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Back HC nod for marital rape trial: Karnataka to top court

ANANTHAKRISHNANG NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 22

AT A time when the BJP-led government at the Centre is still to formulate its stand on petitions to recognise and criminalise marital rape, the party's government in Karnataka has come out in support of a state High Court order which gave the go-ahead for prosecution of a man over allegations of rape levelled by his wife.

In an affidavit filed last month in the Supreme Court in response to a plea by the husband who has challenged the HC order the state said the "High Court of Karnataka has considered all the questions of law involved in the present petition and it does not require any interference by" the Supreme Court.

It said the HC had concluded that the "charge framed against" him "for alleged offence punishable under section 376 of IPC for alleged rape of his wife, in the peculiar facts of this case, does not warrant any interference and "it is a matter of trial"

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17TH ROUND OF CORPS COMMANDER-LEVEL TALKS

First talks after Tawang clash: India, China agree on stability along the LAC in Ladakh

Frank and in-depth discussion held at Moldo border point: Joint statement

SHUBHAJIT ROY NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 22

LESS THAN two weeks after Indian and Chinese troops clashed in the Tawang sector of Arunachal Pradesh on December 9, military commanders from the two sides held a fresh round of high-level talks on December 20 to try and resolve the remaining issues along the Line of Actual Control in eastern Ladakh.

A joint statement issued Thursday said the talks were "frank and in-depth" and "in line with the guidance provided by the leaders of the two countries to work for the resolution of the remaining issues at the earliest".

"In the interim, the two sides

and stability on the ground in the Western sector," it stated, referring to the eastern Ladakh region. In September, Indian and

agreed to maintain the security

Chinese troops disengaged in the

Gogra-Hot Spring area, the last of the acknowledged "friction points" that were discussed over 16 rounds of Corps Commander level talks that began in June 2020, after Chinese incursions at several points weeks earlier.

Tensions in Ladakh continue over the presence of Chinese troops in Depsang, intrusions in Demchok and the rapid Chinese infrastructure build-up, including two bridges over Pangong Tso that will reduce Chinese mobilisation time on the lake's southern bank

Stating that the 17th round of India-China Corps Commander level meeting was held at the Chushul-Moldo border meeting point on the Chinese side on December 20, Arindam Bagchi, spokesperson for the Ministry of External Affairs, said the two sides exchanged views on the resolution of the relevant issues

along the LAC in the Western CONTINUED ON PAGE 2



THE INDIAN pushback in Tawang came at a time when issues remain to be resolved in Ladakh, where there is tension over the presence of PLA troops in Depsang, intrusion in Demchok and Chinese infra build-up along LAC.



PM Narendra Modi at the review meeting on Thursday. ANI

Step up surveillance, use masks, encourage precaution dose: PM at Covid review meet

ANONNA DUTT NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 22

AMID RISING Covid-19 cases in China and some other countries. Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Thursday cautioned against complacency and directed officials to strengthen surveillance measures, especially at international airports.

Modi, who chaired a highlevel meeting to review the Covid situation in the country, also urged people to follow Covid-appropriate behaviour, including wearing masks in crowded public places, especially in view of the upcoming festive season. He emphasised the need to encourage people to take the precaution (third) dose, especially the vulnerable and

elderly groups. While over 90% of eligible beneficiaries have received the first two doses of the Covid-19 vaccine, the coverage of the precaution dose, which began earlier this year, has remained low. In a statement in Parliament on Thursday, Health Minister Mansukh Mandaviya said only over 25% of eligible beneficiaries had got the third dose. He said the states were being advised to



KARNATAKA MAKES **MASKS MUST IN CLOSED SPACES**

KEJRIWAL: NO CASE OF SUB-VARIANT FOUND IN CAPITAL

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increase community vigilance and create awareness about the precaution dose

Mandaviya Parliament that officials had restarted random testing of international passengers on arrival. The practice was stopped CONTINUED ON PAGE 2

'You're Charles': That 1986 night in Goa when Sobhraj was nabbed

MOHAMED THAVER

MUMBAL DECEMBER 22 "You're Charles."

"Are you crazy? Who

"I know it's you Charles. I had arrested you in 1971 as well."

THIS CONVERSATION in April 1986 with "Bikini Killer" Charles Sobhraj has played out in retired ACP Madhukar Zende's mind several times over the years. He was reminded of it again on Wednesday after the Supreme Court of Nepal ordered the French citizen's release within 15 days and deportation to France on "humanitarian grounds". Sobhraj is expected to be re-



Retd ACP Madhukar Zende at Goa's O'Coqueiro, where he caught Sobhraj. The cafe has named a dish after him.

leased Friday.

"A competent court has decided on the issue and I am a very small man to have any opinion on it. I am a mute spectator." Zende, 84, tells The Indian Express. But after years of retellings, he CONTINUED ON PAGE 2

SIT to probe Salian death, BJP for narco test on Aaditya

ALOK DESHPANDE& VALLABH OZARKAR NAGPUR, DECEMBER 22

MAHARASHTRA DEPUTY Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis, who is also the state Home Minister, informed the Assembly Thursday that a Special Investigation Team (SIT) would be formed to conduct a probe into the death of Disha Salian, former manager of late actor Sushant Singh Rajput.

The issue of Salian's death was raised in the House by MLAs of the BJP and the Eknath Shinde faction of Shiv Sena.

Later in the day, BJP MLA Nitesh Rane demanded that a CONTINUED ON PAGE 2

2 in Pak among 11 named by NIA for killing Udaipur tailor: Bid to create terror

MAHENDER SINGH MANRAL

NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 22

THE NATIONAL Investigation Agency (NIA) on Thursday filed a chargesheet against 11 persons, including two Pakistani nationals, in connection with the killing of Kanhaiya Lal, a tailor in Udaipur who was hacked to death on June 28 by two men who also released a video clip of the murder.

Kanhaiya Lal was targeted for sharing remarks made by suspended BJP leader Nupur Sharma on the Prophet. The two attackers, identified as Mohammad Rivaz Attari and Mohammad Ghouse, were ar-



rested the same day.

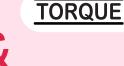
Kanhaiya Lal

was killed

on June 28

"Today, we have filed a chargesheet against 11 persons, identified as Salman and Abu Ibrahim, who are both in Karachi, and others who are residents of Udaipur — Mohammad Riyaz Attari, Mohammad Ghouse, Mohsin Khan, Asif Hussain, Mohammad Mohsin, Vasim Ali, Farhad Mohammad Sheikh, Mohammed Javed, Muslim Khan — before the NIA

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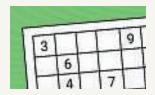


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Covid in China, football against social evils, and **Charles Sobhraj case**

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First, Indian Express' Amitabh Sinha joins us to talk about the surge in covid cases in China and how the country's zero-covid policy had a role in the current spread

NIA files chargesheet against 23 for Bijapur Maoist ambush that killed 22 security men

JAYPRAKASHS NAIDU RAIPUR DECEMBER 22

THE NATIONAL Investigation Agency (NIA) on Wednesday filed a chargesheet against 23 members of the Communist Party of India (Maoist) who were allegedly part of a group of 300-400 armed men that ambushed security personnel near Tekalgudiyam village in Bijapur, killing 22 of them, on April 3, 2021.

The 22 personnel were part of a massive anti-Maoist operation comprising over a 1,000 security men who spread out in 10 teams in Bijapur.

One injured jawan back then had told The Indian Express, "We were coming back when we were attacked. We didn't know when the Naxals covered us from all sides. They had sophisticated weapons." At least 35 security personnel were injured in the attack and the Maoists fled with their arms and ammunition.

The case was initially registered at Tarrem police station in Bijapur district and was later reregistered by the NIA on June 5

the 23 accused with murder, attempt to murder, criminal conspiracy, dacoity, terrorist acts, among other offences, under relevant sections of Indian Penal Code, Indian Arms Act, Explosive Substances Act, 1908 and Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, 1967. The accused are from

CoBRA, DRG and state police

with heavy fire of barrel grenade launchers (BGL) and automatic weapons. They also abducted one CoBRA jawan, Rakeshwar Singh Manhas, and looted his

Maharashtra NCP chief calls Speaker shameless, suspended from House

ALOK DESHPANDE NAGPUR, DECEMBER 22

NCP MAHARASHTRA chief Jayant Patil was suspended on Thursday for the entire Winter Session of the Assembly after he told Speaker Rahul Narvekar "not to behave like a shameless person".

Parliamentary Affairs Minister Chandrakant Patil presented a resolution recommending Patil's suspension. Narvekar put the resolution to vote and it was accepted by the majority.

The Assembly witnessed angry exchanges between the ruling and Opposition benches throughout the day.

MLAs of the ruling BJP and Eknath Shinde's Shiv Sena faction disrupted the House multiple times seeking an inquiry by a special investigation team (SIT) into the death of Disha Salian, the manager of Sushant Singh Rajput. Despite requests, Opposition

MLAs were not allowed to speak. After Deputy Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis announced that a SIT will be set up to probe the Salian case. Leader of Opposition Ajit Pawar requested Narvekar to let other Opposition MLAs speak as well.

As Narvekar refused the request, Opposition MLAs protested in front of him. As repeated reguests from the Opposition were denied, an angry Patil shouted at Narvekar telling him "not to behave like a shameless person".

Following this, Chief Minister Eknath Shinde demanded Patil's suspension.

Before boycotting the House, Ajit Pawar apologised on behalf of Patil. "What happened inside the Assembly should not have happened. Many times certain words are uttered in the flow. We have all been requesting to let Opposition speak as well. We accept the majority vote. I apologise on behalf of Jayant Patil," he said.

this year The probe agency has charged

Chhattisgarh, Telangana and Andhra Pradesh. The chargesheet was filed before the NIA special court at Jagdalpur in Chhattisgarh. An NIA official said, 'Investigations revealed that the accused persons, who are members of the CPI (Maoist), conspired to commit terrorist acts. Their armed cadres attacked the combined security forces CRPF,

Zende, by then an inspector, remembers "looking all across Goa"

> caught my eye was two men getting out of a car in a sun hat at night. That made me suspicious. On looking closely, I realised it was Charles," Zende says. "I hid myself or else he would have identified

> "Later, I walked up to their table

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India, China agree on stability along LAC in Ladakh

sector in an "open and constructive manner".

"They had a frank and indepth discussion, keeping in line with the guidance provided by the state leaders to work for the resolution of the remaining issues at the earliest which would help in restoration of peace and tranquillity along the LAC in the Western sector and enable progress in bilateral relations," the statement said.

in close contact and maintain dialogue through military and diplomatic channels and work out a mutually acceptable resolution of the remaining issues at the earliest," it said. "Building on the progress

"The two sides agreed to stay

made after the last meeting on 17th July 2022, the two sides exchanged views on the resolution of the relevant issues along the LAC in the Western Sector in an

Charles.' He told me I was crazy

open and constructive manner," it said.

Indian and Chinese troops clashed in Arunachal Pradesh's Tawang sector in the early hours of December 9, assaulting each other with sticks and canes in their closest encounter since the deadly Galwan incident in eastern Ladakh in June 2020.

Asked whether the incident in Arunachal Pradesh was raised. the MEA spokesperson did not give a direct response.

"We can all speculate but since I don't have a confirmation, I am not going to be able to confirm that. We did talk about the Western sector. So if it has not been raised. I wouldn't be surprised. Let me not make a comment either." He said, "We have been emphasising that our soldiers will stand firm to guard our frontiers. So I don't want to say anything beyond that.'

• 'You're Charles': Retired cop recalls that 1986 night at a Goa cafe

remembers the smallest of details from the night he arrested "that brash fellow" at the Goa cafe O'Coqueiro Sobhraj had fled Tihar Jail in

1986, after his 1971 arrest over a robbery at Delhi's Hotel Ashoka. The task of tracking him down came to Zende, the man who had $arrested \, him \, all \, those \, years \, ago \, in \,$ Mumbai as a sub-inspector.

for the notorious serial killer, with little to show for it. Eventually, he decided to go to O'Coqueiro along with his staff, who were posing as tourists. He had information that Sobhrai frequented the café, which usually attracted foreign tourists. "While we were sitting, what

me. I also alerted my staff."

with my staff and said: 'You are

Special Court in Jaipur in a case

related to the killing of Kanhaiya

Lal by two assailants on June 28

this year. The assailants circu-

lated the video of the murder on

social media to create panic and

terror among the masses across

the country," said a spokesper-

that the accused persons, operat-

ing as a terror gang module, con-

spired to take revenge. The ac-

cused were radicalised and took

inspiration from incriminating au-

"Investigations have revealed

son of NIA.

and that he didn't know any Charles. I told him I had arrested him earlier as well and identified him. That deflated him," says Zende. With no handcuffs on them, the policemen used rope provided by the hotel to tie his hands. "He had a revolver but we managed to get him first," Zende recalls. "We swiftly bundled him into the police van and drove all night to Mumbai. Since he was a black belt and would try to escape, I asked two of my constables to sit

Sobhraj's prison break had lasted all of 22 days. He would go on to serve time till 1997 in India. In 2003, he was arrested from a casino in Kathmandu, where he had arrived on a tourist visa. In Nepal, he was tried and convicted for a murder committed in 1975. He is now 78.

Asked about his personal interaction with Sobhraj, Zende says: "He was a brash fellow who had contempt for Indian police and courts. When I tried to question

• 2 in Pak among 11 named by NIA for killing Udaipur tailor

dios/videos/messages being cir-

culated from within and outside

India. The accused arranged

deadly knives/ arms and mur-

dered Kanhaiya in reaction to his

Facebook post and attacked a co-

worker in his shop in broad day-

light. They made a video of the

killing, released it and made it viral.

They also shot another threaten-

ing video with the intention of

striking terror among the people

of India," said the spokesperson.

and protests in Udaipur, prompt-

The killing had triggered arson

SOBHRAJ LIKELY TO WALK FREE TODAY

Kathmandu: Serial killer Charles Sobhraj will likely walk out of Sundhara Central Jail in Nepal on Friday, officials said. Sobhraj spent one more night at the prison on Thursday, with his expected release delayed. Officials said Sobhraj will be taken to immigration authorities in the morning and, if possible, taken straight to the airport and put on a flight to France, his home country.

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him, he told me, 'Mind your own business. Your job was to arrest me which you have done. Now do not talk to me.' Since he had studied law as well, he thought no end of

ing the Ministry of Home Affairs to

send a team of the NIA to the city to

"explore" if there was a "terror an-

gle". The case was initially regis-

tered at the local police station in

Udaipur district of Rajasthan, and

was later re-registered by the NIA.

ported on July 1 that NIA investi-

gations had found the killing was

"meticulously planned" and "in-

stigated" by a person in Pakistan

identified as "Salman bhai" who

told one of the accused,

Mohammad Ghouse, that he

The Indian Express had re-

nicknames such as "Bikini Killer" (many of his victims were mostly backpacking Western tourists in Asia) and "Serpent" (for his skill in evading police). His modus operandi allegedly

involved drugging his victims and killing them. It is estimated that Sobhraj, most active between 1972 and 1976, killed 15-20 people in this period. A few years ago, O'Coqueiro in-

named a dish in his honour — the "Zende Platter", comprising tandoori chicken and lamb. Every once in a while, when-

ever there is some development linked to Sobhraj, Zende is contacted by the media. Currently in Pune for a wedding, he resides with his son in Singapore.

"I walk 10 km daily and do pranayama for two hours. I have had a very contented life," he says. "While people generally credit me for the arrest of Sobhraj, everyone including my team, my superiors had a part to play in it.'

Sobhraj's notoriety earned him

vited Zende back. The eatery

will not yield any result".

radical Islamic organisation". They

said that after returning in January

2015, he joined a few WhatsApp

groups and was in touch with

"Salman bhai" and another person,

Abu Ibrahim, in Pakistan.

"must do something spectacular"

in response to the remarks on the need to ensure that the entire in-Prophet since "peaceful protests frastructure, at all levels, is maintained at a high level of pre-Sources had said Ghouse had paredness in terms of equipment, processes and hugone to Pakistan in December 2014 to attend a 45-day proman resources, the PMO stategramme on the invitation of ment said. Dawat-e-Islami, a "Pakistan-based

He advised states to audit Covid-specific facilities to ensure

PM reviews Covid situation

in November-end after a revision in travel advisories.

Meanwhile, in a communication to the civil aviation ministry, the health ministry asked it to ensure random Covid testing of 2% of passengers arriving in international flights from December 24. The travellers for random testing will be identified by the airlines concerned and will preferably be from different countries, it said.

The passengers will be allowed to leave the airport after giving the sample, the health ministry said. The reports will be shared with the Integrated Disease Surveillance Programme and any positive sample will be sent to INSACOG genome sequencing labs, it said.

This was Modi's first Covid review meeting since April, when a slight uptick in cases was seen after the Omicron wave subsided. According to a statement re-

leased by the Prime Minister's Office (PMO), Modi reviewed the preparedness of health infrastructure and logistics, status of the vaccination campaign and the emergence of new variants and their public health implica-He directed officials to ramp

up testing and genomic sequencing efforts. Earlier this week, the Centre directed states to sequence all positive samples on a daily basis in order to ensure timely detection of new variants.

"At present, the number of positive cases is very low, and even then many samples are tested using home kits or rapid kits and cannot be sequenced. So, sequencing all positive samples (where the viral RNA is collected for RT-PCR or other molecular testing) can help keep a better eye on any new variants," said a senior government official. Modi reiterated that Covid is

not over yet and emphasised the

operational readiness of hospi-

gen cylinders, PSA plants, ventilators and human resources, the statement said. He also advised regular monitoring of prices and availability of essential medi-

tal infrastructure, including oxy-

India has been witnessing a steady decline in the number of Covid-19 cases since July-August. The average daily cases was 153 and the weekly positivity was down to 0.14 per cent in the week ending December 22. However, 5.9 lakh daily average cases have been reported globally since the last six weeks. The meeting was attended

by Home Minister Amit Shah, Health Minister Mansukh Mandaviya, Civil Aviation Minister Jyotiraditya Scindia, External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar, Minister of Information and Broadcasting Anurag Thakur, Minister of State for Health and Family Welfare Bharati Pravin Pawar, Principal Secretary to the Prime Minister P K Mishra, NITI Aayog CEO Parameswaran Iyer, NITI Aayog Member (Health) V K Paul, Cabinet Secretary Rajiv Gauba, Advisor, PMO, Amit Khare, Home Secretary A K Bhalla, Health Secretary Rajesh Bhushan, among others.

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

The parent sub-variant BA.5 accounted for 2.5% of all the samples sequenced in India in November, according to data from the country's Sars-CoV-2 genome sequencing consortium INSACOG. Following a review meeting

on Wednesday, Mandaviya had urged people to follow Covid-appropriate behaviour, including wearing masks, maintaining social distancing, washing hands frequently, and getting vaccinated. He had also directed officials to strengthen surveillance.

SIT to probe Salian death, BJP for narco test on Aaditya

narco test be conducted on Aaditya Thackeray, leader of the Sena faction under Uddhav Thackeray, to "bring out the truth" behind Salian's death.

Aaditva Thackeray told reporters outside the Assembly that the issue had been raised to "protect the scamster Chief Minister", referring to the row over regularisation of land of the Nagpur Investment Trust for which Shinde has come under Opposition attack.

"Politicians are using the death of a girl for politics. Her parents have appealed to the President to stop the harassment post her death, but these (ruling coalition) people have no respect for that as well. This is a dictatorship... It is happening because they are scared," he said. Salian(28) died on June 8,2020

after falling off the 14th floor of a residential building in Malad, Mumbai. Police registered an accidental death report. Sushant Singh Rajput died six days later. Announcing the SIT probe,

Fadnavis said the case related to Salian's death was never transferred to the CBI and no closure report was submitted. There were noisy scenes in the

Assembly and the Council with MLAs of the BJP and Shinde faction demanding a probe into Salian's death, Both Houses had to be adjourned multiple times. Amid the din, Fadnavis said,

"The case is with Mumbai police.

Those who have evidence regarding this case should come forward. We will probe it through SIT."

Leader of Opposition Ajit Pawar said the CBI has already probed Salian's death and found it was a case of suicide. He said the government must not use it to settle political scores.

Responding to this, Fadnavis said, "The Disha case was not with the CBI and there is no closure report... We will probe any new evidence, with impartiality and without political bias."

Speaking to reporters outside the Assembly, Rane demanded that a narco test be conducted on Aaditya Thackeray for the Salian and Rajput deaths. "It will bring out the truth. If Aftab's narco test can

be conducted in the Shraddha Walkar case, then why can't Aaditya be put to this test?"

In the Council, when BJP legislators demanded a SIT probe in the Salian case, the Opposition countered it by seeking a SIT probe into a complaint of alleged sexual harassment and assault filed by a Mumbai woman against an MP. MLC Manisha Kayande from the Thackeray faction of the Sena raised the issue. Deputy Speaker Neelam Gorhe directed the state to also set up a SIT in the case allegedly involving the MP.

Fadnavis told the Council he had announced an SIT in the Salian case. "I will check the directions of the Deputy Speaker and necessary action will be taken," he said.

Marital rape trial

The state pointed out that the police had registered an FIR against the man following a complaint filed by the wife in March 2017. The couple married in June 2006 and had a child.

The special court framed charges against the man for offences punishable under IPC sections 376 (rape), 498A (husband or relative of husband of a woman subjecting her to cruelty) and 506 (punishment for criminal intimidation) and sections 5(m) and (1)r/w section 6of POCSO (Protection of Children from Sexual Offences) Act.

His appeal was dismissed by the Karnataka High Court which allowed the trial court to also frame charges under IPC section 377 (unnatural offences) against him. On this, the state said that "from the reading of the complaint and chargesheet, it is clear

that the petitioner has indulged in the act of unnatural sex. Therefore, the charges framed have to include Section 377 of IPC also and further the Hon'ble High Court of Karnataka has rightly directed the trial court to frame charges under Section 377 of IPC as well.

The state government said that "contents in the complaint as well as charges in the charge sheet is a matter of trial. In the circumstances, the Court has rightly dismissed the writ petition exercising its jurisdiction under Section 482 of CrPC"

In July this year, the Supreme Court had stayed the March 23, 2022 order of the High Court. The matter has since been clubbed with other pleas challenging the Delhi High Court split verdict on petitions seeking to criminalise marital rape.

HC directs Centre to release Rs 5 cr to fund clinical trials for rare diseases

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 22

THE DELHI High Court Thursday directed the Centre to release Rs 5.35 crore to enable clinical trials for medicines that can treat rare diseases such as Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy (DMD).

A single judge bench of Justice Prathiba Singh was hearing a batch of petitions pertaining to children suffering from rare diseases such as DMD and hunter syndrome.

fects muscles, leading to muscle wasting that gets worse over time. It occurs primarily among males, though in rare cases may affect females, according to National Institutes of Health, a US medical research agency. The treatment of the dis-

A genetic disorder, DMD af-

eases is expensive, pleas said and sought directions to provide free treatment for the children with such ailments. The High Court in March 2021 had directed the Centre to

institute a crowdfunding plat-

Diseases Policy. During the course of hearing,

form under the National Rare

the High Court observed that the "magnitude of the problem suffered by children with rare diseases leaves no doubt in the mind of the court that the creation of treatment therapeutics for children with rare diseases would be considered as a nationally important project". The High Court observed that the efforts for crowdfunding for treatment of DMD and other rare diseases had not yielded much results as the issue does not appear to have gained enough importance in the society in general.

The court thereafter asked the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MoHFW) to consider publicising about the issue through radio, television and other media in order to attract more voluntary donations for the said cause.

The court was informed by the Centre that a meeting was held with various ministries, industry associations and PSUs and they were sensitised about

New Delhi

the rare diseases and the need for voluntary donations. The court was informed that

the MoHFW had requested the Ministry of Corporate Affairs (MCA) to include donations for rare disease under Schedule VII of the companies act as CSR, however the MCA had not reverted vet.

With this, the High Court directed, "In order to ensure that there is a specific recognition of donations for rare diseases this court is of the opinion that the same ought to be included in

rected to file an affidavit as to the status of this request". The court noted that

schedule VII as requested by the

MoHFW and the MCA is di-

Hanugen Therapeutics Private Limited, the company which was to conduct the said clinical trials after entering into an agreement with Biotechnology **Industry Research Assistance** Council (BIRAC) last year, was unable to begin the same due to lack of funds. It directed BIRAC to release Rs. 5.35 crore to Hanugen to begin the trial.







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HOLDS MEETING WITH HEALTH DEPT

No case of variant that's driving Covid surge in China: CM

ANKITA UPADHYAY

NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 22

THERE IS no case of the BF.7 Covid variant, which is driving the surge in cases in China, in the national capital right now, said Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal Thursday. The announcement was made after he held a meeting with senior health depart-

"Not only has this variant not shown up in patients, but also in sewage samples being tested regularly. Over 90% of cases are tied to the XBB variant or its sub-variants. There is no need to worry at present," said Kejriwal.

He also said the health department is conducting genome sequencing of all positive cases being reported in the city. He added that testing capacity and other Covid-related infrastructure have been amplified: "We have the capacity of conducting 1 lakh tests. We have around 8,000 Coviddedicated beds for now. In the last wave, we had around 25,000 beds and this time, if required, we can procure around 36,000 beds."

On the oxygen shortage witnessed last year, he said the city now has enough storage capacity for oxygen as well. "Last time, we had an issue with storing oxygen. Now, we have the capacity of storing 928 mt tonne oxygen. We have 6,000 oxygen cylinders in reserve if needed. In 2021, we did not have tankers to procure oxygen from other states. Now we have 15 tankers to procure oxygen," he added.

Kejriwal requested the public

CM ON COVID PREPARATIONS

- 1 lakh testing capacity
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to take the precaution dose, adding that only 24% of people have been vaccinated with it. "First and second doses have been provided to almost 100%. I request people to take the precaution dose. During the meeting, we again discussed another door-todoor campaign to give the precaution dose to people," he said.

He said that currently, the city has around 380 ambulances and an order has been placed for

At the meeting with officials, the CM asked them to check and ensure that machines and equipment related to Covid treatment at various Delhi government hospitals are functioning. According to a senior official, as machines and equipment related to Covid treatment have not been in frequent use for more than one-and-

a-half years now, hospitals will have to inform the health department about how many of those are under annual maintenance contract (AMC) and the ones that require an AMC. As the machines go through wear and tear, the official said it has to be checked if they are fully functional.

Officials also need to ensure that liquid oxygen plants remain functional as they have high maintenance and operation cost. "Extra manpower will be kept ready, tenders will be awarded as and when needed. We will see which infrastructure needs to be revamped, including Bipap, liquid concentrators, oxygen cylinders and liquid oxygen tanks," said the official. "We now have enough experience and the CM has asked us to tie up with suppliers of liquid oxygen as soon as possible," the official added.

During the meeting, it was also decided that patients with flu admitted to hospitals will also be tested for Covid. According to a senior official, the health department is mulling over starting RT-PCR testing in remote mohalla clinics as well.

Over the last 24 hours, Delhi recorded 10 cases out of over 2,400 people who were tested. One death was also recorded. According to official data, since October this year, 53% of deaths among those who had Covid were due to the disease, while the remaining were due to co-morbid conditions. While 24% people have taken the precaution dose, the uptake is more among healthcare workers -62% — and those above the age of 60 - 48%.

Advice from city's doctors: No need to panic, wear masks in public places, take booster dose

ANKITA UPADHYAY

NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 22

AMIDSTTHE spurt in Covid cases ital and experts who have were actively involved in tackling the previous waves said there is no need to panic as the BF.7 variant is not lethal and has not been found in Delhi yet.

According to Dr S K Sarin, "There is no hesitation this time and the governments immediately started working as soon as we witnessed the surge in other countries. Action-taken plans have been in place within 24 hours of the alert. The lesson learnt is that we are prepared and know the road ahead."

Doctors are of the view that there is no requirement for restrictions anymore as it has not been fruitful in the past. However, some suggested that wearing masks is advisable.

Dr Jugal Kishore, head of community medicine department at Safdarjung Hospital, said despite restrictions, a chunk of cases was reported in the last two waves of



Over the last 24 hours, Delhi recorded 10 cases out of over 2,400 people that were tested. Abhinav Saha

the pandemic. He added that while the mandate on masks is a policy matter, it is advised to use them when one suffers from a cough or shows symptoms. "The government is proactive and its directions are scientific. One should be cautious considering the rise in cases in several countries, but any new variant of omicron is unlikely to cause any ma-

jor trouble in India," he added.

Dr Sarin said it is a social responsibility to wear masks if people are infected or have a cough and cold. "With the festive season ahead, we need to be cautious and use masks in public... There is a catchphrase that 'variants may come and go and may probably emerge every day', but if you wear a mask, you may not

On the other hand, Dr Chandrakant Lahariya, epidemiologist, public policy and health systems expert, said masks now have "limited" use. "The utility of masks, at the current level of transmission in India, is very limited and an individual decision. Government conducting meetings is the right step. When there is a surge in any part of the world, the government needs to analyse the risk. However, there is no need to panic. There is no reason to believe the surge in China will result in a rise in cases in India. We are in a safe zone. Neither has anything changed for India due to China nor will it in the days ahead," said Dr Lahariya.

He added that "we have sufficient infrastructure to face any surge" and was optimistic that a surge might not come. "This is because we have increased vaccine coverage and high natural immunity due to the infection, and also because the BF.7, a sub-variant of omicron, was already detected in India 3 months ago," he added.

Doctors said the preparedness by the government and

Jacqueline withdraws plea for

permission to travel to Bahrain

(Delhi CM Arvind) Kejriwal ji announced that there is enough oxygen and bed availability, we can improve capacity for admissions at any time. We know the protocol. Extra beds prepared at various centres are still left and more can be added, however. short the duration is. We have vaccines and now more people should be encouraged to get the booster shots," Dr Kishore added.

Dr Sarin also said the city is well prepared when it comes to bed, oxygen and testing: "The drug and supplies, IT network, and reporting is very well in place."

Dr Rommel Tikko, Director, Internal Medicine at Max Super Speciality Hospital in Saket, emphasised on the importance of booster shots: "Covid is hardly present in India right now, but you never know when a surge might come... I feel it is very unlikely numbers will go up the way it has in the past. However, we have to keep tabs, conduct gene sequencing, and monitor for new strains. So, whoever is eligible for a booster should take it irrespective of the risks, to be on the safer side.'

Bishnoi refused to submit voice sample, Delhi Police tells court

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 22

THE DELHI Police Special Cell Thursday informed a court that fused to record his voice sample in connection with a case lodged against him and his gang under the stringent Maharashtra Control of Organised Crime Act (MCOCA). Bishnoi was brought to Delhi from Punjab, where he was in jail as the main accused in singer Sidhu Moosewala's murder, after police suspected he used phones of jailed Indian Mujahideen operatives to contact his associates. Police had booked Bishnoi and his gang under MCOCA in 2021 for alleged involvement in extortion, robbery and murder cases. Last month, the Special Cell

found that Bishnoi had allegedly used a phone number also used by IM operatives at jail number 8 in Delhi's Tihar Iail. Before he was taken to Punjab earlier this year, Bishnoi too was in the same iail. "The said number was being analysed since March — calls and messages were being intercepted after we found jailed IM operatives were using it and we wanted to catch them. It was then found that this number was being shared with Bishnoi, who was in

the same barrack, to contact his The conversation was mainly with his associates in India and (gangster) Goldy Brar in Canada.

One of the intercepted calls was

of the gang discussing Moose-

wala's death. Other calls were vague. The gang runs an extortion racket from inside jail and uses codewords," the source claimed. To confirm this, police approached the court and a judge granted permission to take

Bishnoi and his jailed associates Sampat Nehra, Bintu and Deepak to the forensic lab. Bishnoi and Nehra were taken to CBI's central forensic science lab in Lodhi Colony Wednesday. While Nehra recorded his sample, Bishnoi refused. Bintu gave his sample earlier. The court said, "Once the accused in

his discretion opted not to give a voice sample, legal consequences will follow. No further directions are warranted in the facts of the present case.' Bishnoi's counsel Vishal Chopra said, "Delhi Police has been pushing for a voice sample but Bishnoi said no... Police have been basing their claims on intercepted calls but we have never

seen the phone. Nothing has

come on record. If a phone would

have been recovered, that would

be evidence."

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ACTOR JACQUELINE Fernandez withdrew her application seeking permission to travel to Bahrain to meet her parents after the court said the Rs 200 crore money laundering case was at a crucial stage. The supplementary chargesheet in the case, filed by the Enforcement Directorate on August 17, has Fernandez as an accused.

Fernandez had moved the application before Additional Sessions Judge Shailender Malik



Jacqueline Fernandez

who asked her lawvers why they were moving this plea when arguments on the charge were un-

The ED opposed her application, and following a consultation with her lawyers, she decided to withdraw it.

the arguments would be heard. However, later we decided to withdraw the application. Fernandez was allowed to travel abroad in May. Her bail

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of the view that we will return

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condition also stipulates that she can travel abroad with the prior permission of the court," her lawyer Prashant Patil said. **Satyendranath Tagore Civil Services** Study Centre (SNTCSSC)

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Ashram flyover to be shut for 45 days, Barapullah, ITO to see rush

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DELHIITES' TROUBLES at Ashram are far from over, with the flyover set to be shut for 45 days soon because of the extension work which is currently underway

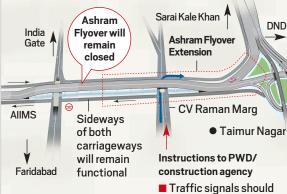
The flyover is one of the busiest sections in the city as Mathura Road and DND Flyway both connect to it. It sees over 3 lakh vehicles, including heavy trucks and lorries, passing through each day. The junction has been at different stages of construction for several years now, with the Delhi Metro, an underpass and now the flyover construction underway at the site over the years. In the current project, the flyover is being extended to connect directly to DND Flyway.

According to PWD officials. the final dates for closure are yet to be decided. "People need not panic as there will be no major change even if the Ashram flyover is closed. The portion below the flyover will remain open for traffic. It is a matter of just 45 days and once the integration work is done, travel between Delhi and Noida. Central. East and Southeast part of Delhi will be smoother," said a senior PWD official.

The extension work was supposed to be completed by the end of December, but the project was delayed. The PWD is yet to confirm the completion date. "We can estimate the completion date only after the flyover is closed and the integration work is completed," said an official.

He added, "Traffic police have given us permission to shut the flyover for 45 days. Initially, the closure was supposed to start

WORK ON FLYOVER EXTENSION UNDERWAY



TRAFFIC POLICE ADVISORY

- Movement of traffic may be restricted/diverted accordingly from roads/ stretches connecting Ashram flyover:
- Outer Ring Road ■ Both side carriageways
- passing through Ashram Chowk

next week but as it is a festive

week..., we have not set a final

date yet and are trying to avoid

inconvenience to commuters.

VIP movement and other prepa-

rations will also have to be

looked at. Dates will be set keep-

ing all these things in mind. The

flyover will not be closed in a

sudden manner. Advisories,

route diversions and signboards

Infant dies after surgery: Doctors,

- DND flyover
- Mathura Road

Officials added that people coming from Noida can take either Barapullah flyover to Pragati Maidan stretch during peak traffic hours. Barapullah flyover, Sarai Kale Khan, ITO, NH-24, Mathura Road and Kalindi Kunj

be installed at Taimur

■ There should be a

carriageway for

Sarai Kale Khan

bus stand

Nagar T-point and nearby

commuters coming from

CV Raman Marg towards

■ Footpaths on both sides

of the carriageways on

Raman Marg should be

pedestrian movement

reconstructed for smooth

this stretch and CV

on ground will be there to facilitate traffic movement." PWD will hold a meeting with Delhi traffic police at the end of this week to set the dates.

are expected to witness heavy traffic in the coming days.

A senior traffic police officer said, "We've been instructed about temporary closure of Ashram flyover and increased deployment in the area to implement the orders. Diversions have been created and barricades put up.'

Police bust 'Messi' gang, 4 held

New Delhi: Police have arrested a 43-year-old man, who is a fan of Argentina football star Lionel Messi, for robbing multiple people in South Delhi.

'Messi gang' is involved in more than 55 cases of phone theft, said police. According to

application form.

police, the modus operandi of 'Messi' gang was to commit theft and snatching in crowded areas. "The gang leader is a football fan and is a footballer himself. He often referred to himself as Messi," said police. His three associates have also been arrested. **ENS**

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and-a-half-year-old baby died at Greater Noida's Yatharth Hospital after plastic surgery, police Tuesday booked nursing staff and doctors for negligence. Hospital officials, however, de-

Greater Noida: A day after a onenied negligence and said the post-mortem report would provide clarity on the cause of death.

In an FIR, the infant's father told police that he took his daughter to the hospital Sunday night as she had a nose injury. He alleged she was later admitted to the pediatric ICU. He said his daughter's condition worsened with her lips turning black Monday evening and alleged that despite informing nursing staff, the doctor was

staff of Greater Noida hospital booked

not called. Officials at Yatharth Hospital said they were not aware of the FIR and there was no negligence on their part, adding that the child died of cardiac arrest.

SHO Anjani Singh at Beta-2 police station said they received the post-mortem report and viscera samples. "Further probe will be carried out," he said. ENS

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Want bail plea withdrawn: Aaftab to court

New Delhi: Aaftab Poonawala, accused of allegedly killing his livein partner Shraddha Walkar, told a Delhi court Thursday he wanted to withdraw his bail application, which his lawyers claimed was moved over a miscommunica-

Poonawala appeared via video conferencing before Additional Sessions Judge Vrinda Kumari and informed the judge he would like to withdraw his bail application. His lawyer, MSKhan. clarified to court that there was a miscommunication between his team and Poonawala. "We spoke to him. We spoke for 50 minutes. It was decided we will withdraw the bail application," Khan said.

Meanwhile, police moved an application seeking permission to obtain his voice samples, sources said. The application is expected to be heard Friday.

On the last hearing, the court was due to take up Poonawala's bail when it was informed he would not like to press forward with his application as it was moved erroneously. ENS

Better visibility in Delhi as compared to neighbouring states, satellite shows 'fog hole'

FOGGY MORNINGS are

likely to continue over the

next six days. IMD has is-

sued an alert for 'dense'

moderate to dense fog

over the weekend.

fog in Delhi on Friday and

Geophysical Union, attributed

such 'holes' in fog to urban heat

islands. The paper, titled 'Urban

Heat Island Över Delhi Punches

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Environmental Defense Fund in

USA and Manoj K Singh, pointed

to 'holes' in fog over major urban

centres in Indo-Gangetic Plain. It

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ature is higher over cities owing

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AN IMAGE from the INSAT-3DR satellite, on Wednesday morning, showed a blanket of fog lying over a large part of the Indo-Gangetic Plain, save for a hole of sorts over

The image from the India Meteorological Department (IMD) could point to what may be a 'fog hole' over Delhi, according to IMD scientist R K Jenamani.

At the IGI Airport Wednesday morning, the lowest visibility was 350 m having improved from around 50 m on Tuesday. Visibility at Safdarjung was even better at around 500 m between 5.30 am and 8.30 am. While fog over Delhi was mostly shallow to moderate on Wednesday, dense to very dense fog was reported over parts of Punjab, Haryana, Uttar Pradesh

and northwest Rajasthan. What brought better visibility to Delhi even as its neighbours were enveloped in dense fog?

IMD scientists pointed to in-



The satellite image from INSAT-3DR. Credit: IMD, Delhi

crease in the minimum temperature Wednesday on account of southwesterly winds. The minimum temperature early on Wednesday at Safdarjung station was 7.1 degrees Celsius, a notch higher than Tuesday.

Jenamani said the hole over Delhi in the satellite image points to an 'urban fog hole'.

A 2018 paper published in Geophysical Research Letters, a peer-reviewed scientific journal published by the American

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built-up areas and is also associated with higher nighttime or Days ahead minimum temperatures in cities.

For the paper, the researchers

used 17 years – 2000-2016 – of data from MODIS, an instrument on board a NASA satellite. While the paper noted the occurrence of fog holes over other cities like Amritsar and Ludhiana as well, it added that the "highest frequency of fog holes" in the Indo-Gangetic Plain was found over Delhi. "We found >90 occurrences of fog holes over Delhi based on fog classification during the 17-year winter period from 2000 to 2016, which were confirmed in daily satellite imagery," the paper read. It also explained that the dissipation of fog intensifies as the surface becomes warmer "plausibly leading to satellite-observed holes in fog".

In 2016, NASA's Earth Observatory also mentioned these 'holes' coinciding with cities in North India including Delhi, surmising that fog was burning off faster over cities since they tend to be warmer.

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MHA suspends former Delhi prisons head

MAHENDER SINGH MANRAL

NEW DELHI. DECEMBER 22

THE MINISTRY of Home Affairs (MHA) has suspended former Director-General (Prisons) Sandeep Goel, days after a threemember panel formed by L-G V K Saxena recommended departmental proceedings against him for allegedly extending VIP treatment to jailed AAP leader Satyendar Jain.

Sources said the MHA's order was issued Wednesday evening and conveyed to the Delhi Police headquarters later in the night. The order, issued on December 21, by under-secretary Rakesh Kumar Singh states, "Whereas departmental proceedings against Goel are contemplated; now therefore. the President of India, in exercise of powers conferred under rule 3 of All India Services (discipline and appeal) rules, 1969, hereby places Sandeep Goel, IPS of 1989 batch AGMUT-cadre, under suspension with immediate effect.'

Kumar further states, "It is further ordered that during the period for which this order shall remain in force, headquarters of Goel shall be Delhi and he will not leave headquarters without obtaining prior permission of competent authority. It is also ordered that Goel, during the period of suspension, would be entitled to a subsistence allowance at an amount equal to leave salary which a member of service would have drawn if he had been on leave on half-average pay or on half pay... in addition, dearness allowance, admissible on basis of such leave salary, under 4 (1)(a), subject to furnishing of certificate to effect that he has not been employed in any business, profession, or vocation for a profit/remuneration salary.'

The L-G issued an order on

November 11 asking Goel to report to Delhi Police HQ till further orders and appointed Sanjay Beniwal as new DG (Prisons). Before Goel's transfer, alleged conman Sukesh Chandrasekhar. an accused in a Rs 200-crore ex-

tortion case, accused the officer

of allegedly taking money from him for his safety in prison. The report by the committee, comprising principal secretaries of Delhi government's Home, Law and Vigilance departments, has noted "collusion" on part of then DG (Prisons) Goel with Jain, who was arrested by the Enforcement Directorate (ED) in connection with a money laun-

dering case on May 31. In its inquiry, it found that after scanning video footage provided by the ED. Goel was seen talking to Jain in his cell on October 6 for around 50 minutes (from 6.39 pm to 7.29 pm). "This reflects Goel was quite close to Jain and exhibited his unbecoming conduct at the cost of decorum. Goel also submitted his comments to the home department and had tried to project as if nothing was amiss in jail. He also tried to give colour to massage being done to Jain as if it was his health/medical necessity. Departmental proceedings are also recommended against him for lapses leading to preferential treatment to Jain," the

committee has found. It found that alleged repeated entry of Jain's family members into the deodhi (checking area) of jail no 7 without any order of competent authority was a blatant and serious violation of Delhi Prison Rules, 2018. "Deodhi is not a place earmarked for purpose of mulakat of prisoners but is considered to be a very secure place owing to inward and outward movements of inmates by jail authorities. Therefore, strict discipline has to be maintained, otherwise it poses a threat to jail security. The fact that this happened cannot be without support of jail administration, particularly jail superintendent and DG (Prisons)," it found.

