 65 votes against Thapa's 24. The NC has together 89 members in the House of Representatives that has a total of 275 votes. The new PM will have to secure vote of confidence within 30 days of being sworn in. If he makes it, this will be the sixth term that Deuba will be serving as the Prime Minister. The NC-led coalition has secured around 135 votes, but is still three short of a majority.

**YUBARAJ GHIMIRE**

### THE BAHAMAS

#### FTX founder ready to be extradited to US

**Nassau:** Sam Bankman-Fried has consented to be extradited to the US where he faces fraud charges, according to an affidavit



his lawyer read on Wednesday at a court hearing in The Bahamas. It paves the way for the founder of the FTX cryptocurrency exchange to be flown to the US as early as Wednesday afternoon. Federal prosecutors in Manhattan last week charged the 30-year-old cryptocurrency mogul with stealing billions of dollars in FTX customer assets to plug losses at his hedge fund, Alameda Research.

**REUTERS**

### UK

#### Waiting time for Indian visas eased

**London:** The post-pandemic travel demand spike resulting in long delays for travellers seeking Indian visas has considerably eased in time for the busy Christmas travel period, visa facilitation service VFS Global said. The restoration of e-visa facility for UK travellers earlier this month is expected to ease the pressure. The opening up of new visa centres, extra visa appointment slots and the launch of a bespoke Visa At Your Doorstep facility have been described as delivering results.

**PTI**

## LONG WAITS, HIGH FEES FOR CREMATION SERVICES IN BEIJING

# As hearses queue at China morgues, WHO cautions Covid-19 emergency not over yet

## Beijing limits how it defines Covid deaths in official count

### AGENCIES

BEIJING, DECEMBER 21

DOZENS OF hearses queued outside a Beijing crematorium on Wednesday, even as China reported no new Covid-19 deaths in its growing outbreak, sparking criticism of its virus accounting as the capital braces for a surge of cases.

At a crematorium in Beijing's Tongzhou district, a witness saw a queue of about 40 hearses waiting to enter while the parking lot was full.

Inside, family and friends, many wearing traditional white clothing and headbands of mourning, gathered around about 20 coffins awaiting cremation. Staff wore hazmat suits and smoke rose from five of the 15 furnaces. There was a heavy police presence outside the crematorium.

Some residents in Beijing face waiting days to cremate relatives or paying steep fees to secure timely services, funeral home workers said, indicating a growing death toll as the Chinese capital battles a sharp rise in Covid-19 cases. Workers at two different funeral parlours in Beijing said over the weekend there has been a surge in residents looking to cremate deceased relatives, leading to queues and delays.

Amid the surge in cases in China, several leading scientists and World Health Organization advisors said it may be too early to declare the end of the Covid emergency phase. Projections have suggested the world's second largest economy could now face an explosion of cases and over a million deaths next year after the abrupt change in course.

"The question is whether you can call it post-pandemic when such a significant part of the world is actually just entering its second wave," Dutch virologist

Marion Koopmans, who sits on a WHO committee tasked with advising on the status of the Covid emergency, said. "It's clear that we are in a very different phase [of the pandemic], but in my mind, that pending wave in China is a wild card."

China has always been conservative in how it counts illnesses, whether from the flu or

Covid-19. It only counts deaths from pneumonia or respiratory failure in its official Covid-19 toll, a Chinese health official said, in a narrow definition that limits the number of deaths reported, as an outbreak of the virus surges following the easing of pandemic-related restrictions.

Deaths that occur in patients with pre-existing illnesses are not

counted as Covid deaths, said Wang Guiqiang, the head of infectious disease at Peking University's No. 1 Hospital. That narrower criteria has meant China's Covid-19 toll will always be significantly lower than those of many other nations. On Wednesday, China reported no new Covid deaths and in fact subtracted one death from the overall toll.

## LATEST TREND IN CHINA

■ Cases have decreased by 93% from the average two weeks ago

■ Deaths have increased by 250%.

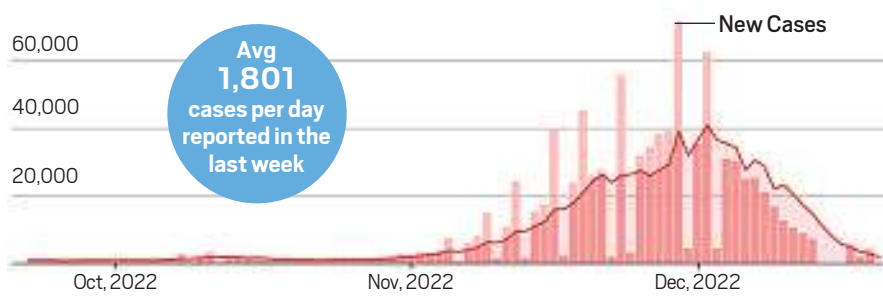
■ Since the beginning of the pandemic, 1,906,817 cases have been reported

■ At least 1 in 266,638 residents have died from the coronavirus, a total of 5,242 deaths



Patients at the Baoding No. 2 Central Hospital in Zhuozhou city in northern China's Hebei province on Wednesday. *AP*

## NEW REPORTED CASES IN CHINA (Last 90 days)



Source: Data for China comes from the Center for Systems Science and Engineering at Johns Hopkins University. Population data from the National Bureau of Statistics of China. Data does not include Hong Kong, Macau or Taiwan. Daily cases are the number of new cases reported each day. The seven-day average is the average of a day and the previous six days of data.

## GERMANY SENDS 1ST BATCH OF VACCINES

Germany has dispatched a batch of the BioNTech-Pfizer Covid vaccine to China, where it will be administered to Germans who live in the country. An official said the vaccines were sent on a flight that was due to land in China on Wednesday. He said China informed Berlin that its citizens can be inoculated with vaccine, which otherwise isn't cleared for use in China. **REUTERS**

■ US Covid cases since the start of the pandemic in early 2020 exceeded a staggering 100 million, Johns Hopkins University said.

■ Japan, Republic of Korea and Brazil have witnessed a sudden spike in Covid cases over the last week

## U.S. SENDING PATRIOTS TO UKRAINE UNDER \$1.85B AID PACKAGE

# As Zelenskyy lands in US, Kremlin warns more arms to aggravate war

### ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON, DECEMBER 21

UKRAINIAN PRESIDENT Volodymyr Zelenskyy arrived in Washington on Wednesday for a summit with President Joe Biden and an address to Congress in a bid to shore up support for his country and send a defiant message to its Russian invaders.

A US official confirmed that a US Air Force jet carrying the Ukrainian leader landed at Joint Base Andrews, just outside the capital. Zelenskyy said on his Twitter account before his arrival that the visit, his first known trip outside Ukraine since the war began in February, was "to strengthen resilience and defense capabilities" of Ukraine and to discuss cooperation with the US.

Just before his arrival, the US announced its largest single delivery of arms to Ukraine, including Patriot surface-to-air missiles, and Congress planned to vote on a spending package that includes about \$45 billion in emergency assistance to Ukraine.

Poland's private broadcaster, TVN24, said Zelenskyy crossed into Poland early Wednesday on his way to Washington. The station showed footage of what ap-



US and Ukrainian flags are put in place along Pennsylvania Avenue, Wednesday ahead of a visit from Zelenskyy. *AP*

peared to be Zelenskyy arriving at a train station and being escorted to a motorcade.

White House press secretary Karine Jean-Pierre said the visit "will underscore the United States' steadfast commitment to supporting Ukraine for as long as it takes, including through the provision of economic, humanitarian, and military assistance."

Zelenskyy was to meet with Biden at the White House in the afternoon and then join Biden for a news conference in the East Room. The address to Congress was expected in the evening.

The Kremlin, meanwhile, warned that increasing the supply

of US arms to Ukraine would aggravate the devastating war, and Russia's defence minister called for expanding Moscow's military by at least 500,000 people.

Speaking at a meeting Putin held with top military brass, Defence Minister Sergei Shoigu said the 1.5 million-member military should include 695,000 volunteer contract soldiers. Putin also said the Russian military's new Samarat intercontinental ballistic missile will enter service shortly. We always considered the Ukrainian people as brotherly, and I still think so," Putin said. "What's going on is certainly a tragedy, but it's not a result of our policy."

# Women students weep as Taliban enforce univ ban

### ASSOCIATED PRESS

KABUL, DECEMBER 21

TALIBAN SECURITY forces in the Afghan capital on Wednesday enforced a higher education ban for women by blocking their access to universities, with video obtained by *The AP* showing women weeping and consoling each other outside one campus in Kabul.

The country's Taliban rulers a day earlier ordered women nationwide to stop attending private and public universities effective immediately and until further notice. The Taliban-led administration has not given a reason for the ban or reacted to the fierce and swift global condemnation of it.

Journalists saw Taliban forces outside four Kabul universities Wednesday. The forces stopped some women from entering, while allowing others to go in and finish their work. They also tried to prevent any photography, filming and protests from taking place.

Rahimullah Nadeem, a spokesman for Kabul University, confirmed that classes for women students had stopped. He said some women were allowed to enter the campus for paperwork and administrative reasons, and that four graduation ceremonies were held Wednesday.

Members of an activist group called the Unity and Solidarity of Afghanistan Women gathered outside the private Edrak University in Kabul on Wednesday morning, chanting slogans in Dari. "Do not make education political!"



'Do not make education political' slogans were raised outside Kabul University on Wednesday. *AP*

# British Sikh MP calls for bullying probe after PIO doctor's suicide

### ADITI KHANNA

LONDON, DECEMBER 21

BRITAIN'S FIRST woman Sikh MP has written to the UK government calling for an independent inquiry into a state-funded National Health Service (NHS) hospital trust in Birmingham following the suicide of an Indian-origin junior doctor and several reports of bullying she has received from staff.

Preet Kaur Gill, who is the MP for Birmingham Edgbaston where the hospital trust is based, on Wednesday published her letter to UK Health Secretary Steve Barclay on Twitter, which calls for an inquiry into the culture at University Hospitals Birmingham NHS Foundation Trust (UHB).

She referenced the suicide of 35-year-old Dr Vaishnavi Kumar, who worked at Birmingham Queen Elizabeth Hospital and whose inquest last month heard how she felt "belittled" at work

and would come home and cry.

"In the wake of the inquest following the suicide of Dr Vaishnavi Kumar, where bullying and condescension at work was cited as a contributing factor in her death, I am absolutely determined that this must be a turning point for the Trust," read Gill's letter dated December 14.

"UHB Staff have been bullied and demeaned for raising concerns about policies and practices that they believe have compromised patient care, and in some cases even led to deaths," it notes.

The Opposition Labour Party MP and shadow secretary of state for international development said many of the staff who have been in contact with her have described a "put up or shut up" culture at the NHS hospitals trust.

"We welcome the support that is being put in place and we look forward to working positively and constructively with our NHS colleagues," UHB said. **PTI**

## WEINSTEIN WAS FOUND GUILTY OF ONE COUNT OF RAPE, TWO COUNTS OF SEXUAL ASSAULT AGAINST JANE DOE 1

# One woman's story of rape convinced all Harvey Weinstein trial jurors

### ANDREW DALTON

LOS ANGELES, DECEMBER 21

MOST OF the jurors at Harvey Weinstein's Los Angeles trial were ready to convict him of crimes related to three of the four women he was charged with raping or sexually assaulting.

Yet after weeks of deliberation the eight men and four women voted unanimously to convict him of crimes against only one: a Russian-born model and actor known as Jane Doe 1. She lived in Rome and was visiting California for a film festival at age 34 in 2013, when she said the now-disgraced film mogul ap-

peared uninvited at her Los Angeles hotel room door in the middle of the night.

The jurors were released from service and allowed to talk publicly after more than two months Tuesday, when they could not reach a unanimous decision on two aggravating factors that might have made for a higher sentence. Their deliberations took nine days spanning more than two weeks, but those who spoke to reporters said the talks were never contentious.

Weinstein was found guilty of one count of rape and two counts of sexual assault against Jane Doe 1. He now faces up to 18 years in prison in California to go

with a 23-year sentence for a rape and sexual assault conviction in New York.

Jurors said Jane Doe 1's composure, and the fact that she did not contact Weinstein after he raped her, allowed the divided group to reach consensus on her accusations. "I thought Jane Doe 1 was convincing in her story," said one juror, a 62-year-old man who works in banking and only provided his first name, Michael.

The physical and technical evidence surrounding Jane Doe 1 was some of the thinnest at the trial, but jurors were told that under the law, if they found an accuser's story credible, that alone could be enough to convict.



Harvey Weinstein at a Manhattan courthouse in his rape trial in New York. *AP File*

They acquitted Weinstein on a count of sexual battery against a massage therapist. They were deadlocked, with 10 of 12 voting

for guilt, on a count of sexual battery against model Lauren Young; and voting 8-4 in favour of conviction on rape and sexual assault

counts involving Jennifer Siebel Newsom, a documentary filmmaker and wife of California Governor Gavin Newsom.

Jane Doe 1 only one among them who had no further direct dealings with Weinstein or his representatives after the incident. She testified she had barely known who he was, having been introduced only briefly at the film festival, and wanted nothing from him. Others, including Siebel Newsom, had friendly email exchanges with Weinstein or sought out future meetings after their incidents, a point the defense pounded in their cross-examinations and closing arguments. That resonated with some jurors.

Michael said he voted to convict on the Jane Doe 1 counts, but reluctantly voted to acquit on the counts involving Siebel Newsom. The difference, he said, was the women's "subsequent action." "In a 2 1/2 year period she had sent Weinstein over 35 emails," he said of Siebel Newsom. "She wanted access to Weinstein. It sounded like she wanted access to a lot of his resources. It raised a reasonable doubt in my mind."

Weinstein has repeatedly denied engaging in any non-consensual sex. "Jane Doe 1 is lying. Period," Weinstein lawyer Alan Jackson said in closing argument.

While tearful at times, Jane Doe 1's testimony was restrained

and straightforward in comparison to some that followed. She spoke slowly with a Russian accent, and made nearly no use of a translator on hand.

Esqueda said the intensely emotional testimony of Siebel Newsom, who was screaming through tears at times during her testimony, might have been too much for some fellow jurors. The panel was divided 6-6 on the counts involving her when he suggested getting a read-back of her testimony from the court reporter. "She had a little drama," Esqueda said. "So I suggested let's re-read it, and I think after we read it it switched a couple of people in her favor, without the drama." **AP**





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## FACT CHECK, GROUND REALITY

### COULD INDIA PLAY IN THE 2026 FIFA WORLD CUP IN NORTH AMERICA?

ARJUN SENGUPTA

NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 21

ON TUESDAY, V K Sreekandan, the Congress MP from Palakkad, asked the government in Lok Sabha whether it was a fact that “football is the most loved game all over the world”, and that “India never qualified, except in 1950 by default, or participated in FIFA World Cup”.

He also asked “whether the Government is considering to take effective steps for getting India qualified for the next FIFA World Cup”. In response, Sports Minister Anurag Thakur said “while the primary responsibility” for this was the All India Football Federation’s (AIFF), “football has been placed in the ‘Priority’ category” under the government’s scheme of assistance to national sports Federations (NSFs).

#### Next FIFA World Cup

The 2026 football World Cup will be co-hosted by Canada, Mexico, and the United States. The tournament will be bigger than ever before — 48 teams, 16 more than in this year’s edition, will take part. As a result, the number of slots that the Asian Football Federation (AFC) receives will almost double from 4.5 to 8.

#### Could India make it?

While Asian teams will benefit from more slots, the Indian men’s football team is still far away from being in contention. Consider:

■ India is 106th in the latest FIFA rankings, and 19th in Asia, behind teams like the Kyrgyz Republic, Vietnam, and Lebanon. Even with eight slots, India will have to cause some major upsets in qualifying to make it to the tournament.

■ Since the ranking system began in 1992, most teams who have reached the biggest stage have been under rank 50 (though this will change in the expanded tournament). This year, the lowest ranked team was Ghana (61). India could draw in-

spiration from North Korea, which qualified with a rank of 105 in 2010.

■ In matches against other Asian teams since 2021, India has beaten Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Cambodia, Hong Kong, Maldives, and Nepal (thrice), but it has struggled against better competition, having lost to Bahrain, Jordan, and UAE.

#### Why is this so?

Indian football’s problems begin at the top. In August, FIFA suspended the AIFF for “undue third-party influence” after the Supreme Court relieved the former AIFF president Praful Patel of his duties, and appointed a Committee of Administrators (CoA).

The suspension was lifted soon, but the mess at AIFF is far from over. In September, after losing the AIFF president’s election to BJP member and former East Bengal goalkeeper Kalyan Chaubey, former India captain Baichung Bhutia said, “I was shocked because I personally did not expect that the political interference (in AIFF elections) would be of such a high level.”

