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E-TENDERING PRESS NOTICE The Executive Engineer, CD-I Irrigation & Flood Contro Department, GNCTD Opp. ESI lospital, Basai Darapur Office Complex New Delhi- 110027 invites on behalf of the President of India, online percentage rate tender from approved and eligible contractors for the ollowing works:-

- NIT No. EE/CD-I/DB/NIT/2022-23/115 (ID No. 2022_IFC_ 233276_1) H.O.A:- 4515- Plar (Panchayat). Name of Work:-Construction of boundary wall in Gram Sabha land Bearing Kh.No.240(4-16) at village Dindarpur in Distt. South-West Delhi. E.C. Rs. 24,00,936/ Earnest Money: Rs. 48,019/period of Completion 60 Days (Date of submission & opening of bid on 26.12.2022 at 3:00 PM. & 3:05 PM respectively.)
- NIT No. EE/CD-I/DB/NIT/2022-23/116 (ID No. 2022_IFC_ 233292_1) H.O.A:- 4217-Plan (MLALAD). Name of Work:-Providing and fixing 6 Nos Multiplay Fun System at various locations in Delhi Cantt. Assembly Constituency.-38. E.C. Rs. 44,42,574/- Earnest Money- Rs. 88,851/- period of Completion 60 Days. (Date of submission & opening of bid or 26.12.2022 at 3:00 PM. & 3:05 PM respectively.)
- NIT No. EE/CD-I/DB/NIT/2022 23/117 (ID No. 2022_IFC_ 233279_1) H.O.A:- 4515-Plan (RDB). Name of Work:-Construction of library hall in Kh. No. 1150 at village Bajokar in Mehrauli constituency. E.C Rs. 66,12,823/- Earnest Money: Rs 1.32,256/- period Completion 180 Days. (Date of submission & opening of bid on 26.12.2022 at 3:00 P.M. & 3:05 PM respectively.)

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- NIT No. EE/CD-I/DB/NIT/2022-(ID No. 2022_IFC_ 23/118 233293_1) H.O.A:- 2711-Nor Plan, Name of Work:- Sprinkling of water by deploying water tanker to curb air /dust pollution along right bank of Najafgarh drain from Kakraula Regulator RD 30180m to Pankha Road Outfall BD 37180m, E.C. Bs 12,54,420/- Earnest Money:- Rs. **25,088/-** period of Completion 90 Days. (Date of submission & opening of bid on 26.12.2022 at 3:00 PM. & 3:05 P.M. respectively.)
- NIT No. EE/CD-I/DB/NIT/2022-(ID No. 2022_IFC_ 23/119 233294_1) H.O.A:- 2711-Non Plan, Name of Work:- Sprinkling of water by deploying wate tanker to curb air/dust pollution along right bank of Najafgarh drain from Outer ring Road RD 40680m to Basaidarapur Bridge RD 45316m. E.C. Rs. 12,54,420/ Earnest Money:- Rs. 25,088/period of Completion 90 Days (Date of submission & opening of bid on 26.12.2022 at 3:00 PM. 8 3:05 PM respectively.)
- NIT No. EE/CD-I/DB/NIT/2022-23/120 (ID No. 2022 IFC 233281_1) H.O.A:- 2217-Plan (MLALAD). Name of Work: Providing and fixing outdoo exercise fitness equipment (open gym) on Paradise, Gyatri Manjil, Shree Radha, Roya residency, Serve Sanjhi, Sukh Sagar, Sunview, Mount Everest socities and a underground water tank in Shree Radha society in Constituency in Bijwasan AC-36 (BALANCE WORK). E.C. Rs. 12,65,500/- Earnest Money:- Rs. 25,310/- period of Completion 90 Days. (Date of submission & opening of bid on 26 12 2022 at 3:00 PM. & 3:05 PM respectively.)

Tender Notice	
NIT No- 17/C.E.(Bridge Zone) /2022-23	Date 16.12.2022
Online Tender for mentioned below are being invite	d. The Tender have beer
uploaded on the mptenders. system of Public Works	Department on the Porta
www.mptenders.gov.in Tender details are as below:-	

S.				Name of work	Call	Cost of	(EMD Fee/Tender
No.	No.		of		No.	Project	Fee) All Tender
			work			(PAC)	Document &
						(Rs. In	Other Document
						lack)	Submission
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
1	2022	Sagar	Bridge	Construction of Railway Over Bridge L.C.	First	2800.18	Online Only
	PWDRB		Work	No. 310 (A) in Km 980/9-10 on Malkhedi-			
	_237904_1			Karond Track on Bina- Malthone Road in			
				Sagar District.			
2	2022	Narmadapur	Bridge	Construction of R.O.B. at L.C.No.242, in Rly	First	2263.72	Online Only
	PWDRB	am	Work	Km No.830/25-27 on Itarsi Jabalpur Section			
	_237905_1			on Narmadapuram- Jabalpur Road. SH 22			
3	2022	Mandsaur	Bridge	Construction of Submersible Bridge	Second	1860.03	Online Only
	PWDRB		Work	Including Approach Road Across Chambal			
	_237906_1			River on Sitamou Choumbala Road in Km			
				13/6 District Mandsaur.			
4	2022	Harda	Bridge	Construction of RO B. at L.C.No.201, in Rly	First	1751.87	Online Only
	PWDRB		Work	Km. No.655/22-24 between Itarsi Khandwa			
	_238055_1			Section on Sirali - Masongaon Rd. MDR in			
				Harda District			
5	2022	Sagar	Bridge	Construction of Submersible Bridge across	Second	930.86	Online Only
	PWDRB		Work	Sonar River in Km 1/6 on Luhagar-Nareta			
	_237907_1			Road Including Approach Road, Protection			
				Work and H.P. Culvert. (Distt. Sagar)			
6	2022	Dewas		Construction of High L.vel Bridge Across		825.49	Online Only
	PWDRB		Work	Datuni River on Fatehgarh to Melpipliya			
	_237908_1			Road District Dewas			
				Total		10432.15	

The document can only be purchased online from the above website after making online payment. The last date & time for purchase of Document on line is Dated 06/01/2023 up to (17:30) Detailed NIT and other details can be viewed on the above mentioned portal. Amendments to NIT, if any, would be published on website only, and not in newspaper.

> Sd/ **Chief Engineer**

PWD Bridge Construction Zone Bhopal

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OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER AGRA CIRCLE, P.W.D AGRA Notice inviting E-Tender

Letter No. : 6497/14M-A.C/2022 Date :- 20.12.2022 I. The Superintending Engineer Agra Circle, U.P.P.W.D. on behalf of Governor of Uttar Pradesh invites the percentage rate bids online from the eligible and approved registered Contractors. As The work Comprises of specialized Road work, hence contractors bidding for this work must be registered in Road work with UP PWD. Bidders are advised to note the minimum qualification criteria specified in Clause 4 of the Instructions to Bidders to qualify for the award of the contract

SI. No	District	Name of Work	Esti- mated cost (Rs. in Lac)	Bid Security (Rs. in Lacs)	Cost of Document (in Rs.)	Time of Comp- letion	Address of Executive Engineer executing the work	Address of Superin- tending Engineer	Address of Chief Engineer	Cate- gory of Contr- actor
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
1	Mathura	Renewal work of Kosi- Goverdhan- Sonkh-Farah Road in Distt. Mathura	55.00	4.75	Rs.2000.00 STC +300.00TC+ 54.00GST = 2354.00	03 Months	Executive Engineer, Provincial Division, P.W.D., Mathura	Superinten- ding Engineer, Agra Circle, P.W.D., Agra	Chief Engineer, Agra Zone, P.W.D., Agra	Class A, B, C
2	Mathura	Special repair work of Gatholi Mainer Road (ODR) in Distt. Mathura	100.00	7.00	Rs.2000.00 STC +300.00TC+ 54.00GST = 2354.00	03 Months	Executive Engineer, Provincial Division, P.W.D., Mathura	Superinten- ding Engineer, Agra Circle, P.W.D., Agra	Chief Engineer, Agra Zone, P.W.D., Agra	Class A, B
3	Mathura	Special Repair work of Kotvan to Hatana Road in Distt. Mathura	65.00	5.25	Rs.2000.00 STC +300.00TC+ 54.00GST = 2354.00	03 Months	Executive Engineer, Provincial Division, P.W.D., Mathura	Superinten- ding Engineer, Agra Circle, P.W.D., Agra	Chief Engineer, Agra Zone, P.W.D., Agra	Class A, B, C
4	Mathura	Renewal work of Goverdhan-Bypass Road in Distt. Mathura	290.00	16.50	Rs.2000.00 STC +300.00TC+ 54.00GST = 2354.00	03 Months	Executive Engineer, Provincial Division, P.W.D., Mathura	Superinten- ding Engineer, Agra Circle, P.W.D., Agra	Chief Engineer, Agra Zone, P.W.D., Agra	Class A

http://etender.up.nic.in and Prahari (http://wms.upppwd.gov.in/Prahari) From 28.12.2022 to 03.01.2023. Bids must be submitted online only at e-tendering portal o http://etender.up.nic.in and Prahari App with all documents as per GO No 14/2020/879(1). 23-7/2020/176(सा.)/06 Dt 25-08-2020 on or before 12:30 Hours Dt. 03.01.2023. Technical Bid received online will be opened on 04.01.2023 at 12:30 Hours.

same issued from approved agencies before submission of bids.

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Applications are invited from eligible female candidates for the following Govt. aided vacant posts of Assistant Professors on regular basis in Tika Ram Girls College Sonepal

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Haryana Govt, U.G.C and M.D. University, Rohtak. Eligible persons may apply to General Secretary, Tika Ram Education Society (Regd.), Sonepat and sent to Tika Ram Model School, Sonepat on prescribed application form which may be downloaded from college website www.trgc.edu in along with self attested copies o all certificates and a demand draft of Rs. 500/- for General and Rs. 250/- for B.C (A and S.C candidates respectively in favour of Principal, Tika Ram Girls College Sonepat within 21 days of publication of this advertisement i.e. upto 13.01.2023 Email of college is principal trgo@gmail.com

One copy of the application along with attested testimonials be sent to D.C.D.C. M.D. University Rohtak.

Idelay. Surinder Singh Dahiya, President Tika Ram Education Society (Regd.), Sonipat No consideration for postal delay.

SEARCH FOR MISSING



Suhani

Wearing-Colourful Suit and Colourful Leggings & Kesariya Chappal in her feet has been missing from her house since 14.12.2022. In this Regard FIR No. 981/22 u/s 363 IPC dated 14.12.2022 has been lodged at PS. Paschim Vihar West, Delhi.

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

E-mail : cic@cbi.gov.in SHO Ph : 011-24368638, 24368641 Fax : 011-23011334 P.S. Paschim Vihar, Delhi Ph.: 011-25278900, 25280979 7065036130 DP/3964/OD/2022

PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF ACCUSED PERSON

See Section 82 Cr. P. C.

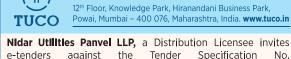
Whereas complaint has been made before me that accused person namely (1) Ikram @ Arif @ Rihan S/o Abdul Gani (2) Imran @ Mobin @ Kalua s/o Sabir R/o F-6, Ballu, Wali Jhuggi No.16 Sultanpuri Delhi have committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence under. case FIR. No. 172/2010 u/s 25 Arms Act. has been registered at P.S.Jafrabad, Delhi and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest there upon issued that the said,(1) Ikram @ Arif @ Rihan (2) Imran @ Mobin@Kalua cannot be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said, (1) Ikram @ Arif @ Rihan (2) Imran @ Mobin @ Kalua has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant).

Proclamation is hereby made that the said accused, (1) Ikram @ Arif @ Rihan(2) Imran @ Mobin @ Kalua of case. FIR. No. 172/2010 U/s 25 Arms Act.registered at PS. Jafrabad, Delhi is required to appear before this court to answer the said complaint on or before 07.02.2023.

By Order Sh. Bharat Aggarwal MM DP/4035/NE/2022- Court matter Karkardooma Courts Delhi

APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION

General public is hereby informed that an unidentified person whose name,



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Date: 24.12.2022

e-tenders against the Tender Specification No. NUPLLP/Short/22-23/ET/211 at www.mstcecommerce.com for purchase of Short-Term power of 3 MW RTC for the period 1 July, 2023 to 30 June, 2024 as per the guidelines issued by the Ministry of Power, Government of India dated 30 March 2016 and amendments thereof.

NIDAR UTILITIES PANVEL LLP

The tender documents will be available to the Bidders only through e-tender website viz.www.mstcecommerce.com. Bids are to be submitted on www.mstcecommerce.com only and the hard copy of the Technical Bid is to be submitted on the above mentioned address. All the other details, terms & conditions are mentioned in the tender document.

> Sd/-Authorized Signatory

> > Sd/-

Director Agriculture.

Jharkhand, Ranchi.

Directorate of Agriculture, Jharkhand, Ranchi Krishi Bhawan, Kanke Road, Ranchi-834008

REQUEST FOR EMPANELMENT (RFE) CANCELLATION NOTICE

RFE Reference No.: Agri/05/2022-23 Dated-13.10.2022 PR No.-279869 Agriculture (22-23)#D

Request for empanelment (RFE) from interested govt. Companies/organization / non-govt. Companies Organization / Agencies To Equip & Operate The Soil Testing Laboratories in Ranchi, Dumka, Bokaro, Deoghar, Godda, Jamtara, Giridih, Khunti, Sahibganj, Koderma, Dhanbad & Pakur districts of Jharkhand on public private-partnership (PPP) is being Cancelled due to Unavoidable Circumstances.

PR 285794 (Agriculture) 22-23 (D)

APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICAT



General public is hereby informed that an unidentified dead body of male namely Girish, S/o Unknown, R/o Unknown, Age: 45 years, Complexion: Fair, Height: 152 cms., Face: Long wrinkled, Built: Normal, Hair: Normal Long Black, was wearing Blue Shirt, was found at Pillar No. 792 Bus Stand, Dwarka Mor, Delhi

on 07.11.2022 at 2.00 PM. In this regard a DD No. 11A, dated 07.11.2022, has been lodged at P.S.

Any person having any information or clue about the deceased may kindly inform to the undersigned on the

Ph.: 011-28031878, 28031879

E-Tender on behalf of the President of India acting through Sr. Divisional Engineer (Co-ordination). Divisional Railway Manager (Works) West Centra Railway Manager (Works) West Central Railway, Jabalpur for the following vorks: NIT No. - DRMW-JBP-213-2022 Dated: 20/12/2022, Name of world with Location - Katni - Satna: - Construction of boundary wall/compound wal along track at Katni - Satna section under Asistant Divisional Engineer (South Satna Sub-Division. Approx cost of the work - Rs. 7,37,82,764/-, Earnest Money to be deposited - 5.18.900/-. Completion Period - 12 Months, NI No. - DRMW-JBP-214-2022 Dated: 20/12/2022, Name of work with Location - Development of siding facility for RGM & SRGM at Sihora, Maihar, Satna or Jabalpur - Manikpur and Damoh on Bina - Katni section. Approx cost of the work- Rs. 1,44,85,121/-, Earnest Money to be deposited - 2,22,400/-Completion Period - 12 Months, NIT No. - DRMW-JBP-215-2022 Dated 20/12/2022, Name of work with Location - Maihar - Raising of platform to high level at Maihar. . Approx cost of the work- Rs. 2,17,50,197/-, Earnest Money to be deposited -2,58,800/-, Completion Period - 12 Months, NIT No. DRMW-JBP-216-2022 Dated: 21/12/2022, Name of work with Location Extension of existing Carriage watering by 8 coach at Jabalpur. Approx cost of the work- Rs. 9,78,520/-, Earnest Money to be deposited- 19,600/-Completion Period - 05 Months, NIT No. - DRMW-JBP-217-2022 Dated 21/12/2022, Name of work with Location - Construction of store building a co Rake maintenance at Jabalpur. Approx cost of the 1,15,49,658/-, Earnest Money to be deposited- 2,07,800/-, Completior Period - 12 Months, NIT No. - DRMW-JBP-218-2022 Dated: 21/12/2022 Name of work with Location - Replacement of 30 units old type - I guarters at Jabalpur by type-II quarters. Approx cost of the work- Rs. 3,41,80,144/-Earnest Money to be deposited- 3.20.900/-. Completion Period - 18 Months. NIT No. - DRMW-JBP-219-2022 Dated: 21/12/2022, Name of work with Location - Two miscellaneous works under Jabalpur Division, Part A Jabalpur - Provision of 05 units RB-V quarters at jabalpur. Part B: - Jabalpur New Katni Jn - Construction of 3 units Type IV quarters at NKJ & 2 units Type \ quarters at jabalpur. Approx cost of the work- Rs. 3,81,06,400/-, Earnes Money to be deposited- 3.40.500/-. Completion Period - 18 Months, NIT No DRMW-JBP-220-2022 Dated: 21/12/2022. Name of work with Location New katni Junction - augmentation of Facilities for attending sick wagon at NKJ Part A- Provision of Pathway in receivng yard SPARMV siding (TG-1) Old sick line, New sick line, New yard, departure yard, New yard between TL-2 & TL-3 at NKJ depot under ADEN(M) katni Sub Division, part (B) - Construction o examination pit (40mX0.8m) at old sick line no. 5 & connection of pit drainage to existing drain of OSL and provision of Pathway at outside ROH shed (Towords katni end) in O R H, shed at NKJ under ADEN (M) Kanti sub division (leftove works.) Replacement of 30 units old type - I quarters at Jabalpur by type-I quarters. Approx cost of the work- Rs.98.38.026/-, Earnest Money to be deposited- 1.96.800/-. Completion Period - 12 Months, NIT No. - DRMW JBP-221-2022 Dated: 21/12/2022, Name of work with Location - Repairs to (i) Sand Hump of Jabalpur Adhartal, Deori and Sihora Yard (ii) Stabling siding and dead ends at Dundi kachhpura and (iii) Pit lines including Aprons at jabalpu Yard under Assistant Divisional Engineer Jabalpur. Approx cost of the work Rs. 1.77.58.234/-, Earnest Money to be deposited- 2.38.800/-, Completion Period - 12 Months, For all above NIT's clsoing date & time of tender (Up to 15:00 hrs on) - 17.01.2023, For all above NIT's Opening Date & Time of tender (Up to 15:15 hrs on) - 17.01.2023 The Complete information of the above E-Tenders are available in website on "https://www.ireps.gov.in" and also placed on the notice board of the Divisional Railwy manager (Works) office C of West Central Railway, jabalpur Tender other than in form of e-bids shall not be accepted against above tenders.

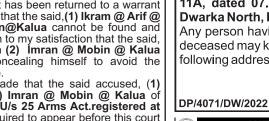


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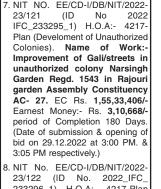
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P.S. Dwarka North, Delhi

WEST CENTRAL RAILWAY Notice Inviting Tender - Engineering Branch



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233296_1) H.O.A:- 4217-Plan (Development of Unauthorized Colonies). Name of Work: Improvement of street/galis in unauthorized colony Tartar Pur Rajouri Garden Assembly Constituency AC- 27 (Regd 386). E.C. Rs. 1,35,17,964/ Earnest Money:- Rs. 2,70,359/ period of Completion, 180 Davs (Date of submission & opening o bid on 29.12.2022 at 3:00 PM. & 3:05 P.M respectively.)

NIT No. EE/CD-I/DB/NIT/2022 23/123 (ID No. 2022_IFC_ 233287_1) H.O.A:- 4217-Plan (Develoment of Unauthorized Colonies), Name of Work: Improvement of streets and side drain at U-Block, Uttam Nagar in Matiala Assembly Constituency AC-34. (Reda. No. 893). E.C. Rs 2,81,07,920/- Earnest Money:- Rs. 5,62,158/- period of Completion 120 Days. (Date of submission & opening of bid on 29.12.2022 at 3:00 P.M. & 3:05 P.M respectively. Note :- 1) Details of above mentioned vorks & eligibility criteria can be seer and downloaded from the web site

https://govtprocurement.delhi.gov.in . Amendment(s)/ alteration(s) orrigendum if any, will be availabl at website only.

> Sd/ **EXECUTIVE ENGINEER/CD-I** DIP/Shabdarth/0514/22-23

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DEMAND NOTICE

(under Rule 3 (1) of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002) SUBSTITUTED SERVICE OF NOTICE U/s.13 (2) of SECURITISATION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT, 2002.

Notice is hereby given to the borrowers as mentioned below that since they have defaulted in repayment of the Credit facility availed by them from Aditya Birla Housing Finance Limited (ABHFL), their loan accounts have been classified as Non-Performing Assets in the books of the Company as per RBI guidelines thereto. Thereafter, ABHFL has issued demand notices under section 13(2) of the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (SARFAESI Act) on the last known addresses of the said borrowers thereby calling upon and demanding from them to repay the entire outstanding amount together with further interest at thecontractual rate on the aforesaid amount and incidental expenses, cost, charges etc as stated in the said demand notices. However, the demand notice is also being served by way of publication, as per Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 (SARFAESI Rules)

	SI. No	Name and Address Borrower/ Co-Borrower and Guarantor / Co-Guarantor & Loan A/C No.	NPA Date	Date of Demand Notice	Amount due as per Demand Notice /as on Date				
	1	 ARUN KUMAR, House On Part Plot No. 153, Kh No. 25 Nagar Nigam No. 5c/A. P./P-153 Anjani Puram Anjali Puram Colony Nagla Albatiya Lohamandi Ward Agra 282010. 2. REKHA House On Part Plot No. 153, Kh No. 25 Nagar Nigam No. 	08-11-2022	17-12-2022	Rs. 25,84,874.24/- (Rupees Twenty Five Lakh Eighty Four Thousand				
		5c/A. P./P-153 Anjani Puram Anjali Puram Colony Nagla Albatiya Lohamandi Ward Agra 282010. 3. M/S ARUN KUMAR CSP			Eight Hundred Seventy Four and				
		House On Part Plot No. 153, Kh No. 25 Nagar Nigam No. 5c/A. P./P-153 Anjani Puram Anjali Puram Colony Nagla Albatiya			Twenty Four Paise Only) by way of				
		Lohamandi Ward Agra 282010. 4. ARUN KUMAR C/O ARUN KUMAR CSP 153 Sbi-Csp Anjani Puram Colony, Shahaganj 282010. 5. M/S ARUN KUMAR CSP, 153 Sbi-Csp Anjani Puram Colony, Near Shanti Vatika, Shahaganj, Agra 282010.			outstanding principal, arrears (including accrued late charges) and				
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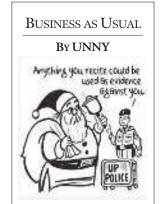
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16 Army men killed as truck falls off mountain road in North Sikkim

Four injured, truck fell while taking sharp turn: Defence

DEBRAJ DEB AGARTALA, DECEMBER 23

SIXTEEN INDIAN Army personnel including three Junior Commissioned Officers (JCOs) were killed and four injured HC grants bail Friday when a truck carrying them fell off a mountain road while negotiating a sharp turn at Zema in North Sikkim.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh arrest, says no



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Kappan to be released after court's break, says

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ASAD REHMAN LUCKNOW, DECEMBER 23

MORE THAN two years after he was arrested by the Uttar Pradesh Police while heading to the Hathras home of a young Dalit woman who died after an alleged gangrape, journalist Siddique Kappan was granted bail Friday by the Lucknow bench of the Allahabad High Court in a money laundering case filed by the Enforcement Directorate.

In his order, Justice Dinesh Kumar Singh said "except for allegations that Rs 5,000 was transferred in the bank account of coaccused, Atikur Rahman, there is no other transaction, either in the bank account of the accused-applicant or in the bank account of co-accused".

Kappan had been granted bail by the Supreme Court on September 9 this year in an Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act case after being booked by the UP Police for alleged links with the radical Popular Front of India- the Centre banned the PFI **CONTINUED ON PAGE 4**

THE WORLD

decades in incarceration.

Remains of the truck in Zema, North Sikkim on Friday. ANI

President Droupadi Murmu.

and Home Minister Amit Shah speedy recovery. were among those who ex-Zema is near Lachen, around 130 km from state capital pressed anguish over the loss of lives and wished the injured Gangtok



In a statement, Defence spokesperson Lieutenant Colone Mahendra Rawat said, "In a tragic road accident, involving an Army truck on 23 December 2022 at Zema, North Sikkim, sixteen **CONTINUED ON PAGE 4**

Police escort Charles Sobhraj to the Immigration Department in Kathmandu after his release on Friday. Reuters

Charles Sobhraj freed after 19 years in jail, deported within hours to France

'I am going straight to my family... I hope to live for many years to come' CHARLES SOBHRAJ, the infamous "bikini killer", was Friday

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RITU SARIN Authorities in Nepal moved NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 23





Covid's PMGKAY merged with NFSA entitlement of 5 kg per person per month

SAFETY NET WITH SAVINGS

For one year from Jan,

Govt makes foodgrains

free for 81 crore people

HARIKISHAN SHARMA NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 23

COMBINING FISCAL prudence and the imperative of safety net, the Union government Friday said it would provide free foodgrains to beneficiaries under the National Food Security Act, 2013, as per their entitlement, for a year beginning January 2023. It has, however, discontinued the Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana launched in April 2020 amid Covid-19 under which 5 kg of free foodgrains was provided to every person on top of the NFSA entitlement of 5 kg foodgrains at subsidised rates.

"The Central government provides foodgrains to people – rice at Rs 3 per kg, wheat Rs 2 per kg, and coarse grains Rs 1 per kg -

Softening post-Covid

EXPLAINED FOR THE first time, India will have a Central food security legislation which gives the poor a 'right' to receive 5 kg foodgrains free of cost. Earlier, the poor – about 81.34 crore people comprising 75 per cent living in rural areas and 50 per cent in urban areas – paid a small price of Rs 3 per kg for rice and Rs 2 per kg for wheat. The decision softens the blow the poor may suffer with the PM Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana being discontinued by the end of the month. Under PMGKAY, the government provided 5 kg foodgrains free on top of the NFSA entitlement of 5 kg subsidised foodgrains.

under the NFSA. Now, the Prime Minister has taken a historic decision to provide food security to the poor free of cost across the country," Union Food Minister Piyush Goyal said briefing reporters on the Cabinet decisions.

The NFSA covers about 81.35 crore people and Goyal said the Centre would bear the entire cost of Rs 2 lakh crore to provide them food security. Asked if the government has decided to discontinue the Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana, he said, "It has been merged (with that scheme has been added to the NFSA. Now, the entire quantity of 5 kg and 35 kg under the NFSA would be available free of cost. There is no need for additional foodgrains.

The NFSA covers 50 per cent of the urban population and 75 per cent of the rural population. There are two categories of beneficiary households under the **CONTINUED ON PAGE 4**

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Intranasal vaccine gets clearance as booster option in Covid fight

the NFSA). The free portion of

ANONNA DUTT NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 23

RAMPING UP its anti-Covid measures amid a surge in cases in other countries, mainly China, the Government has added Bharat Biotech's intranasal vaccine Incovacc to its vaccination programme as a mix-andmatch, or heterologous, booster dose. Incovacc is the world's first intranasal vaccine to be approved as a booster dose.

The vaccine, which is deliv-



INCOVACC WILL be available as a booster dose only to adults who have got 2 doses of either Covaxin or Covishield. It will not be administered to any other category, for now, including those who have already taken booster dose.

ered without a needle through the nose, will be available in a few days at private centres across the country. It is expected to be available as an option on the Government's vaccine management platform, CoWIN, from late Friday.

This is the second heterologous booster to be included in the vaccination programme after Corbevax in August. Incovacc received the nod from the country's apex drug regulator as a primary dose in September and as **CONTINUED ON PAGE 4**



RUSSIA WANTS WAR TO END, SAYS PUTIN 2 DEAD, 4 WOUNDED IN PARIS SHOOTING **PAGE 16**

a 6 pm (local time) Qatar Airlines flight to Doha, en route to Paris, ensuring that he spent the least possible time in the country as a free man. Sobhraj was convicted and

YUBARAJ GHIMIRE

KATHMANDU, DECEMBER 23

deported to his home country of

France, hours after his release in

the morning in Kathmandu

where he spent close to two

Kathmandu in 2003. A murder

case from the 1970s was re-

opened and the courts awarded

him a life term – which, in Nepal,

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WHILE IN prison in Kathmandu,

Charles Sobhraj would make the occasional phone call to me iust as he did while I covered his trial in India and during his stint jailed in India in 1976 on the in Tihar Jail. The calls from charge of murder and was re-Kathmandu were mostly when he was taken out of jail for a court leased in 1997. He landed in hearing or a visit to the hospital. prison again after he came to

On August 15, 2016, when his release seemed imminent, Sobhraj replied to questions I sent him by email, with a caveat: the interview, he insisted, should

be published only on his release from Kathmandu Jail. Since then, however, his release kept getting delayed — in 2017, he had a heart surgery and then came the Covid pandemic.



Sobhraj in 2016; and (right) his prison cell then. Charles Sobhraj

In the interview, Sobhrai spoke about his arrest from a casino in Nepal in 2003, his stint in Delhi's Tihar Jail between 1976 and 1997, and the book and **CONTINUED ON PAGE 4**

INSIDE

70 kids' deaths: Gambian panel holds cough syrup manufacturer Maiden culpable, seeks legal action

Report comes after Indian authority gave clean chit, said no causal link data shared

ANONNA DUTT NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 23

A SELECT committee of the Gambian National Assembly has concluded that the deaths of 70 children due to acute kidnev in-

jury are linked to their consump-

tion of four contaminated syrups this year, 82 children were conmade by Indian pharma firm Maiden Pharmaceuticals. The firmed to have suffered acute committee, in its report submitkidney injury in the Gambia. Of

ted this week, has recommended them, 70 died. that Maiden be blacklisted, its "The Select Committee is products banned in the Gambian convinced that Maiden Pharmaceuticals Ltd. is culpable and market and legal action be pursued against the company. should be held accountable for

Between June and November exporting the contaminated medicines that was linked to the death of at least 70 children." according to the report. It added that the syrups were contaminated with diethylene glycol and ethylene glycol.

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PRATYUSH RAJ NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 23

HE WAS once a promising batsman, but sacrificed his career to take over the family business after his father Himanshu Sharma died of kidney failure in 2015. Vikrant Sharma's decision allowed his younger brother

Vivrant to pursue his cricketing dream

On Friday, that family deci-

sion paid off when Vivrant, the 23-year-old J&K leg-spinning allrounder, was picked by Sunrisers Hyderabad for Rs 2.60 crore -

13-fold his base price – at the IPL mini-auction in Kochi. And yet, Vivrant's day of joy was tinged with regret. "If my father had been alive, he would

have been very happy. But still, my journey has just begun. Papa's demise hit us. My brother took over the business (acid and chemicals) and told me to focus on cricket. He had played at the inter-university level. He was my idol and I used to copy his batting stance. I was a right-handed bats-



His big brother gave up cricket for him, 23-yr-old

from Jammu repays faith with Rs 2.6-cr IPL deal

Vivrant Sharma was picked up by Sunrisers Hyderabad

man and switched just to mimic my brother, and the change

record-breaking buys at the IPL with Punjab Kings shelling out an all-time high of Rs 18.25 crore for England all-rounder Sam Curran. Two other all-rounders – Cameron Green (Mumbai Indians, Rs 17.5 crore) and Ben Stokes (Chennai Super Kings, Rs 16.25 crore) - also triggered frenzied bidding in Kochi.

In Jammu, meanwhile

Vivrant's mother Sunita Mangotra is a high-school teacher who made sure that her son chased his dream singlemindedly. "She has been the backbone of our family. She is

shared videos of his bowling with the team management. **CONTINUED ON PAGE 4**

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stuck," Vivrant told The Indian Express from Ahmedabad where J&K was involved in a Ranji Trophy game against Gujarat. Friday also marked several

one of the most strong-willed women I have seen. She always told me, 'don't worry, just follow your dream and make sure you reach there'," Vivrant said. Last year, Vivrant was with Sunrisers Hyderabad as a net bowler, picked after his senior in

the J&K team, Abdul Samad,

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FULL REPORTS ON WWW.INDIANEXPRESS.COM **FROM PAGE ONE** For 1 year, foodgrains free for 81 crore people

NFSA – Antyoday Anna Yojana (AAY) and the Priority Households. While the AAY households are entitled to 35 kg of foodgrains per month irrespective of the number of family members, the priority households get foodgrains depending on the number of family members (each member 5 kg per month).

An official told The Indian Express that the NFSA would have to be amended and a notification was expected soon.

As per the latest allocation order for December, 13.67 lakh metric tonnes of wheat and 31.72 lakh metric tonnes of rice are required under the NFSA. The monthly requirement of the

bravehearts of the Indian Army

was part of a three-vehicle con-

voy that had moved from

Chatten in the morning towards

the Thangu area. At Zema, the

vehicle skidded down a steep

slope while negotiating a sharp

cue mission was launched and

four injured soldiers were air-

with the bereaved families, at

Soon after the accident, a res-

"The Indian Army stands firm

He said the ill-fated vehicle

have lost their lives."

turn, he said.

lifted

PMGKAY stood at about 40 lakh metric tonnes (wheat: 7 lakh metric tonnes and rice: 33 lakh metric tonnes) The government used to re-

ceive Rs 13.900 crore in a vear from selling subsidised foodgrains under the NFSA. With this additional outgo, the total food security bill will rise to about Rs 2 lakh crore. Discontinuing the PMGKAY would, however, save the government Rs 15,000 crore a month or about Rs 1.8 lakh

crore a year. The discontinuation of PMGKAY comes at a time when the foodgrains stock has depleted over the months. As on December 1, 2022, the wheat

and rice (including unmilled paddy) stocks in the Central pool stood at 190.27 lakh metric tonnes and 364 lakh metric tonnes. While the rice stock po-

sition is comfortable, the wheat stock is just above the buffer stock requirement norms. As per the official data, the government had spent about Rs

3.45 lakh crore up to September, and the last extension of the scheme-just ahead of the Gujarat and Himachal Pradesh Assembly elections – for three months till December 2022, is estimated to raise the total outgo to Rs 3.91 lakh crore. The total foodgrain allocation under the scheme stood at 1.121 lakh metric tonnes

movie releases that he was part of then. But it was on his supposed role in trying to secure the release of the hijacked passengers of IC-814 that Sobhraj was most forthcoming. He spoke about his meetings with Jaish-e-Mohammad chief Masood Azhar, about the "long conversations" with the late Jaswant Singh, then foreign minister and the man who finally escorted the terrorists to Kandahar; of the "undertaking" he secured from Masood's party that the hostages won't be harmed.

The Indian Express later spoke to top intelligence sources who said his claims were "highly exaggerated."

Now that the master of guile is set to take his flight to freedom pressed grief over the death of at age 78, the world may finally get to hear from the man himself the soldiers. "Anguished to learn about the tragic road accident - the chronicles, claims and conthat took away the lives of our spiracy theories that make up brave Army soldiers in Sikkim. I Charles Sobhraj. express my heartfelt condo-

Excerpts from Sobhraj's interview with The Indian Express.

You were arrested in Nepal in 2003. One wonders, why did you take the risk of returning to Nepal where you were a wanted man? You even

Charles Sobhraj freed, deported within hours to France

runs to 20 years.

On Wednesday, the Supreme Court of Nepal waived his remaining ten months in jail, ordering his release and deportation to France within 15 days.

The Nepal government, taking no chance, overruled his wish to spend some time with his family and friends – he had married a Nepali woman – by holding a pre-departure get-together. Nepal Home Ministry

vulnerable to assault by the enemies he had created during his over 19-year imprisonment.

Sobhraj's notoriety earned him nicknames such as "bikini killer" (he targeted mostly backpacking Western tourists in Asia) and "serpent" (for the skill with which he evaded police).

His modus operandi allegedly involved drugging his victims and then killing them. It is estimated that Sobhraj, who was most acsources said Sobhraj was also tive between 1972 and 1976,

killed 15-20 people in this period. Sobhraj was officially re-

leased from the Central Jail in Sundhara on Thursday. But once he stepped up to the gate, his lawyers asked authorities to let him spend a night there as its "guest". The jail authorities accepted what seemed to be a scripted request.

After his release in the morndeportation should be swift. ing, Sobhraj was taken to the immigration office Friday under heavy security. Not only was Kathmandu at 6 pm. Airport au-

Sobhraj barred from speaking to thorities said the embassy the media, even taking his photograph was difficult. The French Embassy in

sides were in agreement that the

The French Embassy blocked

a seat on flight QR 647 leaving

me. At first, he sent an envoy to

ing. I called Jaswant Singh, told

him that in my opinion, no pas-

senger would be harmed for 11

days, so India had 11 days to ne-

gotiate. Really, as the plane was

in Kandahar, the Indian govern-

ment had no choice but to release

Masood to save the passengers.

in 1994... A Pakistani outfit in

Kashmir that called themselves

Al Faran kidnapped six foreign-

ers, decapitated one of them, ask-

ing for Masood's release. A cou-

ple of months later, Al Faran went

A couple of days after my re-

port to Jaswant Singh, they called

me and said they were sitting

with Masood and asked me to

Remember what happened

bought the ticket only around 90 minutes prior to departure. French Embassy officials ac-

Kathmandu prepared travel doccompanied immigration and seuments for him as he had no curity officials and put him on valid passport or visa. The emthe aircraft around 50 minutes bassy was in contact with immibefore take-off. gration authorities and both A senior government secu-

rity official said: "Our responsibility is over. Now it's for the French authorities to transfer him to another plane at Doha and then receive him at Paris.

•'I am going straight to my family... I hope to live for many years'

Was this part of some design or scheme? No. of course. Let's say only that meeting was in relation to

some matter linked to Pakistan So, have things worked

according to plan? My programme was to be in Kathmandu for only a few days for that meeting, and leave. But someone leaked to the media my presence in Kathmandu and it hit the front pages. The said news quoted the Nepal Police as declaring that they had no case or file against me. I was to leave but someone warned me to be careful, saying Nepal was then facing a Maoist insurgency and the police and courts didn't re-

You have spent time in Tihar Jail as well. How does that compare with your experience in Kathmandu Jail?

spect any law or rules.

Simply put, the conditions in Nepali jails are primitive, awful. For the poor Nepali inmates, it's a question of survival... life or death. Many sleep on the ground under the sky. Also, as the inmates are kept on a starving diet.

release from jail?

I am going straight back to meet me in Paris. Following that France to my family. I have writmeeting, and my direct talk with ten a manuscript with a co-Jaswant Singh, I contacted peowriter, Jean Charles Deniau, and ple in the Harkat ul Ansar, the book will be published...I'll Masood's party then. They, of be busy with the promotion and course, refused to release the the making of some documenpassengers but I succeeded in taries. I have started a second getting an undertaking from manuscript which I'll complete them that for 11 days, they would after about six months. not harm the passengers, but after that, they would start execut-

Tell us about your family... You have a daughter in Paris. Also, while in Kathmandu, you married your lawyer's daughter. So will you return to France or spend time as a free man with your family in Nepal?

Of course, my first priority will be to return to France. I don't want to say more about that ... It's a private matter.

Are you proposing a visit to India?

Definitely. I want to meet my silent and until today, the wherethree (friends who I consider) abouts of those remaining foreign hostages remain unknown. sisters in Pune.

You are known to have been in touch with American intelligence agencies even from Kathmandu Jail. What

Jaswant Singh. I still believed if at that time the government had accepted the suggestion of six months (that Masood would be released in six months), most probably, I could have persuaded larkat ul Ansar to accept it. Between 2000 and 2003, I

made several trips to Pakistan. net Masood.

Are you in contact with anyone else in Pakistan?

I don't want to say more about it. It's a sensitive matter.

Actor Randeep Hooda met you in Kathmandu Jail. A Bollywood film (Main Aur Charles) has been made on you. Are you part of any more film or book projects?