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GEM BID REF. NO. GEM/2022/B/2860225 DTD 15-Dec-22

NIT SLA No.: SCC/KC/GeM/OT(P)/ARC DOCK BLOCK

PREPARATION/GRSE KPDD/213

Sub: "Annual Rate Contract for Dock Block Preparation

and Arrangement at GRSE KPDD"

Tender Submission Due date: 14-Jan-23

Any addendum/corrigendum to this tender enquiry will be published in above websites only

Chief General Manager/Electrical, C-4 District Centre, Saket, New Delhi-110017

BRIEFLY -

Noida Police seize over 4.500 litres of liquor

Noida: The Buddh Nagar police said they busted an alleged interstate "liquor smuggling gang" Thursday, with the seizure of around 4,500 litres of liquor. While three accused were arrested, five are absconding, police said. Police said they have also seized four vehicles, several mobile phones, and Rs 40,300 cash.

Child porn: 105 cases filed, 36 held since Nov 1

New Delhi: Delhi Police cyber cell registered more than 105 cases and arrested 36 people involved in child pornography in Delhi since November 1, according to a statement issued Thursday. Under Operation Masoom (mitigation of adolescent sexually offensive online material), police, with help of US-based National Center for Missing & Exploited Children, screened all cyber tipline reports on the National Crime Records Bureau. ENS

MCD's Central Library shifted from Town Hall to Civic Centre

New Delhi: The Central Library of the Municipal Corporation of Delhi set up in 1958 at the Town Hall in the walled city, has been shifted to the Civic Centre, officials said Thursday. The 1860s-era Town Hall in Chandni Chowk served as the MCD headquarters from the time of its inception till it was moved to the Civic Centre. PTI

SALUTE THE SOLDIER



MAJ HPS SANDHU, SC 04 JUN 1963 - 23 DEC 1993 We pay homage to Maj HPS Sandhu, SC (Posthumous), who was killed in action while fighting the enemy in OP RAKSHAK, J&K in the year 1993 His dauntless courage and sacrifice will forever inspire the organisation.

CO and All Ranks 6th Battalion Brigade of The GUARDS.
BRAVEHEARTS OF 5/1 GORKHA RIFLES 23 DEC







On this day 5046585F Rfn Khyam Bahadur Thapa, 5048212X Rfn Chura Bahadur Gurung and 5048365F Rfn Resham Bahadur Sijapati of 5/1 Gorkha Rifles made the supreme sacrifice during 'OP RAK-SHAK' on 23 Dec 2004 in a true act of valour. The brave soldiers will always be remembered for their enthusiasm. To these brave hearts we pledge that we shall always be guided by their immortal spirit and make their name proud.

CO AND ALL RANKS, 5/1 GORKHA RIFLES

Dakshin Bihar Gramin Bank Regional Office : Patna

कार्य का नाम

खूँटी जिला के खूँटी प्रखण्ड में सिल्डा

कालामाटी पथ पर उरॉव मसना के पास

कॉची नदी पर उच्चस्तरीय पुल निर्माण।

समय 17 / 01 / 2023 अपराहन 05:00 बजे तक

ई—निविदा प्रकोष्ठ का दूरभाष सं० — 6202402505

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वेबसाइट में निविदा प्रकाशन की तिथि - 30 / 12 / 2022

ई-निविदा प्राप्ति की अंतिम तिथि एवं समय -16 / 01 / 2023 अपराह्न 5:00 बजे तक

तकनीकी निविदा खोलने की तिथि एवं समय —18 / 01 / 2023 अपराहृन 2:00 बजे

Auction Sale Notice Under SARFAESI Act, 2002

Auction Sale of immovable Property mortgaged to the Bank under Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Asset and Enforcement of Security Interest Act- 2002 read with rules 5,6,7,8 and 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement rules,2002), Possession of the following property has been taken over by the Authorized Officer, pursuant to the Notice issued U/s 13 (2), 13 (4) of the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Asset and Enforcement of Security Interest Act- 2002 in the borrowers accounts mentioned below with a right to sell the same on "AS IS WHERE IS" AND "AS IS WHAT IS" basis for realization of the Bank's Dues on 30.01.2023 started from 11 A.M.

S. No.	Branch	Borrower's Name / Guarantor's Name	Details Of Property (Name Of Mortgagor)	(B) Possession Notice-13(4) (C) Balance-Rs + Future Intt & charges	
1.	КАВ	M/S Smriti RiceMill , Prop Ramashraya Sharma , S/O- Sri Gopal Sharma (7317IB00000029, 73178700000301) Vill+P.O-Kab, P.S- Rani Talab, Dulhin Bazar-DistPatna	Mortgagor- Ramashray Sharma s/o sri.Gopal sharma, Vill+ P.OKab,P.SRani Talab,Dulhin Bazar,Dist- Patna.801104, Land Details- 7.81 Dismil, Deed no-4357 Dtd-12.08.2009, Mauza -Lathar kab, khata no-1384,1638 & 1425, Thana No42, Plot no-3865, 3866, 4485 & 12159 situated at Rani Talab, within the Registration subdistrict office –Bihta, Patna. Boundary-North- Road, South- Manorma Devi, East- Harish kumar, West- Self.	(B) 30-05-2017	(A) ₹13,40,000/- (B) ₹1,34,000/- (C) ₹10,000/-
2.	Phulwarisarif	Maa Sherawali Enterprises, Prop-Sri Kunal Singh S/O-Sri Vishwanath Singh(74118700000842& 7411jh00001413), - At Mahammadpur ,P.O Sampaptchak , P.S. Malsalami , Dist Patna	Mortgager-Sri Mukesh Kumar (Guarantor in Loan A.C., Borrower name-Sri Kunal Singh, S/O- Sri Vishwananth Singh. AtMahammadpur, District-Patna, Land details-Deed No-18491-dtd-210.09.2018.& Mortgage Deed no-4918 dtd-06.06.2019Area—12.05 Dismil, Mauza-Mahamadpur Baratpur, Thana No-35, Tauzi No17, Khata No-146, Plot No-689, DistPatna. Boundary-North-Sri Manohar Singh,South-20 Ft Wide Rasta, , East-Kallu Singh,West- Kunal Singh	(B) 30-08-2022	(A) ₹84,20,000/- (B) ₹8,42,000/- (C) ₹10000/-
3.	Dulhin Bazar	At- Singhara , P.O- Dulhin	Mortgager–Sri Jai Ram Prasad, S/O-Late Ram Ayodhya Prasad, At Singhara, At-Singhara, P.O- Dulhin Bazar, Dist-PatnaLand Details- Deed No-6367 (Reg.Mortgage Deed), Dtd-03.10.2017, Area-84 Dismil,Mauza-Singhara, Thana No-235, Khata No-136,281, Tauzi No-4567, Plot No176,509. Boundary-North-Akhildeo Mahto & Others, South-Chandra Deep Pandit & Others, East- Aahar & Others, West- Chandra Deep Mahto	(B) 26 -08-2022 (C) ₹2177714/-	(A) ₹42,80,000/- (B) ₹4,28,000/- (C) ₹10,000/-
4.	Masaurhi	Mrs. Madhumala Kumari, W/O-Manoj Kumar (7318JH00006261), At- Kansar,P.O-Masaurhi, Dist Patna	Mortgager –Mr. Manoj Kumar , S/O- Ashok Kumar Sharma & Mrs. Usha Devi, W/O-Ashok Kumar Sharma ,At-Kansara , Ghorahuwan, DistPatna. Land Details- Deed No-170 Dtd-16.01.2013, Area-10 dhur(680 Sq. Ft.),Mauza-Sonkukra, Tauzi No-1618, Khata No-49, Khesra No-163,Thana No-153. Boundary- North-Akhilesh Sharma, South- Rasta 12 Ft.,East-Amrendra Sharma, West-Pintu Kumar	(B) 15.03.2022 (C) ₹1106477/-	(A) ₹22,30,000/ (B) ₹2,23,000/ (C) ₹10000/-
5.	BYAPUR	Mr. Sunil Kumar, S/O-Sri Hirawan Choudhary (7483NC00000041), At & P.OByapur, P.S.MANER, Dist Patna	Mortgager –Mr. Sunil Kumar, S/O- Sri Hirawan Choudhary,Mohalla-Gola Road,Jhakhari Mahadeo, P.SDanapur , Dist-Patna. Land Details-Deed No-8652 Dtd-05.10.2012. Area-1.24 Dismil (540.5 Sq. Ft), Mauza -Danapur Shahajadpur,Khata No514, Plot No724, Thana No-21. Boundary-North- Nij, South- Rajesh Kumar, East-10 Ft. Rasta, West- Parmeshwar Singh.	(B) 26.09.2022	(A) ₹22,30,000/- (A) ₹2,23,000/- (C) ₹10000/-
6.	Anandpur	Pintu Sweets ,Prop Randhir Kumar, S/O-Late Vijay Saw (73088700003169), At-Deokuli, P.o-Musepur, DistPatna	Mortgager-Mrs. Dharmshila Devi, W/O- Late Vijay Saw AtDeokuli, P.sBihta, Dist-Patna-Land Details-Deed No-936, Dtd12.02.2001, Area-01 Katha, Khata No-58, Plot No-1508, Tauzi No-2854,THANA No-55, Bouindary-North-Aerodram Rd., South-Pattidar Suga Choudhary, East-Rajnath Singh, West-Road.	(B) 29.08.2022	(A) ₹18,90,000/- (A) ₹1,89,000/- (C) ₹10000/-
7.	Danapur Nasirganj	At- Nasirganj(Near Vaishali Flour Mill) , ESI Colony , P.O. Digha , DIST- Patna	Mortgagor- Mrs. Shakunti Devi, W/O-Kali Das, At-Nasirganj, Near Vaishali Flour Mill, ESI Colony, Danapur, Dist- Patna. Land Details-Deed No-6032,dtd-18.06.2003, Area-10 Dhur, Khata No1854, Tauzi No-5723, Khesra No-687, Mauza- Digha, Thana No-01, P.s. Digha, Patna. Boundary-North-Abdul Karim, South- Jamun Ram, East- Nagarpalika Gali West- Mala Devi & Asha Devi	(B) 03.03.2022 (C) ₹1287978/-+ Intt	(A) ₹20,30,000/- (A) ₹2,03,000/- (C) ₹10000/-

Date of Auction 30.01.2023, Venue – Dakshin Bihar Gramin Bank, Regional Office, PATNA

1. For participation in the Auction, each intending bidder has to make a refundable deposit (EMD) by way of Pay Order/ Demand Draft, in favour of Dakshin Bihar Gramin Bank, Payable at Patna. The said EMD will have to be deposited with the Authorized Officer by 30-01-2023 till 11 A.M.The said deposit shall be adjusted in case of successful bidders

The authorized Officer reserves the right to accept or reject any or all the bid/offer or adjure/postpone / cancel the auction Sale without assigning any reason thereof. The aforesaid property shall not be sold below the reserve price mentioned.

4. If the Bid/ Offer is accepted by the Authorized Officer, the successful Bidder who has offered the highest sale price in the bid has to pay a Deposit of 25% of the Bid Amount (inclusive of EMD) of the Sale Price immediately on the same day to the Authorized Officer, falling which the Earnest Money Deposit shall be forfeited and the property shall forthwith will be sold again.

5. The successful Bidder shall pay the remaining 75% of the bid amount on or before the 15th Day of confirmation of Auction Sale by means of Pay Order/ DD favoring Dakshin Bihar Gramin Bank payable at Patna.

6. In default of payment of balance amount 75% of bid amount within the stipulated period i.e. 15 days from the date of confirmation of sale, The deposit amount (25% of bid amount inclusive of EMD) shall be forfeited and the property shall be resold and the defaulting purchaser shall forfeit all claims to the property or to any part of the sum for which it may be subsequently sold.

7. On confirmation of sale by the bank and if the terms of payment have been complied with, the authorized officer exercising the power of sale shall issue a sale certificate for immovable property/ certificate of sale for moveable property, as the case may be, in favour of the purchaser in the specified format of the bank as per the rules under Securitization Act 2002.

8. The property is being sold "AS IS WHERE IS" AND "AS IS WHAT IS" basis and subjects to the condition prescribed in the Securitization Act 2002. 9. The interested parties / Bidders may inspect the property put up for the Auction Sale during the working hours of the bank for which they may contact our Branch Manager/ Regional Officer with a written request accompanied by the copy of acknowledgment of EMD as aforesaid.

10. The successful Bidder shall bear exclusively all the charges payable for physical possession, Registration Fee, Stamp Duty, Taxes, Statutory dues etc. as applicable.

The sale/ auction is subject to confirmation by the bank.

12. The authorized officer will not be held responsible for any charge, Lien, Encumbrances, Property tax or any other dues to the government or anybody in respect of the

13. This is also a notice to the borrower / Guarantor of the aforesaid loan about holding of auction sale on above mentioned dated if their dues are not repaid in full Place: Patna

Date: 21.12.2022

Dakshin Bihar Gramin Bank Date: 22.12.2022

EAST CENTRAL RAILWAY 🍥 Corrigendum Notice for Empanelment of Advertising Agencies

No.: ECR-HQ0GMO(GMSC)/321/2020 Name of Work: Empanelment of INS Accredited Advertising Agencies in East Central Railway. Revised Schedule of Rates as Annexure - E of the Empanelment Document has been ploaded on website as Corrigendum All applicant agencies should use this Revised Schedule of Rates as Annexure - F. Rest information will be same as per document uploaded on 15.12.2022. Chief Public Relations Officer/ ECR/ Hajipur

OPEN TENDER NOTICE

PR/01744/HQ/C/22-23/20

Den Tender Notice No. SrDEE-TRD BSB-2022-23-T21 Date: 20.12.2022 Sr. Divisional Electrical Engineer TRD, North Eastern Railway, Varanasi for and on behalf of President of India invites sealed "OPEN" E-Tender for the following work.

Name of work: 25 KV Electrificatioin Work in connection with development of Train set maintenance facilities in Coaching depot BSBS of N. E. Railway, Varanasi Division, Tedner reference no: SrDEE-TRD-BSB-2022 23-T21, Approx. Cost (in Rs) ₹ 7508289.40, Earnest money (in Rs) ₹ 150200/-, Cost of tender documents (in Rs): Nil, E-Tender closing date and Time: 12.01.2023 up to 15:00 Hrs Completion period: 6 Months.

 E-Tender Online will be submitted upto 15:00 Hrs on date: 12.01.2023 For full details and submission of bid kindly visit the Official website of Indian railway i.e. www.ireps.gov.in

Sr. Divisional Electrical Engineer/TRD/ CPRO/EL - 152 N. E. Railway, Varanasi About any passenger amenity complain SMS on Mobile No. 09794845955

Never travel on roof and foot boards"

Regional Office : Krishna Honda Building, Akharaghat Road, Muzaffarpur-842001



Details available in GeM portal https://gem.gov.in

POSSESSION NOTICE (FOR IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

Bank Of Baroda

Whereas, the undersigned being the authorised officer of the BANK OF BARODA under the securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(12) read with rule 3 of the security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a demand notice calling upon the borrower(s)/Gurantor to repay the amount within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The borrowers having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the Borrowers/Gurantors and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under sub section (4) of

section 13 of the Act with rule 8 of the said rules. The Borrowers/Gurantors/Mortgagers in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property/ies and any dealings with the properties will be subject to the charge of the BANK OF BARODA for the amount and further interest there of the contractual rate

plus, charge and expenses till date of payment. The Borrower's attention is invited to provision of sub section (8) of section 13 of the SARFAESI

Act 2002, in respect of the	ime available, to redeem the secured assets.		
Name of the Branch/ Name & Address of the Borrower/Guarantors	Description of the Immovable Properties	Demand/ Possession Notice Date	
Bank of Baroda (E-Vijaya) Muzaffarpur Branch Borrower: Mr. Anjeet Kumar, S/o Sunii Kumar, Guarantor: Mr. Adarsh Kumar, both are at Vill.+Post- Chhapra Megh, Mushari Dist Muzaffarpur Bihar	All that piece and parcel of the immovable property situated at Anchal Mushari, Thana No.278, DistMuzaffarpur bearing sale deed no. 22495, dated 28-09-2011 consisting Property 1.: Khata No. 207, Khesra No. 487, Area- 16 decimal. Boundaries:N: Khesra No. 482 & 486, S: Rajeev Kumar hall Khariddaar, E: Khesra No. 482, W: Nij Manmoklr Property 2.: Khata No. Aiyejan, Khesra No. 490, Area- 04 decimal. Boundaries:N: Khesra No. 520, S: Khesra No. 488, E: Nij Manmokir, W: Nij Manmokir. Property 3: Hypothecation of vehicle Mahindra Traco Blazo	19-12-2022	Rs.18,39,565.86/ as on 11.10.2022 together with further interest thereon at the contractual rate plus all cost charges & expenses till date payments
Place : Muzaffarpur	·	. A	uthorised Officer



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Prioritise farmers' welfare to strengthen India's agrarian economy

Kisan Divas offers the most effective platform every year to sow the seeds of collective action aimed at ensuring the well-being of the farming community while boosting growth in the agricultural sector. This will accelerate socio-economic progress and foster national security



GAINST THE backdrop of Kisan Divas' observance on 23 December, the historic slogan of India's second Prime Minister, Lal Bahadur Shastri -"Jai Jawan Jai Kisan", which translates into "Hail the soldier, hail the farmer". highlights the overarching role of food security as more than a factor determining the country's socio-economic growth, by serving as an important pillar of national security. Drawing parallels between a soldier, as the protector of his motherland, and a farmer, who tills that very land for providing one of the necessities of lifefood; the well-known slogan emphasizes the pivotal role of farmers as a force to reckon with, for any nation's sustained development and for peace and stability to prevail within its borders. The observance of National Farmers' Day, celebrated as Kisan Divas in India, is an annual tribute to the country's unsung heroes- the community of farmers, the strength of which in rural India, based on a report by the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, stands at a whopping 70 percent.

With India, being primarily an agriculturebased country and the agricultural sector contributing nearly 14% of the country's total GDP while a major portion of India's population consistently relying on agriculture as a primary source of its livelihood, the observance of Kisan Divas becomes especially significant for drawing attention to and bolstering the future of India's

agrarian economy.

The annual observance of Kisan Divas in India

on December 23 every year, centres on the nation's farming community and celebrates its valuable contribution to our country's socioeconomic growth, alongside promoting awareness of the importance of farmers as well as farming in a rapidly changing world. The date of this annual celebration coincides with the birth anniversary of the fifth Prime Minister of India, Choudhary Charan Singh, who, as a farmer's leader, introduced a slew of policies aimed at improving the lives of the povertystricken Indian farmers. Frequently referred to as the 'Champion of India's peasants', Choudhary Charan Singh, born on 23 December 1902, remained actively associated with many causes dear to the country's farming community, throughout his adult life.

As a day dedicated to farmers, Kisan Divas celebrations across the country are replete with a spectrum of campaigns and drives aimed at raising awareness of not only the indispensable role of farmers and their contributions to the society but also of the challenges they face and their pressing needs. The focus of the day remains largely on organizing various programs, workshops, seminars, discussions, functions and exhibitions, which ensure that farmers keep abreast of the latest technology and advancements in agricultural science to reap the most benefit and increase their yield. Driving the observance's message home, the whole gamut of events that take place on Kisan Divas acknowledge and appreciate farmers' contributions while simultaneously calling attention to the urgent need for prioritizing their social and economic betterment and overall well-being.

In light of the unequivocal and undeniable reality that unhindered physical and economic access to food is inextricably intertwined with national security and that any population's ac-



Farming, being the backbone of the global agricultural powerhouse – India, needs to be strengthened proactively.

The cumulative FDI inflow of USD 2,600.70 million from April 2000 to June 2022, marking a sharp increase in investments in the Indian agricultural sector, indicates a positive phase for the farming community

cess to sufficient quantity of safe and nutritious food is a core state interest, the role of farmers becomes pronounced in ensuring the same and driving socio-economic growth while upholding political stability. Emphasizing the same, the Norwegian Nobel Committee awarded the 2020 Nobel Peace Prize to the World Food Programme for "its efforts to combat hunger", "its contribution to bettering conditions for peace in conflict-affected areas" and for it "acting as a driving force in efforts to prevent the use of hunger as a weapon of war and conflict". This once again bears testimony to the global recog-

nition of food's role as going beyond being a source of sustenance, and playing an instrumental part in ensuring national security, political stability, economic growth and the peaceful coexistence of the members of a society.

Evidences abound from antiquity until recent times reflecting the indisputable importance of the cultivation of food grain in human history and its impact on the evolutionary journey of human civilization through various ages.

Agriculture has been a key development milestone in the rise of sedentary human civilization by facilitating human population's ex-

ponential growth. The transition to an agrarian society from one relying on hunting and gathering came about gradually and independently in different parts of the world, with a common trend toward higher population densities and larger settlements emerging as a demographic consequence.

The history of agriculture in India dates back to 7000 BC, with archaeological evidence indicating the use of an animal-drawn plough in the Indus valley Civilization as early as 2,500 BC. India's agricultural sector has come a long way since then and has made noteworthy progress over the centuries. A report by the World Trade Organization (WTO) ranked India 9th among the top 10 agricultural produce exporters in 2019. The India Brand Equity Foundation (IBEF) established by the Department of Commerce, Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Government of India, mentions, "India has captured nearly 50% of the world market for rice in FY 2022." Additionally, IBEF, while referring to the 30% year-over-year increase in the export of India's agricultural and processed food products states that it "stood at USD 9,598 million in FY 2022-23.

Although the Indian agricultural sector has attained grain self-sufficiency and the forecast by IBEF proclaims, "the Indian agricultural sector is predicted to increase to USD 24 billion by 2025", the sector is plagued by issues, amidst resource-intensive, cereal centric and regionally biased production. The farming community in the country regularly encounters challenges that stem from owning small and fragmented land-holdings, lack of access to quality seeds and mechanization at affordable prices, soil erosion of fertile land, dearth of irrigation systems, scarcity of capital and low productivity resulting from soil exhaustion.

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Recognizing the correlation between food

security and political stability, socio-economic growth alongside the well-being of the population, and to redress the issues affecting the farming community, the government of India keeps launching laudable schemes from time to time. In the Union Budget 2022-23, USD 15.9 billion had been allocated to the Department of Agriculture, Cooperation and Farmers' Welfare while USD 1.1 billion went to the Department of Agricultural Research and Education. Moreover, the government has set up not only a network of 729 Krishi Vigyan Kendra at the district level across the country but also initiated the noteworthy Digital Agriculture Mission for 2021-25. The need to promote agricultural start-ups and the development of irrigation sources have been taken into account while planning new schemes. The year 2022 has witnessed the launch of Kisan Drones to facilitate crop assessment, digitization of land records, spraying of insecticides and nutrients as well as PM Modi releasing PM-KISAN funds worth USD 1.93 billion to ensure a brighter future for the

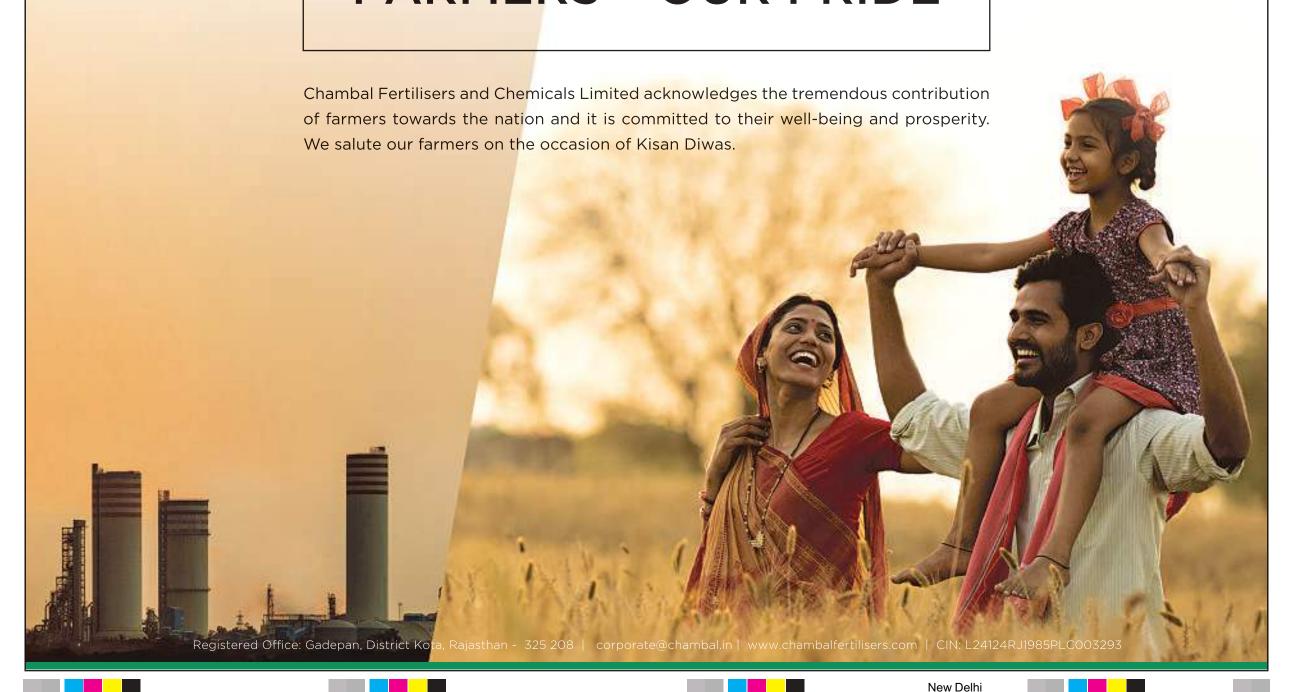
From the dawn of the Neolithic Revolutionalso referred to as the Agricultural Revolution to the current Information Age, a lot has changed, barring the significance of life-sustaining food, which has retained its constancy and supremacy as an irreplaceable resource in an ever-changing world marked by chequered interests and priorities. Kisan Divas, with its focus on farmers, who are responsible for ensuring that there is always food on our tables, provides food for thought concerning how well our country's farmers' needs are being addressed and what more needs to be done for the amelioration of the farming community that continues to cultivate life-sustaining food incessantly and unconditionally.

farmers and the agricultural sector.





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6 IN PARLIAMENT WINTER SESSION

If my statement hurt anyone, I withdraw it: Goyal on his Bihar remark

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI. DECEMBER 22

UNION MINISTER and Leader of the House in Rajya Sabha, Piyush Goyal, on Thursday said that his reference to Bihar earlier in the week was not intended to insult the people of the state, and that he would "immediately withdraw that statement" if it hurt anybody.

He was referring to his remark on Tuesday that if RJD MP Manoj Kumar Jha had his way, he "would turn the whole country into Bihar". After the Opposition, including Jha, demanded an apology from Goyal in the House, the minister said, "There was no intention of either insulting Bihar or the people of Bihar. If at all it has hurt anybody, I will immediately withdraw that statement. It was not made with any malice towards anybody at all." He, however, stopped short of apologising.

The Opposition continued its protests over the issue as well as its demand for a discussion on the India-China border

Bill to decriminalise minor offences in 42 laws introduced in Lok Sabha

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, JANUARY 22

THE GOVERNMENT on Thursday introduced a Bill in Lok Sabha to amend certain enactments to decriminalise minor offences.

Commerce Minister Piyush Goyal introduced the Jan Vishwas (Amendment of Provisions) Bill in Lok Sabha and sought the House's permission for it to be sent to a joint committee of Parliament.

Through the proposed Bill, Goyal said, the government intends to decriminalise 182 provisions of 42 laws across 19 ministries. "We believe winning the trust of people and the business class is of utmost importance. That is why it has been named an Vishwas Amendment Bill, 2022," Goyal said.

The Bill also proposes to increase the minimum amount of fine — or penalty — every three years after it becomes law. "The cornerstone of democratic governance lies in the government trusting its own people and institutions. A web of outdated rules and regulations causes trust deficit. It has been the endeavour of the government to achieve the principle of



Piyush Goyal in Rajya Sabha



THE BILL has been brought in to shed the baggage of antiquated laws that adversely affect developmental trajectory, as well as to increase ease of doing business and ease of living, according to the government.

Government 'Minimum Maximum Governance', redefining the regulatory landscape of the country under Ease of Living and Fase of Doing Business reforms," the Bill states in its state-

Goyal said, "There are many laws in our country under which people are punished, or have to make rounds of courts for very minor offences.... Generally, ordinary people and businessmen want an honest system, run their businesses honestly, and live an

be prosecuted for small offences." He added, "We want to bring in a system that has provisions for compounding of such offences by way of fines."

honest life. Sometimes they com-

mit mistakes, too. In such situa-

tions, we believe they must not

Goyal said that since 2014, the Centre has taken multiple decisions to make life easy for people, and counted decisions such as self-attestation of documents and introduction of GST to reform the taxation system among such measures. "All these have impacted ease

of doing business and ease of living," he said. "We want to give foreign investors the red carpet, and not red tape. We jumped from 141th position on the index of ease of doing business to 63. We have repealed 1,500 obsolete laws, simplified 39,000 compliances, and brought 3,500 such provisions that have decriminalized minor offences.'

'Discuss China': Opp disrupts both Houses

New Delhi: Both Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha saw vociferous protests by opposition parties on Thursday over their demand for a detailed discussion on the India-China border conflict. In a first in the ongoing winter session, the Lok Sabha was repeatedly adjourned by disruptions as opposition parties demanded the Prime Minister's presence in the House to answer questions on China's incursions across the LAC.

The Lower House saw five adjournments and was finally adjourned for the day at 4.45 pm.

In Rajya Sabha, the Opposition boycotted the day's proceedings after their demand for a discussion was disallowed. Repeated pleas by the Chairman to the protesting members maintain decorum and take their seats went unheeded.

The Opposition later staged a walkout, boycotting the day's proceedings. Among parties that boycotted the proceedings were the Congress, NCP, TMC, DMK, CPI, CPI(M), SP, JMM, RJD, JD(U)and AAP. **ENS&PTI**

Mandaviya to states **EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE**

NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 22 IN VIEW of rising cases of Covid-19 in China and some other countries, Union Health Minister Mansukh Mandaviya on Thursday urged states to increase community vigilance and increase administration of precaution doses of coronavirus vaccine. In a statement in Lok Sabha,

Mandaviya said: "The government is keeping a watch and taking steps to meet the challenges in the healthcare sector due to the pandemic. The states are being advised to increase community vigilance and control Covid. States have been advised to conduct genome sequencing for all positive cases. This will help identify the new variant and take strong steps to deal with it."

He stated, "Keeping in mind coming festivities, states should spread awareness about Covidappropriate behaviour such as wearing of masks and hygiene...'

In Rajya Sabha, Mandaviya said India has started 2 per cent random sampling of interna-

'If needed, will make testing must for international arrivals'

Raise Covid vigilance:

Union Health Minister Mansukh Mandaviya in Rajya Sabha, Thursday. PTI

tional travellers coming to the country. That percentage, he said, could be increased in the coming days, and "if necessary, we will make it mandatory for everyone coming to India".

Replying to a query from AAP member Raghav Chadha on whether the government will ban direct flights from China, the minister said, "We are constantly monitoring the situation. There are no direct flights between China and India but people come via other routes." Stating that the government will "continue to manage the

pandemic through trace-tracktreat (method) and Covid-appropriate behaviour", Mandaviya stated in Lok Sabha, "I want assistance from all parties and members in dealing with the pandemic. Members must spread awareness in their constituencies.'

The Health Minister said India is reporting 153 new cases on an average every day, while the rest of the world "5.87 lakh Covid cases are being recorded". He also said Japan, South Korea, USA, France, Greece and Italy are witnessing a "sustained rise in both cases of Covid and deaths due to it, (and) in the past few days media reports suggest a sharp rise in Covid cases in China".

In Rajya Sabha, Mandaviya assured members that all oxygen plants were running and a review had been done about availability of medicines. "We are prepared and ready to provide the requirement of medicines and vaccines in the country," he said.

He informed MPs that an expert committee has given approval to nasal vaccine to combat the virus, doing away with the requirements of jabs.

Masks make return to Parliament, MPs cautioned on Covid

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 22

AMID CONCERNS over rising cases of Covid-19 in many countries, including neighbouring China, masks were back in Parliament on Thursday.

A large number of members were seen wearing masks inside the Lok Sabha and the Rajya Sabha. Those who hadn't come with a mask were handed out one by the Parliament staff.

Health Minister Mansukh Mandaviya made a statement on the rising cases of Covid across the world and the precautions needed to be taken to stay safe. The Speaker and Chairman of the two Houses, respectively, appealed to the members to follow Covid-appropriate behaviour. Speaker Om Birla, in fact, entered the Lok Sabha wearing a mask.

Addressing the House, he said, "Members, I wish to attract your attention towards the Covid-19 pandemic becoming active in many countries across the world. Given the past experience with it, we need to remain alert and vigilant. Taking

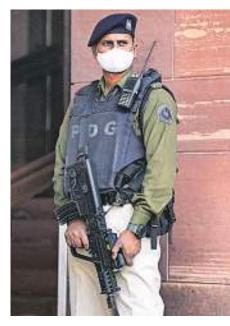
timely steps, the government too has advised to follow necessary safety measures. I urge all members to follow these measures and wear mask. You must also contribute to spreading awareness on the issue. I am confident that the way the country scored victory over the pandemic through collective efforts, we will do so in future as well," he said, adding that masks for all members were available at the gate (of the House).

While papers were being laid on the table in the morning, Mandaviya read his speech while wearing the mask.

In Rajya Sabha too, several members were seen wearing the mask although almost all had one with them. Chairman Jagdeep Dhankhar and many on the treasury benches had their masks on when the day's proceedings began at 11 am.

Addressing Rajya Sabha before taking up the listed business of the day, Dhankhar said: "I urge all the honourable members to be extra cautious about the surging Covid cases in the world. It is our ardent duty to set example before our







(Clockwise from the top) Prime Minister Narendra Modi and other MPs, many of them wearing masks, in Rajya Sabha on Thursday. An official distributes masks at the Parliament House complex. Parliament security personnel have also masked up. PTI

Sonia's remarks not right, far from my reflections: Dhankhar

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 22

RAJYA SABHA Chairman Jagdeep Dhankhar on Thursday termed as inappropriate the remarks by Congress Parliamentary Party (CPP) chairperson Sonia Gandhi that the government is seeking to deligitimise the judiciary and urged political leaders not to subject high constitutional offices to partisan stances.

Speaking in the Upper House, Dhankhar said, "The observations are severely inappropriate, indicating a lack of faith in democracy, making this exceptional response unavoidable.'

"The statement imparted by the chairperson of the UPA is far distanced from my reflections. Delegitimising the judiciary is beyond my contemplation. It is a pillar of democracy. I would urge and expect leaders across the political spectrum to bear in mind not to subject high constitutional offices to partisan stances," Dhankhar said.

He also said, "Parliamentary sovereignty is quintessential to democracy and is non-negotiable. Subscribing to this is not optional



Chairman Jagdeep Dhankhar in Rajya Sabha, Thursday. ANI

if democracy has to sustain and blossom. I had emphasised that democracy blossoms and flourishes when its three facets — the Legislature, the Judiciary and the Executive — scrupulously adhere to their respective domains. The sublimity of the doctrine of separation of powers is realised when the Legislature, Judiciary and the Executive optimally function in tandem and togetherness, meticulously ensuring scrupulous adherence to respective jurisdictional domains.

"Further I had indicated that this House is eminently positioned to take affirmative steps to bring out congeniality amongst these wings of governance."

murder affect tourism: minister

Cases like Ankita

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 22

INCIDENTS LIKE the recent murder of a hotel employee in Uttarakhand affect India's image and the inflow of tourists to the country, Union Tourism Minister G. Kishan Reddy said in the Rajya Sabha on Thursday.

The minister was answering a question asked by DMK member M Mohamed Abdulla about the issues faced by women in the hospitality sector when BJP MP Anil Baluni posed a supplementary question. Baluni, who is from Uttarakhand, cited the murder of Ankita, though he did not name her, and asked the minister what steps the government was taking for the security of women who work in the hospitality sector.

Reddy said the matter perined to the state government as it was an issue of law and order. Terming it an "isolated incident", Reddy said, "There should be no such incident. It hurts the image of India and affects the tourists coming to India."

Ankita was working as a receptionist at a resort in Rishikesh, owned by the son of a BJP leader, when she was murdered in September this year.

From The Gallery

FROM THE CHAIR **RAJYA SABHA**

"What you've done today, each of you, by coming to the well, this will haunt you for ages. The oath which you have taken on this solemn platform is being torn to pieces by you."

JAGDEEP DHANKHAR Chairman, to Opposition MPs agitating for a discussion on

LOK SABHA

"I request you all to take your seat. Members are raising very serious issues. You are all very senior members. This does not suit your stature."

KIRIT SOLANKI, who was chairing proceedings, to Opposition MPs who were shouting slogans in the Well of the House

YouTube takes down channels charged with two communities in Tamil Nadu spreading fake news

DIVYAA NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 22

A DAY after the government

asked YouTube to remove three channels for spreading fake news, the streaming giant has taken them down, it said. On Wednesday, the I&B

Ministry had directed YouTube to take down Aaj Tak Live, News Headlines and Sarkari Updates, in view of them being declared by the Press Information Bureau's (PIB) Fact Check Unit as peddlers of fake news. The three channels were

flagged for spreading fake news pertaining to the government, its various schemes and even about the Election Commission. The channels had nearly 33 lakh subscribers, and recorded over 30 crore views, the government had said. While News Headlines has 9.67 lakh regular subscribers, Sarkari Update and Aaj Tak Live have 22.6 lakh and over 65,000 subscribers, respectively.

"The YouTube channels were observed to be using fake and sensational thumbnails with logos of TV channels and images of their news anchors to mislead the viewers to believe that the news was authentic," the I&B Ministry had said, adding that these channels were also found to be displaying



I&B Minister Anurag Thakur

advertisements on their videos, thus monetising misinformation.

The minister added that, "We accounts, and three podcasts..."

Act," Thakur said.



Meanwhile, Union I&B Minister Anurag Thakur told the Rajya Sabha on Thursday that the government blocked 104 YouTube channels and 45 YouTube videos for providing "false" and "misleading" information that could lead to rumours or fear-mongering. He was responding to a question on the spread of "fake news" circulating through digital platforms posed by BJP MP Jugalsinh Lokhandwala. "We have taken action against the channels that have attempted to mislead and create fear and divisions in society under Section 69A of the IT

have also banned four Facebook accounts and two posts, three accounts on Instagram, five Twitter

the suggestion of the Tamil Nadu

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 22

RAJYA SABHA on Thursday passed a Bill that seeks to grant Scheduled Tribe status to Narikoravan and Kurivikkaran communities in Tamil Nadu. The Constitution (Scheduled Tribes) Order (Second Amendment) Bill, 2022 was passed through a voice vote in the House.

The Bill, which was piloted by Union Minister for Tribal Affairs Ariun Munda, was passed by the Lok Sabha on December 15. 2022. It was proposed following government that the two communities be included in the

RS passes Bill to grant ST status to

State's ST list. Replying to the debate, Munda said the number of these communities is very less, they face hardship and are deprived of their rights even after the country's independence. "The government is working on tribal-related issues, removing discrepancies and ensuring justice for them," he said.

Munda said several RS members have raised demands to add more communities from their respective areas to the tribal list and the government is sensitive about it. "The government is trying to solve the issues and has taken similar requests for the states of Uttar Pradesh, Himachal Pradesh and Karnataka," he said.

M Thambidurai of the AIADMK supported the Bill and said some more communities from Tamil Nadu need to be added to the ST list. "Fishing is also hunting in the sea, therefore there is a demand from Tamil Nadu to add fishermen to the tribal communities. Other communities such as Valmiki, Vaduga and kuruba must be included in the ST list," Thambidurai said.

Bill to give ST status to Betta-Karuba community in Karnataka passed in RS

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 22

RAJYA SABHA on Thursday passed a Bill to include Betta-Kuruba community along with Kadu-Kuruba in the list of Scheduled Tribes in Karnataka. The Constitution (Scheduled Tribes) Order (Fourth Amendment) Bill, 2022 was passed through a voice vote.

The Lok Sabha had on December 19 passed the Bill, which was piloted by Tribal Affairs Minister Arjun Munda in the Upper House.

The minister said the Bill seeks to provide justice to the Betta-Kuruba community of Karnataka, which has only about 5,000 members living in the southern state. "The state government of Karnataka has requested to include Betta-Kuruba community as a synonym of Kadu-Kuruba in entry 16 in the list of Scheduled Tribes of Karnataka," Munda said in a statement of objects and reasons of the Bill.

Responding to the issues raised by Opposition members,

Munda said the Congress has not done anything for the welfare of the tribal community and is now shedding crocodile tears. Munda said the Narendra Modi government is trying to give justice to all sections of society. "Once the Bill is approved by Parliament and the rules are framed, the members of the Betta-Kuruba community will be entitled to all the benefits provided to the Scheduled Tribes, especially reservation in educational institutions and government jobs," he added.

5 QUESTIONS

CONGRESS MP HIBI EDEN TELLS LIZ MATHEW THAT THE BJP WAS TRYING TO SABOTAGE THE BHARAT JODO YATRA

'New Covid guidelines meant to disrupt Rahul's Bharat Jodo Yatra'

Congress MPs were raising slogans saying the government wanted to sabotage the Bharat Jodo Yatra. Why? Certainly, the government

and the ruling party are trying to obstruct and sabotage Rahul Gandhi's Bharat Jodo Yatra. We have no doubts that the new guidelines and restrictions

(regarding Covid-19) are for that only... The PM has visited Himachal Pradesh more than 10 times and has held huge rallies in Gujarat. There was no Covid restrictions... Suddenly, when Bharat Jodo Yatra is reaching the capital, many people

But are you not worried about the surge in Covid cases in some countries?

from BJP are nervous...

The health ministry should have proper guidelines and the states should follow them... But the way this government is bringing in new restrictions, without giving proper reasons... they do not want the Bharat Jodo Yatra to have a happy ending.

New Delhi

The Yatra has been going on for months. Why does it make a difference to the ruling party now? When it started, they all mocked at Rahul Gandhi... When it is reaching Delhi from Kanyakumari, everyone in the BIP, including the Prime

Minister himself, realised that people from diverse backgrounds and communities are ioining him and his popularity is going up...The BJP is becoming intolerant of this.

What is the difficulties in wearing masks?

It's not about a mask nor about following protocols... We have objections to this move because it is just to disturb Rahul Gandhi's Yatra

In this winter session, there

has been no major discussion. Who is responsible for this? We have cooperated with the government... We wanted a

discussion on China, but the government didn't. In fact, the government did not have a major legislative agenda for



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Chai to China

DENIED A discussion on India-China border issues over the last few days in Parliament, Congress MPs on Thursday came to the Well of the Lok Sabha for the first time in the ongoing winter session, protesting and demanding a discussion. The slogans were innovative. While Gaurav Gogoi shouted, "Pradhan Mantri Sadan mein aao, jawab do (come to the House and answer, PM)", his party colleague from Kerala, Hibi Eden, took a dig at the BJP's 2014 poll campaign and raised the slogan, "Chai pe charcha nahi, Cheen pe charcha karo (don't discuss chai, discuss China)." Later, when Health Minister Mansukh Mandaviya was making a statement on the Covid-19 situation, MP from Punjab, Ravneet Singh Bittu, accused the BJP and the Union government of being scared of the Rahul Gandhi-led Bharat Jodo Yatra, and followed it with a new slogan: "Bharat Jodo Yatra rokna band karo, bandh karo (stop plans to halt the yatra)."

GREETING THE SEASON

WITH THE Winter Session of Parliament ending a week early, year-end celebrations started early for MPs, with most members leaving for home on Friday, the last day of the session. A group of MPs, led by Congress's Francisco Sardinha, hosted a Christmas party at the Constitution Club on Thursday evening, Members from opposition parties turned up at the party, where a choir sang Christmas carols. The occasion ended with a lavish feast.