In 2006, former FIFA president Sepp Blatter referred to India as “the sleeping giant of football”. At that time, India ranked between 117 and 157. It is in a somewhat better place today, but is still not able to stay in the top 100 for an extended period.

Indian football academies lack the infrastructure and coaching of European standards, and India does not house established European scouting networks that identify and develop talent at a world-class level. Some European clubs have announced India ventures, but their impact is yet to be seen.

Football lacks cultural appeal except in Kerala, West Bengal, the Northeast, and Goa. Cricket remains king. For football to flourish, this needs to change. But this change itself can probably come only if a successful national team captures the country’s imagination.

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### Cut coffee intake if you have very high BP: new study indicates why

DRINKING TWO or more cups of coffee a day may double the risk of death from cardiovascular disease among people with severe high blood pressure (160/100 mm Hg or higher) compared to non-coffee drinkers, according to research published in the *Journal of the American Heart Association*.

In contrast, one cup of coffee and daily green tea consumption did not increase the risk of death



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related to cardiovascular disease at any blood pressure measurement, even though both drinks contain caffeine, the study, conducted among more than 18,600 men and women in Japan, found.

According to the USFDA, an 8-ounce (about 240 ml) cup of green or black tea has 30-50 mg of caffeine, and an 8-ounce cup of coffee has 80-100 mg.

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### Could Rahul’s Bharat Jodo Yatra lead to a new surge of Covid-19?

ANONNA DUTT

NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 21

UNION Health Minister Mansukh Mandaviya on Tuesday wrote to Congress leaders Rahul Gandhi and Ashok Gehlot asking them to either follow all Covid-19 protocols during the Bharat Jodo Yatra or suspend it “in national interest”.

The letter said: “Please ensure that...all Covid-19 guidelines are strictly followed, masks and sanitisers are used, and only those vaccinated against Covid-19 participate. People must isolate themselves before and after they join the Yatra.”

Congress leaders hit back, saying Rahul and the Bharat Jodo Yatra were being singled out, while the BJP’s own yatras in Rajasthan and Karnataka, and the Winter Session of Parliament continued.

#### What is the Covid-19 situation in India?

The number of Covid-19 cases continues to remain low in India, with an average of only 158 cases reported daily during the week ended December 19.

The advice to states to send all positive samples for genomic sequencing on Tuesday and the Health Minister’s review meeting on Wednesday came after a spike

in infections in China, South Korea, Japan, France, and the United States.

Cases have been trending upward globally over the last six weeks, with an average 5.9 lakh new cases reported daily during the week ended December 19.

India saw no significant increase in cases September through November, the time when the incidence of the recombinant variant XBB that led to the spike in Singapore, increased from 8% to 65.6%.

#### What is Covid appropriate behaviour?

On March 23, the Ministry of Home Affairs advised all states to “appropriately” discontinue, after March 31, guidelines that were issued under the Disaster Management Act, 2005 for the containment of Covid-19. The order effectively signalled a return to full normalcy from April 1.

The Health Ministry’s advisories on measures such as masking up and maintaining social distance continue, but are no longer enforceable by law. The Ministry has asked states to follow the five-fold strategy of “Test-Track-Treat-Vaccinate-Ensure Covid-19 appropriate behaviour” to contain the spread of the infection.

After a small spike in cases in August, the Union Health Secretary had written to states urging them to maintain adequate

testing with high levels of the more accurate RT-PCR tests, and to send samples from international travellers, sentinel sites, and clusters for genome sequencing.

In his review meeting in October, the Health Minister had urged people to get their precaution (booster) doses, and officials to closely monitor ports of entry.

In June, the Ministry had asked states to ensure that participants in festivals and religious yatras were asymptomatic and vaccinated, and to have adequate testing facilities at these events.

#### Could there be another wave of Covid?

Most experts believe that deadly waves like the ones of August-October 2020 and April-May 2021 (Delta) are now unlikely. The Omicron wave of January 2022 driven by the BA.1 and BA.2 sub-variants, along with the high levels of vaccination in the country, means people are largely well protected against Omicron variants.

The BF.7 variant that is thought to be driving the surge in China was reported in India in September and November, but did not spread.

“The recent variant is likely to be similar to other variants that were on the watch list for other countries but resulted in small increases in cases in India,” an official said.

HARIKISHAN SHARMA

NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 21

LOK SABHA on Tuesday referred the Multi-State Co-operative Societies (Amendment) Bill 2022 to a Joint Committee of Parliament. The Bill was introduced on December 7, when Opposition members argued that it seeks to “take away” state governments’ rights, and demanded that it be sent to the Standing Committee. The Bill is aimed at overhauling the existing law, which was enacted 20 years ago.

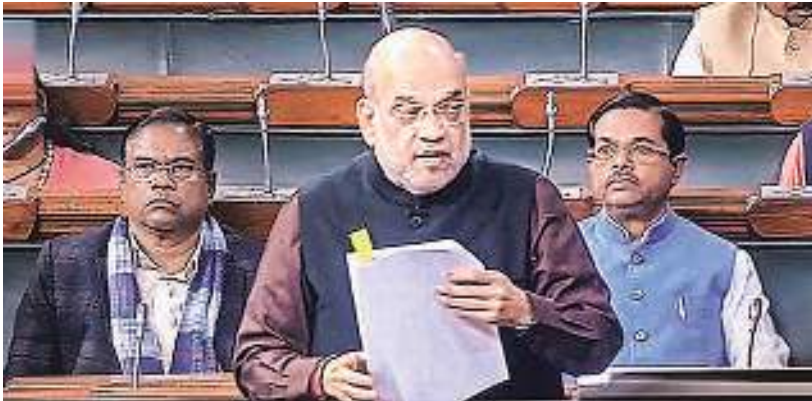
#### Need to amend existing law

The Multi-State Co-operative Societies (Amendment) Bill, 2022, piloted by Home and Cooperation Minister Amit Shah, was introduced by his deputy, BL Verma, in Lok Sabha. The existing law — the Multi-State Co-operative Societies Act, 2002, was enacted by the Atal Bihari Vajpayee government. Since then, many changes have taken place in the field of cooperatives.

At that time, Cooperation was a department under the Ministry of Agriculture. However, on July 6, 2021, the government carved out a separate Cooperation Ministry and Shah became the first Cooperation Minister of the country. Soon after taking charge of the Ministry, he announced that a new National Cooperative Policy would be brought and the existing law amended.

The Statement of Objects and Reasons of the Bill said, “The Multi-State Co-operative Societies Act, 2002 (the Act) was enacted to consolidate and amend the law relating to co-operative societies, with objects not confined to one State and serving the interests of members in more than one State, to facilitate the voluntary formation and democratic functioning of co-operatives as people’s institutions based on self-help and mutual aid and to enable them to promote their economic and social betterment and to provide functional autonomy and for matters connected therewith or incidental thereto.”

“Part IXB was inserted in the Constitution, vide the Constitution (Ninety-seventh Amendment) Act, 2011. In view of insertion



Amit Shah, the first Cooperation Minister, in Parliament Tuesday. PTI

of the said Part, it has become imperative to amend the Act. Further, developments over the years also necessitated required changes in the Act so as to strengthen the co-operative movement...” it added.

#### New rules for merger

The Bill provides for the merger of “any co-operative society” into an existing multi-state co-operative society. “Any co-operative 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 co-operative society,” it said. At present, only multi-state cooperative societies can amalgamate themselves and form a new multi-state co-operative society.

#### Election authority

Also, the Bill seeks to establish a “Co-operative Election Authority”, with a view to bring “electoral reforms” in the co-operative sector. As per the proposed amendment, the authority shall consist of a Chairperson, a Vice-Chairperson and members not exceeding three to be appointed by the Centre.

#### Criteria for chairperson

As per the proposed amendments, a person shall not be qualified for appointment as

Chairperson unless he has held the post of Additional Secretary to the Government of India or equivalent rank; Vice-Chairperson of the Authority unless he has held the post of Joint Secretary to the GoI or equivalent rank; and Member unless he fulfils such qualification and experience as may be prescribed.

#### Ninety Seventh Amendment

Through the 97th constitutional amendment, Part IXB (The Co-Operative Societies) was inserted in the Constitution. The right to form cooperative societies was included as Right to Freedom under article 19(1), Part-3 of the Constitution. In addition to this, Article 43-B (Promotion of Cooperation societies) was also inserted as one of the Directive Principles of State Policy under Part 4 of the Constitution of India.

#### Stricter punishments

Clause 37 of the Bill seeks to amend section 104 of the Act to increase the amount of penalty for certain offences.

“Where the board of directors or officers of the multi-State co-operative society receive any unlawful gains while transacting matters related to such society or utilise any assets of the society for personal unlawful gains, such directors or officers concerned shall be punishable with imprisonment for a

term which shall not be less than one month but which may extend to one year or with fine which shall not be less than five thousand rupees but may extend to one lakh rupees or with both and the proceeds of such unlawful gains shall be recovered from them and deposited in such manner as may be prescribed,” said the proposed sub section (6) of the Section 104 of the principal Act.

#### Ombudsman’s powers

The government has proposed to insert a new Chapter IXA relating to “redressal of complaints”. Under this new chapter, the government has proposed to appoint one or more “Co-operative Ombudsman” with a territorial jurisdiction for inquiring into the complaints made by the members. For this, a new section 85 will be added in the law.

The Co-operative Ombudsman shall, on receipt of a complaint, complete the process of inquiry and adjudicate within three months. The Co-operative Ombudsman will have powers of civil court in summoning and examination.

#### Fund for revival

The Bill also seeks to insert a new section 63A in the principal Act, relating to “establishment of the Co-operative Rehabilitation, Reconstruction and Development Fund” for revival of “sick multi-State co-operative societies”. It also proposes to insert a new section 70A relating to “concurrent audit” for multi-state co-operative societies having an annual turnover or deposit of more than the amount as determined by the Centre.

#### State subject

Some of the Opposition’s objections to the Centre’s Bill were based on the fact that cooperative societies are a state subject.

The subject ‘cooperative societies’ is mentioned in the entry 32 of the State List under the Seventh Schedule of the Constitution. Besides, Entry 43 of the Central List also makes clear that co-operative societies do not come in the Centre’s domain.

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### NIT plot case at centre of Maharashtra row

ALOK DESHPANDE

NAGPUR, DECEMBER 21

OPPOSITION PARTIES in Maharashtra on Tuesday demanded the resignation of Chief Minister Eknath Shinde for “obstructing judicial process” by allowing the regularisation of a plot that was under litigation. The Opposition also said that the plot was regularised for 2 crore, instead of the Rs 83 crore charge it should have attracted.

The CM has denied any wrongdoing, saying he was not aware of the Bombay High Court orders regarding the plot when he passed the order.

#### What is the case?

In 2020, an application came to Shinde, who was then Urban Development Department Minister, to regularise a layout of 16 plots spread over 4.5 acres, of the Nagpur

Improvement Trust (NIT). This land was being used for a slum redevelopment scheme.

In 2007, 34 such layouts had been regularised under the Maharashtra Gunthewari Act, and the applicant approached Shinde asking to be charged as per the 2007 rate, under the principles of justice. Shinde signed the order to apply the 2007 charges on April 20, 2021, and the plots were regularised for Rs 2 crore.

Meanwhile, in 2004, the CAG report had pointed out irregularities in plot distribution under the NIT, based on which a writ petition was filed before the Nagpur Bench of the Bombay High Court. The HC in 2016 had appointed the Gilani Committee to look into the NIT land-related matters, and appointed Anand Parchure as *amicus curiae*.

On August 5, 2020, the NIT conveyed to the state government to not take any decision to regularise the plots.

After reports on Shinde’s decision ap-

peared in the media, Parchure on December 14, 2022, apprised the court of this. Parchure said if the news items were true, there was a possibility of the state government having interfered in the administration of justice, as the issue was pending before the court. The court ordered *status quo* if any order of regularisation had been passed.

Once the court’s order came, the issue was picked up by political parties, and on Tuesday, was raised in both the Legislative Assembly and the Council.

#### What has Chief Minister Shinde said?

Shinde has said he did not violate the court order, but instead acted in the spirit of equal justice to all.

“When the applicant came to me in April 2020, he said he was first asked to pay as per the Gunthewari Act and later as per the ready reckoner. My order only stated that he be charged as per the 2007 order. I did not recom-

mend any reduction of charges,” Shinde said.

The chief minister claimed that he came to know about the Gilani committee and its directions only when the NIT informed his office about the December 14 HC order.

“I was not made aware about the Gilani committee either by the NIT or the applicant. After coming to know about this, I passed an order saying the observations of the Gilani committee were brought to my attention after the December 14 court order. Considering this, the 2021 directions have been cancelled,” he said.

#### What has the Opposition said?

The Opposition has claimed that it was impossible that the CM was not aware about the *sub judice* matter, and has alleged that the decision was taken to benefit builders. Demanding his resignation, the Opposition has alleged that Shinde as Urban Development Minister interfered in judicial processes.

## THIS WORD MEANS

### BF.7 SUB-VARIANT

#### Omicron sub-variant driving the surge in China

ANONNA DUTT

NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 21

THE CURRENT surge in Covid-19 infections in China is thought to be driven by the BF.7 sub-variant of Omicron. This isn’t the first time that BF.7 has made news — in October, it started to replace then dominant variants in the United States and several European countries.

#### Highly transmissible

When viruses mutate, they create lineages and sub-lineages — as though the SARS-CoV-2 tree is sprouting branches and sub-branches. BF.7 is the same as BA.5.2.1.7, which is a sub-lineage of the BA.5 sub-lineage of the Omicron variant of SARS-CoV-2. Omicron was first reported to the World Health Organisation by South Africa in November 2021, and more than 500 sub-variants of Omicron are currently in circulation.

A study published in *Cell Host and Microbe* journal earlier this month reported that the BF.7 sub-variant has a 4.4-fold higher neutralisation resistance than the original D614G variant — meaning that in a lab setting, antibodies from a vaccinated or infected individual were less likely to destroy BF.7 than the original Wuhan virus that spread worldwide in 2020.

But BF.7 is not the most resilient sub-

variant — the same study reported a more than 10-fold higher neutralisation resistance in another Omicron sub-variant called BQ.1.

A higher neutralisation resistance means there is a higher likelihood of the variant spreading in a population and replacing other variants.

BF.7 accounted for more than 5% of US cases and 7.26% of UK cases in October. Scientists in the West were watching the variant closely; however, there was no dramatic increase in the number of cases or hospitalisations in these countries.

#### BF.7 sub-variant in India

The January 2022 wave in India was driven by the BA.1 and BA.2 sub-variants of Omicron. The sub-variants BA.4 and BA.5 that followed were never as prevalent in India as they were in European countries; thus, India saw very few cases of BF.7 (which is an offshoot of BA.5).

As per data from India’s national SARS-CoV-2 genome sequencing network, BA.5 lineages accounted for only 2.5% of cases in November. Only two cases of BF.7 have been detected so far in India — one each in Gujarat and Odisha. A recombinant variant called XBB is currently the most common variant in India, accounting for 65.6% of all cases in November.

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Congress leader Rahul Gandhi during the Bharat Jodo Yatra in Nuh, Wednesday. PTI



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**Bid Identification No. CE-DPI & R-35/2022-23**

1. The Chief Engineer (DPI & Roads), Odisha on behalf of Governor of Odisha invites percentage rate bids in double cover system in ONLINE MODE form eligible contractors for Road work as mentioned below:

2. **Nature of work** : Road work  
 3. **No. of work** : 4 Nos.  
 4. **Tender Paper cost** : Rs.10,000.00  
 5. **Class of Contractor** : 'A' Class/Special Class/Super Class  
 6. **Available of bid document** : From 10.00 A.M. of 23.12.2022 in the website to 5.30 PM of 12.01.2023  
 7. **Date of opening of Bid** : Dt.13.01.2023 at 11.30 AM  
 8. The Bidders have to participate in ONLINE bidding only. Further details can be seen from the website: <https://tenderodisha.gov.in>. Any addendum/ corrigendum / cancellation of tender can also be seen in the said website.