I don't know, let's see after the publication of my book...There could be a future Hindi movie. And if so, I would very much have Randeep Hooda to again play my role. In Charles and I, he gave an excellent performance. I met Hooda last October and I like him as a person. I think he'll become one of the top actors in Bollywood.

You have now crossed 70

I6 Army men killed as truck falls off mountain road Commander of the Armed sonnel

"The nation is deeply grateful for their service and commitment. My condolences to the bereaved families. Praying for the speedy recovery of those who are injured," he said. Home Minister Shah ex-

Prime Minister Modi, in a post by the PMO, said, "Pained by the loss of lives of our brave Army personnel due to a road mishap in Sikkim. Condolences to the bereaved families. May the injured recover soon."

this hour of loss," the spokesperson said

President Murmu, Supreme

Forces, in a Twitter post, said,

"Anguished to learn about the loss of lives of brave soldiers of the Indian Army in a road accident in Sikkim. My heartfelt condolences to the families of the deceased. I pray for the speedy

recovery of the injured."

lences to the bereaved families. The injured have been provided Defence Minister Rajnath with every possible assistance, Singh said he is "deeply pained" may they recover at the earliest," over the loss of lives of the perhe said.

• Intranasal vaccine gets clearance as booster option in Covid fight

a booster dose in November. The intranasal vaccine trig-

gers an immune response in the mucosal membrane in the nose and mouth. "Being an intranasal vaccine, BBV154 may produce local antibodies in the upper respiratory tract, which may provide the potential to reduce infection and transmission," according to Hyderabad-based Bharat Biotech, which also manufactures Covaxin.

Meanwhile, as part of its anti-Covid drive, the Government will conduct a mock drill at hospitals across the country Tuesday. Besides, officials said that from Saturday, two per cent of international travellers arriving in the country will be screened at random.

Also, in a meeting Friday with Health officials, states were asked to ramp up testing from the current 79 per million, and increase the share of RT-PCR tests. They were also urged to focus on sewage, pan-respiratory virus and facility-based sentinel surveillance. Union Health Minister Mansukh Mandaviva urged states to create awareness for following Covid-appropriate behaviour, especially in view of upcoming festivals

Earlier this week, the Union Health Secretary had asked states to send all positive samples to the INSACOG network laboratories for genome sequencing.

According to officials, Incovacc is effective for Omicron variants that replicate in the upper respiratory tract before entering the lungs.

The company had earlier said that the vaccine was found to be "safe, well-tolerated and immunogenic" when compared to its own Covaxin in a phase III trial of nearly 3,100 participants across 14 sites in India. It has also conducted a trial with 875 participants to verify whether Incovacc can be administered as a booster to those who have received Covaxin or Covishield as the primary vaccine.

To induce immunity, officials said, the vaccine uses a modified chimpanzee adenovirus that cannot replicate in the body to carry the Covid spike protein. It was developed by Bharat Biotech in partnership with Washington University-St Louis. While the US University developed the vector that carries the spike protein and

evaluated it in pre-clinical studies. Bharat Biotech handled product development and manufacturing capability.

Incovacc's inclusion in the vaccination programme comes against the backdrop of rising Covid cases globally. Although the number of cases in the country has continued to decline, with only 153 reported a day during the week ending December 22, there has been an increase in several other countries such as China, South Korea, Japan, USA, France, Greece and Italy. Globally, 5.9 lakh cases were reported on an average every day over the

past six weeks. So far, 22.2 crore third doses have been administered in India,

with the booster coverage at 27 per cent across age groups, according to data from the Health Ministry. The coverage was higher at 40 per cent among those above the age of 60 years and 22 per cent among those between the ages of 18 and 59 years. During a high-level review

meeting Thursday, Prime Minister Narendra Modi had urged the older, vulnerable population to get their third dose.

A senior official said, "What we have learnt in the last couple of years is that we cannot stop the spread, we can control it in a way that the system does not get overwhelmed. The reason for preparedness at a time when cases in the country are low is that we are looking at scenarios

Kappan

and its affiliates on September 28.

Justice Singh, in the PMLA case bail order, said, "Even if it is believed that part of proceeds of crime was transferred in the bank account of co-accused, Atikur Rahman, that itself may not be sufficient to prove that the accusedapplicant(Kappan) has dealt with the proceeds of crime amounting to Rs 1,36,14,291 which had been allegedly received by K A Rauf Sherif (PFI Secretary)."

He said Kappan was entitled to be released on bail as the "proceeds of crime is less than Rs 1 crore and there is no likelihood" that Kappan will "commit the same offence in future".

"...the fact the accused-applicant has already been in prison in predicate offences from 05.10.2020 till he was enlarged on bail by the Supreme Court, and thereafter he is in custody of the ED, I am of the view that the accused-applicant is entitled to be released on bail," Justice Singh said, directing that Kappan furnish a personal bond and two local and reliable sureties each.

Kappan's lawyer, advocate Mohammad Danish KS, said his client's release from custody will have to wait until the court re-

opens after the winter break. "My client was granted bail in the PMLA case by the Allahabad High Court. In the UAPA case, Kappan was granted bail by the Supreme Court on September 9. Regarding the PMLA case, the bail application was pending in the High Court

after it was rejected by the special court in Lucknow." he said. Kappan and three others were

held in Mathura on October 5, 2020 while heading to Hathras. While police said Kappan was part of a conspiracy to disrupt peace in the area, his lawyers said he was going to report on the case of the woman who died after being allegedly gangraped. On September 9, while granting Kappan bail in the UAPA case, the Supreme Court inquired what exactly had been found against him.

visited a casino.

I didn't commit any offence in Nepal so I didn't apprehend any problems. So much so, I came on a business visa as an assistant producer for a French production company, Films Gentleman Prod. Moreover, when I was released from India, the Indian government had asked Nepal whether I was wanted. On receiving a negative reply from Nepal, the Government of India then informed the CMM (Chief Metropolitan Magistrate) in Delhi that I was no longer wanted by any country and could be released... (for) A planned meeting with a Chinese

the yearly incidence of death is quite high. Recently, I filed a petition in the Supreme Court (of

Nepal) praying that the court intervene. The petition dragged on for months and finally, on August 10 (2016), the court directed the government to increase the daily food allowance.

How do you see Nepal's judicial system? Its prison administration? Well, it's quite well known

that there is corruption in every sector in Nepal. In its latest report, Transparency International has classified Nepal as the third most corrupt country after Afghanistan and Bangladesh.

Will your friends in the US intelligence be helping you in your rehabilitation after release from jail?

was the nature of your

assignment for them?

Sorry, no comment.

You met Pakistani terrorist Masood Azhar while in Tihar Jail. Are you still in touch with him?

Well, you already know about it... After Masood Azhar's release following the Indian Airline hijacking incident (in 1999), The Indian Express had mentioned my role with the Government of India at that time. Mr Jaswant Singh was in direct contact with

talk to him and try to convince him to order his people to release the passengers. I straight-I don't want to talk about it. away refused, saying Masood would never agree, and again, I told them that I was convinced that after 11 days, they would start executing some passengers. What's not known is that after

> that call, I had a very long conversation with Jaswant Singh and suggested to him a second solution: that the Government of India gives an official undertaking, endorsed by Parliament, that Masood would be released within six months, and I would try my best to negotiate with Harkat ul Ansar on that ground, laswant Singh told me he will discuss with the Cabinet. But finally, they chose the option to release Masood. You can ask for confirmation from

years of age. How do you want to spend the next few years of your life?

I hope to live for many years to come. I'll devote my life to my daughter and will probably keep myself busy with books ... writing and business.

How is your health?

Pretty good. I still have a strict physical and mental discipline.

How are your finances? How will you survive financially after getting freedom?

I won't have any problem with finance. It's OK.

Are you in contact with Indian intelligence agencies? No comment.

"There are many to whom I

want to express gratitude. But it

started with my friends and team-

mates who played in the IPL,

which gave me belief. It started

with Rasikh Salam, then Abdul

Samad got picked before Umran

"Last year, I was picked as a net

Malik followed," Vivrant said.

• IPL deal

What are your plans after

• Gambian panel holds pharma firm Maiden culpable

efforts were made to contact Maiden Pharmaceuticals in India, "but they have not been answering to their emails and calls."

party from Hong Kong, a legal

business matter.

Maiden has denied the allegations. Its manufacturing unit in Sonepat was shut down by the Central Drugs Standards Control Organisation for alleged irregularities in processes. But India maintains that sufficient clinical details to establish causality between the deaths and the consumption of medicine hasn't been shared by the country or the WHO that raised an alert October linking the deaths to Maiden's four syrups. The Indian Express sent a query to Maiden on the report but no comment was received

An investigation by India's drug controller said that it found no contamination - by ethylene glycol and diethylene glycol – in the samples from the same batch exported to Gambia maintained by the company as a quality control measure.

As per the findings of the Gambian committee, 83% of the 82 cases of acute kidney injury were in children below the age of three. And 60.9% of the victims were male infants.

The children came to hospital with complaints of not being able to urinate despite none of them showing signs of dehydration

According to a paediatrician's testimony, the interval between the inability to pass urine and when some of these syrups were ingested ranged between one and six days, with the majority getting the symptom within two to three days.

Initially suspecting an infection, samples from the children were sent for testing - and many of them did have various pathogens including certain strains of E. coli that can affect the kidneys.

However, the report said that the kidney injury was attributed to a "toxin" because according to a nephrologist, E.coli could not explain the scale of the injuries, the sheer number of those affected and the high fatality rate. Moreover, lab reports showed very high levels of creatinine, liver enzymes, and uric acid inconsistent with children under the age of two. Even dialysis didn't help, the expert said, underlining that the moment the drugs were "taken out of the community" - off the shelves the "cases stopped coming."

Of the 70 deaths, autopsy was conducted in only two cases, as per the report. The committee's chairperson, Amadou Carara, admitted in the general assembly that two out of 70 "is definitely not scientific.... (but) we conclude it's definitely linked. He cited local cultural beliefs as the reason why most did not give consent for autopsy.

However, the reports of the two autopsies suggested that the children had died of multi-organ failure. "Fatty necrosis explains that there was a toxin that was causing multi-organ failure," the report said.

Analysis of Gambian samples at a Switzerland lab found that the samples of four syrups manufactured by Maiden had unacceptably high levels of the contaminants. "We have received communication from India that they have done quality control testing for some of these medicines and they have found them fit. ... but the tests that were done by the Gambia government with the help of WHO was done at WHO accredited labs and we hold by that," said Carara

in the assembly.

While the report held Maiden responsible for not following what it called good manufacturing practices, it said the importer Atlantic Pharma was not to blame as it followed all the regulations.

Instead, the committee recommended steps to strengthen bowler. Spending training sesthe regulatory mechanism in the sions with the likes of Brian Lara, country. The committee admit-Muthiah Muralidaran and Dale ted that there was no quality con-Steyn, you improve as a cricketer," trol laboratory in the country that he said. This year, Vivrant had a could test the imported medigreat white-ball domestic season. He scored 128 runs in four innings cines and flagged the "urgent in the Syed Mushtaq Ali T20 need for a functional National Medicines Quality Control Laboratory." The committee also recommended setting up a pharmaco-vigilance unit.

It said that the Medicine Control Agency – Gambia's drug regulator - should increase background checks on companies from which medicines are imported. The committee called for MCA to conduct site visits of manufacturers. "Where site visit is not feasible, the MCA can liaise with Gambian embassy/High Commission at the exporting country to assign an agent for the site visit and submit a report accordingly," the committee said.

New Delhi

Trophy, batting at No. 6 with an impressive strike rate of 145.45. He also picked six wickets at an excellent economy rate of 6.66. In the Vijay Hazare (50-over) Trophy, the J&K team promoted him to top of the order, and he scored 395 runs in eight matches, including a century and two fifties. Vivrant said he considers himself a "proper all-rounder".

The IPL deal has made him a sought-after member of the J&K team. "Abhi phone rakhta hun warna hotel ka gate tod denge yeh log (I am disconnecting the call, or they [his teammates] will break the door of my hotel room)."





elsewhere.

First-time councillor, ex-DU prof is AAP's MCD mayor pick

GAYATHRIMANI NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 23

THE AAP has named Dr Shelly Oberoi as its mayor candidate and Aale Mohammad Igbal, son of AAP's Shoaib Iqbal, as its deputy mayor candidate for the Municipal Corporation of Delhi Friday.

A former visiting assistant professor at Delhi University and a first-time councillor, 39-yearold Oberoi contested the elections from former Delhi BIP chief Adesh Gupta's home turf of East Patel Nagar and defeated the candidate from there, Deepali Kumar, by 269 votes. BJP has had a stronghold in the area so far.

After being nominated for the mayor post, Oberoi thanked Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal and his deputy Manish Sisodia, and tweeted, "Feeling honoured and big responsibility on the way. Shall give my best and fulfil the expectations of the general public and respected party members."

Her main focus, she said, will be fulfilling the 10 guarantees promised by the CM and working together with all councillors to shake off the city's 'garbage



Dr Shelly Oberoi, the mayor candidate, contested the polls from former Delhi BJP chief Adesh Gupta's home turf of East Patel Nagar

capital' tag. "Over the next few months, we will all work together to make Delhi the city that it should have been. The BJP, during its 15-year tenure, turned Delhi into the 'garbage capital of the country'. We will work together to ensure Delhi becomes clean again and to fulfil the promises made by the CM and deliver the 10 guarantees."

She further said they will fix all problems that the BJP could not resolve during their rule. "Our

aim is to make Delhi better together with everyone. We will soon work by preparing a blueprint for cleaning the capital; we will start by clearing the mountains of garbage. All 250 councillors will come together to clean and transform Delhi... they have already started working in their respective wards." Born and brought up in Delhi,

Oberoi joined AAP as an activist in 2013 and was the party's state Mahila Morcha vice-president till 2020. She holds a PhD in management studies from IGNOU's School of Management Studies and is a lifetime member of the Indian Commerce Association. Besides DU, she has also taught at

several other universities like NMIMS, IP and IGNOU. The party also announced names for standing committee members – Aamil Malik (Ward No 246, Karawal Nagar), Raminder Kaur (Ward No 100, Harinagar), Mohini Jeenwal (Ward No 218, Seemapuri) and Sarika Choudhary (Ward No 142 Jangpura). The names were announced after the party's Political Affairs Committee met at Keiriwal's home in the morning.

Congratulating the candi dates, Kejriwal tweeted: "Congratulations and best wishes to AAP candidates ... God bless (you) all to make our beloved Delhi clean."

Meanwhile, Delhi BJP spokesperson Praveen Shankar Kapoor said, "Every political party is free to develop its leadership but the names announced for the posts of mayor, deputy mayor and standing committee members of the MCD has surprised Delhiites. The party (AAP) totally neglected major segments of Delhi's population - Poorvanchal and Vaishya Samaj."

The mayoral election will be held on January 6, 2023. The members nominated by the Lieutenant Governor cannot vote during the mayoral polls. Only the elected councillors, 14 MLAs of the Delhi Assembly and MPs representing constituencies that cover wholly or partly the corporation area are eligible to vote. If the BJP does not oppose, Oberoi will become the first mayor of the reunified MCD. The new mayor's tenure will end in April 2023 when mayoral polls will be held again with new candidates.

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Sisodia writes to L-G: 'Interfering in work'

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI. DECEMBER 23

IN A new flashpoint between the AAP and the Delhi L-G, Deputy Chief Minister Manish Sisodia has written a letter to Vinai Kumar Saxena accusing him of "interfering" with the government's day-to-day work and "sidelining" elected ministers by giving direct orders to bureaucrats

"I am constrained to address the present communications to vou in light of certain extremely worrying developments which have been brought to my notice, namely, that your office has of late, in the recent past, resorted to the practice of calling for files

Delhi govt schools to shut for winter break from Jan 1-15

New Delhi: Delhi government schools will be closed for winter vacation from January 1-15, the DoE said in a circular Thursday. However students from classes IX-XII will attend compulsory remedial classes from January 2-14 for revision. ENS

from various departments through their respective secretaries, chief secretaries and transacting business thereon such as approving the issuance of notifications etc, completely bypassing the concerned minister as also the cabinet," wrote Sisodia in the letter. SCC 501."

The L-G House refused to comment on the letter.

Calling the L-G's actions "violations" of the Supreme Court, he wrote, "I am constrained to record that this unwholesome development apart from being contrary to settled tradition and practice pertaining to the transaction of business of the government, is contrary to the applicable constitutional provisions enshrined in Article 239AA, the

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ted that the recent actions of extent statutory regime put in place by the GNCTD Act, 1991 Your Excellency giving orders and, last but not the least, the directly to officers on translaw laid down by a constitution ferred subjects bypassing the bench of 5 Ld.Judges of the Council of Ministers is contrary to law and orders of Hon'ble SC Supreme Court in the judgement in state (NCT of Delhi) v However, if I am incorrect, those Union of India and Anr., (2018)8 provisions may be indicated which empower his Excellency He also criticised the L-G over to issue such orders," Sisodia

his recent decision to recall 11 wrote. files pending with the Delhi government for environment clearance. Sisodia wrote that the L-G is not vested with any independent decision-making authority in respect of any matter pertaining to transferred subjects and is in fact bound to act on the "aid and advice" tendered to him by the Council of Ministers. "It is most humbly submit-

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reconsider the advisability of the course of action which I believe has been put into motion and take timely and necessary corrective steps so as to eschew avoidable controversy and embarrassment which would doubtless not be in the best interest of the residents of the NCT of Delhi," the letter read.

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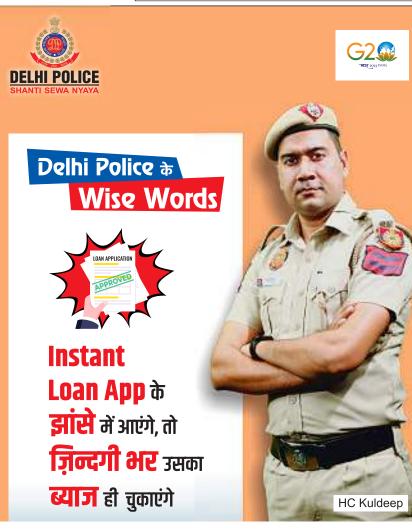
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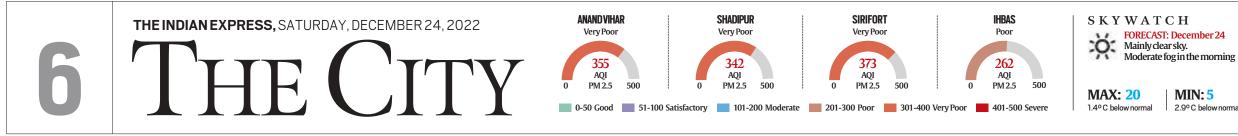
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Member Secretary



AFTER L-G MEETING EARLIER THIS WEEK Last underpass on Pragati Maidan stretch likely to be wrapped up by February-end

GAYATHRI MANI NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 23

THE BHAIRON Marg underpass, part of the Pragati Maidan integrated corridor, is expected to be completed by the end of February next year, said officials, adding that 80% of work is complete

This will benefit commuters travelling between Noida, Ghaziabad and East Delhi towards Central Delhi and Sarai Kale Khan, who can expect a smooth and signal-free commute. Currently, commuters use the Ring Road and then take a Uturn towards Sarai Kale Khan, which causes massive traffic jams on Ring Road and Bhairon Marg and other connected roads.

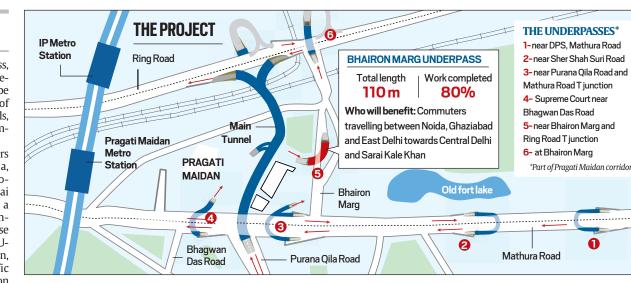
Integrated The Redevelopment of Pragati Maidan comprises six underpasses and one tunnel. While five underpasses and the 1.36-km tunnel were inaugurated by Prime Minister Narendra Modi in June and are now operational,

Man held for killing live-in partner, dumping body in Kullu

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE GHAZIABAD, DECEMBER 23

THE GHAZIABAD police Friday arrested a man for allegedly killing his live-in partner and dumping her body in a forested area in Himachal Pradesh. The accused has been identified as Raman. The victim, Divya, had been missing since May.

DCP(Trans Hindon)Deeksha Sharma said, "The mother of the deceased had complained that her daughter was missing since May and suspected the accused of being involved. He confessed to taking her to Kullu in Himachal Pradesh. He strangled her with a scarf and threw her body in the jungle there. Shimla Police had ered her body the sam month; the identity has since been confirmed from tattoos, etc as that of the victim."



the last underpass – between Bhairon Marg and Ring Road T the monsoon. junction – was held up.

Officials said construction was delayed due to technical issues as the underpass passes be-(PWD), the executing agency, neath a busy railway track. and Northern Railways and di-Besides, the location is also very close to the Yamuna river and rected the departments con-

faces waterlogging issues during cerned to expedite the work and complete it by February. Official Officials said Lieutenant sources said the LG also visited the construction site Governor VK Saxena recently held a high-level meeting with the Public Works Department

The total length of the underpass is 110 metres. Work on a 73metre-long portion has been completed through box pushing technique, said officials.

"80 per cent of the work is now completed but work on the remaining portion had been pending since May due to lack of coordination between the PWD and Railways," said sources.

After the meeting on December 20, the matter was also taken up with Union Railway



EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 23

FOLLOWING A meeting between Delhi traffic police and the Public Works Department (PWD) on Friday, officials said that the Ashram flyover will be shut for 45 days from January 1.

"Keeping in mind Christmas and New Year's Eve, we have decided to shut the flyover from the first of next year. The dates are proposed by the contractor and have been finalised," said a senior PWD official.

"Initially, it was proposed to close the flyover between December 25 and 31, but as it s a week full of festivities we decided against it," said the official.

Bajrang Dal disrupts namaz in Gurgaon again

A video grab shows the group at an open ground in Gurgaon's Sector 69, Friday. Express

come in thousands and pray

here... What happened is that a

few Fridays ago, I was passing by

and there was a traffic jam. That

was when I realised namaz is of-

fered here. People come even

from outside for namaz here...

Hume bahut ghabrahat hui... They

are gathering here today, tomor-

row somewhere else...This when

the Haryana government has

said namaz should not be of-

team to the area and were look-

plaint has been received so far,

they added. Police sources said

near water tank in Sector 43,

Leisure Valley and at HUDA

said, "Today afternoon, some

members of the Bajrang Dal

started sloganeering and dis-

rupted namaz prayers at a

ground in Sector 69. The incident

remained peaceful. The said

ground is HUDA land and is

among six locations where na-

maz is offered. We are yet to re-

ceive a complaint in the matter.

If a complaint is received, legal action shall be taken accord-

ACP Sadar, Sanjeev Balhara,

ground in Sector 69.

Police said they had sent a

fered in open spaces."

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 23

A GROUP of Bajrang Dal members disrupted namaz at an open ground in Gurgaon's Sector 69 Friday. In videos of the incident, Bajrang Dal members were seen telling people who had gathered for the weekly prayers to leave and not to pray in open spaces. "This is not Udaipur; this is

Gurgaon," Amit, who is a part of the Bajrang Dal, is heard saying in one of the videos. He was ing into the matter. No comamong those who protested against offering namaz in open spaces in Gurgaon last year as namaz is currently being offered well. He told the media that the at six locations in Gurgaon – at people who had arrived to pray three locations in Udyog Vihar, were "from outside".

"It does not matter whether they have permission to pray at six locations or not. We will not allow namaz to take place in the open. We will scale up the protests if prayers continue in the coming weeks," he said.

Praveen Saini alias Praveen Hindustani, district coordinator of the Bajrang Dal, told the media, "They are lying and saying that they have been praying here for 15 years ... CM saab ke spasht aadesh hain ki khulle mein namaz nahi hogi (the CM has clearly said that namaz will not happen in open spaces)."

Gurgaon had witnessed One of the members of the protests over offering of namaz group that disrupted the namaz in public places from members is heard saving in the video. "We of right-wing outfits and locals did not even know that Muslims earlier too.

ingly.

Aaftab refuses to



TUG OF WAR

Delhi Police Commissioner Sanjay Arora and senior officers play tug of war during the inauguration of the newly-constructed 'Commando Obstacles' at Police Parade Ground, New Police Lines, Kingsway Camp on Friday. Praveen Khanna

Ashram flyover to be shut from January 1

Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw. Following this, the railways gave

two blocks of six and four hours

each, instead of the earlier single

four-hour block, for pushing

According to an official over-

seeing the project: "The speed of

pushing during the initial days

was 10-15 mm per day. Now, it

has increased to 450-500 mm

volves three-lane box pushing.

where designated boxes of earth

under the surface are pushed out using manpower and heavy

equipment like mobile cranes and rotors while simultaneously

ensuring that the sides and roof

of the portions tunneled do not

cave in by using RCC strengthen-

tracks, which is a tricky exercise

anyway, has become even trick-

ier at this location as the tracks

on the surface over here are

curved and not straight. Besides,

it is very close to Yamuna which

"Tunneling below the railway

ing measures, said officials.

Tunneling work at this site in-

earth below the tracks.

per day."



The contact and travel history of the accused has been examined.

The family had initially filed a missing person's complaint when their daughter first went missing. In the FIR filed on December 18, based on another complaint by the family, they alleged that Divya and Raman had a two-year-old daughter, and that Raman got married to someone else despite their relationship, which had led to quarrels between the two. They alleged Raman and his family had also insisted Divya abort their second child, which she refused. Police said the vehicle used

by the accused has been recovered. The FIR has been registered under IPC sections related to kidnapping and murder. Raman is from Vasundhara in Ghaziabad, said police.

Minor kidnapped, sexually assaulted

New Delhi: A minor girl was allegedly kidnapped by unknown persons and sexually assaulted in Outer Delhi. The girl went missing from her house on Wednesday and was found a day later. Police said they have identified the accused and raids are on to arrest him. "After raids and searches by staff and PCR teams, she was found. She is stable," said DCP(OuterNorth)DeveshMahla.

Police said the minor was found at a nearby park, where the accused had left her after allegedly raping her. "Doctors said she was sexually assaulted. We registered a case of rape and POCSO Act," said the DCP.

Her family said she was playing near the house when a man came and picked her up. While the father alleged police didn't take their complaint seriously, police denied the allegations and said they registered an FIR as soon as he approached them. ENS

Rahul's day in Delhi to span 23 km, touch Ashram, Red Fort

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 23

THE CONGRESS'S Bharat Jodo Yatra led by Rahul Gandhi will cover a roughly 23 km stretch in Delhi, starting from Badarpur border where it enters the city from Haryana, and culminating at Red Fort, with a two-hour break at Ashram in the afternoon. It will pass through Nizamuddin, India Gate, ITO, Delhi Gate and Daryaganj.

After a day's march through Delhi, the yatra will halt for around 9 days before resuming on January 3. Former MLA Narender

Nath, coordinator for the yatra in Delhi, said AICC general secretary Priyanka Gandhi is likely to participate in Delhi, as is Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge. Actor and Makkal Needhi Maiam president Kamal

Haasan is also likely to join the yatra here, Narender Nath said. "We have been working on publicity and mobilisation. The public appears to be enthusiastic and everybody in the party has been involved, including former MLAs and MPs," he said. The publicity for the yatra

has been in full swing with posters, hoardings and flags lining the yatra route from Faridabad onwards.

At Badarpur border, the Delhi leg of the yatra will begin with the flag being handed over to DPCC president Anil Chaudhary by Udai Bhan, president of the Haryana Pradesh Congress Committee. With the Delhi stretch concluding in the evening, Rahul Gandhi will then visit Rajghat, Shanti Van, Shakti Sthal

and Veer Bhoomi to pay homage. While Nath said a large gath-



ITO -**Delhi Gate** India Gate Nizamuddin Ashram break) Apollo hospital **Badarpur Border**

ering is expected even at the Badarpur border, the second Congress leader said around 30,000 people have registered to participate. The party had invited people to register for e-passes to be a part of the yatra. Chaudhary had said earlier this week that buses would be arranged from different parts of Delhi to take people to the yatra. The party had also made senior leaders in charge of the yatra in each parliamentary constituency.

According to an advisory issued by Delhi Traffic police, the yatra will cross the border at 6.30 am, reach Jaidev Ashram near Ashram Chowk at 10.30 am, concluding at Red Fort about 6.30 pm. Police anticipate heavy traffic along the route, and have advised commuters to bypass it and use public transport. They also advised travellers going to ISBT, railway stations and airports to plan trips well in advance.

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Study begins on real-time sources of air pollution in Delhi



Part of the project is a mobile lab that will collect data on pollution levels in different parts of the city. Prem Nath Pandey

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 23

THE REAL-TIME source apportionment study for Delhi which is expected to help identify the sources of air pollution in the city in real time has begun and will help Delhi take action to reduce pollution based on its findings, Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal said on Friday.

The project is being implemented by IIT Kanpur, IIT Delhi, and The Energy and Resources Institute (TERI), along with Delhi Pollution Control Committee (DPCC). After a review meeting on the study, Kejriwal said: "We have ordered officials to immediately take action to reduce pollution based on the study's findings. The Delhi government will place the before CAQM analysis (Commission for Air Quality Management) so the Centre, too, can act upon the problem.'

According to a communication from the Chief Minister's office, the team from IIT Kanpur informed officials at the meeting that "the secondary inorganic aerosols which travel long distances contribute to a large proportion of the air pollution mix".

XPLAINED What the study involves

THE study involves a supersite, where equipment has been set up to monitor parameters like particulate matter and other gaseous pollutants, determine sources of pollutants in real time, and generate forecasts on hourly, daily, and weekly basis.

They identified biomass burning of wood and stubble, vehicular emissions and construction and road dust as other major sources of PM2.5 over the past month.

Kejriwal has directed the Environment Department and the DPCC to take action to identify the sources and locations of pollution based on the information that the study generates. The project was approved by the cabinet last year and an MoU was signed by the Delhi government with IIT Kanpur. Part of the project is a mobile laboratory which will collect data on pollution lev-

different parts of the city.

The flyover is one of the busiest sections in the city as the Mathura Road and the DND Flyway both connect to it. It sees more than three lakh vehicles, including heavy trucks and lorries, 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. In the current project, the flyover is being extended to connect directly to the DND Flyway.

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

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



The Ashram flyover is being extended to connect directly to the DND Flyway. The PWD is yet to confirm the completion date. els to determine their sources in Abhinav Saha

take voice test, court rejects plea

ANAND MOHAN J NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 23

THOUGH AAFTAB Poonawala. accused of killing his live-in partner Shraddha Walkar, told a Delhi court that he does not consent to a voice sampling test, the court Friday rejected it by observing that even though he had a right to a fair trial, "it is true that fair investigation is required in

larger public interest". Metropolitan Magistrate Vijavshree Rahthor directed police to produce the accused before CFSL, CBI Lodhi Colony, at 9.45 am on Saturday for the test. The court said it "can be conducted even if the accused does not consent to it".

A voice sample is like a fingerprint impression, signature or specimen handwriting of an accused.

By giving the voice sample, the accused merely gives 'identification data' to the investigating agency

Aaftab was produced via video conferencing before the judge and said he will go with his lawyers, who opposed the police application, for the test.

Special public prosecutor Amit Prasad relied on a slew of judgments to argue that "at the stage of investigation and for collection of evidence, the accused has no right to be heard".

The court said even though the "accused is not willing to give voice sample for voice sampling test, however, I am of the considered view that accused can still be asked to give the voice sample to investigating agency for reaching the ends of justice and also for fair investigation".

"True, a fair trial is a right of the accused, but it is also true that fair investigation is required in larger public interest as the offence cannot escape and crime

cannot go unnoticed merely because the accused is not ready to aid in the investigation," the court said.

It further said there is "no such prohibition of compulsory consent of recording accused in handwriting, fingerprints impression and voice sampling test" and that the "voice samples procured for purpose of investigation cannot be considered as testimonial compulsion".

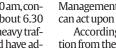
"This is only the method by which investigating agency collects material against the accused for ... attaining ends of justice," it said.

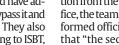
On December 20, police had moved an application for the voice sample test. Aaftab's lawyers could not meet him despite the fact that one of his lawyers was present during this hearing and knew of the application, the court said.

Aaftab had told the court he would like to consult with his lawyers. His lawyer, M S Khan, told the court he wanted a copy of the application since the rights of his client would be decided. However, the court said this "cannot be possible as the nature of the application was well within the knowledge of the counsel for accused".

Taking note of the fact that the lawyers did not meet Aaftab, the court said these were 'merely delaying tactics on part of the accused". The court relied on a slew of Supreme Court judgments which held that accused can be asked to give "handwriting, fingerprints, voice sample, etc. for the purpose of just and fair investigation".

It said during the investigation stage, police will only collect evidence against the accused and present them in its final report and the accused would get a chance to defend himself during trial.





GOVT & POLITICS

New Parliament, G20 stage, Ram temple: Delhi court summons Kamal Nath's nephew in fertiliser scam

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 23

A DELHI court on Friday summoned Ratul Puri, nephew of former Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Kamal Nath, in a money laundering case involving an alleged fertiliser scam.

The ED investigation stems from a CBI case in which accused persons entered into a criminal conspiracy during 2007-14 to defraud IFFCO and Indian Potash Limited by fraudulently importing fertilisers and other materials for fertiliser production at inflated prices and claimed higher subsidy from the central government, causing loss of several crores of rupees.

The CBI had alleged that money was paid through hawala operators and intermediaries and group companies of Rajiv Saxena, who is an accused in AgustaWestland case also, were used for receipt of commission from supplier of fertilisers. Puri was accused by the ED of assisting the accused by concealing proceeds of crime and by showing it

to be untainted property. The court said there is sufficient material on record to take cognizance of the offence under Section 3 read with Section 4 of the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA).

The court agreed with the ED allegations that Saxena transferred the proceeds of crime to individuals like Sanjay Jain, who was directly connected with the activity of concealing the proceeds of crime by layering it through the group of companies of Rajiv Saxena, Alankit group of companies, Rayon Trading company and Moser Baer India Ltd. company of Ratul Puri, "whereby he came to acquire an amount of Rs 78,39,82,343 which was nothing

but proceeds of crime". Five other accused were, however, not summoned by the court due to lack of sufficient material against them.



Weekly insight into what's changing in national politics - and why

THE IMPOSING Taj Mahal hotel in Mumbai was lit like a bride in India's Tricolors. So was the iconic Gateway of India. The streets of Mumbai had been cleaned up - at least for those three days when G-20 delegates of the Development Working group were meeting in the metropolis, hosted by India now the head of the G-20 group for a year.

Of course, critics were quick to point out that slums near the airport were hidden by large hoardings, as was done in Ahmedabad when Donald Trump visited India. But it did not take away from the beauty of the heritage buildings in India's most resilient city - and a sense of feel-good it brought even temporarily to its residents.

After their deliberations on issues of sustainable growth, the G-20 delegates were taken to the picturesque, 2000-yearold Kanheri caves, highlighting India's linkages to the Buddhist world, not lost on the Japanese or the Chinese. By choosing the Taj Mahal hotel, the scene of terror attacks by terrorists from Pakistan in 2008, India wanted to emphasise, subtly, - and this too was not lost on the delegates - that terrorism remained the world's collective challenge.

Mumbai earlier this month gave a foretaste of what is likely to follow in the coming year but on a grander scale. And as another year comes to a close, it's time to look ahead, at the preparations the Narendra Modi-led BJP, and indeed the Opposition parties, are making for 2023 and for the big electoral battle that lies ahead in 2024. In the last years, we have



The Taj Mahal Palace hotel at Colaba in Mumbai last week. Pradip Das

seen Modi the Hindu hriday samrat. Modi the nationalist. undertaking a surgical strike after Pulwama, Modi the welfarist doling out free rations during Covid besides gas cylinders. Earlier, there was the jan dhan yojana and a plethora of schemes which reached something, even small amounts, in

the hands of many. There is Modi the aspirationalist, who sells big dreams to make people feel good about themselves despite the economic distress they may face. The OBC Modi has not yet got full play. This, too, is expected in January 2023 with the judgment by Justice G Rohini in the ongoing case to decide the redistribution of quota within the OBC reservations-and it may help the most backward castes, being wooed by the BJP.

But what we are likely to see in 2023 is Modi portrayed as the Vishwa Guru. With India the president of the G-20, foreign policy is likely to drive BJP's narrative next year. Though the leadership of G-20, a powerful group of industrialised nations and influential developing nations, is given by rotation, India has got it for the

year 2023. Will this help in the run up to the general elections due in mid 2024?

It is an opportunity the ruling party has seized and the prime minister is pulling out all stops to make the September summit of the G20 a significant milestone. Two hundred events are planned through the year all over the country to showcase its cultural heritage, its development, and spruce up its cities as well as tourist destinations; hopefully, they will increase the tourist footprints.

But what it is likely to do for sure is to add to an already larger than life image of the prime minister who will be leading from the front, hosting world leaders from powerful nations, including US, China, Russia, France, UK, France and Germany.

The summit will be watched with interest by the world. But it will be watched even more closely by Indians at home. As it is, many, particularly young Indians, say they are attracted to Modi because he has enhanced India's image globally

It may be wishful thinking but it is possible that the ruling party may scale down the contentious part of its agenda in the run-up to the G-20 summit—like ED raids against opponents and aggressive attacks on the opposition, which have done its image damage to show that India is a vibrant and functioning democracy. There are three events

around which the BJP narrative is likely to emerge in 2023. These are the opening of the new Parliament due in February-March, hopefully in the second half of the Budget session of Parliament; the G-20 summit in September and then the opening of the Ram temple in Ayodhya, most likely at the beginning of 2024. Today, the mandir signifies not so much the building of a long soughtafter temple in Ayodhya; its message is more about Modi – that he delivers what he says he will do. This, too, will be part of the narrative.

Interspersed between these events are state elections. The BJP is on a shaky ground in Karnataka due to go to the polls in the summer of 2023. Since the G-20 presidency lasts until December 2023, the BJP is bound to encash the newly cre-

ated fervour for Modi after the September summit to build a momentum for the crucial winter elections due in Telengana and the north Indian states of Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh and Chhattisgarh. The BJP has a high stake in all these elections. These will set the tempo for the Big Battle in 2024.

From the big picture to the details, the party has been concentrating its attention on 144 Lok Sabha seats in the last six months. These are seats where the BJP came second or third in the 2019 elections. Union ministers were put in charge of these constituencies, under the watchful eye of Amit Shah and JP Nadda, to examine the difficulties and suggest what the party could do to win these seats. Most of these constituencies are in the southern states and in West Bengal, where the party is not strong.

But victory in some of these seats could offset the loss, due to anti-incumbency, of some of the 303 seats it won last time. The party has added 16 more seats to this list which were won by Nitish Kumar's Janata Dal(U) and he is now on the other side of the fence. It is focusing as much on micro-management as on the macro sweeps.

What could upset the BJP's well-laid plans is China, Covid and the economy. China is trying to spoil the copybook with skirmishes in Tawang and the border. With the abrupt end to China's zero-Covid policy, the upsurge is being watched carefully lest it yield a new variant. How does the economic recovery play out in 2023 given the looming recession in the US?

And what does all this mean for the Opposition? That will be next week's column. For the moment, the Opposition can take comfort in the dictum politics rarely moves as per a script.

Neerja Chowdhury, Contributing Editor, The Indian Express, has covered the last 10 Lok Sabha elections.



Union ministers Piyush Goyal and Anurag Thakur during a briefing after the Cabinet meeting on Friday. Anil Sharm

Cabinet nod for revision in pensions paid under OROP

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THE UNION Cabinet on Friday approved a revision in the pensions paid to retired defence personnel and their families under One Rank One Pension (OROP) at an annual additional expenditure of Rs 8,450 crore and arrears of Rs 23.638 crore.