BACK ON SCARF TURF

OVER THE years, Delhi Chief Minister and AAP chief Arvind Kejriwal has earned the sobriquet "muffler man". During TV interviews, he unfailingly points out that all that investigative agencies have been able to recover from his house are mufflers during their "raids" over various charges. The AAP has even used the muffler as a theme in its poll campaigns, borrowing tropes from superhero comics. On Thursday, with Kejriwal seen sporting a muffler during a public event, social media was abuzz with tweets from AAP supporters on the "return of muffler man".

Azad expels 3 senior leaders for anti-party activities

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE SRINAGAR, DECEMBER 22

BARELY MONTHS after it was formed, the Ghulam Nabi Azadled Democratic Azad Party (DAP) has expelled three senior leaders for "anti-party" activities.

While the party has been silent over the kind of anti-party activities by the expelled leaders, sources said they were in talks with Congress, the parent organisation they left to join Azad's party.

In a three-line statement issued by party general secretary Rajinder Singh Chib, the DAP said Azad has expelled Tara Chand, Manohar Lal and Balwan Singh.

The expulsion of three key leaders, barely three months after the DAP was launched, is a major setback for Azad's party that has failed to gather much support in Kashmir valley.



Ghulam Nabi Azad

Chand, Lal and Singh were among the first Congress leaders to put their weight behind Azad when he resigned from Congress after five decades of association and hinted at forming a new political party in

Jammu and Kashmir. A prominent Dalit leader. Chand was deputy chief minister during the National Conference-Congress coalition government in Jammu and Kashmir. Earlier, he held the Speaker's post in the Assembly during the PDP-Congress alliance government. Lal was also remained a minister in the erstwhile state government.

SC set to deliver note ban verdict on Jan 2

may, by notification in the Gazette

of India, declare that, with effect

from such date...any series of bank

notes of any denomination shall

cease to be legal tender save at

such office or agency of the Bank

and to such extent as may be spec-

Appearing for one of the peti-

tioners, senior advocate P

Chidambaram contended that as

per the Section, the recommen-

dation should have "emanated"

from RBI, but in this case, the gov-

ernment had advised the central

bank, following which it made

the recommendation. He said

when earlier governments had

demonetised currency - in 1946

and 1978 — they had done so by

way of a law made by Parliament.

the government of withholding

documents related to the deci-

sion from the court and raised

doubts whether the quorum as

required for the RBI Central

senior advocate Jaideep Gupta,

appearing for RBI, pointed out that

the process of initiation. It only

says that the process will not end

without the last two steps out-

lined in it..." He also said, "We (RBI)

gave the recommendation..."

'the Section does not talk about

Countering the argument,

Board meeting was met.

Chidambaram also accused

ified in the notification".

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 22

THE SUPREME Court will deliver on January 2, 2023 its verdict on a batch of petitions challenging the government's 2016 decision to demonetise Rs 500 and Rs 1,000 currency notes.

The top court reopens after winter recess on January 2.

A five-judge constitution bench presided by Justice S Abdul Nazeer had reserved the verdict on December 7 after hearing elaborate arguments by the petitioners, the Centre and the Reserve Bank of India.

The bench, also comprising Justices B R Gavai, A S Bopanna, V Ramasubramanian, and B V Nagarathna, had asked the government and RBI to produce the relevant records related to the decision-making process leading to the November 8, 2016 notification.

Justice Nazeer is set to retire on January 4, 2023.

Taking up the batch of 58 petitions challenging various aspects of the government, the SC had initially wondered if it had not become merely an academic debate given the passage of time. It subsequently decided to go into the issue, with the petitioners contending that the procedure prescribed in Section 26(2) of RBI Act. 1934, was given a go by.

EPS sends OPS notice for 'forging letterhead' of

ARUN JANARDHANAN CHENNAI, DECEMBER 22

AIADMK

AIADMK INTERIM general secretary Edappadi K Palaniswami on Thursday sent a legal notice to O Panneerselvam questioning what he called a "fraudulent and illegal notice" issued by the ousted AIADMK leader under the letterhead of the party.

The legal notice was sent a day after Panneerselvam targeted Palaniswami, known as EPS, and challenged him to found a new party "instead of capturing the party using money power".

The legal notice sent to Panneerselvam, known as OPS questioned his authority to make a statement that served as 'a headquarters announcement', which was shared on his official Twitter account and widely reported in the media.

The notice said the act of OPS $\,$ "misrepresented" himself as a coordinator and treasurer of the AIADMK and that he also called a meeting of the office-holders of the party headquarters and district secretaries. The notice accused OPS of forgery citing that he used a "forged seal" on the notice dated December 17 in which he claimed that it was issued with his concurrence as the 'Party Coordinator, Treasurer and Former Chief Minister."

PM backs down, escapes when people stand up to him: Rahul

PAVNEET SINGH CHADHA NUH, DECEMBER 22

CITING INSTANCES of the withdrawal of the farm laws last year and the land acquisition ordinance in 2015, Congress leader Rahul Gandhi on Thursday said that the moment someone stands up to Prime Minister Narendra Modi, he "turns around and runs away".

Addressing a gathering of 'Mewat Diwas Samaroh' at Ghasera village in Haryana's Nuh, Rahul said the Congress had to hold Bharat Jodo Yatra since its voice was being suppressed in Parliament.

Referring to Union Health Minister Mansukh Mandaviya's letter to him to suspend the yatra if Covid-19 protocols were not followed, Rahul called it "ex-

cuses" to stop it. He said: "...Understand the character of Narendra Modi-ji. Whether it was the farm agitation or the land acquisition ordinance, iaise hi unke saamne koi khada ho jata hai Narendra Modi ghoom ke ulta bhaagna shuru kar dete hain (the moment someone stands up to him, Modi turns around and runs away)... muqabla nahi karte, bhaag jaate hain, maidan se nikal jaate hain (he does not compete,

Stating that journalists ask him questions "every five or 10



Rahul Gandhi with Congress leaders Bhupinder Singh Hooda, Randeep Surjewala and others, in Nuh on Thursday. Amit Mehra

days" at regular press conferences, Rahul asked, "(But) have you seen his (Modi's) press conference? You can't, because he has never held one."

He said, "In Parliament, when we try to raise issues such as Rafale, demonetisation, GST, growing hatred in the country...our microphone is turned off. TV udhar kar dete hein, Speaker sahab ka chehra dikhta hai, bas (cameras are turned away; only the Speaker's reactions are shown). Our voices were not being heard in Lok Sabha, so we had to start this yatra from Kanyakumari to Kashmir.'

On Mandaviya's letter, Rahul said, "The yatra will go until Kashmir. Now they (BJP) have

come up with a new idea. They have written to me that Covid is coming, so stop the yatra. Maltab ab yatra ko rokne ke liye bahane ban rahein hai (excuses are being manufactured to stop it) — wear a mask, stop the yatra...all excuses. Hindustan ki shakti se...Hindustan ki sachai se ye log darr gaye hein (they are scared of the strength and truth of India).

Earlier in the day, when the yatra took a break at Ferozepur Namak, senior Congress leader Jairam Ramesh told the media, "In serious matters of public health, politics is being done.... An atmosphere is being created that these yatris are gair-zimmedar (irresponsible); they are using Covid as an excuse to stop the yatra."

The provision says that "on recommendation of the [RBI] Central Venkataramani said demoneti-Board, the Central Government sation was not an isolated act but

> part of a broader economic policy, and therefore it is not possible for RBI or the government to act in isolation. "They act in consultation..." he submitted. On the argument about previous demonetisation decisions, Gupta said RBI had not agreed to the proposals, following which the then government

made the law. He also denied

that any document was being

withheld from the court. The central bank also pointed out that the quorum as determined by RBI General Regulations, 1949, was met for the Central Board meeting. Besides then RBI Governor and two Deputy Governors, five directors nominated under provisions of RBI Act were present, it said. So the requirement that three of them should be nominated under the law "is met",

Gupta said. Chidambaram had argued that under Section 26(2), the government cannot demonetise all series of notes of a denomination. He urged the court to read down the provision so that the expression "any" therein will be read as "some".

Opposing this, Gupta said such an interpretation will create "nothing but confusion".

BIKANER LAND DEAL BY ROBERT VADRA'S FIRM

HC rejects plea to quash ED probe; grants stay from arrest

HAMZAKHAN

JAIPUR, DECEMBER 22

THE RAJASTHAN High Court on Thursday refused to quash an Enforcement Directorate investigation into the purchase of land in Bikaner by a company linked to Congress leader Sonia Gandhi's son-in-law Robert Vadra and his mother, Maureene Vadra. The court, however, stayed the arrest for a period of four weeks till January 19.

The court was hearing petitions filed by Vadra's firm Sky Light Hospitality and Mahesh Nagar, who had earlier effected land purchases for Sky Light. Both petitions had prayed that the ED be directed to place on record the Enforcement Case Information Report (ECIR), the same may be quashed and that all proceedings initiated by the ED be quashed too.

The Bench of Justice Pushpendra Singh Bhati refused to quash the ECIR saying "the present petitioners have not been arrayed as accused, and at the given stage seeking the intervention of this court for quashment of the ECIR in question is premature". The court also observed that it is at the discretion of the ED whether to give a copy of the ECIR to persons seeking it.

Along with others, Rajya Sabha MPKT STusli, senior coun-



Robert Vadra

sel for Sky Light, argued that neither the firm nor any of its partners/employees were named in any of the FIRs, chargesheets, supplementary chargesheets, and that they have not been accused of money laundering.

They had also said that the state police and the CBI could not find any material against the petitioners and that not confessing to any wrongdoing cannot be termed non-cooperation on their behalf.

"The practice of not supplying the copy of the ECIR is only to carry on with a roving and fishing inquiry against the present petitioners," they said, adding that Vadra was interrogated for 80 hours while they were victims of fraud themselves.

Mahesh's counsel said the ED should either proceed with the investigation "to the next logical step, or refrain from issuing unwarranted summons to the petitioners and harassing them".

Appearing for the respon-

dents along with others, Additional Solicitor General Rajdeepak Rastogi said the ECIR is akin to a fact-finding report generated "as an internal document, upon the basis of which the investigation is conducted by the officials of the ED". "If the offences are found to be made out against the accused, then the prosecution complaint is filed," the ASG said.

They also said the ECIR copy is given to the accused only after the same is produced before the special court concerned and the court takes cognisance against the accused, but not at a stage prior to that.

Rastogi said the petitioners "are not named as accused, but that the investigation with regard to their involvement in the crime in question is under contemplation".

According to the ED, Bikaner's Kolayat land deal is a case of alleged land grabbing where people, in collusion with state government officials, got large tracts of land allotted on fictitious names. The land, the agency said, was actually earmarked for people who had been displaced by the creation of the Mahajan field firing range. The property ended up with Sky Light LLP, of which Robert Vadra and his mother were partners. Sky Light then allegedly sold the land to Allegeny Finlease Private Limited for a profit.





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MP: Cong no-trust motion defeated

Bhopal: The no-confidence motion moved by the opposition Congress against the BJP government in Madhya Pradesh was defeated by a voice vote in Assembly on Thursday with CM Shivraj Singh Chouhan launching an at-

 $tack on the \, grand \, old \, party \, and \, its$ erstwhile dispensation headed by Kamal Nath for the "sins" it committed. After the motion was defeated. Speaker Girish Goutam adjourned the session sine die ahead of its schedule.

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कार्यालय अधीक्षण अभियन्ता सिंचाई कार्य मण्डल, मुरादाबाद

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ई-निविदा सूचना सं0-03 / एस0ई0 / 2022-23

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न्यायालय भूमि सुधार उप समाहर्त्ता कार्यालय, हाजीपुर

एतद द्वारा सर्व साधारण को सूचित किया जाता है कि सरकार के अपर मुख्य सचिव मध–निषेध, उत्पाद एवं निबंधन विभाग, बिहार पटना के ज्ञापांक 3106 दिनांक 26.04.2022 के प्रसंग में एवं बिहार मध—निषेध एवं उत्पाद अधिनियम—2016 की धारा—58 के तहत मध—निषेधविभाग एवं पुलिस विभाग द्वारा जप्त किये गये वैसे वाहन जहाँ राजसात का निर्णय प्रक्रियाधीन है। वैसे वाहनों को बिहार मध—निषेध एवं उत्पाद अधिनियम (संशोधन)2022 की धारा ''ख'' तथा बिहार मध—निषेध एवं उत्पाद अधिनियम (संशोधन) नियमावली 2022 की कंडिका 12 ''क'' के प्रावधानो के तहत जप्त वाहनों को पेनाल्टी पर मुक्त किया जा सकता है। मध—निषेध उत्पाद विभाग एवं सदर थाना हाजीपुर पुलिस विभाग द्वारा अवैध शराब द्रव्य परिवहन करने के आरोप में निम्न अंकित वाहनों का प्रस्ताव अधोहस्ताक्षरी के न्यायालय में संधारित है।

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सं0	वाद संख्या	नाम / अधीक्षक	संख्या		संख्या	रख–रखाव
		मध—निषेध का				स्थान / थाना
		प्रस्ताव				
1.	01/22-23	बेलसर ओ०पी०	364 / 22	बोलेरो	JHD5Q-8181	बेलसर ओ०पी०
2.	02 / 22-23	बेलसर ओ0पी0	99 / 19	सुमो	BR1P-1361	बेलसर ओ०पी०
3.	04 / 22-23	बेलसर ओ०पी०	99 / 19	ट्रक	PB11AD-8607	बेलसर ओ०पी०
4	05 / 22-23	बेलसर ओ0पी0	99 / 19	बोलेरो	JH09AA-6145	बेलसर ओ0पी0
5.	06 / 22-23	बेलसर ओ0पी0	99 / 19	अल्टो कार	JH02T-3863	बेलसर ओ0पी0
6.	07 / 22-23	बेलसर ओ०पी०	99 / 19	मोटरसाईकिल	BR06BS-7064	बेलसर ओ0पी0
7	85 / 21-22	बेलसर ओ०पी०	260 / 16	मारूती भान	BR30-6665	बेलसर ओ0पी0
8	11 / 22-23	लालगंज	378 / 22	मोटरसाईकिल	BR31AG-9622	लालगंज
9	12 / 22-23	लालगंज	379 / 22	मोटरसाईकिल	BR06W-5535	लालगंज
10	13 / 22-23	लालगंज	379 / 22	मोटरसाईकिल	BR06M-7230	लालगंज
11	15 / 22-23	लालगंज	372 / 22	मोटरसाईकिल	BR31AB-7181	लालगंज
12	88 / 21-22	लालगंज	240 / 17	कार	BR06AX-0954	लालगंज
13	86 / 21-22	वैशाली	382 / 22	मोटरसाईकिल	BR06BX-3458	वैशाली
14	87 / 21-22	वैशाली	105 / 19	मारूती सुजुकी	BR31AF-7007	वैशाली
15	79 / 21—22	वैशाली	358 / 22	ट्रक	UP60T-7695	वैशाली थाना
16	73 / 21-22	वैशाली	358822	मोटरसाईकिल	BR06AZ-5152	वैशाली थाना

अतः उपरोक्त वर्णित वाहन से संबंधित व्यक्तियों को सुचित किया जाता है कि आप स्वयं अथवा अपने प्राधिकृत अधिवक्ता के माध्यम से अधोहस्ताक्षरी के न्यायालय में नोटिश प्रकाशन की तिथि से पन्द्रह दिनों के अन्दर उपस्थित होकर बिहार मध–निषेध एवं उत्पाद अधिनियम 2016 (यथा संशोधित) अधिनियम 2022 तथा बिहार मध–निषेध एव उत्पाद अधिनियम (संशोधन) नियमावली 2022 के धारा 12 (क) के आलोक में प्रपत्र—पअ के अनुसार आवेदन अपर अनुमंडल दंडाधिकारी, हाजीपुर वैशाली के समक्ष वाहन का पेनाल्टी जमा कर मुक्त कराया जा सकता है। यदि पन्द्र दिनों के अन्दर पेनाल्टी जमा नही करते है तो वैसे वाहनों को राजसात की कार्रवाई की जायेगी।

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BORDER ROW WITH MAHARASHTRA

Karnataka passes resolution: Not an inch of land to be ceded to neighbour

CM Bommai slams Raut remarks on 'entering' state, calls him 'China agent'

KIRAN PARASHAR BELAGAVI, DECEMBER 22

AMID THE war of words with political leaders from Maharashtra on their claims over the border district of Belagavi, which has a large Marathi-speaking population, the Karnataka Assembly on Thursday unanimously passed a resolution on the boundary row, resolving to protect the state's interests and not to cede an inch of land to its neighbour.

The resolution, which condemned the boundary dispute "created" by Maharashtra, was moved by Karnataka Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai and was adopted by a voice vote.

Addressing the House in the ongoing winter session in Belagavi, Bommai added that his ministers have "got invitations from towns of Maharashtra seeking to be part of Karnataka", but Karnataka has never tried to "create a rift".

Countering Shiv Sena

Karnataka CM Bommai addresses the House in Belagavi on Thursday. Express

(Uddhav Balasaheb Thackeray) leader Sanjay Raut's jibe that Maharashtra will "enter" Karnataka, like the Chinese "entered" India, Bommai called the Raiva Sabha MP a "Chinese agent" and asserted that the BIP government in Karnataka will protect the state's interests. He said: "The way Sanjay Raut spoke, I doubt

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whether he is in favour of China. He is anti-national. What else should I call him? If you come like the Chinese, we will do what Indian soldiers did." Hitting out at the Bommai

government over its plan to pass a resolution, as well as the Maharashtra government's purported "silence" on the issue, Raut had on Wednesday said, "Like China has entered (Indian territory), we will enter (Karnataka). We don't need anyone's permission. We want to solve it through a discussion, but Karnataka CM is igniting a fire. There is a weak government in Maharashtra and is not taking any stand on it."

In his address to the House, former Karnataka CM and Congress Party leader Legislature Siddaramaiah also condemned Raut's remarks: "Let us not stoop to such a low level (as that) of Maharashtra. We will respond to them in a civilised manner. We are Indians. China is an enemy country. Does he (Raut) not have any manners and respect for federal structure? They (Maharashtra) need to learn from the United States (on respecting federalism)."

In his speech, Bommai also condemned Maharashtra ministers and leaders. Reacting to NCP leader Iavant Patil's statement, he said, "He (Patil) has made a comment in the House. It shows his immaturity. This represents the culture of Maharashtra leaders." Bommai said: "We share bor-

ders with Andhra Pradesh, Kerala. Tamil Nadu and Maharashtra. It is only Maharashtra which raises unnecessary controversies over border disputes for political gains. Even our ministers have got invitations from towns of Maharashtra seeking to be part of Karnataka – people from Akkalkot and Solapur have approached us. They are fed up with Maharashtra's administration. But we have never gone to create a rift. Instead of looking at the Karnataka region, let Maharashtra focus on developing those regions."

GYANVAPI CASE

Petitioners' claim of puja at mosque site till 1993 fictitious, HC told

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE LUCKNOW, DECEMBER 22

LAWYERS REPRESENTING the Anjuman Intezamia Masjid Committee (AIMC) on Thursday told the Allahabad High Court that the claims made by the lawyers representing the Hindu side that puja was performed at the Gyanvapi mosque complex till 1993 were "fictitious".

Senior Advocate Syed Farman Ahmad Naqvi, who represented the AIMC in the High Court, said the claims were being made to bypass the Places of Worship Act, 1991. The Act prohibits conversion of any place of worship and provides for the maintenance of the religious character of any place of worship as it existed on August 15, 1947.

Nagvi told the court that the Hindu side made a "fictitious claim" that puja was performed at the mosque complex till 1993 and that it was stopped by an

which is implicated in the purpose

and necessity of provisional attach-

ment mandates the existence of a

proximate or a live link between the

need for the attachment and the pur-

pose which it is intended to secure,"

payments in the form of royalty or any

other form to any entities outside of

India till the conclusion of assessment

banks to foreign entities as per law.

The high court has, however, directed Xiaomi Technology "not to make

revision filed by the AIMC, challenging the maintainability of the suit filed by five Hindu women who are seeking the right to "worship deities in the Gyanvapi mosque complex". A local court in Varanasi on September 12 rejected the AIMC's application challenging the maintainability of the suit.

Advocate Hari Shankar Jain, who is representing the five women in the High Court, said, "I told the court that the religious character of the place is Hindu and not of the Muslims, and the puja was being performed at the site for ages. The temple was destroyed and a structure was built. If someone destroys a temple and builds a mosque, it can't be considered a mosque as per Islamic laws.'

Asked about the Muslim side's contention regarding the state government giving an order to allegedly stop puja at the site, Jain said, "That is a presumption. It will become clear when the government files a reply in the court."

Rajasthan BJP flip-flops on suspending Jan

Aakrosh Yatra

HAMZA KHAN

JAIPUR, DECEMBER 22

AFTER INITIALLY announcing on Thursday that it was suspending its Jan Aakrosh Yatra (JAY) in Rajasthan in view of a looming Covid-19 threat, BJP backtracked from its decision in the evening.

On Thursday afternoon, BJP's Rajya Sabha MP and Rajasthan in charge Arun Singh said, "We have stopped the remaining Yatras but will resume the same again, without a doubt," He said this was done "keeping in mind the Covid protocol".

However, in the evening, BJP state president Satish Poonia issued a statement saying, "Since no advisory has been issued by the Centre or the state, there was some confusion, but it was regarding Yatras. But our Jan Sabhas will continue as per schedule." He asked all party district presidents and leaders to do away with their confusion, if any

Later, in a damage control, Singh too said Jan Aakrosh Yatra has been suspended but the Jan Aakrosh Sabha will continue while following all Covid rules; however, Singh's statement was incongruous.

The name of BIP's ongoing campaign is Jan Aakrosh Yatra. In JAY phase one between December 1 and 14, the party organised 'Jan Aakrosh Rath Yatras', and in phase two between December 16 and 31, 'Jan Sabhas' are underway.

Since the 'Yatras' had been suspended on December 14 itself as per Poonia, Singh's second statement made little sense as there is no question of suspending something that has already been stopped over a week ago.

HC quashes I-T order to attach Xiaomi India's FD accounts "The doctrine of proportionality,

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE BENGALURU, DECEMBER 22

THE KARNATAKA High Court has quashed an order dated August 11, 2022 of the Income Tax Department to seize two fixed deposit accounts with Rs 3,700 crore funds belonging to the Chinese cellphone manufacturing company, Xiaomi Technology India Pvt Ltd, for an alleged violation of I-T norms while transferring royalties to sister concerns based abroad.

The Deputy Commissioner of Income Tax, based on the approval by the Principal Commissioner of Income Tax, provisionally attached the fixed de-

posits (FDs) of the company worth Rs 2,600 crore in the HSBC Bank and Rs. 1,100 crore with Citi Bank, The order was later challenged as being arbitrary, mechanical, and without application of mind by the telecom manufacturer.

During the course of the hearings of the petition filed by Xiaomi Technology, the I-T department argued that the investigations found that the royalty paid by Xiaomi to foreign entities was only a method of diverting profits outside of India for the I-T year 2018-19. The department added that allowing the company to divert profits under the guise of royalty to foreign entities was detrimental to national revenues and the country.

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Xiaomi Technology India has claimed that the royalties were paid to its technology partners Qualcomm and Beijing Xiaomi Mobile.

A single judge bench of the Karnataka HC with Justice SR Krishna Kumar has ruled against the I-T department on the August 11 order to seize the FD accounts of Xiaomi Technology India Pvt Ltd to recover Rs 3,700 crore diverted as royalties. "In this case, a perusal of the impugned order will clearly indicate that the same is arbitrary and reflects premeditated conclusion without recording either an opinion or necessary to attach the property," the Karnataka HC said in its December 16 order.

proceedings by the I-T Department." It has allowed the company to obtain overdrafts on FDs and make payments from the overdrafts of the respective

NORTHERN RAILWAY Invitation of Tenders through E-Procurement system

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Akademi Award for B Narayan, Anuradha Roy

New Delhi: The Sahitya Akademi Award for 2022 will be conferred on authors Badri Narayan and Anuradha Roy. Narayan would be conferred the award for his collection of poems in Hindi titled Tumadi Ke Shabd, Sahitya Academy secretary K Srinivasarao said. Roy will be awarded the award for her novel All the Lives We Never Lived in English and Anis Ashfaq for his novel Khwab Sarab in Urdu. The awards announced for 23 languages include seven poetry collections, six novels, two story collections, two literary criticisms, three plays and one autobiography. The award in Bengali would be announced after a few days due to technical rea-

GUIARAT

Five detained for 'assaulting' Dalit man

Vadodara: The Vadodara police on Thursday detained five persons in connection with alleged assault of a 24-year-old Dalit man by a group of seven persons belonging to another caste in Vadodara on December 11. Police said that after an FIR was registered on Wednesday. The accused told the police that they were allegedly summoned for help by a female social-media influencer, who was allegedly being intimidated by the Dalit youth." We are yet to verify the facts to ascertain this version," police

HARYANA

Mudslide: Three buried while fitting pipes

Hisar: Three migrant labourers from Bihar died on Thursday due to mudpipes in village Kapro in f this district, a senior official said. The work of sewerage pipes fitting was going on near Indraj Park for the labourers were working 10-12 feet below. The deceased have been identified as Baljeet, Santosh and Sanoj. PTI

UTTAR PRADESH

'Army job': Man held for duping youth

Lucknow: In a joint operation with the Army Intelligence unit in Lucknow, the Special Task Force of the UP Police on Wednesday arrested a person for allegedly running a racket of taking money from unemployed youths by promising them jobs in the Army. The accused, Ankit Mishra alias Ashish, lived in Lucknow.

ADVISORY AFTER REVIEW OF COVID SITUATION

States cautious, Karnataka makes masks must indoors

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE DECEMBER 22

RAMPING UP testing, genome sequencing of positive samples, ordering local authorities to be on alert and recommending Covidappropriate behaviour are some of the measures being taken by states amid worries over the spread of the Omicron variant that has caused a new surge in Covid-19 cases in China. Moreover. Karnataka has made wearing masks mandatory indoors and in closed spaces. Here are what some of the states are doing:

KARNATAKA: The state government on Thursday released guidelines making it mandatory to wear face masks indoors and in closed spaces like pubs, bars, restaurants, malls, offices, buses and trains. All those with symptoms of respiratory illnesses have been asked to self-isolate and get tested immediately. Officials have been directed to expedite the booster dose vaccination.

KERALA: After a high-level meeting of officials, Health Minister Veena George said all districts have been told to strengthen surveillance. Number of tests would be increased and genomic sequencing of positive cases would be held. She said there would not be any curb on Christmas-New Year celebrations.

MAHARASHTRA: Shinde reviewed the Covid situation in the state. He directed all guardian ministers to ensure that health facilities are ready in their respective districts. He directed the Chief Secretary to ensure that the five point programme of — test, track, treat, vaccinate and ensure COVID-appropriate behaviour— is fol-

DIVYA GOYAL GOPAL

LUDHIANA, DECEMBER 22

A DAY after the Taliban imposed

in Afghanistan are coming to

terms with the latest jolt to their

freedoms, with some steeling

Kabul Thursday spoke to *The*

Indian Express over the phone,

narrating how the Taliban un-

leashed violence and threats on

the tearful students who tried to

enter universities and colleges on

University in Kabul said that when

she and her friends reached the

campus, Taliban men were stand-

ing outside the gate with guns in

hand. Many students tried to force

their way in, and were assaulted

tried to open the gates were

abused, thrashed. They said if we

don't obey, we will be killed. Girls

were crying, shouting but no one

listened," said this student, who

had her exam Wednesday but

out, we can't watch movies, TV

and videos or play games on

phones. They say that we should

stay at home and only perform

"We can't study, we can't step

wasn't allowed to write it.

Those who did not return and

A journalism student at Rana

Wednesday

with sticks.

Several women students from

themselves for a struggle.



A medical staffer at Thane Municipal Corporation's Covid Centre checks equipment as part of preparations to handle Covid cases, on Thursday. PTI

GUJARAT: Health Minister Rushikesh Patel said that owing to the immunity developed in India in general, and Gujarat in particular, following vaccination drives, "a situation has been created whereby we can live peacefully". However, he said everyone follow Covid-appropriate behaviour.

UTTAR PRADESH: Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath on Thursday reviewed the Covid-19 situation in the state and directed officials to monitor the new variant, conduct genome sequencing of fresh cases and ramp up test-

TAMIL NADU: Chief Minister M K Stalin directed officials to screen all passengers arriving to the state at the international airport in Chennai for Covid symptoms. The CM appealed to the public not to panic over the Omicron outbreak in China and said the Tamil Nadu government

Anger, despair among Afghan

women shut out from varsities

namaz. This life is worse than jail,"

said the student, whose younger

brother attends school, "They

have issues with the existence of

women. How can one expect such

ter its ban on education of girls

from classes 7 to 12, has forced

dents protested near Kabul

University. They were beaten and

even whipped by Taliban men.

One of the protesters said: "Today

again they tried to stop our

protest. They openly thrashed and

lashed the girls who were protest-

ing for our right to education."

women to take to the streets.

The Taliban's latest action, af-

On Thursday, a group of stu-

a mentality to change?"

Afghan protesters demonstrate in Kabul against the

Taliban's decision to close universities for women. Reuters

is fully geared up to protect the people. He called for strict compliance of the standard guidelines for Covid management.

WEST BENGAL: In a meeting with district chief medical officers, Chief Secretary Harikrishna Dwivedi said those who have not completed their vaccination should arrange to do so, and that hospitals should stock enough testing kits. JHARKHAND: Additional

Chief Secretary (Health) Arun Kumar Singh has issued a letter to all deputy commissioners on December 21 ordering them to gear up for the "whole genome sequencing of positive samples of Covid-19" to track the variants. **UTTARAKHAND:** Chief

Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami held a meeting with the concerned officials and directed them to start a campaign to administer

Women students said they are

getting open death threats from

the Taliban — but said that this

would not deter them from press-

twenties, said her friends were

beaten in front of her when they

tried to enter the campus. "They

were beating women and touch-

ing them inappropriately. They

say that in Islam, a woman has no

right to study and she is meant

only to give birth to a child. Every

minute here is suffocating now.

My father works in Iran because

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there are no jobs in Kabul."

Another student, in her early

ing for education for girls.

officials are directed to set up camps from Friday itself. All districts have been directed to make control rooms operational and conduct genome sequencing of all new Covid cases.

ODISHA: The government has asked district collectors to gear up for disease surveillance and genome sequencing of positive samples. State health secretary Shalini Pandit asked the collectors and health authorities to follow tracking, treating, contact tracing, vaccination and Covid-appropriate behaviour scrupulouslys.

RAJASTHAN: The state Health Department wrote a letter on Thursday to the Chief Medical and Health Officers in all the districts to ensure regular screening and door-to-door surveys to identify people who are suffering from influenza-like illnesses. The order said samples tests should be taken from all suspected patients.

India calls for equal rights for Afghan women

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 22

INDIA ON Thursday said it is con-Taliban have banned women from universities in Afghanistan, and renewed its call for setting up of an inclusive government in Kabul that ensures equal rights of women and girls in all aspects of the Afghan society.

Responding to questions at the weekly briefing, Ministry of External Affairs' official spokesperson Arindam Bagchi said. "We have noted with concern the reports in this regard. India has consistently supported the cause of women education in Afghanistan. We have emphasised the importance of the establishment of an inclusive and representative government that respects the rights of all Afghans and ensures equal rights of women and girls to participate in all aspects of Afghan society, including access to higher edu-

cation," Bagchi said. He also referred to the UN Security Council Resolution (UN-SCR) 2593 on Afghanistan, "I would also recall UN Security Council Resolution 2593, which reaffirms the importance of upholding human rights, including those of women.

UP: Principal, shiksha mitra booked for 'making students recite Iqbal's poem'

ASAD REHMAN

LUCKNOW, DECEMBER 22

A PRINCIPAL of a government school and a shiksha mitra have been booked in Bareilly, Uttar Pradesh, for "hurting religious sentiments" after a video of students reciting Muhammad Iqbal's poem *Lab Pe Aati Hai Dua* during the morning assembly went viral. The Education Department has also suspended school principal Nahid Siddiqui and ordered a probe against shiksha mitra Wazeeruddin.

The FIR against Siddiqui and Wazeeruddin was registered at Fareedpur police station on a complaint lodged by a local Vishwa Hindu Parishad (VHP) functionary, Sompal Singh Rathore, who alleged that a "religious prayer" was recited at the government school in a bid to convert the students.

"Lab Pe Aati Hai Dua" was penned in 1902 by Muhammad Igbal, also known as Allama Igbal who wrote Saare Jahaan Se Achccha.

"A prayer was being recited which said something like, 'Allah ibadat karna'. This is not the stipulated prayer, and hence school principal Nahid Siddiqui has been suspended. I have also ordered a probe against the shiksha mitra," Basic Shiksha Adhikari (BSA), Bareilly, Vinay Kumar said.

In his complaint to the police, the VHP functionary alleged, "...teachers Nahid Siddiqui and

Wazeeruddin were making the students reciter prayer as per Muslim method with an intention to hurt sentiments of the Hindus... This is being done by the two teachers to attract students towards Islam... Both the teachers are hurting the sentiments of Hindus and preparing

for the students' conversion." The government school, where the alleged incident happened, has 265 students enrolled in Classes 1 to 8.

Meanwhile, 62-year-old Nahid Siddiqui said that she was not in the school when the alleged incident took place as she went on leave from December 12.

"I was on medical leave. Before I went on leave, we recited the stipulated prayer 'Ae Shakti Humein Dena Data' every day along with the national anthem. In my absence, the shiksha mitra got Lab Pe Aati Hai Dua (by Muhammad Iqbal) recited during the morning assembly. In the past, when the shiksha mitra asked me to get this prayer recited, I refused," said Siddiqui, who is set to re-

tire next March. Three years ago, in October 2019, the headmaster of a government primary school in Bisalpur area of Pilibhit was suspended following a complaint by local VHP workers who alleged that the teacher made students recite a religious prayer, usually recited in madrasas. In that case, too, the students had recited Allama Iqbal's Lab Pe Aati

Compounder held for botched surgery that killed woman, murder of her mother

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE AHMEDABAD, DECEMBER 22

A MEDICAL assistant of a private hospital in Gita Mandir road area of Ahmedabad who allegedly gave an overdose of anaesthesia while performing a surgery" on a 35-year-old woman, leading to her death, and later murdering her 55-year-old mother the same way to "eliminate witness" was arrested on Thursday.

The bodies of the women were found in the closet and the in-patients room of the hospital near Bhulabhai Park on Wednesday, Postmortem report confirmed that the two women died of an overdose of Ketamine, an anaesthetic drug.

According to police, the accused Mansukh Miyadra, 40, who was a compounder for over 10 years at the Karn ENT Speciality Hospital that runs from a section of a multi-storey commercial complex, was known to the victim, Bharti Solanki, 35.

According to Assistant Commissioner of Police K Division Milap Patel, Miyadra was "unskilled" but would perform procedures in the absence of the doctor, for a smaller fee.

Solanki's father Govind Vala, 60, told police that the women left home saying Champa had pain in her leg and would go to the Ahmedabad Municipal Corporation-run LG hospital. Miyadra called the victims for

the surgery in the absence of the doctor. While doing the surgery, he gave an overdose of the anaesthetic drug to Bharti and later to her mother Champa, 55, in order to eliminate the witness

Order to allow Sikhs to carry kirpan in domestic flights policy decision: HC

MALAVIKA PRASAD NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 22

DISMISSING A plea challenging the Centre's notification allowing Sikh passengers to carry 'kirpan' on their person on domestic flights, Delhi High Court on Thursday said the notification was issued after "due deliberations" and the issue raised in the plea was "a matter of policy decision".

tion issued by the Ministry of Civil Aviation in March this year, allowing Sikh passengers to carry

HC issues notice to CBI on

Sengar's interim bail plea

UNNAO RAPE

MALAVIKA PRASAD

NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 22

THE DELHI High Court on

Thursday issued notice to the

Central Bureau of Investigation

(CBI) while hearing the interim

bail plea filed by former BJP MLA

Kuldeen Singh Sengar, who was

sentenced to life by a trial court

Mukta Gupta and Poonam A

Bamba issued notice to the cen-

tral agency, noting that Sengar

had sought bail for two months

on account of his daughter's

wedding in February next year

Appearing for Sengar, senior

at Gorakhpur, Uttar Pradesh.

A division bench of Justices

for raping a minor girl in 2017.

kirpans on flight and in airports. a division bench of Chief Justice Satish Chandra Sharma and Justice Subramonium Prasad observed that the "decision has been arrived at by the government after due deliberations".

On Article 25 of the Constitution, the bench said it gives "every person the right to freedom of conscience and the right to freely profess, practice and propagate religion, subject health". It was noted that the explanation-I to the Article specifically clarified that "wearing and

advocate N Hariharan submitted

that 'tilak' ceremony of Sengar's

daughter was to be held on Ianuary 30 and the wedding was

scheduled for February 8, 2023.

by the counsel for the CBI, the

court directed the agency to ver-

ify the facts stated in the appli-

cation. "Status report be filed."

the court said. The matter is next

the trial court's December 16,

2019 order that found him guilty

of raping a minor girl and

December 20, 2019 order that

sentenced him to "life imprison-

ment till the remainder of his bi-

ological life". The trial court had

found Sengar guilty.

Sengar has also challenged

listed on January 16, 2023.

After the notice was accepted

carrying of kirpans shall be deemed to be included in the profession of the Sikh religion". The HC emphasised that the

Supreme Court has time and again warned that courts must resist the "temptation to usurp the power of the executive by entering into arenas which are exclusively within the domain of the executive" and that courts should not interfere in the "dayto-day functioning" of govern-

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Days after son's death, Karnataka teacher attacked

SANATH PRASAD

BENGALURU, DECEMBER 22

by colleague dies

A GUEST TEACHER, Geetha Barikeri, who was attacked with a shovel by her colleague Muthappa Yellappa Kuri on December 19 at Hadali Government Primary School in Gadak disrtict, died around 11:30 am on Thursday due to sehead injury, Dr Ramalingappa Antartani, director of KIMS Hubballi, said.

Antartani said Geetha was brought to the hospital in an unconscious state and was suffering from low blood pressure (hypotension). She was put on a ventilator, and spent three days in the ICU. but eventually succumbed due to severe internal bleeding and cerebral edema (brain swelling), he said. "We were trying to stabilise

her blood pressure with injection support as there was no chance for a surgical intervention. She died due to severe head injuries," the KIMS director said.

Her son, Bharath Barikeri, was killed in the attack. The accused beat the 10-year-old boy, twirled him and smashed the boy's head against a cement pillar, before flinging him from the first floor of the school building, Kuri, also a temporary teacher, had also attacked the headmaster of the school, Sanganagouda Patil.

According to the preliminary investigation conducted by Gadag police, Kuri, also a guest teacher, and Barikeri were in an alleged extramarital relationship. Kuri was jealous after suspecting that Barikeri was getting close to the headmaster.

Cops: Prof held for seeking sexual favour from student

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE

JAIPUR, DECEMBER 22 A 47-YEAR-OLD Rajasthan Technical University associate professor, accused of blackmailing and demanding sexual favours from a student, and the victim's male classmate who acted as a mediator were on Thursday arrested and sent to three-day police custody.

According to the police, after an FIR was registered on the basis of the student's complaint, more students corroborated her version in their statements to the police.

"Preliminary investigation suggests that the harassment had been taking place since a

month and half. He had been trying to initiate a dialogue and summon the students seeking sexual favours in exchange of passing them," said DSP Amar Singh Rathore.

He added that the incident came to light after an audio of the professor's conversation with another student went viral on social media in which the former can be heard making vulgar comments about the victim.

"We have arrested both the professor and the student who was the intermediary through whom the former would convey the messages to the girl students. We have recorded statements of two-three other students," the DSP said.

Four Indian films make it to Oscars shortlist The documentary has already summer. Smitten by the craft

UDBHAV SETH

NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 22

FOUR INDIAN films, including the commercial hit RRR, have made it to the Oscars shortlist in four different categories.

The 95th Academy Awards shortlist announced on Thursday includes Last Film Show (Chhello Show in Gujarati) in the Best International Feature category, documentaries All That Breathes and Elephant Whisperers in the Best Documentary and Best Documentary (Short) category, respectively, and Naatu, Naatu song from RRR in the Best

Original Song category. 'We're beside ourselves with



Chhello Show is first Indian film in 21 years and 4th Indian film ever to make it to Best International Feature shortlist

joy and relief. Not least because this shines more light on the singularly remarkable work our characters do, but also owing to the lovely films we are in the company of," said Shaunak Sen, director of All That Breathes, a documentary about two brothers in New Delhi who rescue a black kite falling from the city's smogchoked skies against the backdrop of north-east Delhi's 2020 riots.

won awards at the Cannes and Sundance film festivals where it was featured earlier this year. 'We're genuinely thrilled

with the recognition and are looking forward to the next steps in the film's journey... We're exhilarated about India's stunning performance at the shortlist level, four [shortlisted films] is incredible," said Sen.

Last Film Show is the first Indian film in 21 years and fourth Indian film ever to make it to the Best International Feature shortlist, Directed by Pan Nalin, it follows the story of Samay, a nineyear-old boy in a village in Gujarat, who bribes a theatre projectionist to watch movies all

and deciding to pursue it as a vocation, the boy navigates a life of hardship, creation, sacrifice and a selfless love of artistry. The film premiered at the 20th Tribeca Film Festival in 2021 and released in India this year. Elephant Whisperers (stream-

ing on Netflix) is about an unusually large family . Following the lives of an ageing couple of the Kattunayakan tribe in south India who become parents to two orphan baby elephants, this 41minute documentary directed by Kartiki Gonsalves is a half-adecade-long journalistic endeavour that explores a love transcending boundaries of blood, community, and species.



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CHINESE TAKEAWAY

It has been nine months since the Omicron wave petered out in India. China surge must be seen as a warning

HE RENEWED AND unfolding Covid-19 emergency in China has set off warning bells in India. Rightly so. Even though there is no cause for alarm, reactivating surveillance procedures, which had become all but dormant in the last few months, is a step in the right direction, considering the proven unpredictability of the virus. Realistically speaking, the situation in China is a threat to India only as much as the several big and small waves in various countries were in the last nine months. What is happening in China is a consequence of the manner in which the pandemic has been dealt with in that country. Apprehensions are that infections would increase in China at an even faster rate and very large numbers of people would fall sick at the same time, overwhelming the country's healthcare systems, and resulting in a chaos that China has managed to avoid till now in the pandemic. The possibility of a spillover effect on India, however, though not entirely ruled out, does not pose a major risk at this point.

The dominant variant in circulation in China, the BF.7, is essentially an Omicron subvariant. There are hundreds of Omicron sub-variants circulating in the world right now - over 500, according to the World Health Organisation - each with some special characteristics, but none remarkably more dangerous enough to be designated as a new Variant of Concern (VoC), a WHO classification that marks out a global threat. Many of these sub-variants must be in circulation in the Indian population as well. Just because a lower number of cases are being detected in India does not mean the virus has disappeared from the country. The current sub-variants, including BF.7, which has been found to be floating around, are either not powerful enough to overcome the natural immunity in most Indians, or are able to infect only in harmless ways. But this situation could change, and this is why the Chinese situation needs to be monitored closely. Because of the very large number of infections that are likely in China, the chances of the virus mutating into newer forms is greater than at any point of time in the last one year. Whether it would evolve into a more powerful virus, or just more sub-variants of Omicron, cannot be predicted. Scientists say the possibility of a Delta-like variant re-emerging is very low, but not zero. From the Indian standpoint, therefore, stepping up surveillance makes a lot of sense.