Sd/-  
**Chief Engineer (DPI & Roads), Odisha**  
 OIPR-34111/11/0070/2223

**शुद्धिपत्रक क्र. १**  
 (ई-निविदा सूचना क्र. ५८ सन २०२२-२३)  
**संदर्भ :-** या कार्यालयाचे पत्र जा.क्र. पच/लेणा/निविदा/५३५५, दि. २३.११.२०२२

**कामाचे नाव :** खालापूर, जिह्ना येथे तालुकास्तरीय प्रशासकीय इमारत बांधकाम करणे.

प्रतिस्पर्धी झालेले	सुधारित वाचावे
१. ऑनलाईन निविदा विक्रीचा अंतिम दिनांक १९.१२.२०२२ (१८.००) वाजेपर्यंत	ऑनलाईन निविदा विक्रीचा अंतिम दिनांक २३.१२.२०२२ (१८.००) वाजेपर्यंत
२. निविदा उघडण्याचा दिनांक २२.१२.२०२२ रोजी १५.०० वा. (शराय झाल्यावर)	निविदा उघडण्याचा दिनांक २६.१२.२०२२ रोजी १५.०० वा. (शराय झाल्यावर)

(संश्लेषित निविदेसुचनेमध्ये अथवा निविदेत काही बदल होत असल्यास खालील संकेतस्थळावर कळविण्यात येईल.)  
 १. <http://mahapwd.com>  
 २. <http://mahatenders.gov.in>

जा.क्र. सावावि/पनवेल/ई-निविदा/२०२२/ कार्यकारी अभियंता यांचे कार्यालय, सा.वा. विभाग, पनवेल

सही/-  
 कार्यकारी अभियंता  
 सार्वजनिक बांधकाम विभाग, पनवेल

बीजीआयपीआर/२०२२-२३/४८८७

**HOME DEPARTMENT (PORTS & TRANSPORT)**  
**MAHARASHTRA MARITIME BOARD**  
 Indian Mercantile Chambers, 3rd Floor, 14 Ramjibhai Kamani Marg, Ballard Estate, Mumbai-400 001.  
 Tel. : 022-22688375, Fax : 022-22614331  
 Web site : <https://mahammb.maharashtra.gov.in> E-mail : [ceommb@gmail.com](mailto:ceommb@gmail.com)

**गृह विभाग (बंदरे व परिवहन)**  
**महाराष्ट्र समुद्रमार्ग बोर्ड**  
 ३वा मंजूर मंडळ, ३वा मंजूर, १४ रामजीबाई कामनी मार्ग, बॉलार्ड एस्टेट, मुंबई-४०० ००१.  
 दूरध्वनी क्र. : ०२२-२२६८८३७५, फॅक्स क्र. : ०२२-२२६१४३३१

No. : \_\_\_\_\_ Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

**Invitation for BOI for recruitment of Project Management, Design & Supervision support Consultant (PMDSC)**

1. **DEPARTMENT** of Ports, Government of Maharashtra, through Government of India, has applied for a financing from the Asian Development Bank in the form of a Loan towards the cost of Maharashtra Sustainable Climate Resilient Coastal Protection and Management Investment Project. The project objectives are to address the immediate coastal protection needs and coastal instability using environmentally and socially appropriate solutions for sustainable management, development and use of the coastal environment, in addition to enhancing institutional capacities for effective shoreline management and development.

2. The Project will include (i) sustainable shore protection measures implemented and (ii) Capacity for sustainable and integrated shoreline protection enhanced. The project will mainly support reduction in coastline erosion and instability through implementation of 3 to 4 identified sub-projects at three coastal locations of the state.

3. Maharashtra Maritime Board (MMB) will be the implementing agency for the loan project. MMB will be assisted by the Project Management, Design & Supervision support Consultant (PMDSC) in project management, design of subprojects, providing required technical and construction supervision support in implementation of identified subprojects with 29 International key person months and 166 National key person-months input.

4. MMB, intends to apply a portion of the proceeds of this Loan to eligible payments under the consultancy services for which this Expression of Interest is issued.

5. Chief Executive Officer, MMB now invites Expression of Interest (EOI) for the consultancy service named above from the reputed consulting firms from ADB member countries having prior experience in providing similar services. Shortlisted consultant will be issued Request for Proposal (RFP) document for seeking technical and financial proposals. Consultant will finally be selected using Quality Cost Based Selection (QCBS 80-20) method using Full Technical Proposal.

6. The executing agency will apply (i) Technical competence (ii) Geographical competence and (iii) Management competence criteria in evaluating eligible EOIs for short listing.

7. Interested consultants should visit ADB's website for Consultant Management System-Consulting Services Recruitment Notice (CMS-CSRN) (<http://cms.adb.org/>) for the terms of reference, criteria and specific requirements, and submit Expression of Interest (EOI) at [adb.org](http://adb.org) following the instructions in the CMS-CSRN website.

Sd/-  
**Chief Executive Officer,**  
**Maharashtra Maritime Board**  
 Indian Mercantile Chambers, 2nd floor, Ramjibhai Kamani Marg, Ballard Estate-400 001  
 Email ID: [ceommb@gmail.com](mailto:ceommb@gmail.com) / [ddcmmb@gmail.com](mailto:ddcmmb@gmail.com); Phone No. 022-22658375

DGIPR/2022-23/4891

**APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION**

General public is hereby informed that one male was found dead in MV Hospital Pooth Khurd Bawana, Delhi. In this regard a **DD No. 36-A, Dated 18.12.2022** has been lodged at **P.S. Bawana, Delhi**. The description of the dead body is given as under:

**Name:** Unknown, **S/o:** Unknown **R/o:** Unknown, **Age:** 30 years, **Height:** 5'6" Feet, **Complexion:** Shallow, **Face:** Oval, **Built:** Thin, **ID Mark:** Right Hand "OM" Tatoo mark, **Wearing:** Sky Blue Colour lining Shirts & Blue Colour Pant.

Sincere efforts have been made by local police to trace out the information about the dead male but no clue has come to light so far. If any one is having any information about this dead male please inform the undersigned.

**S.H.O**  
**P.S. Bawana, Delhi.**  
**Ph.: 011-27752534**

**DP/4015/ON/2022**

**GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA**  
**OFFICE OF THE CHIEF CONSTRUCTION ENGINEER,**  
**SOUTHERN (R&B) CIRCLE, BERHAMPUR**  
**Phone: 0680-2281582, e-mail: [ccescbam@gmail.com](mailto:ccescbam@gmail.com)**  
**INVITATIONS FOR BIDS (IFB) [e-Procurement]**

Bid Identification No. CCE, S.C (R&B)-BAM-15/2022/No. 4891/Dated: 13.12.2022

1) The Chief Construction Engineer, Southern (R&B) Circle, Berhampur on behalf of Governor of Odisha invites percentage rate bid in double cover system in **ONLINE MODE** from eligible contractors for construction of **Building / Road Works** as detailed in the table below.

2) Nature of work : Building / Road works  
 3) No. of work : 05 Nos.  
 4) Tender Cost : Rs.10,000/- (online)  
 5) Class of Contractor : "B" Class, "A" Class & Special Class  
 6) Availability of Bid document in the : From 27.12.2022 10.00 AM to 11.01.2023 website 4.00 PM  
 7) Date of Opening of Bid : 12.01.2023 at 11.30 A.M.  
 8) The Bidders have to participate in ONLINE bidding only. Further details can be seen from the website <https://tendersodisha.gov.in>.  
 9) Any addendum / corrigendum/cancellation of tender can also be seen in the said website only.

Sd/- (D.C.Behera)  
 Chief Construction Engineer  
 Southern (R&B) Circle, Berhampur  
 OIPR-34103/11/0018/2223

**MADHYA PRADESH RURAL ROAD DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY**  
 (An Agency of Panchayat & Rural Development Department, Govt. of M.P.)  
 5th Floor, Block-II, Paryavas Bhawan, Bhopal (M.P.) 462 011

**NOTICE INVITING TENDER NO. 1046 (PMGSY-III-BRIDGE)**

(PMGSY-III, Batch-III, Year 2021-22)

**No./17840/22/D-12/MPRRDA/2022 Bhopal, Dated : 21.12.2022**

Online Tenders for Construction of Bridges with 5 years defect liability & maintenance are invited on the E-Procurement System portal <https://www.pmgsytenders.gov.in>, as detailed below:-

- Name of Work – Construction of Bridges under PMGSY** including maintenance for Five year after construction.

S. No. of District	No. of Packages	No. of Bridge	Total PAC (In Rs.)
1. Balaghat	1	1	18635000.00
2. Chhindwara	2	4	53027000.00
3. Dewas	3	10	64952000.00
4. Indore	1	1	6785000.00
5. Ratlam	1	1	7287000.00
6. Satna	2	2	27279000.00
7. Seoni	1	1	8937000.00

1. **Availability of Bid Documents and mode of submission:**  
 The bid document is available online and should be submitted online in [www.pmgsytenders.gov.in](https://www.pmgsytenders.gov.in). The bidder would be required to register in the web-site which is free of cost. For submission of the bids, the bidder is required to have a valid Digital Signature Certificate (DSC) from one of the authorized Certifying Authorities.

2. Bid document may be purchased online from **23.12.2022 (17:30 hrs.)** and last date for online bid submission is **10.01.2023 (17:00 hrs.)**

3. Other Critical dates and details can be viewed in the detailed N.I.T. and SBD for PMGSY Works (June-2020) on the above-mentioned portal and concerned PIU.

**CHIEF GENERAL MANAGER (TENDER)**  
 M.P. Madhyam/107789/2022

**NORTH WESTERN RAILWAY**

**CORRIGENDUM**  
 Dy CMM-Ajmer, acting for and on behalf of the President of India invites E-Tender against Tender No. 42225533 closing date 16/01/2023 at 14:25 Hrs. Due to administrative reasons this tender will be opened from date 16/01/2023 to date 06.01.2023 at 14:30 Hrs., all other terms and conditions will remain unchanged. Bidders will be able to submit their original / revised bids up to closing date and time only. Manual offers are not allowed against this tender and any such manual offer received shall be ignored. 1. Description of work : DOOR FRAME COMPLETE FOR AUTOMOBILE CARRIER COACH WITH SIDE ENTRY AS PER RDSC DRG. NO.RDSC/CG/ DRG/ 21043 (SHEET 1 & 2).ALONG WITH HINGE-2 ITEM NO. 17 OF DRG. NO. RDSC/CG/DRG/21042, QTY. 6 NOS./ SET. NOTE: HINGE ITEM NO. 8 OF DRG. NO. RDSC/CG/DRG/21043 TO BE SUPPLIED IN LOOSE CONDITION LEAD NOT WELDED WITH DOORS. 2 Quantity : 130 Set 3. Revised date and time for submission of tender: Submission of E-Tender up to 06/01/2023 at 14:30 Hrs. 4. Website particular : [www.ireps.gov.in](http://www.ireps.gov.in)  
 1083-SN/22 SMM/CSDI/Ajmer

**WESTERN RAILWAY**

**NOTICE INVITING E-AUCTION FOR ADVERTISING CONTRACTS MUMBAI DIVISION**

Divisional Railway Manager, Commercial Department, NFR Section, Mumbai Central, Mumbai - 400 008 invites e-Auction for Advertisement through various NFR media over Mumbai Division :

Auction catalogue No.		Auction Start (All Lots)	
MMCT-ADVT-22-42		15:00 hrs 27.12.2022	
Sr. No	Lot No.	Location / Area	Days
1.	ADVT-Int-S1-EMUs-269-22-1	Display of Advertisement through Inside Panels, Routemaps, and Railway Civic Messages Stickers inside 60 nos. of EMUs (5nos. of 12 car AC EMU-1755.93 sq.mt., 51 nos. of 12 car non-AC EMU - 1473.14 sq. mt. & 4 nos. of 15 car non-AC EMU - 145.48 sq. mt.) over Mumbai Division of Western Railway for a period of 5 years.	1826 27/12/22 15:30
2.	ADVT-EFF-21375-22-1	Display of Advertisement on full exterior surface through vinyl wrapping on Train no. 22945/22946 Mumbai Central - Okha - Mumbai Central (MMCT-OKHA-MMCT) Saurashtra Mail & 19251/19252 SOMNATH-OKHA-SOMNATH Express (04 rakes)	1826 27/12/22 15:40
3.	ADVT-EFF-153654-22-1	Display of advertisement on full exterior surface through vinyl wrapping on Train no. 12903/12904 Mumbai Central - Amritsar - Mumbai Central (MMCT-ASR-MMCT) Golden Temple Mail (04 rakes)	1826 27/12/22 15:50
4.	ADVT-EFF-105912-22-1	Display of advertisement on full exterior surface through vinyl wrapping on Train no. 12927/12928 Mumbai Central - Ekta Nagar - Mumbai Central (MMCT-EKNR-MMCT) & 12961/12962 Mumbai Central - Indore - Mumbai Central (MMCT-INDB-MMCT) Avantika Express (04 rakes)	1826 27/12/22 16:00
5.	ADVT-EFF-99466-22-2	Display of advertisement on full exterior surface through vinyl wrapping on Train no. 22943/22944 Valsad - Kanpur Central - Valsad (BL-CNB-BL) Udyogkarmi Express & 19051/19052 Valsad - Muzaffarpur - Valsad (BL-MFP-BL) (01 rake)	1826 27/12/22 16:10
6.	ADVT-EFF-132126-22-1	Display of advertisement on full exterior surface through vinyl wrapping on Train no. 19045/19046 Suratgarh - Chhapra - Suratgarh (ST-CPR-ST) Tapti Ganga Express & 22947/22948 Suratgarh - Bhagalpur - Suratgarh (ST-BGP-ST) (04 rakes)	1826 27/12/22 16:20
7.	ADVT-EFF-99427-22-1	Display of advertisement on full exterior surface through vinyl wrapping on Train no. 19055 Valsad to Jodhpur to Valsad (BL-JU-BL) & 22909/22910 Valsad to Puri to Valsad (BL-PURI-BL) (01 rake)	1826 27/12/22 16:30
8.	ADVT-EFF-131874-22-1	Display of advertisement on full exterior surface through vinyl wrapping on Train no. 12911/12912 Valsad - Haridwar - Valsad BL-HW-BL, 20929/20930 Udhna to Banaras to Udhna (UDN-BSSB-UDN) & 20933/20934 Udhna - Danapur - Udhna (UDN-DNR-UDN) Danapur Express (01 rake)	1826 27/12/22 16:40
9.	ADVT-EFF-132401-22-1	Display of advertisement on full exterior surface through vinyl wrapping on Train no. 12955/12956 Mumbai Central - Jaipur - Mumbai Central (MMCT-JP-MMCT) (02 rakes)	1826 27/12/22 16:50
10.	ADVT-EBW-S1-EMUExtent-22-1	Display of advertisement through Vinyl wrapping on the exterior side wall surface of 35 nos. of EMUs over Mumbai Division, Western Railway for a period of 5 year.	1826 27/12/22 17:00

Auction catalogue No.		Auction Start (All Lots)	
MMCT-PnU-22-9		15:00 hrs 27.12.2022	
Sr. No	Lot No.	Location / Area	Days
1.	PnU-BCT-BDTS-WRL-46-22-1	E-auction for work of up-gradation, maintenance and manning of AC waiting rooms with modern facilities, amenities like multipurpose stalls and Tourist Kiosk at Bandra Terminus Station.	1827 27/12/22 15:30
2.	PnU-BCT-VAPI-WRL-48-22-1	E-auction for work of up-gradation, maintenance and manning of AC waiting rooms with modern facilities, amenities like multipurpose stalls and Tourist Kiosk at Vapi Station.	1827 27-12-22 15:40