At a meeting chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, the Cabinet approved the increase that would be applicable from July 1, 2019.

"Pension of the past pensioners would be re-fixed on the basis of average of minimum and maximum pension of defence forces retirees of calendar year 2018 in the same rank with the same length of service," a government statement said.

The revision would be applicable to all retired defence personnel up to June 30, 2019, but not including those who took pre-mature retirement till July 1, 2014. The government said the revision would benefit over 25.13 lakh pensioners, including 4.52 lakh more recent retirees, and their families.

"Pension for those drawing above the average shall be protected. The benefit would also be extended to family pensioners, including war widows and disabled pensioners," the statement read

The arrears would be paid in four half-yearly installments, except for those who receive special, liberalised family pension and gallantry award winners, who will get it in one in-

stallment. The total arrears from July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2022 amounted to Rs.23,638 crore and this expenditure was "over and above the ongoing expenditure on account of OROP", the

statement said. "The government took a historic decision to implement OROP for the defence forces personnel/family pensioners and issued policy letter on November 07, 2015 for revision of pension w.e.f. July 01, 2014. In the said policy letter, it was mentioned that in future, the pension would be re-fixed every 5 years. Approx. Rs 57,000 crore has been spent @Rs 7,123 crore per year in eight years in the implementation of OROP," the statement read





MESSAGE **GANBOLD DAMBAJAV**

Ambassador of Mongolia to the Republic of India

ONGOLIA and India are commemorating the 67th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between the two countries this year. The official establishment of diplomatic relations in 1955 was based on age-old bonds and historical, spiritual and cultural links that bind our nations. Today, Mongolia and India enjoy a strategic partnership, which gives us an opportunity to broaden our relations in all aspects of cooperation.

Oil refining is one of the pioneering projects in terms of economic cooperation between our two governments. The Atal Bihari Vajpayee for Excellence in Information & Communication Technology and the Mongolia-India Friendship school are the projects that will contribute to the further development of our bilateral collaboration.

The Defence Ministers' visits in September and October 2022 is clear evidence of our defence cooperation development.

Cooperation in infrastructure, agriculture, husbandry production, education and medical sectors has many mutual benefits for both countries and we are working on the implementation of joint projects.

Mongolians refer to India as the Land of Lord Buddha. During his historical visit to Mongolia in 2015, Prime Minister Narendra Modi delivered a sampling of the Lord Buddha Banyan tree. The Government of India sponsored the new publications of the Mongol Kanjur, which are collections of the Lord Buddha's teaching, and presented to the Mongolian monasteries, universities and libraries. Last June, the relics of Buddha were brought by India's Justice Minister Kiren Rijiju and displayed in Mongolia. Many Mongolian monks are studying in India, while many Mongolians visit India as pilgrims. These and many more spiritual interactions are reflections of how close we are- spiritually and culturally.

According to an old legend, in ancient Mongolia, scholars and monks used to go to India and on the way back, carried water from the Ganga river. They pour the water into the valley of one of the Eastern provinces of Mongolia. This is how the beautiful lake Ganga was created in Mongolia. In this regard, I believe that Mongolia can offer Indians a unique tourist destination. You can drive the whole day and see only wild animals and enjoy the limitless vastness of the East. You can roam in the famous Gobi desert in the South, climb snow-peaked mountains or hike in their foothills in the West and stay with reindeer herders in the subarctic taiga forest with pure fresh-water lakes in the North of Mongolia. Hopefully, the establishment of direct flights between our capitals in the near future will make difference for all of us.

Age-old bonds turn to modern bonhomie

NDIA and Mongolia are ancient lands of Asia and the historic and cultural collaboration between the two countries are fascinating and unique. The link between these two lands goes back to when Indian culture and ideas spread to Central Asia and Siberia. Indians consider the Mongol's veneration of Sanskrit a matter of special privilege and hold the country in high esteem for preserving the language in translation and through manuscripts — the vast collection of the precious Sanskrit text on Indian philosophy, poetry, logic and astronomy - over centuries.

According to some Mongolian scholars, Buddhism traversed to Mongolian steppes through Tibet. During the Hunnu State of the 3rd century BC and later during the period of the Great Mongol Empire Buddhist monks, and several traders from India visited Mongolia. In 552 BC, Lama Narendrayash from the State of Udayana (Northern India) with some others visited Nirun state. For most Mongols, India is the land of Buddha, and therefore, Lamas and students from Mongolia used to travel to Nalanda, which was once the largest residential university in India to study Buddhism. Former Indian Prime Minister, the late

Atal Bihari Vajpayee, said in 1978, "The historic and cultural collaboration between India and Mongolia is most fascinating and unique and is as old as the history of the spread of Indian culture and ideas into Central Asia and Siberia. We hold the people of Mongolia in high esteem for preserving in translation, as well as in manuscripts, the vast collection of our precious Sanskrit text on our philosophy, poetry, logic and astronomy lost by us over centuries. In modern times, several Mongols visited India — the land of Buddhism.'

India established formal diplomatic relations with Mongolia on December 24, 1955, becoming the first country outside

the Soviet bloc to establish diplomatic relations with the land. Since then, there have been numerous diplomatic visits and interactions between the two countries. India sponsored Mongolia's candidacy for

membership in the United

Nations in 1961 despite

opposition from Taiwan

and China. In 1973, Mon-

golia reciprocated the In-

dian gesture by becoming

the second country after

Bhutan to recognise

Bangladesh as an inde-

pendent country follow-

ing the liberation of

Bangladesh by Indian

Indo-Mongolian rela-

tions have been growing

ever since it was resolved

to elevate ties to a "new

level of partnership" dur-

ing the India visit of Mon-

golian President Enkhba-

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in the fields of higher ed-

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human resource develop-

troops.

ment. Prime Minister of India Narendra Modi visited Mongolia on May 16, 2015, where he also addressed the Parliament. He also handed over Bhabhatron equipment to the National Cancer Centre in the

Mongolian capital Ulan Bator. Furthermore, during PM Modi's visit in May 2015, a \$1 billion line of credit was extended to Mongolia, for infrastructure development, amongst many other fields.

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FROM THE GALLERY

FROM THE CHAIR

RAJYA SABHA

"This brief Session was marked with display of wit, sarcasm, humour and intellect. I hope to experience more of it with greater indulgence from experienced members."

JAGDEEP DHANKHAR Chairman, on the last day of the Winter Session

LOK SABHA

"As many as 298 matters of public importance were raised under Rule 377. Members also raised 374 matters of urgent public importance during Zero Hour.' OM BIRLA, Speaker, at his valedictory address

Winter Session concludes early amid fewer disruptions, high productivity

Nine Bills introduced, seven passed; Opp says govt ran away from debates on contentious issues

SOURAV ROY BARMAN NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 23

THE WINTER Session of Parliament ended prematurely on Friday, after a 13-day run marked by the passage of seven Bills, and protests and walkouts by the Opposition over not being allowed to debate contentious issues, particularly the clash between Indian and Chinese troops at the Tawang sector of Arunachal Pradesh. The session was originally scheduled to end on December 29, after 17 sittings.

Starting December 7, the Lok Sabha and the Rajya Sabha registered productivity of about 97 per cent and 103 per cent, respectively, according to a statement issued by the Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs.

Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla and Parliamentary Affairs Minister Prahlad Joshi said the decision to curtail the session had the consensus of all political parties, keeping the "demand and sentiments of Members of Parliament for Christmas/yearend celebrations". president Congress

Mallikarjun Kharge said the Opposition wanted to raise issues concerning the people but the government did not want to debate them. "Along with 18 other Opposition parties, we tried our best to raise issues ranging from Chinese incursion to other issues of public importance. The government should have accepted our demand and held a debate. But they did not follow rules or precedents. We let the House



(From left) Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla, Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh and Congress leader Sonia Gandhi meet at the Speaker's chamber on Friday. ANI

function smoothly and did not cause disruptions... But the government ran away away from all debates," Kharge said while addressing the party's general secretaries, state unit heads, and CLP leaders on Friday.

Congress general secretary incharge of communications Jairam Ramesh said many Opposition parties had pointed out during the beginning of the session that the 'government does not have any Bills or agenda". "The DMK, BJD, and many regional parties had demanded that the session be curtailed since it has no legislative business. Now they have got an excuse in Covid-19 and have adjourned," he said.

Lack of road map or festive call? THE OPPOSITION says that

the Winter Session winding up six days ahead of schedule is indicative of the fact that the government lacked a definite road map in terms of Bills and agenda. The government, meanwhile, insists that the decision to curtail the session was consensual, keeping the Christmas and New Year celebrations in mind

In his valedictory address on Friday, Birla said nine Bills were introduced, of which seven were passed, including the supplementary demands for grants, the Constitution (Scheduled Tribes) Orders (Amendment) and the Maritime Anti-Piracy Bill. Bigticket proposals such as the Digital Data Protection Bill, Banking Laws (Amendment) Bill and the Higher Education Commission of India, which were not listed, will now not see the light of day before next year.

By and large, the winter session had a relatively smooth run compared to the previous few sessions when extreme acrimony between the Opposition and the Treasury benches was observed. This time, the Opposition parties largely stuck to walkouts, responding to the government turning down their demands.

The primary flashpoint was the December 9 border clash at Tawang, reports of which surfaced on December 12. The next day, when the House commenced, the Opposition members started pressing their demands for a debate, leading to adjournments. Eventually, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh read out a statement on the matter, but the Opposition's demand for seeking clarifications was again turned down.

The session also saw the government's push to have a say on appointments to the higher judiciary. In fact, on his very first day in the post, Rajya Sabha Chairman Jagdeep Dhankhar flagged the Supreme Court's 2015 decision to strike down the NIAC Bill, which, he said amounted to "compromise of parliamentary sovereignty".

The House also saw heated arguments on the state of the economy during the debate on the supplementary demands for grants. One such exchange was witnessed between Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman, who defended the government's handling of the macroeconomic fundamentals, and TMC MP Mahua Moitra, who derided it as "pappu" to underline its "incompetence".

Meanwhile, in their addresses on Friday, both Birla and Dhankhar said agreements and disagreements on issues may be reflected in debates and not through disruptions.

5 QUESTIONS

ON THE LAST DAY OF THE WINTER SESSION, RAJYA SABHA MP JOHN BRITTAS OF THE CPI(M) SPEAKS TO ESHAROY ON WHAT HE EXPECTED FROM THE SESSION AND HOW PRODUCTIVE IT WAS

'Winter Session of Parliament was not at all productive'

How productive was the Winter Session? It was not at all productive as

should not affect the functioning of Parliament... far as I was concerned. In terms of parliamentary Congress MP Jairam

democracy, the Opposition was not allowed to raise and discuss certain issues, such as the standoff between the Indian and Chinese armies at the border. But the government shied away from discussing the incident, and was very secretive about it ...

The number of functional hours seems to have been more in this session... (Being) productive

is not functioning without proper discussion, questions raised or discourse. Simply pushing Bills through and bulldozing the Opposition on various issues does not make a Parliament session productive.

What were your expectations from the session?

The government seems to have been short of business this session. The kind of Bills that had been introduced were not satisfactory or robust. The discussion was inadequate. Moreover, the session had anyway been pushed back because of the Assembly elections in Gujarat just because some ministers needed to campaign in the state. This is

not acceptable and affects the



Bharat Jodo Yatra. **Parliamentary Affairs** Minister Pralhad Joshi has retaliated by saying that **Ramesh and** Rahul Gandhi did not even attend the session. What are your

duration of the session... I am of the view that elections...

Ramesh accused the

government of curtailing

the session in light of the

thoughts? The programme of a political party is its internal matter. What the ruling party and the parliamentary affairs minister should focus on is the continued absence of the Prime Minister in Parliament and not the absence of individual

members in either House ... There were 82 starred questions and over 1,900 unstarred questions which received responses from various ministries. Has this been adequate? As parliamentarians, we raised many questions, but we did not receive proper

answers. The ministries and departments not only were often short of data, but also circumvented giving replies to what is actually asked. Sometimes, we receive different replies on the same issue.

'No previous govt interfered with judiciary as excessively': Jairam writes to Dhankhar Calls RS Chairman's response to Sonia's remarks on the issue 'extraordinary'

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 23

THE CONGRESS on Friday wrote to Rajya Sabha Chairman Jagdeep Dhankhar, saying he should not "cloak the debate" on the government's handling of the judiciary "in the guise of concern for parliamentary sovereignty", while terming his response to UPA chairperson Sonia Gandhi's remarks on the issue as "extraordinary". In a letter to Dhankhar, Congress general secretary incharge (communications) Jairam Ramesh alleged that no previous government, since the introduction of the Collegium system, has "interfered as excessively and thor-



oughly in the functioning of our judiciary". "Mr Chairman, you call upon us to avoid taking partisan stances on constitutional offices. We agree. We also point out that this entire debate was initiated entirely, and without provocation, by the Law Minister," Jairam wrote, adding that the argument that the judiciary cannot do more than interpret the laws was "incorrect".

with the authority to strike down legislation that is in violation of the Constitution or executive action that is simply mala fide. It is precisely these checks and balances under the Constitution which are

not being adhered to by the government that has resulted in the current state of unease," he said. Addressing Congress MPs as

next day, saying: "This office cannot be allowed to be dragged on the partition stance. I cannot be enlisted either by you or them to delegitimise judiciary."

In his letter, Jairam pointedly asked Dhankhar if it was not a fact that despite the Collegium's recommendations, "The government has delayed important judicial ap-

Dhankhar defends his remarks on Sonia: I will be abdicating my oath if I do not react

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 23

DEFENDING HIS comments on Congress leader and UPA chairperson Sonia Gandhi's remarks on "an attempt to delegitimise the judiciary", Vice President and Rajva Sabha Chairman Jagdeep Dhankar said on Friday that his "office cannot be allowed to be



"expected wisdom of the House to be affirmatively supportive" of him.

happened.' "I cannot be enlisted, I assure On December 20, Sonia Gandhi, while addressing the Leader of the Opposition. I cannot be enlisted either by them or Congress MPs, targeted the government for entering into a conby you to delegitimise judiciary. I suffered the allegation that I was a frontation with the Supreme Court and alleged that a "calcupart of a system to delegitimise judiciary, which means, sounding a lated attempt" was "underway to death knell of democracy," he said. delegitimise the judiciary".

Adjourning the Upper Hous

Sabha. If the Chair comments, it

is unfortunate. This has never

EXPLAINED

"The power of judicial review is part of the basic structure of our Constitution. It vests the courts

the head of the party's parliamentary party, Gandhi had on December 21 alleged that a "calculated attempt" was "underway to delegitimise the judiciary". "Ministers and even a high constitutional authority have been enlisted to make speeches attacking the judiciary on vari-

ous grounds," she had said. Dhankhar responded the pointments on multiple occasions, knowing fully well that such delays are effectively a denial."

"...Is it not a fact that this government attempted to amend the qualifications and manner of appointment to various Judicial and Quasi-Judicial Tribunals, such as the NGT, and had those choices struck down by the Supreme Court?" Jairam added.

dragged on partisan stance".

"Search your heart, the damning consequence of it. An impression is sought to be imparted that this Chair will become party to a pernicious, sinister design at the instance of the government to delegitimize judiciary. Delegitimising judiciary means death-knell of democracy," Dhankar said in Rajya Sabha.

Chairman Jagdeep Dhankhar in Rajya Sabha on Friday. PTI

"I have appealed with sobriety across the political spectrum to all the leaders, believing in their sagacity and wisdom, that they must keep high constitutional offices away from their political stances," he said, adding that he

"I will be abdicating my oath. I will be getting away from my constitutional obligations, if I do not react," he added.

This came after senior

Congress leader Pramod Tiwari

raised a point of order on the is-

sue, and his senior colleague and

Leader of Opposition Mallikarjun

Kharge said, "If a Lok Sabha

Member (Sonia) talks outside, it

should not be discussed in Rajya

Senior JD(U) leader and en-

Hitting out at the RID leader

BJP spokesperson Nikhil Anand

said, "People like Siddiqui wear

a fake secular liberal mask. These

people have still not been able to

get out of madrasa-like ghetto

culture. Siddigui's statement re-

flects the ideology of the RJD and

proves how the RJD does politics

"Siddiqui is living in India and

eating on India's plate but

singing to the tunes of funda-

mentalists and trying to play

his remarks, Siddiqui told re-

porters, "I apologise I have hurt

On Friday, apologising for

of religious appeasement." Advising Siddiqui to "go to Pakistan", Anand added,

at conditions in the country."

sine die, Dhankar appealed to members that disruption is "antithetical to grace, decorum and sublimity" of Parliament.

"This theatre of democracy is under the gaze of over a billion people in the country as also those beyond. They all cherish and hope and expect that we will work towards realising their aspirations and fructify their dreams," he said.

Modi spent crores to defame me: Rahul After RJD leader's 'desh ka

PANVEET SINGH CHADHA FARIDABAD, DECEMBER 23

CONGRESS LEADER Rahul Gandhi on Friday said that Prime Minister Narendra Modi spent thousands of crores in the past few years to defame him and the Congress party, but within a month he changed their narrative and "burnt" all that expenditure.

Addressing a public meeting in Faridabad on the last day of Bharat Jodo Yatra in Haryana in the first phase, he said, "Modi ji spent thousands of crores to defame me and Congress in the last 6-7 or 8 years. They spread several lies about me, but I kept quiet and did not utter a word in all these years. Aur phir ek mahine mein, inke hazaron crore rupayon ko jala diya meine... because the country saw that this person only has love for the nation, for the flag, for farmers, labourers... in his heart."

"...This is not Modi's government... Do not have this misunderstanding. This is the government of Adani and Ambani...Just

media like the is controlled...Pradhan Mantri ke peeche bhi lagaam hai," he said.

Reiterating that Congress was opening a shop of love in BJP's market of hate, he said, "During elections in 2014 and 2019, Modi ji gave a slogan 'Congress Mukt Bharat'. Congress is not a political party... ye ek sochne aur jeene ka



Rahul Gandhi during the Bharat Jodo Yatra in Faridabad on Friday. Amit Mehra

tareeka hai. On one side is BJP and RSS and on the other is Congress... Modi ji has understood the hate, fear and violence spread by the BJP and RSS, but he could not understand the thinking of Congress.

Emphasising the overwhelming support that vatra has received, Rahul said that when the yatra started, the BJP claimed that it would last only three days and would be a "flop" in Karnataka or Telangana and after the vatra was a "hit" in South India, they claimed it would fail in Hindi belt and other states. 'But...in state after state...in

Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh,

Rajasthan and now Haryana,

there was a tsunami," he said. He repeated that demonetization and GST were "not policies but weapons to kill small businesses'

Earlier in the day, addressing a press conference at Pakhal in Faridabad, senior Congress leader Jairam Ramesh, said the "whole Covid drama" over the past two days had been orchestrated to defame and derail the vatra from entering Delhi.

"I don't understand what the controversy is all about. If there is a directive to wear masks or to maintain social distancing, we will do so as per the protocol,"

said Ramesh.

On Parliamentary Affairs Minister Pralhad Joshi's swipe at Rahul that he was "breaking yatra to holiday abroad", Ramesh said, "Whatever he (Joshi) has said, if it turns out to be the truth, I shall publicly apologise and if what he claims is false, he should apologise... the government has all our travel records.'

On the issue of Parliament being adjourned ahead of schedule, Ramesh said the reality was that there was no business or agenda left to discuss and some opposition parties had flagged that government does not have any bills and agenda.

mahoul' remark, BJP lambasts 'madrasa-like ghetto culture'

SANTOSH SINGH PATNA, DECEMBER 23

SENIOR RASHTRIYA Janata Dal (RJD) leader and former Bihar minister Abdul Bari Siddiqui courted controversy for saying that he told his children "India mein mahoul nahi rah gaya hai jo tumlog jhel sako (you people may not be able to adapt to the situation in India right now)" and advised them to remain in the US and UK and take the citizenship of those countries

Siddiqui's concerns, the BJP said the RJD leader "had not yet come out of ghetto madrasa culture". After his comments kicked up a storm, the 69-yearold on Friday apologised for his comments, saying he did not mean to hurt anyone's sentiments. In a viral video from a func-

tion held at the Bihar Legislative Council on December 17, Siddiqui, who was invited as a speaker, can be heard saying: "Mera ek beta hai, ek beti ... Beta abhi Harvard me padh raha hai aur beti LSE (London School of Economics) se pass out kar chuki hai. Jo desh ka mahoul hai, aap kahiyega aap toh khud ho yahan



Abdul Bari Siddiqui had said he told his children they may not be able to 'adapt to the situation in India right now'

... Hamne kaha beta. beti ko. naukri kar lo udhar hi, agar citizenship bhi mile to le lena. India mein mahoul nahi rah gaya hai jo tum jhel sako. Ye baat ho sakta hai aap samajh sakte hai ki kitni taklif se aadmi apne bal bachche ko kahega apna madre-e-watan, apni matribhoomi chhod do. Ye dour aa gaya hai (I have a son and a daughter. My son has been studying at Harvard and my daughter is a London School of Economics graduate. The kind of ambience in the country, you may ask why I am saying so when I am myself living here. I have asked my children to take up jobs there and citizenship, if given. I told them I am not sure if they will be able to adapt and tolerate the kind of

SIT to probe transportation of illegally mined minerals by rail

Soren announces

condition that India is in. You **PRESS TRUST OF INDIA** can imagine what one goes through when telling their chil-RANCHI, DECEMBER 23 dren to leave their motherland.

JHARKHAND CHIEF Minister Hemant Soren on Friday announced that a special investigation team (SIT) will probe the alleged transportation of illegally mined minerals by railways from the state.

Speaking in the Assembly, Soren said the SIT was set up to investigate how much mineral was transported from the state by the railways and the extent of the illegal transportation.

"Trucks and tractors are blamed for illegal transportation of stones, sand and coal. But, it is rampant through trains also. And, the state government has no interference in this," he said.

On December 14, Soren wrote to Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw seeking his attention towards the alleged involvement of railway officials in the transportation of illegally mined minerals.

The CM also told him about the the sentiments of my people. What I said had a context but I state government's decision of ordering a high-level inquiry into it. never intended to hurt anyone's sentiments. But at least Soren also alleged that there has to be a debate on it. I the BJP was using central agenam only advising the BJP to recies to destabilise the state government. frain from communal politics."

While the JD(U) supported



a victim.'

Inter-faith love story in Jharkhand meets gory end, politics takes over

ABHISHEK ANGAD SAHIBGANJ, DECEMBER 23

IT WAS the nail paint on a flayed limb that led to the identification of the victim. Reveka Paharin, 22, had been missing for about 24 hours and the police had been struggling for clues when, on December 17, they were tipped off about the limb, found behind an anganwadi in Bel Tola village in Jharkhand's Sahibganj district.

"We called in her husband Dildaar Ansari, whose family had filed a missing persons complaint on December 16, and he identified the limb as that of his wife. We started searching nearby areas and found more parts stuffed into different polythene bags. Reveka's family identified a ring on one of the fingers as hers," said Borio Police Station in-charge Jagannath Pan, adding that the suspicion then fell on the Ansaris since the police investigation had revealed tension in the family since Reveka moved in with Dildaar.

On December 16, the day police say Reveka was murdered, Dildaar's mother Mariam Nisha and two of her relatives had walked into the Borio police station to say that the woman had gone missing. Police have registered a case

under various IPC sections including for murder and under the SC/ST Prevention of Atrocities Act against 11 members, including Dildaar, his mother Nisha and nine other family members, including two of his uncles who are suspected to have hacked Reveka's body into pieces. All the accused, except Moinul Ansari, Nisha's brother, have been arrested, po-

lice said. The shockwaves from the murder of the 22-year-old, who belonged to the Paharia community, a Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Group in Jharkhand, have travelled far beyond Goda Pahad, a tribal hamlet of 30 households of Christian families, including Reveka's, that is 2 km uphill from Dildaar's Bel Tola village.

Since the details of the murder have come to light, the BJP has been attempting to put the administration on the backfoot, holding protests and drawing parallels between Reveka's killing and that of Shraddha Walkar, who was killed allegedly by her partner. Explaining the sequence of

events, SHO Pan said, "As per the



Reveka's parents and sister on a charpoy listen to BJP workers in Borio's Goda Pahad area.

confessional statements of all the of the killing."

accused, Dildaar's mother Mariam Nisha wasn't happy with Reveka being part of their family because she was a Christian tribal while they were Muslims, and since Reveka had a child from an earlier relationship. When Dildaar insisted on being with Reveka, his mother Nisha went to her brothers and asked them to get rid of the woman. She also paid Rs 20,000 to her brothers for the job. As far as we know, Dildaar was part of the conspiracy, but not part

of the killing." Police and Reveka's family say she was in a live-in relationship with a fellow tribal – a common practice in these parts — but the couple parted ways in 2017 after the birth of a child and she came home to be with her parents. A few years later, she met Dildaar.

Sitting on a charpoy outside his thatched roof home, Reveka's father Surja Pahariya says he tried to persuade his daughter not to be with Dildaar because he was from a different community. Also,

Dildaar was already married.

But in October this year, say police, Reveka left with Dildaar when he came to her home in a tempo when no one else was present.

Surja says that he then confronted Dildaar about his daughter. "He told me that he had rented a room for her and had kept her there. I told Dildaar that if he loved my daughter, he should take her home, not keep her in some rented place. Maybe this was a mistake... She soon shifted to his home," said Surja, who has five other children.

Although the FIR states that Reveka and Dildaar were married, her family members deny having any information on the wedding. On Wednesdy 221-member

On Wednesday, a 21-member Jharkhand BJP delegation of the ST Morcha called on Reveka's family. After a small speech to those gathered around the grieving Surja – on "love jihad" and how "these people should not be allowed in the village without permission", one of the BJP members puts a arm around Surja, and asks if his daughter was taken away forcibly. "No, no. They were in a relationship and were together willingly," says Surja.

Gujarat man dies trying to cross US-Mexico border

EXPRESS NETWORK

State police order inquiry to check if he had documents

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE GANDHINAGAR, DECEMBER 23

POLICE IN Gujarat have launched a probe into the reported death of a Gandhinagar man during a bid to enter the US from Mexico by crossing the border wall.

Additional Director General of Police (CID Crime), R B Brahmbhatt, said police have taken cognisance of media reports that Brijkumar Yadav fell off the wall while attempting his illegal crossing, Police said Yadav was residing in Gandhinagar's Kalol taluka – the same place the Indian family that froze to death near the US-Canada border hails from.

A local report stated that Yadav was with his wife and three-yearold son during the crossing at Mexico's Tijuana. The woman fell on US soil, while Yadav fell from a height of five meters on the Mexican side along with his son, a Tijuana news website reported on December 15.

"Taking note of the media reports, we have ordered a preliminary inquiry into whether the man had a proper passport and visa. We will also record statements of their (Yadavs') relatives. After getting a preliminary inquiry done, we will get in touch with our counterparts in the US and Mexico through proper channels," said Brahmbhatt.

The Indian family, reports stated, were trying to reach San Diego in the US. Gujarat Police has tried to get in touch with Yadav's family in Kalol, sources said. Yadav is learnt to be a migrant who was working in Kalol.

The Tijuana news website, quoting the National Institute of Migration, stated that "the minor is already with his mother in the US". The incident was reported to Mexican authorities by Border Patrolagents on December 14, the website said. It quoted the head of DMAM (Municipal Directorate of Attention to Migrants), Enrique Lucero, as saying that "the migrant (Yadav) was travelling with a group of between 30 and 40 other people who apparently managed to cross into the LS"

to cross into the US". The place where Yadav died is vacant land in the vicinity of the Terrazas de Mendoza subdivision, and the area was patrolled by members of the National Guard after the incident, the report said.

In the place where the 40 migrants allegedly crossed, "they found bottles with water, women's shoes, gloves, a cigarette case with cigars, clothes and improvised chairs", the report said. "We have received no official

"We have received no official intimation from any government yet on the death of Brijkumar Yadav, who was allegedly crossing the US-Mexico border a few days ago and died. Whatever information we have got is from the news, social media, and local sources only," said Amit Patel, Deputy Superintendent of Police,

Gandhinagar. Patel said, "We have also contacted the family of Yadav, which lives in Kalol. They have not given any official confirmation, as they are still contacting the authorities abroad for the death of their relative. We will register a complaint as soon as they go official."

In January this year, four members of a family, including a 17year-old girl and a four-year-old boy, were found to have frozen to death in Manitoba province of Canada while trying to illegally cross over to the US. They belonged to Dingucha village of Kalol taluka, which Yadav was from.

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FAKE ALERT

FORMER ELECTION Commissioner Ashok Lavasa last week found himself the victim of an impersonator. In a tweet on Friday, Lavasa cautioned followers about a fake Instagram profile pretending to be him. The fake profile was messaging people, asking for money to be sent to a mobile number based in Uttar Pradesh. He asked anyone who received the message in question to report it.

MAKING A POINT

WHILE THE conclusion of the Winter Session of Parliament happened a week early, ending on Friday instead of December 29, CPI(M) Rajya Sabha MP John Brittas took advantage of the presence of Prime Minister Narendra Modi to raise an issue in the House. For his special mention, right before the Winter Session was brought to conclusion, Brittas raised the subject of what he said was imposition of Hindi across the country, saying he was happy to have spoken about it in the presence of the Prime Minister himself.



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Birbhum blast: 2 minors injured, grandfather held

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE KOLKATA, DECEMBER 23

TWO MINOR brothers were injured critically when they were playing in an abandoned house belonging to their maternal grandfather at Ekdala village of Birbhum district's Rampurhat sub-division on Friday morning.

The victims' grandfather, identified as Jamirul Islam, was arrested for allegedly keeping explosives in the house, police said.

The teenagers had come to their maternal grandfather's

house for a few days, it is learnt. A case was registered against Jamirul Islam under the Explosive Substance Act and var-

ious sections of the IPC. Tension prevailed in the area following the incident. Police personnel cordoned off Jamirul's house after the explosion.

"A case has been lodged and the house owner has been arrested. We have started an investigation as to what exactly happened and what kind of explosives were involved in the blast," Superintendent of Police (SP) Nagendra Nath Tripathi said.

36 yrs later, man, wife get 10-year jail for teen's rape

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE LUCKNOW, DECEMBER 23

A COURT in Kanpur sentenced a 67-year-old businessman and his wife, 62, to 10-year imprisonment in connection with the alleged rape of a teenaged girl in 1986. The girl was 15 years old when the incident occurred.

The victim's mother had filed a complaint against Ram Bharosey, his wife Heera Devi and two others the same year.

However, the accused were later released on bail and had been out of jail since.

"Additional District and Sessions Judge sentenced two accused to 10 years imprisonment and acquitted the other two owing to lack of evidence. They are close relatives of the accused," said Government Counsel, Kanpur, Chandra Kant Sharma. After the judgment, the accused were taken into custody and sent to jail.

"The court relied on the statement of the victim and her mother, the complainant in the case. The investigating officer of the case and the FIR writer had died during the trial," the prosecution said.

In all, five prosecution witnesses were examined by the court. According to the prosecution, the incident took place when the victim was staying at a relative's residence in Kanpur. The accused were staying at the house as tenants.

When the victim's relatives raised the matter with the accused, they threatened the family with dire consequences, the prosecution added.



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Report Influenza-like illness (ILI) & Severe Acute Respiratory Illness (SARI) cases in Health Facilities

Adequate & timely Testing (maintain the recommended share of RT-PCR and Antigen tests)

Ensure higher samples for whole genome to enable timely detection of new variants, if any, in the country





Increase the coverage of Precaution dose



Put measures in place (with relevant stakeholders like event organizers, business owners, market associations etc.) to avoid overcrowding, ensure adequate ventilation & wearing of masks in crowded places

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Create Awareness in Community to seek their continued support including adherence to COVID Appropriate Behavior

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HIGH COURT SUMMONS SPORT BODIES' OFFICIALS ON JANUARY 12 Kerala seeks probe into cycle polo player death in Nagpur

Official says she collapsed in hospital after being given an injection for 'food poisoning'; father alleges medical negligence

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE THIRUVANANTHAPURAM KOCHI, NAGPUR, DEC 23

KERALA EDUCATION Minister V Sivankutty on Friday said the state government had written to Maharashtra CM Eknath Shinde. demanding an inquiry into the death of Nida Fathima, the 10year-old girl from Kerala who died at a Nagpur hospital on Thursday.

hailing from Nida. Ambalappuzha in Alappuzha district, was part of the Kerala contingent that went to Nagpur to take part in the National Cycle Polo Championship, which began on Thursday. "We have requested the Maharashtra government to probe the allegation that the girl did not receive adequate medical attention and promised all co-operation from the Kerala government," Sivankutty said in a

Facebook post. Meanwhile, the Kerala High Court on Friday admitted a con-

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to be held on

June 4 next yr

New Delhi: The Joint

Entrance Exam (JEE)

Advanced for admission to

the Indian Institutes of

Technology will be con-

ducted on June 4, 2023, IIT

Guwahati announced on

Friday. The institute is re-

sponsible for conducting

the examination for 2023.

The examination com-

prises two papers of three-

hour duration each.

According to IIT officials, it

is compulsory for candi-

dates to appear in both the

papers.

tempt of court petition in connection with Nida's death. The court directed the secretaries of the Cycle Polo Federation of India and Cycle Polo Association of Kerala

to appear in person on January 12. The bench of Justice VG Arun acted upon the contempt of court petition moved by Kerala Cycle Polo Association. The petitioner told the court that its team, including Nida Fathima, was permitted by the HC, in an order on December 15, to participate in the national championship at Nagpur, but the players were not provided food or lodging by the Cycle Polo Federation of India. As a result, they had to be accom-

modated in a local dormitory and Nida got afflicted with food poisoning and died on Thursday morning, the petitioner associa-

NSE PHONE-TAPPING CASE

tion said in its contempt plea filed through advocate Santhan V Nair. Kerala Cycle Polo Association secretary Riyas, who is in Nagpur, told The Indian Express that Nida's post-mortem was



10-year-old Nida Fathima

conducted at the Nagpur Medical College on Thursday and her body was set to be taken to Kerala on a flight departing from Nagpur at 10 pm. "There will be a layover in Bengaluru and it will reach the Kochi airport by 9 am on Friday. From there, it will be taken to the girl's house at Ambalappuzha," he added.

Chitra Ramkrishna (left),

tion, the CBI had arrested

Ramakrishna," the spokesper-

Four days later, the Enforcement

Directorate registered a case

against Pandey and arrested him

on July 19; the CBI arrested him

on September 24. "The illegal

phone-tapping of NSE employ-

ees was unearthed during the in-

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son said.



Two groups of players went to



Nagpur to represent Kerala in the national championship by rival associations. One was sent by Kerala Cycle Polo Association, which

claims the Kerala High Court had permitted its teams to participate in the national championship representing the state. The other contingent was sent by the Cycle Polo Association of Kerala, affiliated to the Cycle Polo Federation of India, the national body for the sport. Nida, a student of SDV

Government Upper Primary School at Neerkunnam near Ambalappuzha, was part of the sub-junior girls' team sent by

Kerala Cycle Polo Association. The 29-member contingent, comprising 24 players, coaches and officials, had reached Nagpur on Tuesday evening, said Riyas. 'The national federation refused to provide us accommodation or food, saying we were not from the affiliated state association. The Bharatiya Mazdoor Sangh provided us with accommodation space and we had to eat food from outside," he said.

"Nida vomited around 2.45 am on Thursday and that was the first sign of discomfort she showed.

She got better after that but when she vomited again in the morning, we decided to take her to the hospital and took her to Shrikrishna Hospital, which was around 200m away from the place we were staying at," Riyas said.

According to Riyas, Nida walked to the hospital without any difficulty and doctors said she was vomiting because of food poisoning. "They gave her an injection around 8 am but immediately after that, she started complaining of pain in her hand and vomited once more before collapsing. She was admitted to the intensive care unit but they could not save her. The hospital officially said the death happened at 10.20 am and shifted her body to

Nagpur Medical College," he said. Nida's father, Shihabuddin, a driver, came to know about the death of his daughter at the Kochi airport while he was on his way to Nagpur after being informed that she was admitted to a hospital. Two Kerala Sports Council repre-

sentatives also reached Nagpur. The Dhantoli police in Nagpur registered an accidental death report in the matter and recorded the statements of all people concerned. The police said the girl had not been passing motions for the last two days and on

Thursday, she fell ill and was taken to a private hospital. The doctors gave her an injection but after that she collapsed and was declared dead, the police said.

Inspector Prabhavati Ekurke said the girl's father, in his statement, claimed there was negligence from the hospital. The matter has been referred to the Indian Medical Association, which will ascertain the veracity of the allegation, Ekurke said.

The other contingent from Kerala, sent by the rival faction, Cycle Polo Association of Kerala, was given accommodation and other facilities by the national federation. Curiously, their teams are also playing matches at the championship.

UMESH KOLHE MURDER Minister: Uddhav call to Amravati **CP to be probed**

ALOK DESHPANDE NAGPUR, DECEMBER 23

MAHARASHTRA MINISTER Shambhuraj Desai on Friday said Intelligence the State Department (SID) will probe whether former chief minister Uddhav Thackeray had asked the then Amravati police commissioner Arti Singh to probe the murder of Amravati resident Umesh Kolhe "through the an-

gle of robbery". The issue was raised by Amravati MLA Ravi Rana, who. along with his wife and Lok Sabha MP Navneet Rana, have been at odds with Thackeray for over a year. The couple was arrested by Mumbai Police earlier this year after they forcibly tried to enter Thackeray's residence Matoshree to recite the Hanuman Chalisa during the tenure of the Maha Vikas Aghadi government.

During the discussion on Calling Attention Motion, Rana said in the Assembly that Umesh Kolhe was murdered when Uddhav Thackeray was the chief minister of Maharashtra. "The police probed this murder through the angle of robbery. It was Uddhav Thackeray's phone call to Police Commissioner Arti Singh to probe the murder through robbery angle. We demand that his



Uddhav Thackeray

phone call be probed through an . SIT," he said.

Desai, who was replying on behalf of Home Minister Devendra Fadnavis, said the SID will probe this aspect. "It will be probed as to who had called whom and the report will be presented to the state home minister," he said.

Kolhe, 54, was murdered on une 21 by three assailants when he was returning from work, days after he had put up a post on WhatsApp in support of then BJP spokesperson Nupur Sharma, who had made controversial comments on Prophet Muhammad. The Eknath Shinde-Devendra Fadnavis government had, after coming to power, handed over the probe into the matter to the National Investigation Agency, which filed the chargesheet in the case earlier this month.

Only when he stands before me, I will believe he got bail: Kappan's wife

ABHINAYA HARIGOVIND NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 23

AS MUCH as she is relieved that the Allahabad High Court has granted bail to her husband Siddique Kappan, Raihana Siddique is worried about another hurdle

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"In the UAPA case (in which cation process usually does not to Kappan in September this year), the verification of the sureties has not been completed vet. It's been more than three months. There was a problem initially of not finding anybody to stand surety since we needed somebody from Uttar Pradesh and we didn't know the place too well. Two persons later came to us through media friends and agreed to stand surety," Raihana

the Supreme Court granted bail take more than a week. We got the Supreme Court order on day's order," he said.

MANRAL

Investigation (CBI) has filed a chargesheet in a Delhi court on Friday against former National Stock Exchange (NSE) CEOs Chitra Ramkrishna, Ravi Narain, former Mumbai police Ltd. Sanjay Pandey and other

PUNJAB Pak drone shot down by BSF at the border

Amritsar: A drone entering India from Pakistan through the International Border in Punjab was shot down by the Border Security Force (BSF) on Friday, a spokesperson of the force said. The un-

CBI files chargesheet against NSE ex-CEOs, former top cop Pandey

MAHENDER SINGH

NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 23

THE CENTRAL Bureau of commissioner and former director of iSEC Services Private

top executives in connection with the NSE phone-tapping case. "We have a filed a chargesheet against the private company – M/s iSEC Services Pvt Ltd - based in New Delhi/Mumbai, Pandey, the then director of ISEC, Naman Chaturvedi, then senior information security analyst of ISEC,

Jagdish Tukaram Dalvi of ISEC,

Ravi Varanasi, then executive

vice-president of NSE, Mahesh



CHRISTMAS CHEER

Bow Barracks area decked up ahead of Christmas in Kolkata on Friday. Partha Paul

The CBI had booked the re-**VIDEOCON LOAN CASE** tired IPS officer and others in the phone-tapping case on July 7.