It has been nine months since the Omicron wave petered out in India. A fresh wave in the coming months would not be surprising. The Chinese situation is only incidental in this regard — even the Omicron sub-variants can cause this new wave. Many countries have seen multiple waves of infections caused by Omicron, or its sub-variants. Both natural as well as vaccine-acquired immunity are not permanent. It is, therefore, good to see the government respond quickly to the emerging situation in China.

LISTENING IN

Growing dissension within MPC suggests rate hike cycle may be drawing to a close

N ITS DECEMBER meeting, the monetary policy committee of the Reserve Bank of India had voted to raise the benchmark repo rate by 35 basis points. The MPC had retained its stance, choosing to remain focused on the withdrawal of accommodation. However, committee member Jayanth Varma voted against the rate hike. Varma, along with Ashima Goyal, also objected to the stance of the committee. As differences within the committee begin to sharpen, the minutes of that December meeting, released on Wednesday, not only provide an understanding of the considerations guiding individual MPC members, but also indicate the likely trajectory of monetary policy.

The minutes of the meeting reveal that several committee members continue to worry about price pressures in the economy despite the recent dip in inflation. Headline retail inflation declined to 5.88 per cent in November, falling below the upper threshold of the RBI's inflation targeting framework. Much of the decline was due to falling food inflation – the consumer food price index fell to 4.67 per cent in November, down from 7.01 per cent in October. Worryingly, however, core inflation remained elevated, signaling continuing price pressures in the economy. RBI's state of the economy report also acknowledges the risks, saying that "inflation may be slightly down, but it is certainly not out." And that "if anything, it has broadened and become stubborn, especially at its core." In his comments, RBI Governor Shaktikanta Das also noted the "persistence" in core inflation. However, Varma, while arguing that inflationary pressures are "easing", points towards "heightened growth concerns" — this perhaps indicates a shift within the committee with greater emphasis now being placed by some on growth considerations. After all, the effects of a slowing global economy are already being felt across the Indian economy. India's export growth has plummeted in recent months, as has industrial production. Domestic demand also appears to be slowing as seen through the recent import data.

Since May, the MPC has raised the reporate by 225 basis points. While the size of the hike was lower in December, indicating perhaps that the end of the rate hike cycle is near, there continues to be uncertainty over the extent of tightening the RBI still envisages. Das has said that a "premature pause in monetary policy action would be a costly error at this juncture," while Patra has noted that a "decisive decline in inflation over a series of monthly readings" needs to be seen before a shift. These comments only increase the possibility of another rate hike when the committee meets next in February. A pause thereafter cannot be ruled out.

THE STORY OF CTM

Ali Ahmed Aslam played a starring role in the tale of chicken tikka masala, an enduring symbol of UK's multiculturalism

T IS SAID that on a cold, wet Glaswegian evening, sometime in the 1970s, a customer at a local Indian restaurant called the Shish Mahal, sent back his order of chicken tikka, finding it too dry for his taste, and asked for it to be served with some gravy. The restaurant's owner, Ali Ahmed Aslam, added yoghurt, cream and some spices to the chicken and the chicken tikka masala, or CTM as it is fondly called, was born. Aslam died this week in Glasgow at the age of 77.

While the Pakistan-born Aslam is widely recognised as the CTM's creator, other curry shops and restaurants in the UK have also staked their claim on its origins. Some, like Chef Anjum Anand, have traced it to the butter chicken that is believed to have been invented at the Moti Mahal in Delhi in the 1950s; the similarities in the two origin stories — addition of cream, yoghurt or tomatoes and garam masala to dry cooked chicken —

are indeed hard to overlook.

But the origins of the CTM, whether in the UK or India, are the least interesting part of its story. In 2001, the UK's former foreign minister, Robin Cook, described CTM as "a true British national dish" and upheld it as a successful example of the nation's multiculturalism. And that is exactly what's so remarkable about the success of CTM. Other contenders for the position of Britain' national dish have come up since Cook's famous speech, but CTM's appeal remains both wide and enduring. From families looking for a quick, cheap meal at the local greasy spoon to hungover stag and hen parties indulging their morning-after munchies, Britons cutting across generations and class have found comfort in the rich textures and mild flavours of chicken tikka masala — a dish of indisputable South Asian lineage, never mind the details.

Yatra, without arrival



Bharat Jodo is an important gesture on politics of hate. But it is not yet a politics of hope

PRATAP BHANU MEHTA

THE FATE OF democracy often rests on the quality of the political Opposition. This is even truer when the government uses all its institutional power to disadvantage the Opposition. How does the Opposition create space? This is one perspective from which to look at the Bharat Jodo Yatra, a novel attempt to create a new political space. It is often in the nature of imaginative political actions like the Yatra, that its effects are discovered after the fact. An act of political improvisation can itself lead to new forms of knowledge and identification.

The Yatra is a novel mode of political articulation: An amalgamation of pilgrimage and penance that also deploys the grammar of the national movement. It is premised on the recognition that the hard work of pushing back the BJP will have to come from ideological outreach, the constant articulation of discontent and not just mobilisation at the time of elections. Second, it is meant to be a show of strength, to rejuvenate the Congress party and to empower silent constituencies. It was to give a glimpse of an alternative style of politics: A politics of decency, comfortable with listening, refreshingly bereft of the orgies of hate that define public discourse. The Yatra embodied love and national unity. Doubtless, it created that effervescence for those who participated. Suhas Palshikar has, in these pages ('One hundred days of Yatra', IE, December 22), written eloquently about the limitations of the Yatra in these respects.

But as it turned out, the semiotics of the Yatra are entirely dominated by one figure. Rahul Gandhi had for long, fairly or unfairly, laboured under the charge that he was an entitled politician, with a lack of commitment, confidence and decisiveness, and bereft of the popular touch. Much of the Yatra is focused on the recasting of that image: The projection of another bearded pilgrim, whose dedication cannot be doubted, who now exudes a common touch and ease with people that comes from genuine empathy. Projecting the idea that this is India's Discovery of Rahul and Rahul's Discovery of India has pretty much crowded out everything else, including party unity in Congress.

This is neither criticism nor endorsement.

Analytically, the political success of the Yatra turns on one question: Does the Yatra place Rahul Gandhi in a better position to exert more authority within the Congress party? Does it make him a politically more acceptable leader? The Yatra may have projected Rahul Gandhi's empathy and resolve. But has it done much to overcome the idea for many voters that Rahul was the symbol of the old, hollowed out, political order. He was an easy foil against whom Modi made himself look good. Has it done enough to convince his own party that he is an electoral asset that can be projected in a one-to-one battle with the

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Supporters of the Yatra argue that it should not be judged by conventional political yardsticks, particularly elections in the short run. And we need time for the consciousness raising of the Yatra to kick in. There is something important about the idea of a political gesture for its own sake. It is often a reminder, to paraphrase Livy, that an arrogant man can take away other people's liberties but by lack of courage and political action, we take away our own. Even if we grant this, there is something odd about positioning a Yatra that ostensibly speaks to citizens, but not to voters, and bypasses political questions, electoral or otherwise.

The success or failure of the Yatra will not be decided by endorsements, but politically. So here are three things that will constitute the political test of the Yatra and its aftermath. The first is ideological. To give Rahul Gandhi credit, he is one of the few in the Opposition space to take head-on the fact that the RSS and Hindutva are deeply authoritarian and communal. There is no mendacious soft peddling. But merely reiterating this opposition is not enough. India is divided over secularism. But the contest cannot be simply Hindutva versus Congress secularism as practised in the 1980s.

Take an important issue, and potential political googly, like the Uniform Civil Code. Bharat Jodo is going to be tested on concrete issues like this. Congress has done well in Haryana to oppose the new conversion bills. But does the process of listening and outreach create a space for a new vision of secularism

that pre-empts the BJP in its criticisms of the old Congress' institutional and legal conduct? Or will the party again flail on specifics, emotionally defending secularism but abdicating all concrete issues to the BJP.

The second issue is this: How many hearts and minds the Yatra converts is an open question. At an elite level, it does not seem to have moved many who were not already sympathetic. But the conduct of other political actors is a proxy test of the political success of the Yatra. The Yatra may have energised Congress workers in some states. But there is little sign that it has given the party momentum. If anything, the factionalism in Congress, even in states where it has the best chance, Rajasthan and Karnataka, is making Congress' position less strong than it should be. Factionalism is not a just a function of the small-mindedness of the leaders of different factions. Just witness Rajasthan. It is also a function of their lack of confidence in the highest levels of leadership. Will this Yatra restore that confidence in full measure?

Third, if the BJP is to be ousted, there will have to be significant Opposition unity, properly institutionalised, operationalised and communicated. There is no way of getting around this fact. All established regimes are delegitimised only if the Opposition speaks with a degree of unity. Does the Yatra remain confined to virtue signalling? Or does it both broaden the base of voters who can be brought into the anti-BJP camp? Does it enhance the Congress's capacity to facilitate Opposition unity, by the dint of its authority, and the new political capital it might bring to the negotiation? It might seem unfair to lay the test of the Yatra on how other Opposition leaders respond. Perhaps. But in a deeper sense, they are politicians. And their reading of the Yatra will indicate whether it has any political momentum.

Bharat Jodo is an important gesture on the politics of hate. But its own equivocation on what it is about suggests that it is not yet a politics of hope.

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A Law For Digital Assets

India can take the lead in regulating Virtual Digital Assets as G20 president

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THE G20'S FINANCE Track discussions placed the regulation of virtual digital assets (VDAs) to curb financial crimes such as money laundering and terror financing as a priority. This comes on the heels of the 'No Money for Terror' conference hosted by the Union Ministry of Home Affairs. The conference concluded with a commitment from the 93 participating nations to end all financing of terror, including through the use of emerging technologies such as VDAs.

The concerns around the misuse of VDAs for illicit activities require careful legislative responses and forward-looking regulatory guardrails. On a fundamental level, these concerns stem from a lack of reporting and transparency norms, and an absence of international consensus on regulatory design.

The Reserve Bank of India's (RBI) Deputy Director highlighted the difficulty in regulating VDAs, given the lack of reliable data on VDA transactions. This allows bad actors to engage in unchecked transactions and defraud investors, as evinced by one of the (erstwhile) largest VDA exchanges – FTX. In this context, PM Narendra Modi's mantra of creating "global solutions" to address global problems posed by fast-changing technology is important.

As one of the highest-ranked countries in terms of VDA adoption, and now with the G20 presidency, India has a critical role to play in shaping the global regulatory environment.

In the short term, a viable approach for India is in taking the industry and the in-

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The government has the power to notify any 'designated business or profession' as a reporting entity under the PMLA and can issue a notification that classifies VDA service providers as a designated business. As a result, players in the VDA industry would be obliged to report offshore transactions and be subject to regulatory oversight.

vestor into confidence by allowing antimoney laundering (AML) authorities visibility over VDA transactions, and the power to impose controls upon them and prosecute in the event of any misuse. There are several international templates to this effect. The Financial Action Task Force Guidelines on Virtual Asset Transactions (FATF Guidelines) are a case in point, which have been adopted by various jurisdictions, including the EU, Japan and Singapore.

The FATF prescribes minimum AML/CFT standards that countries should employ to prevent the likelihood of misuse, and the FATF Guidelines prescribe the same for VDA transactions. The Guidelines are applicable to VDA service providers of member states like India. Kev features of the FATF Guidelines include licence/registration requirements and extensive reporting and record-keeping obligations for VDA service providers. One such obligation is the "Travel Rule", which requires service providers to record the originator and beneficiary's account details, transaction amount, and purpose of transaction for all wire transfers. Customer due diligence obligations, which include verifying the customer and beneficiary's identities should be conducted for all transactions exceeding \$1,000. The FATF Guidelines also require VDA service providers to perform enhanced due diligence obligations (such as corroborating the customer's identity with a national database or potentially tracing the customer's IP address to ensure there are no links to illicit activities) when a transaction is

with a higher-risk country.

In sum, the FATF Guidelines take effect in the form of due diligence obligations, registration, record-keeping and reporting obligations for the VDA industry. India's existing AML/CFT framework under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act, 2002 (PMLA) already applies these regulatory tools over traditional financial institutions. Notably, the PMLA also includes reporting obligations for overseas transactions that fall under the ambit of "suspicious transactions" under the

framework.

Currently, the PMLA does not apply to the VDA industry. The government has the power to notify any "designated business or profession" as a reporting entity under the PMLA and can issue a notification that classifies VDA service providers as a designated business. As a result, players in the VDA industry would be obliged to report offshore transactions and be subject to regulatory oversight.

This is a vital first step towards India's vision for creating trusted corridors for tech innovation with like-minded countries. With the Digital Data Protection Bill and the Digital India Act already in the pipeline, Indians and digital businesses will soon have a coherent rights and responsibility framework to operate within. The time is ripe to extend regulatory oversight over the VDA industry so as to ensure that tech-innovation flourishes in a responsible, accountable manner.

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DECEMBER 23, 1982, FORTY YEARS AGO

POLL RIGGING FEARED

PRIME MINISTER INDIRA Gandhi expressed apprehension of rigging and booth capturing in the coming assembly election in Tripura and wanted the EC and the state government to take all steps to ensure free and fair polls. The PM also assured the Centre's help for this purpose.

US IN PAKISTAN

PAKISTAN AUTHORITIES ARE stated to be "very busy" refurbishing several houses in Peshawar, Karachi and Islamabad to accommodate a number of top Americans who have been asked to shift there from various parts of the world to lay the groundwork for some unspecified job which may have something to do with South Asian and South-West Asian politics. According to sources, some 60 American experts on electronics and monitoring devices from Egypt have been asked to prepare to go to Pakistan.

Indo-Bangla Talks

THE INDO-BANGLADESH JOINT Rivers Commission began a three-day sitting. Official sources described the first day's discussions as positive and constructive with the two sides considering the question of sharing of the Teesta river waters and problems connected with other common rivers. The meeting, which is the 23rd of the Indo-Bangladesh JRC, is the first after the two countries signed a memorandum of understanding during the visit of Gen Ershad to New Delhi in October.

SOVIET NUKE FREEZE

THE SOVIET UNION declared that it was prepared to freeze its nuclear arsenal. It offered to come to an agreement on a complete and general nuclear tests ban so that no more new kinds and types of nuclear weapons might be developed.

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THE IDEAS PAGE



Why liquor ban is bad — and good

No policy can claim success if it leads to preventable calamities and deaths. But for half of Bihar, the ban on alcohol is a blessing



M R Sharan

IN LATE 1948, the Constituent Assembly of India sat down to discuss prohibition. B H Khardekar, an independent member from the Bombay States, opposed it on three grounds: First, prohibition was hard to enforce; second, even limited enforcement would overwhelm jails and third, the revenue loss would be substantial.

How well do Khardekar's concerns reflect Bihar's experiment with prohibition since 2016? Travelling around the villages of Muzaffarpur in the summer of that year, I remember being surprised by how well the policy was implemented. The evening addas among the daily-wage mazdoors, beginning at twilight and lasting till the wee hours of the morning, had all but disappeared. Daily drunks, it appeared, had turned over a new leaf: Women spoke glowingly of husbands who had become *shant*, peaceful. Friends in Patna told me alcohol was extremely hard to procure. Khardekar, it seemed, was not so prescient after all.

But, as the years rolled on, the stories gradually turned: It began with *mazdoors* once more disappearing into the night. The public drinking sessions were now replaced by clandestine encounters with low-quality, bootlegged liquor. In Kurhani, where I spent some time, the signs were ominous. The alcohol was both bad and expensive: a pall of fear hung over the households of those who drank. Soon, reports spilt over into newspapers. Stories of bootleggers abounded, some ordinary citizens, and other powerful people, including the police. In 2017, nine lakh litres of confiscated alcohol in police custody had mysteriously vanished, consumed, ap-

parently, by dipsomaniacal rodents. Worryingly, from the border districts, stories of children being roped into smuggling alcohol from neighbouring states emerged. The demand for substitutes for alcohol skyrocketed — drug addiction among youth in some pockets became a very real problem.

Enforcement has weakened, but alcohol is still not as abundantly available as it was before the ban. A plausibly direct consequence of this is a fall in domestic violence. Reported instances fell by 37 per cent in the state between 2016 and 2020. Overall, the effects on crime are ambiguous: One working paper suggests a rise in violent and property crime in post-prohibition Bihar compared to neighbouring Jharkhand.

The loss of revenue is undeniable. Tax revenues from alcohol were Rs 3,100 crore in 2014-15, about 15 per cent of total tax revenues and 1 per cent of the state's GDP. Backof-the-envelope calculations suggest that alcohol tax revenues alone could have funded the entire housing budget of the state in 2019-2020. While these numbers seem substantial, it is also true that over 75 per cent of Bihar's revenues are generated via central taxes or grants from the Centre. In the absence of a ban, alcohol alone accounts for a mere 5 per cent or less of the total revenue receipts of the state government.

Bihar's jails are not overflowing. This is partly because conviction rates under the prohibition law are very low. However, those picked up for bootlegging are often the small fry, mostly those at the bottom of the bootlegging hierarchy in charge of distribution at the last mile. These tend to be disproportionately members of disadvantaged groups unemployed men at an economically precarious time in our country's history, desperate for a quick buck.

Thus, Khardekar's concerns played out to varying extents in Bihar. The law's enforcement has been weak, but alcohol consumption has undeniably reduced. This has mixed results on crime. The jails are not quite overflowing; and the revenue loss, while substantial, is not debilitating.

calamities The question before Bihar is: What is the

alternative? One solution, favourable to many economists, is to make alcohol available but to levy high taxes. This is a halfway house between making alcohol freely available and banning it altogether. The optimal tax rate can be quite high, because the demand for alcohol is fairly inelastic. Moreover, when alcohol is legal and the stigma attached to consumption is reduced, people will be less willing to turn to cheap illicit substitutes like hooch, even when the price differential is high. Making highly taxed alcohol available could keep consumption levels somewhat low, shore up revenues, refocus police attention and bring down hooch-related deaths. There are issues with such a policy, of course, the most important one being determining the optimal tax rates. Overall, however, this seems like a better equilibrium than the current one.

What Khardekar did not foresee was the

tragedy of lives lost to illicit hooch. No policy

can claim success if it leads to preventable

This begs one final question: What explains the government's insistence on not doing away with prohibition? My guess is that we systematically underestimate how popular the move is with one-half of Bihar. This week, I spoke to a small group of women in Muzaffarpur, where three people died last year due to consuming hooch. I asked them whether they supported prohibition. "It is a brilliant thing", one of them said. She rattled off a list of benefits: The men don't beat us, they go to work on time and there is money left over for our children.

When the outside world is lurching from one economic crisis to another, stability at home is nonpareil. For every tragic hooch death, there are several small but significant transformations.

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WHAT THE OTHERS SAY

"The Taliban must realise that to advance the interests of Afghan people, it needs to invest in education for women — not ban it. This will not only help the government build better relations with other countries and earn public support at home, but will also help Afghanistan reach its potential." — THE DAILY STAR, BANGLADESH

Having an Xmas cake & eating it too

That's what Centre wants. Rule 267, which gives MPs across parties a voice, remains contentious



BY DEREK O' BRIEN

LAST WEEK, A Member of Parliament from Tamil Nadu surprised a few of us in Central Hall. He placed his black duffel bag on the desk, unzipped it, and announced, "Here is some traditional Christmas cake". The day before yesterday, an MP from Bengal brought two boxes of rich-fruit Christmas cake to share with colleagues across all parties. The cakes from Kolkata were handmade from a recipe invented 120-years ago at Nahoum's, a Jewish bakery located in New Market. Rich in history, legacy, and flavour, it is a true taste of Christmas in the city. This was exciting. Everything else in Parliament was bland.

This Parliament session has been cut short once again. It was adjourned sine die on Friday at noon. This is becoming the norm. From the Budget Session in 2020 to the Winter Session this year, this is the eighth time in a row that Rajya Sabha (Council of States) has curtailed its session. The Budget Session was scheduled to end on April 3, 2020, but was adjourned on March 23, 2020. The next six sessions after that were cut short by eight days, 14 days, two days, one day, one day, and four days respectively. This Winter Session followed that

Rule 267 still remains a contentious issue. It is the rule in Rajya Sabha, which allows MPs to give a written notice to suspend all the regular business listed on the agenda and seek an immediate discussion on an important issue affecting the country. The book Rajya Sabha at Work states that "The Chairman's rulings constitute precedents which are of a binding nature". So, let's look at the precedents set by the previous Chairmen of Rajya Sabha in relation to Rule 267

Shankar Dayal Sharma, as Chairman of Rajya Sabha, allowed four discussions to take place under this rule between the years 1990-92. Bhairon Singh Shekhawat, during his tenure as Chairman of Rajya Sabha, enforced the rule three times in one year, 2004. There are more precedents. From 2013-2016, Hamid Ansari as the chairman, allowed four discussions under

These discussions, taken up out of turn because of the urgency of the situation, were held on a variety of subjects: The situation in Jammu & Kashmir, the Gulf War, corruption, attack on the secular fabric of the country, agrarian crisis and farmer suicides, to name a few. In the last six years, every single notice given by the Opposition to discuss an urgent national issue has been outright rejected. The last time such a notice was allowed was in 2016, when the House discussed demonetisation.

While it is true that this rule cannot be, and must not be accepted every week, or

every month, Rule 267 is a "living rule", which precedents suggest is accepted at an average of about once or twice a year. During this session, MPs across all parties did get an opportunity to speak on the economy and politics of contemporary India. My party nominated me to speak on the two Appropriation Bills (regarding excess and supplementary demand for grants). The premise of our argument was that the Union government had not delivered on their electoral promises. We presented data to make our case.

Economic blockade of states: In 2015, eight schemes were delinked from the support of the Union government and the funding pattern was changed for 24 schemes, squeezing the states, who are now owed huge amounts of money also for Central Sector Schemes. One example: the Union owes states Rs 10,162 crore under MGNREGA dues. Bengal alone is owed Rs 5,433 crore – more than 50 per cent of the total due to states.

are not shared by the Union government with states. Cesses and surcharges as a percentage of gross tax revenue were 8 per cent in 2010. This is up to a whopping 27 per cent in 2022. Finance Commission recommendations:

Depriving states: Cesses and surcharges

Divisible pool of taxes set by the 14th Finance Commission and 15th Finance Commission were 42 per cent and 41 per cent, respectively. In 2022-23, the states' share in central taxes is estimated to be just 30 per cent of the gross tax revenue of the Union government.

Bad loans: In five years, Rs 10 lakh crore has been written off as bad debts by banks. To put it in perspective, this amount written off is almost the same as the entire combined budgets of West Bengal, Chhattisgarh, Telangana and Rajasthan for FY 21-22. Of the Rs 10 lakh crore, only Rs 1.3 lakh crore, or 13 per cent has been recovered.

Unemployment: The unemployment rate is at a three-month high at 8 per cent. As per CMIE's October 2022 estimates, urban unemployment in the age group of 20-24 is 42 per cent. Over two crore women quit the workforce between 2017 and 2022.

The Union government, led by the Prime Minister and represented by the Finance Minister in Parliament, did not contradict any of these figures in their response to the debate on Wednesday after-

At the start of this Winter Session of Parliament, we had challenged the BJP, in this column a fortnight ago, to act upon even one of these issues: Pass the Women's Reservation Bill, appoint a Deputy Speaker in Lok Sabha, accept a 267 Notice from the Opposition to discuss a burning issue, get the Prime Minister to answer for the first time in six years a question on the floor of Rajya Sabha, comply with the Pre-Legislative Consultation Policy, and let Parliament function for a fixed number of days. As expected, none of these was done.

When it comes to Parliament, the Union government always wants to have their (Christmas) cake and eat it too.

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Fork in the sea

An India-Japan nuclear submarine project can balance Beijing's maritime clout

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Raja Menon

THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF the AUKUS by the US without prior warning was one of the low points in Indian foreign policy. It was most probably caused by a (mistaken) perception in Washington that Canberra was a more reliable ally against Beijing than New Delhi. The perception was probably caused by the Indian hesitancy to agree to even minimally militarise the QUAD from a purely diplomatic grouping to a more military alignment. The consequences of not being given access to US nuclear submarine technology are devastating for the Indian Navy's plans to offensively confront Beijing in the maritime arena. Now, however, there is an opportunity to leap-frog the disappointment over the AUKUS by inviting Japan to join India in a bilateral nuclear submarine building project.

 $Most \, laymen \, would \, question \, the \, need \, to \,$ invite Japan into a submarine-building consortium, when India has already launched the Arihant and the follow-on is about to be commissioned. This is based on a misperception that all nuclear submarines are similar. They are not. Only the US and the UK operate nuclear submarines with a fuel core of 95 per cent enrichment, thereby giving the propulsion unit enormous power over the 35-year lifespan of the submarine.

Compared to this, other submarines have a core of low-enriched uranium, giving them a limited life of fewer than 10 years at a moderate operating tempo. The difference is between chalk and cheese. A US or British nuclear submarine has so much reserve power that it is operated continuously by two complete crews alternating one after another. Distances mean nothing to them as they transit at 500 miles a day at cruising speed. Repeated attempts by retired Indian admirals to canvas congressional support for US nuclear submarine technology have been re-

fused on the grounds of US naval opposition. But, surprisingly, the alternative to India acquiring highly enriched core reactors could come from Japan, a country where nuclear weapons are anathema. But this doesn't stop the Japanese from treating nuclear reactors as a national strategic choice, with something like 56 reactors produced over time. If any Asian power has the capacity to build a naval propulsion reactor, it is Japan, India's partner in the QUAD against China. In fact, Mitsubishi and Hitachi are about to launch a new generation of nuclear power reactors to attain carbon zero by 2050. The model for a multinational defence project like an Indo-Japan nuclear submarine would obviously be the Euro fighter Tornado aircraft project. The project began in 1983, but was delayed by the end of the Cold War. Nevertheless, the strategic and cost benefits revived it with Germany, Austria, Italy, the UK, Spain and Saudi Arabia choosing it against stiff competition. The multinational consortium consists of the UK,

Germany, Italy and Spain, each nation con-

tributing what it was best at, to build a highly successful multi-role fighter. If the Europeans can get together to build an aircraft to deter a common foe, the Asians can surely copy the model to deter an even bigger potential foe.

It is true that India can independently build a nuclear-propelled submarine. Unfortunately, the product and its limitations will determine Indian naval strategy. Today, the Chinese operate an overseas base in Djibouti, almost 6,000 miles from their home base. This act speaks of either fool-hardiness or a cynical contempt for Indian maritime capability. If India had reoriented its military grand strategy from defensive territoriality to an offensive oceanic one, the Chinese base in Djibouti would not exist for more than 72 hours, and that too when they are continuously needling us on the LAC. An Indian nuclear submarine with an Indian low-enriched uranium core will force us on the backfoot, into a cautious, timid and conservative maritime strategy, because of the submarine's extremely limited operating profile.

On the other hand, a nuclear submarine with a highly enriched core, and unlimited endurance, could, after departing Visakhapatnam, be off Shanghai in 5-6 days, operate in the South China sea for a month and return for a change of fresh crew, before repeating the performance again. As it is, the QUAD simply brings a cynical smile to Xi Jinping's face knowing that it is not a military organisation. An Indo-Japanese nuclear submarine project with both countries operating nuclear submarines in the South China sea would convert that smile into a frown of worry.

For once, we need to put Aatmanirbhar aside and do an Asian multilateral nuclear submarine project that will rattle the cage in Beijing. The Indian Navy's excellent design organisation can provide the drawings for the submarine, while Mitsubishi or Hitachi manufactures the propulsion reactor, the whole project being managed by an inter-governmental group probably led by the Controller of Warship Building in New Delhi.

The project will certainly need strong ministerial leadership, from either the External Affairs Ministry or someone like Hardeep Puri, whose dynamic stint as a Joint Secretary in the Ministry of Defence, many years ago is still fondly remembered. India's military grand strategy must surely mean more than holding off the People's Liberation Army in the Himalayas. An Indo-Japanese nuclear submarine project would bring in an element of oceanic retribution to influence the strategic choices seen to be available in Beijing. The whole country has waited for decades for a national security strategy, but in the meanwhile, the Navy should take the initiative.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

YATRA'S FAILINGS

THIS REFERS TO the article, 'One hundred days of Yatra' (IE, December 22). Padvatras have always been undertaken to resurrect dying political fortunes. While the purpose of Congress's Bharat Jodo Yatra is to project itself as an alternate to the divisive politics of BJP, it will not be wrong to state that the yatra has not been able to do what it had set out to — catch the fancy of the people of India. They have made feeble attempts to grab headlines. But the Bharat Jodo Yatra has neither breathed new life into the Grand Old Party nor raised Rahul Gandhi's stature. A narrative has to be built and successfully sold to the people to take on the ruling regime.

Vijai Pant, Hempur

A LARGER ISSUE

THIS REFERS TO the editorial, 'A different NPA' (IE, December 22). The high rate of loan defaults in low-value education loans highlights the fault lines in the education system in the country. The proliferation of colleges offering various professional courses was grossly unplanned, and the standards and quality of graduates they are producing aren't employable. Due process wasn't followed while offering accreditation and affiliation. This also shows that public funding for education, whether through subsidised fees or direct scholarships, isn't enough to cover the pool of higher education aspirants. Sudip Kumar Dey, Barasat

LET'S PREPARE

THIS REFERS TO the report, 'Covid advisory again: Random test at airports, try to use mask' (IE, December 22). In a wise move, the Union government has reacted promptly to the rise in Covid cases in China, Japan, US and parts of Europe. While the China surge is seen as a result of the withdrawal of its zero-Covid strategy, the worry is that different sub-variants appear to be driving the surge in different countries. Covid infections continue to remain flat in India but this could partly be due to reduced testing. It will be difficult to get early warning of an upsurge in India unless states get back into testing mode and send as many positive samples as possible for genome sequencing. India should keep all systems on alert for a rapid, scaled-up public health

Sanjay Chopra, Mohali

DAMAGE CONTROL

response.

THIS REFERS TO the editorial, 'Sliding back' (IE, December 22). The recent ban on women attending universities in Afghanistan sheds light on the trajectory of the Taliban's rule in the country. The Taliban's claims of creating an inclusive regime, which would not repeat the excesses of the 1990s, have all fallen flat. Curtailing the basic human rights of women will cause immeasurable damage. All nations should also try negotiating with the Taliban.

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I,hitherto known as Bhoneshwari alias Bhoneshwari Khandelwal,D/o Shri.Ghanshyam Das Khandelwal,W/o Shri Ashok Khandelwal,R/o-B-21,East-Azad Nagar, Near-Krishna Nagar, Delhi-110051, have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Nidhi Khandelwal.

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I,Vikash Kumar Yadav,s/o-Ranvir Singh presently, residing at, 822/2-A,Dinesh Vikar,Near-Disha Acadamy-Public School,Kishanpura,Meerut,Utt ar Pradesh-250002, have changed my name, from Vikash Kumar Yadav to Vikas Yadav, vide-affidavit dated-21.Dec-0040646347-10 2022.

I.Varsha Rani W/o Amit Saxena,R/o B-2/8,Upper-Ground-Floor,Safdarjung Enclave.Delhi-110029.have changed my name to Varsha 0040646384-7

I,VISHWAJIT KUMAR JAISWAL.S/O VINAY JAISWAL,R/O FLATNO.D0003, ADANI OYESTER GRANDE, TOWER-D, GURGAON-122001.CHANGED MY NAME TO VISHWAJIT JAISWAL.

0040646436-4

I.VINAY KUMAR.S/O Desh Raj,R/O House No.C-63, J.J. Colony, Uttam Nagar, New Delhi-110059.inform that VINAY is given Name KUMAR is

I,VARUN WADHWA,S/O CHANDER PARKASH. R/O.HNO.2173,HOUSING **BOARD-COLONY, SECTOR-**1,ROHTAK-124001.HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO VARUN KUMAR WADHWA.

0040646418-5 I,UNESH CHITTAURIA, W/O.SRI BHAGWAN CHTTOURIA.VILL & PO KHARAINTI, DIST.ROHTAK.HARYANA. PIN. 124533, HAVE CHANGED MY NAME, FROM UNESH CHITTAURIA TO UNESH VIDE-

AFFIDAVIT DATED, 22-

DECEMBER-2022

0040646347-9

I,Surander S/O Rajender Singh R/O, H.No-54,Village Haiderpur Shalimar BaghDelhi-110088, have changed my name to surender Yadav.

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I,Sunita Rani Sharma W/o Mahendra Pal R/o-D5/1003.Aloha-Apartment, Sushant Lok-3,Sector-57,Tigra,Gurgaon (Harvana)-122003.have $changed\,my\,name\,to\,Sunita$ 0040646436-6

I,Saroj Rana-W/o-Suresh Kumar Rana R/o-108 Goodwill Apartment Sector-13 Rohini Delhi-110085,changed my name to Saroj Bala and my DOB wrongly,written 29.10.1969 in my documents. My actual DOB is 20.09.1967. 0040646384-10

Shakun w/o Subhash Lalwani r/o E-013, First Floor, DLF Crest, DLF 5, Sector 54, Gurgaon 122001 Have Changed My Name SHAKUNTLA LALWANI 0040646325-1 Permanently

I,SWARNLATA,W/O VISHWAJIT JAISWAL R/O FLATNO.D-0003,TOWER-D,ADANI OYESTER GRANDE.TOWER-D.GURGAON 122001.HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO SWARNLATA

I,Rohini Singh Rawat,D/o Ratan Singh R/o.H.No.47/10, Rajpur Road, Civil Lines, Delhi-110054, have changed my name to Rohini Singh Walia. 0040646384-8

I.Ranbir Singh S/o K.D.S Choudhary R/o UU-204, Second-Floor Vishakha, Enclave Uttari, Pitampura Delhi-110034, changed my name to Ranbir Choudhary

I.Raiesh S/O-Rampal.R/O.IG-1/9,OPP. Anand Kunj,Vikas Puri, New Delhi-110018, Have Changed my Name to Rajesh

I,Rajeev Kumar S/O Shri Nathuram, R/O A-332, Shiv Mandir Block, Tirthankar Jain Nagar, Village Karala, Delhi-

110081, have changed my name

to Rajiv Kumar.

I,ROZ ALI.S/O-BAKREED ALI.H.NO.121.MEER-VIHAR.MADAN PUR DABAS, RANI-KHERA. NORTH-WEST DELHI-110081,HAVE CHANGED MY NAME.FROM. ROZ ALI TO ROSE ALI, FOR ALL PURPOSES. 0040646347-7

I,ROSHAN AARA,D/O-JAMSHED ALI,R/O HOUSE.NO-A-5,4th-FLOOR, FLAT. NO. E-1,CHATTARPUR EXTENSION, CHATTARPUR, DELHI-110074, HAVE CHANGED MY NAME ROSHAN AARA TO SONIYA, FOR ALL, FUTURE PURPOSE. 0040646436-3

I,Poornima Sachdeva,W/o Sunil Kumar Sachdeva, R/o GH-6/165, Prachin Apartment, Meera Bagh, Paschim-Vihar, Delhi-

110087, have changed my name to Purnima Sachdeva.

I, Hussain Ali, S/o-Chhote Kha,R/o.G-6, Gali.No.15,Near Noor-Masjid,Old Mustafabad, Delhi-110094, have changed my name, from Hussain Ali to Hoshiyar Kha,for all, future purposes.

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I,PAWAN SHARMA,S/O-CHANDER PRAKASH,R/O RZ-R-143, FIRST-FLOOR, CHANAKYA PLACE,PART-2,UTTAM NAGAR, DELHI-110059. CHANGED MY NAME TO PAWAN 0040646418-2

I,No-2995756L,Ex-Naik Sabzar

Ahmad Pala, R/O- Manigam, Tehsil- Devsar ,District-Kulgam. In my service records the names and DoBofmy childrens has been wrongly mentioned son as Vaseet Ahmad Pal D o B- 01-01-2001 instead of Basit Subzar Pala D o B-25-04-2006 and daughter as Saveel Akhtar D o B- 01-01-2003 instead of Arjuman Subzar D $\scriptstyle o$ B-10-03-2008 as in school records. It needs corrections.Objections be filled to Unit/Regt- 15 Rajput within seven days.

0020450242-1

I.Nicky Chandru Alwani.s/o-Chandru Atmaram Alwani, R/o 1982,Convent Street,Flat.No-10.Madhava Building, Pune, Maharashtra-411001,have changed my name to Naresh Chandru Alwani, permanently

0040646386-3

1305, Malaygiri Towers, Kaushambi, Ghaziabad, Uttar Pradesh,201010,have changed my name to Navin Chander 0040646438-1

I,Navin Mittal,R/o

I,Meetu Nagrani,R/o-V-29,Green Park main,1st-Floor,New Delhi-110016, have changed my name Meetu NANGRANI to Meetu NAGRANI, for all purposes. 0040646386-6

I.Meenakashi Bansal W/o Anil Bansal R/o.E-132, Karam Pura New Delhi-110015, have changed my name from Meenakashi Bansal to Meenakshi Bansal, permanently.

0040646347-1 I,ANKIT S/O SUNIL KUMAR,R/O

GANJ MOHALLA, HASSANPUR HAVE CHANGE NAME TO ANKIT GOYAL FOR ALL.

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I,Manmeet Singh Sethi,S/o-Jagmohan Singh, R/o N-60, Partap Nagar, Malka Ganj, Delhi-110007, have changed the name of my-minor daughter Mehar Malhotra aged-6-years to Mehar Kaur 0040646347-8

I,Mandeep Kumar Singh,S/o J.P.Singh R/o.3D,HIG-Block Sector-99,Noida,Gautam Buddha-Nagar, Uttar-Pradesh 201303,have changed my name to Mandeep Singh.

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I,Madiyabanu Mohamedhanif Gazi alias Madiya W/o, Sarfaraz Abdul Latif Makda R/0,2660/2-NDF, Gali-Khajoor Wali, Kucha-Chellan, Darya-Ganj, N.D-110002, have changed my-name to Madiya Sarfaraz Makda forall-purposes.

0040646444-3

I.MOHD SAID CHAUHAN. S/O.UMMED HOUSE.NO-413.CHOTI, MASJID, SHEKHPUR KHICHRA TEHSIL DHAULANA DISTRICT HAPUR UTTAR PRADESH-245301, changed my name to SAID,For all,future 0040646386-8 Purposes.

I,MAHIVIR PRASHAD S/O NIHAL 25, DAYANAND VIHAR, I.P EXTENSION.VIKAS MARG, DELHI-110092. HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO MAHAVIR PRASHAD BANSAL.

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I,MAHESH KUMAR, S/O.ARJUN, ADD.J-36,J J CAMP TIGRI, SOUTH-DELHI 110062, changed my name to MAHESH,for all,future Purposes. 0040646384-5

I,Krishna Gupta W/o,Alok Kumar Agarwal R/o,H.No.12, Ramjas Teachers-Lane, Upper Anand Parbat, Karol-Bagh, New Delhi-110005, have changed my-name to Krishna Agarwal after marriage. 0040646444-6

I,KM.SALINI,W/O.YOGINDER PAL SINGH, ADD-621, GALI NO-6,GOVIND PURI KALKAJI SOUTH-EAST DELHI-110019 changed my name to SHALINI MALIK, for all, future Purposes. 0040646347-6

IJvoti Gupta W/o Pushpinder Agarwal R/o 7/63, Second-Floor, South Patel-Nagar, New Delhi-110008, have changed my name to Jyoti Agarwal aftermarriage.

I,JC-774383Y Subedar Pardeep Dahiya father of Sanjana resident of C-2/2, Rajouri Garden, New Delhi-110027, have changed my daughter name from Sanjana to Sanjana Dahiya vide-affidavit dated-22/12/2022 before Mr. Suraj Kumar Tis Hazari Court.

Prasad Maloo R/o B-111, I,Harmeet Singh Shah S/o Avtar Sector-40, Noida Singh R/o 1914, Arun Vihar. Gautambuddha Nagar UP-Sector-37, Noida(U.P) have 201303, have changed my changed my name to Harmeet minor son's name from Singh for all purposes. Shaurya to Shaurya Maloo 0040646310-1

0040646317-1

I.Harieet D/o-Jasbir Singh R/o.H.No.36, Kh.no.33/3, Chander-Vihar, Nilothi Extn, Nangloi.West Delhi.Delhi-110041, have changed my name to Harjeet Kaur.

0040646384-9

I Privanka Chauhan alias Priyanka Singh alias Priyanka Rana D/o Sh. Ram Pratap Singh Chauhan W/o Sh. Gaurav Singh R/o House No. 1/2304-A, Street No.6, East Ram Nagar Shahdara, Delhi-110032 have changed my name to Priyanka Rana for all purposes.

0040646312-8

I,Ekta D/o-Rajkumar,R/o Ruriawas(142) Tehsil Matanhail District-Jhaijar (Haryana), have changed my name to Ekta Duddy,for all Purposes. 0040646418-1

I, Raj Kumar S/o Rattan Chand

R/o PO-Rail, Tehsil-Nadaun,

my minor daughter's name

from Lehar aged 16 years to

I, REEMA, wife of ATUL, H.No.7,

changed my name from REEMA

I, Pragati Vedanta D/o Adishree

Singh R/o-D9-42, Sector-E1,

110070, have changed my

Vedanta for-all-purposes.

I, Narinder Singh/Narinder

future purposes.

Kumar, S/o. Shri Pyara Singh,

R/o. T-171/B1, Baljeet Nagar,

New Delhi -8 have changed my

name to Narinder Arora for all

I, Naiyum s/o Salim Mohammad

changed my name to NAYEEM

I. NARESH. S/o BADRI PRASAD.

R/O-House No- 1927, Sector-

have changed my name to

NARESH KUMAR for all

L Mohammad Rizwan S/o.

Abdulmannan R/o-430, Gali-

changed my name to Mohd

Wazirabad, Delhi-110084 Have

I, Micky Chhabra S/o Nathu Ram

Chhabra R/o 701, Siddhartha

Anartment Pitampura Delhi

have changed my minor son

I, Micky Chhabra S/o Nathu Ram

daughter name from Saisha To

Saisha Chhabra permanently.

I, Meraj S/o Mahmood Hussain

changed my name to Meraj Ali

R/o 606/8, I-Block, Sangam

Vihar, Delhi-110062 have

for all purposes.

Chhabra R/o 701, Siddhartha

Apartment Pitampura Delhi

have changed my minor

name from Shourish To

Shourish Chhabra

permanently.

, Mohammad Saghir

No.5. Sangam Vihar.

Rizwan Khan.

purposes.

10A, Gurgaon, Haryana-122001

r/o RZC-295, Nihal Vihar.

SAIFI Permanently.

Nangloi Delhi-110041 have

DDA Vasant-Kuni, New-Delhi-

daughter's name to Adishree

Sahipur Village, Shalimar

Bagh, Delhi-110088 have

SHOKEEN to REEMA after

Suhani forever.

marriage.

Ghardun, Hamirpur, Himachal

Pradesh-177045, have changed

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0040646444-4

0040646326-1

0070818867-1

0040646338-

0040646370-3

0040646370-2

0070818869-1

I.AtulKumar Varma.s/0-Krishna Varma R/0-1101, Empire tower omaxe-new heights, sec-78,faridabad,haryana,have change name to ATULKUMAR KRISHNA VARMA, FOR ALL 0040646347-3

I,Anjulee Tiwari,W/o-Ajay

Kumar Tiwari R/o.Flat.No.702,Tower-F,JMD-Garden, Sohna-Road, Sector-33, Gurugram (Haryana)-122018, have changed my name to Anjali Tiwari. 0040646418-4

I.Irshad S/o-Gulam nabiAddress-32 gali kababiyan iama masiid Delhi 110006. changed my name to Irshad

I,ASHWINI KUMAR VAISHYAS/O-ASHOK VAISHYA,R/O-R-289C 1ST-FLOOR GREATER-KAILASH PHASE-1, DELHI-110048, have changed my name TO ASHWIN VAISH. 0040646347-5

Qureshi.