Auction catalogue No.		Auction Start (All Lots)	
MMCT-ADVT-22-43		15:00 hrs 28.12.2022	
Sr. No	Lot No.	Location / Area	Days
1.	ADVT-EFF-89802-22-1	Display of advertisement on full exterior surface through vinyl wrapping on Train no. 22903/22904 Bandra Terminus - Bhuj - Bandra Terminus (BDTS-BHUJ-BDTS) Bhuj AC S F Express (01 rake)	1826 28/12/22 15:30
2.	ADVT-EFF-155692-22-1	Display of advertisement on full exterior surface through vinyl wrapping on Train no. 22921/22922 Bandra Terminus - Gorakhpur - Bandra Terminus (BDTS-GKP-BDTS) Antyodaya (01 rake)	1826 28/12/22 15:40
3.	ADVT-EFF-141344-22-1	Display of advertisement on full exterior surface through vinyl wrapping on Train no. 22915/22916 Bandra Terminus - Hisar - Bandra Terminus (BDTS-HSR-BDTS) & 22975/22976 Bandra Terminus - Ramnagar - Bandra Terminus (BDTS-RMR-BDTS) Ramnagar Express (01 rake)	1826 28/12/22 15:50
4.	ADVT-EFF-132404-22-1	Display of advertisement on full exterior surface through vinyl wrapping on Train no. 20941/20942 Bandra Terminus - Ghazipur City - Bandra Terminus (BDTS-GCT-BDTS), 22931/22932 Bandra Terminus - Jaisalmer - Bandra Terminus (BDTS-JSM-BDTS) & 22935/22936 Bandra Terminus - Palitana - Bandra Terminus (BDTS-PIT-BDTS) (02 rakes)	1826 28/12/22 16:00
5.	ADVT-EFF-131997-22-1	Display of advertisement on full exterior surface through vinyl wrapping on Train no. 20921/20922 Bandra Terminus - Lucknow - Bandra Terminus (BDTS-LJN-BDTS) & 22917/22918 Bandra Terminus - Haridwar - Bandra Terminus (BDTS-HW-BDTS) Haridwar Express (01 rake)	1826 28/12/22 16:10
6.	ADVT-EFF-141411-22-1	Display of advertisement on full exterior surface through vinyl wrapping on Train no. 22901/22902 Bandra Terminus - Udaipur City - Bandra Terminus (BDTS-UDJ-BDTS) (01 rake)	1826 28.12.22 16:20
7.	ADVT-EFF-99426-22-1	Display of advertisement on full exterior surface through vinyl wrapping on Train no. 22965/22966 Bandra Terminus - Bhagat Ki Kothi - Bandra Terminus (BDTS-BGKT-BDTS) & 22971/22972 Bandra Terminus - Patna - Bandra Terminus (BDTS-PNBE-BDTS) (01 rake)	1826 28/12/22 16:30
8.	ADVT-EFF-99439-22-1	Display of advertisement on full exterior surface through vinyl wrapping on Train no. 19027/19028 Bandra Terminus - Jammu Tawi - Bandra Terminus (BDTS-JAT-BDTS) Vivek Express & 22949/22950 Bandra Terminus - Delhi - Bandra Terminus (BDTS-DDE-BDTS) (01 rake)	1826 28/12/22 16:40
9.	ADVT-EFF-153231-22-1	Display of advertisement on full exterior surface through vinyl wrapping on Train no. 12925/12926 Mumbai Central - Amritsar - Mumbai Central (MMCT-ASR-MMCT) Paschim Express (04 rakes)	1826 28/12/22 16:50
10.	ADVT-EFF-132405-22-1	Display of advertisement on full exterior surface through vinyl wrapping on Train no. 22933/22934 Bandra Terminus - Jaipur - Bandra Terminus (BDTS-JP-BDTS), 22989/22990 Bandra Terminus - Mahuva - Bandra Terminus (BDTS-MHV-BDTS) & 22993/22994 Bandra Terminus - Mahuva - Bandra Terminus (BD	



## 17 ECONOMY



GOLD

₹55,261



RUPEE

₹82.80



OIL

\$76.72



SILVER

₹69,962

Note: Gold, silver rates at Delhi spot market, gold per 10g, silver per 1 kg. Crude oil (Indian basket) as of December 19

SENSEX: 61,067.24 ▼ 635.05 (1.03%) NIFTY: 18,199.10 ▼ 186.20 (1.01%) NIKKEI: 26,387.72 ▼ 180.31 HANG SENG: 19,160.49 ▲ 65.69 FTSE: 7,441.39 ▲ 70.77 DAX: 14,003.78 ▲ 119.12

International market data till 1900 IST

SECTOR WATCH  
SOCIAL MEDIA

## Musk says will step down as CEO: What it means for Twitter

SOUMYARENDRA BARIK  
NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 21

Elon Musk

AP file

ELON MUSK will step down as the chief executive of Twitter while continuing to be in charge of the social media company's software and server teams. In response to a Twitter poll he created that voted in favour of him leaving his position as head of Twitter, Musk said he will resign as CEO as soon as he finds "someone foolish enough to take the job".

The poll received more than 17 million votes, with a decisive majority, close to 58 per cent, of the accounts voting that Musk should step down as the head of Twitter. In what has become a defining feature of his reign over Twitter, Musk has previously adhered to decisions made in such informal referendums, including reinstating former US President Donald Trump's account.

## What this could mean for Twitter

While Musk had earlier said that he will abide by the results of the Twitter poll, it is unlikely that much would change even if Musk were to actually keep his word and step down as CEO. He has made it clear that he will still be in charge of Twitter's software and server teams, and given that the microblogging platform largely consists of those two teams after the mass layoffs at the company, Musk could still retain direct control over Twitter.

In his other companies such as Tesla and SpaceX, Musk maintains a high degree of control over the product, and given that at the end of the day he also owns Twitter, his latest move may not necessarily put an end to the ebbs and flows that the social networking site has gone through since he took control of it in October. In a separate tweet, Musk said, "No one wants the job who can actually keep Twitter alive. There is no successor".

However, it is worth noting that the results of the poll gave a boost to the stock price of Tesla which has fallen more than \$100 since November 1, as investors believed that Musk would start spending more time at the electric car company.

## Musk's reliance on unscientific Twitter polls

In a short time of his reign over Twitter, Musk has taken a number of key policy decisions on the basis of results of polls that he himself creates. He has also indicated that this could be a norm for the company going forward, despite acknowledging multiple times that bots and fake accounts were influencing the results of such polls.

In response to a tweet which speculated that bots may have influenced the results of the poll on Musk's leadership of Twitter, he tweeted "interesting". Hours before launching that poll, Musk was publicly criticised for a controversial new policy that had banned links to certain other social media platforms such as Facebook, Mastodon and link aggregator Linktree. The policy was deleted within 24 hours after its introduction and Musk said that "going forward," he would poll Twitter's users to let them decide on policy changes. Last month, Twitter had reinstated Donald Trump's account on the basis of a poll run by Musk, where users on the social media platform voted — by a slim majority — to lift a ban on the former US president placed more than a year ago.

## MONETARY POLICY ACTION

## MPC minutes: Premature pause to be a costly policy error, says Das

ENSECONOMIC BUREAU  
MUMBAI, DECEMBER 21

INA scenario where inflation continues to remain elevated, a "premature pause" in monetary policy action would be a "costly policy error", Reserve Bank of India Governor Shaktikanta Das said while voting for a 35 basis points hike in the repo rate in the December policy, according to the minutes of the Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) meeting released on Friday.

RBI Deputy Governor Michael Patra, who backed the 35 bps increase, expects inflation to remain above target over the next 12 months. The rate setting panel needs to see a decisive decline in inflation over a series of monthly readings before it shifts stance, Patra said. In a 5:1 majority, the six-member MPC hiked the repo rate by 35 basis points (bps) to 6.25 per cent in the meeting held between December 5 to 7. The

MPC also decided by a majority of 4 out of 6 members to remain focused on withdrawal of accommodation.

Das said while the worst of inflation is behind us, it remains above the upper tolerance level. Hence, there is no room for complacency and the battle against inflation is not over. This necessitates a constant vigil on prices.

"I am, therefore, of the view that a premature pause in monetary policy action would be a costly policy error at this juncture. Given the uncertain outlook, it may engender a situation where we may find ourselves striving to do a catch-up through stronger policy actions in the subsequent meetings to ward-off accentuated inflationary pressures," the Governor said. He said an increase of 35 bps in the repo rate — a departure from 50 bps on three previous occasions — itself conveys the signal of an improvement in the inflation outlook.

"Any change in stance at this



Shaktikanta Das, Governor, Reserve bank of India PTI file

stage could be interpreted as weakening of our resolve to fight the inflation menace and will impede monetary policy transmission," RBI's Executive Director Rajiv Ranjan said.

Patra said the effects of monetary policy actions taken so far, supported by improvements in supply responses, could break the

7 per cent plus drift in average headline inflation and at best contain it in the range of 5-6 per cent over the year ahead.

"Thus, inflation can be expected to remain above target over the next 12 months," he said. The consumer price-based inflation, or retail inflation, eased below 6 per cent in November — for the first time since January this year. It dropped to 5.88 per cent from 6.77 per cent in October. "Should the incoming information indicate that the recent small easing of inflation is transient rather than the onset of a durable downturn, the MPC should be prepared to respond appropriately in order to achieve the desired inflation objective," Patra said. One of the members of the Reserve Bank of India's Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) Jayant Varma voted against the 35 basis points hike in repo rate.

"I believe that the 35 basis point rate hike approved by the majority of the MPC is not war-

ranted in this context of reduced inflationary pressures and heightened growth concerns. I therefore vote against this resolution," Varma said. Varma also voted against the MPC stance on "withdrawal of accommodation".

MPC's independent member Ashima Goyal said inflation still exceeded the tolerance band for the 10th consecutive month and voted to raise the repo rate by 35 bps. "I would have preferred a smaller rise of 25 bps, but 6.25 per cent works well as a focal rate," Goyal said. Supporting the 35 bps rate hike, MPC member Shashanka Bhide said keeping in view the need to achieve moderation in the inflationary pressures in a sustained manner, continuing with the policy tightening measures is necessary at this stage. Ranjan said after front loaded rate hikes since May 2022, there is a strong case now to take the foot off the accelerator while keeping a vigil on the inflation trajectory. Full report on [www.indianexpress.com](http://www.indianexpress.com)

Markets  
fall 1% on rising global Covid scareENSECONOMIC BUREAU  
MUMBAI, DECEMBER 21

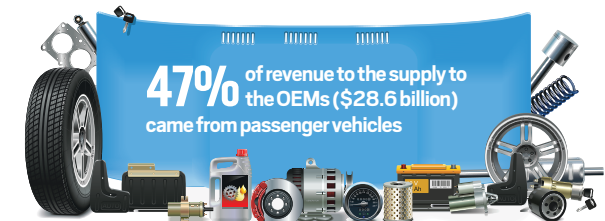
DOMESTIC STOCK markets on Wednesday fell by 1 per cent as selling pressure intensified over rising Covid scare in China and some countries. The benchmark Sensex declined by 635 points to 61,067.24 and the NSE Nifty Index declined by 186 points to 18,199.10.

Barring healthcare and IT segments, all other sectoral indices ended in the red as benchmark indices lost over a percentage in afternoon trade despite opening in the green even as developed markets continued to trade in the green.

Ranganathan, head of research at LKP Securities, said, "benchmark indices dropped yet again on the back of Covid scare in China and elsewhere, but today's fall was more noticeable to participants since the red colour on the screen engulfed all over, barring pathology labs, hospitals and select pharma counters involved in covid related drugs."

## 'Auto component sector grows 34.8% in H1FY23'

India's auto components industry witnessed a 34.8% growth to Rs 2.65 lakh crore in first-half of 2022-23, the Automotive Component Manufacturers Association of India said



There has been a demand shift towards SUVs, and the value proposition has also been enhanced, ACMA said

Two-wheeler industry was under pressure, as it accounted for about 18% of the revenue against 21% in the first half of the last fiscal

8.6% growth in exports of \$10.1 billion during the period, while imports climbed 17.2% to \$10.1 billion

Source: ACMA/PTI

## New pension scheme with assured returns by May-June

PRASANTA SAHU  
NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 21

THE PENSION Fund Regulatory and Development Authority will roll out the world's first minimum assured return scheme (MARS) by May-June next year under the National Pension System (NPS), guaranteeing 4-5 per cent annual re-

turns on the pension corpus for ten years, its Chairman Supratim Bandyopadhyay said. The minimum annual contribution for MARS would be Rs 5,000 per annum and the upper age for subscribers would be below 50 years, keeping in mind the retirement age of 60, he said.

Currently, the schemes under NPS do not guarantee any kind of returns or benefits as they are

market-determined. Of course, the government-backed Atal Pension Yojana guarantees a minimum monthly pension of Rs 1,000-5,000 to the subscribers based on their contributions. The guaranteed returns from MARS would be nearly half of the actual returns under the market-linked NPS schemes and it would also come with a higher fund management fee. FE

## Next crisis will come from private cryptos: RBI Guv

ENSECONOMIC BUREAU  
MUMBAI, DECEMBER 21

RESERVE BANK of India Governor Shaktikanta Das Wednesday warned that private cryptocurrencies, if allowed to grow, would lead to the 'next financial crisis' and reiterated his stance to prohibit them.

Das said the cryptocurrencies have certain huge inherent risks which could pose threat to the country's macroeconomic and financial stability. "Our view is that it (private cryptocurrencies) should be prohibited because if it is allowed to grow, that is, if you try to regulate it and allow it to grow ... please mark my words the next financial crisis will come from private cryptocurrencies," he said while speaking at BFSI Insight Summit organised by *Business Standard*.

"After all the developments over the last one year, including the latest episode on the built around FIX, I don't think we need to say anything more about our stance

## Was Messi also a History PG?

Mumbai: In response to a compliment about him being the 'Lionel Messi' of the central bank turf, the Reserve Bank Governor Shaktikanta Das good-naturedly responded with a question, "Is Messi also a post graduate in history?" He was referring to comments made in the past about the relevance of his background to his current role. "I am sometimes reminded by people that I am supposed to have done history," he said. ENS

(on crypto)," he said. Private cryptocurrencies owe their origin to bypassing and to breaking the system, Das said, adding that these

currencies do not believe in the central bank currency and also in the regulated financial world.

The Governor said that according to some estimates, the total value of cryptocurrencies has currently shrunk to \$140 billion from \$180 billion or \$188 billion. "The change in value in any so-called product is the function of the market. But unlike any other asset or product, our main concern about crypto is that it doesn't have any underlying, whatsoever. I think the term cryptocurrency or private cryptocurrency is a fashionable way of describing what is otherwise a 100 per cent speculative activity," Das noted. Speaking on the economy, the Governor said despite the slowdown in global growth, the underlying economic activity in India continues to remain strong. He said most of the 70 fast moving indicators of the economy, which the RBI monitors, are in the green zone. Full report on [www.indianexpress.com](http://www.indianexpress.com)

## BRIEFLY

## Reliance Capital

New Delhi: Torrent Group emerged as the highest bidder for Reliance Capital. It submitted a bid of Rs 8,640 crore for acquiring the NBFC firm, sources said.

## BYJU'S denies

New Delhi: BYJU'S has denied charges that it purchased students' databases. The statement comes against the backdrop of summons issued to the company by National Commission for Protection of Child Rights. PTI

## Derivatives trade: Sebi extends suspension in seven agri commodities

New Delhi: The Securities and Exchange Board of India (Sebi) has extended the suspension on derivatives trading of seven commodities for one more year till December 20, 2023. The ban was on paddy (non-basmati), wheat, chana, mustard seeds, soyabean, crude palm oil and moong.

Derivatives on several commodities have been banned/suspended as many as 19 times in the last two decades, with some facing multiple suspensions. The

latest was the year-long futures trading ban on 7 agri-commodities on December 20, 2021.