Chanda Kochhar, husband held in Rs 1,700-cr bank cheating case

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 23



paid. The Videocon account was declared an NPA in 2017. According to the CBI

manned aerial vehicle was detected at around 7.45 am near the Pulmoran border post in the Amritsar sector. The drone, the spokesperson said, is six feet in expanse and can carry a 25 kg payload. This is the third straight day that the border-guarding force has shot down a drone in Punjab. PTI

MAHARASHTRA Fraudsters dupe 19 people

of Rs 10 lakh

Mumbai: The Goregaon police is on the lookout for unknown fraudsters who allegedly duped 19 people from the western suburbs Rs 10.53 lakh on the pretext of doubling their investments in 45 days. The police said the accused had come up with an app, which was used by the victims to pay them. A WhatsApp group was also created for purportedly maintaining a database of the transactions. ENS

GOA

Leopard dies after getting trapped in snare

Panaji: A leopard died after getting trapped in a wired snare on the outskirts of the Mhadei Wildlife Sanctuary in Sattari taluka of North Goa, a forest department official said on Friday. Goa Forest Minister Vishwajit Rane said "strict action" would be initiated against those responsible. Sattari taluka has seen several such incidents of human-animal conflict in the past. PTI

Haldipur, then head (premises of NSE), Ravi Narain, then managing director of NSE, Chitra Ramkrishna, then DMD/managing director of NSE, Anand Subramanian, then group operating officer, S B Thosar, then OSD, Bhupesh Mistry, then manager (premises)," said a CBI spokesperson.

It was found during investigation that Pandey was working as a police officer while allegedly managing the affairs of the company, said the spokesperson. 'The NSE ended up paying around Rs 4.54 crore in eight years to the private company for illegally tapping phone calls of NSE employees in the name of cyber vulnerability study. The call records of hundreds of NSE employees were allegedly kept in the custody of the private company and the interception was done without the knowledge or consent of NSE board or its employees. During investiga-

rised recording and monitoring of phone calls in NSE started in 1997 when Narain and Ramakrishna connected call lines of employees to a digital voice recorder provided by a private company," the spokesperson said.

Officials said iSec Services Pvt Ltd, a company founded by Pandey, conducted the security audit at NSE during the period when the co-location scam was allegedly committed.

1997-2009, "During Ramakrishna with the help of some NSE employees allegedly supervised the interception. In 2009, the work of monitoring the calls was given to the accused private company being run by Pandey. To maintain secrecy, the work order was allegedly issued to the private company in the name of conducting periodic study of cyber vulnerabilities," the spokesperson said.

CENTRAL Investigation (CBI) on Friday arrested former ICICI Bank MD and CEO Chanda Kochhar and her husband Deepak Kochhar for allegedly cheating ICICI Bank of Rs 1,730 crore until March 2012.

The bank and Chanda Kochhar have been under regulatory scrutiny after The Indian Express first reported on March 29, 2018 that Venugopal Dhoot of Videocon Group provided crores of rupees to a firm he had set up with Deepak and two relatives six months after his firm got Rs 3,250 crore as loan from ICICI Bank in 2012.

Sources said the couple was summoned for questioning in Delhi. They were arrested after the investigating officer complained that the two were not cooperating with the police team. In 2019, the CBI lodged an FIR

against the Kochhars, Dhoot and firms, including Nupower Renewables and Videocon

Chanda Kochhar (left), and husband Deepak Kochhar

Industries, for allegedly cheating ICICI Bank of Rs 1,730 crore until March 2012. In its FIR, the CBI also named Supreme Energy Pvt Ltd, Videocon International Electronics Ltd (VIEL) and unknown public servants as accused. It alleged that "the accused (Chanda Kochhar) sanctioned certain loans to private companies in a criminal conspiracy with other accused to cheat ICICI Bank". The case was filed under sections of the Indian Penal Code and the Prevention of Corruption Act.

The CBI said the amount was part of the Rs 40.000-crore loan that the Videocon Group secured from a consortium of 20 banks led by SBI. Almost 86 per

August 26, 2009, the sanctioning committee of ICICI Bank that included Chanda Kochhar approved a loan of Rs 300 crore to VIEL "in contravention of the rules and policy". Chanda Kochhar, the CBI al-

cent of the Rs 3,250 crore loan

(Rs 2,810 crore) remained un-

leged, "dishonestly" abused her official position to disburse this loan on September 7, 2008 and the very next day, her husband's firm Nupower Renewables received Rs 64 crore from Videocon Industries Ltd (VIL) to acquire its first power plant. "...Chanda Kochhar got illegal gratification/undue benefit through her husband from Dhoot for sanctioning RTL (rupee term loan) of Rs 300 crore to M/s VIEL," the agency said in its FIR.

The CBI said that RTLs sanctioned to five companies of the Videocon Group between June 2009 and October 2011 were "in violation of the credit policy of the bank".

said. One of the two persons who stood surety for Kappan was Roop Rekha Verma, former vice-chancellor of Lucknow University. "This order (the bail granted on Friday) will be able to tell us if such bail conditions will be im-

posed. Once the order comes, we will have to find somebody to stand surety. We are hoping there won't be any more difficulties," she said.

This delay in surety verification is the main barrier stalling Kappan's release, said Mohamed Dhanish, his lawyer. "The verifi-

September 9. Within 10 days, we provided the surety, but even three months later, the verification has not been completed. We will now have to see what bail conditions will be imposed in to-

The bail condition in the UAPA case was to furnish two sureties of Rs. 1 lakh each, Dhanish said. On Friday, the Allahabad High Court granted bail to Kappan in a Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA) case.

On the bail granted by the Allahabad High Court, Raihana said, "I really wasn't expecting bail since the lower court had rejected his (Kappan's) application. It has been more than two years now of our lives, our children's lives like this. It is only when he stands before me that I will be able to believe that he has been released. That is the situation now. But even if late, we will get justice...we have now got bail.'

Cow dung touch: Chhattisgarh school, hostel get fresh coat of paint

JAYPRAKASH S NAIDU RAIPUR, DECEMBER 23

IN A first, a government school and a hostel for tribal students in Kodagaon in Kanker district of Chhattisgarh have been painted with natural paint made from cow dung. The initiative has been undertaken by the state's Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel as part of the 'Godhan Nyaya

Yojana'. Kanker collector Priyanka Shukla said S.U.M. school in Kodagaon and a hostel for tribal students in Kottara have got a fresh coat of cow dung paint. This paint has been prepared by women self-help groups (SHG) in a gouthan (livestock shelter) at Saradhunawagaon in Kanker. The cow dung paint unit has

been built under Mahatma

Gandhi Rural Industrial Park

(RIPA), an ambitious scheme of the Chhattisgarh government in Charama block of the district," she said.

About 20 women are employed in the unit and its production capacity is a minimum of 500 litres of paint per day. Depending on the production of the paint, all government buildings in the state will be painted in future with the "gobar paint", the collector added.

One member of a women self-help group, Jageshwari Bhaskar (45), told The Indian Express that preparing the paint will increased her salary from Rs 3,000 to Rs 5,000 per month.

Bhaskar, a resident of Kherkheda village who travels 15 km to the unit in Saradhunawagaon every day, said, "We hope to earn more money from this initiative. I used to earn Rs 3,000 a month but I am



S.U.M. school in Kodagaon of Kanker district in Chhattisgarh being painted. Express

hoping to earn Rs 5,000 by preparing and selling this paint. The villagers are also getting money by selling cow dung to us.' "At present, the paint is being

prepared in Kanker and Chhattisgarh capital Raipur; efforts are on to prepare it in other districts. The paint is being sold at Rs 125 per litre," said a government official.

The demand for the paint is likely to increase as earlier this week all government departments were ordered by the Chief Minister to compulsorily use cow dung paint for all government buildings.

Baghel also warned of strict action against officials if they would violate the order. The move is aimed at strengthening rural economy and ensure environmental protection, said an official

Under the Godhan Nyaya

Yojana, vermicompost, supercompost and other products are being manufactured in gauthans using cow dung procured at two rupees per kg.

The CM's initiative was appreciated by BJP leader and Minister of Road Transport and Highways Nitin Gadkari, who tweeted, "His (Baghel's) decision is commendable and welcome. Under the leadership of PM Narendra Modi I started this as the MSME minister. The use of natural paint will not only protect the environment but also provide a new opportunity to the farmers and benefit them."

Replying to the tweet, Baghel thanked the minister for acknowledging his initiative and called him a "karmayogi". He tweeted, "Respect for cow and labour is a path shown by Gandhi and we are moving forward on that."





'Mastermind' among 5 arrested in Bihar hooch case: police

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA PATNA, SARAN, DECEMBER 23

IN A major breakthrough, Bihai Police on Friday arrested five people, including the main accused, in connection with the Saran hooch deaths case, a senior officer said.

A Special Investigation Team, constituted by the state police in the incident, apprehended a homoeopathy compounder, allegedly the mastermind of the hooch tragedy that claimed 38 lives, Saran SP Santosh Kumar said. "Police seized a vehicle, used for transporting chemicals from Uttar Pradesh and supplying liquors in and around Masrakh in Saran. Empty bottles of chemicals that were used in manufacturing spurious liquor were also recovered," the SP said.

The SIT had earlier arrested nine people in connection with the case. "The preliminary investigation revealed that the mastermind with the help of his associates used to manufacture spurious liquor by mixing homoeopathy medicine and sugar. They (accused) used to supply illicit liquor in several areas of Saran district through their vendors or

associates," he said. During questioning, the arrested persons admitted that they supplied spurious liquor made of homoeopathy medicines in Saran MAHENDER SINGH district, the SP said, adding that MANRAL one of the accused had also consumed the same liquor, but he

survived after the treatment. "Police have recovered a large number of empty bottles of chemicals that were used in manufacturing the spurious liquor

Talking to reporters in Patna, Additional DGP (HQ) Jitendra Singh Gangwar denied allegations that the spirit kept inside one of the police stations in Saran district was responsible for the hooch tragedy. "Based on the initial investigation, it appears that no spirit kept inside one of the police stations in Saran was used for making spurious liquor. It is suspected that some other chemicals might have been used in the manufacturing of liquor. We are waiting for the viscera reports of all the deceased," he said. "These will re-

veal the type of chemical used in making the spurious liquor. Let the investigation complete, then only, we will be able to comment

Strict action will be taken against those who are found

from Doela area of Saran. The investigation is on," the SP said.

on anything specific.'

guilty, Gangwar said.

NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 23 WHILE INCIDENTS of violence from Left-Wing Extremism (LWE) in the country have dropped by 77 per cent between 2009 and 2021, state-wise data showed an increase in such incidents in Chhattisgarh, Madhya Bihar Pradesh and Telangana this year in comparison to the previous

year, and a decrease in incidents in Maharashtra, Odisha, [harkhand and Bihar among others, according to data provided by the Ministry of Home Affairs in Rajya Sabha. The data also showed a decline in the number of deaths from LWE violence in Chhattisgarh and Jharkhand as well as other states.

Data of LWE violence in Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand, Bihar, Madhya Pradesh, Andhra Pradesh, Maharashtra, Odisha, Telangana and Kerala showed that 670 incidents took place in 2019, 665 in 2020, 509 in 2021 and 483 this year (until November 30).

"State-wise breakup of fouryear data shows that in

Chhattisgarh sees rise in cases Maharashtra, Odisha, Jharkhand, Bihar report dip in Left-Wing Extremism

Maoist violence, deaths down;

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*(Till Nov 30)

Chhattisgarh, 279 incidents occurred in 2022, 255 in 2021, 315 in 2020 and 263 in 2019. Data of deaths of security force personnel and civilians due to Maoist violence shows that 56 were reported this year, 101 in 2021, 111 in 2020 and 77 in 2019," Union

dents and 12 deaths this year, there were 130 incidents and 26 deaths in 2021, 199 incidents and 39 deaths in 2020, and 200 incidents and 54 deaths in 2019.

Rai informed Rajya Sabha that to address LWE holistically, the central government approved a national policy and action plan in 2015.

'This policy envisages a multi-pronged strategy involving security related measures, development interventions, ensuring rights and entitlements of local communities, etc. Steadfast implementation of this policy has resulted in consistent decline in violence in LWE affected areas. Incidents of LWE violence have reduced by 77 per cent from a high of 2,213 in 2010 to 509 in 2021," he said.

Last Saturday, Union Home Minister Amit Shah had said at the 25th Eastern Zonal Council meeting in Kolkata that LWE has almost been eliminated from the country's eastern region. "Efforts should be sustained as extremism should not re-emerge in LWE-free states. and these states should develop at par with other parts of the country," he had added.

Bijapur encounter Maharashtra and another bounty of Rs 5 lakh from

2 Maoists killed in

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE RAIPUR, DECEMBER 23 Telangana.

TWO MAOISTS, a man and a woman, were killed in an encounter with security forces in a jungle in Bijapur district of Chhattisgarh Friday morning. The police said the encounter took place during an anti-Maoist operation undertaken jointly by security forces of Chhattisgarh and Maharashtra.

The incident took place around 7 am in a jungle area near Tekameta village in the jurisdiction of Farsegarh police station in Bijapur.

"The location of the encounter is said to be around 10 km from Maharashtra border. One woman and one man were killed. Another Maoist, who was injured in the encounter, was captured alive and we are questioning him. We have recovered three weapons - two SLR and another firearm. No one from our team suffered injury," Bilaspur SP Anjneya Varshney told The Indian Express.

While the man killed in the operation is yet to be identified, the woman was later identified as Kanthi Lingavva alias Anitha. 41, from Telangana's Laxmi Sagar. She had a bounty of Rs 16 lakh on her arrest from

of Chhattisgarh's District Reserve Guards. As part of the combing operation, the team crossed into Chhattisgarh from Gadchiroli district in Maharashtra. The police said the Maoists fired on them first after which they first appealed them to stop firing. The police fired in retaliation when the Maoist did not stop the fir-

According to the police, she

is the wife of Mylarapu Adellu

alias Bhashkar, a member of the

Telangana state committee and

secretary of Kumram Bhim divi-

sional committee of the Maoists

Mylarapu, who has a bounty of

more than Rs 20 lakh for his ar-

rest, was at the spot and man-

aged to escape, the police said.

tified as Lachhmayya Kuchha

Weladi, 28, from Tekameta in

Bijapur.

The injured Maoist was iden-

The joint team comprised

300 commandos from Special

Operations Squad (C-60) from

Gadchiroli and 20 commandos

ing. The gun battle lasted around 45 minutes. "Its for the first time the Gadchiroli police has operated so deep outside Maharashtra border in joint coordination with Bijapur police," said Gadchiroli

SP Neelotpal.

BUILDING CONSTRUCTON DEPARTMENT

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Use temple, mosque speakers to wake up kids early: Haryana govt

speakers) so that the students

wake up and start studying.

With this initiative, the students

are expected to get extra 2-3

tion) Anshaj Singh has sent a let-

ter to the district education offi-

cers and principals of all

government schools in the state

asking them to take appropriate

steps for preparations of Class X

A copy of the letter has also

According to Anshaj Singh's

been sent to state additional

chief secretary (school educa-

letter, a joint planning should be

formulated by the parents and

teachers so that the students get

additional hours for self-study.

are best when the mind is fresh

and the environment is serene

and there is no noise of vehicles.

And for this the teachers should

"For this, the morning hours

and XII examinations.

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Director (secondary educa-

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SUKHBIR SIWACH CHANDIGARH, DECEMBER 23

A FEW months ahead of the annual board examination of Class X and XII students, the Haryana education department has asked the principals of government schools to approach the village panchayats to create a conducive study environment at home, especially to motivate the children to wake up early and study in the

wee hours (at 4:30 am). In a directive issued to the school principals on Thursday, the education department mentioned: "The newly elected members of panchayats should be urged to make such efforts that an environment is created in the villages for studies during early morning hours. Temples, mosques, and gurdwaras should be contacted for early morning announcements(through loud-

SCHOOL JOBS SCAM Sack 53 teachers ask the parents to wake up their children at 4.30 am. The parents should ensure that their wards

the Indira Vihar area under the Jawahar Nagar police station on Friday. Police identified the deceased as Aniket Kumar (18), a resident of Bareilly in UP. Kumar had been preparing for NEET-UG for the last three years. PTI

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The school principals were reminded in the letter that just 70 days were left for the board examinations in March 2023. Keeping this in mind, the schools should make plans to improve the results of their institutions, the letter stated. An official of the education department told the	Name of work Approx cost of the works in Address of the office Bid Security Date & time of	Electrical work in connection with improvement of air Conditioning System with replacement of overaged units and other allied works at RRI's having less than 100 routes over Delhi Division. Rs. 36.70 lacs Sr. Divil Elect. Engineer/General, New Delhi. Rs. 73400.00 03.01.2023, 12:00 Hrs.	
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Student dies by suicide in Kota

Minister of State for Home

Affairs Nityanand Rai said in a

and security forces have reduced

by 85 per cent from a high of

1,005 in 2010 to 147 in 2021.

While Jharkhand saw 118 inci-

He said deaths of civilians

written reply on Wednesday.

in Kota city, a 16-year-old coaching student ended his life by hanging himself from a ceiling fan in his hostel room, taking the total number of such cases to 15 this year. The incident was reported in

Kota: In yet another case of suicide

who got jobs illegally: HC

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE KOLKATA, DECEMBER 23

THE CALCUTTA High Court on Friday ordered termination of service of 53 teachers in the primary section of different staterun schools on charges of securing their jobs by unfair means. A single bench of Justice Abhijit Gangopadhyay issued the order today.

Earlier in the year, Justice Gangopadhyay ordered termination of services of 269 primary section teachers on the same charges. However, the teachers approached the Supreme Court contesting that the termination order was issued without hearing their arguments.

The apex court then directed the same single-judge bench to hear the arguments of the 269 primary teachers and further asked the teachers to file affidavits in this regard.

During a hearing on Friday, 54 of such teachers were supposed to be present before Justice Gangopadhyay with their respective affidavits. However, 53 turned up.

Justice Gangopadhyay, after review of the affidavits, ordered termination of their services. Meanwhile, he also slapped a fine of Rs 10,000 on the one teacher who did not turn up. Once the fine is paid, the teacher will have the chance to file his affidavit in the matter.

Welcoming the court order, Leader of Opposition in the state Assembly Suvendu Adhikari said, "This is just the beginning. In the days to come, the court will terminate services of others who got jobs illegally. We have full faith in the judiciary, which is trying to weed out corruption from the education sector."

The Trinamool Congress did not immediately react to the development.



Engineer-in-Chief, R.W.D Bihar, Patna-800015 SHORT NOTICE OF INVITATION FOR BIDS (IFB) (NIT No- RWD/BKBDP/WORLD BANK/HQ/01/22-23)

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(including Scanned copy of Affidavits)

Online Bid Opening Date and Time

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PR. No. 12385 (RWD) 2022-23

(Office of Superintending Engg. Works Circle, Madhepura)

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5	Dermatology & STD	1 UR#	-	1 OBC*
6	ENT	-	1 UR	1 OBC*
7	General Medicine	-	1 OBC	3 (1 UR, 1 SC* & 1 OBC*)
8	General Surgery	-	1 OBC*#	2 (1 OBC*# & 1 SC*#)
9	Hospital Administration	1 UR#	-	1 OBC
10	Medical Oncology	1 UR#	1 UR#	2 UR#
11	Microbiology	-	1 UR	-
12	Nephrology	1 UR#	1 UR#	1 UR#
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16	Ophthalmology	-	1 UR#	-
17	Orthopaedics & Trauma	-	1 UR#	-
18	Paediatrics	-	1 UR	-
19	Pathology	-	-	1 SC*
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WORDLY WISE **OPULENCE IS THE LAW OF THE UNIVERSE, AN** ABUNDANT SUPPLY FOR EVERY NEED IF NOTHING IS PUT IN THE WAY OF ITS COMING. - RALPH WALDO TRINE

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TACKLING BEIJING

Delhi should make a push for talks at the diplomatic level even as it ramps up military preparedness

HE CONVENING OF the 17th round of India-China corps commander-level talks at the Chushul-Moldo border meeting point in eastern Ladakh on December 20, 12 days after the clash in Tawang in Arunachal Pradesh in the eastern sector, is a positive development. But unfortunately, it does not inspire confidence about Chinese intentions vis a vis the Line of Actual Control. The last round of talks was held in July, and in September, the government announced that the two sides had finished disengaging at Gogra Hot Springs, as had been agreed in the 16th round. After that, Beijing appeared reluctant to accede to Delhi's push for another round, signaling that there was nothing more to discuss about the situation in eastern Ladakh, and certainly not a return to the status quo that existed before its incursions in April-May 2020. A joint statement that the two sides agreed to keep talking through military and diplomatic channels toward a "mutually acceptable resolution of the remaining issues at the earliest" suggests that there was no outcome from this round. It is also not clear if the "remaining" issues have been agreed upon by both sides. Apart from the fact that India now faces an altered status quo and that the PLA is rapidly building war-like infrastructure on its side, for India, the "remaining" issues are the presence of Chinese troops in the Depsang plains, and intrusions in the Demchok area.

Just as it did with the clash at Tawang, the Chinese side chose the timing for this round of talks in Ladakh, seeking to project the impression that it holds the cards. The sector-wise compartmentalisation makes the tensions seem manageable, but the reality appears to be that there is no predicting which part of the 3,500 km of the line will flare up suddenly, as it did on the morning of December 9. Minister of External Affairs S Jaishankar flagged the seriousness of the situation when he told Parliament that the Indian deployment at the LAC is at its "highest level".

Delhi should make a push for talks at the diplomatic level even as it ramps up military preparedness. From the short statement by Defence Minister Rajnath Singh, it is unclear how prepared the Army was for the transgression at Tawang, despite the advanced Intelligence Surveillance and Reconnaissance devices that have reportedly been installed in that area. Whatever the facts on the ground and regardless of how the tensions will unfold, the government would be well advised to take the Opposition parties into confidence at the earliest. A wide political consensus is what the country needs when confronted with tensions at the borders and it is the government's task and responsibility to build it.

TARGETING THE SONG

Controversy over Iqbal song in UP frames deepening prejudice and wilful cultural ignorance that impoverishes everyone

SCHOOL PRINCIPAL and a shiksha mitra in Uttar Pradesh are the latest victims of an ongoing culture war in the state. These two staff members of a government school in Bareilly were suspended by the state education department on Wednesday and an FIR filed against them for "hurting religious sentiments" after a Vishwa Hindu Parishad activist filed a complaint against them. According to the FIR, a prayer song written by Allama Iqbal and recited by students in the school assembly "hurt the sentiments of the Hindus" and the teachers involved in the recital were "preparing the students for conversion". The 1902 song, "Lab pe aati hai dua", is recited in morning assemblies in hundreds of schools that follow secular curricula. The complainant, according to the FIR, was upset with the last two lines of the song – "Mere allah burai se bachana mujhko/ Nek jo rah ho, ussi rah pe chalana mujhko" (O Lord, protect me from evil/Guide me to the path that leads to the good). The complaint and the administrative action taken on it - by the police and education departments respectively is deeply disturbing. It reveals a wilful cultural ignorance and deepening social polarisation that, going ahead, could have an increasingly chilling effect in the teaching and learning of poetry and literature. Iqbal, the author of Sare jahan se achha Hindustan hamara, is a leading light in the shared heritage of the Subcontinent. Like many poets, his poetic idiom has been shaped also by his faith and related cultural traditions. In fact, religious texts and epics are the fount of much of the literatures in India; any learning of Indian language and literature involves engagement with writers such as Tulsidas, Kambar, Basava, Thunchathu Ezhuthachan, Inaneswar, Tukaram. In the case of a modern poet like Iqbal and the song in question, the words have to be read within the larger context of the text rather than in isolation and ascribed a broader meaning instead of confining it within a religious idiom. Karnataka, which is acquiring a reputation for being the laboratory of Hindutva politics in the South, is also being roiled by a debilitating and polarising politics and policy which gathers around personal choices such as dress and food - the attempts to ban hijab in educational institutions, for instance, or the sale of halal meat. The government machinery seems to take a cue from the power corridors and acts with alacrity in favour of the majoritarian sentiment when such controversies erupt. In the process, in Karnataka as in UP, the cultural life of the common people is getting restricted and impoverished.

The Covid spectre again **RAJIB** DASGUPTA

IN THE BACKDROP of the surge in Covid-19 cases in Brazil, Japan, the US and the Republic of Korea and, in particular, the situation unfolding in China, India is on full alert and not taking chances. The Union government has reaffirmed that "Covid is not over yet". The Prime Minister reviewed the preparedness of health infrastructure and logistics, status of the vaccination campaign in the country and the public health implications of the current surge. He emphasised enhanced surveillance, including random testing of incoming international passengers, and ramping up testing and genomic sequencing. Covid appropriate behaviour was emphasised in the light of the ensuing festive season. The elderly and vulnerable were urged to get the booster dose of the vaccine. Most importantly, the state governments were urged to ensure operational readiness of clinical service, including oxygen and ventilators and human resources. The states, in turn, are reviewing the situation and initiating specific steps.

During the week of 5-11 December, the number of new weekly cases increased by two per cent (as compared to the previous week) while weekly deaths increased by over 10 per cent. Cases declined in the South East Asia region (that includes India) by a third (33 per cent). The Western Pacific region (that includes China) marked a three per cent increase and the region of the Americas recorded a 27 per cent rise. At the country level, the US registered a 50 per cent weekly increase and Japan and the Republic of Korea 13 per cent each.

The WHO cautions that the current numbers are to be interpreted with the caveat that many countries have changed testing strategies which meant lower numbers being tested. Consequently, Covid-19 prevalence surveys have often confirmed that the notified Covid-19 cases are under-estimates. The BA.5 Omicron subvariant continues to be the dominant strain with the WHO reDespite immense challenges, India has responded reasonably well through the last three years including in building up capacities of medical countermeasures through diagnostics, pharmaceuticals and vaccines — as well as digital innovations. Several G20 members are witnessing this surge. This could be the India moment to demonstrate both effective responses as well as establish greater collaboration among member states through a coordinated and shared response framework.

porting a prevalence of 73.7 per cent in the week of 14 to 20 November 2022. It accounts for much of the cases in the US. This subvariant spreads rapidly on account of its immune evasive property, causing infections despite previous Covid infections and vaccination. The BA.2 descendent lineages follow with a global weekly prevalence of 10.4 per cent. At present, BA.2.75 and XBB subvariants have emerged and demonstrated increased prevalence in some countries in South East Asia and Western Pacific regions.

As G20 chair, India must take the lead in the battle

against a resurgent virus, galvanise member states

The BF.7 subvariant seems to be responsible for the recent surge in Beijing and possibly other cities in China too. BF.7, or more correctly BA.5.2.1.7, is a sub-lineage of the Omicron variant BA.5. BF.7 and is remarkable in that it seems to have an exceptional capacity to infect those who have had a previous Covid infection, or been vaccinated or both. Omicron has an average R0 of 5.08, meaning that one infected person will transmit the virus to about five more persons. In contrast, BF.7 is reported to have an RO value of 10 to 18.6.

What could be a source of worry is the result of a study in the US that found that BF.7 was resistant to neutralisation in samples from triple-vaccinated healthcare workers, as well as patients infected during the Omicron BA.1 and BA.5 waves. This resistance is explained by the R346T mutation. The combination of higher transmissibility and a higher proportion of asymptomatic carriers explains the difficulties that Chinese cities are facing in controlling the current wave. This is against the backdrop of a relatively low natural infection in China.

BF.7 has been detected in the US, UK and in several countries in Europe, including Belgium, Germany, France and Denmark. BF.7 was first detected in India by the Gujarat Biotechnology Research Centre (GBRC), Gandhinagar. So far two cases have been detected in Gujarat and one in Odisha.

The WHO states that the extent to which the enhanced immune escape properties of the newly emergent Omicron descendent variants can lead to new waves is likely to depend on the "regional immune landscape, the size and timing of previous Omicron waves, and the Covid-19 vaccination coverage". For India, these conditions seem to be favourable at this point in time. The lack of widespread uptake of booster doses remains a matter of concern for those individuals who may be vulnerable on account of age or other comorbidities. While some have called for travel-related restrictions, these are of little practical and epidemiological relevance.

As the Union government continues to lead the Covid-19 response at the national level, district and municipal level surveillance shall be crucial in picking up the red flags. This makes preparedness and operational readiness at the local levels critical in the next few weeks.

The current phase of the pandemic has come at a time when India has taken up the G20 presidency. As we know, health systems are going through the processes of recovery, reformation, and rejuvenation and all countries are recalibrating to build resilience into their health services to be able to respond effectively and efficiently to health emergencies. Despite immense challenges, India has responded reasonably well through the last three years including in building up capacities of medical countermeasures – through diagnostics, pharmaceuticals and vaccines – as well as digital innovations. Several G20 members are witnessing this surge. This could be the India moment to demonstrate both effective responses as well as establish greater collaboration among member states through a coordinated and shared response framework.

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RECENTLY, CONGRESS MP Shashi Tharoor found himself confronting the access barriers that are a routine feature of the lives of those of us who are disabled. Tharoor slipped a step when walking in Parliament, thus spraining his ankle. He had to go to Parliament in a wheelchair early this week, as a result. Taking to Twitter to share his experience, he wrote: "When you need to enter Parliament in a wheelchair, there's only one entrance with a ramp, at door 9, a good four-minute trip (with the assistance of helpers) to the Lok Sabha. This temporary disability has taught me how poorly equipped we are to support people with disabilities." In December 2021, I submitted a series of recommendations to the Parliamentary Research Institute for Democracies [PRIDE] to make the physical and digital interface of Parliament more disabled-friendly. My suggestions included having an Accessibility Committee in Parliament to attend to the access needs of the disabled, providing sign language interpretation for Parliamentary proceedings and ordering an accessibility audit of Parliament's websites. Unfortunately, there has been no movement on these recommendations. In December 2015, the Government of India launched the Accessible India Campaign (AIC) to make the built environment, ICT ecosystem and transport facilities more disabled-friendly. What is unfortunately absent in the AIC is a strong enforcement mechanism, led by people with disabilities and accessibility professionals, to ensure that ambitious milestones are set and pursued

A MORE ACCESSIBLE HOUSE

Much needs to be done to make public buildings disabled-friendly

is the following. S. 45 of the Rights of Persons ering recommendations in a time-bound with Disabilities Act. 2016 [RpwDA] states that, as a general rule, all existing public buildings shall be made accessible within five years of the date of promulgation of such rules. The relevant Rules, namely the Harmonised Guidelines and Space Standards for Barrier Free Built Environment for Persons with Disabilities and Elderly Persons, issued by the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs, were notified in June 2017. This fiveyear time period, therefore, expired in June 2022. However, it is widely reported that this deadline has been breached – a fact borne out adequately by the lived experiences of the disabled living in India. Deadlines in the AIC have also been repeatedly breached. What, then, is the way forward? First, as a report by the Vidhi Centre for Legal Policy, titled "Beyond Reasonable Accommodation" points out, the requirement to make every new building accessible before it is granted an Occupancy Certificate and the relevant provisions of the Harmonised Guidelines and Standards for Universal Accessibility in India 2021 must be integrated into local byelaws and state planning laws. Municipal authorities must have the know-how and sensitivity to gauge compliance with the norms to make the built environment accessible and access to competent accessibility professionals who can provide appropriate inputs at every stage. The list of empanelled professionals maintained by municipal authorities must also consist of accessibility professionals, and this requirement must be codified in model building bye-laws and the National Building Code. Second, Parliament must set up an accessibility committee that is tasked with deliv-

fashion on making every aspect of the

WATCH AND VIRTUE

A politician justifies a Rs 4.5 lakh purchase as patriotic duty. He's not alone in trying to find an excuse for extravagance

OR MUCH OF this week, Tamil Nadu BJP president K Annamalai was under fire for sporting a watch so expensive that it is often referred to as a "timepiece". It all began when a DMK minister asked on Twitter how the BJP leader who claimed to own only "four goats and two cows" could afford an item that costs around Rs 4.5 lakh. The timepiece, made by French watchmakers Bell & Ross in collaboration with Dassault Aviation, is manufactured using the same materials as the Rafale jet. And it is this collaboration that gave Annamalai the excuse he needed to justify the extravagance: "I wear this because I'm a patriot, and 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."

The desire to spotlight the purchase of a watch worth nearly Rs 5 lakh in a country where the per capita monthly income is around Rs 12,500 could be seen as understandable. Less so is the tendency of so many at the top of the pyramid to justify their luxury purchases as useful. Some insist that a car that costs seven figures is not an expensive indulgence but only a way to save the environment and use the travel time more productively. Or that the high-end cellphone is better value for money than its counterparts, as though a higher-quality selfie means a better life. And who doesn't have a colleague or friend who is a shopaholic? It is indeed tiresome to hear someone try to justify his 14th pair of shoes.

Annamalai, like so many people who have made their fortune in post-liberalisation India, is caught in the trap of publicly venerating austerity while privately indulging a weakness for the more expensive things money can buy. That kind of hypocrisy is forgivable, even inevitable, in a country as unequal as India. But equating consumerist excess with patriotic duty is perhaps going a touch too far.

An example of this implementation gap

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Third, as Vidhi's report again recommends, central and state level procurement laws and policies must incorporate accessibility criteria in public procurement of physical, digital and transport infrastructure. These must be replicated in agreements between procurement agencies and bidders/contractors. In addition, tender documents must set out applicable accessibility standards.

Fourth, the Department of Empowerment for Persons with Disabilities (Department) has released the Sugamya Bharat app to enable persons with disabilities to report any building that is inaccessible. When I tried to register on the app as a blind person with my screen reader on the iPhone: (a) I was unable to enter the date in my date of birth; (b) the button to select one's gender was unlabelled; (c) the app got stuck after I pressed the submit button on entering my details. These deficiencies in the app should be rectified so as to enable a well-meaning intervention to realise its full potential.

Fifth, the Department must take the lead in ensuring that accessibility targets are met. It has the funds and the mandate to do the same. It must not shirk from discharging this responsibility and the faith placed in it by India's disabled population.

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DECEMBER 24, 1982, FORTY YEARS AGO

INDO-PAK COMMISSION

AN AGREEMENT ON the setting up of a joint Indo-Pakistan commission marked the first day's talks between the foreign secretaries of the two countries. The foreign ministers will meet in New Delhi next year to sign the agreement formally setting up the commission. The joint commission will tackle Indo-Pakistan problems relating to economic cooperation, trade, industries, education, health, cultural co-operation, tourism, visas etc.

JAYEWARDENE'S WIN

WITH 31.4 LAKH Sri Lankan voters out of a

total of 57.4 lakh voting their approval for the extension of the present parliament's life in a referendum, President Junius Richard Jayewardene has emerged triumphant for the second time in two months over his opponents. The life of the 168member parliament, due to expire in August next year, now gets extended till August 1989. The ruling United National Party will be able to hold on to its majority in the parliament till then.

CONGRESS EXPULSIONS

THE ANDHRA PRADESH Congress-I committee has expelled from the party 85 of its

prominent members, including 15 sitting legislators, for defying its directive to withdraw candidature against the official party nominees. December 21 was the deadline set by the APCC-I for retirement of the rebel candidates from contest against the Congress-I nominees.

COMMITTEE FOR GANGA

THE INDO-BANGLADESH JOINT rivers commission (JRC), which has been deliberating on the vexed problem of augmenting the flow of the Ganga during the lean season, is now likely to constitute a sub-committee to handle this question at the technical level.

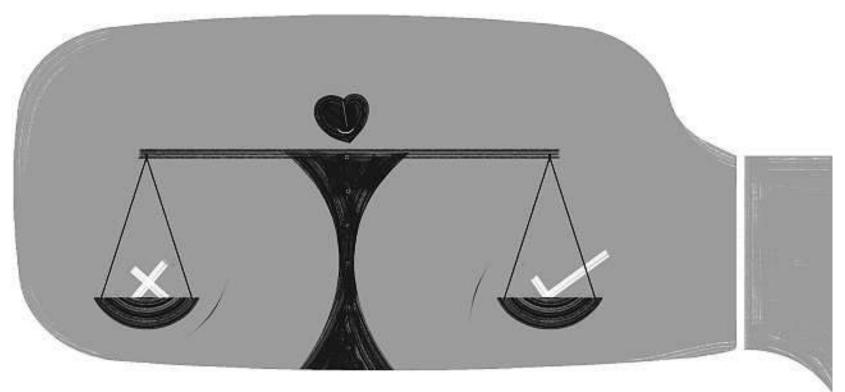






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Notes on life, love and law

In the year ahead, let the institution of the Supreme Court become stronger. The government should expeditiously sign off on the names sent to them by the collegium



by Menaka Guruswamy

AS THE YEAR draws to a close, I look back, like many, at the year that was. The memories of the last few weeks, in fact, seem to set the tone for the year that has passed and the year ahead. Last weekend, I was in Mumbai for the first Ashok H Desai Memorial Lecture. Ashokbhai was my senior, my teacher and my very dear friend. He passed away in the spring of 2020 as we were under the first Covid lockdown. In India, the chambers system means that litigators like myself join the law chambers of a senior practitioner and learn from him or her. Desai was a lawyers' lawyer, a senior advocate, and had served as Solicitor General and Attorney General of India.

The Chief Justice of India, DY Chandrachud, delivered the lecture and spoke on law and morality. The judge spoke eloquently on changing morality, reforming laws and constitutional morality in India, from the court's decision in *Navtej Singh*

The lecture was an opportunity for Ashokbhai's family, friends, judges and the legions of lawyers that he inspired to come together to remember him. A closure for so many of us over the passing away of a lawyer and human being who taught us so much. In attendance were his wife Suverna Desai or Suverna Aunty for us, and his children Ami, Harsh and Jai, past and present judges, and the many members of his law chambers from Mumbai and Delhi. His legacy includes a wealth of case law that protects freedoms

cases like Nandini Sundar.

in India, and his former juniors — judges, senior advocates and established lawyers. We had all gathered to remember and honour a man that we admired and loved dearly. Many of us wear the gowns that he gave us, and attempt to honour him by practising law with the integrity, joy and craft which he showed us. The event was for us a chance to say goodbye to a teacher who taught us equally about how to live life elegantly, and the craft to bring to the law.

After I finally bid goodbye to my teacher, I got on a flight to see my parents and spend the rest of the weekend with them. Humans experience life in cycles, that begin and end and start afresh as if closing the loop of all our experiences. At a shop in Hyderabad, as my parents wandered about, I bought some chocolates for them and for my children. Life at its beginning and towards the sunset years seems similar for the flavours that we humans crave. Sugar, spice and saltiness.

My parents wanted India's much loved

As a lawyer, I use the end of the year to reflect on the cases that were litigated and heard by the court and those that we plan and prepare for. In the next year, the Supreme Court will likely hear challenges to the Citizenship Amendment Act, 2019, petitions for marriage equality, reforms to the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code, 2016, limited review of its decision in the Prevention of Money Laundering Act, 2002 and reconsidering its own decision on the entry of women to the Sabarimala temple.

alisation India, have more choices; they prefer chilli chocolate or salted caramel chocolate or, as our son told us most recently, could he have dark chocolate please? Our daughter simply says "wow" to any chocolate. I hope for our children, the many flavours of chocolate will always bring back memories of parental love.