I,ARSHJYOT BEDI,S/O SH.KULJEET SINGH BEDI,R/O-1502,TOWER-2,LOTUS 300.SECTOR-107,NOIDA,G.B.NAGAR,U.P. 201304, HAVE CHANGED MY NAME, FROM ARSHJYOT BEDI TO ARSHJYOT SINGH BEDI, FOR ALL, FUTURE PURPOSES.

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I, hitherto known as Sh.CHETAN S/o Sh.SURINDER PAL, R/o-Flat.No-358, Pocket-2, Sector-9, Dwarka, South-West-Delhi-110075, have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as CHETAN CHAUDHARY.

0040646319-3

I, hitherto known as RINKY W/o Sh.CHETAN, R/o-Flat.No-358, Pocket-2 Sector-9 Dwarka South-West Delhi-110077, have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as RINKY CHAUDHARY. 0040646319-2

, Yashika Sood W/o Shubham Sood Residence 4516, 2nd floor, Gali Shaheed Bhagat Singh Shora Kothi, Main Bazar, Paharganj, New Delhi-110055, have changed my name Yashika to Yashika Sood for all future purpose.

0070818866-1

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

vears. In his Education

Kumar and Neelam Rani, which

may be amended accordingly.

I, Sudarshan Kumari Virmani

W/o Sh.Om Parkash Virmani.

R/o-H.No.1/30.Shastri colony

Old-Faridabad, have changed

my name Sudarshana Virmani

to Sudarshan Kumari Virmani,

I. Shankuntla Manuia D/O Hans

Raj Gulati, W/O Late Khairati

Lal R/o 172, Bai Ka Bagh, Near

Allahabad Prayagraj, Uttar

Topan Das Confectionary Shop,

Pradesh-211003. have changed

my name and shall hereafter

I. Shabana Khatoon, W/o

Hospital, CC-31 Nehru

to Shabana Shariq

be Known as Shakuntala Rani.

Mohammad Shariq, R/o Triton

110019, have changed my name

Enclave, Kalkaji, New Delhi-

I, Sagar S/O Sushil Kumar R/O

Noida Near Radha Public

Sagar Electronics, Sector -22,

name of my father has been

wrongly written as Susheel

Kumar Rajhans in my Class

name of my father is Sushil

0040646368-1

10th &12th Result. The actual

I, SURABHI JAIN, W/o MAYANK JAIN, R/O- D- 8/6, Model Town-

2, Dr Mukherjee Nagar, North

changed my name to SURBHI

I, Roop Narain Maloo S/o Ram

I. Ritu Devi Khandelwal W/o

to Nidhi (Aadhaar

I. Riazuddin.S/o Jameel

Ahmed,R/o E-47/A, Block-

name,from Riazuddin,to

E,Shaheen Bagh,Okhla, Jamia

New Delhi-110025, changed my

Nagar, Abul Fazal Enclave-II,

Riyazuddin, for all purposes.

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Vijay Narain R/o House K-1,Old

110037 have changedmy name

Rangpuri, Mahipalpur, Delhi-

West Delhi-110009. have

JAIN for all purposes.

School .UP.-201301 declare that

for all further purposes.

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0070818865-1

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0070818870-1

I, Sushila, W/O Sunil Kumar R/o I, Lavika D/o Jugal Kishore R/o RZ-88, Lokesh Park Najafgarh, EMAAR Gurgaon Greens Flat Delhi-110043. have changed my No-301 Tower-18 Sector-102 name and shall hereafter be Gurugram Haryana, have Known as Sushila Devi changed my name as Lavika 0070818786-1 Verma permanently

0040646370-1

I, Surender Kumar S/O Roshan Lal, R/o Kanipla, Near Govt. I. KM. Sangeeta Rani Sen. Sec. School, Kanipla (104), Chauhan, D/o Narayan Singh Kurukshetra, Harvana-136131. Chauhan,W/o Sanjeev Kumar Declare that name of Mine and Raiput.R/o L-10-B.Janta My Wife has been wrongly Flate,NA, Saket,Malviya written as Surender Sharma Nagar, South Delhi, Delhi and Neelam in my minor Son 110017, have changed my name Vaibhav Sharma, aged about 17 to Sangeeta Rajput, for all Document. The actual name of Mine and My Wife are Surender

0040646444-9

I. Commander Deepak Kumar Bhambri, 40560-F IN, Retd, R/o B-81, Sector-21, Jalvayu Vihar, Noida, UP-201301, declare that in my service record my wife's name is wrongly written as Nelam instead of her correct name Neelam Bhambri.

0070818871-1

I, Batool Nisha W/o Mohammad Rauf, R/o H.No.117, Raiiv Gandhi Nagar, Katanga Cantt. Ranital, Jabalpur, M.P. inform that in my husband's pension records my name has wrongly mentioned as Batul Nisha instead of Batool Nisha.

I,BHIM PAL S/O.VIJAY KUMAR, **ADD-A-133, RANI GARDEN** SHASTRI NAGAR.EAST-DELHI-110031. Changed my name to BHIMPAL UPPAL, for all future 0040646216-4 Purposes.

I. Anil Singh S/o Shiv Dayal Singh R/o-173, Block-C-1, Sec-55.Noida, Gautam Buddha Nagar, UP-201301, have changed my minor daughter's name from Khusboo Bisht to Khushboo Bisht for all

0040646415-1 purposes. I Sudhanshu Kumar Mishra S/o Sh. Jaleshwar Mishra R/o H.No.A-20/2, Aali Vihar, Sarita Vihar, South Delhi, Delhi-110076 have changed my name to Himanshu Mishra for all

purposes.

0040646312-9

ISatya Prakash, S/o-Raman Lal Sharma R/o-433A/6,Gali No.3, Ashok Vihar, Mehlalna Road, Sonipat, Haryana-131001 have changed my name to Satya Parkash for all purposes. 0040646315-1

I Satpal S/o Megha Ram R/o H.No-204/25, Gandhi Nagar, Rohtak, Haryana-124001, have changed my name to Satpal 0070818860-1 I Sarswati W/O, Raj Singh Rana

R/o 36/208, Arya Samaj Gali, Siraspur, Delhi-42 have changed my name to Saraswati Devi for all purposes 0040646405-1

I, SYED MUTAB ALI S/O SYED KAZIM ALI R/O 1922, STREET RAJAN, KUCHA CHELAN, DARYA GANJ, NEW DELHI - 110002, HAVE CAHNGED MY NAME TO SYED MUJTABA WASTI. 0040641937

I.N N VIJAYAN NAIR,S/O.NARAYAN NAIR,ADD-169-B,DDA-FLATS,GAZIPUR ,EAST,DELHI-110096,changed my name to VIJAYAN NAIR, for all, future Purposes.

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I Ouader Alam S/o Hakimuddin R/o H.No-75, RPS Janta Flats, Vikas Puri, West Delhi, Delhi-110018, have changed my name to Kadir Alam.

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0040646406-1

I Priya Singhal W/O, Arpit Goel R/o Resident Of B 14 Ashok Nagar Ghaziabad And Daughter Of Pawan Kumar Singhal Having Date Of Birth 20 April 1990 have changed my name to Priya Agarwal

I Priva D/o Sh. Rajendra Kumar Sharma R/o L-11-A, Near Kali Badi Mandir, Lajpat Nagar, Sahibabad, Ghaziabad, Uttar Pradesh-201005 have changed my name to Priya Bhardwaj for all purposes.

name to Nand Kishore Chhabria for all purposes. 0070818856-

> I Manoj Kumar S/O Late Sh. Rajiendera Nath Tyagi R/O Nangli Abdullah, District son Ramfal. In fact both the

I Dhriti Sood D/o Onis Kumar Sood R/o D-214, GF, Anand Vihar, Delhi, declare that my father's name was wrongly recorded as Onis Sood in my 10th class CBSE marksheet /certificates, Correct name is Onis Kumar Sood for all future

I Chaman S/O Pradeep Kumar R/o House 62A/1 Safdarjung Enclave South West Delhi-110029 have changed my name to Chaman Kumar for all future purposes. 0070818792-1

Forest Lane, Neb Sarai, Delhi -110068 Have Changed My Name DEEPA MANGAR Permanently 0040646325-2

Jain R/O D-113,Ashok Vihar,Phase-1,Delhi-110052, have changed my name to Atishay Jain.

I,VINOD KUMAR,S/o GIRDHARI LAL BHAJANKA.ADD-FLAT.NO-202,D-105 MAHAVIR-VIHAR SECTOR-1, DWARKA DELHI-110075, changed my name to VINOD KUMAR BAHUGUNA, for

I Mohd Azam S/o Mohd Usman. R/o 58 back portion, second floor, L/s, Bhogal Lane, Jangpura Road, Bhogal, Delhi 110014 have changed my name

BURNWAL, ADD-3259, 3RD-FLOOR RANJEET-NAGAR PATEL-NAGAR CENTRAL.DELHI-110008, changed my name to SULAKSHANA BURNWAL, for allfuture Purposes. 0040646384-3

I,MUKESH JAIN,S/O.MADAN KUMAR JAIN.ADD-1/11244 C.STREET.NO.9-A SUBHASH SHAHDARA.DELHI-110032.changed my name to MUKESH KUMAR JAIN, for all, future Purposes

to ANIKJOT SINGH, for all, future 0040646384-6 Purposes.

I,AIJAZ HUSSAIN,S/O.INTZAR HUSSAIN,ADD-D-23 MCD STAFF COLONY.NEW USMANPUR, NORTH EAST DELHI-110053,changed my name to ALIAZ HUSSAIN ZAIDI, for all, future Purposes. 0040646384-2

Bhasin/Asha Sawhney owners of flat N0.229, Sidhartha Enclave & Car garage no. 29 having inherted the same from our father Late Shri Jiwan Lal Bhasin in whose name DDA had executed a convince deed which is in our possession. However all documents from stage of allotment and final possession to our father & demand letter ETC. have been misplaced/Lost. Contact Details 9871300032 & 9873319208.

> PUBLIC NOTICE "Be it known to all concerr hat mv client, namelv MR KRISHÁN KUMAR LONGAN S/O LATE SHRI MANOHAF LAL LONGANI & SMT KRISHAN KUMAR LONGAN BOTH R/O 14, 5-BLOCK NAGAR, NEW DELHI-110015 namely ASHOK LONGAN S/O SHRI KRISHAN KUMAI LONGANI R/O 14. 5-BLOCH NAGAR, NEW DELHI-110015 for his unacceptable unapt/immoral behaviour fron all their immoveable and oveable properties. If an oody deal with our son in an manner, then he/she wil

V.V. ARYA (ADVOCATE) Ch. No.117/A. C.L. Joseph Block Tis Hazari Courts, Delhi-54

PUBLIC NOTICE

ient Kuldip Singh s/o Bısı and his wife Darshna Devi Das and his wife Darshna Devi w/o Kuldip Singh, both residents of House No. 2056-A, Street No. 26, Tuglakabad Extension, Floor-IV, New Delhi-110019 have disowned their son Gurpreet Singh and his wife Rajni Rani from their Movable/ Immovable Properties and have cut off their family relations from them due to their disobedient and Quarrelsome nature and my Client were not/ are not/ shall not be responsible for any act of GURPREET SINGH and his wife RAJNI RANI in any manner in future.

PUBLIC NOTICE

e known to all that my client, SH. Tarun A Om Prakash Arora R/O A-82, Chander Na

PUBLIC NOTICE General Public is hereby informed the my client namely Sh. Muneshwe Mounya So Sh. Goli Mourya, Ro A 215, A-Block, Shastri Nagar, Asho Vihar, North West, Delhi-I10052, o behalf of his other family members, ha severed all his relations with his grandson, namely, Aryan, Mourya Si severed all his relations with herandson-namely Aryan Mourya S/
Sh. Ashok Kumar Mourya and furthe debarred him from all his movable an immovable properties as Aryan Moury has become disrespectful towards melient and his other family members an also, he is not in control of my client My Client shall not be responsible for any acts and deeds done by Aryan Mourya in future.

Advocate Enroll. No. D/2871/2010 Ch. No. T-53, Tis Hazari Court Delhi-11005

PUBLIC NOTICE

it known to the public at larg tt our client Sh. Nar Singh s/o lat. Tara Chand and Smt. Rosha Sh. Nar Singh permaner sidents of House no. 2684 kh n onsequences & we will not esponsible/ liable for the same. Sd/- NITIN KUMAR (ADVOCATE

PUBLIC NOTICE

KAMAL SINGH (Advoc Enrl. No. D-748

PUBLIC NOTICE My client Mr. Kumar s/o Lt Babu Ram and Rekha Garg R/o 10A/33, Ground floor, Shakti Nagar Delhl, hereby through this public notice disown and debar their son Himanshu Gard dealing with them in any civil and criminal activities shall bear at his/he own cost and risk. My client shall no

HIMANSHII NAGPAL (ADVOCATE

PUBLIC NOTICE AY CLIENT CHATTAR PAL SINGH S
T. KARAN SINGH RIO, 90, JHULJHULAGE, SOUTH WEST DELHI, DELI10073 MY CLIENT NAME IN TI10073 MY CLIENT NAME IN TI10073 MY CLIENT NAME IN TI10074 MY CARD IS CHHATTAR PAINGH HOWEVER IN HIS EMPLOYMEN
IECORDS AT RAO TULA MEMORIAI
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Recalling the life and crimes of Charles Sobhraj

ARJUN SENGUPTA

NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 22

TO THOSE who have known him personally, serial killer Charles Sobhraj appeared affable and charismatic. He had a keen grasp of human nature, and used his charms to control people and situations over his entire storied life. The so-called Bikini Killer committed at least 12 murders and repeatedly escaped the law with serpentine slipperiness.

Sobhraj, now 78, is set to be released from prison in Nepal, where he was arrested in 2003 for the murder of an American backpacker.

Difficult childhood

Sobhraj was born to an expatriate Indian moneylender and a Vietnamese woman in French-occupied Saigon in 1944. His birth father left him and his mother when he was just three; his mother then married a French army officer. Charles' childhood was defined by crises of identity and belonging as he was "shunted back and forth between parents and continents", according to his biographers Richard Neville and Julie Clarke.

Charles spent most of his adolescence in and out of juvenile offender homes — he stole cars, robbed housewives, and mugged people on the street. By his 20s, he was moving between Parisian high society and the underworld, making money through scams and burglaries. He grew close to Chantal Compagnon, whom he married in 1969.

From early on, Sobhraj displayed little remorse for his actions, Neville and Clarke reported. Rather, he saw himself as a victim of an unjust society and wretched fate, with his only way to power, wealth and opulence being the path of crime.

Victims on the hippie trail

In the 1970s, many Westerners journeyed to the 'Orient' to "find themselves" outside the capitalist decadence of their native lands. Hordes of young Europeans came to South and East Asia on shoestring budgets — and it was in the obscurity and transience of the hippie trail that Sobhraj committed his worst crimes, often targeting those who were allured by his magnetism. He was arrested multiple times in Athens, Delhi, and Kabul he got away each time through bribery or audaciously planned escapes.

After Chantal left Charles, taking their baby along, a young Canadian named Marie-Andrée Leclerc fell for the criminal after meeting him in India. She became his close companion and remained devoted to him despite his addiction to gambling and women. The ability to gain people's trust and make them want to do things for him remained Charles' abiding character trait.

Thailand, India murders

In 1975, Sobhraj and Leclerc found themselves in Thailand, where he committed his first confirmed murder. The American Teresa

Knowlton was found dead in a tidal pool wearing a bikini, the first of similar murders that earned him his name of Bikini Killer. He would be accused of killing at least another 11 people in Thailand, Nepal, and India; some estimates put the number of his victims at 30.

In 1976, Sobhraj, along with Leclerc and an Indian accomplice Ajai Chaudhary alias Mohan Lal, was accused of murdering, robbing, and forging the identity of an Israeli tourist in Varanasi, Like most of his murders, Sobhraj had allegedly killed his victim by poisoning. A trial court convicted him, but he was acquitted by the Allahabad HC and then the Supreme Court in 1996 after the prosecution failed to prove its case beyond reasonable doubt.

He had been arrested earlier in Delhi for trying to rob an emporium at Hotel Ashoka and a con job in Tilak Nagar among other petty crimes. He was subsequently arrested and sentenced for trying to poison and rob some French tourists.

Why Sobhraj killed so many remains a

mystery. Sobhraj has himself claimed that many of the deaths were either accidental drug overdoses or cartel killings. He often used the passport and identities of his victims to travel to multiple countries.

Herman Knippenberg, a Dutch diplomat who was key to uncovering details about Sobhraj, told The Guardian in 2020 that he killed his victims because they rejected his criminal entreaties. "In resisting the overtures of Sobhraj," he said, "they triggered his childhood preoccupation with being rejected".

Tihar stay, Nepal arrest

In 1976, Thai police issued a warrant against Sobhraj for the murder of six women, all of whom were found dead in bikinis on beaches. But he was caught in Delhi before Thai authorities could get to him. He was charged with the murder of Frenchman Jean-Luc Solomon and received a 12-year sentence.

Sobhraj lived lavishly in Tihar, bribing guards and befriending prisoners for special treatment. In 1986, he escaped after drugging inmates and guards - but was recaptured in Goa soon, and had 10 years added to his sentence.

It has been speculated that this was precisely what Sobhraj wanted — he had realised that if released before Thailand's 20year statute of limitation expired, he would be deported and would receive the death penalty - and had planned the escape to extend his stay in prison in India.

In 1997, when Sobhraj was finally released, most warrants against him had expired, and evidence and witnesses gone. He returned to France, where he sold film rights on his life for \$15 million, and charged big money for interviews and photographs.

It was probably hubris that caused Sobhraj to return to Nepal in 2003 - one of the few countries where he was still wanted. He was arrested and convicted of murders he had committed in 2006, and received a 20-year sentence.

FACT CHECK, GROUND REALITY

WHAT'S THE WATCH THAT TAMIL NADU **BJP CHIEF ANNAMALAI WEARS?**

ALIND CHAUHAN

NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 22

AFTER FACING flak for wearing a limited edition Rafale wristwatch which reportedly costs lakhs, Tamil Nadu BJP president K Annamalai has claimed that the timepiece is made from the same material as the Rafale fighter jet, 36 of which India has purchased from France – and that he wears the watch because he's "a patriot" "This watch is very important to me. Since I can't fly a Rafale jet, I'll wear this watch until the day I die," he said.

On December 17, Tamil Nadu Minister and DMK leader V Senthilbalaji posted a thread on Twitter asking how Annamalai, who claimed to own only four goats and cows, was able to afford such a watch.

The Rafale watch

The watch that Annamalai seems to own is French watchmaker Bell & Ross's BR 03 Rafale. Introduced in 2015, the watch has been crafted in collaboration with Dassault Aviation, which also builds Rafale fighters. According to the website of Bell & Ross,

the watch is a limited edition of 500 units. At the time of its launch, it was priced at 5,200 euro, which is about Rs 4.57 lakh today.

The watch is a chronograph, meaning it can also act as a stopwatch. Before the advent of the digital era, chronographs were widely used for precision timekeeping and speed or distance computations. They were also worn by pilots, as they helped them with speed and distance calculations. Although they have been largely replaced by far superior gadgets and instruments, chronograph watches still enjoy immense popularity among watch enthusiasts.

Its specifications The Bell & Ross BR 03 Rafale is made

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Annamalai with the watch at a press conference. Video grab When launched in 2015, the watch cost 5,200 euro, which is about Rs 4.5 lakh today. Bell & Ross

from ceramic, which is lightweight, has hypoallergenic properties, and offers high resistance against heat. It's because of these advantages that in recent years ceramic has been extensively used not only in the watch industry but also in the aviation sector to build aircraft, rockets, and fuel nozzles.

Measuring 42 mm in width, the Rafale watch takes its design cues from the design of the aircraft. Its case is presented in a stealth-like matte black colour which is a reference to the anti-reflective tints of instrument panels in aeroplane cockpits; the dial has the same matt grey hue as the Rafale jet.

The display also consists of two sub-dials — a 30-minute counter and the small seconds counter that has a silhouette of the Rafale jet. The typography of the numerals on the dial mirrors the registration numbers on the jet's fuselage.

The watch is powered by an automatic movement called BR-CAL.301. The power reserve — the length of time a mechanical watch will run when it's fully wound — of the watch is 42 hours. The watch is water resistant up to a depth of 100 metres.

EXPLAINED HEALTH

Assessing the new Covid risk

Can BF.7 cause severe disease should it spread widely in India as well? It is unlikely: most Indians are fully vaccinated and previously infected, conditions that were absent in China. Taking the booster shot will help



From The Indian Express panel

of specialists, exclusive insight

WHILE THERE are anxieties about the surge of Covid-19 in China driven by the BF.7 subvariant of Omicron, what many are forgetting is that the host for an aggressive strain of the virus is different.

How is the situation in India different?

The Chinese were not infected by SARS-CoV-2 in the same way as people in India – which went through multiple waves of the pandemic – were. Most Indians have been infected by the virus, and many have even had repeated bouts of infection.

Nor have the Chinese been vaccinated as much. Most Indians have been immunised, with about 95 per cent of the population having been fully vaccinated. Almost 30 per cent have had booster shots — those who haven't taken them should take them now.

In such a scenario, even if there is a new mutant, the body triggers a response as it has some immunity. Even if a new downstream strain does trigger a wave, we do not expect it to cause severe cases.

Is there a reason to worry for those who took the "precaution" dose long ago?

The vaccines have held up well against the extreme end of the viral attack spectrum. And Indians have already gone through the Omicron wave and contracted its variants. Our immune system is primed to protect us from severe manifestations or to be caught unawares. Most research has shown that longerlasting "memory" B and T-cells remaining in the body are ready to produce antibodies and defend against the disease even later.

Are those with comorbidities at greater risk from a possible new wave?

The threat for this vulnerable group is just as much as it was earlier. They must certainly take the booster dose if they haven't already because that will at least bolster their immunity and keep it from dropping too low.

Besides, they have to be very mindful of

son, should they develop such symptoms, they should get themselves tested to be sure, so they can be prescribed the right line of

Can repeated infections weaken the

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themselves from exposure to winter cold,

This being the regular cold and flu sea-

organ system? In a study published in Nature Medicine, researchers found that Covid-19 reinfections could be taking a toll on some important organ systems, in the short or long term. People who had been infected more than once were three times more likely to be hospitalised and twice as likely to die than those who had

only had one infection. Those with multiple infections were also more vulnerable to other dangerous conditions — they were 3.5 times more likely to develop lung problems, 3 times more likely to have heart conditions, and 1.6 times more likely to have brain changes requiring care than people who had only had Covid-19 once.

Many studies have shown that the virus causes inflammation of blood vessels and or-

The impact may differ from person to person. Those with stronger nasal, oral, and lung immunity might not progress into severe symptoms while others might. Any other viral infection or flu has the same effect. Some flu patients display severe symptoms. To that extent, they are just as weakening.

Some studies have said that repeat infections may also raise the risk of long Covid. But a more long-term study and a wider arc of test cases across geographies are required to come to a definitive conclusion. Till then post disease rehabilitation and lifestyle modifications can heal conditions.

Do Indians need a fourth dose of vaccine?

The government has not notified anything. Besides, the efficacy of a fourth booster shot is still under review and no concrete results have come out. We should instead focus on immunising a large swathe of people. As stated above, most Indians have been fully vaccinated. We should focus on completing the pending booster shots.

Dr Chawla is Senior Consultant, Pulmonology and Critical Care, Indraprastha Anollo Hospitals, New Delhi



Schoolchildren in masks at the Parliament House complex on Thursday. PTI

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XBB VARIANT

Dominant sub-variant of Omicron in India now

ANONNA DUTT NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 22

THE Ministry of Health has issued a statement rejecting the "fake and misleading" claims on social media that the XBB sub-variant of Omicron is "5 times more virulent than the Delta variant and has a higher mortality rate".

India's deadly second wave of April-May 2021 was driven by Delta, XBB is currently the dominant variant, and caused more than 65% of infections in the country in November.

What is known about the XBB variant? XBB is a recombinant of two Omicron

sub-variants, BA.2.10.1 and BA.2.75, Several studies have shown that XBB is more immune evasive — that is, it has the ability to circumvent immunity from vaccination-induced infection — and has a growth advantage over other currently circulating variants of Omicron. What this essentially means is that the variant is more likely to cause re-infection or breakthrough infections in people.

This, however, does not mean that the variant can lead to more severe Covid-19 disease, hospitalisations, or deaths. An analysis by an expert group of the World Health Organisation (WHO) in October said, "There has been a broad increase in prevalence of XBB in regional genomic surveillance... The

current data do not suggest there are substantial differences in disease severity."

Does the XBB variant affect the lungs?

That is not true. Unlike Delta, which went deep into the lungs and led to a fall in oxygen saturation, Omicron variants affect the upper respiratory tract — the nostrils, nasal cavity, mouth, and throat. The virus can go into the lungs in some cases, but it is not the location of choice for the variant.

XBB follows a disease pattern that is similar to its forbear Omicron variants. This, coupled with the high vaccination rate and high infection rate in India, has meant that the Omicron wave resulted in fewer fatalities in the country.

Is there a risk of a new Covid-19 wave with the XBB variant?

In most people, the XBB variant is likely to lead to a fever, cough, and cold. XBB accounted for 8% of all the cases in September, increasing to 45.2% in October, and 65.6% in November it is now the dominant variant in India.

If XBB had the potential to drive a surge in cases, hospitalisations, and deaths, some indications would be visible by now. But even the number of cases has remained low, with an average of only 158 cases reported daily from across the country during the week ended December 19.

EXPLAINED YOUR MONEY

Why SEBI is phasing out the stock exchange route for buybacks



HITESH VYAS

THE SECURITIES and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) has decided to phase out buyback of shares of listed companies through the exchange route. The regulator favours repurchase of shares by companies from shareholders on a proportionate basis through the tender offer, which is considered to be more equitable, transparent, and fair.

What is share buyback?

A buyback, also known as share repur-

chase, is when a listed company buys its own shares from existing shareholders. The process reduces the number of outstanding shares in the open market over a period which can lead to better valuation and earning per share (EPS).

Currently, a company can buy back its shares from shareholders on a proportionate basis through tender offer, or from the open market via book-building process, or from the odd-lot holders. The maximum limit of any buyback is 25 per cent or less of the aggregate of paid-up capital and free reserves of a company.

What is the stock exchange route? Under the stock exchange route, a com-

pany can buy back shares only on the stock exchanges having nationwide trading terminals. The buyback will be made only through the order matching mechanism. In this method, the promoters, or persons in control of a company, are not allowed to participate.

Paytm, which witnessed a 76% crash in share prices after its IPO last year, recently opted for the open market route through stock exchanges for share buyback, which is to be completed within six months. TCS. which came out with share buybacks recently, used the tender route, while Infosys opted for the stock exchange method for its recent buyback.

Why is SEBI against the exchange route?

The Keki Mistry committee set up by SEBI to review the buyback regulations found that under the stock exchange route, there is the possibility of one shareholder's entire trade getting matched with the purchase order placed by the company, thus depriving other shareholders from availing the benefit of

This runs contrary to the principle of equitable treatment which forms the basis of all the corporate actions. According to SEBI chairperson Madhabi

Puri Buch, the tender route is more equitable. 'The other routes are vulnerable to favouritism because nobody really knows that in the exchange mechanism when the company is going to come in order to buyback shares, and only a few people may be aware of it, and benefits may flow to those few people," Buch said after the SEBI board meeting.

When will the exchange route be phased

As recommended by the Keki Mistry committee, SEBI will phase out buyback through the stock exchange route with effect from April 1, 2025. Many experts termed the SEBI's decision to phase out stock buyback through the exchange route as positive, as it will give all shareholders an opportunity to

How will shareholders benefit? According to Yash Ashar, partner & head

capital markets, Cyril Amarchand

Mangaldas, the process of buyback via stock markets may or may not have benefitted smaller investors as they may not have known when the buyback was taking place.

"With the tender offer process being the only process going forward, all shareholders would now be provided with an opportunity to participate in the buyback. Especially as tender offers also require a reservation for small shareholders," Ashar said. "In a way it democratises the process and creates a fair and equitable platform," he said

What is buyback via tender offer? Tender offer means an offer by a com-

pany to buy back its own shares or other specified securities through a letter of offer from the holders of the shares or other specified securities of the company. The buyback is done on a proportionate basis as per the buyback ratio, and the additional shares tendered over and above the prescribed buyback ratio get accepted if there are any unac-

New Delhi

SEBI has reduced the timeline for comple-

tion of buyback through tender offer by 18 days by removing the requirement of filing draft letter of offer with it. It has also permitted an upward revision of buyback price until one working day prior to the record date.

The process of offering shares under the tender process is similar to buying shares through an online Demat account. When the company launches a buyback, shareholders will find an option of 'offer for sale' when they log into their Demat account. Shareholders who wish to sell their shares can submit them to the company for sale.

The price under this mechanism is fixed and is offered higher than the market price to attract a large number of shareholders to sell

Fifteen per cent of the buyback size is reserved for small shareholders. All shareholders as on record date are eligible to participate in this process.

पश्चिमांचल विद्युत वितरण निगम लि. विक्टोरिया पार्क, मेरठ

-िनिविदा सूचना निम्नवत् कार्य हेतु ई-टेन्डरिंग के माध्यम से निविदा आमंत्रित है:-विशिष्टीकरण संख्याः प.वि.वि.नि.लि./मेरठ/आई.टी./11/22-23 के अन्तर्गत डी.आर. सेन्टर, सेक्टर 58. नोएडा के परिचालन एवं उससे संबंधित विद्यत उपकरणों की ए.एम.सी. का कार्य 01 वर्ष की अवधि हेतु।निविदा दिनांकः 12.01.2023 को 17.00 बजे तक ऑनलाइन स्वीकार की जायेगी जिसका प्रथम . भाग दिनांक 13.01.2023 को समय 17.00 बजे खोला जाएगा। धरोहर राशि रु. 46,000/–विस्तार से सभी जानकारी एवं निविदा में भविष्य में किसी भी प्रकार के संशोधन हेतु www.pvvnl.org एवं www.etender.up.nic.in पर लॉग ऑन करें। हस्ता./- अधीक्षण अभियन्ता (आई.टी.) कते **प्रबन्ध निदेशक** ''बिजली चोरी की सूचना हैल्पलाईन नम्बर 1912 एवं 1800-180-3002 (मेरठ) ार दें।'' ''राष्ट्र हित में बिजली बचायें'' पत्रांकः- 448 दिनांकः- 22.12.2022

🐼 TAMIL NADU WATER SUPPLY AND DRAINAGE BOARD 🌌 Extension Notice No. IEB No.39-1/E CWSS to Cherukkanur/J.IM/DOI/

CE/VLR/ 2022/Dt:21.12.2022.

Name of Providing CWSS to Cherukkanur & 114 other Rural habitations in panchavats of Thiruthani and R.K.Pet panchavat unions in Thiruvallur District –Under JJM-Construction period:12 months, Trial run 6 months and Paid Maintenance: 12 months – **Short term** - **E Submission**.

This office IFB No. 39 / F.CWSS to Cherukkanur /JJM/ DOI / CE

VLR/ 2022/ Dated: 01.12.2022. Amendment Slip -1/15.12.2022

The	The tender called for, for the above work is extended as follows:				
SI. No. Description Already given Extended					
1	Last date for Bid Submission	Upto 3.00 PM on 22.12.2022	Upto 3.00 PM on 05.01.2023		
2	Last Date for Bid Opening	At 3.30 PM on 23.12.2022	At 3.30 PM on 06.01.2023		

The other terms and conditions specified in the tender documents for above ork remain unaltered

Please Visit our Web site "www.tntenders.gov.in." for further details

Chief Engineer.

IPR/ 5685 /TENDER/2022 SAVE WATER, CONSERVE WATER, EVERY DROP COUNTS சாதனை கடந்து சுதந்திரம் அடைந்தோம், சாதனை புரிந்து சரித்திரம் படைப்போம்" TWAD Board, Vellore- 6

GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA **DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES** OFFICE OF THE CHIEF ENGINEER & BASIN MANAGER, **BRAHMANI BASIN. SAMAL**

Tel No.06760-266333 e-Mail: cebmbbs@gmail.com Bid Identification No.BBS-HID-UGPL-12 of 2022-23 (e-procurement No-CEBBS-HID-12/2022-23)

NOTICE INVITING TENDER

The Chief Engineer & Basin Manager, Brahmani Basin, Samal on behalf of Governor of Odisha invites online EPC Contract in double cover system through e-procurement for the work

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me	ntioned below:						
	Name of Work	Class/EMD/Tender Fee /Period of completion					
Pip Pro Cut dist with hav Cor irrig pro mod incl Med ope con	eline System of Hadua Irrigipect, Narasinghapur in Distritack, Odisha including tribution network, up to 1 Hath Outlet management Syving total planned Cultummand Area of 3641 Ha to sigation water from Hadua darn vision for booster pump on de of contract (Turn Key Euding power connectivity, Elechanical components, PIM pration & maintenance of commissioned system for 5 year	Chak stem rable (3) The approximate value of work put to tender is Rs.166.00 crores (excluding GST) (4) Tender Fee-Rs.10,000/- to be transferred online (Non-Refundable) (5) Period of Completion - 24 plete (Twenty-Four) calendar months including monsoon season					
Α.		Dt. 27.12.2022 from 10.00 AM to Dt.09.02.2023 upto 5.00PM					
B.	TIME AND DATE FOR PRE-BID CONFERENCE	Dt. 11.01.2023 at 11.00 AM Office of the CE & BM, Brahmani Basin, Samal. (Virtual Mode, the link will be shared through e-procurement portal).					
C.	LAST DATE AND TIME FOR RECEIPT OF BIDS	Dt. 09.02.2023 upto 5.00 PM					

D. PLACE OF SALE, RECEIPT Online through e-procurement.

TIME AND DATE OF Dt. 10.02.2023 at 11.00 AM (If the

OPENING OF TECHNICAL opening date happens to be holiday

F. PLACE OF OPENING OF In the Office of the CE & BM,

G. Further details can be seen from e-procurement portal

Name of work

Construction of New Compound Wall for Government

2 Repairs to Govt. Tribal Girls Hostel Building at Shahapur, Tal. Shahapur, Dist. Thane.

3 | Construction of New Compound Wall for Government | Rs. 68,03,027/-

Date of E-Tender Downloading 23.12.2022 to 30.12.2022

Ashram School at Khutal, Tal.- Murbad, Dist.- Thane.

Ashram School at Piwali, Tal.- Shahapur, Dist.- Thane.

Date of E-Tender Opening **02.01.2023**

i.e. https://mahatenders.gov.in.

e-mail: eepwdtribalthane@gmail.com

Office of the Executive Engineer

P.W. (Tribal) Division, Thane

Thane (W)-400 601

Date: 16.12.2022

Phone: 022-41250046

P.W. Compound, Station Road,

No. PW(T)DT/Tender/2021-22/No.19/2726

OF BIDS

BIDS

https://tendersodisha.gov.in

Chief Engineer & Basin Manager. Brahmani Basin, Samal

or declared holiday, opening will be

done in the next working day)

Brahmani Basin, Samal

GOVERNMENT OF MAHARASHTRA

PUBLIC WORK (TRIBAL) DIVISION, THANE

INVITATION FOR TENDER

Tender Notice No. 19 Year 2022-23

022-25410046 is inviting Online B-1 e-tender for the Registered contractors from the

appropriate category of Tribal Development Department from the Government of

EXECUTIVE Engineer, Public Works (Tribal) Division, Thane, Telephone No

Tender form Condition of Contract Specification and Contract drawing can be

downloaded from e-tendering portal of Public Work Department of Maharashtra

Tender Notice can be seen also on web site https://mahatenders.gov.in

Tender Cost

Sd/-

Executive Engineer,

P.W. (Tribal) Division, Thane

DGIPR/2022-23/4914

(A+B) Rs.

Rs. 1,02,11,229

Registration

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Class-IV-A &

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भारतीय विज्ञान शिक्षा एवं अनुसंधान संस्थान बरहमपुर Indian Institute of Science Education and Research Berhampu Established by the Ministry of Education, Govt. of India

IISER Berham	IISER Berhampur invites e-Tenders for the below-mentioned goods/services:					
NIT / Date Detail of Goods/ Services		Last Date of Submission				
IISERBpr/S&P/20 22-23/53	4 kW wave length Dispersive X-Ray Fluorescence (XRF) Spectrometer with ED small spot mapping	January 07, 2023 (15:00 Hrs)				
IISERBpr/S&P/20 22-23/NIT(Lib)/54		January 09, 2023 (15:00 Hrs)				
IISERBpr/S&P/20 22-23/54	Advanced Polarizing Microscope with LASER induced breakdown Spectroscopy (LIBS)	January 10, 2023 (15:00 Hrs)				
IISERBpr/S&P/20 22-23/55	Electron probe micro analyzer(EPMA)	January 10, 2023 (15:00 Hrs)				
IISERBpr/S&P/20 22-23/56	Advance Model petrological Microscope with high resolution photo micrographic, Image analysis and automatic point counting hardware and software					
IISERBpr/S&P/20 22-23/57	Digital Polarizing Zoom Microscope with RL & TL Illumination	January 12, 2023 (15:00 Hrs)				

For participation, please visit the website i.e. https://www.tenderwizard.com/IISERBP. Complete details of specification of goods and services, and tender documents are available on the Institute website i.e. http://www.iiserbpr.ac.in/tender.php and https://eprocure.gov.in. Any corrigendum etc.will be notified on the above websites only.

ne above websites only. क्रय एवं भण्डार अधिकारी / Stores and Purchase Officer

G2. NORTHERN RAILWAY

NOTICE FOR INVITING SPECIAL ATTENTION OF A GOVERNMENT

OFFICIAL CHARGED UNDER RAILWAY SERVANTS (DISCIPLINE APPEAL) RULES-1968.

Whereas the undersigned has been disciplinary authority officer departmental disciplinary case no. 230-Elect/TRD/13/27/2022 dated- 20.09.2022 initiated against Sh. Raj Kumar s/o Sh. Hira Lal, H.Kh in Electric TRD Department under SSE/TRD/Jakhal for remaining unauthorized absent from his duty since 21.12.2021 to till date as per chargesheet of even no. dated-20.09.2022 issued in the case. His available residential address is Rly. Qtr. No.- Gali no.01, Sadatpur, Karawal Nagar North Delhi-110090.

Now, therefore he is hereby finally informed and advised to report for duty in this office within 15 days from the date of publication of this notice otherwise proceeding of the said enquiry shall be completed ex-party which may invite a stiff major punishment. 3407/2022

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NORTHERN RAILWAY OFFICE OF THE MEDICAL DIRECTOR, NORTHERN RAILWAY CENTRAL

HOSPITAL, BASANT LANE, NEW DELHI-110055 Advt. No. NRCH/SR/2022-23/01 CORRIGENDUM

n continuation to the advertisement for engagement of Senior Residents dated 03rd & 4th January 2023. Seat for department of Pathology are being revised is under : In continuation to the advertisen

ENGAGEMENT OF SENIOR RESIDENTS								
Speciality	Category	Date & Time of Walk-in Interview						
Pathology	SC-01, OBC-01	03.01.2023	Auditorium, Central Hospital 8.30 A.M. to 11.00 A.M.					
COVID-19 AI	COVID-19 ALERT: MAINTAIN SOCIAL DISTANCING, WEAR MASK, BE SAFE 3415/2:							
	SERVING CUSTOMERS WITH A SMILE							

OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, **RWS&S DIVISION, BALASORE** Tel: 06782-262249, Fax: 262931, email: eerwss_bls@nic.in. O-1508

eerwssbls@gmail.com. NATIONAL COMPETITIVE BIDDING THROUGH e-Tendering

Identification No. 43 / 2022-23 Dt. 21.12.2022

The Executive Engineer, RWS&S Division, Balasore on behalf of the Governor of Odisha invites bids from bidders of eligible class registered with the Odisha State Government and bidders of equivalent Grade / Class registered with Centra Government / MES / Railways for the works detailed in the table below to be ventually drawn up in P1 contract with design and execution of the following Piped Nater Supply Projects.

. Nos. of Work

: Retrofitting RPWS Scheme to Kharasahapur & 7 adj. villages under Bahanaga block of Balasore district. : Rs. 535.25 lakhs

2. Estimated cost 3. Period of completion

: 330 days : Dt. 27.12.2022 at 16.00 hours to 10.12.2023 up 4. Availability of bid

Seeking of Clarification

to 17.00 hours through online : Dt. 29.12.2022 at 11.00 hours to Dt. 07.01.2023

6. Date of opening of Bid

up to 15.00 hours Dt. 11.01.2023 at 11.00 hours in the O/O EE RWSS Division, Balasore. Name and address of the Executive Engineer, RWS&S Division, Balasore

Officer Inviting Tender Bid Cost will be receipt through electronic payment by NEFT / RTGS.

Further details can be seen from the e-Procurement Portal http://tendersodisha.gov.in Sd/- EXECUTIVE ENGINEER **RWS&S DIVISION, BALASORE** OIPR/25013/11/0030/2223

MORADABAD MUNICIPAL CORPORATION Pili Kothi, Jalkal Compound, Moradabad-244001 (U.P.)

E-Procurement Tender Notice								
Ref.	Ref. No: 203/Ex. Eng./ Env./NNM/2022-23 Date: 22-12-2022							
S.N.	Name of Work	Cost of Tender form (Rs.)	Earnest money Deposit (Rs.)	Time allowed for completion	Duration of contract			
1.	Selection of Agency for Conducting Solid Waste Management IEC Activities within 50 wards of municipal area to make "A Garbage Free Area"	11,800.00 (INR Eleven Thousand Eight Hundred Only)	3,00,000.00 (INR Three Lakh Only)	5 Years	5 Years			
Key Details:-								
S.N.	Description		Date:	and Time				
1.	Start date for Purchase of Tender (Online)		24/12/202	22 at 10.00 AM				
2.	Last Date for submission of Tender (Online)	09/01/202	23 at 04.00 PM				
3.	Technical bid opening (Online)		09/01/202	23 at 05.00 PM				

Note:-

- 1. Tender Document and other details shall be available on : Website <u>https://etender.up.nic.in</u>
- 2. Amendment to NIT, if any would be published only on website https://etender.up.nic.in 3. The EMD shall be in the form of FDR/NSC/NEFT/RTGS in favor of "Municipal Commissioner
- Municipal Corporation, Moradabad"
- 4. Bank Details for online payment-

A/C Holder Name - NAGAR NIGAM MORADABAD E-TENDERING A/c No - 27050100020717

Bank Name - Bank of Baroda

Bank IFSC code - BARB0LYMOR (5th Character is Zero)

The details can be viewed and downloaded online directly from the Government of Uttar Pradesh e-Procurement Portal https://etender.up.nic.in from 24/12/2022 at 10:00 Hours (IST) onwards. Online bids are invited for the following works up to 09/01/2023 at 16:00 hours. Technical Bid will be opened on same day at 17.00 hours at Office of the Municipal Commissioner, Nagar Nigam, Pili Kothi Moradabad.

For more details on the tender and bidding process you may please visit the above mentioned portal. NOTE:-

- 1- All eligible/interested consultants are mandated to get enrolled on e-Procurement porta (https://etender.up.nic.in)
- Contractor can contact Help Desk for any clarification of their doubts regarding the process o Electronic Procurement System.

उ०प्र०पावर ट्रांसमिशन कारपोरेशन लि०

ई-निविदा आमंत्रण सूचना अनुभवी

कार्यदायी संस्थाओं से विद्युत पारेषण

मंडल, ग्रेटर नोएडा के अन्तर्गत निम्न

3- All the documents are to be submitted online.