A September report by NCDEX said the suspension of futures contracts in the past have not resulted in the desired impact of controlling the prices. At best, there have been minor corrections in the short term. The extension will hit the NCDEX as these commodities contributed nearly 54 per cent of the total deposits between April 2021 and July 2021. FE

DELHI JAL BOARD: DELHI SARKAR				
OFFICE OF THE ADDL. CHIEF ENGINEER (M)-10				
TENDERING DIVISION (M)-10 ROOM NO. 103, 1ST FLOOR, ENGINEERS BHAWAN, NEAR MOOL CHAND CROSSING, ANDREWS GANJ, NEW DELHI-110049				
Mail: eetm10.djb@gmail.com. Mob: 9650291341				
NIT No. 93/ACE (M-10)/EE (T) M-10/2022-23				
S. No.	Name of Work	Reserve price	EMD	Date of release of tender in e procurement solution
1	Engagement of valve operator for operation of valves of water supply network of Ward No.91S Govind Puri under Kalkaji Constituency AC-51 Kalkaji (Re-invite)	Item rate	51700/-	2022_DJB_23253_1 17.12.2022
Further details in this regard can be seen at <a href="http://govtprocurement.delhi.gov.in">govtprocurement.delhi.gov.in</a> .			Sd/- (B.N.Gupta) EXECUTIVE ENGINEER (T) M-10	
ISSUED BY P.R.O. (WATER) Advt. No. J.S.V. 423 (2022-23) "STOP CORONAVIRUS: "WEAR MASK, FOLLOW PHYSICAL DISTANCING, MAINTAIN HAND HYGIENE"				

Guwahati Metropolitan Development Authority				
STATFED Building, Bhangagarh, Guwahati - 781005				
Website: <a href="http://www.gmda.assam.gov.in">www.gmda.assam.gov.in</a> E-mail: <a href="mailto:ceogmdaghy@gmail.com">ceogmdaghy@gmail.com</a>			Tel: 0361-2528650/8824 Fax: 0361-2529991	
No. GMDA/DEV/174/2022/20 Dated: 21-12-2022				
NOTICE INVITING E-TENDER				
The Chief Executive Officer, Guwahati Metropolitan Development Authority, Bhangagarh, Guwahati-05 invites bid through e-Procurement System from Contractors/ Firms/ Limited Company etc. registered under any Assam Government Department or Central Government Department/ Organization of appropriate class and having requisite experience in executing similar nature of work.				
Sl. No.	Name of Work	Value (in ₹)	Bid Security (₹ in lakh)	Cost of Bid (in ₹)
1	Pilot Project for Design, Supply, Construction & Commissioning of 2 MLD STP on UASB Technology including O&M for Rejuvenation of Borsola Beel at Guwahati.	537.00 Lakhs	2% of Bid value (1% only for the tenderer belonging to ST, SC, OBC & UGE)	10,800.00
Completion Period: 12 (twelve) months				
The detailed tender documents can be downloaded from the e-procurement portal <a href="https://assamtenders.gov.in">https://assamtenders.gov.in</a> from 23-12-2022. Interested bidders are required to create their own user ID & password in the e-tendering portal. Amendment/ Addendum to the tender, and further notifications, if any, shall appear in the website <a href="https://assamtenders.gov.in">https://assamtenders.gov.in</a> .				
The Formal Work Order will be issued only after receipt of Administrative Approval and in event of cancellation of the tender no any kind of claim/ compensation will be entertained.				
Sd/- Chief Executive Officer Guwahati Metropolitan Dev. Authority Bhangagarh, Guwahati - 781005				

TAMIL NADU MEDICAL SERVICES CORPORATION LTD. (A Government of Tamil Nadu Undertaking)					
No.417, Pantheon Road, Egmore, Chennai-600 008.					
Phone: 28191890 / 28190259; Fax: 044 - 28190636 E-Mail: <a href="mailto:equipment.tnmsc@tn.gov.in">equipment.tnmsc@tn.gov.in</a>					
INVITATION FOR BIDS FOR LOCAL COMPETITIVE BIDDING					
(1) The Government of Tamil Nadu has received a Loan (Loan No. ID-P251) from the Japanese International Cooperation Agency (JICA) towards the cost of Tamil Nadu Urban Healthcare Project and it is intended that part of the proceeds will be applied to eligible payments under the contracts for which this Invitation for Bids is issued.					
(2) The General Manager (Equipment), TNMSCLtd. now invites online bids from eligible bidders for supply of the following goods:					
Sl. No.	Online Tender/Item with Qty./Document cost	Sale start date	Pre-bid Meeting	End of Submission of bid	Opening of bid
1.	PKG21(R)/C3.2/P2/LCB/TNUHP/JICA/TNMSC/ENGG/2022, DT: 20.12.2022 – Wheel Chair (30), Transport Stretcher with Oxygen Cylinder, IV stand (41), Bowl stand with wheels (42), IV Stand 4 Pole (166) & Treatment Table (14)	23.12.2022	30.12.2022 11.30 AM	19.01.2023 11.00 AM	19.01.2023 12.00 Noon
2.	PKG23(R)/C3.2/P2/LCB/TNUHP/JICA/TNMSC/ENGG/2022, DT: 20.12.2022 – Revolving Stool (50), Step Stool for patients (134), Drug Trolley (55), Instrument Trolley (38), Mayo Trolley (13) & Food Trolley (39)	23.12.2022	03.01.2023 11.30 AM	19.01.2023 03.00 PM	19.01.2023 04.00 PM
3.	PKG24/C3.2/P2/LCB/TNUHP/JICA/TNMSC/ENGG/2022, DT: 20.12.2022 – Epileptology Set (10), Vasectomy Set (4), Genito Urinary Instrument Set (4), Appendectomy Set (4), Ortho Basic Set (1) & Tracheostomy Set (6)	26.12.2022	04.01.2023 11.30 AM	20.01.2023 11.00 AM	20.01.2023 12.00 Noon
4.	PKG25/C3.2/P2/LCB/TNUHP/JICA/TNMSC/ENGG/2022, DT: 20.12.2022 – Minor Laparotomy (55), Instrument Trolley (38), Mayo Trolley (13) & Food Trolley (39)	26.12.2022	04.01.2023 12.30 PM	20.01.2023 03.00 PM	20.01.2023 04.00 PM
(3) For details visit <a href="http://www.tenders.tn.gov.in">www.tenders.tn.gov.in</a> and TNMSCLtd website <a href="http://www.tnmsc.tn.gov.in">www.tnmsc.tn.gov.in</a> .					
(4) All bids must be accompanied by a bid security in Indian rupees as specified in the bid document.					
DIPR / 5656 / TENDER / 2022			General Manager (Equipment)		
"சேதான கட்டு கத்தியம் கட்டுத்தியம் கட்டுத்தியம் கட்டுத்தியம் கட்டுத்தியம் கட்டுத்தியம்"					

Rajasthan State Road Development And Construction Corporation Ltd., JAIPUR	
No. RRD/2022-23/24748	ई निविदा सूचना संख्या-453/2022-23 Date: 20/12/2022
निविदाकर्ता को के लिए केन्द्र/राज्य सरकार के अधिकाधिक निविदाओं एवं उनके अधिकृत संरक्षकों में पंजीकृत एवं अनुप्राप्त संरक्षकों से निविदाएं प्राप्त में ई-प्रोसेसिंग प्रक्रिया हेतु ऑनलाइन निविदाएं जमा की जाने हैं:	
कार्य का विवरण	अनुमानित लागत (₹.)
Construction of Homoeopathic College & Hospital Building, Keki District Ajmer.	612.86 Lakhs
LBN: RRC2223WLOB00980	
ऑनलाइन निविदा प्रारंभ दिनांक: 19.12.2022 प्रारंभ: 9.00 बजे से 09.01.2023 तक 6.00 बजे तक	
निविदा से संबंधित प्रारंभ में निविदा सूचना, पंजीकृत सूची, डाउनलोड करने पर जोखिम को जवाब दिलाया जाएगा निविदा एवं संशोधन के विवरण <a href="http://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in">http://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in</a> , <a href="http://ppp.rajasthan.nic.in">http://ppp.rajasthan.nic.in</a> तथा <a href="http://roads.rajasthan.gov.in">http://roads.rajasthan.gov.in</a> पर दिए जा सकते हैं। प्रत्येक संशोधन को अपने निविदा पर अंतराल के कारण से केवल <a href="http://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in">http://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in</a> पर निविदा प्रारंभ अवसर तक है।	

MANGALORE ELECTRICITY SUPPLY COMPANY LIMITED (Government of Karnataka Undertaking)		
Corporate Office, MESCOM BHAVANA, Kavor Cross Road, Bajaj, Mangaluru - 575 004. Ph: 0824-2885795. CIN: U40109 KA 2002 SGC 034025		
No. MESCOM/PROC/PURC/191/2022-PROC	Date: 20.12.2022	
TENDER NOTIFICATION (THROUGH E-PROCUREMENT PORTAL ONLY)		
MESCOM invites tender for Manufacture & Supply of following material:		
Tender No.	Name of the Material proposed for Procurement	Quantity
MESCOM/2022-23/IND906	No.15 Strain Insulator	60,000 Nos.
The interested eligible bidders may log on to <a href="http://www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in">www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in</a> on or after 27.12.2022.		
Sd/- Superintending Engineer (Elc.) (Proc.) Corporate Office		
For Power Related Complaints & Assistance Call Toll Free Number 1912		

महिला आर्थिक विकास महामंडळ (माविम) (महाराष्ट्र शासन अंगीकृत) सुवंई - 022-26592264	
Mahila Arthik Vikas Mahamandal (MAVIM), A Government of Maharashtra Undertaking, invites Expression of interest from Human Resource Management Cum Placement agency/ Organization.	
For detail document, interested bidders should visit on portal <a href="http://www.DevNetJobsIndia.org">www.DevNetJobsIndia.org</a>	
All rights are reserved with Managing Director.	
Last Date & Time for submission of Tenders: Till 16 <sup>th</sup> January 2023, before 5.00 pm at Managing Director, Mahila Arthik Vikas Mahamandal, Griha Nirman Bhavan, Mezzanine Floor, Kalanagar Bandra East, Mumbai - 400051	
Managing Director, MAVIM, Mumbai	

एसजीएन ग्रीन एनर्जी लिमिटेड SJVN Green Energy Limited (A Wholly Owned Subsidiary of SJVN Limited) CIN: U4010HP2022GOI009237	
E- Tender No. : SGEI/CHQ/Contracts/BOS-Jamui SPP/2022	
Online bids (E-tender) on Domestic Competitive Bidding (DCB) are invited on behalf of SJVN Green Energy Limited for Balance of System Package including three (03) years comprehensive Operation & Maintenance for 125 MW(AC) grid connected solar PV power plant at Jamui, Bihar.	
For details, visit websites: <a href="https://www.bharat-electronictender.com">https://www.bharat-electronictender.com</a> , <a href="http://www.eprocure.gov.in">www.eprocure.gov.in</a> and <a href="http://www.sjvn.nic.in">www.sjvn.nic.in</a> . Last date for bid submission is 17.01.2023 (13:00 Hrs).	
Amendment(s), if any, shall be issued on websites only.	
DGM (Contracts) SJVN Green Energy Limited Corporate Headquarters, Shakti Sadan, Shanan, Shimla (H.P) Email- <a href="mailto:contracts.sgei@sjvn.nic.in">contracts.sgei@sjvn.nic.in</a>	



**OPEN TENDER NOTICE No. NER-BSBOSnT-OT-30-2022**  
 'Open Tenders' through Online (E-Tendering) are invited by Divisional Railway Manager (Signal & Telecomm)/Varanasi / N.E. Railway for the following works: S.No. 1.  
**Tender Notice No. & Description of work:- NER-BSBOSnT-OT-30-2022, NAME OF WORK:-** Reliability Improvement of Mid Section LC gate belt KHM-CHPG by providing IPS to strengthen Power Supply arrangement along with RTU, ELD FACS for status monitoring (Ttd 05 No LC). **Details:- Approx. values:- Rs. 61,17,244.79. Earnest Money:- Rs. 1,22,40,000. Cost of Tender Form:- Rs. 00.00. Completion period:- 08 Months, Tender Closing date & Time:- 12.01.2023 up to 15:00 Hrs. NOTE:- 1. Tender Online will be submitted up to 12.01.2023 up to 15:00 Hrs.**

**PSPCL** Punjab State Power Corporation Limited

**Regd Office: PSEB H.O. Building, The Mall, Patiala**

**CIN: U40109PB2010SGC033813, Website: [www.pspcl.in](http://www.pspcl.in)**

**Contact Number: 96461-18773**


**Tender Enquiry No. QQ-2331/PO-P**

**Chief Purchase Officer/MM, Central Purchase Organization, PSPCL, 2nd Floor, Multistory Building, The Mall, Patiala, invites E-Tender for Procurement of 800 MT (Metric Tonne) Galvanized stranded steel wire Grade-5 size 7/3.15mm bearing IS/PQM mark having tensile strength, 45 Kg per mm<sup>2</sup> conforming to IS: 2141 (with latest amendments, if any) and Galvanizing by hot dipped process as per IS:4826 (with latest amendments, if any) applicable to heavily coated wire against PSPCL Tender Enquiry QQ-2331/PO-P.**

**For detailed NIT & Tender specification please refer to <https://eproc.punjab.gov.in> from 22.12.2022 onwards.**

**NOTE: Corrigendum & addendum, if any will be published online at <https://eproc.punjab.gov.in>.**

**C-47/22      1977/PB**

 <b>GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA COMMERCE &amp; TRANSPORT (TRANSPORT) DEPARTMENT</b> JJ-37
<b>Expression of Interest (Eol)</b>
<b>“HIRING OF AIRCRAFTS FOR USE OF STATE GOVERNMENT”</b>
<p>Government of Odisha, Commerce &amp; Transport (Transport) Department desires to hire Aircrafts (9-19 passengers &amp; 20-80 passengers) from 07.01.2023 till 29.01.2023 complying to all safety norms as prescribed by the DGCA. The Aircraft will be required for charter operation between Bhubaneswar &amp; Rourkela. The hired aircraft must be stationed at Bhubaneswar.</p> <p>Eligible and interested aircraft operators may download the Expression of Interest (Eol) document which contains the details of the requirement from the following website of Government of Odisha and submit their offer, <a href="https://tendersodisha.gov.in/nicgep/app">https://tendersodisha.gov.in/nicgep/app</a> &amp; <a href="https://ct.odisha.gov.in/tenders">https://ct.odisha.gov.in/tenders</a>.</p> <p>Proposals complete in all respect should reach the undersigned latest by <b>05:00 PM on 29.12.2022</b>. Bids received after the above deadline shall be summarily rejected. The authority reserves the right to reject any or all the proposals without assigning any reason thereof.</p> <p align="right">Sd/-</p> <p align="center"> <b>Additional Secretary to Govt. &amp; Director of Aviation, Commerce &amp; Transport (Transport) Department Government of Odisha</b>          OIPR-38001/11/0020/2223       </p>

**उत्तर प्रदेश अधीनस्थ सेवा चयन आयोग**  
 तृतीय तल, पिकप भवन, विभूतिखंड, गोमती नगर, लखनऊ  
 संख्या: 57/06(कम्प्यू) अनु) (बारह) / 2018-2022/18 (5)/2016  
 लखनऊ: दिनांक- 21 दिसम्बर, 2022

**विज्ञापित**

**विज्ञापन सं०-18(5)/2016, सीधी भर्ती (सामान्य चयन)-2016**

आयोग के विज्ञापन सं०-18(5)/2016, सीधी भर्ती (सामान्य चयन)-2016 के अंतर्गत विज्ञापित निदेशक, प्राविधिक शिक्षा, उ०प्र० के नियंत्रणाधीन कर्मशाला अनुदेशक मशीनशॉप के पदों पर चयन हेतु साक्षात्कार निम्नलिखित सारणी में उल्लिखित कार्यक्रम के अनुसार उत्तर प्रदेश अधीनस्थ सेवा चयन आयोग, पिकप भवन, तृतीय तल, विभूतिखंड, गोमती नगर, लखनऊ में आयोजित किया जाएगा-

क्र.सं.	पद का नाम	साक्षात्कार की नियत तिथि
1	कर्मशाला अनुदेशक मशीनशॉप	30-12-2022 एवं 31-12-2022

प्रसंगगत विज्ञापन के अंतर्गत कर्मशाला अनुदेशक मशीनशॉप के पदों पर साक्षात्कार आयोजित किये जाने सम्बन्धी विस्तृत सूचना एवं अभ्यर्थियों के साक्षात्कार पत्र आयोग की वेबसाइट [upsssc.gov.in](http://upsssc.gov.in) पर उपलब्ध है।

**UPID-183357 Date- 21.12.2022**

**[www.upgov.nic.in](http://www.upgov.nic.in)**

**सचिव,**

**उत्तर प्रदेश अधीनस्थ सेवा चयन आयोग,**

**लखनऊ**

# कार्यालय अधिशासी अभियन्ता

## निर्माण खण्ड, लो.नि.वि., सहारनपुर

### ई- प्रोक्चोरमेन्ट निविदा सूचना (अति अल्पकालीन)

क्र.सं.	शिला	वर्ग का नाम	अनुमानित लागत (₹ लाख में)	प्रथम परामर्श (₹ लाख में)	कार्य पूरा करने की अवधि (वर्षां खाल सहित)	निधिदा प्रस्ताव का मूल्य (रु. सहित) (₹ लाख में)	टेकेंदार व प्रबंधन की श्रेणी
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
		वर्ष 2022-23 के अन्तर्गत विशेष मरम्मत के कार्य (चतुर्थ आगमनत्रय)					
1	सहारनपुर	देवढव-मुजफ्फरनगर मार्ग से डांडी मार्ग पर विशेष मरम्मत का कार्य।	11.00	1.10	03 माह	856.00	ए.बी.सी. एवं डी.
2		थाना से आखली मार्ग पर विशेष मरम्मत का कार्य।	15.00	1.50	03 माह	944.00	ए.बी.सी. एवं डी.
3		महेशपुर-शिमला न से नहेडा कलां मार्ग से शिवर रतनखेडी मार्ग पर विशेष मरम्मत का कार्य।	20.00	2.00	03 माह	944.00	ए.बी.सी. एवं डी.
4		मुजफ्फरनगर-सहारनपुर मार्ग से बायला इण्टर कालेज से ग्राम वल्लेडी बारात घर तक मार्ग पर विशेष मरम्मत का कार्य।	11.00	1.10	03 माह	856.00	ए.बी.सी. एवं डी.
5		नानीता-देवढव-मंगलौर मार्ग से बन्दरजुडडा मार्ग पर विशेष मरम्मत का कार्य।	28.00	2.80	03 माह	944.00	ए.बी.सी. एवं डी.
6		जडीदा पाण्डा से जगपुर मार्ग के किमी 0.1 में शतिप्रस्त पुलिया के पुन निर्माण का कार्य।	24.00	2.40	03 माह	944.00	ए.बी.सी. एवं डी.
7		ग्राम मुण्डेखेडी से अल्लारददीनपुर पर विशेष मरम्मत तथा मुण्डेखेडी आबादी में सी.सी. निर्माण का कार्य।	31.00	3.10	03 माह	944.00	ए.बी.सी. एवं डी.
8		गाव सम्मलखेडी से गुड्डम मार्ग पर विशेष मरम्मत का कार्य।	25.00	2.50	03 माह	944.00	ए.बी.सी. एवं डी.
9		रामपुर-किशनखेडी से नौरंगपुर मार्ग पर विशेष मरम्मत का कार्य।	16.00	1.60	03 माह	944.00	ए.बी.सी. एवं डी.
10		सहारनपुर-बदायूं मार्ग से मिर्जापुर मार्ग पर विशेष मरम्मत का कार्य।	14.00	1.40	03 माह	856.00	ए.बी.सी. एवं डी.
11		शेरापुर से शेरापुर, सीमोयो के मजरी तक विशेष मरम्मत का कार्य।	14.00	1.40	03 माह	856.00	ए.बी.सी. एवं डी.
12		सीता अजुनपुर से कुलौली मार्ग पर विशेष मरम्मत का कार्य।	20.00	2.00	03 माह	944.00	ए.बी.सी. एवं डी.
13		तुरमलखेडी से अनामक यमुना नहर के पुल तक मार्ग पर विशेष मरम्मत का कार्य।	19.00	1.90	03 माह	944.00	ए.बी.सी. एवं डी.
14		दिहली-यमौली मार्ग से बैरसरा मार्ग पर विशेष मरम्मत का कार्य।	30.00	3.00	03 माह	944.00	ए.बी.सी. एवं डी.
15		सोरा से बैरसरा मार्ग पर विशेष मरम्मत का कार्य।	29.00	2.90	03 माह	944.00	ए.बी.सी. एवं डी.
16		जाण्डखेडी से बाहियापुर तक मार्ग पर विशेष मरम्मत का कार्य।	12.00	1.20	03 माह	856.00	ए.बी.सी. एवं डी.
17		नीरपुर से मुजफ्फरनगर बाईर तक घघेनी की ओर मार्ग पर विशेष मरम्मत का कार्य।	26.00	2.60	03 माह	944.00	ए.बी.सी. एवं डी.