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As we use the few days that the court does not formally function to prepare for the new cases to be heard, judges will use this time to write judgments on the cases that they heard, and more senior judges will also spend time on administration issues. While we dwell on the year ahead, we must dwell on the institution of the Supreme Court the judicial vacancies that exist, the names of prospective judges to be elevated that have been sent to the Executive. At present there are 27 judges working at the Supreme Court against a sanctioned strength of 34. At the high courts there are only 777 judges working against a sanctioned strength of 1,108 or around a 30 per cent vacancy. The government should expeditiously sign off on the names sent to them by the collegium of the Supreme Court, as is envisaged by the law. On that note, wishing you dear readers a joyous end of the year, and a wonderful year ahead.

WHAT THE OTHERS SAY

"The US domestic political question is whether bipartisan support [for Ukraine] continues in January. Mr Zelenskiy's visit was in large part directed towards ensuring that it does. But the real issues this week will have been military and strategic." — THE GUARDIAN

Major questions about minors

Tendency to criminalise adolescents under POCSO Act shows an overbearing state unaware of social change



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THE CHIEF JUSTICE of India's message to Parliament to address concerns about the age of consent under the POCSO Act is the culmination of a series of events. The Madras, Delhi and Meghalaya High Courts have flagged matters concerning criminalisation of romantic relationships between or with an adolescent under POCSO. On November 12, the Delhi High Court in AK v. State Govt of NCT of Delhi (order by Justice Jasmeet Singh) stated that the intention of POCSO was to protect children below the age of 18 years from sexual exploitation and not to criminalise romantic relationships between consenting young adults. This week, the government told Parliament that it does not have any plan to revise the age of consent.

The root cause of the problem at hand is that POCSO conflates exploitative sexual practice and general sexual expression by an adolescent, and criminalises both. As a result, criminal law has become an instrument to silence or regulate a non-exploitative consensual sexual relationship involving a minor girl, which is voluntary. The Tamil Nadu police guidelines directing police personnel to not act hastily when arresting youngsters for romantic cases under POCSO is one intervention to address the Act's tendency to overcriminalise. However, the cumulative victimisation of the "consenting" girl also deserves the lawmakers' attention. POCSO, MTP and the Child Marriage Act create a complex sociolegal web that deprives the minor girl of the rights to dignity, liberty, sexual and reproductive health, and undermines her privacy. This also feeds into a milieu of poor sexual awareness among young girls.

The legal aspects of teenage sexuality have undergone several changes since colonial times. The age of consent has increased from 10 to 12 to 14 to 16 and finally to 18 years by the 2013 amendment, in order to bring it in conformity with the then newly legislated POCSO Act. The law disregards the likelihood of a minor girl engaging in sexual activity voluntarily – it thus desexualises her. The law that criminalises adolescent sexuality either ignores social reality or pretends to do so. According to the NFHS-5, for instance, 39 per cent women had their first sexual experience before turning 18. The same survey provides additional evidence of sexual engagement among unmarried adolescent girls by reporting contraception use by 45 per cent of unmarried girls in the age group of 15-19 years.

ing anticipatory bail to a rape accused rubs salt on the already wounded. The state seems to be acting as parens patriae to protect children from sexual offences and paradoxically prosecuting the youth at the same time. The number of juveniles (especially those between the ages of 16 and 18) apprehended under the POCSO Act in the country has seen a staggering jump of 180 per cent between 2017- 2021 according to the National Crime Records Bureau's report, 'Crime in India 2021'. Criminalising underage sexuality (25 per cent of total POCSO cases) burdens the already-overburdened courts thereby clogging up the criminal justice machinery even more.

What has been set wrong by the legislature has been attempted to be remedied by the judiciary. The Madras High Court in Vijayalakshmi v State (2021) made it imperative to draw a line demarcating the nature of acts that should not be made to fall within the scope of this stringent law. The obiter of the court that POCSO has become a tool in the hands of certain sections of society to abuse the process of law is corroborated by other courts too. Prima facie the judiciary seems to have a sympathetic approach in cases - it has readily granted bail - where the outcome of the love affair is marriage. However, courts are reluctant to grant bail in matters of a love affair with a minor girl gone bad -X(minor) v State of Jharkhand & anr, (2022) is a case in point.

In Dharmendra Singh v State Govt of NCT (2020), the Delhi High Court has attempted to increase the chances of bail of an accused in an "innocent yet unholy physical alliance" or where there is "tacit approval-in-fact" by the girl and the "age difference between the victim and the offender is less". These guidelines issued by the court pertain to close-in-age exemptions, available in statutory rape cases in most US states. Also known as the Romeo-Juliet law, it provides a degree of protection to the offender where the age difference between him and the victim is within the stipulated limit.

In a recent speech at the Delhi Commission for Protection of Child Rights, former Supreme Court judge, Justice Madan Lokur talked about the need to evolve a separate procedure for children while dealing with POCSO cases. The relief accorded by a few high courts to "not so" criminal male adolescent/youth is disproportionate to the harm and harassment caused for the fault of falling in love with a girl who purportedly is "not so" immature. It would be not an overstatement to describe these "romantic" lovers in a mutually consensual relationship as victims of the abuse of the criminal justice system processes. The quest for more meaningful solutions should now come to a logical end before it creates greater havoc in society.

Johar on gay rights to honour killings, as young couples crossed caste fault lines and found love in each other. It was fitting that this was the theme for the inaugural memorial lecture since Desai himself had litigated some of our country's defining social values and morality cases, on censorship and obscenity (Sakharam Binder) and gay rights (Navtej Singh Johar), apart from right to life and familiar milk chocolate flavour, popularised in all our childhoods by Cadbury. One of the most enduring memories of my childhood continues to be going to a store with my father, him lifting me up so I could ask the shop keeper for a bar of Cadbury. You only had one flavour in those days — "milk chocolate" served with a dose of fatherly love. Our children being raised in post-liber-

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The recent criminal law amendment in UP that imposed a blanket ban on grant-

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On GM, follow the science

Decision of government to approve GM mustard should be followed through

Tilak Raj Sharma

THE RECENT APPROVAL for the environmental release of Genetically Modified (GM) hybrid mustard DMH 11 and its parental lines has attracted the attention of the public. There has been some criticism of the move, including in this newspaper ('Stay with Science, go slow on GM', December 22).

All the national agencies concerned with the areas of agricultural research, health, biodiversity and ecology were involved in the risk assessment of the product before it was considered safe. Questioning the credentials of scientists at the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR), Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR), Department of Biotechnology and other regulatory bodies is a cynical, if not dangerous, approach.

GM is a disruptive technology because it can bring about targeted changes in crop varieties that cannot be achieved through normal breeding of plant lines. The crops bred through this technique have to, of course, be safe for humans, animals and the environment. In the case of DMH-11, the objective of genetic modification was to make the mustard crop amenable to hybridisation.

Why hybrids? Hybrid plants that result from the crossing of genetically diverse parents generally demonstrate higher yields and wider adaptation. This is a phenomenon known as heterosis or hybrid vigour, which has been widely exploited in crops such as maize, pearl millet, rice, sunflower and many vegetables. Hybrids typically show 20-25 per cent yield increases over conventional-bred varieties across crops.

Hybrid technology can play an important role in boosting yields of rapeseed-mustard,

which is India's major oilseed crop. Our current mustard yield, at 1.2-1.3 tonnes per hectare, is roughly half of the global average. We need to raise this not just for mustard, but all oilseed crops. In 2021-22, India spent Rs 1,56,800 crore on the import of 14.1 mt of edible oils, equivalent to nearly a third of our total domestic consumption. Those who question the necessity of GM mustard cultivation should answer a simple question: Isn't the current forex drain on imports of edible oil a "compelling" reason? The doubters would have probably said the same thing in the Sixties when India was leading a ship-tomouth existence in foodgrains. We trusted the wisdom of our scientists and that brought us the Green Revolution.

This leads to the next question: Why GM hybrids? Hybrid seed production requires an efficient male-sterility and fertility-restoration system – so that one of the parent lines can be crossed with the pollen from only the other parent, even as the resultant plant is fertile. The existing mustard hybrids have limitations of sterility breakdown under certain environmental conditions, resulting in lower seed purity. So much so that in 2014 the agriculture ministry relaxed the usual purity standard of hybrid seeds in rapeseed-mustard to 85 per cent, from 95 per cent under the Seeds Act 1966.

The GM "Barnase-Barstar" system provides an alternative route for hybridisation in mustard that is robust and addresses the sterility breakdown problems. This technology has been successfully deployed in other countries.

DMH-11 has been developed by scientists

at Delhi University's Centre for Genetic Manipulation of Crop Plants. They have used the "barnase-barstar" system with some improvements to breed the hybrid. This has undergone all the required regulatory testing processes. DMH-11 was tested in confined field trials at multiple locations. It showed around 28 per cent higher yield over the national best "check" mustard variety Varuna, besides being subjected to all the biosafety tests required under the officially stipulated guidelines and rules. It was based on all these scientifically-conducted assessments that the Genetic Engineering Appraisal Committee (GEAC) recommended the environmental release of DMH-11 and its parental lines.

It is nobody's case that DMH-11 per se will solve India's edible oil imports problem. The environmental release of its parental lines will help mustard breeders to deploy the robust and versatile "Barnase-Barstar" system to develop newer-generation mustard hybrids with greater yield and other superior trait advantages. This will be a significant step forward in addressing the problem of low productivity in mustard, helping bring down imports of edible oil in the future.

The doubters have questioned the safety of the three genes – Barnase, Barstar and Bar – used to develop GM mustard. Extensive studies on toxicity, allergenicity, compositional analysis, field trials, and environmental safety studies of GM mustard lines vis-àvis their non-transgenic comparators have established their safety.

The final allegation levelled against DMH-11 is that it will promote use of herbicides. The Bar gene does confer resistance to the

herbicide glufosinate. But the gene has been used, firstly, as a selectable marker in tissue culture during the breeding process. Secondly, the herbicide-tolerance trait in both the Barnase female and Barstar male lines is to be exploited only for production of hybrid seed and not in the commercial cultivation of hybrids. The GEAC has also approved herbicide use only for hybrid seed production. It must be noted here that approximately 15,000 tonnes of herbicide (technical material) worth Rs 7,000 crore is already being applied annually by Indian farmers in rice, wheat, soyabean and other crops even without any genetic modification. So, what is new in the use of a herbicide for seed production?

GM crops are today grown in over 30 countries. Adoption rates of GM traits have been more than 95 per cent in some cases with no evidence of adverse effects. If India is at present importing GM canola oil, why can't its farmers cultivate mustard by deploying the same technology?

The ICAR and other publicly-funded institutions have been working on breeding GM crops for different traits such as higher yields, biotic and abiotic stress tolerance. It is in the welfare interests of farmers and consumers that a positive environment is created in the minds of our agricultural scientists to conduct research in biotech crop development. The landmark decision of the government to approve GM mustard should be taken to its logical conclusion.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

YATRA AND 2024

THIS REFERS TO the article, 'Yatra, without arrival' (IE, December 23). The Bharat Jodo Yatra coming at the heels of conflict within the Congress seems to be energising its workers. Its reach has been felt by the Centre as well. But, it cannot afford to solely be an exercise in building goodwill. A strong political message needs to be projected if the yatra is to have mass appeal. The Congress needs to get its act together before the 2024 elections.

DIALOGUE'S THE WAY

THIS REFERS TO the editorial, 'Sliding

back' (IE, December 21). The Taliban's

assault on women's freedoms has con-

tinued despite hopes that the new

regime would be more tolerant. The re-

ligious argument made by the Taliban

holds no water. Other states governed

by Islamic law have no qualms educat-

ing women and girls. The UN has criti-

cised the university ban, as have

Muslim states such as Saudi Arabia,

Qatar, Turkey and Pakistan with India

also expressing its concerns. Though

Western states are considering sanc-

tions to punish the Taliban, these may

prove counterproductive, making the

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digital assets' (IE, December 23). Virtual

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Khokan Das, Kolkata

group harden its position.

REGULATE VDAS

Raja Bandopadhaya, Vadodara

for money laundering. They need to be classified as an asset under PMLA. Lessons can be learnt from Singapore, Japan and EU in this regard. **Abhishek Mishra**, Allahabad

highly transferable and can be misused

CULINARY ICON

THIS REFERS TO the editorial, 'The story of CTM' (IE, December 23). The demise of Ali Ahmed Aslam, often credited with the invention of Chicken Tikka Masala, is saddening. Many cooks claimed that they were the ones who served it first while others insisted it wasn't a British invention at all but a Punjabi dish. None of those stories seemed to stick. What many seemed to remember wasn't the famous dish, but rather the man who had made them feel at home.

SSPaul, Nadia

EQUALITY MATTERS

THIS REFERS TO the editorial, 'Listen please, Imam saheb' (IE, December 22). The control over Muslim women in the name of religion is inexcusable. The Indian Constitution guarantees equality, including of opportunity, to all citizens. The Imam's comments are in poor taste. If more Muslim women step into the political space, as leaders and voters, they will advance the rights of both women and Muslims in the country. This should be encouraged across the board. In this sense, as so many others, his comments were regressive.

H Upadhyay, via email



CLASSIFIEDS & TENDERS

Classifieds

PERSONAL

I, Neelam Jain w/o Rajesh Gupta, R/o B-21, First Floor, Moti Nagar, New Delhi-110015, have changed my name Gupta, permanently 0040646509-1

I, Maqsood Rahat R/o 2487 Main Bazar Chitli Qabar, Delhi G.P.O, North Delhi-110006, have changed my minor son's name from Mohammad Tahoor to Mohd Tahoor. 0040646520-1

I, Jitender Ram, S/o Shri Shobhnath, E85/407, JJ Camp. Anand Vihar, Near Vivekanand School, East Delhi, Delhi-110092, have changed my name to Jitendra Ram. 0070819028-1

I, Guraman Singh Panesar, S/o Balvinder Singh, R/o HL-23, L-Block, Anand Vihar, Hari Nagar ND-64, have changed my name to Guraman Singh.

0070819021-1 I, Ganesh Nautiyal, F/o Gaurav Nautiyal, R/o Block No-04, H.No-412, Khichripur, Delhi-110091, have changed my name to Ganesh Prasad Nautiyal for all future purposes. 0070819029-1

I. Chander Prakash s/o Late Chaman Lal, R/o 3/45-A, 2nd Floor, Moti Nagar, New Delhi-110015, have changed my name to Chander Parkash. 0040646550-1

I, Ashish Mittal S/O Vipin Kumar Mittal R/o 2701, Serangoon Cghs, Plot Gh06, Sector 45, Gurgaon, Haryana-122003 have changed my name to Ashish Kumar Mittal for all purposes. 0040646532-11

l, Amita Chopra, D/o Brij Lal Chopra, W/o Sandeep Karwal, R/o Flat No-503-B, Hamilton Court DLF Phase IV, Gurgaon, Haryana-122009, have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Amita Karwal. 0070818975-1

I, Amit Kumar / Amit Wadhwa s/o Charanjeet Wadhwa r/o Flat-52, Plot-16, Sector-12, Dwarka, Delhi-110078 have changed my name to Amit Kumar Wadhwa. 0040646515-1

I, Aakash Sharma S/O Tilak Raj Sharma R/O 4571, Arya Pura, Subzi Mandi, Delhi-110007, have changed my minor Sor name from Ridoy Sharma to Samarth Sharma. 0040646524-

Vikas Aggarwal,S/o-Sh.Puran Mal Bansal, R/o-H.No.02, Upper Ground Floor, Pkt.11A, Sector-22. Rohini, Delhi-86. Have Changed my Name to Vikas Bansal for all purpose.That Vikas Aggarwal & Vikas Bansal is the one and same person. 0040646513-1

I Surender Singh S/o Dilip Singh R/o 1221, Ward 14,Garaupal Gurgoan 122001 do hereby declare that my name and my father name mentioned in LIC policy 116255809 as Surendra Singh S/o Gopal Singh. I affirm that both names of Surender Singh S/o Dilip Singh and Surendra Singh S/o Gopal Singh belongs toone and same 0040646583-2 person

I Shobhana Solanki W/O, Ramesh P Singh R/o 87-f, Pocket A-3, Lig Flats, Mayur Vihar Phase -3, Delhi-110096 have changed my name to lanki for all Shohha So

I,VIJAY LAXMI, W/O. DHARMENDER BATRA, ADD-F-77, IST FLOOR, MANGAL BAZAR VISHNU GARDEN, WEST DELHI 110018.changed my name to VIJAY LAXMI BATRA, for all future Purposes. 0040646532-6 I,RUCHI KANOJIA, D/O.PUNEET KANOJIA.ADD-B-562ND-FLOOR. DDA FLATS KALKAJI, SOUTH-EAST DELHI 110019, changed my name to RUCHI, for all future Purposes. 0040646532-10

I, Mahesh Chand Goyal S/o-Suraj Mal R/o Flat.No-101,MIG Ashok Vihar Phase-2 Delhi-110052, have changed my name Mahesh Chand Goyal to Sri Niwas Aggarwal. 0040646571-2 I MOMEEN AHMAD S/O JAMEEL AHMAD, ADD-5634, BASTI HARPHOOL SINGH, SADAR BAZAR NORTH-DELHI 110006 changed my name to MOHD MOMINEEN QURESHI, for all,future Purposes.

0040646580-2 I,Jasvinder Singh,S/o Balbir Singh Kohli, R/o-House No. 2596, second floor,Hudson lane, Kingsway Camp, GTB Nagar, Delhi-110009, have changed my name to Jasvinder Singh Kohli. 0040646588-2

We, Raghvesh Agarwal and Mrs. Sonia Agarwal both R/o Flat No. 03182, ATS Advantage, Ahinsa Khand-1, Near Swarn Jayanti Park, Indirapuram, Ghaziabad, Uttar Pradesh-201014 have changed the name of our minor daughter Ria Agarwal and she shall hereafter be known as Riva Agarwal. 0040646517-1 We Sonia Tandon.W/o-Deepak

Tandon,S/o-Suresh Kumar Tandon, R/o-A-161, Ashok Vihar Phase -1. Delhi - 110052. have changed name of our minor son Bhavya Tandon to Bhavay Tandon. 0040646588-3 It is for general information that

I,Mustakeem S/o-Mohd Muslim,R/o 12A/126,Gali.No. 9.Vijav Mohalla, Mauipur, North East, Delhi-110053, declare that name of mine and my-father has been wrongly-written as Mustikim and Surya Begum in my Driving Licence No. DL-0520090034257(P).The actual name of mine and my father are Mustakeem and Mohd Muslim respectively which may be amended accordingly.

I,Vimal Sharma S/o Rakesh Kumar Sharma R/o-BC-10, 2nd Floor, Mianwali Nagar Paschim, Vihar Delhi-110087, changed my name to Vimal Prakash Sharma.

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0040646574-2 I,USHA RANI W/O RAJESH KUMAR R/O 129, VIVEKANAND PURI, SARAI ROHILLA, DELHI-110007.HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO USHA GUPTA. 0040646571-7

I,Tanuj S/o-Chandi Prasad R/o 626-C, Nyay Khand-2, Indrapuram.Ghaziabad-201014, Uttar Pradesh, have changed my name to Tanuj Khankriyal permanently. 0040646540-5

I,Syed Sarim Hussain,S/O Syed Ejaz Hussain, R/O-327/96, lane-10.Gaffar Manzil.Jamia-Nagar, Delhi, 110025, Have changed my name to Syed Sarim Ejaz Hussain.

I,Sujit Kavesary Parakat,S/o H(16) Shampa Mirznagar Maheshtala(M) South-24.Parganas.West Bengal 700143, have changed my name

I,Rina Singh W/o Manoj Kumar Singh.R/o N-12/9.2nd-Floor.DLF City Phase-2 Nathupur, Gurgaon, Haryana-122002, have changed my name to Reena Singh. I,Ramadhar Prasad,S/o Late Munsi Ram R/o.B-16,Nangli

Vihar.Extension.Barpola Vihar, New Delhi-110043, have changed my name, from Ramadhar Ram to Ramadhar Prasad, for all future purposes 0040646593-4

0040646540-2

I,Rajeev Kumar,S/O Shiv Kumar Tyagi R/O.Flat.No-103,Floor-10,Block H,GT Road ,Apex Green, Sector-8, Sonipat .Kamaspur.Harvana.Have Changed My Name To Rajeev Tyagi,Permanently.

0040646540-3 I,Rahul Khanna,S/O-Late Shri Parveen Khanna, R/O-H-3/86,1st Floor,Sector-18, Rohini.Delhi-110089.have Changed my minor daughter name from Kanishka/Kanishka

Khanna to Shivangi Khanna. 0040646588-1

I,Prakash Singh,S/o Phool Singh,R/o 15/158,Kalyan Puri,Delhi-91,declare that my name has been wronglywritten in my daughter Tannu's 10th pass-certificate as Praksh Singh Tanwar which may be amended as per my actualname i.e. Prakash Singh 0040646593-11

I.Poonam Kumar w/o-Parveen Kumar R/o-20/52 West-Punjabi Bagh, new-delhi 110026, have changed my name to Poonam Arora, for all purposes

0040646593-8 I,Pawan Aggarwal,S/o Bhagwan Das Aggarwal, R/o-F-102, Ashok Vihar, Phase-1, Delhi, have changed my name to Pawan Kumar Agarwal, for all 0040646585-2 purposes. I,Parvati Goyal,W/o Sri Niwas Aggarwal R/o.Flat.No-101,MIG

Ashok-Vihar Phase-2. Delhi-110052, have changed my name Parvati Goyal to Uma Aggarwal, for all purposes. 0040646571-3

I,Parshant Saini S/O Sumerchand Saini R/O-12-15, Ward No-10, Mamchand Colony Sonipat, Haryana Have Changed My Name To Prashant Saini,Permanently. 0040646540-4

I,Nishita D/o Gopal Sharma R/o RZ-98D, Gali No.8A, Sadh Nagar Palam Colony Delhi-110045 changed my name to Nishita Sharma. 0040646574-6

I,NAVEEN S/O SUBHASH R/O VPO BHAWAR (20), SONIPAT, HARYANA-131302,have changed my name to NAVEEN KALIRAMNA. 0040646532-3

> LNARINDER KUMAR S/O RAM NATH KAPOOR, R/O 219, WHITE HOUSE APARTMENT, PLOT. NO. 34,SECTOR-13, ROHINI, DELHI-85, have changed my name to NARINDER KAPOOR. 0040646593-1

I,Mudassir Husain,S/o-raisuddin, Address. B-6,gali no-1 karawal nagar Chand bagh,Delhi-110094,changed my name to Mudassir Hussain.

0040646585-5 I,Manoj Kumar,S/o Mahesh Prasad.R/o A 4/7.2nd-0040646532-5 Floor.Flat.No.03.DLF Ankur-Vihar,Loni Ghaziabad-201102.inform that in daughter's Xth Marksheet & Certificate father mothername is not correct-Mother correct-name is Sangita Kumari & her Father correctname is Manoj Kumar. 0040646571-6 0040646593-9 I.MADHUKANT MISHRA S/0 CHANDRIKA MISHRA R/o-Flat.No.5-C/B9,Udaygiri-2, Sector-34.Noida. Gautam. Buddha, Nagar, UP-201301, have Changed my minor Daughter RIDDHIMA MISHRA aged-9 years to SHREYANSHI MISHRA 0040646574-5 I,ISHRAT JANHA,W/O HAJI SHAKEEL AHMAD,R/O-112, NEAR-CHAMUNDA GALINO.1, BARWALAN, MORADABAD, UTTA R PRADESH, have changed my name to ISHRAT JAHAN. 0040646593-2

I,Gurlal S/o Akhtiar Singh R/o. H.No.949/29.Krishna Colony Gurgaon (Haryana)-122001, have changed my name to Gurlal Singh, for all Purposes. .0040646540-6

I,PRIYA,D/O CHETRAM SAWARIYA R/01-13/1220 SANGAM VIHAR SOUTH DELHI-110080, HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO PRIYA SAWARIYA. 0040646585-1

LDHFFRAISHARMAS/OTRILOK NATH SHARMA R/O HNO.46, FIRST-FLOOR, PKT-4A, SECTOR-23 ROHINI DELHI-110085 HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO DHIRAJ KUMAR SHARMA. 0040646571-9

I,DHARMENDER/DHARMINDER BATRA, S/O.RAM BATRA, ADD-F-77, IST-FLOOR, MANGAL-BAZAAR VISHNU GARDEN. WEST DELHI-110018, changed my name to DHARMENDER BATRA, for all, future Purposes. 0040646532-7

I,Ashish Pandey S/o Raghunath Pandey R/o B-47,B-Block, Sharda Vats Enclave, Prem Nagar-III, Kirari-Suleman-Nagar, Delhi-110086, have changed my name from Ashish to Ashish Pandey for all-0040646540-1 purposes. I,Anshul Gupta s/o Rajender Prasad Gupta, R/o H.no.35, Road No.7.Fast Puniabi Bagh.New Delhi-110026, have changed my name to Madhav Gupta 0040646585-6

I.Amarieet alias Amarieet Ammy Panghal S/o,Karamveer Singh R/o,H.No.8635, Block-67, Gali-Firoz, New Rohtak-Road, Karol-Bagh, Delhi-110005, have changed my name to Amarjeet Ammy Panghal. 0040646585-10

I,Aditi Nanda,D/o Arun Mudgal, R/o B-1/68, Phase-2, Ashok Vihar Delhi-110052, have changed my name Aditi Mudgal for all purposes

I,Abhishek Bhatnagar S/o Sudhir Kumar Bhatnagar R/o B-8/19, Second-Floor, Krishna-Nagar, Delhi-110051, have changed my name to Abishek Bhatnaggar. 0040646585-7 I,ANU SAXENA,W/O.AMIT KUMAR, ADD-661/1B,GHAT ROAD ANAND PARBAT, CENTRAL, DELHI 110005 changed my name to ANU SHARMA, for all, future 0040646532-8 Purposes.

I,ANIL S/O BALWAN R/O 454/31,GOHANA ROAD,MALIK COLONY, SONIPAT-131001. HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO ANIL KUMAR FOR ALL PURPOSES. 0040646571-10 I,AKASH,S/O RAJ PAL SAINI,R/0-909, KAYASTHWARA-9, SIKANDRABAD, BULANDSHAHR .UTTAR-PRADESH 203205. changed my name to AKASH 0040646593-3 SAINI.

I, have changed my name from V Jancy to P J Jancy (Punnakkattu Joseph Jancy), for all future purposes. P J Jancy (Punnakkattu Joseph Jancy), D/o P B Joseph (Punnakkattu Babu Joseph) R/o G-383, Alpha-2, Greater Noida U.P. 0070819043-1

I, WAJIHA-AQIL, W/O YASIR

I, PRITI W/O SACHIN GUPTA R/O HOUSE NO.F-83/5, STREET NO.41, NEAR SOLANKI CHOWK SADH NAGAR-2, PALAM COLONY PALAM VILLAGE, NEW DELHI-110045, have changed my name to PRITI SHARMA. 0040646516-1

PUBLIC NOTICE

22.5% undivided ownership rights in the plot of land, measuring 322 Sq Yds., of the Property No.T-6 situated at Green Park Extension New Delhi-110016.

New Delhi-110016. Be it known to all the whom my clients (1) Shri Tarun Dugar S/o Shri Suresh Kumar Dugar, & (2) Smt. Kanchan Dugar W/o Shri Suresh Kumar Dugar, both R/o M-201, Second Floor, Gautam Nagar, New Delhi-110049, have agreed to purchase the above mentioned property from its owner Smt. Shweta Jain W/o Shri Parveen Jain, R/o T-6. Second Floor, Green Park

R/o T-6, Second Floor, Green Parl Extension, New Delhi-110016. Ir

this respect an Agreement to Sell, has already been executed on 22.11.2022. Any person having any

title or interest in any manne

whatsoever may file reply objection

within 15 days from the date of Publication of this Notice.

Sailendra Kumar Mohallik

(Advocate) The Juris, 304, N-161 Thapar House, Yusuf Sara

Community Centre, ND-110049 Mob. 9810866907, 9810015594

PUBLIC NOTICE

Mr. Inder Pal Singh is seeking a loa from ICICI BANK LTD. for the propert bearing Entire Third Floor with roor rights out of Property/Plot No. 97, lan area measuring 276.7/10 sq ydd Block-F, Situated in the residentit

Block-F, Situated in the residentitic colony known as Rajouri Garden, are of Village Bassai Darapur, Delhi. Tha Bhajan Kaur, Malkiat Kaur, Amarji Kaur, Parveen Kaur, Jashir Singh d Sarbjit Singh, Parveen Kaur an Inderjeet Kaur is the legal heirs of th Deceased Late Sh. Karam Singh. The there is no other legal heirs of the general public that any person who i having any right, title or interest agains dand render their claim with documents ma come to our Delhi Office within ten day and render their claim with documents would be treated as unclaimed an unrebutted and noved forth accordingly.

nrebutted and moved forth accordingly. M/S PASS & ASSOCIATES LLP A-233, F.F., Shivalik, Malviya Nagar, lew Delhi-110017, Mob: 9991116006

PUBLIC NOTICE

My client Mr. Satish Kumar s/o L1 Babu Ram and Rekha Garg R/o 10A/33, Ground floor, Shakti Nagar Delhi, hereby through this public notice disowned and debar their son Himanshu Garg and Daughter in Law Pratisha Gupta Garg from their all Paurable)

movable/ immovable properties and have severed all relations with then

due to their disrespectful behavio

Anybody dealing with them in any civil and criminal activities shall bear at his/her own cost and risk. My client shall not be responsible for any of their acts, conduct, om ission or commission whatcoaver, from the

ommission whatsoever from the nmediate effect from the date of its

blication. HIMANSHU NAGPAL (ADVOCATE)

Ajmal Khan Road, Karol Bag

D-4777/19, 2790/20, Beadon

Sd

(Advocate

Entire Second Floor.

LOST & FOUND

I. Gaurav Jindal S/o Satya Prakash Gupta R/o A-213, RV Panchajanya, CMC Enclave Kondapur, KV Rangareddy, Telangana-500084 have lost Original Page No.23 of Registry of my Flat No.2104. 21st Floor. Block-3, Panchsheel Wellington Sector-1, GH-06, Crossing Republik, Ghaziabad, UP-201016 registered vide Book No.1, Volume No.12784, Pages-231 to 326 Sr.1840 on 26.03.2015 at Office of Sub-Registrar First, Ghaziabad. If found contact at 8800803297 0040646521-1 I.Saud Arshad.R/o House.No.2.

Muradabadi Pahari, Near Shahi Masjid, Vasant Vihar, New Delhi, have lost the original Detention Receipt.No.06439 dated-9.12.2014 issued by the office of the Additional-Commissioner of Customs, IGI Airport,New Delhi If anyone finds it, please send it to me at my address or contact me on my phone number-9718773786. 0040646593-10

Lost (1)GPA by SM Johari to Sunil Jain Dated-07-April-1998,Registered 13-April-1998 (2) will by SM Johari to Ruchi Jain (3) DDA lease mutation, from late Ram Chander Shandlia to Smt.Shanti Devi founder may inform Naman Jain,S/o Pramesh Kumar Jain,D-341,First Floor,Anand Vihar,Delhi-110092 0040646580-10

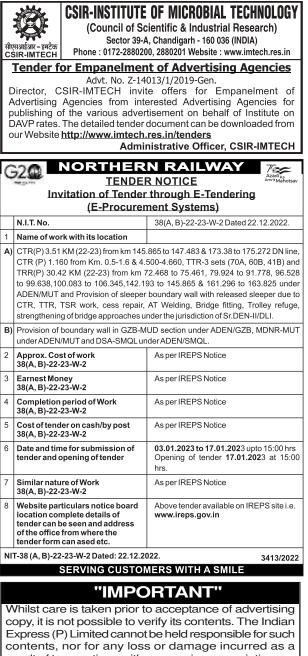
Lost & Found I, Kamal Kishore Sharma S/o Lt. Shri Chand Sharma R/o RPS-51 SheikhSaraiPhase-I New Delhi-110017 duly informs the public at large that I am the Lawful owner of the property bearing no. RPS 51, Sheikh Sarai Phase–I, New Delhi–110017. I have lost part of the chain of my above said property documents, i.e., Original Agreement to Sell, GPA dt 27/06/1997 in favour of Mr. Arun Kumar Dawar. However, all other original previous and current chain documents of the above said property are available with me. I have lodged Police complaint vide LR No. 1110166/2022 dated 22/12/2022. Finder Sd/-Kamal Kishore Sharma

PUBLIC NOTICE

PUBLIC NOTICE NEETA SHARMA IS THE OWNER IA NO. 47/16, SITUATED IN TH ATE OF VILLAGE PALAM, R NO. 4, NEW DELHI & IN TH SMT. KAMLA DEVI EXPIRE AFTER HER DEATH, HER KAILASH, SHRI LAXMI (UMAR RELINQUISHED/ R ITS IN FAVOUR OF S ROOP WHO FURTHER SOLD THE SAI PERTY TO SMT. NEETA SHARMA. FOR THIS SMIL NEE IN SHARMAN. FANY OTHER CLAIMENT HAS ANY RIGHT I THE AFORESAID PROPERTY, HE/SHE SHOUL NFORM & GIVE INTIMATION TO TH INDERSIGNED WITHIN 07 DAYS FROM TH ANTE OF ISSUE OF THIS NOTICE. Sd/- SUBHASH GUP D-446/2002 ADVOCA 125, FIRST FLOOR, ANAND NAGA

PUBLIC NOTICE E IT KNOWN to all that my client Sh. Jawahar Lal S/o Sh. Jaipal Singh and his wife Smt. Geeta Devi both R/o H. 4, Khasra No. 627, Village & P.O. Siraspur, Delhi-42 have severed all their relations with their son Sh. Naveen Kumar Rul and his Wife Smt. Anju D/O. b. Beisender and bony directmond and inherited them from all their movab and immovable properties due to their unsocial and anti-family activities. Whosoever deals with said Sh. Naveen Kumar Rul and his wife Anju in any anner whatsoever shall do so at his/h wn risk and consequences and n lients shall not be held liable for that R.S. MAHENDR Advocate Ch. No. K-54, Tis Hazari Courts, Delhi-54

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I Saroj Bala W/o Roop Chand R/o B-24 Galli 13, Shiv Durga Vihar Lakkarpur Faridabad -121009 do hereby declare that my name mentioned in LIC policy 116258299 as Saroj Devi. I affirm that both names of Saroj Bala and Saroj Devibelongs to one and same person.

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I Sanchita D/o Sh. Sudesh Pal R/o D-403, Plot No.9, Chitrakoot Apartments, Sector-22, Dwarka, Amberhai, South West Delhi, Delhi-110075 have changed my name to Sanchita Pal for all purposes. 0040646507-2

I, Manish S/o Nar Singh R/o 1181, Transit Camp, Anand Parbat, Delhi-110005, have changed my name to Manish Bhatt. 0040646585-8

I Rita Varma W/o Shri Satya Prakash Varma R/o C-316, Princess Park, Near DPS Indirapuram.Indirapuram Shipra Sun City, Ghaziabad, holding the Aadhar No. 277707207820, have changed my name from Rita to Rita Varma for all future purposes.

I Manoj Aggarwal S/o-Sh.Meeta Nand R/o-H.No.251, Block-C-7, Sultanpuri, Delhi-83 declarethat name of my-Father hasbeen wrongly-written as Mitta Nanda Aggarwal in my PAN CARD.The actual-name of my father is Meeta Nand.

0040646512-1

I Deepanshu S/o Sh. Ved Prakash R/o R-91/A, Ramesh Park, Laxmi Nagar, East Delhi, Delhi-110092 have changed my name to Kabir Thakur for all purposes.

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I,ZOAD S/O.RAHIMUDDIN, ADD-FLAT.NO-75B,DDA-FLATS,MATA SUNDARI-ROAD DARYAGANJ, CENTRAL DELHI-110002, changed my name to MOHAMMAD ZOAD, for all, future Purposes.

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l, Ved Prakash, S/o Satbir Singh Sehrawat, R/o 3-4 Shivpuri, Near Harish Bakery, Gurgaon 122001, have changed my name to Ved Parkash Sehrawat for all future purposes.

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Sujit Nair, for all purposes.

LSorabh Kumar, S/o Krishan Lal,R/o H.No.991,Top Floor,Sector-40,Gurgaon (Harvana)-122001.have changed my Son's name, from

Aarav to Aarav Arora,for all Purposes. 0040646540-8 I,Sonia W/o Jyyot Prashad,R/o H.No-398 Sector-17, Faridabad Haryana-121002, have changed my name Sonia Somastamb.for 0040646571-5 all purpose.

I,Savita Kumari,W/o Ram Gopal Singh, R/o-F-403, Mangol Puri, Delhi-110083, have changed my minor son's name.from Rishabh Singh to Rishabh Bajaj.

I.Satvaniai S/o Prithvirai Yadav, R/o.H.No. 293, Sector-40, Gurgaon (Haryana) -122001, have changed my name to Satyanjai Yadav, for all 0040646540-7 Purposes.

I,SUSHMA,W/O PRAMOD SINGH SHOKEEN,R/O H.NO.341 WARD.NO.24 ARYA NAGAR SONIPAT PIN CODE-131001 HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO SUSHMA SHOKEEN. 0040646571-1

0040646578-1 I,SUNIL S/O BRIJ BHUSHAN R/O.HOUSE NO.518, GALI.NO.4, AMBEDKAR-NAGAR, HAIDERPUR, DELHI-110088, have changed my name to SUNIL KUMAR. 0040646574-10 I,SHARON SETIA W/O SATNAM

SINGH SETIA R/O C-574,3rd-FLOOR, GALINO.8, MAILIS-PARK, ADARSH NAGAR, DELHI-110033.HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO SHARAN SETIA. 0040646571-8

I,SEEHRA KEWAL SINGH S/O DALIP CHAND R/O A-49, SHYAM NAGAR.TILAK NAGAR.DELHI-110018.HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO KEWAL SINGH. 0040646532-2

I, Santosh Kumar, S/o Rajvanshi Sah. R/o Village- Prasiddh Nagar, P.S- Vaishali, Amritpur, Vaishali, Bihar-844113, that name of my father has been wrongly written as BANSI SAH in my 10th Class Certificate cum Marksheet, as BANSHI SAH in my 12th Class Certificate cum Marksheet and as Vanshi Sah in my B.A College Leaving Certificate cum Marksheet. The actual name of my father is Rajvanshi Sah. 0070819032-1

I,Kishore Kunal S/o Late Ram Babu Gupta R/o-108.Third-Floor, Pocket-15 Sector-24, Rohini Delhi-110085, changed my minor son name Vats to Vats Kunal.

0040646574-4 0040646585-4 I,Kishore Kunal S/o Late Ram Babu Gupta R/o-108 Third-Floor, Pocket-15 Sector-24, Rohini Delhi-110085, changed my minor son name Varnan to Varnan Kunal. 0040646574-0040646574-3

I,Karishma,W/o-Mayank

Daswal, Address- House.no-953, sector-23 faridabad Haryana-121005,Changed my name to Karishma Arora. 0040646574-8

I.Kamal S/o.Sheesh Pal R/o.H.No-34 Block-B5 Nand Nagri, Delhi-110093, have changed my name Kamal Kumar, for all purposes.

0040646571-4 I,KASHISH,D/O MOHD SAMI R/O H.NO 1/189 BLOCK-H NEAR SEELAMPUR GURUDWARA NORTH-EAST DELHI-110053. HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO

KASHISH SAMI KHAN. 0040646532-1 I,KASHISH D/O MOHD SAMI R/O.H.NO.1/189,BLOCK-H NEAR-SEELAMPUR GURUDWARA NORTH-EAST DELHI-110053, HAVE CHANGED

MY NAME TO KASHISH SAMI KHAN. 0040646532-4

I, Ram Suresh s/o Surender Prasad r/o H. No.-28A, Khasra no.-42/5. Mange Ram Park. Near Kamal Vatika, Pooth Kalan, Delhi 110086 declare that name of mine has been wrongly written as Ram Pal in insurance policy no. 113235312, 113235318, 113235319. 113235321, 113234184 issued by LIC. Ram Pal and Ram Suresh is one and same person. In future I'm known by Ram Suresh permanently.