(Rajeev Kumar Rathi) Ex. Eng./Environment Enginee Nagar Nigam Moradabad

S. E. RAILWAY – TENDER e-tender Notice No. F-TBU-PBU-2022

23 dt. 21.12.2022. For and on behalf of the President of India, Dy. Chief Electrica Engineer (ERS-POH) KGP, S.E. Railway nvites e-tender for the following wor pefore 15 00 hrs, on the date mentioned against items and will be opened at 15.30 nrs. Name of the work: Conversion of TBU/PBU Brake rigging for WAG-9H ocomotives by conventional brake rigging arrangement. **Approx. Cost of the work:** ₹ 11,13,96,394.24. **Earnest Money :** ₹ 7,07,000. Date & Time of closing of tender: 11.01.2023 at 15.00 hrs. Website oarticulars : www.ireps.gov.in Intereste Tenderer may visit website www.ireps gov.in for full details/ description/ pecification of the tenders and submit their oids online. In no case manual tenders for his work will be accepted. (PR-933)

RC OF GPS BASED DIGITAL CLOCK INCLUDING REPLACEMENT OF DEFECTIVE COMPONENTS E-Tender No. SNT-39-LMG-2022-

23; Dated: 19-12-2022. E-tenders nvited by the undersigned for the clowing work. Name of works & Place : ARC of GPS based Digital Clock of encous make like At Teletink, Bentron, Epsilon Electronics and Dan electronics Pvt.ttd. including replacement of Selective components and maintenance of the units for a period of 2 years. Tender Value: ₹22,18,982,41; Bid Security: ₹44,000,00; E-tender will be Closed at 15:00 hrs. on 10:01:2023 and Opened at 15:30 hrs. on 10:01:2023. Website where details of tender otice & document can be seen notice a mmm/rapa.cov.in Sr. DSTE, Lumding

NORTHEAST FRONTIER RAILWAY

CCS HARYANA AGRICULTURAL UNIVERSITY, HISAR TENDER NOTICE

CCS Haryana Agricultural University, Hisar is inviting Tenders for the

- purchase of following equipments/items: .

 1. Purchase of Hydraulic Tractor Trolley & Cultivator for KVK, Damla
- Yamunanagar. Purchase of 55" Outdoor display with centralised signage software and
- accessories installed at 12 KVKs.

 Purchase of smart podium for the dept. of EECM, COHS
- Purchase of desktop computers for the dept. of EECM, COHS Purchase of 86"4K Interactive Panel with OPS for Dept. of EECM, COHS
- Supply of material, installation and commissioning of Hi-tech Green Hous (Fan & pad cooling system) for COA, Bawal. Supply of Moisture meter and its installation and demonstration for COA
- Supply of Fluorescent Microscope with Camera its installation and demor
- stration for COA, Bawal.
- Supply of Refrigerated Centrifuge and its installation and demonstratio for COA, Bawal.

 Procurement of Smart Seeder for the Dept. of FMPE.
- For detail information and e-tendering schedule, please visit the website http://etenders.hry.nic.in and University website http://hau.ac.in.
 Date of start of bid preparation and submission on 23.12.2022 (09:00 hours) and Closing on 12.01.2023 upto 17:00 hours. Opening of Technical Bid on
- 13.01.2023 at 10.00 A.M. Opening of Financial Bid on 16.01.2023 at 10.00 AM NOTE:

 1. All updates, amendments, Corrigenda etc. (if any) will be posted only or the CCS HAU Website/Tender website. There will not be any publication
- of the same through Newspapers or any other media.

 Interested bidders are advised to deposit bid security/EMD on or before 48:00 hrs of expiring date and time of bid online so as to get the payment

Asstt. Store Purchase Officer

for Director (S&P)

Navi Mumbai International Airport NOTICE INVITING EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FOR CONSTRUCTION OF MISCELLANEOUS STRUCTURES

Navi Mumbai International Airport Private Limited

("NMIAL") has been granted the right to develop, operate and maintain the Navi Mumbai International Airport ("NMIA") on DBFOT basis. As a part of project development at NMIA, NMIAL proposes to undertake the award of following package: 1. Construction of Miscellaneous Structures

The scope of works for above package includes, but not

limited to, construction of miscellaneous airport structures, buildings and facilities such as Fuel farm & stations, Air Cargo Terminal, Police Station, Airport Administration Building, Airport Operational staff facility, General Aviation Hanger, GSE Maintenance Facility, Reserved Services Housing etc. including landscaping, softscaping and other associated works.

NMIAL invites responses to the Expression of Interest ("EOI") from qualified, experienced and reputed contractors for above mentioned works.

Interested applicants may download and submit their response to the EOI by registering on the NMIAL e-tender portal. For further details and instructions, please visit the E-tenders section of our website: www.nmiairport.co.in The deadline for submission of the response to EOI is 14 January, 2023, 15:00 IST

Note: NMIAL reserves right to cancel the tender process at any time without prior notice or without assigning any reason whatsoever. Further, applicants are advised to watch our website referred above regularly for any updates / corrigendum etc.

NAVI MUMBAI INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT PVT. LTD. Email: nmial.tenders@adani.com | Website: www.nmiairport.co.ir

NORTH CENTRAL RAIL

E-TENDERING NOTICE 2022-DEC-03 DATED 21.12.22 Divisional Railway Manager (Engineering), N. C. Rly Agra for and on behalf of the President of India invites "Open Tender" through on Line only (E-Tendering) for the ollowing works. The details of the tender are as under:

S	Tender	Description of work	Approx
N	No.		Cost Rs.
1	-03-01	(a) Renovation of rake maintenance office, passenger yard office (PF no.4) and rolling examination huts (02 nos.) at AF station. (b) Agra Fort- Replacement of old and corroded hydrant pipe line between platform no. 1/2 and pit line.	8729346.02

For full details and submission of bid please see the Indian Railways website "www.ireps.gov.in" Tenders can only be submitted through web portal "www.ireps.gov.in" up to 15.00 hrs on 11.01.23 1700/22 (AN) 📕 North central railways www.ncr.indianrailways.gov.in 📕 @CPRONCR 📕 @northcentralrailway

झारखण्ड सरकार

पेयजल एवं स्वच्छता विभाग

ई-प्रोक्योरमेन्ट सचना (द्वितीय आमंत्रण)

ई-निविदा सूचना संख्या - (तेनुघाट) (JJM) 05/2022-23

तिथि — 22.12.2022

2 प्राक्कलित राशि

Name of the Work :- Detailed survey, designing and drawing, Construction of R.C.C. Intake Well cum Pump House, R.C.C.Gangway, 2.25 MLD capacity Conventional Water Treatment Plant, RCC Elevated Service Reservoir (i) 1.10 lakh liter capacity 12 M Staging, (ii) 2.80 lakh liter capacity 20 M Staging, (iii) 1.80 lakh liter capacity 10 M Staging, Staff Quarter, Compound wall, Approach road, Gallery, Railway Crossing, Supplying and laying Raw and Clear Water rising main and Distribution Network, House Connection, Supplying and Installation of VT and Centrifugal pump motor, Five years operation & maintenance with allied works etc. all complete job for Nawadih, Ahardih, Bhalmara and its Adjoining villages Rural Water Supply Scheme under D.W. & S. Division Tenughat on turnkey basis.

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3	अग्रधन की राशि	21.44 लाख
4	परिमाण विपत्र का मूल्य	10000.00
5	कार्य पूर्ण करने की अवधि	18 माह + 3 माह (ट्रायल रन की अवधि)
6	वेबसाइट पर निविदा प्रकाशन की तिथि	24.12.2022 समय 02.00 बजे अपराहन् तक
7	प्री बीड मिटिंग की तिथि एवं स्थान	28.12.2022 समय 12.30 बजे अपराहन् अभियंता प्रमुख का कार्यालय, पेयजल एवं स्वच्छता विभाग, नेपाल हाउस, डोरण्डा, राँची।
8	निविदा प्राप्ति (ऑन लाईन बिडींग) की अन्तिम तिथि एवं समय	07.01.2023 समय 05.00 बजे अपराहन् तक
9	कायपालक अभियंता, पेयजल एवं स्वच्छता प्रमंडल, तेनुघाट / अधीक्षण अभियंता पेयजल एवं स्वच्छता अंचल धनबाद / क्षेत्रीय मुख्य अभियंता, पेयजल एवं स्वच्छता विभाग दुमका प्रक्षेत्र दुमका के कार्यालय में परिमाण विपत्र का मूल्य एवं अग्रधन की राशि की मूल प्रति जमा करने की अन्तिम तिथि एवं समय	09.01.2023 समय 04.00 बजे अपराहन् तक
10	निविदा खोलने की तिथि एवं समय	10.01.2023 समय 04:00 बजे अपराहन्
11	निविदा खोलने का स्थान	अधीक्षण अभियंता का कार्यालय पेयजल एवं स्वचछता अंचल, धनबाद।
12	निविदा आमंत्रित करने वाले पदाधिकारी का पदनाम एवं पता	कार्यपालक अभियंता, पेयजल एवं स्वचछता प्रमंडल, तेनुघाट (बोकारो)।
13	निविदा आमंत्रित करने वाले कार्यालय का टेलिफोन नं0	9934311399, 9546623308
14	ई— प्रोक्यूरमेन्ट सेल का हेल्प लाईन सं0	0651-2480345

नोट – 1. केवल ई निविदा ही स्वीकार किये जायेंगे। 2. प्राक्कलित राशि एवं अग्रधन की राशि घट-बढ सकती है।

3. ऐसे सम्बेदक जिन्हें पेयजल एवं स्वच्छता विभाग झारखण्ड सरकार का निबंधन प्राप्त नहीं है वे भी निविदा में भाग ले सकते है वशर्ते कि वैसे सम्बेदक को कार्य आवंटित की तिथि से दो माह के अन्दर पेयजल एवं स्वच्छता विभाग झारखण्ड सरकार से निबंधन पत्र प्राप्त कर लेना अनिवार्य होगा। अधिक जानकारी के लिए वेवसाईट <u>http://jharkhand tender.gov.in</u> पर देखा जा सकता है।

PR 285668 Drinking Water and Sanitation (22-23) D

कार्यपालक अभियंता पेयजल एवं स्वचछता प्रमंडल, तेनुघाट

JHARKHAND MANTRALYA DPRD BUILDING DHURWA, RANCHI-834004.

OFFICE OF THE D.G. & I.G. OF POLICE **Tender Ref. No.: 07/2022-23**

IG of Police (Provision), Jharkhand Police Headquarters Ranchi, invites sealed Technical & Commercial Bids on behalf of Office of the D.G & I.G of Police, Government of Jharkhand for For "Supply of SAN Storage & Servers" To Jharkhand Police for IT Operations.

Supply of SAN Storage & Servers as per the given in the bill of materials in the tender documents.

A complete set of Bid Documents may be purchased by any interested eligible Bidder on the submission of a written application to the IG Provision Jharkhand Police Head Quarter, Dhurwa, Ranchi-834004 upon payment of a non refundable fee of Rs. 2000/- (Rupees Two Thousand only) in the form of Demand Draft in favor of IG Provision Jharkhand Police,

Ranchi, payable at Ranchi. The Bid Document may be purchased personally during office hours on all working days from After publication of Tender.

Bidder can also download the Tender document from Jharkhand Police Web-site www.jhpolice.gov.in in case the tender downloaded the bidder has to enclosed a demand draft of Rs. 2000/- (Rupees Two Thousand only) in favour of IG of Police (Provision) along with the tender

document. Interested and eligible Bidders are required to submit the Technical and Commercial Bids in two separate sealed

envelopes. The Technical and Commercial Bids should be accompanied by a bid security as specified in this Bid Document.

The Bid Security should be included in the same envelope containing the Technical Bid.

The Technical and Commercial Bids along with the Bid Security must be delivered to IG Provision Jharkhand Police head quarter, Dhurwa, Ranchi-834004 on or before 20.01.2023 till 4.00 pm. The envelope containing the Technical Bid and the Bid

Security will be opened on the specified date & time in the presence of the Bidders or their authorized representatives who choose to attend. In the event of the date specified for bid receipt and

opening being declared as a holiday for the Office, the due date for submission and opening of bids will be the following working day at the appointed times.

The summary of various activities with regard to this invitation of bids are listed in the table below:-

1	Bid Reference No.	07/2022-23
2	Price of Tender Document	Rs. 2000/-
3	Date of commencement of	After publication of
3	sale of Tender Documents	Tender
5	Pre-bid Meeting	27.12.2022 at 11.30 am
6	Last date & Time for	Till 4.00 pm on
	submission of Bids	20.01.2023
7	Date & Time of opening of Bids	05.00 pm on 20.01.2023

Jharkhand police wants to make Pre-Bid Conference through Google Meet which link is https://meet.google.com/ iuz-kuuz-kfv. Interested Firm can participate or send Pre-Bid inquiry from e-mail on ig-prov@jhpolice.gov.in_ Inquiry must receive in specified Time (Till 05.00 PM on 26.12.2022).

Document related to Pre-Bid queries, response and amendments can be downloaded from Jharkhand Police Website "www.jhpolice.gov.in" I.G. of Police (Provision)

PR.NO.285684 Police(22-23):D Iharkhand Ranchi

New Delhi

राशि आर०टी०जी०एस०/ धरोहर एन०एफ०आई०टी०/ बैंक गारन्टी के माध्यम से इंडियन बैंक, शाखा दिल्ली रोड, बुद्धि विहार, आवास विकास, मझोला, मुरादाबाद में संचालित चालू खाता सं0-7107816836, IFSC Code-IDIB000D566 में निर्धारित समय तक जमा करें। प्रत्येक निविदा प्रपत्र के प्रथम भाग में निर्धारित धरोहर राशि बैंक में जमा की गयी राशि का प्रमाण पत्र (Deposit Slip) तथा दूसरे भाग में व्यवसायिक प्रपत्र होने चाहिए। घरोहर राशि के बिना तथा सशर्त निविदायें नहीं खोली जायेंगी। अधोहस्ताक्षरकर्ता के पास बिना कोई कारण बताये एक या समस्त निविदाओं को अस्वीकृत करने का पूर्ण अधिकार सुरक्षित रहेगा। अन्य नियम एवं शर्ते विभाग के निर्धारित नियम एवं शर्तें उ०प्र० पावर कारपोरेशन लि० के फार्म ए / बी के अनुसार होंगी जिन्हें किसी भी कार्यदिवस में अधोहस्ताक्षरकर्ता के कार्यालय में

देखा जा सकता है। सामान्य निविदा खुलने का

उ० प्र० पावर ट्रांसमिशन कारपोरेशन लिमिटेड दिनांक- 23-01-2023 1- निविदा संख्या-69/ ई०टी० सी०एम० / 2022-2023 विद्युत पारेषण सामान्य निविदा सूचना निम्नलिखित कार्य / आपूर्ति मण्डल प्रथम, मुरादाबाद के अन्तर्गत अधीक्षण हेतु सामान्य निविदायें दो भागों में जी०एस०टी० में पंजीकृत, प्रतिष्ठित एवं अनुभवी ठेकेदारों / फर्मों से दो अभियन्ता के उपयोगार्थ हेतु 01 नं0 डीजल चालित भागों में 13:00 बजे तक आमन्त्रित की जाती है जो वाहन (चालक सहित) 12 माह हेतु उपलब्ध करान कि उसी दिन 15:00 बजे निविदादाताओं के समक्ष का कार्य धरोहर राशि रू० 3500/- निविदा प्रपत्र क खोली जायेंगी। उपरोक्त तिथि का अवकाश घोषित जीएसटी सहित मूल्य रु० 590/- 2- निविदा संख्या 70/ ई॰टी॰सी॰एम॰ /2022-2023 विद्युत पारेषण होने पर निविदायें अगले कार्य दिवस को नियत समय पर खोली जायेंगी। निविदा मूल्य जीएसटी सहित तथा खण्ड- रामपुर के अन्तर्गत उप खण्ड अधिकारी विद्युत पारेषण उप खण्ड प्रथम, मुरादाबाद के उपयोगार्थ 01 नं॰ डीजल चालित वाहन (चालक सहित) 12 माह हेतु उपलब्ध कराने का कार्य। धरोहर राशि रू० 2500/- निविदा प्रपत्र का जीएसटी सहित मूल्य रू० 590/- 3- निविदा संख्या-71 ई०टी०सी०एम० / 2022-2023 विद्युत पारेषण खण्ड-रामपुर के अन्तर्गत अधिशासी अभियन्ता के उपयोगार्थ 01 नं० डीजल चालित वाहन (चालक सहित) 12 माह हेतु उपलब्ध कराने का कार्य। धरोहर राशि रू० 2500/- निविदा प्रपत्र का जीएसटी सहित मूल्य रू० 590/- नोट- उक्त सामान्य निविदा हेतु प्रपत्र कार्यालय से निविदा मूल्य ऑनलाइन जमा किए जाने की प्राप्ति प्रस्तुत कर किसी भी कार्यदिवस में क्रर किये जा सकते हैं। हस्ता./- अधीक्षण अभियन्ता विद्युत पारेषण मण्डल - प्रथम मुरादाबाद। "राष्ट्र हित मे बिजली बचायें " पत्रांक : 4494 / वि० पा० मं०मु०/निविदा/2022-2023 दिनांकः

कार्यो हेतु ई-निविदायें ई-पोर्टल etender.up.nic.in पर निविदा खुलने की दिनांक को 12.00 बजे तक आमंत्रित की जाती है। ई-निविदा खुलने की तिथि पर अवकाश की स्थिति में ई-निविदा अगले कार्य दिवस मे खोली जायेगी। 1. निविदा संख्या टी-45 / 2022-23 विद्युत 400 के0वी0 उपकेन्द्र खण्ड, ग्रेटर नोएडा के अन्तर्गत 220 के०वी० डी०सी० सिकन्द्राबाद (400 आई०आई०टी०जी०एन०एल० (220 के0वी0) लाइन के अवशेष कार्यो को डिबिटेबल आधार पर पूर्ण कराये जाने का कार्य । धरोहर राशि रू० 5,25,000 / -निविदा प्रपत्र शुल्क रू० 2,950/-(कर सहित) । खुलने की दिनांक 19.01.2023। ई-निविदा के प्रथम भाग उसी दिन निर्धारित समय पर सार्वजनिक रूप से खोला जायेगा एवं भाग द्वितीय (प्राइज बिड) खुलने की तिथि तदोनुसार वेबसाइट पर सूचित की जायेगी। ई-निविदाओं को बिना कोई कारण बताये |अस्वीकार/ विभाजित करने का अधिकार अधोहस्ताक्षरकर्ता के पास सुरक्षित रहेगा कृपया विस्तृत जानकारी डाउनलोड अन्य संशोधनों एवं ई - निविदा प्रस्तुत करने के दिनांक तक विस्तार आदि के सम्बन्ध में कृपया <u>etender.up.nic.in</u> पर लॉग |ऑन करें। **हस्ता/- अधीक्षण अभियन्ता** विद्युत मंडल पारेषण उ०प्र०पा०ट्रा०का०लि०, ४०० के०वी० उपकेन्द्र पाली, ग्रेटर नोएडा। (मोबाईल संख्या : 07290059731 राष्ट्र हित में बचायें। पत्रांक :-2327 वि०पा०मं० / ग्रे०ना० / T-45/22-

23 दिनांक - 22.12.2022

SEARCH FOR MISSING BOY



General public is hereby informed that one boy Namely: Nizakat Ali S/o Dulha Hussain, R/o Unknown, Age: 22 Years, Sex: Male, Height: 5' 5", Face: Round, Complexion: Fair, Wearing: Black Color, Shirt, Blue Jeans, and Black Color Shoes Wearing in his feet, missing from in fornt of PNB Bank Plot No.01, Gali No.1, M.Pur, Bhalaswa Dairy by 10:30 am Dated 13.12.2022 at area P.S. Bhalaswa

Dairy Delhi

2.12.2022.

2. Tender Notice no.

ender now

Earnest Money amoun (to be deposited Online) No

Approximate cost earlier

. Date & Time for submission

of E-tender and opening of

6. Detailed Tender Notice &

Tender Document now

Name of Item

Engagement of Energy

Auditor to carry out the

energy audit for FY

No

Name of work and location

In this regard a DD No. 74A, Dated 16.12.2022 has been lodged at P.S. Bhalaswa Dairy New Delhi.

Sincere efforts have been made by local police to trace out information about this boy but no clue has come to light so far.

Any person having any information or clue about this boy kindly inform to the following. SHO

NORTHERN RAILWAY

TENDER NOTICE

The Dy. Chief Electrical Engineer/Gati Shaktii/Northern Railway, DRM Office, New Delhi-110001 was invites e-tender for the under noted work the same could not

uploaded on IREPS website. So now it has been uploaded to IREPS website on date

E-Mail: cic@cbi.gov.in Website: http://cbi.nic.in Fax: 011-24368639 Ph: 011-24368638, 24368641

P.S. Bhalaswa Dairy Delhi Ph. 011-27811932, 9315898674, 7065036328 DP/4040/ON/2022

Design, Supply, Erection, Testing & Commissioning

of 25 kV AC single phase OHE for electrification work of - 1) Construction of LOCO out pit for

maintenance of Electric Locomotive at Delhi Sarai

Rohilla Station Yard, 2) Extension of loop lines at

the 05 station (BHD, NLKR DHZM SHDM MOY)

in DUK Section of Delhi Division and 3) Electronic

interlocking of 06 stations (GRA BZJT KUN BZK

Tenders uploaded on date 22.12.2022 on IREP

website i.e. www.ireps.gov.in. The bidders can

participate in the e-tender, the tender will be opene

The detailed e-tender notice is available on Northern Railway website i.e.

www.nr.indianrailways.gov.in and tender

document is available on www.ireps.gov.in.

Above tender document will be available for submission of offer on IREPS website i.e.

www.ireps.gov.in from 02.01.2023 to 16.01.2023. All other terms and conditions in respect of above

tenders are given in tender document. The detailed

tender notice also can be seen on the Notice Board

3414/2022

Average

Yearly

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year (Rs.)

UTTARAKHAND POWER CORPORATION LIMITED

(A Govt. of Ultarakhand Undertaking)
Victoria Cross Vijeta Gabar Singh Urja Bhawan, Kanwali Road, Dehradun-248001
Corporate Identity No. UA40109UP2001SGC025867/2358

Telephone- (0135) 2763672- 76, Fax- (0135) 2760289 Website: www.uktenders.gov.in

Earnest

Money

(Rs.)

11 800

Cost of

tender

including

GST (Rs.)

295.00

23.12.2022, 0945 Hrs to 30.12.2022, 1700 Hrs.

EMD in

Last Date &

time of online

Tender and

submission

of tender in

nline & offline

mode

10.01.2023

17:00 Hrs.

Corporate (Contract & Procurement-II)

Superintending Engineer

Estimated Cost

Rs. 7,30,34,603/-

Executive Engineer,

North Mumbai (P.W.) Division,

Andheri (West), Mumbai

DGIPR 2022-2023/4922

Nava Raipur, Dated: 21/12/2022

02 set (2-2 Mtr.) Advance Sample

Basic Materials (Textile) as per

the specification will be submit Fabric Fly Outer Liner: , Inner

End Curtain Lab test can be per-

formed by the department from

any government lab. Testing charges would be borne by the

bidder.

AIG of Police(P&P) ,Block no 03, Room No.309 Police Headquarters, Chhattisgarh, Sector 19, Nava Raipur. 10/01/2023 till 03.00 pm Block no 03, Room No.309 Police

180 days from scheduled date of submission of the Bid. The

A.I.G. of Police (P&P)

Purchaser may request the Bidder to extend period of validity

for a specified additional period

E-TENDER NOTICE (NIT)

TENDER SPECIFICATION NO. CCP-II/26/2022-2023

SAVE ELECTRICITY IN THE INTEREST OF THE NATION" Use L.E.D. Bulb to Save Electricity

(Toll Free No. 1912) " Pay Electricity Bill online 24x7 from www.upcl.org" (For information on Electricity theft, informer may report to Toll free No. 1800 1804185 0405/ Fax No. 0135-2760911

Government of Maharashtra

Public Works Department

North Mumbai (P.W.) Division, Andheri

Telephone No. 022-26231964

E-mail address :- northmumbai.ee@mahapwd.com Telephone/Fax Number :- 26231964/26205788

Experienced, Registered/ Non Registered Contractor by the Executive Engineer, North Mumbai (P.W.

Division Andheri (W.) Mumbai-58 on behalf of Government of Maharashtra. Tender Documents are downloaded from Government of Maharashtra portal https://mahatenders.gov.in &

www.mahapwd.com Right to select or reject is reserved by The Superintending Engineer, Mumbai

(P.W.) Circle, Mumbai & Executive Engineer, North Mumbai (P.W.) Division, Andheri (W.)

Note :- Any changes in the scope/ conditions and any other information in the tender

POLICE HEADQUARTERS, CHHATTISGARH,

POLICE HEADQUARTERS, ATAL NAGAR, NAVA RAIPUR

(2ND CALL) NOTICE INVITING TENDER

Solad tenders are being invited by the Director General of Police, Chhattisgarh on behalf of Governor of Chhattisgarh from manufacturers (OEM) for the following item.

The tender offer in the prescribed tender form along with all the relevant documents sealed and completed in all the respect, must be submitted as per the schedule below -

c) Place, Time and Date of opening Technical Bid:

Block no 03, Room No.309 Police Headquarters, Chhattisgarh, Sector 19, Nava Raipur.

Block no 03, Room No.309 Police Headquarters, Chhattisgarh, Sector 19, Nava Raipur. 10/01/2023 at 4:00 pm.

Block no 03, Room No.309 Police Headquarters, Chhattisgarh, Sector 19, Nava Raipur. 10/01/2023 at 4:00 pm.

I. In case of tender opening date being declared as holiday, tenders will be opened on next working day. 2. Tender doc

ments can be downloaded from our website www.cgpolice.gov.in and at the time of submission of document tender fee

of Rs. 3000/- will be paid in the form of DD of State Bank of India/Scheduled Bank (other than Cooperative Bank)

payable at Raipur in favour of Director General of Police, Chhattisgarh, Police Headquarters, Atal Nagar Raipur Or State
Govt. Challan of Rs. 3000/- to be deposited in the Head of A/c- 0055-Police- 800- other receipt. Tender fee is non refund

able and can't be exempted in any condition. 3. Modification/Amendments/Corrigendum, if any shall not be advertised on the news paper but shall be published in the aforesaid web site only and the time of submission of bid will also be

extended if required. 4. If any bidder sends tender documents through Courier/Speed post, the tender documents will be

accepted till 03.00 pm on 10/01/2023 at Block no.3, Room No.309 Police Headquarters, Chhattisgarh, Sector 19, Nava Raipur only, Received tender documents in any ther address at PHQ on stipulated date and time, will not be accepted.

Tent Extendable Frame Supported Complete with accessories (OG W.P.

Polyester Viscose Dope Dyed) (For Dope dyed Tent) Specification: - JSS-8340-38: 2010 (Revision No. 1), (for Tents) with

components (Fly Outer, Liner Inner & End Curtian) made by Dope Dyed Fabrics. and CQA(GS)/US/467(d)

(For metal components)

02.01.2023 at 1500 Hrs.

Name of Work

Rehabilitation of Hill lock at Tulshet Pada Near Rajaram School,

E-TENDER for the following work in B-1 Form is invited via online e-tendering system from

Second Call E-Tender Notice No. 64 (2022-2023)

SHDM,MOY) in DUK Section.

at 11:30 hrs on 16.01.2023

Rs. 3.97.97.928.47

No. 01-Dy CEE/GSU/NDLS/

2022-23-R-1 Dated: 22.12.2022

SERVING CUSTOMERS WITH A SMILE

Estimated

Cost

For further details, please visit our website www.uktenders.gov.in

No: 553/EE(CM)/UPCL/A-2 Dated: 22.12.2022

Mumbai-58. Conditional Tender is not accepted.

Khindipada at Bhandup (W.), Mumbai.

Specification

document will be intimated on the same web site.

1 E- Tender Submission Date

4 E- Tender Opening Date

North Mumbai (P.W.) Division,

No. PHO/Sec.-10/Kit-Clo/5401 /2022

Andheri (West), Mumbai - 400 058.

Dadabhai Road, Near Bhavan's College,

No.EE/NMD/11235 of 2022 Office of the Executive Engineer,

Date :- 19.12.2022

Extendable

Complete

Accessories (4M Unit)

Note Quantity will be variable

Address for submission of Tender Document:-

Last Date and Time of Submission on Bids

Frame Supported

With

96936

Uttarakhand Power Corporation Ltd. Dehradun Invites e-tender for following work

01-DyCEE-GSU-NDLS-22-23-R

NOTICE

(PR-938)

in the www.lreps.gov.ln

The Company, M/S Dhoot Resorts and Spa Pvt. Ltd. is the owner of land measuring about 2 Acres (Approx)

situated at shona, Gurgaon. The declarant company hereby declares that the original title deed/s pertaining to the above mentioned property being number 1699, 1716. 1762, 2053 has been lost from the custody and a General diary dated 17-11-2022 has been lodged before Haravana Police Citizen Services.

If any person finds / possess / being heard of the aforementioned lost deed/s/ documents may return the same to the undersigned at the earliest.

The declarant company states that the property is free from any encumbrance and any person/ association/ society/ financial institution etc. having any objection/claim etc. on the said property should contact the under mentioned Advocate, with supportive Valid documents, within a period of 14 days from the date of the publication tailing which any claim whatsoever shall not be entertained.

> Advocate Arun Gaus Gaur & Associates 117-118, Block B

> > Date of

opening

of Part-I of

tender

in online

& offline

mode

11.01.2023

15:30 Hrs.

Lawyers Chambers Gurugram, Haryana

S. E. RAILWAY – TENDER

ender Notice No. : Elect-Chg-65-ST-22 23-11, dated 21.12.2022. Open e-Tende s invited by Sr. Divisional Electrical Engi neer(G)/Santragachi, S.E.Railway, Kharag pur Division for and on behalf of the Presi dent of India through e-Tendering in www ireps.gov.in website as per details men tioned below. Eligible contractors are requested to apply for the same through online only, in **www.ireps.gov.in** website No offline tender will be accepted for thi tender. Please read the tender documer uploaded in the document section for detail Name of the work: Annual Maintenance Contract (AMC) of 25KVA Inverters ('Auto meters Alliance' make) of RMPU type AC Coaches of the Coaching Maintenance Depots (Santragachi, Shalimar, Padma pukur, Rourkela, Tatanagar, Hatia or an other depot) over South Eastern Railway for three years. **Tender value :** ₹ 4,19,24 334.41. EMD/Bid security: ₹ 3,59,600/ Cost of tender form (Non-refundable) 10,000/-. Tender closing date & time 13 01 2023 unto 15 00 hrs. Tender Notice tender document and other details are give

implement best practices of Solid Waste and Sanitation Management in accordance with SWM Rules, 2016 and other initiatives like Pev Jal Survekshan, Swachh Vayu Survekshan (NCAP Guidelines), Swachh Bharat Missior (SBM 2.0), Swachh Survekshan, Amrut 2.0 Gati Shakti Portal, City Finance Portal, Prana Portal guidelines their programme/Activities as suggested by Govt. of India and Govt. of UP & other programme as suggested by Govt. of India and Govt. of UP time to time. Advertising Date 24.12.2022 RFP Document Fees including GST 11,800.00 (INR Eleven Thousand Eight Hundred Only) EMD amount 3,30,000.00 (INR Three Lakh Thirty Thousand Only) RFP Document Download and From 24.12.2022 10.00 am to 09.01.2023 upto Submission Start Date & Time 16:00 Hrs. 09.01.2023 upto 16:00 Hrs. ast date & Time of Submission of Online Bid and (Submission of Technical and Financial Proposal) Date and time for opening of 09.01.2023 at 17:00 Hrs Technical proposal Pre-Bid Meeting Bidder shall have to send their Prebid queries one-Mail address i.e., exnpe51@gmail.com on or before 03.01.2023 upto 19:00 Hrs. Web site for downloading Tender https://etender.up.nic.in Document, Corrigendum's, Addendums etc. Opening of Financial proposals of Will Be intimated after finalization of technical Technically qualified bidders. Bid Mode Submission The bids should be submitted through online mode only on e-procurement website https://etender.up.nic.in Nagar Nigam Moradabad, Office Of The Detail of the contact person

Moradabad Municipal Corporation

Pili Kothi, Jalkal Compound, Moradabad-244001 (U.P.)

E-Procurement Tender Notice

Date 22-12-2022

Appointment of Project Managemen

Consultancy cum Independent Engineering Unit for providing Advisory Support Services to

Ref. No: 202/ExEn/Env/NNM/2022-23

Name of Work/Description of Item

The details can be viewed and downloaded online directly from the Government of Uttar Pradesh e-Procurement Portal https://etender.up.nic.in from 24/12/2022 at 10:00 Hours (IST) onwards. Online bids are invited for the following works up to 09/01/2023 at 16:00 hours. Technical Bid will be opened on same day at 17.00 nours at Office of the Municipal Commissioner, Nagar Nigam, Pili Kothi, Moradabad.

Uttar Pradesh-244001

For more details on the tender and bidding process you may please visit the above mentioned portal. NOTE:-

- 1- All eligible/interested consultants are mandated to get enrolled or e- Procurement portal (https://etender.up.nic.in)
- Contractor can contact Help Desk for any clarification of their doubts regarding the process of Electronic Procurement System.
- The EMD shall be in the form of FDR/NSC/NEFT/RTGS in favor of "Municipal
- Commissioner, Municipal Corporation, Moradabad"

Bank Details for online payment-

A/C Holder Name - NAGAR NIGAM MORADABAD E-TENDERING

A/c No - 27050100020717

Bank Name - Bank of Baroda

Bank IFSC code - BARB0LYMOR (5th Character is Zero)

All the documents are to be submitted online.

(Rajeev Kumar Rathi) Ex. Eng./Environment Engineer Nagar Nigam Moradabad

Executive Engineer (Environment), Pili Kothi,

Jalkal Compound, Civil Lines, Moradabad



रजिस्टर्ड नं.— ए.डी.— लाइसेन्स सं.— डब्ल्यू.पी.—41 (लाइसेन्स्ड ट्र पोस्ट बिदाउट प्रीपेमेन्ट उत्तर प्रदेश

सरकारी गजट उत्तर प्रदेश सरकार द्वारा प्रकाशित

खण्ड 76] प्रयागराज, शनिवार 17 दिसम्बर, 2022 ई. (अग्रहायण 26, 1944 शक संवत [संख्या 51

NOTIFICATION December 3, 2022

[Under sub-section (1) of section 11 of the act]

No. 980/VIII/S.L.A.O.-Amroha/2022—Under sub-section (1) of section 11 of the Right to Fair Compensation and Transparency in Rehabilitation and Resettlement Act, 2013, whereas the Government of Uttar Pradesh/Collector (for the purpose of Appropriate Government) is satisfied that a total of 0.0307 hectares of land is required in the Village-Pandakaa, Tehsil-Hasanpur, District-Amroha & 0.1760 hectares of land is required in the Village-Taatarpur Patati, Tehsil-Hasanpur, District-Amroha & 0.3510 hectares of land is required in the Village-Dhansiya, Tehsil-Hasanpur, District-Amroha 0.2178 hectares of land is required in the Village-Karaundi, Tehsil-Naugawan Sadat, District-Amroha & 0.0550 hectares of land is required in the Village-Akbarpur Majra Karaundi, Tehsil -Naugawan Sadat, District-Amroha & 0.0808 hectares of land is required in the Village-Chak Mehdood Tehsil-Naugawan Sadat, District Amroha & 0.4534 hectares of land is required in the Village-Chand Nagar, Tehsil-Amroha, District -Amroha is required for public purpose, namely, project Madhya Ganga Canal project (Stage-II) Though Canal Construction (name of requiring body).

2. Social Impact Assessment study was carried out by the State Social Impact Assessment Agency and submits its recommendations to the Appropriate Government which has approved its recommendation on date.

3. The Summary of the Social Impact Assessment Report as follows:

Under Section to 2(1) of the Land Acquisition Act, 2013, Social Impact Assessment is not applicable on the Irrigation Department.

4. A total Zero families are likely to be displaced due to the land acquisition. The reason necessitating such displacement is as under:

Deputy Collector/Assistant Collector Naugawan Sadat, Amroha is appointed as Administrator

for the purpose of Rehabilitation and Resettlement of the project affected families.

5. Therefore, the Governor is pleased to notify for general information that the land mentioned in the Schedule below is needed for public purpose.

Plot No.

Area To Be

SCHEDULE Pargana Village

					Acquired
1	2	3	4	5	6
					Hectare
Amroha	Hasanpur	Hasanpur	Pandakaa	358 363	0.0230 0.0077
				Total	0.0307
Amroha	Hasanpur	Hasanpur	Taatarpur Patati	157Mi	0.1760
Amroha	Hasanpur	Hasanpur	Dhansiya	88	0.3510
Amroha	Naugawan Sadat	Amroha	Karaundi	402Mi	0.0468
				408	0.0234
				406	0.0756
				396	0.0540
				382	0.0180
				Total	0.2178
Amroha	Naugawan Sadat	Amroha	Akbarpur Majra Karaundi	49	0.0550
Amroha	Naugawan Sadat	Amroha	Chak Mehdood	17	0.0808
Amroha	Amroha	Amroha	Chand Nagar	186	0.1364
				264	0.0121
				187	0.1734
				2	0.1188
				6Mi	0.0127
				Total	0.4534
				Grand Tot	al 1.3647

6. The Government is also pleased to authorize the Collector for the purpose of land acquisition to land acquisition to takes necessary steps to entre upon and survey of land, take levels of any land, dig or sub soil into the sub-oil and do all the acts required for the proper execution of work as provided and specified under section 12 of the Act.

7. Under section 15 of the Act, any person interested in the land may within (days) 60 after the publication of this notification, make an objection to the acquisition of land in the locality in writing to the Collector. 8. Under section 11(4) of the Act, no person shall make any transaction or cause any transaction of land

i.e. sale/purchase, specified in the preliminary notification or create any encumbrances on such land from the date of publication of such notification till such time as the proceedings of land acquisition is completed, without prior approval of the Collector. NOTE: A Plan of land may be inspected in the office of the Collector for the purpose of

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(Sd.) ILLEGIBLE Collector, Amroha.Amroha

LONAVLA MUNICIPAL COUNCIL e-Tender Notice for 2022-2023

Lonavla Municipal Council, Lonavla, Tal. Maval, Dist. Pune invites e-Tender for the work in Water Supply Department with Tender Notice LMC-7/e-Tender Notice No. 5/2022-23/2919, Dated 22/12/2022 in State of Maharashtra.

Please visit website www.mahatender.gov.in (Tender by Location-Lonavla) for the more details published on date 23/12/2022.