नोट : क्रम संख्या-6 पर अंशित कार्यों हेतु सेल का पंजीकरण होना आवश्यक है।

3 – साम्प्रत प्रगत निविदाओं का तकनीकी मूल्यांकन प्रथम साप्ताहिक के माध्यम से किया जायेगा, जिसका URL <http://www.upwd.gov.in/Prabari/> है। उक्त को खोलने पर लॉगिन एवं खुल जायेगा, जिस पर Contractor Select करके पर लॉगिन किया जा सकता है। निविदाधत्ता का लॉगिन आई-डी एवं पासवर्ड वही होगा जो रजिस्ट्रेशन कराते समय चाणक्य पोर्टल पर बनाया गया था। निविदाधत्ता द्वारा प्रथम साप्ताहिक पर द्वितीय अपनी निदेशों के अनुसार अपनी साम्प्रत सूचनाएं /दस्तावेज अपलोड करने होंगे। यदि निविदाधत्ता द्वारा अपनी साम्प्रत सूचनाएं /दस्तावेज अपलोड नहीं किये जायें तो निविदाधत्ता द्वारा डाडी गयी निविदा का तकनीकी मूल्यांकन नहीं होगा। साम्प्रत सूचना एवं निविदा, जिसके लिखे निविदाधत्ता द्वारा उत्तरदायी होगी।

**निविदा से सम्बन्धित नियम/सर्तौ तथा विवरण वेबसाइट <http://tender.up.nic.in> पर उपलब्ध है।**

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## गंगा सिंचाई भवन, तेलीबाग

### लखनऊ ।

### अल्पकालीन ई-निविदा सूचना संख्या-07 / द्वादशम् / 2022-23

महानहिम राज्यापाल उत्तर प्रदेश की ओर से सिंचाई एवं जल संसाधन विभाग, उप्र0 में सिविल कार्यो हेतु पंजीकृत ठेकेदारों से ऑनलाईन <http://etender.up.nic.in> के माध्यम से निम्न कार्य हेतु निविदा दिनांक 31.12.2022 को अपराह्न 3.00 बजे तक आमंत्रित की जाती हैं, जिसकी टेनिकल बिड दिनांक 31.12.2022 को अपराह्न 3.30 बजे अधीक्षण अभियन्ता, द्वादशम् मण्डल सिंचाई कार्य, लखनऊ के कार्यालय में ऑनलाईन खोली जायेगी। निविदा प्रपत्र दिनांक 26.12.2022 की पूर्वाह्न 10.00 बजे से दिनांक 31.12.2022 की अपराह्न 3.00 बजे तक डाउनलोड /अपलोड किया जा सकता है। कार्यालय बन्द होने या छुट्टी होने पर बिड अगले कार्य दिवस में खोली जायेगी। निविदा नोटिस एवं प्रपत्र की जानकारी <http://idup.gov.in> पर उपलब्ध होगी।

लॉट सं०	कार्य का नाम	बार्ड की अनुमति प्राप्त लागत (GST सहित) (लाख रु० में)	धरोहर धनराशि (लाख रु० में)	कार्य पूर्ण करने की अवधि	निविदा प्राव का मूल्य रु० में (पीएसपीडी सहित)	ठेकेदार की पंजीकृत श्रेणी	बार्ड से सम्बंधित कार्य का नाम
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
प्रशासनिक एवं निमित्त स्वीकृति की प्रक्रिया में।							
1.	जनपद लखीमपुर-खीरी में शारदा सहायक योजक नहर के सोती साफन के डाउनस्ट्रीम में किमी0 3.430 से किमी0 3.550 के मध्य क्षतिग्रस्त तली एवं बकों के पुनर्स्थापना के कार्य।	517.43	10.35	06 माह	रु०-8614.00 (7300.00+1314.00)	"एए" श्रेणीगत उच्च	सिंचाई खास, शारदा नहर, लखीमपुर-खीरी


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**अल्पकालीन ई-निविदा सूचना संख्या-15/एस0ई0/2022-2023**

महामहिम राज्यपाल, उत्तर प्रदेश की ओर से निम्नलिखित कार्यों हेतु ऑनलाइन निविदायें (https://etender.up.nic.in) सिंचाई एवं जल संसाधन विभाग, उत्तर प्रदेश में वगीकृत श्रेणी में पंजीकृत ठेकेदारों से दिनांक 03.01.2023 अपराह्न 03:00 बजे तक आमन्त्रित की जाती है। निविदा की प्री-क्वालिफिकेशन / टेक्निकल बिड अधिशासी अभियन्ता, हैड वर्क्स खण्ड आगरा नहर ओखला के कार्यालय कक्ष में गठित समिति के सदस्यों द्वारा दिनांक 03.01.2023 को अपराह्न 4.00 बजे खोली जायेगी। प्री-क्वालिफिकेशन / टेक्निकल बिड में क्वालिफाइड पाये गये ठेकेदारों की ही फाइनैन्शियल बिड खोली जायेगी। कार्यालय बन्द होने अथवा अवकाश होने की दशा में यह निविदायें अगले कार्य दिवस में उसी समय खोली जायेगी। निविदा दिनांक 28.12.2022 को पूर्वाह्न 11.00 बजे से दिनांक 03.01.2023 को अपराह्न 03.00 बजे तक डाउनलोड / अपलोड की जा सकती है। कार्यों का विवरण निम्नवत है:-

क्र. सं.	कार्य का नाम	कार्य की अनुमानित लागत (लाख रु. में)	प्रोटेर पारगति (लक्ष करने में)	काम पूर्ण करने की अवधि	निविदा प्रचलन का मूल्य + 18% GST (रु. में)	पंजीकरण शुल्क
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1.	मुष्म अभियन्ता (मुष्मा) के कार्यालय के निर्माण का कार्य।	734.00	15.05	18 माह	5000.00+ 900.00= 5900.00	₹

विस्तृत निविदा सूचना का विवरण एवं नियम व शर्तें उत्तर प्रदेश सरकार की वेबसाइट (<http://upgovt.up.nic.in/infotech>) तथा सिंचाई विभाग की वेबसाइट (<http://www.ihup.gov.in>) उपलब्ध है।

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# कार्यालय अधिशासी अभियन्ता

## निर्माण खण्ड-1, लो०नि०वि०, पोलीभीत।

### अल्पकालीन ई निविदा आमंत्रण सूचना

दि० 17/12/2022

1. महामहिम राज्यपाल महोदय, उ०ग० की ओर से अधिशासी अभियन्ता, निर्माण खण्ड-1, लोनिवि, पोलीभीत द्वारा लोक निर्माण विभाग में श्रेणी "ए०बी०सी०, डी" मार्ग कार्य हेतु पंजीकृत योग्य ठेकेदारों से प्रतियुक्त दर्द पर आधारित निविदाएं पत्र अपलोड की जाती है। बिड प्रस्तुत करने समय निविदा के आदेशटीबी० के प्रस्ताव-4 में उल्लिखित शर्तों के अनुसार बिड अपलोड करने।

2.

क्र. संख्या	कार्य का विवरण	आवृत्ति का माल	अनुमानित मात्रा (प्रति घन मी.)	प्रकार सामग्री (प्रति घन मी.)	अनुमानित मात्रा (प्रति घन मी.)	अनुमानित मूल्य (प्रति घन मी.)
1	कॉन्क्रीट					
1	कॉन्क्रीट	कॉन्क्रीट का प्लास्टर करने के लिए 100mm	1.36	0.80	Rs. 763.00	01-मंत्र
2	कॉन्क्रीट	कॉन्क्रीट का प्लास्टर करने के लिए 100mm	10.85	1.05	Rs. 822.00	01-मंत्र
3	कॉन्क्रीट	कॉन्क्रीट का प्लास्टर करने के लिए 100mm	19.36	1.93	Rs. 944.00	01-मंत्र
4	कॉन्क्रीट	कॉन्क्रीट का प्लास्टर करने के लिए 100mm	10.75	1.07	Rs. 855.00	01-मंत्र
5	कॉन्क्रीट	कॉन्क्रीट का प्लास्टर करने के लिए 100mm	21.74	2.17	Rs. 944.00	01-मंत्र
6	कॉन्क्रीट	कॉन्क्रीट का प्लास्टर करने के लिए 100mm	18.37	1.83	Rs. 944.00	01-मंत्र
7	कॉन्क्रीट	कॉन्क्रीट का प्लास्टर करने के लिए 100mm	6.84	0.68	Rs. 763.00	01-मंत्र
8	कॉन्क्रीट	कॉन्क्रीट का प्लास्टर करने के लिए 100mm	26.73	2.67	Rs. 944.00	01-मंत्र
9	कॉन्क्रीट	कॉन्क्रीट का प्लास्टर करने के लिए 100mm	11.17	1.11	Rs. 855.00	01-मंत्र
10	कॉन्क्रीट	कॉन्क्रीट का प्लास्टर करने के लिए 100mm	7.47	0.74	Rs. 855.00	01-मंत्र
11	कॉन्क्रीट	कॉन्क्रीट का प्लास्टर करने के लिए 100mm	27.07	2.70	Rs. 944.00	01-मंत्र
12	कॉन्क्रीट	कॉन्क्रीट का प्लास्टर करने के लिए 100mm	33.58	3.35	Rs. 944.00	01-मंत्र
13	कॉन्क्रीट	कॉन्क्रीट का प्लास्टर करने के लिए 100mm	29.78	2.97	Rs. 944.00	01-मंत्र
14	कॉन्क्रीट	कॉन्क्रीट का प्लास्टर करने के लिए 100mm	21.00	2.10	Rs. 944.00	01-मंत्र
15	कॉन्क्रीट	कॉन्क्रीट का प्लास्टर करने के लिए 100mm	21.16	2.11	Rs. 944.00	01-मंत्र

3. बिड डाक्यूमेंट वेबसाइट <http://etender.up.nic.in> पर दिनांक 30.12.2022 से दि० 06.01.2023 को मध्याह्न 12:00 बजे तक अपलोड किये जा सकते हैं जनकी तकनीकी बिड तद्दिनांक 06.01.2023 को अपरान्ह 12:30 बजे खोली जायेगी।

4. निविदा से सम्बन्धित जानकारी <http://etender.up.nic.in> पर उपलब्ध होगी।

(गणन)

अधिशासी अभियन्ता,

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DAY 2 ROUND-UP

Kartikeya spins MP to thumping victory

Left-arm spinner Kumar Kartikeya grabbed his maiden 10-wicket match haul (10/64) in first-class cricket as defending champions Madhya Pradesh registered an innings victory over Chandigarh. Kartikeya ensured that the match got over in two days as Chandigarh were dismissed twice on the same day – for 57 and 127.

**Brief scores:** Madhya Pradesh 309 beat Chandigarh 57 (Kumar Kartikeya 6/20) and 127 (Ankit Kaushik 69; Saransh Jain 5/37, Kartikeya 4/44) by an innings and 125 runs.

Shahbaz puts Bengal in control

Shahbaz Ahmed bagged his fourth five-wicket haul to give Bengal control of their game against Himachal Pradesh. The hosts bundled out Himachal Pradesh for 130 to gain a first innings lead of 180. Bengal in their second essay were 89 for 1.

**Brief scores:** Bengal 310 & 89/1 lead Himachal Pradesh 130 (Prashant Chopra 71 not out; Ahmed 5/32, Ishan Porel) by 269 runs.

Shorey shines for Delhi with 252\*

Dhruv Shorey scored a brilliant unbeaten double century to take Delhi to a strong total against Assam.

**Brief scores:** Delhi 439 (Dhruv Shorey 252 not out; Sidharth Sarmah 3/53, Mrinmoy Dutta 3/79) lead Assam 158/4 (Rishav Das 71 batting; Prasun Vijayan 3/31) by 281 runs

Wicketless outing for leggie Chahal

India leg-spinner Yuzvendra Chahal, playing a first-class match after four years, went wicketless against Baroda. Chahal bowled 27 overs and gave away 138 runs. Meanwhile, Baroda's 17-year-old Priyanshu Moliya slammed back to back hundred for his side.

**Brief Scores:** Baroda: 615 (Jyotsnil Singh 195, Priyanshu Moliya 144 not out, Pratyush Kumar 110, Vishnu Solanki 64; Sanjay Pahal 3/80) vs Haryana 70/1

—Express News Service

RANJI TROPHY

‘Will never give up’

Rahane believes that Kohli, Pujara and his averages came down due to pitches

DEVENDRA PANDEY  
DECEMBER 21

AJINKYA RAHANE's dream to play for India again hasn't ebbed a bit, he says after a double hundred at Ranji Trophy, but he also said another interesting angle. That the averages of Virat Kohli, Cheteshwar Pujara and Rahane has dipped in the last three years because of the nature of the Indian pitches where they have played a lot of Test cricket.

"There was no mistake (in his style of batting that his average dipped), we were playing in India for the last three years. If you look at the players who are batting at number three, four or five their average has come down because of the wickets. Pujji-Virat and my (Pujara, Kohli) averages have come down," Rahane said.

"I don't think there were many mistakes; it's not every time that we are committing the mistakes. Sometimes the wickets are such, this is no excuse but everyone saw the kind of wickets we had in India," the middle-order batsman added.

The 34-year old Rahane has played 82 Tests for India in which 17 were played in the last three years. In the 2020-21 season his average was 29.23 in 14 innings (8 Test) while in 2021 it dipped further to 19 in nine innings (5 Test). In the 2021-22 season he averaged 21.87 in eight innings (4 Test). The only century that came from him was in the Australian tour in 2021 while two half centuries came in the past three years.

Out of 17 Test matches played since February 2021, five were played in India where the Indian team played England and New Zealand at home. Rahane scored only one half century in nine innings.

"As a batsman it is always challenging especially if you are batting as a middle-order. For openers it's easy. It's because of a hard ball but when a batsman gets out, we tend to think where did we do wrong."

Rahane's latest Ranji innings (204 against Hyderabad) came in 261 balls with 26 fours and three sixes as Mumbai declared on 651/6. Rahane wasn't the only one taking the honours with the bat. Sarfaraz Khan remained unbeaten on 126.

Rahane said he didn't want to prove anything. "I don't want to prove anything but one thing is sure, I will never give up."

He said he wants to return to the style of batting he would play in his younger days.