0040646522-1

HASAN, R/o 555, GALI HAKIM JI WALI BAZAR CHURI WALAN JAMA MASJID DELHI-6,HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO

WAJIHA YASIR. 0040646580-1

I, TANU DEVI W/O RAHUL GOEL R/O I-4/124,2nd-FLOOR, SECTOR-16, ROHINI, DELHI-110085.HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO TANU GOEL.

0040646574-7

I. Sumit Kumar, S/o Anil Kumar Agrawal, R/o H.No-90, Mohalla Jai, Jai Ram Gali Samar Wali, Post & Tehsil Kasgani, Uttar Pradesh-207123, have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Sumit Kumar 0070818976-1 Agrawal.

I, Shashi Kiran Mehta, D/o Durga Das Bhalla and W/o Umesh Kumar Mehta, R/o H.No-468, Faridabad Sector-22, Faridabad, Haryana-121005, have changed my name to Shashi Mehta.

0070819022-1 I, Sudhir Kumar Rawat, S/o Shri Prem Singh Rawat, R/o D-226, Nehru Colony, Dharampur, Dehradun, Uttarakhand-248001, have changed my minor Daughter's name from Jiya Rawat aged 16 years to Sharanya Rawat forever. 0070819033-1

I. Satvir Singh Sehrawat, S/o Ram Saran, R/o 3-4 Shivpuri, Near Harish Bakery, Gurgaon -122001, have changed my name to Satbir Singh Sehrawat for all future purposes. 0070819020-1

I, S Mahesh Kumar, S/o S Seshan, R/o-28-D, MIG Flats, Sheikh-Sarai Phase-I, Malviya Nagar, New Delhi, father of my daughter Shradha, and have changed, her name, to Shradha Mahesh,for all,purpose 0040646585-3 forever.

I, Reeta Rani w/o Chander Parkash, R/o 3/45 A, 2nd Floor, Moti Nagar, New Delhi-110015. have changed my name to Rita Rani.

0040646550-2

I. Ratnakar Mishra. S/o-Tara Chand Mishra, H.no-A2690 ground-floor near-gate.no.6 green field colony nhpc colony Faridabad Haryana-121010, changed my name to Ratnakar Kumar Mishra.

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NOTICE INVITING TENDER (NIT)

1. The Executive Engineer, Shimla Rural Division, HPPWD, Dhami on behalf of Governor of H.P. invites the item rate bids, in electronic tendening system from the eligible class of Contractors registered with HPPWD for the works as

Sr. No.	Name of Work	Estimated Cost	END	Cost of Tender	Eligible class of Contractor	Time
1	Construction of National Law University at Ghandai (SH- Construction of Girls Hostel Building portion, Water Supply and sanitary installation, Electrical Installation, Rain harvesting Tank, Septio Tank and ske development	Rs. 14,11,50,000-	Rs. 28.23.000/-	Ra. 5000/-	Class-A	Eigtlaen Nonths
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2. Availability of Bid Document and mode of submission:- The Bid document is available online and bid should be submitted in online mode on website https://hplenders.gov.in. Bidder would be required to register in the web-site which is free of cost. For submission of bids, the bidder is required to have Digital Signature Certificate (DSC) from one of the authorized Certifying Authorities (CA). "Aspiring bidders who have not obtained the user ID and password for participating in e-tendering in HPPWD may obtain the same from the website: https://hptenders.gov.in. Digital signature is mandatory to participate in the e-tendering. Bidders already possessing the digital signature issued from

4.	Date of Online Publication	29-12-2022 17:00 HRS
2.	Document Download Start and End Date	29-12-2022 18:30 HRS upto 15-01-2023 18:00 HRS
3.	Bid Submission Start and End Date	29-12-2022 18:30 HRS upto 15-01-2023 18:00 HRS
4.	Physical Submission of Tender Documents	16-01-2023 10:30 HRS
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4. TENDER DETAILS: The Tender Documents shall be uploaded online in two cover:

(i) Cover 1: shall contain scanned copies of al "Technical Documents/ Eligibility Information".

(ii) Cover 2: shall contain "BOQ/Financial Bid", where contractor will quote his offer for each item.

- 5. SUBMISSION OF ORIGINAL DOCUMENTS: The bidders are required to submit (a) online payment receip (Tender Fee) (b) online payment receipt (EMD) (c) Original Form 7-8 and (d) Original Allfidavits to the authorized official of Executive Engineer, Shimla Rural Division, HPPWD Dhami H.P as specified in Key dates Sr. No. 4 on Tender Opening Date, failing which the bids will be declared non-responsive.
- 6. BID OPENING DETAILS: The bids shall be opened on 16-01-2023 at 11.00 HRS by the authorized official of Executive Engineer, Shimla Rural Division, HPPWD Dhami H.P. in the office of the Executive Engineer, Shimla Rural Division, HPPWD Dhami. In their interest the linkerers are advised to be present along with original documents at the time of opening of lenders. If the office happens to be closed on the date of opening of the bids as specified, the bids will be opened on the next working day at the same time and verue.
- 7. The bids for the work shall remain valid for acceptance for a period not less than 75 days after the deadline date for bid submission
- 8. Other details can be seen in the bidding documents. The officer inviting tender shall not be held liable for any delays due to system failure beyond its control. Even though the system will attempt to notify the bidders of any bid updates, the Employer shall not be liable for any information not received by the bidder. It is the bidders' responsibility to verify the website for the latest information related to the tender.
- 9. Bidders are advised to quoted their rates + (5)% to (30)% as per Govt. notification dated 07.10.2021.
- 10. Eligibility Criteria:- The bidders must have successfully completed a similar nature of work not less than 40 % of estimated cost during the last five financial years (without Liquidated damages or compensation).
- The bidders are advised to note other details of tenders from the departmental website www.hptenders.gov.in.

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15 **EXPLANSE**

THIS WORD MEANS

BENIN BRONZES

A group of over 3,000 artworks from the ancient Kingdom of Benin that were looted by the British



One of the Benin Bronzes returned by Germany this week, in Abuja. AP

EARLIER THIS week, Germany returned 20 Benin Bronzes that were looted in the 19th century to Nigeria at a ceremony in Abuja. Germany had signed an agreement with Nigeria in July, pledging to transfer the ownership of around 1,100 Benin Bronzes.

Of late, there have been calls worldwide for western museums and nations to return artefacts plundered during the colonial period to their countries of origin. In October, the Smithsonian Museum returned 29 Benin Bronzes to Nigeria after launching an institution-wide review of its practices and ethical code.

Precious artworks

From intricately decorated cast plaques to animal and human figurines, the Benin Bronzes are a group of over 3,000 sculptures and artworks from the ancient Kingdom of Benin in present-day Nigeria, that date back to at least the 16th century.

These historical pieces were looted by British colonial forces during their infamous raid on Benin City in 1897, which resulted in the city being captured and the Benin Royal Palace being partially destroyed and ransacked.

Several of these pieces had been specially commissioned for the kings or Obas, and Queen Mothers of the kingdom. The artefacts provide insight into the culture of

the Benin Kingdom as well as its relationships with neighbouring states. Some of these pieces also point to the kingdom's relationship with Europeans.

Momentum for return

The items looted by the British forces were subsequently scattered around the world, and Nigerian historians and activists have been trying to get them back for long.

The call for returning the Benin Bronzes got momentum after French President Emmanuel Macron in a speech in Burkina Faso in 2017 promised to return stolen or looted artefacts to their countries of origin.

This was followed by another crucial moment when the Humboldt Forum considered to be the Berlin equivalent of the Louvre or British Museum - came under intense criticism for its ownership of looted art and other artefacts, including about 500 Benin Bronzes.

According to a report in The New York Times, in February 2019, then German Chancellor Angela Merkel invited a small number of historians and experts to dinner to discuss restitution. This culminated in the setting of certain guidelines for repatriating colonial-era artefacts that specified that all the wrongfully acquired objects should be returned to their rightful owners.

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE

Covid pill molnupiravir does not cut hospitalisation, death rates in many vaccinated adults, shows large study

MERCK & CO INC'S Covid antiviral molnupiravir speeds up recovery but does not reduce the hospitalisation or death rate in higher-risk vaccinated adults, detailed data from a large study showed on

Thursday. The drug, which prevents he virus from replicating, genment alone in people over 50 or those aged 18 and older with underlying conditions. They had been unwell with confirmed Covid for five days or fewer in the community setting.

When Merck originally tested molnupiravir, it was found 30% effective in reduc-

EXPLAINED DIPLOMACY, FOREIGN POLICY, STRATEGY The Taliban war on women

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Ban on women's education is part of the Taliban push to make one half of the Afghan population socially invisible. The world has been united in condemnation, but its leverage with the Taliban is clearly limited



Nirupama Subramanian

THE BLANKET ban on education for girls and women and other decisions effectively banishing women from public life in Afghanistan, and the return of public executions and floggings as punishments in keeping with Sharia law, has belied hopes that this Taliban regime would be somehow different from the one of 1996-2001.

The ban makes Afghanistan the only country in the world where girls and women are denied access to education.

The Taliban first slapped a ban on girls attending secondary schools – they said it was a "temporary suspension" - on September 18, 2021, a month after they took power, and two weeks after the last American and NATO troops left the country.

In August this year, foreign ministry spokesman Abdul Qahar Balki told The Indian Express that despite the "cultural constraints, budgetary constraints, lack of resources, lack of infrastructure, lack of teachers, books", the government was "working extremely hard to try to address this problem". "Our policy", Balki said, "is education for all Afghan citizens irrespective of gender".

He accused the international community of "weaponising" women's education against the regime in order not to return Afghanistan's financial assets banked in the US. He also said girls had access to secondary education in more than a dozen out of the country's 34 provinces.

Until December 20, women could attend colleges and universities, which the Taliban had gender-segregated with gendered changes to the time table as well. After last year's ban on secondary schooling, younger girls whose families could afford it, attended "courses" in fee-charging private schools. Madrassas also held "Islami" classes for girls. A network of underground "secret" schools sprang up so that girls would at least not forget what they had learnt in school until then.

Even though primary and elementary schools remained open, the ban on secondary education had a chilling effect on them and the ban was effectively total. Hopes went up temporarily earlier this month when the Taliban allowed girl students to write high school exams (though their schools had been closed for a year).



A classroom that was previously used for girl students sits empty in Kabul on Thursday. The Taliban banned all girls' and women's education this week. AP

Since Wednesday though, the denial of education to women is complete. Women teachers have been banned from working. Along with the medical profession and police, teaching was one of the few remaining avenues for working women. In most government offices, women employees had already been asked to take a pay cut and show up once a week to mark attendance. The invisibilisation of women by the Taliban is now gathering pace. On November 9 this year, women were banned from visiting most public parks, hamams, and gymnasiums.

The Taliban have also resumed the practice of public punishment, their calling card in the late 1990s. The first public execution took place on December 7 in the southwestern province of Farah – an alleged murderer was shot dead by the father of his victim. There have been several public floggings since then.

The world is outraged...

The world has responded as one to the Taliban ban on girls' education. Saudi Arabia, the UAE and Pakistan, the three countries that recognised the 1996-2001 Taliban regime (they have not done so this time) have condemned the ban. Turkey, Qatar, and Indonesia have also questioned the ban. Some countries have said it is against Islam to deny women education.

In her capacity as chair of the G7 foreign ministers that issued a joint statement against the Taliban decision, German Foreign Minister Annalena Baerbock warned the Taliban's "gender persecution may amount to a crime against humanity under the Rome Statute, to which Afghanistan is a State Party".

India has said it is "concerned" and reiterated its commitment to an "inclusive and representative government that respects the rights of all Afghans and ensures the equal rights of women and girls to participate in all aspects of Afghan society, including access to higher education".

But the Taliban appear unfazed, indicating the limits to the leverage the international community has with them, and what it can do to make them respect the human right of women to education.

Some 15 countries, including India, China, Russia, Pakistan, the US (through Qatar), and Afghanistan's Central Asian neighbours have been engaging with the Taliban through differing levels of diplomatic presence in Kabul. But no country has granted recognition to the Taliban, making that conditional on the Kabul regime meeting preconditions that include giving girls and women equal access to education, and forming an inclusive and representative government.

....Taliban are brazen

The Taliban are desperate for international recognition, but they have shown that they won't fulfill the conditions for it, and instead hope to benefit from geopolitical rivalries and the race among regional powers for influence in Afghanistan.

In the Security Council exactly a year ago, Russia and China successfully pushed for an exemption in the UN sanctions regime to allow humanitarian aid to flow into Afghanistan. At a Security Council briefing on Wednesday, hours before the Taliban announced their blanket ban on girls' education, the UN Special Representative in Afghanistan Roza Otunbayeva said: "We do not see eye to eye with the Taliban on a number of issues, but the focus is, and should be, on maintaining dialogue in the hope of a better future for Afghanistan, where everyone

 women, men, girls and boys — can live a life with dignity and equality". Otunbayeva later described the ban as "devastating".

UN Emergency Relief Coordinator Martin Griffiths said 20 million Afghans faced acute hunger, and millions more were directly and critically dependent on international aid. Cutting aid to Afghanistan was not an option, he said.

Given the nature of the choice - between starving Afghans and punishing the Taliban - the limitations to what the international community can do to ensure that Afghan women do not sink into a black hole are painfully evident.

India's shackles on itself

New Delhi reopened its Kabul mission in June with a "technical team". Concerns over security are the main driver of India's engagement with the Taliban. Other than ISIS and al-Qaeda, Pakistani-origin terror groups such as Lashkar-e-Taiba and Jaish-e-Mohammed are reportedly present in Afghanistan.

At the December 20 Security Council briefing on Afghanistan, India's Permanent Representative to the UN Ruchira Kamboj pointed to the presence of 60 UN-sanctioned individuals in the Taliban "cabinet" and senior positions in the regime. India is the chair of the Taliban sanctions committee, and Kamboj also pointed to continuing close links between the Taliban and al-Qaeda.

New Delhi seems to hope that its presence in Kabul will somehow ensure that Afghan soil is not used against India. With relations between the regime and its benefactors in Rawalpindi not so warm at the moment, New Delhi believes it has an opportunity to retrieve some lost influence in Afghanistan.

Somewhat contradictorily though, India has stopped playing to its biggest strength and the wellspring of its influence in Afghanistan: the friendship of the Afghan people.

While the stated objective of the reopening of the diplomatic mission in Kabul was "the continuation of our engagement with the Afghan people", the mission does no public outreach. In the past, education and refuge from the conflict were solid connectors - but over the last year, New Delhi has not responded to desperate pleas from Afghans for visas. Some 3,000 Afghans who were studying in India in 2021 and had gone home in the months before the Taliban takeover found their visas cancelled.

Among the visa seekers are hundreds of women with no education or career prospects in their own country, more so after the latest anti-women move. New Delhi's only engagement so far with the Afghan people has been the evacuation of the Afghan Sikh community, who were being repeatedly targeted by the ISIS.

erated nearly \$5 billion in sales for the American drugmaker in the first three quarters of 2022

Preliminary data from the study, carried out in the winter of 2021-2022 when the Omicronvariant was dominant was

unveiled in October. As a result. doctors are already considering limiting molnupiravir's use, for instance, in Australia.

The latest results offer more detail and have been peer-reviewed.

The study, called PANORAMIC, compared the oral pill against standard treat-

ing hospitalisations, but that was in unvaccinated patients. In the latest study, led by PAPER University of Oxford researchers, nearly all of the more than 25,000 patients in the study had received at least NEW RESEARCH three vaccine doses

> These results demonstrate that vaccine protection is so strong that there is no obvious benefit from the drug in terms of further reducing hospitalisation and deaths, said study co-author Ionathan Van-Tam from the University of Nottingham. REUTERS

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EXPLAINED BOOKS SATURDAY SUMMARY

Critical perspectives from a master of the movies

POOJA PILLAI NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 23

AFTER QUENTIN Tarantino's Pulp Fiction (1994) forever changed the gangster genre (or created a "sub-genre" as Tarantino once said), cinemas were cluttered with imitators featuring stylised violence and smart-talking gangsters, and narrated in vignettes or episodes. With a handful of exceptions - including Get Shorty (starring Pulp Fiction's comeback star John Travolta) and Lock, Stock and Two Smoking Barrels (which marked Guy Ritchie as a would-be Tarantino) - all these were duds, critically and commercially.

Among their many problems was the fact that none of their writers and/ or directors was Tarantino. Pulp Fiction became the phenomenon it is because Tarantino brought to it not only his unique referential film nerdi-

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ness - honed over years of watching movies of every kind - but also his disciplined, analytical mind, with no room for loose, flabby plotlines or undercooked characters.

Both these qualities are on display in the filmmaker's first non-fiction book Cinema Speculation, comprising essays that are a mix of memoir and film criticism. From early boy-

When he wrote Saare ja-

hood, Tarantino writes, he accompanied his mother and stepfather to the movies, most of them age-inappropriate (including John Boorman's highly controversial, graphically violent Deliverance and Don Siegal's Dirty Harry, which Tarantino describes as the first serial killer movie).

"I was encouraged to act mature and well behaved. Because if I acted like a childish pain in the ass, I'll be left at home with a babysitter, while they went out and had a good time." he writes. Young Tarantino decidedly wanted to be included in "adult time", so he paid for the privilege with silence even as he kept his eves and ears wide open. only letting his curiosity get the better of him on the ride home when the movie would be minutely dissected and most of his questions answered.

His early exposure not only to the mainstream cinema of 1970s Hollywood but also to kung fu imports from Hong Kong, as well as the exploitation films screened in the bountiful grindhouse cinemas (which showed only low-budget horror, exploitation, and adult films), shaped Tarantino's cinematic sensibilities. This is evident in his films. from Kill Bill Vol 1 & 2, a homage to the cult Swedish revenge exploitation film Thriller: A Cruel Picture as well as kung fu films, to the blaxploitationinspired Django Unchained.

Tarantino's analysis of Ali MacGraw's widely-panned performance in The Getaway is a lot more charitable because he sees in her not "one-half of a the greatest bank robbing couple in crime film literature", rather as "one-half of one of the greatest love stories in crime film cinema". Without doubt, Tarantino's critical perspective is wider and more generous in its scope than most, taking in performances and movies that were considered oddities or failures, but in which he finds gems to mine.

Recalling Iqbal, national poet of Pakistan, spotlighted in UP school row

ASAD REHMAN LUCKNOW, DECEMBER 23

RECITATION OF Muhammad Iqbal's prayer Lab pe aati hai dua in a school has once again triggered a controversy – this time in Bareilly district of Uttar Pradesh. After a video of students reciting the prayer during the morning assembly went viral, a Vishwa Hindu Parishad (VHP) official in the district complained to police, and the principal of the government school and a shiksha mitra were booked for "hurting religious sentiments".

The Uttar Pradesh Education Department has suspended the principal of the school Nahid Siddiqui, and ordered a probe against the shiksha mitra, Wazeeruddin.

Second time in four years

This is not the first instance of a school head being suspended for the recitation of Iqbal's Lab pe aati hai dua. 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 students were made to recite a religious prayer that is usually said in madrassas.

The headmaster was subsequently reinstated, but he was transferred to another school.

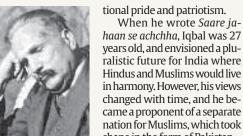
Poet and his poems

The poem that the VHP considers to be a "religious prayer" is often called "bachchon *ki dua*", and seeks guidance from God to walk on the righteous path without doing any wrong or evil. It was written by Iqbal in

1902, and has been sung at several educational institutions in India and Pakistan, including some prestigious schools in their morning assemblies.

Among Iqbal's many poems, the most celebrated is the immortal Saare jahaan se achchha Hindostan hamaara, his beautiful ode to India written in 1904, which he recited for the first time in a college in Lahore the following year. The song inspired India's freedom fighters, including Mahatma Gandhi, and has remained popular over

the decades - sung in schools and institutions and used as a marching tune by forces in uniform, and its opening words are commonly employed as an expression of na-



Igbal in 1933. Wikimedia Commons

shape in the form of Pakistan. Life and career

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In his works, the poet-philosopher promoted self-hood and the intellectual and cultural reconstruction of the Islamic world. He is commonly referred to as Allama, which is a title given to Islamic scholars.

Iqbal's first published collection of poems came out in 1923, and was titled Bange-Dara (Call of the Marching Bell). He wrote mostly in Urdu and Persian. Iqbal was also a lawyer and appeared at the Lahore High Court in several cases.

After completing his BA and MA at Government College, Lahore, he went to study in Europe in 1905. At Trinity College, Cambridge, he completed a second Bachelor's degree, and got a PhD at the University of Munich. In 1923, he was knighted by King George V.

The idea of Pakistan

In his later life, Igbal came to favour the idea of a separate nation for Muslims, and is thought to have been the chief influence behind Muhammad Ali Jinnah's Pakistan project. It was Iqbal who influenced Jinnah to return to India and take charge of the Muslim League. His confidence in Jinnah is believed to have come from the fact that the latter was the only Muslim leader with unchallenged national status, and without provincial or regional ties.

Iqbal is regarded as the ideological founder of the nation in Pakistan – the man who envisioned the state that Jinnah gave physical shape to - and revered as its national poet. The Government of Pakistan's Iqbal Academy Pakistan offers courses in 'Igbal studies' for students to understand his works and ideas.

Iqbal (1877-1938) was born

braced Islam in the seventeenth century. He was born in Sialkot, Punjab (now in Pakistan) and died in Lahore when he was 60 years old. His tomb is in Lahore's Hazuri

New Delhi

THE INDIAN EXPRESS, SATURDAY, DECEMBER 24, 2022 **16** The World

LONDON MULLS OPTIONS TO BLOCK LAW SCOTLAND LOWERS AGE TO CHANGE GENDER

The devolved Scottish government has voted 86 votes to 39 to pass the Gender Recognition Reform Bill, lowering the age when people can apply for gender change from 18 to 16. The move has prompted a clash with the Westminster government in London, which is weighing up its options to block the law.

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President-elect, Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva

BRAZIL

President-elect appoints 16

ministers, taps 2 Rio de Janeiro: Presidentelect, Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva, appointed 16 ministers on Friday, tapping two members of his party who oversaw states in Brazil's northeast to run the country's education and welfare systems. Lula is set to take office in a little over a week and still has roughly a dozen nominations to make. Lula's nominations on Thursday of six women to lead ministries - including the culture, racial equality, and science and technology posts – appeared aimed at addressing criticism that his prior Cabinet picks hadn't included any women. He also named his first three Black ministers. Lula now has now named a total of twenty-one ministers. AF

PAKISTAN One officer, two militants killed in suicide attack

Islamabad: One police officer and two suspected militants, including a woman of the dreaded Pakistani Taliban outfit, were killed in a suicide attack here on Friday, prompting authorities in Pakistan to issue a "red alert" across the federal capital. The incident took place in Sector I-10/4 in Îslamabad's upscale residential area, located barely 15km away from the garrison city of Rawalpindi, where Pakistan's powerful military establishment is lo-

A DAY AFTER ZELENSKYY'S U.S. VISIT Putin says Russia wants end to war in Ukraine, calls for diplomatic solution

REUTERS MOSCOW, DECEMBER 23

PRESIDENT VLADIMIR Putin said on Thursday that Russia wants an end to the war in Ukraine and that this would inevitably involve a diplomatic solution. Putin made the comments a

day after U.S. President Joe Biden hosted Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskiy in the White House and promised him continued and unwavering U.S. support.

"Our goal is not to spin the flywheel of military conflict, but, on the contrary, to end this war," Putin said. "We will strive for an end to this, and the sooner the better, of course." White House spokesman

John Kirby said Putin has 'shown absolutely zero indication that he's willing to negotiate" an end to the war, which began when Moscow sent troops into Ukraine on February 24.

"Quite the contrary," Kirby told reporters during an online briefing. "Everything he (Putin) is doing on the ground and in the air bespeaks a man who wants to continue to visit violence upon the Ukrainian people" and 'escalate the war.' Kirby reiterated that Biden

Pak abolishes colonial-era law that penalises attempted suicide

SAJJAD HUSSAIN ISLAMABAD, DECEMBER 23

PAKISTAN ON Friday adopted an amendment to the colonial-era criminal law to abolish the punishment for attempted suicide.

Pakistan's Parliament had repealed Section 325 of the Pakistan Penal Code, 1860 about penalising suicide attempts. Under the section, suicide or attempted suicide was an offense punishable by one year of imprisonment, fine or both.

It states: "Whoever attempts to commit suicide and does any act towards the commission of such offense, shall be punished



Putin at a press conference in Moscow. PTI

was open to talks with Putin, but only after the Russian leader "showed a seriousness about negotiations" and after consultaions with Ukraine and US allies. Russia has persistently said it

is open to negotiations, but Ukraine and its allies suspect a ploy to buy time after a series of Russian defeats-retreats that have swung the momentum of the 10month war in favour of Kyiv.

Meanwhile, Head of the Russian Foreign Ministry's North America department said that talks on security guarantees for Russia cannot take place while NATO instructors and "mercenaries" remain in Ukraine, and while Western arms supplies to the country continue.

US House to vote on \$1.66-tn funding Bill as shutdown deadline approaches

RICHARD COWAN & MOIRA WARBURTON WASHINGTON, DECEMBER 23

On Friday, The US House of Representatives is due to vote on a \$1.66 trillion bill that provides the US military with robust funding, dispatches emergency aid to Ukraine and keeps all federal agencies operating through September, 30, 2023.

Passage of the Senate-approved measure in the Democratic-controlled House would send it to President Joe Biden to sign into law before a midnight Friday (0500 GMT Saturday) deadline when temporary funds would expire. After weeks of haggling and

threats of government shutdowns, Congress aims to complete one of its most basic duties: appropriating money to keep the bureaucracy humming, three months after a new fiscal year began on October 1.

Around \$800 billion would be designated for the array of

non-military programs, \$68 billion over fiscal 2022. Ukraine would get \$44.9 bil-

lion in new emergency US aid. The debate in Congress over the bill was punctuated by a visit on Wednesday by Ukraine President Volodymyr Zelenskyy, who thanked Americans for bolstering his country's war effort against Russia and argued the U.S. funds were a good "investment."

"Your money is not charity. It is an investment in the global security and democracy that we handle in the most responsible way," Zelenskiy, told a joint meeting of Congress.

Other major spending items in the bill include over \$27 billion for the victims of natural disasters, a major increase in funding for those struggling with drug addiction and funding to help carry major infrastructure projects made possible by a bill enacted in 2021.

The 4,155-page bill was passed on Thursday in the Senate on a bipartisan vote of 68-29. REUTERS

Zelenskyy back in Kyiv, Russia resumes attack

Kviv: Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy returned to his nation's capital Friday following his wartime visit to the United States, saying his forces are "working toward victory" even as Russia launched new strikes across the country. Zelenskyy posted on his Telegram account that he's in his Kyiv office following his U.S. trip that secured a new \$1.8 billion military aid package, and pledged that "We'll overcome everything." His return comes amid Russian attacks on the eastern and southern fronts, and everywhere else in REUTERS Ukraine.

3 dead, 3 wounded, in Paris shooting, suspect arrested



Protestors clash with police during a demonstration near the Rue dEnghien after the incident. Reuters

vation" for the shooting re-

The shootings were a "terrible

French Interior Minister

drama", district mayor Cordebard

told reporters, adding that one of

those wounded had suffered life-

Gerald Darmanin said the sus-

pected assailant had clearly

wanted to target foreigners, but

there was no evidence yet that he

had picked out Kurds specifically.

Paris' 10th arrondissement on a

busy street near the Gare de l'Est

openedinto murder, manslaugh-

testers took to nearby streets. Riot

police fired teargas to push back

an angry crowd a short distance

from the scene of the shootings.

armed police were still guarding

Several hours after the killing,

REUTERS/AP

ter and aggravated violence.

Police cordoned off the area in

An investigation has been

As evening fell, scores of pro-

mains unclear.

threatening injuries.

train station.

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AGENCIES PARIS, DECEMBER 23

A SHOOTING targeting a Kurdish cultural center in a bustling Paris neighborhood Friday left three people dead and three others wounded, authorities said. A 69year-old suspect was wounded and arrested.

The Paris prosecutor's office opened an investigation for murder and attempted murder. The Paris prosecutor said the suspect had a prior police record, including an arrest for attacking migrants living in tents, and that investigators are considering a possible racist motive.

The shooting occurred at midday at a Kurdish cultural center and a restaurant and hairdresser nearby, according to the mayor for the 10th arrondissement, Alexandra Cordebard.

Speaking to reporters at the scene, she said the "real moti-

U.S. CAPITOL RIOTS

Trump should be charged for inciting riot: Probe panel

KANISHKA SINGH WASHINGTON, DECEMBER 23

THE CONGRESSIONAL panel probing the Jan. 6, 2021 attack on the US Capitol released its final report late on Thursday, outlining its case that former U.S. President Donald Trump should face criminal charges of inciting the riot. The House of Representatives

The report, which runs to

more than 800 pages, is based on

nearly 1,200 interviews over 18

months and lakhs of documents,

as well as the rulings of more than

ings, discusses the legal implica-

tions of actions by Trump and

some of his associates and in-

cludes criminal referrals to the

Justice Department of Trump and

other individuals, according to an

executive summary released ear-

lier this week. It report also lists

legislative recommendations to

asked federal prosecutors to

charge the Republican former

president with four crimes, includ-

On Monday, the committee

help avert another such attack.

The report lists 17 specific find-

60 federal and state courts.

Thursday.





KOREA N Korea fires missiles after US-S Korea drill

PTI

Seoul: North Korea fired two short-range ballistic missiles toward its eastern waters on Friday, its latest weapons demonstration that came days after US and South Korean warplanes conducted joint drills that North Korea views as an invasion rehearsal.Recently, the North also claimed to have performed major South Korea's military detected the two missile launches from North Korea's capital region at around 4:32 pm on Friday. Japan said it also confirmed at least one missile launch by North Korea.

with simple imprisonment for a term which may extend to one year, or with fine, or with both." The enacted law was completed when President Dr Arif Alvi endorsed the Criminal Laws (Amendment)Bill 2022, abolishing the punishment for attempted suicide, according to the announcement issued by the President's House.

Earlier, the amendment in the law was introduced by the Pakistan Peoples Party (PPP) and it was passed by the Senate in May this year.

As per to the amendment's objective, "the issue of suicide ought to be dealt with as a disease and should be treated as one".

There is lack of authentic data on the actual number of people committing suicide each year, but according to an old report of the World Health Organisation (WHO), the estimated rate of suicide in Pakistan in 2019 was 8.9 per 100,000 people.

In other words, around 19,331 people killed themselves in the year 2019.

DEEP FREEZE GRIPS US AMID 'WINTER BOMB'

In downtown in Denver on Friday, during a period of cold weather. A deep freeze enveloping most of the United States combined with winter storm brewing in the Midwest leaves two-thirds of the nation under extreme weather alerts. Reuters

COUNTRY'S STRECHED HEALTHCARE SYSTEM BRACES ITSELF China's Covid cases likely to peak this week

BERNARD ORR & CASEY HALL SHANGHAI, DECEMBER 23

CHINA IS EXPECTING a peak in COVID-19 infections within a week, a health official said, with authorities predicting extra strain on the country's health system even as they downplay the disease's severity and continue to report no new deaths.

Chinese state media Qingdao Daily late on Friday cited a health official in eastern city of Qingdao PTI as saying coronavirus was in

rapid transmission stage in the city with 490,000-530,000 new daily infections, which was set to increase at a rate of 10% in the next couple of days.

and widespread protests against its "zero-COVID" regime of lockdowns and testing, China began dismantling it this month, becoming the last major country to move towards living with the virus.

ingly fall ill, more disruption is expected in the short term before the economy bounces back later next year.

China reported less than 4,000 new symptomatic local COVID cases nationwide for Dec. 22, and no new COVID deaths for a third consecutive day.

Authorities have narrowed the criteria for COVID deaths, prompting criticism from many disease experts.

Zhang Wenhong, director of the National Centre for Infectious Diseases, was quoted in Shanghai government-backed news outlet The Paper on Thursday as saying China "is expected to reach the peak of infections within a week." REUTERS

Select Committee also made pub-Ex-US President Donald lic the transcripts of a number of Trump gave a fiery speech its interviews and witness testion the morning of January 6 monies earlier on Friday and on

> ing obstruction and insurrection, for what they said were efforts to overturn results of the November 2020 election and sparking the attack on the seat of government.

> "Rather than honor his constitutional obligation to 'take care that the laws be faithfully executed,' President Trump instead plotted to overturn the election outcome," the House panel had said earlier in a 160-page summary of its report.

> Trump gave a fiery speech to his supporters near the White House the morning of Jan. 6, and publicly chastised his vice president, Mike Pence, for not going along with his plan to reject ballots cast for Democrat Joe Biden. REUTERS

As Gas Prices Soar, Fairs Across Europe Struggle To Balance Magic And Responsibility At France's oldest Christmas market, energy crisis lowers festive spirit

CONSTANT MÉHEUT STRASBOURG, DECEMBER 23

THE NOON CHURCH bell had just chimed on Strasbourg's vast Christmas market, briefly drowning out the sound of carols from speakers, and Franck Bodein was enveloped in fumes from a giant skillet of frying mushrooms. Steaming pots of mulled wine and pans overflowing with a gooey casserole known as tartiflette lined his stall, just as they have for the two decades he has been working at the market.

One key feature, however, was conspicuously absent this year: the Christmas lights.



Strasbourg's Christmas market - the Christkindelsmärik, or "Christ child market" in the local dialect – is France's oldest and largest. It has grown from a few stalls of herbalists and gingerbread vendors near the cathedral in the 16th century into a citywide extravaganza, offering

everything from roasted chestnuts to jewelry. The city has proclaimed itself the "Capital of Christmas.'

But as Europe has embarked on an enormous energy saving effort to get through a winter without Russian gas, the continent's energy-hungry Christmas markets, a seasonal feature

across Europe, have been a prime target and forced difficult debates about just how much seasonal glow cities can afford or should indulge in.

Illuminations have been rescaled back, ice rinks canceled and outdoor heaters banned.

Across France, many cities have struggled to keep the yearend festive spirit while addressing rising energy prices. Fears of blackouts have forced local authorities to look for cuts at the risk



A central square in Strasbourg, where lighting displays were more muted this year but still adorned many areas. NYT

of spoiling a Christmas season that nomic crisis marked by strikes and soaring costs of living. is often intended to cheer people up, especially after months of eco-"The question is, how do you

balance magic and responsibility?" said Guillaume Libsig, a Strasbourg deputy mayor in charge of city events.

Every December, a dozen squares in the center of Strasbourg, a city of nearly 300.000 residents bordering Germany, are taken over by more than 300 stalls, in a vibrant atmosphere where the pungent smell of sauerkraut meets the vanillascented aroma of baking waffles. And even this year, the market is not without a seasonal gleam.

Some 30 miles of lighting displays are still deployed around Strasbourg, with garlands and chandeliers bathing streets in a pink, blue and golden glow.

New Delhi

Installations include glittering gingerbread men with candy canes and twinkling angels hanging over a street leading to the city's cathedral. From the top of the religious edifice, for at least a few hours at night, Strasbourg shimmers like the sun on the sea. Several years ago, Strasbourg's Christmas market switched to

LED lights, using up to 90 percent less electricity than traditional incandescent bulbs. But the lighting budget still adds up to hundreds of thousands of euros, and Libsig acknowledged that the event represented an energy burden that had long been overlooked.

Faced with soaring gas and electric costs as a result of launched a sweeping plan of "energy sobriety" to cut energy consumption by 10 percent in two years, including lowering heating in buildings and scaling back lighting. Private companies and public administrations have been required to join the effort. In Strasbourg that meant targeting the Christkindelsmärik, long considered untouchable.

Russia's invasion, France

In the fall, the authorities announced reducing city-run illuminations by 1/5th; turn off lights an hour earlier; and wrap up the light show a week earlier. "We used to push buttons, there was light, and nobody wondered where it came from," Libsig said. NYT







In the face of a surging spread

As Chinese workers increas-

WWW.INDIANEXPRESS.COM THE INDIAN EXPRESS, SATURDAY, DECEMBER 24, 2022

N	TICE INVITING TENDER
Name of work and its location	30-Elect-61-T-R1-22-23-E3 Electrical work in connection with improvement of air Conditioning System with replacement of overaged units and other allied works at RRI's having less then 100 routes over Delhi Division.
Approx. cost of the wroks in	Rs. 36.70 lacs
Address of the office	Sr. Divil Elect. Engineer/General, New Delhi
Bid Security	Rs. 73400.00
Date & time of submission of	ender 16.01.2023, 12.00 Hrs.
Opening of tender	16.01.2023, 12.00 Hrs.
Website & notice board	www.ireps.gov.in & Sr. Divl.Elect.Engineer/ General, New Delhi
Azadi _{Ka} Amrit Mahotsav	3432/22

PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF ACCUSED PERSON

(See Section 82 Cr. P.C.)

Whereas complaint has been made before me that accused person Namely Parvesh Kumar Kohli @ Farri S/o Ganga Prasad, R/o F-56, Laxmi Park, Nangloi, Delhi has committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence in a case vide FIR No. 564/19 u/s 380/411/34 IPC registered at P.S. Nihal Vihar, Delhi and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest thereupon stating that the said Parvesh Kumar Kohli @ Farri could not be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the accused Parvesh Kumar Kohli @ Farri has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant). Proclamation is hereby made that the said accused Parvesh Kumar Kohli @ Farri is required to appear before the court to answer the said complaint on or before on 31.01.2023

By Order Sh. Milan Goel, Metropolitan Magistrate-03, Room No. 292, 2nd Floor,

Tis Hazari Court, Delhi

DP/3943/OD/2022 (Court Notice)

APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION



DP/4077/CD/2022

General public is hereby informed that an unidentified person Namely: Unknown, S/o Unknown, R/o : Unknown, Age About 55-60 years, Height : 5'4" Complexion : Shallow, Face: Long, Built : Thin, Hair : Grey & White and Long Beard & Mustache, Wearing : Brown Colour Kurta & White Colour

Lower and Bare footed has been found dead at Patri in front of Sabharwal Poly Clinic, 22 Netaji Subhash Marg, Darya Ganj, Delhi on 19.12.2022. In this regard a case vide DD No. 55A dated 19.12.2022 has been lodged at P.S. Darya Ganj, Delhi. The dead body has been preserved at MAMC Hospital Mortuary, Delhi for 72 hours. Any person having any information or clue about this dead found person may kindly inform to the following:

> P.S. Darya Ganj, Delhi Central Distt., Delhi Tel. No. 011- 23274683, 23279331

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By Order

SH. BHAVAYA KARHAIL

LD, Metropolitan Magistrate-02

Patiala House Courts, New Delhi

PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF A PERSON ACCUSED SEE SECTION U/S 82 Cr. Pc.