> **Yashwant Munde Pandit Patil** Chief Officer and Administrator

Engineer, Water Supply Department Lonavla Municipal Council Lonavla Municipal Council

कार्यालय अधिशासी अभियन्ता, प्रान्तीय खण्ड, लो०नि०वि०, रामपुर पत्रांक :- 2977 / ईंग्निविदा-- / 22-23 दिनांक :-21-12-2022 अल्प कालीन ई-निविदा सूचना

महामहिम, राज्यपाल उ०प्र० की ओर से **अधिशासी अमियन्ता**, प्रान्तीय खण्ड, लो०नि०वि०, रामपुर द्वारा निम्नलिखित कार्यों हेतु ऑनलाइन निविदायें मार्गी कार्य हेतु पंजीकृत निविदावताओं से **दिं 04.01.2023** को **सांयकाल 5:30** 10.01.2023 सांय 5.00 बजे तक आमन्त्रित की जाती है, जिनकी तकनीकी बिड दिनांक 10.**01.2023** को **सांयकाल 5:30** बजे निविदा समिति के समक्ष ऑनलाइन खोली जायेगीं।

क्र0 सं0	कार्य का नाम	आक्रित धनराशि (स्त0 लाख में) (Ex. GST)	धरोहर धनराशि (रू० लाख में)	निविदा प्रपत्र का मूल्य रु० में (जी.एस.टी. सहित)	कार्य पूर्ण करने की अवधि (वर्षाकाल सहित)	अविशासी अभियन्ता का पता	अधीक्षण अभियन्ता का पता	कार्य हेतु ठेकेदार की पंजीयन की श्रेणी
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
	वित्तीय वर्ष 22–23 में सहाठ अमि0–1 कें क्षेत्राधीन विभिन्न मार्गों के नवीनीकरण/ मरम्मत कार्यों हेतु विभागीय होट मिक्स प्लाण्ट हिमारियां पर सभी साइज की ग्रिट व स्टोन इस्ट की आपूर्ति का कार्य।	25.00	2.50	854.00 (500+300+ GST 18%)	01 माह	प्राठ खठ, लोठनिठविठ, जनपद रामपुर	रामपुर वृत्त, लोठनिठविठ, रामपुर	ए,बी, सी एवं खी
	वित्तीय वर्ष 22–23 में सहाठ अमि0–2 कें क्षेत्राधीन अधीन विभिन्न मार्गों कें नवीनीकरण / मरम्मत कार्यों हेतु विमागीय हॉट मिक्स प्लाण्ट सिमरिया पर सभी साइज क्री ग्रिट व स्टोन डस्ट की आपूर्ति का कार्य।	25.00	2.50	854.00 (500+300+ GST 18%)	01 माह	प्राठ खठ, लोठनिठविठ, जनपद रामपुर	रामपुर वृत्त, लोoनिoविo, रामपुर	ए,बी, सी एवं डी
	वित्तीय वर्ष 22—23 में सहा0 अमि0—1 के कार्यक्षेत्र के अन्तर्गत खण्ड के क्योंने विभिन्न मार्गों के नवीनीकरण/ मरम्मत कार्यों हेत् विभागिय हॉट मिक्स प्लाण्ट धनविद्या पर सभी साइज की यिट व स्टोन डस्ट की आपूर्ति का कार्य।	25.00	2.50	854.00 (500+300+ GST 18%)	01 माह	प्राठ खठ, लोठनिठविठ, जनपद रामपुर	रामपुर वृत्त, लोठनिठविठ, रामपुर	ए,बी, सी एवं डी
7	वित्तीय वर्ष 22—23 में सहा0 अमि0—2 के कार्यक्षेत्र के अन्तर्गत खण्ड के कार्यमित मित्रा मार्ग के नवीनीकरण/ मरम्मत कार्यों हेत् वेमार्गीय हॉट मिक्स प्लाण्ट धनविष्टेच पर सभी साइज की यिट व स्टोन डस्ट की आपूर्ति का कार्य।	25.00	2.50	854.00 (500+300+ GST 18%)	01 माह	प्राठ खठ, लोठनिठविठ, जनपद रामपुर	रामपुर वृत्त, लोoनिoविo, रामपुर	ए,बी, सी एवं डी
3	विमानीय हॉट मिक्स प्लाण्ट सिमरिया से बिटुमिनिस नवीनीकरण कार्य कराये जाने हेतु प्लाण्ट से प्राप्त मिक्स को बिछाने का कार्य। (केवल लेबर कार्य)	8.00	0.80	766.00 (500+225+ GST 18%)	01 माह	प्राठ खठ, लोठनिठविठ, जनपद रामपुर	रामपुर वृत्त, लोठनिठविठ, रामपुर	ए,बी, सी एवं डी
6	विभागीय हॉट मिक्स प्लाण्ट पनविज्ञया से बिटुमिनिस नवीनीकरण कार्य कराये जाने हेतु प्लाण्ट से प्राप्त मिक्स को बिछाने का कार्य। (केवल लेबर कार्य)	8.00	0.80	766.00 (500+225+ GST 18%)	01 माह	प्राठ खठ, लोठनिठविठ, जनपद रामपुर	रामपुर वृत्त, लोठनिठविठ, रामपुर	ए,बी, सी एवं डी

3. बिल ऑफ क्वान्टिटी की समस्त दरों में जी0एस0टी0 को छोड़कर समस्त प्रकार के कर रॉयल्टी, लेबर सेस एवं लाभांश सम्मिलित है।

. निविदा से सम्बन्धित नियम /शर्ते तथा विवरण **वेबसाइट** सं० 879 (1)/23.7.20 दिनांक 25–08–2020 एवं प्रमुख अभियन्ता (विकास) एवं विभागाध्यक्ष के पत्रांक 4859/4 एम. –एल.सी./2020 दि० 27.08.2020 के अनुरूप निविदादाता को **प्रहरी** यू.आर.एल http://wms.uppwd.gov.in/prahari/ पर लॉग इन कर आवश्यक अभिलेख अपलोड करने होंगे।

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(अब्दुल सत्तार) प्रा0ख0,लो0नि0वि0,रामपुर

अधिशासी अभियन्ता प्रा0ख0.लो०नि०वि०.रामपर

कार्यालय, प्राचार्य, राजकीय श्री दुगार्जी होम्योपैथिक मेडिकल कालेज एवं अस्पताल चण्डेश्वर, आजमगढ

पत्रांकः एस0डी0जे0एच0/496/2022-23 आजमगढ दिनांक 06 दिसम्बर 2022

विज्ञप्ति

उत्तर प्रदेश शासन, आयुष अनुभाग–2 लखनऊ के शासनादेश संख्या–573 /71– आयुष – 2015 – 10 [,]2015. दिनांक 28 मई 2015 एवं शासनादेश सं0-3103/96-आयुष-2-2017-10/2015 दिनांक 27 अक्टुबर 2017 में निहित प्राविधानों / शर्तों के अधीन निदेशक होम्योपैथी उप्र. के पत्र सं0- नि०हो० 83/98/3569 लखनऊ दिनांक 03 नवम्बर 2022 के अनुपालन में राष्ट्रीय होम्योपैथी आयोग, नई दिल्ली द्वारा निर्धारित मानकों की पूर्ति हेतु इस चिकित्सा महाविद्यालय में 06 अतिथि प्रवक्ताओ (विषय विशेषज्ञ को मानदेय पर रखने हेतु भारत के नागरिकों से निर्धारित प्रारूप पर शैक्षिक / व्यवासायिक तथा आयु एव जाति सम्बन्धी प्रमाण पत्रों की सत्यापित प्रतियों सहित विज्ञापन प्रकाशित होने की तिथी से 07 कार्य दिवस में सायः 05:00 बजे तक रजिस्टर्ड डाक से आवेदन पत्र आमंत्रित किये जाते है।

क) शर्ते एवं प्रतिबन्ध-

अतिथि प्रवक्ता हेतु करार निषपादन चयनित अभ्यर्थी के साथ किया जायेगा। उक्त का कार्यकाल 01 वर्ष का होगा। इस प्रकार से निष्पादित करार किसी भी एक पक्ष द्वारा और किसी भी समय 01 माह की सूचन अथवा एक माह का मानदेय भुगतान करके समाप्त किया जा सकता है।

01 वर्ष के पश्चात यदि कोई अतिथि विषय विशेषज्ञ आगे कार्य करना चाहता है, तो उनका पुनः कार्य काल 01 वर्ष और बढाया जायेगा। यादि कोई विषय विशेषज्ञ. किसी करार अवधि के पश्चाट कार्य नहीं करना चाहता है, तो उसकी जगह प्राचार्य द्वारा समिति के माध्यम से मेरिट लिस्ट / सूची के अगले कम सं० में उपलब्ध इच्छुक विषय विशेषज्ञ के साथ करार निष्पादित किया जा सकता है। जहाँ मेरिट लिस्ट / सची उपलब्ध नहीं हागी. वहाँ पर विजापन के माध्यम से चयन समिति द्वारा चयन किया जायेगा।

अतिथि प्रवक्ताओं के निर्धारित लेक्करों में उपस्थिति एवं अन्य अनुशासनिक जिम्मेदारी सम्बन्धित

नहाविद्यालय के पाचार्य होगें।

. इस प्रकार के अतिथि प्रवक्ता किसी भी प्रकार के शासकीय सेवाओं में विनियमितीकरण अथवा पेन्शन सम्बन्धी सुविधाओं के हकदार नही होगें।

आमंत्रित अतिथि पवक्ताओं को 1500/पित लेकर तथा 01 माह में अधिकतम (20) लेकर) 30000 00 मानदेय प्रति माह भुगतान किया जायेगा अथवा शासन द्वारा समय समय पर यथा निर्धारित। ख) वांछित अर्हता/अनभव आदि-

. शासन/राष्ट्रीय होम्योपैथी आयोग द्वारा मान्यता प्राप्त संस्थान / परिषद से सम्बन्धित क्षेत्र में परास्नातक उपाधि धारक हो।

2. ऐसे ख्याति प्राप्त चिकित्सक जिनका न्युनतम व्यवासायिक अनुभव कम से कम 03 वर्ष एवं सम्बन्धित

विषय में विशेष ज्ञान रखते हो।

3. आयु सीमा 65 वर्ष से अधिक न हो और पूर्ण स्वस्थ हो ।

4. आवेदन शुल्क इस हेतु कोई आवेदन शुल्क नही लिया जायेगा।

2. पिता/पति का नाम

5. राष्ट्रीयता

7. वैवाहिक स्थिति

9. वर्तमान/पत्राचार का पता

11. राजिस्ट्रेशन संख्या तथा दिनांक

10. फोन/मोबाईल नम्बर

८. स्थायी पता

6. जाति

. चयन के लिए कुल 50 अंक निर्धारित होगें । स्नातक स्तर की प्रोफेशनल परीक्षा के कुल अंक के प्रतिशत का अधिकतम का आधा 50 अंक उदाहरणार्थ, यदि किसी अभ्यथी के स्नातक स्तर की प्रोफेशनल परीक्षा में कुल 60 प्रतिशत अंक है तो उसे 30 अंक दिये जायेगें।

चयन समिति द्वारा साक्षात्कार के प्राप्तांक के आधार पर मेरिट लिस्ट तैयार की जायेगी जिसे निदेशक होम्योपैथी उ०प्र० के माध्यम से शासन द्वारा अनुमोदन प्रदान किया जायेगा।

आवेदन पत्र

. प्रत्येक विषय विशेषज्ञ से अतिथि प्रवक्ता के रूप में करार निष्पादन हेतु अनुमोदन शासन द्वारा प्रदान किया

. चयन / साक्षात्कार में आये अभ्यर्थियों को किसी प्रकार का यात्रा भत्ता देय नही होगा ।

5. चयन प्रक्रिया मे शासन के नियमानुसार आरक्षण लागु होगा।

गक्षात्कार की तिथि:– साक्षात्कार की तिथि अलग से प्रकाशित किया जायेगा।

आवेदित पद का नाम-अतिथि प्रवक्ता (विषय विशेषज्ञ) आवेदित विषय.. स्व प्रमाणित 1. आवेदक का नाम (हिन्दी) नवीनतम फोटो चस्पा करें 3. जन्मतिथि (हाईस्कूल प्रमाण पत्र के अनुसार) 4. लिंग (पुरूष/महिला)

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Joyland had faced a ban in Pakistan. File

PAKISTAN

'Joyland' makes it to the Oscar shortlist

Islamabad: The Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences on Thursday released its Oscar shortlists for the upcoming 95th edition in 10 categories. 'Joyland' is among 15 films that made the cut for the best international feature film honour and will advance to the final stage of nomination. It has also become country's first film to enter Oscars shortlist. The critically-acclaimed film follows a patriarchal family, craving for the birth of a baby boy to continue the family line, while their youngest son secretly joins an erotic dance theatre and falls for a trans woman. Films from 92 countries and regions were eligible in the best international feature film category.

ISRAEL

Netanyahusays he has formed a new government

Jerusalem: Designated Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu announced that he has successfully formed a new coalition, setting the stage for him to return to power. Netanyahu made the announcement in a phone call to President Isaac Herzog moments before a midnight deadline. His Likud Party released a brief video clip of the smiling Netanyahu and a recording of the conversation. The move came after weeks of surprisingly difficult negotiations with his political partners - who still have need to finalise their power-sharing deals with Netanyahu's right-wing Likud Party.

UNITED NATIONS Council calls for end to violence in Myanmar

UN: The U.N. Security Council approved its firstever resolution on Myanmar demanding an end to violence in the country and urging its military rulers to release all "arbitrarily detained" prisoners to restore democratic stitutions. The resolution reiterated the call by the 15-member council for the country's opposing parties to pursue dialogue and reconciliation. The council vote was 12-0 with three abstentions, China, Russia and India. **PTI**

HIS FIRST VISIT OUTSIDE UKRAINE SINCE START OF WAR

Zelenskyy addresses Congress in US: Have 10-point peace plan



US Vice President Kamala Harris and House Speaker Nancy Pelosi (right), react as Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy presents lawmakers with a Ukrainian flag autographed by front-line troops in Bakhmut. AP

US President Joe Biden and Ukraine's President Volodymyr

Zelenskyy at a press conference in the White House. PTI

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA WASHINGTON, DECEMBER 22

PRESIDENT UKRAINIAN Volodymyr Zelenskyy told the US Congress that he proposed a 10-point "peace formula" during his meeting with President Joe Biden, which he hoped would result in joint security guarantees for decades ahead.

Zelenskyy, 44, met President Biden in the Oval Office and jointly addressed a press conference at the White House on Wednesday. He was given the rare distinc-

with back-to-back meetings. "We need peace. Ukraine has already offered proposals, which Liust discussed with President Biden, our peace formula, ten points which should and must

tion of addressing a joint session of the US Congress on a day packed be implemented for our joint security guarantees for decades ahead. And the summit, which can be held," Zelenskyy said in his historic address to the joint

session of the Congress. He said that any such discussions would also depend on Russia's willingness to negotiate and the participation of the international legal order, even as he slammed President Vladimir

Putin for invading Ukraine. "It would be naive to wait for

Japan reverses nuclear phaseout plan adopted after Fukoshima

MARIYAMAGUCHI

TOKYO, DECEMBER 22

IAPAN ADOPTED a plan on Thursday to extend the lifespan of nuclear reactors, replace the old and even build new ones, a major shift in a country scarred by the Fukushima disaster that once planned to phase out atomic power.

In the face of global fuel shortages, rising prices and pressure to reduce carbon emissions. Japan's leaders have begun to turn back toward nuclear energy, but the announcement was their clearest commitment on the possibility of building new reactors.

Under the new policy, Japan will maximise the use of existing reactors by restarting as many of them as possible and prolonging the operating life of aging ones beyond a 60-year limit. The government also pledged to develop next-generation reactors.

As part of the new policy, the Economy and Industry Ministry has drafted a plan to allow extensions every 10 years for reactors after 30 years of operation while also permitting utilities to subtract offline periods in calculating reactors' operational life.

The plan was endorsed on Wednesday by the Nuclear Regulation Authority, Japan's nuclearwatchdog, New safety inspection rules still need to be put into law and approved by Parliament.

Most nuclear reactors in Japan are more than 30 years old. Four reactors that have operated for more than 40 years have received permission to operate, and one is currently online.

Utility companies have applied for restarts at 27 reactors in the past decade. 17 have passed safety checks and only 10 have resumed operation.



IN 2011, Fukushima

Daiichi disaster supercharged anti-nuclear sentiment in Japan led the government to promise phasing out the energy by 2030. Since then, Japan set up a target for nuclear to make up for 20-22% of the energy mix by the end of the decade. Under the new policy, Japan will maximize the use of existing reactors by restarting as many of them as possible and prolonging the operating life of aging ones beyond a 60-year limit.

steps towards peace from Russia which enjoys being a terrorist state. Russians are still poisoned by the Kremlin. The restriction of international legal order is our joint task," Zelenskyy noted.

Zelensky expressed hope that Congress would pass the extra USD 45 billion in aid to Ukraine to "help us to defend our values, values and independence".

Earlier on Wednesday, Biden welcomed Zelenskyy to the Oval Office, saying the US and Ukraine would continue to project a "united defence" as Russia wages a "brutal assault on Ukraine's right to exist as a nation."

Zelenskyy is on his first known visit outside his country since Russia invaded in February.

He said he wanted to visit earlier and his move now showed the "situation is under control, because of your support.'

Alzheimer's risk race, study finds

Washington: A study conducted by US-based researchers has found that the same gene variant may carry different risks for Alzheimer's disease in people from different races.

In the largest-ever genetic study of dementia among people of African descent, Veterans Affairs (VA) researchers have identified several genetic risks different from those seen in people of European ancestry.

People of African descent and other minority groups are historically underrepresented in genetic research, which is why this study represents a rather important milestone, according to the research team.

According to the study, in the United States, a greater proportion of African-Americans have Alzheimer's disease than people of European descent. However, most large genetic

studies of Alzheimer's disease study white participants. PTI

Shanghai hospital flags 'tragic battle' amid Covid spread

Covid deaths

day: Data firm

Beijing: More than 5,000 people are probably dying

each day from COVID-19 in

China, health data firm

Airfinity estimated, offer-

ing a dramatic contrast to

official data from Beijing

on the country's current

outbreak. The UK-based

firm said it had used mod-

elling based on regional

Chinese data to produce

figures that also put cur-

rent daily infections in the

country at above a million.

Its estimates were "in stark

contrast to the official data

which is reporting 1,800

cases and only seven offi-

cial deaths over the past

week," it said in a state-

ment, Airfinity further said

its mortality risk analysis

suggested between 1.3 to

2.1 million people could

die in China's current

Covid outbreak. Analyses

by other modelling groups

have also predicted as

many as 2.1 million deaths.

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SHANGHAL DECEMBER 22

A SHANGHAI HOSPITAL has told its staff to prepare for a "tragic battle" with Covid as it expects half of the city's 25 million people will get infected by the end of next week.

The Shanghai Deji Hospital, posting on its WeChat account late on Wednesday, estimated there were about 5.43 million positives in the city and that 12.5 million will get infected by the end of the year.

"This year's Christmas Eve, New Year's Day, and the Lunar New Year are destined to be unsafe," said the private hospital. which employs some 400 staff.

"In this tragic battle, the entire Greater Shanghai will fall, and we will infect all the staff of the hospital! We will infect the whole family! Our patients will all be infected! We have no choice, and we cannot escape."

The post was no longer available on WeChat by Thursday afternoon. A person who answered the hospital's main telephone said they could not immediately comment on the article.

Shanghai residents endured a two-month lockdown that ended on June 1, with many losing income, and struggling for basic

Fiji military called in after

disputed polls

NICK PERRY WELLINGTON. DECEMBER 22

FIJIAN POLICE on Thursday said they were calling in the military to help maintain security following a close election last week that is now being disputed.

It was an alarming development in a Pacific nation where democracy remains fragile and there have been four military coups in the past 35 years.

The two main contenders for prime minister this year were former coup leaders themselves.

Commissioner Brigadier General Sitiveni Qilino said in a statement that after police and military leaders met with Minister Frank Bainimarama they collectively decided to call in army and navy personnel to assist.

The commissioner said there had been threats made against minority groups who were "now living in fear following recent political developments.

Reporters in the capital, Suva, said there were no immediate signs of any military presence on city streets.

The military move came after Bainimarama's Fiji First party refused to concede the election, despite rival Sitiveni Rabuka's party and two other parties announcing they had the numbers to form a majority coalition and would serve as the next government.

Fiji First Gen. Sec. Aiyaz Sayed-Khaiyum told media Wednesday that under the nation's constitution, Bainimarama would remain prime minister until lawmakers returned to Parliament within two weeks to vote on the next leader.

Russia, China hold joint military drills

ASSOCIATED PRESS MOSCOW, DECEMBER 22

RUSSIAN AND CHINESE warships on Thursday practiced joint action in the East China Sea, continuing a series of drills that reflect a growing defense cooperation between the two countries.

The Russian Defense Ministry said the Varyag missile cruiser, the Marshal Shaposhnikov destroyer and two corvettes of Russia's Pacific Fleet were taking part in the drills that began on Wednesday.

China has deployed two destroyers, a diesel submarine and several others ships for the exer-

Russian and Chinese aircraft were also taking part in the weeklong maneuvers that will involve firing exercises and antisubmarine drills, according to the ministry.

"The main goal of the drills is to strengthen naval cooperation between the Russian Federation and the People's Republic of China and to maintain peace and stability in the Asia Pacific region," the ministry said.

Military ties between Moscow and Beijing has grown stronger since Russian President Vladimir Putin sent his troops into Ukraine on February 24.

China, which has declared a "no limits" friendship with Russia, has refused to criticize Moscow's actions, blaming the U.S. and NATO for provoking the Kremlin.

TALIBAN MINISTER DEFENDS MOVE

REUTERS

Turkey, Saudi condemn Taliban ban on women attending universities

ASSOCIATED PRESS KABUL, DECEMBER 22

THE MINISTER of higher education in the Taliban government on Thursday defended his decision to ban women from universities — a decree that had triggered a global backlash.

Discussing the matter for the first time in public, Nida Mohammad Nadim said the ban issued earlier this week was necessary to prevent the mixing of genders in universities and be cause he believes some subjects being taught violated the principles of Islam. He said the ban was in place until further notice.

In an interview with Afghan television, Nadim pushed back against the widespread international condemnation, including from Muslim-majority countries such as Saudi Arabia, Turkey and Qatar. Nadim said that foreigners should stop interfering in Afghanistan's internal affairs.

Earlier on Thursday, the foreign ministers of the G7 group of states urged the Taliban to rescind the ban, warning that "gender persecution may amount to a crime against humanity.'

Nadim said universities would be closed to women for the time being, but that the ban could be reviewed at a later time.

A former provincial governor police chief and military commander, Nadim was appointed minister in October by the supreme Taliban leader and previously pledged to stamp out secular schooling.

Nadim opposes female educa-



Afghan women protest

tion, saying it is against Islamic and Afghan values.

Despite initially promising a more moderate rule respecting rights for women and minorities, the Taliban have widely implemented their interpretation of Islamic law, or Sharia, since they seized power in August 2021.

The ban has been met by widespread global condemnation, including from Turkey and Saudi Arabia. Turkish Foreign Minister

Mevlut Cavusoglu said Thursday that the ban was "neither Islamic nor humane.' The Saudi foreign ministry expressed "astonishment and

regret" at Afghan women being denied a university education. In a statement released late

Wednesday, the ministry said the decision was "astonishing in all Islamic countries." Previously, Qatar, which has

engaged with the Taliban authorities, also condemned the decision.

AN ARCHAEOLOGICAL PARK USES HUNGRY SHEEP TO PROTECT ITSELF FROM WILD FLORA

To save Pompeii, send in sheep: A new way of preventing over-vegetation

JASON HOROWITZ

POMPEII, DECEMBER 22

ON A BRIGHT morning in the shadow of Mount Vesuvius, a stout shepherd with a wool sweater stretched over his belly whistled and clicked and steered his flock of sheep to a grassy slope above Pompeii's frescoed ruins. He glanced a few feet down at a house destroyed nearly 2,000 years ago under a fiery rain of volcanic rock and tapped a grazing ewe with his crook to make sure it didn't get too close and take a tumble.

"It can happen," the shepherd, Gaspare de Martino, said

In recent years, the vast archaeological park of Pompeii, a city buried alive by the eruption of Vesuvius in A.D. 79, has turned to high-tech options to maintain its excavated ruins. A surveillance drone makes a monthly flight over the site's roughly 10,000 exhumed rooms. Artificial intelligence programs analyze aerial images for new cracks, fallen stones and other signs of erosion. But to prevent the third of the park that remains hidden under pumice and meters of earth from becoming overgrown with thorn bushes, wild hedges and trees, Pompeii has found a more appropriately ancient, and inexpensive, solution in hungry sheep.

Without the sheep "you'd have some kind of jungle that would invade the archaeological structures and the site." said Gabriel Zuchtriegel, the park's director. He said that he came up with the idea of bringing in the sheep after seeing them maintain the land on top of dikes in the North Sea, and said that the Pompeii sheep would chomp down invasive vegetation, destructive roots and wild terrains that could lead to the city's reburial under landslides.

But Zuchtriegel acknowledged that his new landscaping project, which began a few



Martino grazing his sheep in Pompeii archaeological site. NYT

weeks ago, was as much about reimagining Pompeii's immediate marketing future as it was about preserving its archaeolog-

ical past. For a city most closely associated with choking clouds of ash and incinerating gusts of heat from one of the most hor-

rific natural disasters in recorded history, the sheep — along with newly planted vineyards, orchards in ancient atriums and plans for local olive oil — are part of a Pompeii Pastoral rebranding campaign to move away from fire and brimstone, and toward "I even dream," Zuchtriegel

said in German-accented English as the sheep bleated around him, "of wool." Zuchtriegel is one of the socalled super directors recruited internationally by Italy to modernize major museums. He may have visions of a Pompeiibranded farm producing milk, cheese and lamb to be served at

New Delhi

the site and of exclusive scarves and sweaters stacked in a gift shop, but as he points out, the sheep themselves are nothing new for Pompeii. The volcano's eruption killed Pliny with "some gross and noxious vapor," as his nephew, Pliny the Younger, wrote in his own searing account of the disaster.

a new restaurant overlooking

In the ensuing centuries, sheep returned and grazed on the earth above the buried city, even after excavation began in the 18th century. For generations, the ancestors of De Martino, including his grandfather and father, led their flock to the park's unexcavated grounds.

did the park management tell him to take a hike. "We were here forever, but then the old director didn't let us

Only about 15 years ago, he said,

in anymore," De Martino said. "They didn't like the dung. What was I supposed to do, pick up af-The night before, Vesuvius, which is still an active volcano, grumbled near its crater with a

small earthquake, though ex-

perts say not dangerously. De Martino, 40, shook off any concern. "When it explodes, it explodes," he said.

"You can't plan these things. You can't say, 'Hold on a sec.' NYT

ECONOMY



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COVID SURGE: INPUTS FROM CHINA VITAL FOR INDIA'S MANUFACTURING PUSH

As disruptions loom, shrugging off China imports not an option for now Carry for ₹2,850 crore

AANCHAL MAGAZINE & **SOUMYARENDRA BARIK** NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 22

AMID RENEWED concerns of supply-chain disruptions emerging in the wake of the sharp surge in Covid cases in China, the dynamics of the trade equation between India and China may not have much scope to be tweaked in terms of the inputs coming into India from there, at least in the short term.

The rising imports from China, a steady theme through 2021 and much of 2022, is being seen as crucial from India's perspective as a catalyst for its focussed manufacturing push, with imports of capital goods and intermediate products forming the major chunk of the import basket, officials said. There are also not many import options when it comes to other inputs such as active pharmaceutical ingredients used to manufacture medicines and rare earth minerals that go into electronics and gadgets.

This is being part of the global supply chain and to make products of that quality, inputs have to be imported and that will take time to get tapered. Electronic components imports from China have almost doubled, but those are essential imports for manufacturing by many telecom manufacturers including for manufacturing iPhone. All countries are now involved in these value chains, can't wish away with it and only rely on domestic factors. Domestic strength is important from the perspective of an increase in consumption of items like petroleum, oil and lubricants," a senior government official told The Indian Express.

The recent emerging trend from China's imports to India

IMPORTS FROM CHINA TO INDIA: PRINCIPLE COMMODITY GROUPS ■ Jan-Nov 2021 ■ Jan-Nov 2020 Electronic 8.863 components 4.537 Computer hardware 6.76 peripherals 4.043 6.158 Telecom instruments 5.352 Organic 2.702 chemicals 4.463 Industrial machinery for dairy etc 3.087 31.008

has seen a marked shift towards intermediate goods instead of goods for final consumption. The trend in import data from China is showing that 85 per cent of the goods imported are capital goods and intermediate goods, while 15 per cent are consumption goods," an of-Most of the goods imported

from China are capital goods, intermediate goods and raw materials and are used for meeting the demand of fast expanding sectors like electronics, telecom and power in India. The rise in import of electronic components, computer hardware and peripherals, telephone components, etc. can be attributed to transforming India into a digitally empowered society and a knowledge economy. India's dependence on imports in these categories is largely due to the gap between domestic supply and demand.

Also, raw materials in the form of APIs and drug formulations imported from China are used for making finished products (generic medicines) which are also exported out of India. The electronic components such as mobile phone parts, integrated circuits, video recording or reproducing apparatus etc are used for making finished products (e.g. mobile handsets) which are also exported to other

According to government officials, the PLI schemes in APIs, bulk drugs, key starting materials and Large-Scale Electronics Manufacturing that have been launched by the Centre recently have started to "deliver results" in terms of showing early potential of lowering the dependency on imports.

countries.

The PLI Scheme for Large-Scale Electronics Manufacturing that was notified on April 1, 2020, with targeted segments being mobile phones and specified electronic components, alongside a PLI Scheme for Large-Scale Electronics Manufacturing has attracted large investments from global

facturing mobile phones and specified electronic components, with the result that the production as well as exports of mobile phones have increased. The imports of mobile handsets have decreased from Rs 48,609 crore in FY15 to around Rs 11,209 crore in FY22, while mobile phone exports from India touched the \$1 billion mark (over Rs 8,200 crore) for the first time ever in September 2022. In FY23, mobile phone exports

official data. The sharp surge in infections is having a short-term impact on the supply chain for solar companies, a statement from the China Silicon Industry Association on Wednesday was

have increased more than \$5 bil-

lion till October 2022 against

\$2.2 billion in FY22 during the

same period, officials said, citing

quoted by Bloomberg. China is India's second biggest trading partner after the United States. Merchandise imports from China have increased to \$94.57 billion in 2021-22 from \$65.21 billion in the previous year and \$60.41 billion in 2014-15. Trade deficit between the two countries has progressively increased to \$73.31 billion in 2021-22 from \$44.03 billion in 2020-21 and \$48.48 billion in

Provisional estimates of trade between India-China for this year shows a trade deficit of \$51.50 billion during April-October. Merchandise exports to China from India stood at \$8.77 billion, while merchandise imports were at \$60.27 billion.

Experts said that given the reported surge of the new Covid variant and the oncoming Chinese New Year, there could be some long-term impact on the electronics industry in India. In 2021, India imported electriworth \$26.39 billion, according to the United Nations COM-TRADE database on international trade.

"With the new Covid-variant that's been reported and the shortage of labour given the Chinese New Year in four week's time, there could definitely be certain disruptions. The immediate impact might not be too much since there is currently enough electronics' channel inventory and sell-in is a bit weak in India, but if the disruption in China persists for more than four weeks, then we can expect a 5-10 per cent market level impact," Tarun Pathak, research director at market intelligence and research firm Counterpoint told The Indian Express

The smartphone industry, however, does not foresee any major challenges due to the new variant and is only estimating "sporadic challenges". "China has had a very resilient export supply chain in the last 3 years in spite of the pandemic and their zero tolerance policy. In the new wave there could be sporadic challenges but by and large we feel that manufacturing and logistics will come through unscathed." said Pankai Mohindroo, chairman of the India Cellular and Electronics Association (ICEA).

But, a prolonged disruption could impact electronics component supply chains, experts said. "Indian electronics and smartphone brands have learnt from recent supply chain disruptions, and beefed up their inventory levels. With consumer demand in India traditionally being low in the post-festive period, electronics makers will be in a wait and watch mode on China," said Prabhu Ram, head of industry intelligence group at CyberMedia Research.

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU MUMBAI, DECEMBER 22

CONSOLIDATING ITS position in the retail segment, Reliance Retail Ventures LTD (RRVL), a subsidiary of Reliance Industries Ltd, Thursday signed definitive agreements to acquire 100 per cent equity stake in METRO Cash & Carry India Pvt Ltd, the Indian arm of German retailer METRO AG, for a total cash consideration of Rs 2.850 crore.

Through this acquisition Reliance Retail gets access to a wide network of METRO India's wholesale stores located in prime locations across key cities, a large base of registered kiranas and other institutional customers, strong supplier network and some of the global best practices implemented by METRO in India, RIL said in a statement.

METRO's India operations

METRO AG started operations in India in 2003 as the first company to introduce cashand-carry business format in the country and currently operates 31 large format stores across 21 cities with about 3,500 employees. The multi-channel B2B cash & carry wholesaler has reached over 3 million B2B customers in India, of which 1 million are frequently buying customers, through its store network and eB2B app.

"The acquisition will further strengthen Reliance Retail's physical store footprint and ability to better serve consumers and small merchants by leveraging synergies and efficiencies across supply chain networks, technology platforms and sourcing capabilities. The symbiotic relationship will create greater value for all stakeholders in the retail ecosystem," RIL said.

A Metro Cash & Carry outlet in Kolkata.

M&A IN RETAIL SEGMENT

IN 2018, global retail giant Walmart paid \$16 bn for a majority stake in Flipkart, India's biggest online retailer, making this the world's largest ever ecommerce acquisition

IN 2014, French retailer Carrefour, one of the largest retail chains in the world, exited India, less than four years after it had opened its first store in the country

IN 2018, the Aditya Birla Group sold its More supermarket chain to Samara Capital and

IN 2019, Godrej Group offloaded its grocery outlets under the Nature's Basket brand to Spencer's Retail

During the financial year ended September 2022, METRO India generated sales of Rs 7,700 crore, its best sales performance since its market entry into

Boost to RIL's retail push Isha Ambani, director,

Reliance Retail Ventures, said, "we believe that METRO India's healthy assets combined with our deep understanding of the Indian merchant / kirana ecosystem will help offer a differentiated value proposition to small businesses in India," RRVL

reported a consolidated turnover of Rs 199,704 crore (\$ 26.3 billion) and net profit of Rs 7,055 crore (\$931 million) for the year ended March 31, 2022.

Steffen Greubel, CEO of METRO AG, said, "With METRO India, we are selling a growing and profitable wholesale business in a very dynamic market at the right time. We are convinced that in Reliance we have found a suitable partner who is willing and able to successfully lead METRO India into the future in this market environ-

India has signed 6 preferential pacts, 13 FTAs with trading partners

India has signed 13 free trade agreements (FTAs) and six preferential pacts so far, MoS for Commerce Anupriya



The country has recently signed three such agreements with Mauritius, the UAE and Australia

Further, India is also actively engaged in FTA negotiations with some of its trading partners

including the UK, European Union

Trade negotiations with

partner countries is a dynamic and continuous process for obtaining exports and other business opportunities, Minister of State for Commerce and Industry Anupriya Patel said in a written reply to the Lok Sabha.

Replying to a separate question, Patel said that the decision to withdraw export duty on iron ore with 'less than 58% Fe content', iron ore pellets, pig iron and certain steel products will boost exports

In a separate reply, the minister said that six rounds of negotiations have been held so far between India and the UK for a proposed trade pact.

Insurers focus on drone market; NIA new entrant

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU MUMBAI, DECEMBER 22

the drone insurance market in India. After HDFC Ergo, ICICI Lombard and Tata AIG, public sector New India Assurance has launched the unmanned aircraft system insurance.

According to the firm, the 'New India Unmanned Aircraft System (UAS/UAV/RPAS/Drone) Insurance' will cover large aircraft

knock-off ads:

Amazon may

be responsible'

Brussels: Online retailer Amazon

may be deemed responsible for

advertising of counterfeit

Christian Louboutin shoes which

found its way on to its platform,

Europe's top court said in a pre-

liminary ruling on Thursday. The

EU court said it was now up to two

national courts to decide whether

Louboutin brought cases

against Amazon in a Belgian and a

Luxembourg court in 2019, saying

this was indeed the case.

'Louboutin

UNMANNED AIRCRAFT SYSTEM INSURANCE ■ New India Assurance has will cover large aircraft to

aircraft system insurance. The 'New India Unmanned Aircraft System Insurance'

to solo flying gliders. Coverage will be offered to drone owners, operators and manufacturers. "The product provides a diverse option of over 15 different add-on

will be offered to drone owners, operators and manufacturers

covers for customers to pick and choose from. These add-on covers are designed as per the drone industry's requirement. The policy covers physical damage to the

India said. The policy is designed to cover

are generally deployed for military and non-military applications, including surveillance, geography

Managing Director, New India, said, "India's drone manufacturing industry clocked annual sales of Rs 60 crore in FY 2021 and is expected to grow to Rs 900 crore by

India-UK FTA

BRIEFLY ——

London: The sixth round of negotiations between India and the UK to finalise a free trade agreement (FTA) concluded last week with detailed draft treaty discussions across 11 policy areas over 28 separate sessions, the British government said. The UK's Department for International Trade issued a statement.

Air India

New Delhi: Air India Express CEO Aloke Singh will be the chief of Air India's low-cost airline business from January 1 next year.

DoT task forces

New Delhi: The Department of Telecommunications (DoT) has formed four task forces to recommend to the government measures that will boost the domestic telecom manufacturing ecosystem and remove the bottlenecks. The development follows a round table between Communications Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw and 42 chiefs of telecom gear makers early this month. **PTI**

Tata Communications arm to buy US video firm for ₹486 crore

ENSECONOMIC BUREAU NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 22

TATA COMMUNICATIONS on Thursday said that its whollyowned subsidiary Communications (Netherlands) will acquire US-based live video production company The Switch Enterprises for Rs 486.3 crore. With this acquisition, the company aims to extend its portfolio into live video production and gain a strong presence in the Americas media and entertainment market.

regulatory approvals. For Switch, the involvement of Tata Communications will help it reach over 190 countries and territories with its end-to-end live video production and transmission solutions for companies.

The transaction is subject to

The Switch production infrastructure as a service model will allow Tata Communications customers to accelerate adoption of remote production from any event around the world," said Tri Pham, chief strategy officer of Tata Communications.

Tata Communications is already serving some of the largest With the acquisition, the company aims to extend its portfolio into live video production

global sports federations, broadcasters and OTT platforms for managing their next generation digital media businesses. The company will now develop holistic, scalable solutions encompassing live and scheduled programming for television, leveraging pre-recorded and filed videos for new content creation as well as all post-production, it said.

"As the media industry evolves, The Switch has an ever larger role to play in the future of live sports and entertainment and in helping our customers maximise their lucrative content. With Tata Communications we will accelerate this journey providing stability, investment and vision in support of future growth," said Eric Cooney, president & CEO at The Switch. Post the completion of the deal, The Switch will join the media and entertainment serv-

business of

Communications. **FE**

Tata

the retailer regularly displayed advertisements for red-soled shoes put on the market without Louboutin's consent. REUTERS Jio acquires

> **Reliance Infratel** Mumbai: Reliance Projects and **Property Management Services** (RPPMSL), a subsidiary of Jio, has completed 100 per cent stake acquisition in Reliance Infratel for about Rs 3,725 crore, Reliance Industries said.

100% stake in

Jio placed a bid of Rs 3,720 crore in November 2019 to acquire the tower and fibre assets of the debt-ridden subsidiary of Reliance Communications.

The National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT) gave approval to RPPMSL for the acquisition of Reliance Infratel (RITL) in November. PTI

बिड आमन्त्रण सूचना संख्या 17/2022-23 ाजाना निवास कर्षा प्रवास पत्र प्रमुख्यावर कृत कार्या अस्य अस्यल, झोटवाड़ा कृत्य म.स. जयपुर (अनाज), एम.एल. रोड कृत्य म.र केकर राजकीय डेयरी महाविद्यालय जीबनेर जिला जयपर, किष महाविधालय पीधमपुरी जिला सीकर, मुसावर जिला भरतपु कु उत्तर, अववर, (क्यानगढ़ एवं नुष्कार कु उत्तर, खरबल, आदाबाक कु उत्तर, अवरूर, (कागा), एत.एव. एवं कु उत्तर, स्व सीकर, राजकीय डेयरी महाविधावय जांबनेर जिला जयपुर, कृषि महाविधावय घोषमपुरी जिला सीकर, पुसावय जिला भरतपुर डिलाई जिला टोंक के राशि रू. 55.87 लाख से 1302.75 लाख कुत राशि 8175.79 लाख के 11 कार्य की ऑन-लाईन बिर्हें है-प्रोक्यूर्यन्ट (www.eproc.rajasthan.gov.in) के माध्यम से उपग्रक्त श्रेणी में पंजीकृत बिर्क्स से आमंत्रित की जाती है बिंड से संबंधित विस्तृत विवरण बोर्ड की वेबसाईट www.agriculture.rajasthan.gov.in/rsamb एर w.sppp.rajasthan.gov.in पर देखा जा सकता है । जिसका UBN No AGM2223WSOB/WLOB00959 से 969 है

भारतीय कटेनर निगम लिमिटेड CONTAINER CORPORATION OF INDIA LTD. G2Q

TENDER NOTICE (E-Tendering Mode Only) Online E-Bids are invited for Handling of Empty Containers at MMLP TIHI for period of four (04) years

CON/AREA-II/TIHI/ECH/2022 ender No. Estimated Cos Rs.2,26,56,000/- (Inclusive of GST) for 04 years From 23/12/2022 at 15:00 hrs. to Date of Sale (On Line) 06/01/2023 (up to 16:00 hrs.) ast Date & Time of submission On 09/01/2023 up to 17:00 hrs Date & Time of Opening On 10/01/2023 at 15:30 hrs.

For eligibility criteria and other details please log onto www.concorindia.com or eprocure.gov.in or www.tenderwizard.com/CCIL. Bidders are requested to visit the websites regularly. For complete details logon to www.tenderwjzard.com/CCIL. Executive Director, Area-II

कॉचीन शिपयार्ड लिमिटेड COCHIN SHIPYARD LIMITED

अभिरुचि की अभिव्यक्ति/ EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

भारत में शोभनीय और प्रतिष्ठित फर्मों/मालिकों जो विशेष रूप से पोतों/ समुर्द्र संरचनाओं के डिज़ाइन और इंजीनियरिंग के क्षेत्र में काम कर रहें हैं उनसे अभिरुचि की अभिव्यक्ति आमंत्रित की जाती है ताकि दिनांक 26 दिसंबर 2022 को अपराहन 1500 बजे या उससे पहले महाप्रबंधक (पोत मरम्मत) तक पहंच जाएं। अभिरुचि की अभिव्यक्ति के अधिक विवरण के लिए कपया कोचीन शिपयार्ड वेबसाइट

Expression of Interest are invited from suitable & reputed firms / owners in India who are exclusively working in the field of design and engineering of ships / marine structures so as to reach General Manager (Ship Repair) on or before 1500 hrs or 26th December 2022. For further details of EOI, please visit Cochin Shipyard Website www.cochinshipyard.in and Govt

www.cochinshipyard.in और सरकार की वेबसाइट https://eprocure.gov.ln

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aircraft and its theft. It also provides cover for accidental physical injury to the third party and/or damage to their property due to

fixed wing, rotor wing and hybrid UAS that can be controlled remotely (with pilot intervention) or autonomous drones (without pilot intervention). These aircraft

and infrastructure inspections and Neerja Kapur, Chairman cum

FY 2024.'

terested bidders up to 6.00 p.m. of 05.01.2023. Other particulars of the bid may b visited on the procurement portal (http://eproc.rajasthan.gov.ir mental website UBN: GSM2223SLRC00171 Raj.Samwad/C/22/12145

Dy. General Manager (Purchase

Short E-BID NOTICE

KERALA WATER AUTHORITY entender Notice Tender No: Re - e tender No- SE/PHC/KKD/82/2022-23 Jal Jeevan Mission (JJMI)-WSS to Ulliyeri, Moodadi and adjoining Panchayath in Kozhikode District Package VI - Zone II - Providing Functional House Hold Tap Connection By Laying New Distribution Lines at Thikkodi Grama Panchayath. EMD: Rs. 500000, Tender fee: Rs. 16540+GST(2978), Last Date for submitting Tender: 04-01-2023 04:00:pm, Phone: 04952371046, Website: www.kwa.kerala.gov.in, www.etenders.kerala.gov.in

KWA-JB-GL-6-1283-2022-23

Superintending Engine

VISVESVARAYA JALA NIGAMA LIMITED (Government of Karnataka Enterprises)

Executive Engineer, VJNL, UBP, Division No.04, Hosadurga Ph/Fax No: 08199-230018, E-mail ID: eeubpdvn4@gmail.com No: EE/UBP/VJNL/DIV-04/SB/TD.NO.25/2022-23 Date:21.12.2022

CORRIGENDUM-2 (Only through E-PROCUREMENT SYSTEM)

Ref: 1) This office Tender Notification No: EE/VJNL/UBP-Dv-4/ HSD/TND-25/TBC Drip/P-III/2022-23/ Date: 16/11/2022. 2) This office Corrigendum-1 Notification No: EE/VJNL/UBP-Dv-4/HSD/ TND-25/TBC Drip/P-III/2022-23/1276 Date: 06/12/2022.

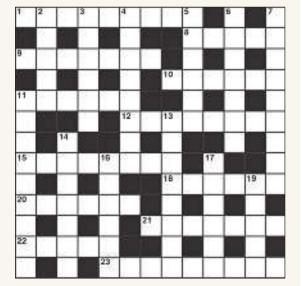
The below tender is invited in the above notification, Name of the work: "Survey, Design, Supply, Installation, Testing & commissioning of Micro Irrigation Syste under TBC comprising Gravity Bulk Feeders, Construction of SCPH, Supplying & installation of Pumping machineries, Electrical substation Electrical power line& other appurtenant works including construction of PDN & Drip irrigation system including SCADA and Automation for providing irrigation facility to 8150.44 Ha under Block- 4 & filling up of 25 Nos. tanks coming under TBC of UBP with all accessories O&M for 5 years after the date of completion and transfer (BOMT) on Turnkey basis Excluding Drip laterals and including sub-main and Drip Raisers"-TBC-Drip-Package-III." (Indent No.2380).

1) Last date and receipt of tenders up to: 04.01.2023 up to 16.00 Hrs. 2) Date of opening of technical Bids: 05.01.2023 up to 16.30 Hrs. 3) Date of opening of Financial Bids: After approval of the technical bids who are qualified. Sd/- Executive Engineer RO No. 796: DIPR/CTA/MCA/2022-23

website https://eprocure.gov.in

CALENDAR

CROSSWORD 4932



ACROSS

1 Firm revises dates 8 Perfume starts a romantic interlude (5) 9 What old scholars often dipped into (7) 10 It makes a very fine trap (6) 11 Roar and bluster about the Spanish (6) 12 Go where one shouldn't or chance being disturbed (8) 15 Bird artist (8) 18 Happy medium condition?(6) 20 Observing it's a dumbbell?(6) $21\,A\,split\,in\,the\,union$ 22 Overweight round-headed wild bees (5) 23 There's no getting to

DOWN

2 Drawn - from the past for example?(5) 3 A fabric that is woven as and when one pleases (2,4)4 Knows beyond doubt there's plenty of water (4,4)5 He stops to interfere 6 It ought to be soundly curbed for safety (7)7 A fresh air allocation is everyone's entitlement

11 One having a sea view? 13 Their falling would ruin acts perhaps (8) 14 He provides French wine with the rent possibly(7) 16 A four-foot cycle (6) 17 Left work (6)

19 Article on companies

making drink(5)

Solutions Crossword 4931: Across: 1 Cahoots, 4 Medal, 7 Purr, 8 Lilliput, 10 Second hand, 12 Lashed, 13 Lethal, 15 Head keeper, 18 Inaction, 19 Draw, 20 Gored, 21 Trained. Down: 1 Capes, 2 Hard cash, 3 Slight, 4 Malingered, 5 Dope, 6 Lateral, 9 Interested, 11 Chaperon, 12 Lagging, 14 Adroit, 16 Rowed, 17 Fair.

OVER THE HEDGE by Michael Fry & T Lewis

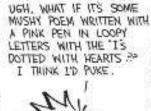






CALVIN & HOBBES by Bill Watterson

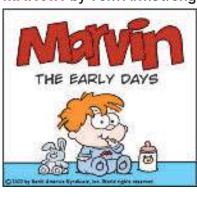








MARVIN by Tom Armstrong







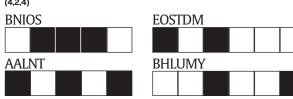
JUMBLED WORDS

the nearest bank from

here (9)

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.