"I have scored whenever the team wanted to in crucial positions and we have won the games. Double ton is special, the way I was timing the ball. The way I wanted to, it has gone that way. I thought about my



Ajinkya Rahane slammed 204 against Hyderabad on Wednesday. Ganesh Shirsekar

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AJINKYA RAHANE

old innings of under-19 and Ranji Trophy. I want to go as close to that."

Rahane said that he has been looking up his old diaries to see what notes he had made from those old innings to take cues.

"I have a habit of making notes whenever I have scored or not, I'm going through that now," he adds. The Indian team currently seems to have moved on from Rahane and it will be interesting to track his progress.

Mumbai resumed at 457/3 and captain Rahane and Khan continued to grind the Hyderabad bowlers down. Rahane looked determined to cash in while Khan once again showed that he won't leave any stone unturned to get a place in the Indian side. The latter had returned to the Mumbai team after the India A tour to Bangladesh, where he didn't impress much.

However, Khan continued his dominance in domestic cricket. He resumed on 40 and added 196 runs for the fourth wicket with Rahane. Hyderabad had a tough day with the bat too. Chasing a mammoth first innings total, they were reduced to 173/6 at stumps with left-arm spinner Shams Mulani taking five wickets. He bowled 17 consecutive overs and got some help from the surface. Hyderabad's Rohit Rayudu slammed 72 but with wickets falling at regular intervals, it was tough for him to change the direction in which the match was heading.

**Brief scores:** Day 2: Mumbai 651/6 decl. (Ajinkya Rahane 204, Sarfaraz Khan 126 not out) vs Hyderabad 173/6 (Rohit Rayudu 72; Shams Mulani 5/76).

Sudharsan follows up debut ton with 113

VENKATA KRISHNA B  
COIMBATORE, DECEMBER 21

TOSAY **BSai Sudharsan** is an extrovert would be a massive understatement. During his first Indian Premier League (IPL) season with Gujarat Titans this year, the southpaw, who had not even turned 21 then, didn't even hesitate before walking into the hotel room of other illustrious names because he doesn't like being alone or in the same company for long.

It is the case with the Tamil Nadu team as well, especially this season, where the bio-bubble restrictions have been lifted and players have gone back to sharing hotel rooms. In a Tamil Nadu side that is filled with youngsters, he is already a popular boy, earmarked as a batsman who would carry the legacy of some big names to have donned the state cap. He is the latest left-hander who everyone is expecting to go the distance. After scoring a century (179) on debut against Hyderabad last week, he followed it up with 113 against Andhra in the second round of Ranji Trophy on Wednesday at Sri Ramakrishna Arts and Science College grounds. Tamil Nadu, after dismissing Andhra for 297 in the first session, ended Day at 273/4.

These hundreds have not really come as a surprise for anyone within the team setup. If anything, the only disappointment among a few players was he missed an opportunity to make it a daddy century. These expectations come with a reason. In the first Tamil Nadu Premier League (TNPL) season he played in 2021, he scored 358 runs in eight innings, finishing the season as the second-highest run-getter which resulted in him playing five matches for Gujarat Titans. In the recently concluded Vijay Hazare Trophy where his fellow opener N Jagadeesan hogged all the limelight, he tallied 610 runs in eight innings. There has been considerable build-up to see how Sudharsan goes about his business in the Ranji Trophy, and if anything, he hasn't let anyone down as of now.

"Actually, I've been craving for this," Sudharsan told *The Indian Express*. "Growing up in Chennai and listening to coaches and watching Test matches, this is a very special format. Last season I thought there would be an opportunity but since it was a short Ranji Trophy, I had to wait until this season. So more than the expectations, I was actually waiting for this moment, visualising it and practising for months," Sudharsan said.

Visualisation and planning are two words that Sudharsan uses often. When Gujarat Titans bought him at the IPL auction, Sudharsan joined the team with a belief that he

would get an opportunity. There is a very thin line between overconfidence and confidence and Sudharsan looks more a part of the latter. "Obviously I was excited, but I didn't go there thinking I won't play ahead of others. Even before the tournament started, I was preparing as if I'm going to play the game and I wasn't awestruck by anything. So when I got the chance, I was ready even to the extent that I know what Kagiso Rabada would bowl," Sudharsan said.

In one of the team meetings, Sudharsan remembers someone telling the players that Rabada often bowls full-tosses to left-handers to target the pads with one that swings in. Although it was not directed at Sudharsan, he remembered it when he took guard against Rabada. "That is the visualisation I'm talking about. When he bowled, I was ready and I just hit it for a boundary on the leg-side."

The visualisation and planning became a part of his routine after he was dropped from Tamil Nadu under-19 team in the 2019/20 season, one which saw him ultimately miss the bus for the under-19 World Cup in South Africa.

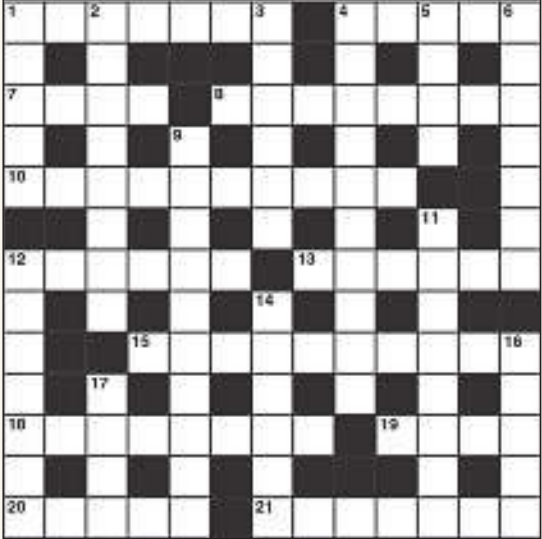
In fact, TN had only benched him so that other players would get an opportunity. But Sudharsan was having none of it. "I was not angry. Maybe they thought they should see how another player performs. They told me it's rotation, but I took it as a drop. That is when I became extremely meticulous with my planning- from diet to writing daily on what needs to be done and what I did on a particular day. If I'm part of the team, I should be in the XI, and helping my team win."

Sudharsan's father Bharadwaj represented India at the SAFF Games and his mother Usha was a national volleyball player, and they also happen to be his trainers. While many young players tend to go over awed by the situation and walking into star-studded dressing rooms, Sudharsan comes across quite different. In fact, some of Tamil Nadu's senior players privately reveal how the 21-year-old felt confident that he belongs to this level from the time he walked into the dressing room last season.

"I don't know where I got that confidence or that attitude from, but I know when I'm ready. To be honest, my first IPL net session gave me huge confidence and that sort of took away apprehensions I had over my own game. I adapted very quickly to the pace that some of them bowled. When I played my first IPL game, it was the first time I'd played in front of a packed stadium and I wanted to enjoy and experience it rather than think about the pressure," Sudharsan said. On Wednesday, Sudharsan was on his usual elements, fully in control of what he did. Settling the ball rolling with a 65-run stand for the opening wicket with Jagadeesan he stitched 163-run partnership for the second wicket with Baba Aparajith (88) as the hosts ended Day 2 at 273/4.

**Brief Score:** AP 297 vs TN 271/4 (Sai Sudharsan 113, B Aparajith 88)

CROSSWORD 4931



- ACROSS**
- In such agreement cash too is involved (7)
  - Kind of ribbon used for decoration (5)
  - Tom is pleased by the sound of it (4)
  - Its population was literally very small (8)
  - Used to complete minute revolution (6,4)
  - Tied up and whipped (6)
  - All the difference between life and death? (6)
  - In charge at the zoo he's not the man to panic (4,6)
  - Doing nothing but fighting? (8)
  - Illustrate one way to get lots (4)
  - Blush when attacked (5)
  - One should be in entering a new trade (7)
- DOWN**
- Outstanding features of space (5)
  - The opposite of soft currency? (4,4)
  - Trifling affront (6)
  - Stayed well away from work (10)
  - Only a fool gives information (4)
  - Tear all to pieces sideways (7)
  - Though concerned, possibly resented it (10)
  - Young female accompanist (8)
  - Falling behind in providing winter insulation? (7)
  - Expert takes different road to it (6)
  - Had an argument but we stick out (5)
  - Just a trade show (4)

**Solutions Crossword 4930:** Across: 1 Grand finale, 9 Risotto, 10 Usurp, 11 Garb, 12 Caboodle, 14 Darken, 16 Mirror, 18 Informed, 19 Ruin, 22 Trade, 23 Iterate, 24 Index finger. Down: 2 Riser, 3 Nuts, 4 Floral, 5 Neurotic, 6 Laundry, 7 Drug addicts, 8 Appearances, 13 Reprieve, 15 Refrain, 17 Relief, 20 Usage, 21 Keen.

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JUMBLD 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.

Among my most prized possessions are \_\_, that I have never \_\_. —Orson Scott Card (5,,6)

HERON



GIIDNP



AEOSS



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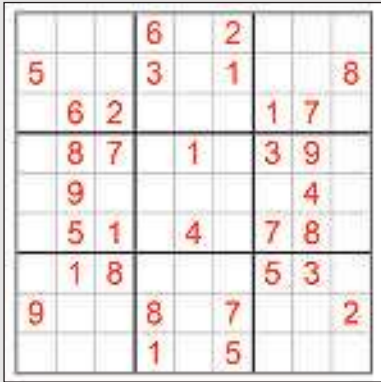


SOLUTION: HERON, HONER, OASES, PIDGIN, WICKED. Answer: Among my most prized possessions are words that I have never spoken.

SUDOKU 5056

**Difficulty Level 2s**  
**Instructions**  
To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every digit from 1 to 9 must appear in each of the nine vertical columns, in each of the nine horizontal rows and in each of the nine boxes.

**Difficulty Level**  
1s = Very easy; 2s = Easy; 3s = Medium; 4s = Hard; 5s = Very Hard; 6s = Genius



SOLUTION SUDOKU 5055



DAY TODAY

BY PETER VIDAL

ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr 20)

There are some wonderfully powerful planetary indicators, most of which favour Arien qualities, these being a mixture of good humour with self-interest. Suddenly the whole world should look like a reasonably friendly place, in a strange and unpredictable sort of a way.

TAURUS (Apr 21 - May 21)

You may be tempted to try your luck, but the fact is that gamblers usually lose. This is why the same planetary factors that urge you to take a risk, also urge you to double-check all details. If you are determined to go ahead, it may be possible to arrange some sort of fall-back position.

GEMINI (May 22 - June 21)

Increasingly, this is a time for a spot of raw ambition. What do you really want to do? Who do you really want to be with? Once you have this little lot figured out you can begin to make your dreams come true. You might even emerge much wiser, if a little bruised.

CANCER (June 22 - July 23)

The reason for colleagues' off-hand behaviour and partners' unsympathetic attitudes is not that they are uncaring. Rather, you should realise that they may be suffering from the weight of their own emotional burdens, and unable to pay full attention to yours.

LEO (July 24 - Aug 23)

According to astrologers, each manifestation of life contains the seeds of its exact opposite. This was never more true than today, so whatever extremes of feeling or experience you hit, realise that things could change at any moment. Every problem presents you with a new opportunity.

VIRGO (Aug 24 - Sep 23)

Today's most interesting planetary aspect could have an influence that far outweighs anything that happens this week, propelling you into fighting for your beliefs and principles. Do not shirk your duty, but stand up for what you know to be right.

LIBRA (Sep 24 - Oct 23)

Planetary conditions are turbulent, indicating upsets in your psychological 'weather'. The best way in which you can help yourself is to disengage from whatever source of controversy is bothering you and take the long-term view. Also, remember that other people might just be right.

SCORPIO (Oct 24 - Nov 23)

Warning signals continue in the financial sectors of your solar chart, so you must maintain a sense of decorum when it comes to questions of cash. You are better off than most people at the moment, in the sense that they will be more dependent on you than you are them.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov 24 - Dec 22)

Everything seems to hinge around your need for status and prestige. The problem is that such things have to be earned through consistent and long-term effort, whereas now you do seem to be in danger of risking a few short cuts. If you leave out the difficult bits, then it's unlikely that you'll make the most of the easy bits.

CAPRICORN (Dec 23 - Jan 20)

One important factor in your chart, I haven't mentioned so far this week, concerns overseas travel, and a certain adventurous streak in your personality which could see you wandering to a far corner of the globe, or at least developing adventurous elements in your daily life.

AQUARIUS (Jan 21 - Feb 19)

All your instincts and hunches should prove correct, but that's not a great deal of use if other people refuse to listen or take any notice. In social engagements, go for change and excitement; you could be attracted to people who like to take risks.

PISCES (Feb 20 - Mar 20)

An unexpected turn of events may come as a welcome salvation. Press ahead with the very un-Piscean task of building up your reputation. People at work may be overstepping the mark. But what are you going to do about it? If you tell them what you think then you may not be prepared for the consequences.



# 24 wickets, 1 broken arm, concussion tests: Karnail pitch deemed unfit

**PRATYUSH RAJ**  
NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 21

THE RANJII Trophy fixture between Railways and Punjab at New Delhi's Karnail Singh Stadium had to be suspended after the surface was deemed "dangerous and unfit for play" by the match officials. The game will restart on a fresh pitch on Thursday and will be a two-day game. As many as 17 wickets fell on Day 1, Punjab were bowled out for 162 before Railways were reduced to 77 for 7. On the second morning on Wednesday, Railways all-rounder Yuvraj Singh (56) scored the only half-century of the match and took the Railways total to 150. Yuvraj then bagged four wickets and left Punjab reeling at 18 for 4 at Lunch.

Out of the 24 wickets that fell in the four sessions, 20 were taken by pace bowlers. "I have never seen anything like that. It

was a green surface with visible cracks beneath it. Bowlers operating at 120-125 (kmph) were bowling like (Jasprit) Bumrah and (Mohammed) Shami. I was hit twice on the right thumb. Thankfully, there is no fracture," Punjab captain Mandeep Singh told *The Indian Express* after the match was called off.

The decision was taken after on-field umpires K Madanagopal and Rajeev Godara discussed the matter with match referee Youraj Singh. "During the lunch break, referee Youraj Singh called me and Karn (Sharma) and asked us if we want to continue playing. It was a mutual decision and then the match was called off. It will start afresh on Thursday and will be a two-day game," Mandeep said. "I have seen the other pitch as well and have my doubts. Let's see what is in store for us."

It is not the first time Karnail Singh Stadium has come under the scanner. In 2011, BCCI put the venue on a watch list for producing poor pitches. A year later, it was

## WHY A TWO-DAY GAME ON A FRESH PITCH?

**DURING THE** drinks break on Day 2, on-field umpires K Madanagopal and Rajeev Ghodara in consultation with match referee Youraj Singh decided to suspend the Railways vs Punjab fixture after both the captains raised flags about the safety of the pitch. By then 24 wickets had fallen with Railways's batsman Arindam Ghosh already suffering a fractured finger and several others hit on their body.

**ONCE BOTH** the captains felt it unsafe to carry on, the match officials were left with two options. 1) To check if the pitch could be repaired and continue on it. 2) To start the game fresh on a new pitch.

With the former not being possible, they have opted for a new pitch.

**HAD THE MATCH** continued on the used pitch, then Punjab would have resumed their second innings at 18/4. Since it is a new pitch, a fresh toss has to take place and the play can't be extended beyond the remaining two days. So on Thursday, the match will start fresh and all the rules applicable to a four-day fixture will remain in place and it will have four innings. In case, the first innings is not completed at the end of Day 2, then both teams will get one point each. **ENS**

**EXPLAINED**

# A thoroughbred for all courses

Time has come to give Shubman Gill, the best among the next generation of batsmen, a long run

**ABHISHEK PUROHIT**  
DECEMBER 21

INDIA'S ORIGINAL Test squad for the Bangladesh tour had only six specialist batsmen. In a clear indication of how highly he was being rated by the selectors and team management, Shubman Gill was the reserve opener, and was also being looked at as a middle-order option, thus ruling out the need to pick a seventh specialist batsman.

It is another matter he wouldn't have got a look-in if captain Rohit Sharma hadn't got injured, and then, would have likely had to sit out the Dhaka Test had Rohit recovered in time, despite scoring a maiden Test century in Chattogram.

But now that Rohit has been ruled out of the second and final Test starting on Thursday, it provides Gill another opportunity to keep pushing his case to eventually become a first-choice option for India. That he will become so at some point, appears beyond doubt at this stage. When exactly he will become so, also depends on how the remaining careers of some of the incumbents play out.