Whereas complaint has been made before me that accused Kishan@Sunny, S/o Sh. Lal Bahadur, R/o Jhuggi No. 182, C-8, Dalit Ekta Camp, Vasant Kunj, New Delhi has committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence in case FIR No. 413/2022 U/s 380/457/411/34 IPC Dated: 28.10.2022, P.S. Vasant Kunj North, Delhi, and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest there upon issued that the said accused Kishan@Sunny cannot be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said accused Kishan@Sunny has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant). Proclamation is hereby made that the said accused Kishan@Sunny of FIR No. 413/2022 U/s 380/457/411/34 IPC Dated: 28.10.2022, P.S. Vasant Kunj North, Delhi, is required to appear before this Court to answer the said complaint on or before



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The tender notice published in the newspaper dated 29.11.2022, the last date of receipt of tender for "Printing & supply of Question Papers & APAR From for the session 2022-23" in this office has been extended from 23.12.2022, 17:00 hrs. to 03.01.2023, 17:00hrs. The tender will be opened in the office of the undersigned on 04.01.2023 at 16:00 hrs. Tender documents are available on the website of thi office "https://rodehradun.kvs.gov.in" The sealed tenders will be accepted through registered / speed post only. Other terms and conditions will remain unchanged. **Deputy Commissioner**

INDIAN RAILWAYS G2.0 / GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (RAILWAY BOARD) No.2022/RS(WTA)-149/TENDER/535 New Delhi, dated: 23.12.202 CORRIGENDUM NO.1 Attention is drawn to e-Tender Notice No. WTA-535 opening on 26.12.2022 for rocurement of Wheel for 3-Phase WAG9 locomotives to drawing No. 1209-01-111 003 Alt.-5 and Wheel for 3-Phase WAP7 locomotives to drawing No. 1209-01-111

070 with specification IRS-R-34-15 of May 2015. Existing clause To be modified as Last date and time for submission tender 26.12.2022 at 14:30 hrs. Last date and time for submission of tender 10.01.2023 at 14:30 hrs All other terms and conditions of the tender shall remain the same (Sunil Kumar Verma (Sum Rumar Vennar) Director, Railway Stores (M) Railway Board & Tel No. 011-23073191, Email ID- drsm@rb.railnet.gov.in Serving Customers with a Smile L PSPCL Punjab State Power Corporation Limited Regd Office: PSEB H.O. Building, The Mall, Patiala CIN: U40109PB2010SGC033813, Website: www.pspcl.in

Contact Number: 96461-18773 Tender Enquiry No. Q-4013/22-23/PO-T/CE-MM

Chief Purchase Officer/MM, Central Purchase Organization, PSPCL nd Floor, Multistory Building, The Mall, PSPCL invites Short Term E-ender of 38,200 Nos. ISI Marked, EEL-2

(As per Amendment No. 4 to IS 1180)/Star-2 (New), ISI Marked, 11/0.433 KV, 25 KVA, Three Phase 50 cycles, out door type, oil immersed, naturally cooled, core or Shell type, Stack/Wound Core type construction (Aluminium wound) CRGO/Amorphous core distribution transformers complete with fitting as per PSPCL Sepcification & Conforming to IS 1180 Part (2014) & 2026 (with latest amendements)

For detailed NIT & Tender specification please refer to /eproc.punjab.gov.in from 26.12.2022 onwards. NOTE: Corrigendum & addendum, if any will be published online at https://eproc.punjab.gov.in 19904/PB

NORTHERN RAILWAY TENDER NOTICE

Invitation of Tenders through E-Procurement system Principal Chief Materials Manager, Northern Railway, New Delhi-110001, for and on behalf of the President of India, invites e-tenders through e-procurement

system for supply of the following items:-						
Ν.	Tender No.	Brief Description	Qty.	Date		
01	02221875B	ESTI PROTECTION SWITCH WITH CARTRIDGE 130 DEGREE FOR HEATER	717 NOS	16-01-23		
)2	14230857	DISSOLVED ACETYLENE GAS	81867 CUM	16-01-23		
J3 19220662 SPHERI BLOC FOR TORQUE ARM/ AXLE GUIDE ROD FOR WAP-7		504 NOS	18-01-23			
)4	02222514A	MAINTENANCE FREE VALVE REGULATED LEAD ACID BATTERIES SET FOR 110V	702 SET	19-01-23		
)5	15225008	ONE SET OF EQUIPMENTS FOR PMS	235 NOS = 01 SET	20-01-23		
)6	6 11222045B MANNUAL METALARC WELDING ELECTRODE, CLASS M-2		239160 MTR	23-01-23		
)7	07220212 CENTRING DISC FOR LHB COACHES.		2576 NOS	23-01-23		
08 07220207 CONTROLARM LOWER LEFT CONSISTING OF 02 FOR LHB COACHES		1024 NOS	23-01-23			
)9	11222046D	SOLID MIG / MG WELDING FILLER WIRE, CLASS VI	68400 KGS	30-01-23		
10	/		30215 MTR	06-02-23		
11	07223486 SAFETY WIRE ROPE ASSEMBLY FOR IR FIAT BOGIE		19789 NOS	20-02-23		
12	11222022	MANUAL METALARC WELDING ELECTRODES, CLASSA-2	275193 MTR	17-04-23		

PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF ACCUSED PERSON

(See Section 82 Cr.PC)

Whereas complaint has been made before me that accused Jakher Hussain, S/o Munna @ Chand Babu R/o J-147, Gali No.05, Sardar Colony Sec-16, Rohini, Delhi has committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence in case FIR No. 162/2020 u/s 380/511 IPC, P.S. KNK Marg, Delhi and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest thereupon issued that the said accused Jakher Hussain cannot be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said accused **Jakher** Hussain has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant)

Proclamation is hereby made that the said accused Jakher Hussain of FIR No. 162/2020 u/s 380/511 IPC, P.S. KNK Marg, Delhi is required to appear before this Court to answer the said By Order complaint on or before 01.04.2023. Sh. Pranav Josh Metropolitan Magistrate-03, North District DP/4002/RD/2022

Room No.213, Rohini Court, Delhi

TENDER NOTICE (Second Call)

The Assistant Director of Archaeology, Directorate of Archaeology and Museums, Ratnagiri Division (Phone No. 02352-234249- (adaratnagiri0235@gmail.com) es E-Tender for the following

Tender id	Name of work	Tender Amount	Cost of tender		
TCADM _860	Preparation of Photogrammetric and Lidar Survey Plan of the State Protected Monuments/ sites covering Protected Control Areas and Architectural Drawings within Ratnagiri Division	1,28,28,197	1,180		
Ratnagiri Division • The details of E-Tender Displayed on website https://mahatenders.gov.in Sd/- Dr. Vilas P. Wahane Assistant Directorate Department of Archaeolo DGIPR-2022-23/5/C4952					

Head Office, Information Technology Department, Star House-2, 8th floor, C-4, G-Block Bandra-Kurla Complex, Bandra (E), Mumbai-400051, E-mail: Headoffice.it@bankofindia.co.ir REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL FOR Selection of Network Service Integrator for upport, Management and Monitoring of BSNL/MTNL links, Network Devices, onitoring of Links and Facility Management Solutions at Zonal offices and C ocations of BOI and RRBvide Ref no.BOVHO/IT/NSVRFP-01/2022 Dated: 23.12.2 The captioned RFP is available on Bank's corporate website www.bankofindia.co.in under "Tender" section since 23.12.2022. Subsequent changes if any, will hencefor be uploaded only on the website

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The last date of submission: 20-01-2023

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NORTHERN RAILWAY

Invitation of Tender through E-Tendering (E-Procurement Syste Sr.DMM, Northern Railway, New Delhi-110001, for and on behalf of the preside India invites e-tenders through e-procurement system for supply of the following item

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Sr. No.			Brief Description	Qty.	Closing date		
1.			Supply, Installation, testing and commissioning of 750/415, 200 VA Control, transformer and Removal of Existing 750/415, 100 VA Control Transfarmer in LBH coaches & Power Cars.	1. 6370 Nos. 2. 1649 Nos. 3. 256 Nos.			
Note: -1. Vendors may visit the IREPS websites i.e. www.ireps.gov.in for details. 2. No Manual offer will be entertained.			<u>52</u>				
Sr.D	r.DMM/NS/LP/93226023/2022 Date: - 23.12.2022				3426/2022		
	SERVING CUSTOMERS WITH A SMILE						

ICAR-INDIAN VETERINARY RESEARCH INSTITUTE IZATNAGAR-243122 (UP)

On Line-Interview

Application for recruitment of SRF in the Project "Evaluation of comparative efficacy of the natural antitick formulation against multiacaricides resistant ticks and its validation in field condition' are invited from eligible candidates. The interview will be held on 12.01.2023 through e platform. The link will be provided to the candidates after scrutinizing the applications. For detailed information regarding the Project, duration, Essential qualification, Age limit, Emoluments etc. candidates may visit the institute's Website www.ivri.nic.in The application should be submitted to **sghoshtick@gmail.com** by 02.01.2023.



Date, time & venue: 16-01-23 (date) at 11.00 AM in the Division of Biological



DP/3986/SW/2022-(Court Matter)

NORTH WESTERN RAILWAY Notice of E-Auction

मण्डल रेल प्रबन्धक (वाणिज्य), उत्तर पश्चिम रेलवे, बीकानेर भारत के राष्ट्रपति की ओर से बीकानेर मण्डल पर कमर्शियल पब्लिसिटी Station Area Advertisement, OOH, vinyle wrapping- RDN (Digital, Non- Digital), के ठेके के लिए ई–ऑक्शन प्रारम्भ किये गये है जिनका विवरण निम्न प्रकार है:–

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THE INDIAN EXPRESS, SATURDAY, DECEMBER 24, 2022 **18 REVIEWS** CINEMA & MUSIC

CIRKUS **

Director: Rohit Shetty Cast: Ranveer Singh, Varun Sharma, Jacqueline Fernandez, Pooja Hegde, Murli Sharma, Sanjay Mishra, Johnny Lever, Mukesh Tiwari, Vrajesh Hirjee, Sidhhartha Jadhav, Ashwini Kalsekar, Tiku Talsania, Brijendra Kala, Sulabha Arya



EMILY IN PARIS SEASON 3

Director: Darren Star Cast: Lily Collins, Philippine Leroy-Beaulieu, Ashley Park, Lucas Bravo, Lucien Laviscount, Camille Razat Creator: Darren Star

ALAKA SAHANI

AFTER TWO seasons of making mistakes and moving on to making new ones, while miraculously fixing every problem around her in a jiffy, Emily Cooper (Collins), the perky, hyperenergetic marketing executive from Chicago, seems to be more adept at the Parisian ways. Her French is better even though she mixes up champagne with champignon (mushroom). So is her understanding of the people and culture of Paris. But the drama that her love life and career choices are supposed to roll out is tepid compared to what's promised in the trailer. The second season ended in a cliffhanger

finale, leaving Emily at a professional and personal crossroad. Her colleagues at Savoir staged a walkout, calling it a "French revolution", leaving Emily's heavily pregnant American boss and mentor, Madeline (Kate Walsh), livid. While Emily can't think of disappointing Madeline, she is tempted to join Sylvie (Leroy-Beaulieu) and her other French colleagues as they open a new agency and try to rebuild their business. Then, there is the perennial romantic dilemma in her life - should she go for her British boyfriend Alfie (Laviscount) or the hot but unavailable French chef Gabriel (Bravo). These problems, however, sort themselves out, at least for the time being, in the show's typi-

strides

While the story-



place at the right time. But we get to know the other characters better. In the last season, Mindy (Park), daughter of a rich Chinese businessman trying to make it as a singer in Paris, had emerged as one of the popular characters. In this season, she not only finds her toehold as a jazz singer but gets entangled in a love triangle. In fact, in this season, the writers rely heavily on love triangles to create drama. We always knew that Sylvie, behind her sophistication and sass, was a real badass. She gets to bare her claws and reveal her vulnerabilities. Sly and intelligent, she knows how to reclaim her space, literally, and dislodge Madeline. She makes her own rules – be it how to handle her agency or live her life. Gabriel has so far been somewhat enigmatic, an unattainable charming chef that Emily has been pining since she set her foot in Paris. There is more to him than being a trope in a romantic comedy. Gabriel has ambitions of getting a Michelin star. He lets his guard down on a drunken night and dreams of leading a normal family life. But the show needed more from Emily than snipping off her front hair and getting "truma bangs". Emily in Paris, in spite of being low on drama and surprises, serves as a gorgeous escapist fare, perfect as a year-end watch. Once you stop wondering about the plot and start paying attention to Emily's tulle dress, kneehigh boots or Mindy in a red latex outfit inspired by dominatrix attire, or Sylvie wearing her attitude and plunging necklines with her trademark aplomb, the show won't seem so monotonous. Soak up its insouciant vibe.



The Slap Trap

SHUBHRAGUPTA

CIRKUS IS fashioned as a comedy of errors, where we are able to spot each familiar element Rohit Shetty keeps inserting in his comedies, from his multiple editions of Golmaal onwards.

Two sets of orphaned identical twins, a doctor (Murli Sharma) who plays god and switches one for another, in his determination to prove that parvarish (upbringing) is more impactful than parivaar (bloodlines): it is just the kind of outlandish premise that Shetty runs with, throwing out characters who speak loudly, background music which blares, and situations that are as slapstick as can be.

So you gear yourself up for the usual gar-

In the Game for Nothing

QUITE APART from giving Daniel Craig a break from playing Bond, the 2019 Knives Out did something significant: it gave the closed

ish.all-colours-of-the-rainbow Shetty tamasha, especially because you think Ranveer Singh gives us two is at hand to rescue it from its **Ranveers for** slushy parts. But for a film which gives us two Ranveers for the price of one, especially Cirkus is when one has been granted

the superpower of controlling

electricity, Cirkus is surprisingly

blah. Revving up the livewire

lead star.

top hilarity, Shetty *ishtyle*. But the gags don't

land; neither does, for the most part, the

Roy and Joy (Singh and Varun Sharma in

double roles), one set each, are raised in

Bengaluru and Ooty respectively. One Roy

movie, everybody gets slapped. So this bunch, which includes a trio of thieves, moustachioed hoteliers, elderly aunts, jewellery shop owners, and sundry other folk trade slaps whenever they get a chance. Which happens atre when a slap rings out, because for some strange reason, being slapped is deemed to be funny. In the second half, Johnny Lever shows up in primary coloured velvet suits. Vrajesh Hirjee is a monkey-capped taxidriver with slitted-eyes. An item number in which Ranveer rocks it with Deepika Padukone makes you wish for more from whence that came. But no, it's back to slapslap-slap. Then, of course, it's time for that finale with everyone crowded in the same frame, where the bichhade huey bhai are faceto-face, of course, and the ladies, who literally have nothing to do, swoon in shock. And the film gets a chance to deliver a line about we-are-all-one, regardless of dharm-andjaati, making up for a snide Mughal emperor crack right in the beginning.

But it isn't enough.





NOPE **PRIME VIDEO**

This neo-Western science fiction horror film, directed and written by Jordan Peele, features Daniel Kaluuya and Keke Palmer as horsewrangling siblings, trying to capture evidence of an unidentified flying object after they discover something sinister in the skies above their California horse ranch. Named one of the best films of 2022 by several critics, Peele's third directorial outing features actors Steven Yeun, Michael Wincott, Brandon Perea and Keith David.



TARA VS BIBAL

NETFLIX Directed by Samar Iqbal and written by Sanyuktha Chawla Shaikh, this slice-of-life film features Harshvardhan Rane and Sonia Rathee in the title roles. Sparks fly when vivacious yet sensitive Tara collides with reclusive charmer Bilal in this story set in a vibrant and diverse London.



JACK RYAN S3 PRIME VIDEO In the new season of Tom Clancy's Jack Ryan, Jack (John Krasinski) races against time to stop a rogue faction within the Russian government from restoring the Soviet Empire and starting World War III. His attempts to alert the CIA about his discovery go wrong when the agency issues a Red Notice calling for his extradition back to the US.

and lov take over the running of a circus after their father For a film which dies; the other pair floats around, waiting for their cue to join the gang. The Roy who is the star attraction at his cirthe price of one, cus has a wife (Hegde); the other has a girl-friend surprisingly blah (Fernandez): the latter has a loudmouth father (Mishra), who keeps setting himself up

Ranveer up with *bijli ke jhatke* is so extra that to be slapped. it should have induced non-stop, over-the-

But he's not the only one. In a Rohit Shetty a lot. I did hear a ripple of laughter in the the-

door murder mystery a huge fillip.

An old novelist lies dead in his Massachusetts mansion, and a gentrified Southern gent, who goes by the name of Benoit Blanc, tells us whodunnit by doing what Agatha Christie's sleuths used to, back in the day: sniffing around the suspects (each one is one), reading the tea leaves, and smoothly smoking out the killer in front of an assembly.

Rian Johnson's movie was such a smash hit that Netflix quickly whistled up more. Knives Out: The Glass Onion, to all intents and purposes, is a sequel which aims for bigger. Mr Blanc is back. The gang this time around is much flashier, and the location much fancier. Miles Bron (Norton) a tech billionaire who uses his sun-dappled private Greek island as bait to entice his old pals - a washedout supermodel (Hudson), a politician on the fast track (Hahn), a men's rights activist with a thing for tattoos (Bautista), a scientist on the verge of a breakthrough (Odom Jr) and their companions – for a weekend of twisty fun and games.

But, wait, what is Blanc doing in this gathering? As we mull, Bron is busily revealing himself as a proper little bruiser, who has something on all his friends, and doesn't hesitate to press the screws. What Bron wants,



Brongets. Anyone thinking of a real-life tech billionaire with similar characteristics? This one has a supersonic car which he keeps stashed on the top of a dome (the glass onion of the title), because, he tells Blanc, there's nowhere to drive it on the island. Well, ha ha.

The unexpected presence of Andi (Monae), Bron's erstwhile, embittered partner,

turns the latter even more unctuous. Clearly, no one loves Bron, and everyone looks daggers at him when he is not looking. At a dinner laid out in a room which wouldn't have been out of place in a museum, there's no eating involved, because truth bombs are enemies of gustation. And then someone in the

KNIVESOUT: THE **GLASSONION** $\star\star$

Director: Rian Johnson Cast: Daniel Craig. Edward Norton, Kate Hudson, Janelle Monae, Kathryn Hahn, Leslie Odom Jr,

Jessica Henwick. Dave Bautista

dead. At this point, Johnson cleverly flips a switch, letting us in on a secret, and just like that, we are primed for a flashpoint. It comes, and things go crash, bang, crash. And then, of course, there's the big reveal. So, is it as much fun as the

first? Having given you this long-ish build up, you'd think I was totally into it, like I was

in the first. But no: despite its good looks, Knives Out is less knowing, less smart, and all-round less interesting. Even though Hudson is terrific as the bird-brained model, appropriately called Birdy Jay, she is not someone you want to spend any time with. The rest of the 'disruptors' are even less

inviting: this is a movie trying very hard to gussied-up gathering falls skewer the rich and the famous, but Ruben Ostlund got there first. Imagine getting in a delicious line like this: 'everyone is so woke these days, it is out of control', and not being able to build on it.

Norton, who makes up such nonsensical words as 'inbreathiate' and 'predefinite' as he goes along, is very good as the guy who preys upon others, fattening himself to the point of bursting. Monae is excellent, as the girl who is taken advantage of, and who then tries to right things by doing the right thing. And Craig is as dapper as ever, his drawl even more stretched, but is made to lurk at the edges, waiting for his moment: he needed to have more to do. Blanc is bland, and despite all its bells and whistles, so is the movie.

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MUSIC THIS WEEK

SUKOON ***

Composer: Sanjay Leela Bhansali Lyrics: Ghalib, Momin Khan, AM Turaz, Siddharth-Garima Artistes: Shreya Ghoshal, Pratibha Singh Baghel, Ustad Rashid Khan, Armaan Malik, Papon, Madhuvanti Bagchi, Shail Hada

Lull Without the Storm

SUANSHUKHURANA

MORE THAN half a century ago, when vocalist Rita Ganguly, then in her 20s, walked up to mallika-e-ghazal Begum Akhtar, and asked her to teach her the art of ghazal singing. Akhtar looked at her and while chewing on her paan asked her, "Pyaar kiya hai bitiya kabhi? Dil toota hai kabhi? (Have you ever fallen in love? Gone through a heartbreak?" Ganguly didn't expect the interrogation, considered a tad undignified for 'girls from respectable families' back in the day, so she merely lowered her gaze. To Akhtar, love and heartbreak were essential for

singing ghazal - the love poetry. The story of heartbreak and its pain was to be felt as much as the sensuality of a poem.

In the last few years, as the ghazal, which made it to the auditoriums after being in kothas and courts, vanished from the soundscape at the turn of the century, especially in cinema, filmmaker Sanjay Leela Bhansali attempted a sort of revival with some of his 'ghazalnuma (ghazal-like)' compositions. Be it the passionate Laal ishq (Goliyon ki Raasleela), the twinge of the wound in Muskurahat (Gangubai Kathiawadi), the impishness of Jab sayiyaan (Gangubai Kathiawadi), the devotion of Aayat (Bajirao Mastani), and the fervour in Ek dil ek



jaan (Padmaavat), Bhansali hit these and more out of the park. At a time when Indian cinema delivered repetitive and remixed music from the crop of current composers, Bhansali held his own to deliver much musical grandeur.

So the idea of a debut ghazal album from Bhansali is a thrilling prospect. Sukoon, the first non-film album by Bhansali, however, is unable to hold you the way his music has in the past. He has used some immaculate singers -Shreya Ghoshal, Ustad Rashid Khan, Pratibha Singh Baghel among others, who seem to stick to Bhansali's brief and have sung well. But one just isn't able to align with slightly frail and prosaic compositions that were created during the two years of Covid. All of them are just about nice and alright, somewhat better than the music in the current soundscape, but they never really find the heart of the matter.

The album opens with Ghalib hona hai with elements of raag Sindhu Bhairavi by Armaan Malik and sonically follows the format of using modern instruments like guitars along with tabla, the kind followed by Jagjit Singh once. While Tujhe bhi chaand by Shreya Ghoshal is a reminder of the '90s sweet pop, she sings the famed Wo jo humme tumme qarar by Momin Khan Momin, and immortalised by Akhtar with a lot of dexterity. Even though set to a new tune, it's sung like a dream, gently yet valiantly. But the issue here is that Akhtar's piece has situated itself so stealthily in the crevices of the heart, that it's hard to settle for another. But this composition does come close. Har ek baat is also Ghalib's well-known piece popularised by Jagjit Singh-Chitra Singh through Gulzar's show Ghalib. But Baghel touches it effortlessly and sings it brilliantly,

with fantastic diction, all the nugtas in place. This is by far the finest piece in the album. Papon delivers Dard pattharon ko with touches of raag Darbari, a fine one that stands out more than the pieces by Khan and Shail. The latter's Siva tere has two versions on the album. Both do not leave much impact.

The musical identity of Bhansali also remains one of his most unspoken and underrated aspects. To me, his music, fresh yet rooted, has mostly been better than his cinema, mainly because his cinema has tried to be rooted in history; his music has never tried the same. It has always been entrenched in Hindustani classical music and cinema of the '60s. As for *Sukoon*, it's gentle, nice, melancholic music.

The issue with these tunes is that they aren't away from the familiar kind, they aren't glorious - the ache isn't painful enough and the pleasure feels superficial. Nothing really enters your heart, the way Akhtar demanded of the ghazal or even the way Bhansali's music has managed in the past. Is it because this one was created without the grandeur of the cinema Bhansali makes and is so used to? Or because there was no direct story or context? Hoping for some splendour in the next one.



DANGEROUS LIAISONS LIONSGATE PLAY

The series Dangerous Liaisons is a modern take on Pierre Choderlos de Laclos' classic 18th-century novel. The period drama features Alice Englert and Nicholas Denton as notorious lovers. It takes viewers back to 1700s Paris as the two infamous characters, Marquise de Merteuil and Vicomte de Valmont, navigate a world of seduction and deception in the love story that oscillates between love and war.



PRINCE OF DARKNESS MUBI

Directed and written by John Carpenter, Prince of Darkness (1987) is a supernatural horror film that follows a group of quantum physics students in Los Angeles, who are asked to assist a Catholic priest in investigating an ancient cylinder of liquid discovered in a monastery.

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GOVERNMENT PLANNING TO CREATE 3 COMMITTEES Air passengers may Social media appellate panels may get to fly free in case of involuntary deal with deplatforming, data issues downgrade: DGCA

SOUMYARENDRA BARIK NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 23

APPELLATE COMMITTEES that are to be appointed by the Centre to handle users' appeals against online intermediaries' grievance redressal could deal with a number of issues including content moderation, deplatforming and data protection, The Indian Express has learnt. The government is planning to create three such committees. In October, the Ministry of

Electronics and IT(MeitY) had notified amendments to the Information Technology (IT) Rules. 2021 where it said that the government will appoint one or more grievance appellate com-

mittees (GACs). The committees are being formed to offer users an avenue to appeal decisions taken by the grievance officer of online intermediaries.

So far, the common understanding was that the government-appointed grievance appellate committees will only look after user complaints raised around issues of content moderation and deplatforming. However, the remit of these committees could go far beyond that understanding. "There will be no restriction on the type of grievance appeals that the GAC can take up. It can be about a number of disputes between a consumer and an in-

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TO OFFER USERS AVENUE TO APPEAL

The committees are being formed to offer users an avenue to appeal decisions taken by grievance officer of online intermediaries

protection," a senior government official said.

"The government is working on the design of these committees currently in order to empower them to be able to deal with a varied range of user appeals. So far, the consensus is that there will be three such committees." Under the amended IT Rules,

each GAC is slated to have a chairperson and two whole time members appointed by the Centre, one of which will be a government official and two "independent members". GACs can seek assistance from people who may have adequate expertise and experience in a subject matter while dealing with users' appeals.

The GACs will adopt an "online dispute resolution mechanism" where the entire appeal process, from its filing to the final decision, will be done online. Intermediaries such as social media companies and e-commerce platforms will also have to compile every order passed by the GAC and report them on their respective websites.

social media intermediary will be allowed to file an appeal to the GAC within thirty days. The GAC is expected to deal with the appeal

The appointment of such committees by the Centre has drawn the ire of civil society activists. Delhi-based digital rights group Internet Freedom Foundation, in a submission to MeitY in July, had said that the provision could "make the Central Government (rather than an independent judicial or a regulatory body) the arbiter of permissible speech on the internet. It would incentivise social media platforms to suppress any speech that may not be palatable to the government, public officials or those who can exert political pressure".

'Multiple factors to be considered on cross border data transfer'

ENSECONOMIC BUREAU

NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 23 ENFORCEABILITY OF Indian citizens' right to privacy, law enforcement access to their data in certain situations, and "reciprocity" in digital trade - these factors will Source: RAI/PTI play a key role in deciding the geographies where the government will allow transfer of Indians' data under the draft Digital Personal Data Protection Bill, 2022, Minister of State for Electronics and IT Rajeev Chandrasekhar said Friday. The Ministry of Home Affairs will be in charge of notifying such geographies.

"As far as cross-border data

flows are concerned, the govern-

ment will consider factors like en-

forceability of Indian citizens'



Rajeev Chandrasekhar, MoS for Electronics & IT. File

The Digital Personal Data Protection Bill, 2022, released in November, offers significant concessions on cross-border data flows, in a departure from its predecessor's contentious requirement of local storage of data within India's geography. According to the new draft, the Centre will notify regions to which data of Indians can be transferred. Under the previous Bill, busi-

nesses were supposed to store a copy of "sensitive personal data" of citizens like health and financial data within India, and the export of undefined "critical" personal data from the country was prohibited. It was among the biggest isflagged by techn vcom panies, with firms like Meta having said that it could have an impact on its services in India. Full report on www.indianexpress.com

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AIR PASSENGERS may get to soon fly free in case of a class downgrade by the airline with the aviation regulator Directorate General of Civil Aviation(DGCA)working on a policy to protect passengers from arbitrary downgrade by airlines.

As airlines across the world, including Indian, witness a record surge in passengers travelling for holidays, there have been several reports of passengers being downgraded by the airlines due to reasons like change of aircraft, over booking and unserviceable seats etc. "The amendment will allow the passenger, who is downgraded involuntarily from his booked class of ticket, to receive the full value of ticket including taxes as refund from the airline and the airline will carry the passenger free of cost in the next available class," the DGCA said in a statement.

The statement added that the proposal, however, will go through stakeholder consultation and the

NDTV: Roys sell 27.26% stake to Adani Stake of Adani group in Conow at 64.68%

Mumbai: Television channel NDTV has come under the fold of the Adani group. Prannoy Roy and Radhika Roy, the original promoters of NDTV, have decided to sell their 27.26 per cent equity stake in the company to the Adani group. With this, the stake of the Adanis in the company has gone up to 64.68 per cent.

The Roys will sell the stake to RRPR Holding Pvt Ltd, another promoter of NDTV which is now controlled by Adani group. While the Roys held a 32.26 per cent stake in NDTV, they will retain 5 per cent after the sale. The NDTV board also appointed Sanjay Pugalia and Senthil Sinniah Chengalvaravan as additional directors in the capacity of non-executive non-independent directors.

While Roys and the Adani group did not announce the cost of acquisition of 27.26 per cent stake, the sale could be worth around Rs 600 crore as per the closing price of NDTV at Rs 340.60

on the exchanges on Friday. The AMG Media Network, after the recent open offer, is now the single-largest shareholder in NDTV. ENS Full report on www.indianexpress.com

EXIT OFFER PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT FOR THE ATTENTION OF PUBLIC SHAREHOLDERS OF **INTERNATIONAL CONSTRUCTIONS LIMITED** Corporate Identification Number: L45309KA1983PLC038816, Registered Office: Golden Enclave, Corporate Block, Tower C, 3rd Floor, Hal Old Airport Road Bengaluru Bangalore KA 560017 IN, Contact Details: Tel. No.: +91-80-49891637, Email ID: info@addgroup.co.in; Website: ww Company Secretary and Compliance Officer: Nitesh Kumar Jain

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final regulation shall be published

and made applicable afterwards.

These new rules will be appli-

cable when a passenger, who has

booked his ticket on first class,

business class or premium econ-

omy, is downgraded to a lower

class by the airline at the time of

check-in due to various reasons

like unserviceable seats, change of

regulate voluntary downgrades,

where the airline offers the pas-

senger some kind of an incentive -

in terms of free coupons for future

on www.indianexpress.com

Full report

These rules will, however, not

aircraft, overbooking, etc.

travels etc.

Airport in Delhi. File

This Exit Offer Public Announcement dated December 23, 2022 ("Exit Offer Public Announcement" or "Post Offer PA") is being issued by SKI Capital Services Limited ("Manager" or "Manager to the Delisting Offer") for and on behalf of on of the promoters of International Constructions Limited viz., Mrs. Priti Devi Sethi ("Acquirer") along with Anil Kumar Sethi HUF ("PAC 1"), Deepak Sethi ("PAC 2") and Zoom Industrial Services Limited ("PAC 3"), person acting in concert with the Acquirer (collectively "PACs"), to the remaining public shareholders, ("Residual Public Shareholders") of Internationa Constructions Limited ("Company") expressing their intention to acquire all the Equity Shares ("Equity Shares") held by the Residual Public Shareholders either individually or collectively in accordance with Regulation 27 of the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Delisting of Equity Shares) Regulations, 2021, as amended ("Delisting Regulations") and in accordance with the terms and conditions set out in (a) Detailed Public Announcement ("DPA"), which was published on October 21, 2022; and (b) the Letter of Offer dated October 25, 2022 ("LOF"), ("Delisting Offer" or "Offer"). This Exit Offer PA is in continuation of and should be read in conjunction with the DPA, LOF and Post Offer PA. Capitalized erms used in this Exit Offer PA shall have the same meaning as ascribed to it in the DPA, LOF and Post Offer PA. 1. INTIMATION OF DATE OF DELISTING

- I. Following the completion of payment of Exit Price to the Public Shareholders in accordance with the Delisting Regulations, the Acquirer and PACs had applied to NSE on November 23, 2022 seeking final approval for delisting of Equity Shares from NSE
- ii. NSE vide its notice ref. number NSE/LIST/119987 or Circular Ref. No: 1552/2022 dated December 22, 2022 has communicated that trading in the Equity Shares of the Company (Scrip Code: "SUBCAPCITY") will be will be suspended from trading with effect from Thursday, January 05, 2023 (i.e. w.e.f. closing hours of trading on Wednesday, January 04, 2023) and Further the admission to dealings shall be withdrawn (delisted) from NSE w.e.f. Thursday, January 12, 2023

iii. The Company scrip will be delisted from NSE with effect from Thursday, January 12, 2023 ("Delisting Date"). 2. OUTSTANDING EQUITY SHARES AFTER DELISTING

i. In accordance with Regulation 26 of the Delisting Regulations and as stated in the Post Offer PA, Residual Public Shareholders who did not or were not able to participate in the Reverse Book Building Process or who unsuccessfully tendered their Equity Shares in the Reverse Book Building Process and are currently holding Equity Shares of the Company will be able to tender the Equity Shares to the Acquirer and/or PACs at Rs 16.50/-(Rupees Sixteen and Fifty Paisa Only) from the Delisting Date i.e. Thursday, January 12, 2023 to Friday, January 12, 2024 ("Exit Window").

Retail industry sees 19% rise in sales during Apr-Nov

India's retail industry saw a 19% rise in sales over prepandemic levels during the April-November 2022 period, Retailers Association of India said



growth as compared to the same period in 2019 **19%** North India followed, while both western

and southern parts witnessed an

21% Eastern region Clocked the highest

18% rise each **30%** growth compared to 2019: The industries that did particularly well during this period were the QSR (quick service restaurant) and the footwear industries

FINANCE MINISTRY'S MONTHLY ECONOMIC REVIEW 'Global developments likely to complicate economic outlook'

New Delhi: Global economic developments are expected to complicate the outlook further for the Indian economy next year and there is a need to maintain vigilance on the external front, a

Finance Ministry report said. According to the ministry's Monthly Economic Review for November, the external sector continues to face the headwinds g from the global slow down. However, it said, the downside to a widening current account deficit is expected to be limited by a robust services export

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Google, CCI

tances, which are expected to touch \$100 billion this fiscal, as per the World Bank.

"As we head into 2023, global economic developments are expected to complicate the outlook further, and therefore continued vigilance is a critical aspect in maintaining India's external re-' it said. It said continued

performance through the rest of the year and by inward remit-

IMF projects 6.8% growth

rights, reciprocity as we look to the future of digital trade and India Washington: Projecting a builds corridors of trust with other growth rate of 6.8 per like minded countries, and law cent and 6.1 per cent in enforcement agencies' access to the current and the next such data in emergency situafiscal respectively, the tions," Chandrasekhar said during International Monetary a public consultation on the draft Fund on Friday said th Sill More than 200 sta

Any person aggrieved by a decision of the grievance officer of a

NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 23 and resolve it within a month.

commitment to macroeconomic stability will underpin both economic performance and investor interest in India. PTI

India is navigating a "very difficult" external environment. PTI

Insurance' will cover large air-

craft to solo flying gliders.

Coverage will be offered to drone

including law firms, industry bodies, civil society organisations, and consumer rights advocacy groups attended the public consultation.

What is covered?

Drone insurance: What does it cover?

New Delhi: Google has chal-

lenged a CCI order on the tech giant abusing its dominant position in multiple markets in the Android mobile device ecosystem, saving the verdict is a setback for Indian users and will make such devices more expensive. PTI

Sebi study

Mumbai: Securities and Exchange Board of India has initiated a detailed study of fees and expenses charged by mutual funds. The study would endeavour to provide data as input for policy formulations, Sebi said. ENS

Forex reserves

Mumbai: After rising for five consecutive weeks, forex reserves dropped \$571 million to \$563.499 billion for the week ended December 16, according to RBI data. PTI

ESIC scheme

New Delhi: Around 11.82 lakh new members joined the ESIC-run social security scheme in October 2022, according to official data. PTI

Meta to settle

Boston: Meta Platforms Inc has agreed to pay \$725 million to resolve a class-action lawsuit accusing the social media giant of allowing third parties, including Cambridge Analytica, to access users' personal information. **REUTERS**

GEORGE MATHEW MUMBAI, DECEMBER 23

THE NASCENT drone insurance market in India is seeing a flurry of activity. After HDFC Ergo, ICICI Lombard, Bajaj Allianz and Tata AIG, New India Assurance has launched its unmanned aircraft system insurance.

What's on offer?

Insurance players are now offering drone coverage within the framework set by insurance regulator IRDAL According to the firm, the

in China

Mumbai: Domestic equity mar-

kets tanked by over 1.6 per cent on

Friday as stronger US GDP data

heightened expectations of fur-

ther monetary tightening by the

US Federal Reserve and on global

slowdown fears amid rising

Sensex fell 980.93 points, or 1.61

per cent, to 59,845.29, the broader

NSE Nifty declined by 320.55

points, or 1.77 per cent to close at

17806.8. With robust economic

data from the US, investors have

also begun to contest the possibil-

ity of 'hard landing', Bank of

Baroda said in a research report.

China fuelled fears of global slow-

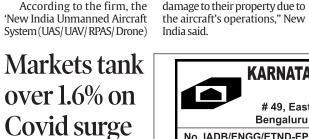
down ... " the report said. ENS

"Resurgence of Covid cases in

While the 30-share BSE

Covid-19 cases in China.

'New India Unmanned Aircraft System (UAS/UAV/RPAS/Drone)





are designed as per the drone industry's requirement. The policy covers ography and infrastructure physical damage to the aircraft

inspections and aerial photography, New India said. and its theft. It also provides cover for accidental physical in-The insurance protection ofjury to the third party and/or fered for the damage to the drone and payload it carries will provide coverage for the replacement or repair, accidental loss of or dam-

age to the UAS arising from the The policy is designed to cover risks covered, including disapfixed wing, rotor wing and hybrid pearance if the UAS is unreported UAS that can be controlled reafter the commencement of Flight. Third-party liability coverage will cover legal liabilities like or autonomous drones (without pilot intervenbodily damage or property damtion). These aircraft are age claims to third parties arising generally deployed for out of usage and operation of drones, Bajaj Allianz said. military and non-military applications, in-

How big is the Drone market? A recent EY – FICCI report,

'Making India the drone hub of the world,' indicated that drones and its allied component industries can boost India's manufacturing potential by approximately \$23 billion by 2030. Full report



on www.indianexpress.com

KARNATAKA INDUSTRIAL AREAS DEVELOPMENT BOARD (A Government of Karnataka Undertaking)

No. IADB/ENGG/ETND-EP-34/16254/2022-23

Date:22.12.2022

SHORT TERM NOTICE INVITING TENDER (Through GOK e-Procurement Portal Only)

Tender under two cover bid system is invited for the works mentioned below as per the Karnataka Transparency in Public Procurement Act 1999 and Rules 2000 through electronic procurement from eligible Contractors holding valid Class-I (Civil) issued from KPWD, Government of Karnataka who have got adequate financial resources & sufficient past experience for the following works of (1) Formation of Sub layout including formation of 18M & 24M Wide Asphalt Roads, Including Construction of RCC Side Drains, Culverts, Providing & Laying of HDPE Water Supply Pipe Lines of Adakanahalli Sub Layout-2 Industrial Area, Nanjangudu Taluk, Mysuru District. (2) Formation of Industrial Layout Including Formation of 30M & 18M Wide Roads, Including Asphalting, RCC drain, ducts, Culverts, internal Water Supply Lines etc., at AMIL Block at Harginadoni Industrial Area, Kuduthini Taluk, Ballari District. The last date and time of receipt of tender is : 13.01.2023 upto 04:00 pm.