(4.2.4)



Answer: I put my heart and my soul into my work, and have **lost my mind** in the process. SOLUTION: BISON, NATAL, MODEST, HUMBLY

Difficulty Level 2s Instructions

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SUDOKU

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

1s = Very easy; 2s = Easy; 3s = Medium; 4s = Hard; 5s = Very Hard; 6s =

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DAY TODAY

ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr 20)



end of the stick, this does seem to be a good time to at least attempt to communicate. There is bound to be some considerable exaggeration, but if you take big promises with a pinch of salt, then you should protect yourself against major blunders.

TAURUS (Apr 21 - May 21) The next forty-eight hours should raise

the financial temperature. Do concentrate on your own interests, in spite of the fact the others may have their own rather complex demands. Partners could still be rather fractious, and a loved one may need placating.

GEMINI (May 22 - June 21) The Moon is now

offering you a great deal of encouragement and you may right wrongs, make up for injustices and generally correct a serious personal imbalance. Don't imagine that you can get away with halfmeasures, though. It's time to go the whole way.

CANCER (June 22 - July 23)

Make the fullest possible advantage of a series of splendid planetary aspects. Probably the prime consideration is to see that you take a little time off by yourself. Also, please don't believe unfounded rumours or imagine that others are undermining you.

LEO (July 24 - Aug 23) You've got more personal choices

coming up. The question is whether you would rather spend time with friends who may be pleasant but dull, or with intimate partners who may be highly stimulating but also rather complicated and unpredictable.

VIRGO (Aug 24 - Sep 23) If you have not already had some sort of completely

random and illconsidered argument, whether with a close partner or a complete stranger, it may yet happen. Mind you, sometimes it does you good to blow your top! It's just that you have to clear up the

BY PETER VIDAL

LIBRA (Sep 24 - Oct 23) What comes to light over the next few

days should strengthen your bargaining power. You should check out any legal, ethical or long-term issues today, so that when an opportunity does come along, you are well primed — and can do your best by other people.

SCORPIO (Oct 24 - Nov 23)



it! The moment has come for you to lead others a merry dance, which is just what they deserve. Do keep a very careful eye on the financial situation, partly because a partner is liable to take up a rather extreme position.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov 24 - Dec 22)



hassled. Yet don't expect genuine relaxation until after another few days have passed. Actually, you're most relaxed when you're busy.

CAPRICORN (Dec 23 - Jan 20) You should spend a little time tuning your body up, with



special attention to exercise and diet. You are slightly sensitive at the moment, and any emotional stress could leave you feeling under the weather. That's why partners should be nice to you! I know it, and you know it, but I hope they know it.

AQUARIUS (Jan 21-Feb 19) You may leave yourself enough



Remember the dangers of swinging to emotional extremes or of putting too many demands on partners. PISCES (Feb 20 - Mar 20)

considerable amount of tension, but life could be extremely exciting if you have a private goal that you are determined to achieve. Only Pisceans who are totally dedicated

to a passive lifestyle will

resent all those mounting personal pressures.

There is still a

Office of the Superintending Engineer 12th Circle P.W.D. Pauri

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Letter No 6346/141 Yata-12/2022-23

Dated 22/12/2022

Short Term (E-Tendering)

Superintending Engineer, 12th Circle, Public Works Department Pauri on behalf of Governor of Uttarakhand, invites item rate e-tender (two bid system). For further details please log on to http://www.uktenders.gov.in from 24.12.2022

SI. NO	Name of work	Earnest money (in Lakh Rs)	Cost of Tender (in Rs.)	Validity of tender	Time of completion in Months	Contractor's category of Registration
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1	Strengthening of Surface in Ghurdauri-Jamankhal- Charakot- Devprayag Motor Road Km (1 to 3) (PD, PWD, Pauri) .	3.65	5000 +18% G.S.T.	120 Days	2.50	Category B/B+ for Road work in State/Central Govt./ undertakihg.
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NORTHERN RAILWAY

Principal Chief Materials Manager Headquarters Office, Baroda House, New Delhi-110001

No. 117-S-Sales-Auction Programme-2022-23

Dated, 20.12, 2022

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Mail ID: salenr365@gmail.com

e-AUCTION NOTICE NO. January/2023

E-Auction will be conducted for disposal of Ferrous Scrap, Non Ferrous Scrap, Other Misc Scrap, Condemned Loco, Coaches and Wagons, Scrap Rail and other scrap P Way material. Used lead Acid Batteries/Used oil/Refused oil will be sold only to recyclers registered with State Pollution Control Board. Auction programme is as under.

e-AUCTION DATES FOR 'January, 2023. S Denot conducting auction Time 1st 2nd 3rd

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2	Shakurbasti 011-27015387	10:00	4	9	14	18	25	31
3	Jagadhari 01732-252388	10:00	3	7	12	17	24	31
4	Sr.DMM/LKO 0522-2234756	10:00	3	6	12	17	24	31
5	Sr.DMM/FZR 01632-244154	11:00	5	10	13	19	27	31
6	Sr.DMM/UMB 0171-2611203	11:00	4	9	13	18	25	31
7	Sr.DMM/MB 0591-2413141	10:00	5	10	13	19	27	31
8	Sr.DMM/DLI 011-23365311	11:00	2	6	11	16	23	31

- The details of item to be sold in auction will be available in catalogue at www.ireps.gov.in. 2. The intending purchasers may inspect the scrap material before the auction during working
- hours at nominated locations. 3. To participate in e-auction, purchasers need to get themselves registered with ireps. The
- details on last sold rates in auctions are available at www.railnet.gov.in. 4. For further details regarding registration and other conditions of e-auction, please visit Railway

website 'www.ireps.gov.in'.

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(Om Kumar) Dy. Chief Material Manager/S&P **SERVING CUSTOMERS WITH A SMILE**









E-Tender Notice No. CAO/CN/BNC/127/2022 Dated: 16-12-2022 Item of work Approx. Value Shifting of Power line Rs. 26,35,252/ Crossing and Lighting arrangements fo proposed ROB in lieu of LC No.102 a

he following works:

Km 188/514 at Kudatini Yard (Tender No. ECN/47/2022) F-Tender Notice No. CAO/CN/BNC/128/2022

Dated: 16-12-2022 Lighting arrangement Rs. 78,61,958/of ROB in lieu of 1). LC No. 32 between Hubballi and Hosapete (Schedule 2). LC No. 66 between Koppal and Ginigera (Schedule B) 3). LC No. 72 between Ginigera and Municabac

Schedule C) (Tender No. ECN/59/2022) E-Tender Notice No. CAO/CN/BNC/129/2022 Dated: 16-12-2022

Item of work Approx. Value ower supply arrangements Rs. 37,82,133/ and platform lighting arrangements fo proposed Doddahalli Railway station in Tumkuru - Ravadurg section (Tender Ref. No.:ECN-62-2022) . Corrigendum No.1, Dated : 19-12-2022

Last date for submission of bids Upto 11:00 Hrs. on 12-01-2023 For details log on: www.ireps.gov.in

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Letter No- 2069

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GOVERNMENT OF TAMIL NADU Information Technology and Digital Services Department Tamil Nadu e-Governance Agency (TNeGA)

E-TENDER NOTICE

Online tenders are invited by the Chief Executive Officer (CEO), Tamil Nadu e-Governance Agency (TNeGA), towards the Selection of System Integrator for the Implementation and Maintenance of Master Data Management (MDM) and De-Duplication Tool for State Family Database (SFDB) in Tamil Nadu.

The tender document (RFP) can be downloaded at free of cost from https://tntenders.gov.in/, https://tnega.tn.gov.in/ from 23.12.2022, 14:00 hrs. Pre-bid meeting is scheduled online on 29.12.2022 at 11:30 hrs. through video conference (VC) by TNeGA and the link for the VC can be referred in the RFP.

EMD for an amount of Rs.5,00,000/- has to be paid through online mode. Last date and time for online submission of bids through https://tntenders.gov.in/ (e-Tender) is $09.01.2023 \ \mbox{till} \ 16:00 \ \mbox{hrs.}$ Technical Bid shall be opened online on $09.01.2023 \ \mbox{at} \ 16:30$ hrs. Bidders are advised to participate in the pre-bid meeting scheduled by TNeGA DIPR/ 5675 /TENDER/2022 Chief Executive Officer,

சோதனை கடந்து சுதந்திரம் அடைந்தோம், சாதனை புரிந்து சரித்திரம் படைப்போம்" Tamil Nadu e-Governance Agency

NORTHERN RAILWAY 62.68

TENDER NOTICE Invitation of tender through E-TenderIng (E-Procurement Systems)

N.I.T. No.: 32/22-23/WE Name of work with its location:

(A) Provision of additional water storage capacity Under ground tank of one lac litre and Extension of storage on Vth floor and other allied works for Ministry of Railway Health in COFMOW building in the s/o SSE/W/BH under ADEN/E-III Approx. Cost of work: (A) Rs. 71,07,549.82

EMD amount: (A) Rs. 1,42,200.00 Completion period of work: (A) 06 Months Date and Time for submission of tender and opening of tender: Closing date of tender on 17.01.2023 at 15:00 hrs

Website particular notice board location complete details of tender can be seen and address of the office from where the tender form can be purchased etc.: Above tender available on website i.e. www.ireps.gov.in No.: 128-W/269/OET/22-23/WE/NIT/32 Dated: 21.12.2022 3400/2022

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Directorate Of Food And Consumer Affairs, Jharkhand, Third Floor, JSFC Bhawan, Kadru Ranchi Date- 22/12/2022 Dated - 02-12-2022

Tender Ref No:Kha.up.Ni-01- Ch.Da.Vi-01/2022- 1962 **Corrigendum Notice**

Reference to **Tender Ref No: Kha.up.Ni-01- Ch.Da.Vi-01/2022- 1962 Dated - 02-12-2022, PR NO. 284111** for Empanelment of Bidders for supply of Chana Dal for PDS under NFSA and JSFS Scheme

Following Amendment are hereby Authorized. Description
Bidding Cost and Earnest Money Deposit (EMD)/Bid Security As per RFP 26.12.2022 at 5:00 PM | 05.01.2023 at 5:00 PM submission last date
Tender Document Sales End Date: 26.12.2022 at 5:00 PM | 05.01.2023 at 5:00 PM Bid Submission Closing Date : 26.12.2022 at 5:00 PM 05.01.2023 at 5:00 PM

27.12.2022 Bid Opening &Evaluation However, the prospective bidder are advised to regularly keep visiting and checking the website http://jharkhand.gov.in/food & https://jhtenders.eproc.in for any further forthcoming information/ notice(s) / developments / amendment(s) / Clarification(s) regarding the subject Tender. Rest all the Terms and Conditions of the RFP and subsequent amendment remains unchanged.

Sd/-. Director PR 285706 Directorate of Food and Consumer Affairs(22-23)#D Directorate of Food & Consumer Affairs

ई-प्रोक्योरमेंट सेल पेयजल एवं स्वच्छता विभाग झारखण्ड, राँची ई-प्रोक्योरमेंट अल्पकालीन निविदा (प्रथम आमंत्रण) (प्रथम शुद्धि पत्र - PR No- 285630) -टेन्डर रेफरेन्स नं०- Cluster (JJM Dhanbad-2)/09/2022-23 दिनांक:- 15-12-2022 संशोधित तिथि एवं स्थान वर्णित विवरणी पूर्व में वर्णित तिथि एवं स्थाना From 03-01-2023, 4:00P.M From 22 12 2022 4:00PM

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4	4	निविदा की हार्ड कॉपी जमा करने की तिथि/समय/स्थान	06-01-2023up to 2:00P.M कार्यपालक अभियंता, पेयजल एवं स्वच्छता प्रमण्डल संख्या–02, धनबाद /अधीक्षण अभियंता, पेयजल एवं स्वच्छता अंचल, धनबाद /अधीक्षण अभियंता, पेयजल एवं स्वच्छता अंचल, धनबाद /क्षेत्रीय मुख्य अभियंता, पेयजल एवं स्वच्छता विमाग दुमका प्रक्षेत्र, दुमका।	19-01-2023 up to 2:00P.M -वही-

निविदा की अन्य शर्त्त यथावत रहेगी । PR285710 (Drinking Water and Sanitation)22-23*D

पेयजल एवं स्वच्छता प्रमण्डल संख्या-02.धनबाद

09-01-2023 up to 01:00 P.M

20-01-2023 up to 01:00 P.M

New Delhi

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SEARCH FOR MISSING/KIDNAPPED



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Sujata Devnath

Tarun Devnath, R/o: H. No. 135, Street No. 13, H-Block, Kuwar Singh Nagar, Delhi has been missing/kidnapped since 14.12.2022 at 08:00 am. from her house from the area of P.S. Nihal Vihar, Delhi. In this regard a case vide DD No. 154A dated 14.12.2022 has been registered at P.S. Nihal Vihar, Delhi. The description of the missing female are as under: **Age:** 32 years, **Sex**

General Public is hereby informed that

one female Namely: Sujata Devnath, W/o:

Female, Height: 5' 2", Complexion: Shallow, Face: Oval, Built: Thin, Wearing: Blue colour short, jeans and Pink colour shoes in her feet. Sincere efforts have been made by local police to trace out the missing female but no clue has come to light so far. Any person having any information or clue about this missing female kindly inform to the following. Website: http://cbi.nic.in

E-mail Id - cic@cbi.gov.in Ph.: 011-24368638, 24368641 DP/3879/OD/2022

SHO P.S. Nihal Vihar, Delhi Tel.No. 011-25946710, 7065036129

Appeal for Identification



General public is hereby informed that one person Name: Unknown, S/o: Unknown, R/o: Unknown, Age: About 45 Yrs., Height: 5'6". Sex: Male, Complexion: Shallow, Id Marks: A Mole mark on the right side of nose, Wearing: Black Colour Lower and Black & White Colour Jacket, Place of Recovery:

Found dead in Park, near Janta Market, Nangloi, Delhi.

In this regard DD No. 47A, Dated 25.11.2022 has been lodged at Police Station: Nangloi, Delhi. Any clue come to notice please inform undersign.

P.S.: Nangloi, Delhi DP/4048/0D/2022 Ph.: 9990173018



The Brihanmumbai Electric Supply & Transport Undertaking (Of The Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation)





E-tenders are invited for the supply of following items

(1) 74915 - Supply Implementation and support for IT Application & Infrastructure, (2) Biennial Rate Contract for purchase of 11 kv, 250 MVA, Indoor VCB Switchgears for DSS with Horizontal Isolation, (3) 75483 - Selection of a consultant for Registration, Monitoring, Verification, Issuance and Trading of carbon credits for BEST Undertaking, (4) Contract for providing Canteen services at Various locations of the BEST Undertaking.

Re-invited e-tenders

(5) 74909 (Corrigendum), (6) 75318, (7) 75345, (8) 75331 (Corrigendum), (9) 75313

Note: For more details, log on to website https://mahatenders.gov.in

PRO/AAM(M)/140/2022 **GENERAL MANAGER**

My main concern was having a double cell. Your cellmate can attack or threaten you. For the first time in my life I felt hungry - meaning I went to bed hungry. Prison was good for my health. They did have alcohol but I didn't drink any.'

BORIS BECKER ON HIS TIME IN PRISON

BRIEFLY —

Men can compete in artistic swimming at Paris Olympics

Lausanne: Men can compete in Olympic artistic swimming for the first time at the 2024 Paris Games, World Aquatics said on Thursday. Approval from the International Olympic Committee means a maximum of two men can be selected among eight athletes in the team event that is due to include 10 nations. Adding men to the sport once known as synchronized swimming will leave rhythmic gymnastics as the last women-only event on the Summer Games program. AP

Raja sacked as PCB chairman

Karachi: Former Pakistan captain Ramiz Raja has been sacked as chairman of the country's cricket board (PCB) after the 3-0 test series whitewash by England, his interim replacement Najam Sethi said on Thursday. Raja, who played more than 250 international matches from 1984 to 1997, had taken over from Ehsan Mani who stepped down from the role in 2021. "The cricket regime headed by Ramiz Raja is no more. The 2014 PCB constitution stands restored," Sethi, who previously served as the head of the PCB, said on Twitter. REUTERS

Nikhat, Manju ease into quarterfinals

Bhopal: World Championships medallists Nikhat Zareen and Manju Rani registered thumping 5-0 victories against their respective opponents to enter the quarterfinals of the 6th Elite Women's National Boxing Championships here on Thursday. Reigning world champion Nikhat, representing Telangana, thrashed Meghalaya's Eva Waynie Marbaniang in the 50kg pre-quarterfinals bout, while Railways boxer Manju Rani also produced an equally dominating performance to defeat Uttarakhand's Kavita comprehensively in the 48kg last-16 contest.

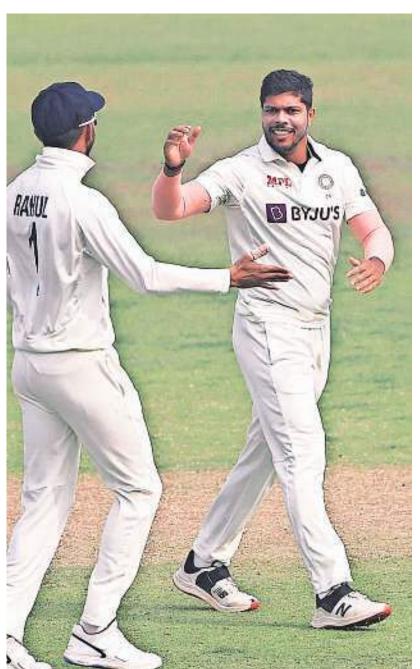
Pele's cancer in advanced stage

Sao Paulo: Brazilian soccer legend Pele's cancer has advanced and he requires care related to renal and cardiac dysfunction, according to a medical report, and his family said he would remain in a Sao Paulo hospital over Christmas. Widely considered one of the greatest footballers of all time, the 82-year-old has been hospitalized in the Albert Einstein hospital since late November as doctors reevaluate his treatment and tend to a respiratory infection. REUTERS

IBA has 'no real interest' in sport: IOC

Lausanne: The International Olympic Committee (IOC) on Thursday raised the possibility of boxing being excluded from the 2024 Paris Games, saying its Russian-led world body showed it had "no real interest" in the sport or its athletes. The International Boxing Association (IBA) was stripped of involvement in the 2020 Tokyo Olympics and boxing is not on the initial programme for the 2028 Los Angeles Games, pending reforms demanded by the IOC. REUTERS

Well begun but half done



Pacer Umesh Yadav picked up four wickets on Thursday.

Bangladesh might well rue not making full use of batting first as many batsmen fail to convert starts amid Ashwin and Umesh's onslaught

ABHISHEK PUROHIT DECEMBER 22

EVERY TIME Bangladesh started to build a partnership, either they would self-destruct or India would find a way to break through. Five of the first six partnerships read 39, 43, 48, 42 and 41. None of the top seven Bangladesh batsmen made less than 15, so everyone got at least some sort of start. But only one of them went on to make more than 26 – former captain Mominul Haque, who constructed a patient 84 on comeback.

Only a couple of the disappointments could be put down to the pitch playing tricks or the ball doing a bit. The result was that after losing the toss, India ran through Bangladesh for only 227 just over halfway into the third session on the first day of the second Test in Dhaka. Perhaps it was as well that India lost the toss, because stand-in captain KLRahul said they were not sure what to make of the pitch. There had been variable bounce, exaggerated at times, in the couple of ODIs India had played here earlier this month, although runs had been scored in the second game.

The pitch for this Test, moreover, had a nice green cover, much more than the one for the

first Test in Chattogram had. Then again, the thin grass lining in Chattogram had only served to prevent the placid pitch from breaking up. In the end, India took a punt on the grass and left out Kuldeep Yadav despite his eight-wicket haul in the first Test, instead handing Jaydev Unadkat his much-desired second Test cap, 12 years after his first. Unadkat had waited since 2010 for his first Test wicket; he had to wait another 23 deliveries into his first spell, With some luck, India could have struck much earlier than the 15th over of the innings from Unadkat. But Umesh Yadav, in particular, and Mohammed Siraj went past the edges of Najmul Hossain Shanto and Zakir Hasan numerous times.

There was hardly any swing, but there was plenty of movement off what was a somewhat damp track to start with. And even after the 70th over, the seamers would keep finding something off the pitch, even though the magnitude would drop. It was Mirpur after all,

though, so the zip wasn't quite there. But didn't commit early, played close to the body, Unadkat found awkward bounce almost immediately with his height and high release. He began hitting the glove or the splice regularly, the leading edges began to pop up, and it seemed only a matter of time before the maiden Test wicket arrived.

Soon enough, a short of a length delivery leaped and cut in alarmingly at Chattogram debut centurion Zakir Hasan, who had no time to get out of the way and lobbed it to the slip cordon. From hereon until the sixth wicket to fall, Mehidy Hasan Miraz, Bangladesh would threaten to develop a partnership and barring Mushfiqur Rahim, all would bring about their own downfall

Shanto padded up to what he thought was an offbreak that would spin away. But R Ashwin had bowled it with the seam parallel to the stumps, and the ball barely spun.

Shakib Al Hasan took on the left-arm spin of Axar Patel, but first ball after lunch, he decided to welcome Umesh back with a lofted boundary. This wasn't the pitch to be hitting on the up, that too right after a break, and the Bangladesh captain failed to clear mid-off.

Litton Das has been in fine nick of late, and he motored along at run a ball before clipping Ashwin straight to midwicket.

As Bangladesh kept imploding, Unadkat earned himself his second Test wicket. In his time away from the Indian team, he has grown to work out truckloads of domestic batsmen on unresponsive pitches with one tireless spell after the other. Among his bag of tricks is to go round the wicket to the right-hander and try to move it away against the angle. He would get that delivery spot-on to Mushfiqur, who could do nothing more than nick it be-

Meanwhile, Mominul had quietly gone about his business at the other end. The past 12 months or so have been disastrous for Mominul. He had managed only single-digit scores in 14 of his 16 previous completed Test innings. He lost the Test captaincy after the defeat to Sri Lanka at home earlier this year, and eventually, also his place in the side. This was his first game in six months in the only international format he plays now.

It was a characteristic Mominul knock. He

within himself, and attacked only when a delivery was absolutely asking for it. In a measure of how the pitch played, and also how little India gave to drive, only five of his runs came in the conventional 'V' down the ground.

Even as he was running out of partners, he made a fatal mistake; to an Ashwin carom ball, he stretched out his arms a bit too far as he tried to leave, and the ball flicked the glove on its way to the wicketkeeper. From 213 for 5, Bangladesh could add only 14 more runs as Umesh and Ashwin ran through the lower order. By the third session, Unadkat's followthrough had caused a couple of clear rough areas to develop outside the right-hander's off stump. And the odd delivery had started to either take off or stay low if it pitched there. Shubman Gill was lucky to escape with a couple of under-edges past the stumps as India closed on 19 for 0 six overs early amid bad light, and it appears that the batsmen will continue to be tested.

Stumps Day One

1st innings: Shanto Ibw Ashwin 24 15 84 16 26 Hasan c Rahul b Unadkat Hague c Pant b Ashwin Shakib c Pujara b Umesh Yadav Mushfigur c Pant b Unadkat Das c Rahul b Ashwin M Hasan c Pant b Umesh N Hasan Ibw Umesh Taskin c Siraj b Umesh Yadav Taijul Islam Not Out K Ahmed c Unadkat b Ashwin Extras: 3b 7lb 0nb 0pen 1w Total (73.5 overs) Fall of Wickets: 1-39 Hasan, 2-39 Shanto, 3-82 Al Hasan, 4-130 Rahim, 5-172 Das, 6-213 Miraz, 7-219 Hasan, 8-223 Ahmed, 9-227 Haque, 10-227 Ahmed

Bowling: Siraj 9 - 3-9-0-4.33, Umesh 15-4-25-4-1.67, Unadkat 16-2-50 -2 -3.12, 1w, Ashwin 21.53-71-4-3.25, Patel 12-3-32-02.67 India 1st innings: Rahul 3*, Gill 14*

Extras: 0b 0lb 2nb 0pen 0w Total (8.0 overs) Bowling: Taskin 4-2-8-0-2.00-2nb, Shakib 4-

Why dropping Kuldeep is insensible, insensitive and lacks vision

TUSHAR BHADURI DECEMBER 22

SPIN, FLIGHT, turn, bounce, as well as accuracy – all the qualities one associates with a top-class spinner were on display when Kuldeep Yadav made his comeback to Test cricket in Chattogram last week. So what do Indian team management do? Drop him for the second Test in a decision that has had Sunil Gavaskar almost reaching out for a cuss word.

It's not a decision that's likely to affect the Test match result probably, but the issue here was how a bowler who desperately needs confidence and backing has been dumped vet again. Wrist-spinners generally need a sympathetic captain. More so Kuldeep. This is a bowler who broke down on the field after being hit for a few sixes in an IPL game. The decision in Dhaka would feel like a kick to the guts.

Kuldeep's plight shows the state in which the game is in India. For all the solid bench strength touted time and again, with some saying that India can field two simultaneous teams of high quality, the ICC trophy cabinet is vacant for a decade as the resources at hand

are not utilised in optimum fashion. What happened to Kuldeep is just a

symptom of a larger malaise - the lack of direction and vision in Indian cricket. It would be interesting to see how he fares when called upon next. The Dhaka selection debacle may just push his career two steps back. He will need oodles of mental strength to bounce back from this setback, which is not of his own making.

Apart from the eight-wicket match haul

d the crucial 40 in the first innings, during

which he put on a crucial 92 runs for the eighth wicket with Ravichandran Ashwin, what caught the eye was the rhythm the chinaman bowler showed in the game. The Bangladesh batsmen very often had no clue about what was coming at them, either the direction of the deviation or where the ball would land.

However, the player-of-the-match performance was not enough for Kuldeep to keep his place in the next match, as the team management included Jaydev Unadkat in the eleven. The left-arm seamer, a domestic stalwart, played his only previous Test a dozen years ago in South Africa, when he went vicketless in an Indian innings defeat.

"Hard decision on Kuldeep but we know Ashwin and Axar (Patel) can find spin, and bring Jaydev in to cover all bases," is how standin skipper KL Rahul put it at the toss. After the day's play, Umesh Yadav termed the decision



KuldeepYadav has changed the dynamic of white-ball cricket.

as a call taken by the team management. Well, if Ashwin and Axar can get spin from the surface, a wrist-spinner would do as well, maybe extract even more purchase. The pitch at the Sher-e-Bangla Stadium may have had a tinge of green at the start of the match, but the general nature of tracks in Bangladesh is well known over the years, and one won't describe it as pace-friendly. It seemed as a 'handing out' of a cap as a reward for Unadkat's perseverance.

And if one spinner had to be dropped after a good performance, maybe Axar should have been the fall guy. He is basically a 'slightly' inferior version of Ravindra Jadeja, and keeping the seat warm till the latter returns to full fitness.

Sunil Gavaskar, for one, wasn't one to mince words at the selection call. "Dropping a Man of the Match, that is unbelievable. That's the only word I can use and it's a gentle word. I would like to use quite stronger words, but it's unbelievable that you left out a man of the match, who got eight out of the 20 wickets," the former India captain said on television

At 31, Unadkat isn't likely to get into the Indian team when the likes of Jasprit Bumrah and Mohammed Shami are available, while Kuldeep was once touted by former India head coach Ravi Shastri as the team's No.1 spinner outside Asia.

A useful weapon

Kuldeep, along with leg-spinner Yuzvendra Chahal, changed the dynamic of white-ball cricket a few years ago, even in conditions which hardly had anything for tweakers, before going off the boil. But at 27, his best days should still be ahead of him, if handled properly.

Looking at the bigger picture, with India's qualification for the World Test Championship final resting on the upcoming four-Test home series against Australia, one would have thought that a fit and firing Kuldeep would have been a key weapon, especially remembering what he did in the series-decider at Dharamsala when the Aussies came calling the last time.

But thinking two steps ahead is not what the Indian think tank is known for. If given a choice about whom they will like to face in Indian conditions, the response of the Aussies would be obvious.

With the 50-over World Cup to be held in India in 10 months' time, an on-song Kuldeep would have been a big plus. It's a different format, no doubt, but the confidence and rhythm a player carries can often transcend the length of the game and the colour of the ball in use.

Railways vs Punjab 2.0: 32 ovs, 5 wkts, no casualties

PRATYUSHRAJ NEW DELHI

NO, IT was not Gabba's Day 5 pitch full of cracks on the surface creating confusion for the batsmen, about whether to leave the ball or play. Most of the time they took it on their bodies. With neutral curator SP Singh having left after the first day, the local curator Rakesh Mehrotra was given the overnight job to prepare a fresh pitch after the four-day Ranji game was switched to a two-day affair. The local curators did a reasonable job as there were no injuries and only one batter was hit on the helmet. The fixture was suspended on Wednesday

after the surface was deemed "dangerous and unfit for play" by the match officials. The game restarted on a fresh pitch on Thursday.

Only 32 overs were bowled in the day as the match re-started at 2 PM and only 17 overs were bowled after the tea before bad light forced the umpires to call it a day. At the end of the day's play, captains from both the side Mandeep Singh (Punjab) and Karn Sharma (Railways) refused to make any comments on the pitch.

The Indian Express also tried to reach out to Ashish Bhowmick, the national head of curators, but he didn't answer the repeated calls. Railways were reeling at 59 for 5 after being put into bat first by Punjab with wicketkeeper-batsman Upendra Singh (10 batting) and skipper Karn Sharma (1 batting) at the crease. Both teams made one change in their playing XI; Rahul Rawat debuted after veteran Arindam Ghosh was ruled out due to a fractured wrist. Punjab handed the debut to pacer Gurnoor Brar.

The two debutants had a contrasting day in the office. Rawat was hit on the helmet by Siddharth Kaul on the fourth over of the match, he carried on after the regular concussion check. On the other hand, Brar cleaned up Pratham Singh with a pinpoint yorker. Unlike the first two days, the fresh pitch was not that uneven but still it was a bowler-friendly track, and the Punjab bowlers made the most of it.

The match stopped briefly after debutant Rawat was hit on the helmet and after the nod from match referee Youraj Singh, the umpires instructed the batters to carry on.

"It was a damp wicket. We approached the match referee after Rahul Rawat was hit in the helmet, but he didn't act," said a Railway official. Railways openers Vivek Singh and Rahul Rawat played a couple of delightful cover drives off half-volleys but the moment Siddharth Kaul brought his length back, he looked unplayable and there were lots of oohs and aahs from the Punjab slip cordon. From



The pitch that was used for the first two days of the match. Express photo

the other end, Gurnoor Brar (9-4-8-1) was equally impressive.

Kaul, who was the pick of the bowlers for Puniab told The Indian Express: "I can't make any comments on the pitch as I am neither the captain nor the coach. My job is to take wick-

ets for Punjab and I am happy with my effort." One of the Punjab batsmen, who was hit on the helmet on Day 2 said: "It was a better surface. It is not life-threatening. We will try to wrap up the innings quickly tomorrow and try

to gain a first-innings lead.' With the game starting fresh on a new surface the scores of the cancelled match won't go into the records.

The match was not resumed, it was a restart. Whatever happened in the first two days won't go into any records. It is null and void The match is being played on the fresh pitch, the teams have made changes in their playing XI, so this game will go on the record books, not the previous one," said a BCCI umpire.

Railways are set to play their next three matches against Madhya Pradesh (December 27-30), Jammu and Kashmir (January 3-6) and Tripura (January 10-13) at the Karnail Singh Stadium. There are chances that the venue is likely to be barred from hosting first-class matches and the Railways will have to look for another venue.

It won't be the first time that Karnail Singh Stadium will be suspended for hosting a firstclass match. It has come under the scanner in 2011, after BCCI put the venue on a watch list for producing poor pitches.

A year later, it was 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.

Brief scores: Railways 59/5; 32 overs (SKaul 3/19) vs Punjab.

RANJITROPHY: DAY 3 ROUND-UP

Karnataka bag 7 points

Karnataka pacers Ronit More (4/36), Vidwath Kaverappa (2/44) and Vijaykumar Vyshak (3/23) shared nine wickets between them as they defeated Puducherry by an innings and 7 runs. Brief scores: Puducherry: 170 and 127 in 43 overs (Ronit More 4/36, Vijaykumar Vyshak 3/23, Vidwath Kaverappa 2/44) vs Karnataka 304

Gujarat thrash J&K

Left-arm spinner Siddharth Desai (6/38 & 8/66) bagged fourteen wickets as Gujarat registered a convincing nine wicket win over Jammu and Kashmir. Brief scores: Gujarat 307 and 11/1; 2.5 overs. J & K 135 and following on 182; 58 overs (Nazir 43, Vivrant 41; Desai 8/66, Patel 2/55). Gujarat won by 9 wickets

Twin tons for Hooda

Deepak Hooda (133 & 106 batting) scored his second century of the match to put Rajasthan in a commanding position against Kerala on Day 3.

New Delhi

Brief scores: Rajasthan: 337 & 278/5 in 76 overs (Deepak Hooda 106 batting, Abhijeet Tomar 68; Jalaj Saxena 3/79) vs Kerala 306 in 82.5 overs (Sachin Baby 139, Sanju Samson 82; Aniket Choudhary 5/85, Manav *Suthar 3/87)*

Khare, Mandal shine

Riding on the centuries from Amandeep Khare (125 not out) and Ajay Mandal (114), Chhattisgarh has bagged a crucial first-innings lead of 176 against Services' Brief Scores: Services: 213 & 145/4 in 40 overs (R Singh 71) vs Chhattisgarh: 389 in 130 overs (Amandeep Khare 125 not out, Ajay Mandal 114; Diwesh Pathania 3/71, Pulkit Narang 3/78, Arpit Guleria 3/102)

Gharami shows class

Sudip Gharami scored his second firstclass century to put Bengal on the cusp of a big win against Himachal Pradesh. Brief scores: Bengal: 310 & 291/5 decl (Sudip Gharami 101, Manoj Tiwary 50) vs Himachal Pradesh 130 and 79/1 in 25 overs (Prashant Chopra 44 batting, Ankit *Kalsi 17 batting)*

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How does an 'Impact player' system, started in IPL, work?

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The IPL has introduced the concept of impact player from the upcoming season.

What is that?

Apart from the playing XI, teams can bring in a substitute at any stage of the game. Teams have to name four substitutes apart from the playing XI at the toss. One of them can be brought into the XI at any time as a substitute.

How does it work?

The captain can pick one of the four substitutes as impact player at any juncture and can bring him at the start of the innings or at the end of an over or when a wicket falls. While bowling, if the team brings an impact player at the fall of a wicket in the middle of an over, he can't be called on to bowl. And the replaced player will play no further part in the match.

If a batting side brings on an Impact player, the batsman can replace another batsman who has been dismissed/retired

What are the options for the batting side?

If a batting side brings on an Impact player, the batsman can replace another batsman who has been dismissed / retired. One of the players yet to come in to bat then forsakes his batting turn.

Will the number of overseas players in the XI go up?

No, that cap stays. Only 4 foreign players are allowed at any point. So teams can bring in only Indians as Impact players unless they don't have four overseas players in the XI.

Is there a quota for bowlers?

If player A has bowled his quota of four overs, and is substituted, the Impact player will also be allowed to bowl 4 overs. So a team can essentially use a new ball bowler in the powerplay and bring in a specialist for

IPL MINI-AUCTION

All-rounders Stokes, Curran, Green set to go for big bucks

Multi-utility players tend to get a windfall, but there is no certainty to any of it

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 $IT\,IS\,that\,time\,of\,the\,year\,when\,IPL\,franchise$ officials turn poker-faced and keep their cards close to their chest. Fifteen seasons have gone by since the Indian Premier League came into existence, and the auction strategy has proved to be a tough egg to crack, unless one is an insider. Every auction throws up a surprise or two. Yes, all-rounders and multi-utility players, ones who are regarded as X-factors tend to get a windfall, but there is no certainty to any of it.

For instance, in the full-fledged auction last year, it was fast bowlers, especially the Indians, who walked away with big pay cheques. As the IPL gets ready for a mini-auction on Friday in Kochi, it is time to expect the unexpected. Despite this being a mini-auction, 405 players are in the pool. Ben Stokes, Sam Curran and Cameron Green, all capable fast-medium allrounders and match-winners, are set to trigger a paddle-raising frenzy at the auction.

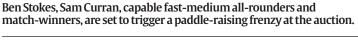
The three are expected to fetch the maximum sum with Sunrisers Hyderabad (Rs 42.25 cr) and Punjab Kings (Rs 32.20 cr) with the biggest pay purse available expected to go all out for them. Of course, others will also be in the fray, but out of the eight Royal Challengers Bangalore and Kolkata Knight Riders have less than Rs 10 crore remaining in their purse and have seven and 14 slots to fill respectively (maximum limit being 25 and the minimum being 18).

Mumbai Indians, Chennai Super Kings, Delhi Capitals have Rs 20.55 cr, Rs 20.45 cr and Rs 19.45 cr available and have nine, seven and $five \, slots \, to \, fill. \, So \, spending \, big \, on \, one \, of \, them \,$ would mean, they would have very little to left.

But this auction will be dictated primarily by two things: the availability of players (especially English and Australians) and the new impact player rule introduced this year by the IPL. With Ashes set to follow soon after the IPL during the English summer and the 50-over World Cup in October-November, there is apprehension among the franchise executives that a few players might pull out of the IPL at the last minute citing fatigue and workload issues.

Which is why despite the availability of Stokes – a player who could win matches on his own with that bat and ball – teams are a little concerned whether to go big for him and





live with the risk of him pulling out at a later stage. For the record, Chris Woakes, Pat Cummins, Mitchell Starc have already pulled out of the IPL or didn't register themselves for the same reason.

Teams will be willing to take that risk, be-

cause he is the sort of player who could ulti-

mately make a big difference. One just has to

look at what Mumbai Indians did last year

when they bought Jofra Archer for Rs 8 crores despite knowing that he won't play the 2022 season," a franchise official said. With most teams having limited purse to splurge and not even a handful of world-class players in the auction list, there is a mismatch between demand and supply. More than the

big auction, it is at the mini-auction where players get a big pay as teams with a huge purse tend to outbid the rest. While teams can fill up to 25 slots, something most usually do, talking to franchise officials and support staff one thing is clear, they are not really looking just for quantity. "Teams

usually go for big squads so that all bases are covered. But there is a huge demand for quality players in a 10-team league. So if you get a pool of 18 players, then well and good. This is where the availability factor comes in and uncapped Indian players benefit out of it," a support staff who has been part of a franchise for over three seasons said. $The \,concern\,about\,availability\,of\,overse as$ players is so serious that according to multiple

franchise executives, they have been doublechecking with the player agents about their commitment. "If you spend big on an overseas player, you expect him to play a big role every season. But if they pull out, it leaves a

huge hole that we can't cover up because of the imbalance in demand and supply," a franchise executive said.

With Ashes and World Cup to follow backto-back, franchises are also expecting few of the overseas players (already part of the team) to arrive with certain terms and conditions. For instance, franchises believe that Australia and England players' workload will be managed by their respective boards, which means they may be forced to miss a game or two at some point, "We haven't heard anything concrete vet, but we have been hearing it unofficially. At the end of the day, they give the NOC and you have to stick to the terms that come with it," the franchise official said.

Impact player rule

The other thing that will make this auction interesting is the impact player rule. With teams allowed to bring in a new player during a game, it helps the teams to be a lot more flexible. While teams usually go into the auction with primary focus on picking a XI, it now becomes a bit more complicated because they have to name 14 players at the toss with any of the additional three being their impact player. "It is a new concept and from what we spoke to our scouts, coaches of domestic teams and captains, it opens the door to be a lot more adventurous. For example, we may not spend big on a player who we think would not fit into our XI. But if we can add him as an impact player, his value is going to increase. It is an unknown territory for us, but one we are also excited about," said a support staff member who watched the Syed Mushtaq Ali T20s where the impact player was first introduced.

CSK, Mumbai Indians look to replace Bravo, Pollard

Sunrisers Hyderabad have biggest purse with Rs 42.25 crores

Who will replace Thakur **Delhi Capitals**

Purse remaining: Rs 19.45 crore **Available slots:** 5 (2 overseas)

Have their core intact. But traded Shardul Thakur to Kolkata Knight Riders for Aman Khan and released Srikar Bharat and Tim Seifert. They are a team that likes to have good players as cover so expect them to go for an all-rounder and wicket-keeper.

Who will fill Pollard's shoes? **Mumbai Indians**

Purse remaining: Rs 20.55 crore **Available slots:** 9 (3 overseas)

Having failed to make play-offs in succes-

sive seasons, MI are continuing to rebuild. They need a reliable spinner, allrounder to fill Kieron Pollard's place, and fast bowlers given their star pacers Jasprit Bumrah and Jofra Archer are injury prone. Need at least two players who can walk into their playing XI.

Lots of slots to fill Sunrisers Hyderabad

Purse remaining: Rs 42.25 crore **Available slots:** 13 (4 overseas)

Have the biggest purse. They are without a captain, a wicketkeeper, a top-order batsman, a middle-order batsman, an all-rounder, and a wrist-spinner. There are too many vacant slots and given the short supply of quality players, have a big task in hand.

Pacer to reduce Hardik workload

Gujarat Titans Purse remaining: Rs 19.25 crore

Available slots: 7 (3 overseas)

The core that won the title is intact. Having traded Lockie Ferguson to Kolkata, they need an overseas pacer and an Indian to reduce the workload on Hardik Pandya. They also need a top-order batter and if possible an Indian wicketkeeper.

A batsman with good strike rate

Royal Challengers Bangalore Purse remaining: Rs 8.75 crore **Available slots:** 7 (2 overseas)

They have not released any of their firstchoice players. For a change have a definite plan in place and will look for an overseas pacer as well as an Indian. Need a batsman, one with a good strike-rate to make up for Faf du Plessis and Virat Kohli's relatively slow starts when batting

KKR need death over specialist **Kolkata Knight Riders Purse remaining:** Rs 7.05 crore

Available slots: 11 (3 overseas)

Have traded Shardul Thakur, Lockie Ferguson, Rahmanullah Gurbaz. Leave aside squad players, with the smallest purse available, have to pick a middle-order batter (who can be wicketkeeper), an opening batter, and a reliable death bowler. And hope none of their first-choice XI gets injured.

Dhoni's backup behind stumps

Chennai Super Kings Purse remaining: Rs 20.45 crore

Available slots: 7 (2 overseas)

Need Indian batsmen who can slot in the middleorder straight away. An allrounder to fill Dwayne Bravo's shoes, an overseas fast bowler and an Indian pacer. Bonus would be getting players with age on their side and a keeper to eventually replace MS

Needed: A couple of fast bowlers

Lucknow Super Giants Purse remaining: Rs 23.35 crore Available slots: 10 (4 overseas)

Having invested heavily in domestic players, their main focus is to pick players who can compliment them. So will need an allrounder, a couple of fast bowlers to make them look formidable. Won't sweat on filling all the slots if they get their picks.

Reliable middle-order batsman **Rajasthan Royals**

Purse remaining: Rs 13.3 crore **Available slots:** 9 (4 overseas)

Need a reliable middle-order batsman as

they seem too top-heavy and all are one-dimensional. So if they can get one in that area, it would make them all-round. Like the rest of the teams, they need an all-rounder to add strength. Their bowling looks strong, and may look for a back-up or two.

Fast bowling all-rounder

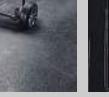
Punjab Kings

Purse remaining: Rs 32.2 crore **Available slots:** 9 (3 overseas)

Have again decided to tweak. That should come as no surprise. But they have a good core of players meaning if they get an Indian middle-order batsman, a fastbowling all-rounder, and Indian pacer and a spinner, they will go home happy.













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