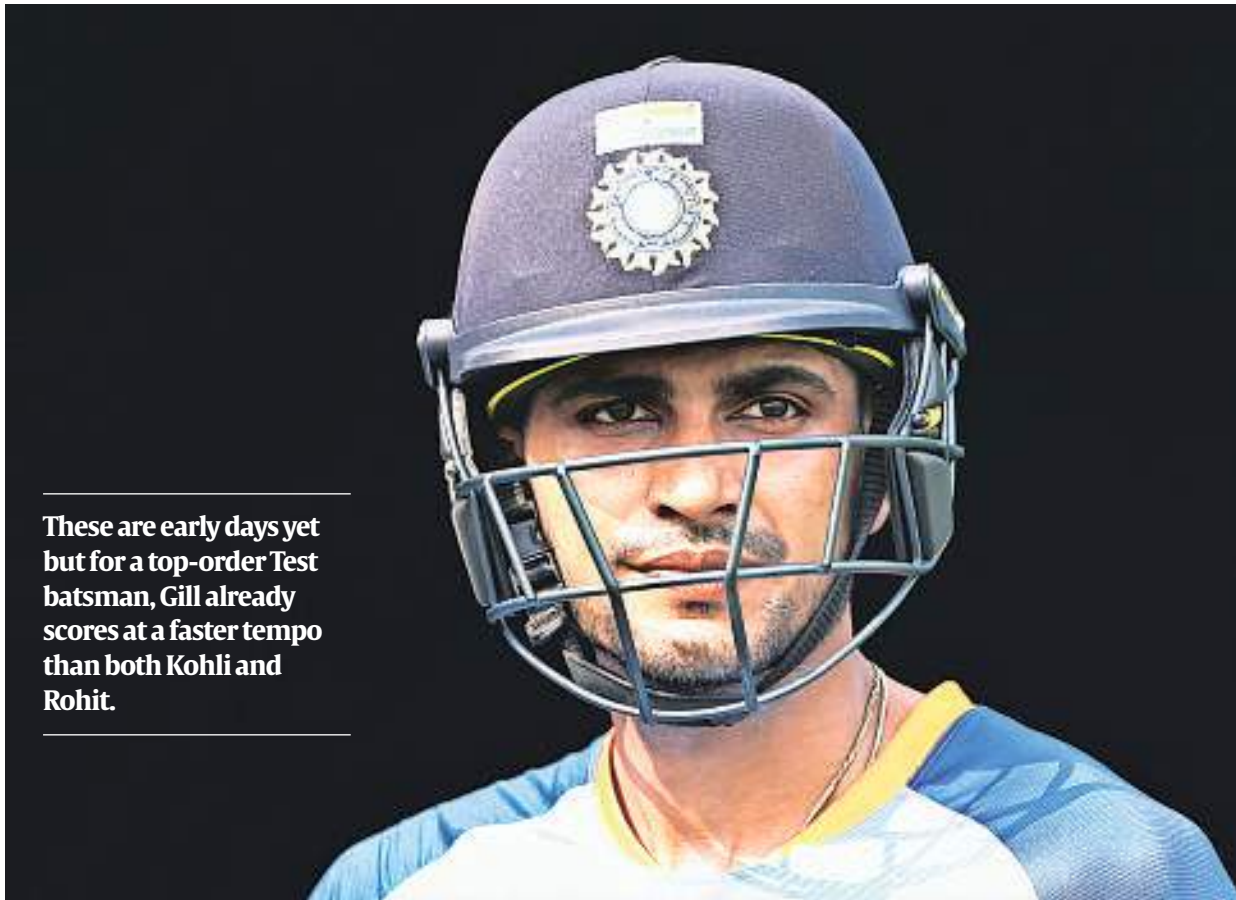
Given one or the other World Cup cycle always seems to be starting or ending, team transitions in the two white-ball formats tend to occupy the bulk of the attention, but India are gradually approaching a generational handing over of the baton in Tests too, especially in the batting department.

Rohit will be 36 in a few months, and has been spending considerable time in the injury ward in recent times. After the upcoming Australia home series, India's next major Test assignments will be a South Africa tour next December, immediately followed by a five-match visit by England in early 2024. Those are at least a year away, and the 2023 World Cup will be done by then. The 2019 World Cup ended the international career of one of India's all-time greats, MS Dhoni. Who knows how many farewells this one will bring? At any rate, whatever happens will likely impact the Test side too.

Meanwhile, Cheteshwar Pujara has made a successful comeback after being left out for the Sri Lanka home Tests earlier this year, but he will be on the wrong side of 35 from next month as well.

And while he may not be as injury-prone as Rohit, he is certainly no Virat Kohli either in terms of fitness, so any expectations of sustained longevity henceforth should perhaps be tempered.

Even among those with age on their side, Shreyas Iyer can't really be said to have firmly established himself in Tests. He's played only six games so far, and even on a lifeless surface on which Bangladesh's last innings stretched to 113.2 overs, Iyer continued to have prob-



Shubman Gill has scored his maiden Test and One-day International hundreds this year. *AP*

lems with the short ball. A massive test awaits against the Australian bowling attack.

This team management has had limitless time for stand-in skipper KL Rahul, but his average of 36.77 as opener puts him way down at 45th out of the 61 openers who have played at least as many Test innings – 70 – as he has had. Gill has enough potential, and has arguably done enough so far in a short international career, to have been handed a sizeable rope, even if not one that is as lastingly long.

Someone who cracked that epic 91 in his debut Test series against the Australians in the historic chase at the Gabba was bound to get his share of chances sooner or later. Since his debut, Gill has been part of 12 of India's 21 Tests in that period, and it was his shin injury last year that took away some opportunities. He wasn't treated as well in ODIs, making his debut at the start of 2019, then getting his next chance at the end of 2020, and then getting ignored again until the West Indies tour in July this year. But how well has he grabbed this belated opening. Since his come-

back, he has averaged 70.88 at a strike-rate of 102.57 in 12 ODIs.

Which is why the recent string of soft dismissals appeared uncharacteristic. Since his early years, Gill has been known to be the sort of batsman who will more often than not cash in when the opportunity is there to score big runs.

But twice in New Zealand, he flicked balls off his pads straight to fielders after getting starts in difficult conditions. Against South Africa at home earlier, he kept falling to incoming deliveries but that was due to his reluctance to get really forward, which is an unavoidable drawback of his backfoot-oriented game.

Even in the first innings in Chattogram, he had batted himself in for 40 deliveries before giving it away with a top-edged sweep. But he made amends in the second innings. Even if there is a Test hundred for the taking against a deflated opposition, it has to be actually taken by the batsman (as Sunil Gavaskar might say), and Gill did exactly that. It is a year in which he has got that maiden-hundred

monkey off his back in both ODIs and Tests.

These are early days yet but for a top-order Test batsman, he already scores at a faster tempo than both Kohli and Rohit. And his perceived suitability to the middle order is further enhanced by the fact that he does not get tied down by spinners, and is instead often looking to unsettle them and score runs by moving down the track.

Against the seamers, he did take an initial step across in Chattogram but he would start on leg stump, thus still ending beside the line, which helped him combat the slowness of the surface, and maintain a wider range of scoring opportunities through the off side.

"There is something regal about him," former India head coach Ravi Shastri had said during the recent New Zealand tour. Gill has always given that feeling to watchers; it doesn't take more than a few deliveries to realise he's an extraordinary talent. Now, he's started forcing the decision-makers to give him a primetime slot. It can't be too far away.

**2nd Test: Live on Sony network, 9 am**

banned for two years from hosting games after a committee arrived at a conclusion that local curators had deliberately under-prepared the wicket to help Railways, forcing the team to shift their home base to Bhubaneswar, before their original home venue was reinstated in 2014.

Railways all-rounder Yuvraj Singh, who could have walked away with the player of the match award with his all-round performance if the match had continued, said: "I was hit twice on the helmet, six or seven times on the ribs and hands. Our senior batsman Arindam Ghosh has fractured his hand. It was an uneven surface."

"We were in a great position. Ideally, they should have resumed the match on a different pitch with the same scorecard," he added.

Punjab openers Prabhsimran Singh and Abhishek Sharma were hit twice on the helmet in the second innings. "The bounce was

**"Everyone has (an) opinion but nobody can doubt that he's there as the greatest of all time."**

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too unpredictable making the pitch very unsafe. I was hit on the grille twice. From the same spot, some balls were hitting us on the head while others were below knee height. It was neither a green-top nor a rank turner. I have never seen a wicket like that in Ranji Trophy before," said Prabhsimran.

Punjab's Anmolpreet Singh, who was hit on the helmet and lost his wicket right after the mandatory concussion test, said: "It was more like a boxing match than a cricket game. Either you were getting hit on the body or it was taking your edge. I hurt my fingers in the first innings and was hit on the helmet in the second, and was out the very next ball."

A result may be unlikely in the game now and it will affect both teams' chances in the tournament. Punjab's first match had ended in a draw after bad light brought an early end to their contest against Chandigarh, while Railways had lost to Vidarbha by 194 runs.

# What fuelled Gill: Not able to convert starts, shin injury, T20 WC snub

**PRATYUSH RAJ**  
NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 21

AHEAD OF the Bangladesh tour, Shubman Gill made one promise to his childhood idol Gurkeerat Mann. He told Gurkeerat: "I will score my debut Test century on this tour, no matter where I am going bat."

The Punjab batsman made good his promise before texting Mann with an emoji of a hundred.

It took Gill 12 Tests and 22 innings to achieve the landmark. Mann had taken him under his wing since the day the Gill family moved to Mohali from Fazilka. For nearly one and a half decades, Mann has been his mentor, elder brother, teammate and friend.

Mann feels that the ODI century against Zimbabwe earlier this year had taken the monkey off Gill's back but this Test century is more satisfying. "I will always tease him about that 91 at the Gabba. This time before going to Bangladesh, he was supremely confident of scoring a ton, and he did it," Mann told *The Indian Express*.

Mann, who has played three ODIs for India, explained how Gill remained focused during his lean phase.

"He was a bit upset with the way he was getting out after scoring 30s and 40s. He knew that he was getting a longer rope just because of his immense talent."

"It was his first lean patch. Right from his U-12 days, he was known for scoring big runs. Even during this phase, when he was not able to convert his starts, his work ethic never changed. He always trained hard, he's always hungry to do well," said Mann.

A shin injury also played a part in Gill's drop in form. His father Lakhwinder Gill said, "It troubled him for several months."

"It took some time to figure out what the injury was. After the World Test Championship final, he was out of the Test series against England. The injury recurred in December last year, during the home series against New Zealand. The shin injury troubled him for six months."

Lakhwinder feels his son was never out of form or short of confidence.

"He was always scoring those 40s and 50s. But that century was not coming. Form was never an issue. A batsman is out of form if he is struggling to get into double digits. He was always getting those starts."

"He made his debut against the likes of, Pat, Cummins, , Mitchell, Starc, Josh, Hazlewood, Nathan, Lyon and did well against that attack. Confidence was never an issue. It was just a slight adjustment that

## Rahul 'fine' after being hit on thumb

*New Delhi:* Stand-in Test skipper KL Rahul got hit on his thumb while taking throwdowns from batting coach Vikram Rathour but the batting coach said it was not serious and he "seemed fine". The India opener was seen applying ice-packs. "Doctors are looking after him, he seems to be fine," Rathour said. **PTI**

he did before the IPL season and is reaping the rewards," the proud father added.

What are the adjustments that Gill made in his game? Mann explains: "He has this immense self-belief and game awareness. He is also a very keen learner. He will observe Virat Kohli and Rohit Sharma very closely, pick a shot that he doesn't have and will work on it."

"Before the IPL, he told him about how Kohli uses his feet against spinners, and his inside-out strokes against them. Ten minutes later, I saw him practising those shots in the nets."

## Promise to score tons for runs

However, the T20 World Cup snub hit Gill very hard. He had played a crucial role in Gujarat Titans' victory in their inaugural IPL season, scoring 483 runs, but was still not given a chance in the shortest format.

"He was sad after that World Cup snub. But talents like Shubman try to find a way. His words were: 'I will score so much that they won't be able to drop me from the next world cups. From now onwards, I just want to perform in all formats and that is my only aim.' He is not someone who will shut himself down if runs are not coming. He continues to work hard."

Gill's strike rate in white-ball cricket was also made an issue. He was never known for his six-hitting prowess and has been given the role of an anchor by his IPL franchise.

"Earlier, he would hardly play any aerial strokes and would hit down the ground, pick gaps, and run hard between wickets. The new dimension he has added to his game is his six-hitting ability. And it has not come in a few days. I have seen him practising power-hitting right after his first IPL season. He used to hesitate while taking the aerial route, but now he smashes it with authority. That's the only change I have seen in his batting in recent times."

# Argentina parade cut short after chaotic scenes, players take helicopter

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BUENOS AIRES, DECEMBER 21

A PARADE to celebrate the Argentine World Cup champions was abruptly cut short as millions of people poured onto thoroughfares, highways and overpasses in a chaotic attempt to catch a glimpse of the national team that won one of the great World Cup finals of all time. So many jubilant, flag-waving fans swarmed the capital that the players had to abandon the open-air bus transporting them to Buenos Aires and board helicopters for a capital flyover that the government billed as an aerial parade.

"The world champions are flying over the whole route on helicopters because it was impossible to continue by land due to the explosion of people's happiness," Gabriela Cerruti, the spokesperson for President Alberto Fernández, wrote on social media.

After flying over key points of Buenos Aires where fans had gathered, the helicopters returned to the headquarters of the Argentine Football Association outside the capital. Some fans continued celebrating in the streets, while others headed out of

Buenos Aires with long faces, complaining they were unable to pay their respects to the team that brought home the country's first World Cup trophy since 1986. "We're angry because the government didn't organize this properly so we could all celebrate," said Diego Benavidez, 25, who had been waiting since early morning to see the team.

"They stole the World Cup from us."

Others, however, took it in stride.

"I'm not disappointed, we lived the party," said Nicolás López, 33, who was in downtown Buenos Aires with his 7-year-old daughter. The parade was suspended shortly after two people jumped from a bridge onto the open-top bus carrying the players. One made it inside the bus, the other fell onto the pavement.

## Football chief apologises

Football association head Claudio Tapia blamed law enforcement for the chantage of plans. "The same security organisms that were escorting us are not allowing us to move forward," Tapia wrote on social media.

"I apologize in the name of all the champion players." Toward nightfall, when most of the fans had already poured out of downtown Buenos Aires, there were isolated



Fans sit on the plaza of the Casa Rosada presidential palace, after waiting for hours for a homecoming parade of Lionel Messi's team. *AP*

clashes between a few stragglers and law enforcemen. At least eight people were injured, according to local media reports.

The incidents began when firefighters went to the Obelisk, the iconic Buenos Aires landmark that is the traditional site of cele-

brations, to evict a few people who had broken their way inside the monument.

The bus had been moving at a snail's pace for more than four hours through the throngs of humanity before the overland parade was cut short. Team Captain Lionel Messi and the

rest of the players waved at the massive crowd as they carried the World Cup trophy aloft after securing the country's third title. "This is madness, it's indescribable," said Brian Andreassi, 23, as he walked downtown wearing the team's jersey. "There are no words."

The World Cup and the success of the Messi-led squad brought much-needed good news for a country stuck for years in economic doldrums and suffering one of the world's highest inflation rates, with nearly 4-in-10 people living in poverty.

"There's an immense union among all Argentines – unity, happiness. It's as if you can breathe another air, there's another energy in the air," said Victoria Roldán. "My body and heart are about to burst." Carrying a World Cup replica, the 32-year-old and her 36-year-old sister, Mariana, were eager to catch a glimpse of the team and in particular its captain, Messi. "We're dying to see him," Roldán said.

"Seeing him with that immense smile, with those bright eyes filled with hope, it really fills our heart with joy and happiness. ... I think that Leo has deserved it for years, and this was his moment." The players were all smiles as they watched the multitudes

hostling to get as close as possible to the bus. An estimated 4 million people were in the streets by Tuesday afternoon, according to local media citing police sources.

"I celebrate the way the people took to the streets to honor our squad," President Alberto Fernández wrote on social media after the parade was cut short.

Celebrating fans took over highways, avenues and the access routes into the capital as temperatures climbed to 30 degrees Celsius (86 degrees Fahrenheit). Thousands had set up camp since early Tuesday morning at the Obelisk.

The Argentine president declared a national holiday Tuesday so the country could celebrate the World Cup victory. The song "Muchachos," which was written by a fan and became a popular unofficial anthem for the Argentine team at the World Cup, filled the streets as fans joined in singing it over and over again.

Some fans also paid tribute to Argentine soccer legend Diego Maradona, the captain of the 1986 squad that won the World Cup and who died two years ago, with flags bearing his name and face. "This is for Diego, who's seeing it from heaven," fans chanted.