Applicants May Download Bidding Documents from the https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in

DIPR/CP/JA/3698/2022-23

E-Procurement Portal			
Sd/- Chief Engineer - 2			

- ii. À separate Exit Letter of Offer along with exit application form ("Exit LOF") containing the terms and conditions for participation by the Residual Shareholders during the Exit Window, shall be sent through post or courier by the Acquirer and PACs to the Residual Shareholders whose names appear in the register of members of the Company as on Tuesday. December 27, 2022 and whose email id's are not registered with the records of Company of Company's registrar and share transfer agent. The Residual Shareholders whose email id's are registered with the records of Company or Company's registrar and share transfer agent shall also receive the Exit LOF through email. The Residual Shareholders may tender their Equity Shares by submitting the required documents to M/s. Skyline Financial Services Private Limited. Registrar to the Delisting Offer during the Exit Window as set out in Exit Letter of Offer.
- iii. In the event of the Residual Public Shareholders not receiving or misplacing the Exit Letter of Offer, they may obtain a copy of the Exit Letter of Offer by writing to the Registrar to the Delisting Offer, If the Residual Shareholders do not receive the Exit Letter of Offer, they may obtain the same by writing to the Registrar to the Delisting Offer Skyline Financial Services Private Limited D-153 A, 1st Floor, Okhla Industrial Area, New Delhi - 110020, Email ID: ipo@skylinerta.com clearly mentioning the envelope "International Constructions Limited - Delisting - Exit Offer" or may also download the Exit Letter of Offer from the website of Company at www.inltd.co.in or from the website of the Manager to the Delisting Offer, at www.skicapital.net

3. PAYMENT OF CONSIDERATION TO THE RESIDUAL SHAREHOLDERS

- Subject to the fulfilment of the terms and conditions mentioned in the Exit Letter of Offer, the Acquirers to make payment on a monthly basis, within 10 working days of the end of the relevant calendar month ("Monthly Payment Cycle"). The first Monthly Payment Cycle shall commence in 10 working days from December 31, 2022. Payments will be made only to those Residual Public Shareholders who have validly tendered their Equity Shares by following the instructions as set out in the Exit Letter of Offer. All gueries may be directed to the Registrar to the Delisting Offer. Skyline Financial Services Private Limited and Manager to the Offer; SKI CAPITAL SERVICES LIMITED. The Acquirers reserves the right to make the payment earlier.
- The Acquirers will inform the Residual Public Shareholders by way of a public announcement of any changes to the information set out in the Exit Offer Public Announcement or the Exit Letter of Offer. If the shareholders have any query with regard to the Delisting Offer, they should consult the Manager to the Offer or the Registrar to the Offer; (details appearing below). All other terms and conditions of the Delisting Offer as set forth in the Detailed Public Announcement, the Letter of Offer, and the Post Offer Public Announcement shall remain unchanged.

If any Residual Shareholder has any queries regarding the Delisting Offer or the Exit Offer he/she should consult the Manager to the Delisting Offer or the Registrar to the Delisting Offer.

All terms and conditions of the Delisting Offer as set forth in the DPA, LOF and Post Offer PA remain unchanged. The Exit Offer PA is also expected to be available on the website of the Stock Exchange www.nseindia.com and website of the Company at www.inltd.co.in.

The Acquirer/PACs accept full responsibility for the information contained in this Exit Offer PA and confirm that such information is true, fair and adequate in all material aspects.

CONTACT DETAILS OF REGISTRAR TO THE DELISTING OFFER ARE AS FOLLOWS: Skyline Financial Services Private Limited

D-153 A, 1st Floor, Okhla Industrial Area, New Delhi - 110020

Contact person: Rati Gupta ; Ph. No.: 011-26812682 ; Email ID: ipo@skylinerta.com ; Website: www.skylinerta.com SEBI Registration No.: INR000003241

ISSUED BY MANAGER TO THE DELISTING OFFER

⊛sĸı	718, Dr Joshi Road,	bital.net	
Priti Devi Sethi	Anil Kumar Sethi HUF	Deepak Sethi	
(Acquirer)	(PAC 1)	(PAC 2)	
Sd/-	Sd/-	Sd/-	
For and on	h behalf of Zoom Industrial Services I	Limited	
	(PAC 3)		
Dwijendra Prosad Mukherjee)	Shalin Jain	
(DIN: 07792869)		(DIN:08389442)	
Sd/-		Sd/-	
Place: New Delhi		Date: 23-12-2022	



New Delhi



49, East Wing , 4th & 5th Floor, Khanija Bhavan, Race Course Road, Bengaluru - 560 001. Phone No. 080-22265383. Website: www.kiadb.in

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पुलिस अधीक्षक का कार्यालय, किशनगंज

आवश्यक सूचना

''एतद् द्वारा सूचित किया जाता है कि निम्नांकित निबंधित वाहन, जो किशनगंज जिलान्तर्गत पोठिया थाना में छः माह से अधिक अवधि से जप्त / Unclaimed (बिना किसी दावेदार के) पड़े हुए है, के मालिक वाहन संबंधित मूल दस्तावेज / अभिलेख, कोर्ट से प्राप्त वाहन मुक्त करने से संबंधित प्रति, पहचान पत्र के रूप में आधार कार्ड, मतदाता पहचान पत्र, पैन कार्ड आदि एवं वाहन चोरी अथवा गुम होने की स्थिति में किसी भी थाना में दर्ज प्राथमिकी / स्टेशन डायरी की प्रति के साथ सूचना प्रकाशन की तिथि से 21 (इक्कीस) दिनों के अन्दर संबंधित थाना में उपस्थित होकर वाहन की मुक्ति हेतु अपना दावा करेंगे, ताकि दावा वैद्य / सही पाये जाने पर थाना स्तर से वाहन विधिवत् तरीके से मुक्त किया जा सके। निर्धारित समय–सीमा के अन्दर दावा नहीं किये जाने अथवा वैद्य / सही नहीं पाये जाने पर बिहार पुलिस एक्ट–2007 की कंडिका–74 में निहित प्रावधान एवं दण्ड प्रक्रिया संहिता की धारा–458 के अन्तर्गत वाहनों की निलामी की दिशा में अग्रतर कार्रवाई की जायेगी। इस संबंध में जप्त / Unclaimed वाहनों के मालिक को उनके पते पर निबंधित डाक से अलग से पत्र प्रेषित किया जा रहा है तथा संबंधित बीमा कम्पनी एवं फाइनैन्सर के मुख्य कार्यालय को ई—मेल के माध्यम से अपेक्षित कार्रवाई हेतु सूचना दी जा रही है।

PR. No. 12488 (Police) 2022-23

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(SHORT TERM NOTICE INVITING TENDER) NATIONAL COMPETITIVE BIDDING (Only through e-tendering system on website www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in)

Bihar Rajya Pul Nirman Nigam Ltd (BRPNNL), a Government of Bihar undertaking, invites Proposals in Two Bid System (Technical and Financial) from Authorised eligible Firms/Contractors/Agencies or Companies registered in appropriate category with RCD/ BCD/ BRPNNL/MES/CPWD/ Railways or Central Government/ any State Government or any PSU for the following work On Item Rate Basis. Those not registered with abovebodies, will have to get registered with BRPNNL after issue of LOA and before executing the agreement.

Sl. No.	Name of Work	Estimated Cost (Rs. In Lakh)	Cost of Bid Document (Rs.)(Non Refundable)	Earnest Money (Rs. In Lakh)	Bid Processing Fee (Online Payment) (Non Refundable)	Time of Completion of work
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1	Construction and Interior of Hon. Ministers office & OPRMC cell (Control and command center) for RCD Officials with installation of IT/AV & Conferencing Equipment at hon. Ministers office at 7 th floor, Visvesvaraya Bhawan, Patna.	818.76	10,000.00	16.38	17700.00	01 Month
<u>Sch</u>	edule:-					
1	Downloading of RFP Docu	ments			Irs.) to 03/01/2023 c2.bihar.gov.in)	8 (15:00 Hrs.)
2	Last Date/ Time for Submission/Uploading of of	fer/ Bid	04/01/2023 up	oto 15:00 H	Irs. (www.eproc2.b	ihar.gov.in)
3	Last Date of Submission of Bank Drat, Bid Security and Hard Copies of document in original					
4	Date & Time for opening of T Bid	echnical	06/01/2023 up	oto 16:00 H	Irs. (www.eproc2.b	ihar.gov.in)
5	Date, Time and Place of ope Financial Bid	ning of			technically qualified (c2.bihar.gov.in)	ed bidder.
6	Validity of Bid			12	20 days	
7.	The Eligibility Criteria, d www.eproc2.bihar.govt.in	& www.brpn	nl.bihar.gov.ir	n may kind	ly be referred.	m website
	For further details please	visit website	www.state.b	ihar.gov.ir	n/prdbihar	_

Senior Project Engineer, Works Division, Patna-1

PR. No. 12349 (Ni.Ni) 2022-23

नशे से बचने का है एक ही उपचार, दृढ़ संकल्प और परिवार से प्यार।

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बिहार शहरी आधारभूत संरचना विकास निगम लि0 परियोजना निदेशक का कार्यालय बुडको, वैशाली, हाजीपुर ई-निविदा आमंत्रण सूचना (ई-टेंडरिंग द्वारा https://eproc2.bihar.gov.in) संख्या F-Tender-बडको-01 / 2022-23

बिहार लोक सेवा आयोग 15, नेहरू पथ (बेली रोड), पटना - 800001

67वीं संयुक्त मुख्य (लिखित) प्रतियोगिता परीक्षा का संशोधित कार्यक्रम 67वीं संयुक्त मुख्य (लिखित) प्रतियोगिता परीक्षा दिनांक 30.12.2022 को दो पालियों एवं 31.12.2022 एवं 07.01.2023 को एकल पाली में पटना स्थित परीक्षा केन्द्रों में निम्नांकित संशोधित कार्यक्रमानुसार आयोजित की जायेगी :-

तिथि∕दिन	परीक्षा की अवधि	विषय
30.12.2022 (शुक्रवार)	09:30 बजे पूर्वाह्न से 12:30 बजे अपराह तक	सामान्य अध्ययन-प्रथम पत्र
	2:00 बजे अपराह्न से 5:00 बजे अपराह्न तक	सामान्य अध्ययन-द्वितीय पत्र
31.12.2022 (शनिवार)	12:00 बजे अपराह्न से 3:00 बजे अपराह तक	सामान्य हिन्दी
07.01.2023 (शनिवार)	12:00 बजे अपराह्न से 3:00 बजे अपराह्न तक	ऐच्छिक (वैकल्पिक) विषय (जो उम्मीदवार द्वारा मुख्य परीक्षा के ऑनलाईन आवेदन के समय भरा गया है)

उपर्युक्त परीक्षा के लिए औपबंधिक रूप से अर्हित उम्मीदवारों के प्रवेश पत्र दिनांक 24.12.2022 से आयोग के वेबसाईट www.bpsc.bih.nic.in अथवा www.onlinebpsc.bihar.gov.in पर उपलब्ध रहेंगे। उम्मीदवारों को डाक से (By Post) प्रवेश पत्र नहीं भेजे जाएंगे।

North Central Railway, Prayagraj is हस्ता. issued a corrigendum against Tender परीक्षा नियंत्रक no. 64225045, 64225046 & बिहार लोक सेवा आयोग, पटना

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Bihar State Power Transmission Company Limited, Patna (Regd. office: Vidyut Bhawan, Bailey Road, Patna) GST No.: 10AAFCB2393H1Z1, CIN- U74110BR2012SGC018889 email- civil.dept@bsptcl.bihar.gov.in Contact No: 7763817981, 9264427334 (Department of Civil of BSPTCL) NOTICE INVITING TENDER NIT No:- 52/PR/BSPTCL/2022 (Through e - procurement mode only- www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in)

Online e-Tenders are invited by Chief Engineer (Civil) from eligible and experienced Agency/Firm/

SI.	Name of Work	Estimated Cost	F.M.D	Cost of BOQ	Completion
	Name of Work	Estimated Cost	E.IVI.D		
No.				(Non- refundable)	time
1.	Construction of IB Guest House at132/33 KV GSS, Phulparas.	Rs.45,04,900/-	Rs. 90,100/-	Rs. 5,900/-	06(Six) months
Bid	submission start date and time:-	From 1	5:00 Hrs of 06.0	1.2023 through w	ebsite
			www.eproc2	2.bihar.gov.in	
Bid	submission end date and time:-	On 15	:00 Hrs of 27.01	.2023 through we	bsite
			www.eproc2	2.bihar.gov.in	
Da	te of opening of Technical Part:	After 1	5:30 Hrs of 27.0	1.2023 through w	ebsite
			www.eproc2	2.bihar.gov.in	
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BSPTCL payable at Patna or through online mode i.e. Internet payment gateway (Credit/debit), Net banking, NEFT/RTGS to BSPTCL, Patna.

Bid processing fee is to be paid through online mode i.e. Internet payment gateway (Credit/debit), Net banking, NEFT/RTGS to BSEDCL, Patna.

Cost of BOQ is to be paid through online mode i.e. Internet payment gateway (Credit/debit), Net banking, NEFT/RTGS to BSPTCL, Patna.

The estimated cost in BOQ, EMD & Cost of BOQ of the above mentioned works may vary in case of change in the estimated cost.

All original Demand Draft/BG/ Acknowledgement receipt of e-payment of EMD & BOQ may be submitted in the office of Chief Engineer (Civil), BSPTCL, 4th floor, Vidyut Bhawan, Patna up to 15:00 Hrs of 27.01.2023.

The authority reserves the right to cancel the bid at any stage without assigning any reasons thereof.

The department doesn't take any responsibility for the delay/non-submission of tender/non-reconciliation of online payment caused due to non-availability of internet connection, network traffic/holidays or any other reasons.

Bidder should have valid GST and all other applicable tax registration certificate and copies of the same duly attested shall be furnished.

The tender documents along with General/special condition, bids and any corrigendum/ addendum of the tender are available only at website www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in.

> Chief Engineer (Civil) **BSPTCL**

For complains regarding corruption Vigilance Help Line toll free No.- 1064, and telephone -0612-2232630. Consumer can deposit electricity bills via Sahaz Vasudha Centre or via www.northbiharbills.org & bills.sbpdcl.in

E-tendering introduced in BSPTCL for tenders above Rs. 10 lacs. For registration logon to

WWW.INDIANEXPRESS.COM

THE INDIAN EXPRESS, SATURDAY, DECEMBER 24, 2022

NORTH CENTRAL RAILMAX, PRAXAGRAJ

Corrigendum No. 6422/Misc

Date 22.12.2022

First Corrigendum

On behalf of the President of India,

Principal Chief Material Manager,

Opening Date: From 23.12.2022 To

05.01.2023, EMD: From Existing To

Updated, Tender No.: 64225046,

Particulars: Opening Date: From

23.12.2022 To 05.01.2023, EMD;

Tender No.: 64225047, Particulars:

Opening Date: From 23.12.2022 To

06.01.2023, EMD: From Existing To

Other Terms & conditions of Tender

NORTH EASTERN RAILWAY

Email: dycmmgkpd@gmail.com Website:www.ner.indianrailways.gov.in

& www.tenders.gov.in

TENDER NOTICE No. 49 DT. 15/12/22 Invitation of tenders through **E-procurements system** Dy Chief Material Manager/ North Eastern Railway/ Gorkhpur and on

behalf of the President of India, invite

tenders through e-procurement syster

for the supply of the following items Complete description of the item and

other condition are available o www.ner.indianrailways.gov.in & www.tenders.gov.in. Sr. No.

Tender No. & due date: 10228224/

Open on 05/01/2023, Brief Description

of Stores : RAMP Asembly for entr

door for automobile carrier coach with

side etc., **Qty. Required** : 240 Nos **Earnest Money(Rs.)** : 60430/

Sr. No.- 2. Tender No. & due date

10228260A Open on 09/01/2023 Brief Description of Stores : Middle

Boxing etc., Qty. Required : 120 Nos

Earnest Money(Rs.) : 116230/

Sr. No.- 3. Tender No. & due date

10228925 Open on 10/01/2023, Brief

notor fielded magnet etc., Otv. Required

02 Nos. Earnest Money(Rs.): 93280/

Sr. No.- 4. Tender No. & due date

10228276A Open on 09/01/2023. Brief Description of Stores

Channel Assembly on side wall etc. **Qty. Required** : 120 Nos. **Earnes**

Money(Rs.) : 101200/- Sr. No.-

Fender No. & due date: 10228280/

Open on 11/01/2023, Brief Description of Stores : Perforated Plate Assembly

etc., Qty. Required : 420 No

IREPS site i.e. **http//www.ireps.gov.in** the firm desirous in participating

against e-tender are advised to

Earnest Money(Rs.): 286790/-

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Description of Stores : Supply

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25.11.2022

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ENCINEERING WORKS SOUTH WESTERN RAILWAY 944 SI.

1 Hassan - Mangalore Rs. 6,98,388/ ection:- Oiling & Greasing for the bearing of steel girder bridges unde SSE/Bridges/Sakleshpur Jurisdiction (Including Sakleshpur - Subrahmanya

2 Senior Divisional Rs. 35,07,846/ Engineer/Central/Mysuru Section emoval of defective AT welds (DFWR) 242 Nos (Assistant Divisiona ngineer/Arsikere 56, Assistan Divisional Engineer / Shivamogga Town 79, Assistant Divisional Enginner/Mysuru

Sub Work I:- Provision Rs. 1.06.52.486/ of Thermoplastic paint and CAT's EYE at pproach roads and speed breakers at all C gates in Senior Divisional Enginee Central jurisdiction.

4 Mysuru Division: Rs. 6,52,546/ocurement of data card for TMS users ncluding officers & various P.way staff in onnection with implementation of TMS

Last date for submission of bids Upto 11:00 Hrs. on 12-01-2023

Senior Divisional Engineer / Co-Ordinatio Mysuru 🕑 S.W.Railways 🕑 SWRRLY 回 SWRRLY

EC Rly. MHX, Patna

UDAIPUR SMART CITY LIMITED

Date :- 20/12/202 **Short Term Notice Inviting Bid**

Bid for 01 Work Rs. 727.67 Lac of Procurement, invited from interested idders up to 21.12.2022 at 12.00PM. Other particulars of the bid may b sited on the procurement portal (**http://eproc.rajasthan.gov.i**n http://sppp.raj.nic.in) of the state. UBN No. UNP2223WLOB00142 **Chief Executive Officer** Raj.Samwad/C/22/12176

Udaipur Smart City Limited Udaipur

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SINGER INDIA LIMITED CIN: L52109DL1977PLC025405 Registered & Corporate Office Address: A-26/4, 2nd Floor, Mohan Cooperative

Industrial Estate New Delhi - 110044 Email ID: secretarial@singerindia.com Phone No.: +91-11-40617777, Website: www.singerindia.com

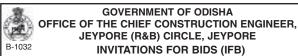
CORRIGENDUM TO THE POSTAL BALLOT NOTICE he Postal Ballot Notice dated December 17, 2022 ("Postal Ballot Notice") as dis

the Shareholders of Singer India Limited ("the Company") on December 17, 2022 in due compliance with the provisions of the Companies Act, 2013, and rules made thereunder, rear with circulars issued by Ministry of Corporate Affairs and Securities Exchange Board of India Capitalized words and expressions used but not defined herein shall have the same meaning the same as assigned to them in the Postal Ballot Notice.

This Corrigendum is being issued to give notice to amend the details as mentioned herein In the explanatory statement to Item No. 3 of the Postal Ballot Notice which pertains to seekin pproval of the Shareholders 'To approve the issue of equity shares on preferential basis belect group of persons' in Sr No. 7 of point 13 the column with the heading 'Pre-issue Equity folding' of Gauri Tandon shall be read as 7,00,000 Equity Shares instead of 24,50,000 auity Shares.

This Corrigendum shall form an integral part of the Postal Ballot Notice, which has already bee included to the Shareholders of the Company and on and from the date hereof, the Posta Ballot Notice shall always be read in conjunction with this Corrigendum. This Corrigendum is also being published in 'Indian Express' (English language) and 'Jansatta' (Hindi language) and wil also be made available on the website of BSE Limited and on the website of the Company a www.singerindia.com. All other contents of the Postal Ballot Notice, save and except as modified or supplemented by this Corrigendum, shall remain unchanged.

	By the order of Board of Directors Singer India Limited Sd/-
	Priyanka Gandhi
Place: New Delhi	Company Secretary
Date: December 23, 2022	ACS No.: 38319



E-TENDER NOTICE NO. 32 of 2022; E-Tender Notice No. 34/MYS/2022 Date: 22-12-2022, E-tenders are invite of 19-12-2022 by the undersigned for the following The undersigned, on behalf of the rks: Tender No.: MLG-24-2022. Nan resident of India, Invites E-Tenders for of work & Location: At Maligaon the following works: rovision of 400 Mtr 6 Lane Synthetic Item of work Athletic Track Full PUR, Tender Value 72,27,24,617/-; Earnest Money 72.63,600/-; Tender No.: MLG-25-2022 Name of work & Location: AT NME Provision of 25 bedded ladies barrack at. Barrack Complex. Tender Value: Road ghat section). 790,47,679,07; Earnest Money ₹1.81,000.00; E-tender will be closed at 13:00 hrs. on 13-01-2023 and will be opened at 13:00 hrs. on 13-01-2023. For

details please visit <u>www.ireps.gov.in</u> Br. Divisional Engineen/Co-ord Malion O NORTHEAST FRONTIER RAILWAY II-107). "Serving Customers with a simile"

Improvements to Road surface at LCs 27 Nos. 1, 3, 5, 12, 15, 17, 24, 27, 28, 29, 30, 38A, 41, 42, 49, 50, 52, 56, 73, 79, 104

For details log on: www.ireps.gov.in



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corriaendum/correction etc. in response to CAO/Con/North

Samashipu Division. 2. Approx cost of the work of : Rs. 36,97,06,310,45, 3. Bid Security Amount : Rs. 19,98,500,00, 4. Date and time for closing of tender : 12,01,2023 at 14,30 hrs. 5. Website

particular. Notice board location where

complete details of tender can be seen and addressed of the office from where

PR/01746/CONN/ENGG/T/22-23/44

We M/s. Vika Travels (P) Ltd., Holding Registration Certificate No. : B-0729/DEL/ COM/300/5/2581/88, under the Emigration

Act, 1983 for export of manpower, an/are intending to close our business with effect from 20/12/2022. In the event, if there is any omplaint/claim against me/us, the same ma e referred within 30 days of publication of his notice. Copies of the complaint can also be sent to Protector General of Emigrants, Ministry of External Affairs, Akbar Bhawan, Chanakyapuri, New Deihi- 110021

Karamjit Kumari (Managing Director)

Place - New Delhi 202/204, 2nd Floor, 99 Empire Plaza,Sultanpur, Date - 20 Dec 2022 Mehrauli Gurgaon Road, New Delhi-110030 Approx, Value

EAST CENTRAL RAILWAY O E-TENDER NOTICE

PUBLIC NOTICE

सं. ईसीआर/सीएओ/कॉन/डब्ल्यू.टी/ई.निविदा, दि. 21.12.2022 उत्तर/57-22-23 E-TENDER NOTICE NO. - ECR-CAO-C-N

ETN-57-22-23, E-TENDER IS INVITED ON BEHALF OF THE PRESIDENT OF INDIA FOR THE UNDER MENTIONED WORK. S.N.: 1 Name of work with it's location Construction of Major Bridge No. 21C 1x61.0m, OWG) at Km. 12.008 in MHRL-CDNA section and Major Bridge No. 36A

1x45.7M, OWG) at Km. 31.749 in VPH KHTN Section alongwith construction o permanent diversion, linking of track and supply, fabrication, erection, launching of OWG in connection with gauge conversion of Jhanjharpur-Laukaha Bazar section of

Sub Work II:- Birur-Talguppa Sec

105, 126, 129, 132, 147 & 148.



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4.	प्री बीड मीटिंग का समय	स्थान ∕ तिथि	:	समय 11:00 परियोजना नि) बजे स्थान— नेदेशक, बिहार श (बुडको), वैशार्ल	ाहरी आधारभूत, संरच ो, हाजीपुर का का	
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Pant sparkles, Iyer scores again, rest dawdle but advantage India

ABHISHEK PUROHIT DECEMBER 23

RISHABH PANT produced vet another gameturning knock in Test cricket, but also fell for the sixth time in the 90s, before he could reach a sixth Test century. Arriving at 72 for 3, which soon became 94 for 4 with Virat Kohli's exit, Pant attacked the Bangladesh spinners, who'd successfully tied down the Indian top order earlier. Along with Shreyas Iyer, who overcame another short-ball barrage to make 87, Pant revived the Indian innings with a 159-run fifth-wicket partnership that came in just 30 overs.

Bangladesh recovered some ground by taking the last six Indian wickets for only 61, but an 87-run first-innings lead meant the visitors were still ahead going into the third day on a pitch that has kept playing the odd trick, even if it seemed to have slowed down a bit after the first day.

But some in the top order batted as if strokeless survival was the only way to go on this surface; only Shubman Gill departed playing a shot, choosing a pretty full delivery from Taijul Islam to sweep, and missing it.

KL Rahul was in that extreme hesitant mode where he just does not look to score at all, and even his defence appears full of doubts. His dismissal summed up his innings of 10 off 45 deliveries. He looked to reluctantly step out to defend against the immaculately accurate Taijul, then stopped after a couple of short steps, and his half-hearted bat was behind the pad when the ball struck him plumb in front.

At least Cheteshwar Pujara was his usual self, stepping out regularly to push the spinners around. He went to an excellent reflex catch at forward short leg by Mominul Haque; Taijul's delivery had been pushed off the inside half of the bat, not off the edge, and was travelling fast towards the turf.

Virat Kohli took 73 balls for his 24, determined to keep defending. He then dashed for a non-existent single off the last ball before lunch, and glared at Pant, who'd rightly sent him scrambling back to safety just in time. He went soon after the break, nicking behind off Taskin Ahmed with one his needless defensive pushes well outside off, where he seems to be wanting to just feel some bat on ball

India were 133 behind at this stage. The morning's batting effort had taken India nowhere, but there was also no way Pant and Iyer, both with first-class strike-rates around 80, were going to bat like that.

In the first Test, Pant had been bowled while backing away to cut Mehidy Hasan Miraz's off-spin and missing a straighter one. Now he made sure he didn't do that; instead, when Mehidy pitched short, Pant stood his ground and whipped him off-position past

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This was the sixth time when Rishabh Pant fell in the 90s in Tests

midwicket for four.

The left-arm spinners Taijul and Shakib Al Hasan were easier to smash through that region, and the presence of a wide long-on and deep midwicket made no difference to Pant. He'd charge out and deposit five sixes in that area in typical fashion, one hand coming off the bat handle, but still imparting sufficient distance on the ball.

Bangladesh had acknowledged his threat as soon as he walked in. They'd bring the field in for Kohli, but for Pant, it would spread out, even when he was in single digits. They weren't ready to risk too much damage on what is certainly not a high-scoring surface. But Pant would still find his ways to inflict punishment.

Given how he plays, he did offer a couple of half-chances, but became very watchful in his 90s, understandably so, having already missed five Test centuries by a whisker. But it didn't help as he fell to Mehidy again in similar fashion, trying to make room, and edging behind for 93 off 105.

Iyer, meanwhile, produced his sixth score of 50 or more in only 11 Test innings. He can be scrappy initially, look uncomfortable against the bouncer, but then he counter-atacks and goes on to score decent runs.

There was a phase on Friday where he could have gone multiple times in a few deliveries, but he survived and prospered. Surprised by the bounce Taskin was generating, Iyer jabbed one just past gully on 15, and was dropped next ball by Mehidy at the

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same position on 19. A few overs later, on 21, he charged out at Shakib and failed to connect, but Nurul Hasan missed the stumping.

Iyer has this ability to put behind such developments and hit back at the bowler. Two balls after the stumping reprieve, he cut Shakib for four and in the same over, stepped out to loft him for another down the ground. That lofted hit, straight or over mid-off, kept bringing him runs, as did the swipe over midwicket

Bangladesh used the bouncer tactic against Iyer for quite some time; seamer Khaled Ahmed banged it into the body from round the wicket with backward square leg, square leg and a squarish midwicket in place. Iyer combated the ploy safely, hooking often through the gaps between those three fielders, along the turf to the man at deep square leg.

He will continue to get caught on the crease to pitched-up deliveries while expecting the short ball, but on these slow surfaces, he will mostly get away.

An attempted sweep against Shakib did not come off and found Iyer lbw for 87 off 105. The tail took India past 300, and the Bangladesh openers batted out the six overs possible until stumps, with some delaying tactics leading to sharp reactions from Rahul, Ashwin and Kohli in particular.

Brief Scores: Bangladesh 227 & 7 for no loss in 6 overs (Najmul Hossain Shanto 5 batting, Zakir Hasan 2 batting) vs India 314 all out in 86.3 overs (Rishabh Pant 93, Shreyas Iyer 87; Taijul Islam 4/74, Shakib Al Hasan 4/79).

DAY 4 ROUND-UP

Uttarakhand thrash Odisha

Abhay Negi's five-wicket haul helped Uttarakhand record an innings victory over Odisha. The medium pacer dismissed highest scorer Anurag Sarangi and ran through the tail.

Brief scores: Odisha 213 & 165 (Anurag Sarangi 93; Abhay Negi 5/33) lost to Uttarakhand 477 by an innings and 99 runs

Vidarbha no match for Tripura

Ganesh Sathish's big hundred and an all-round bowling performance resulted in Vidarbha's victory over Tripura.

Brief scores: 264 & 379/8 declared (Sathish 151 not out, Akshay Wadkar 88; Parvez Sultan 3/96) beat Tripura 299 & 124 (Akshay Wakhare 4/50, Aditya Sarwate 3/45) by 220 runs

Chhattisgarh beat Services

Left-arm spinner Ajay Mandal's five-wicket haul set up a comfotable win. Brief scores: Services 213 & 221 (Rahul Singh 71, Rajat Paliwal 58; Ajay Mandal 5/38, Pankaj Kumar Rao 3/48) lost to Chhattisgarh 389 & 46 for no loss by 10 wickets

Tail saves Haryana

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A stubborn Haryana lower order prevented an outright defeat at the hands of Baroda. The last five wickets added 154 runs and faced more than 52 overs in the second innings.

Brief scores: Baroda 615 drew with Haryana 278 & 404/9 (Yuvraj Singh 94, Jayant Yadav 61, Shivam Chauhan 60, Ankit Kumar 55; Jyotsnil Singh 3/50)

Kerala survive

Sachin Baby and the tail saved Kerala's blushes against Rajasthan.



Brief scores: Rajasthan 337 & 363/8 declared (Depak Hooda 155 not out. Kunal Singh Rathore 75. Abhijeet Tomar 68) drew with Kerala 306 & 299/8 (Sachin Baby 81 not out, Sanju Samson 69, Ponnan

Rahul 64; Manav Suthar 3/103)

Shoaib helps Andhra win a thriller against Tamil Nadu

VENKATA KRISHNA B COIMBATORE, DECEMBER 23

WHEN DAY 4 between Tamil Nadu and Andhra began at the Ramakrishna College Grounds on Friday, all things pointed to an outright winner by the end of the day. And the favourites going into the final day's play were hosts Tamil Nadu. Andhra, with a 114 run-lead had six wickets in hand and one of their pacers had a fractured finger. The pitch just about had everything – there was bounce, turn and it was showing signs of wear and tear with a few cracks in the middle.

Andhra would set them a target of 203. For Tamil Nadu, such opportunities come rare. For all the resources they have in whiteball, in Ranji Trophy they are a side with plenty of work to do, especially with the ball as taking 20 opposition wickets has been a challenge

Here, over the course of the two innings, their bowlers did a splendid job. They ensured Andhra didn't run away with the game as the visitors starting the day at 162/5 ended up being dismissed for 250 with left-arm spinner Ravisrinivasan Sai Kishore returning figures of 5/88 in the second innings. And as TN went back to the dressing room, they were suitably boisterous

Little did anyone know by the time the clock struck 4:52 PM, there would be nothing but silence and stunned faces. Definitely not at 3 PM, even when Baba Indrajith was adjudged LBW to offie Shoaib Mohammad Khan with Tamil Nadu placed at 155/4.

Nail-bitting end

They needed only 48 more runs with six wickets in hand. And until Indrajith was dismissed – a debatable decision – the hosts were cruising. The only bowler, who was giving them trouble was off-spinner Shoaib, a familiar face for the Tamil Nadu players.

The 31-year-old plies his trade in TNCA First Division for Swaraj CC. Son of former India hockey player late Usman Khan, who died earlier this year, Shoaib was raised in Chennai

(Hanuma) Vihari had told us to set a target of at least one run above 200 because psychologically it creates an impact. He said don't even settle for 199 and rest I will take care. But when TN were coasting at 150/3, our shoulders were beginning to drop and luckily I removed Indrajith just before tea," Shoaib said

"So when we had a chat in the dressing room, I was telling the guys that it is still possible to win. There was turn and we needed only three wickets - Vijay, Washington and Pradosh Ranjan Paul – because we knew their tail is weak. Kishore could bat, but with pressure on it is a different game, plus I was going to bowl at him (laughs)" Shoaib added. So even when play began in the final ses-



Off-spinner Shoaib Mohammad Khan ended with figures of 6/69. Express

sion, TN remained favourites. But as Vijay and Pradosh perished in successive overs, the tide began to turn. And by the time Sai Kishore perished to leave TN at 163/7, it was left to Washington to bail them out.

"Vihari had told us not to panic and just pick those three wickets. We were confident that even if only 10 runs were there and their tail was in, we could still win the game," Shoaib added.

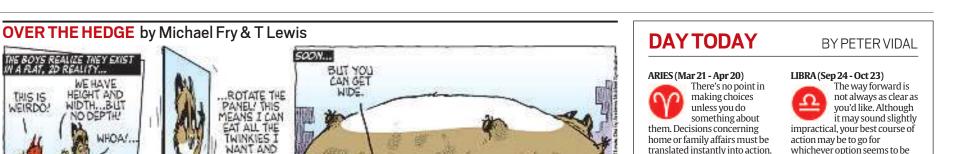
Vihari too was equally smart with his field placements. He made pacer Sasikanth bowl short and had four fielders manning the boundary on the leg-side and a short midwicket in play. As the boundary remained elusive for TN, and Shoaib operating a tight line, Andhra surged ahead with every over.

While the off-spinner bowled unchanged from one end and picked up six wickets, TN just wilted under pressure. "We were not able to put pressure on them till the ball got old. Once we did, we didn't take pedal off the foot," Shoaib added.

And then there was a bit of luck too. When Washington and No 10 Ajith Ram were picking singles effortlessly and taking them closer to the target - just eight short the former was given out caught behind off Shoaib. The batter objected and took an eternity to leave. "I don't know if I'm allowed to say, but there was no nick. But earlier, Sai Sudharsan had edged one and that wasn't given. So I got it back the moment it mattered." Shoaib said.

And by the time Washington pulled Sasikanth to the hands of the fine-leg fielder, TN ended up eight runs short as they suffered a defeat against all prior pointers.

Brief Scores: Andhra 297 & 250 (Ricky Bhui 76; R sai Kishore 5/88) beat Tamil Nadu 345 & 194 (Washington Sundar 65; Shoaib Md Khan 6/69, KV Sasikanth 4/47) by 8 runs





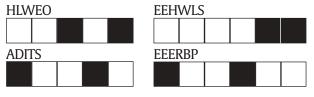
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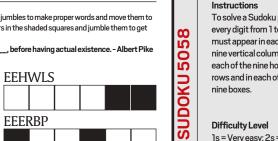
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translated instantly into action. Otherwise you will probably forget, or just lose interest. Unexpected news may prompt a change of course.

TAURUS (Apr 21 - May 21)

The heat has definitely been on lately, and only the most obstinate and stubborn Taureans have turned down certain dramatic blandishments. The best planetary influences relate to money, but your judgment will have to be nothing less than perfect! Now, there's a tall order.

GEMINI (May 22 - June 21)

You are going to enjoy yourself more and more with every day that passes. But first there are certain hurdles to overcome and these are probably more to do with selfknowledge than with actual events. In other words, if you know what you need, then you'll get what you want

CANCER (June 22 - July 23)

There's no reason to push yourself too hard for no purpose. Time is on your side, mainly because you're only a part of the way through an enlightened ten-year cycle. Therefore, when other people have done their worst and given their best, you will still have more to offer.

LEO (July 24 - Aug 23)

As the weeks go by, you will come to realise that a good friend was perhaps

not all they seemed. Hidden depths should be the order of the day, so you may sit back and let your imagination be vour guide. If you do a favour for someone now, I am sure it will be repaid ten-fold.

VIRGO (Aug 24 - Sep 23)

There are extraordinarily powerful pressures to change, even when you don't want to. While aggravation at home may be a very powerful factor, those of you who have been experiencing professional pressures could suddenly realise that you can't go on as before.

weather-eye on delicate legal issues though, as you don't want disagreements at this stage. SCORPIO (Oct 24 - Nov 23) Of all the signs of the zodiac, yours is about to come closer

the most adventurous. Keep a

to discovering the truth than any other. My best advice now is to stay cool and not be easily offended or dismayed. A last-minute financial rush may be good for you. Just for once, an instant decision might be the best.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov 24 - Dec 22)

You've done well. Nobody can deny that. Having stuck to your guns and made others realise just how tough you can be, you must now sit back and listen to them. Now is the worst time to imagine you can wind anybody up, or otherwise belittle their interests.

CAPRICORN (Dec 23 - Jan 20)

What takes place now could be the climax of months of effort. Work seems to be the key to a successful day, but that doesn't necessarily mean paid employment. Just make sure that, by the end of the day, there are as few outstanding unfinished chores as possible.

AQUARIUS (Jan 21- Feb 19) The past few months

seem to have coincided with

better personal relationships. Other people have been giving you fewer problems, and you seem to have become more confident. Today vou may find time to relax and enjoy the fruits of your many emotional labours.

PISCES (Feb 20 - Mar 20)

There are so many demands on your energy, that it scarcely seems possible that you'll have any space to rest or put your feet up. or otherwise wallow in your time off. For once, Pisces, you seem to have a purpose of your own! People who think you're their unpaid servant will have to back away.







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KLOPP ISSUES INJURY WARNING

Liverpool manager Juergen Klopp said that the next year would be intense for players coming back from the World Cup with the German preparing his side for their trip to Aston Villa in the Premier League on Monday. "For the players who played in the World Cup, the whole year will be incredibly intense," Klopp told reporters on Friday. REUTERS

3-time Oly champion Xiaojun suspended provisionally

New York: China's three-times Olympic champion Lyu Xiaojun has been provisionally suspended after testing positive for a banned substance, the International Testing Agency (ITA) said on Thursday. Lyu returned the positive sample during an out-of-competition test on Oct. 30, said the ITA, which oversees the bulk of the International Weightlifting Federation's (IWF) antidoping programme. Lyu, who became the oldest man to win Olympic gold in weightlifting when he claimed the 81kg title in Tokyo last year, tested positive for erythropoietin, a prohibited peptide hormone.

Sarita wins gold at wrestling nationals

Visakhapatnam: World championships bronze medallist Sarita Mor(59kg) and Sangeeta Phogat (62kg) retained their titles at the senior wrestling championships as they cruised through depleted fields, here on Friday. Sarita, an RSPB athlete, got the better of Delhi's Simran in the 59kg final while Sangeeta, defeated Sumitra in her gold medal match. Bhagwan Shri of Maharashtra and Uttar Pradesh's Pooja Yadav bagged the bronze medals in the 59kg weight category. Himachal Pradesh's Sanika and Vaishnavi of Maharashtra clinched the 62kg bronze medals.

Lovlina cruises into quarter-finals

Bhopal: Tokyo Olympics bronze medallist Lovlina Borgohain put up a dominating display to enter the quarterfinals of the Women's National Boxing Championships, here on Friday. Living up to the expectations, the Assam pugilist made light work of Puia Navak from Odisha in the 75kg last-16 match. The reigning Asian champion was declared the winner by Referee Stops the Contest (RSC) verdict after just a few minutes into the first round of the bout.

India name squad for Hockey World Cup

New Delhi: Defender Harmanpreet Singh was named the captain of the 18member Indian squad which will compete at the FIH men's Hockey World Cup, commencing on January 13 in Odisha. Defender Amit Rohidas will serve as Harmanpreet's deputy. Harmanpreet had also captained the side in the recent series against Australia, where the side fought before losing the five-match rubber 1-4. PR Sreeiesh, who will be playing his fourth

Teams go all out for all-rounders

Curran, Green, Stokes, Pooran hit jackpot; Chennai seek Bravo replacement, Mumbai aim for Bumrah, Archer cover

VENKATA KRISHNA B DECEMBER 23

In a tournament that has 10 teams, when it comes to the big boys of the IPL, there are just two: Mumbai Indians and Chennai Super Kings.

Between them, they have 9 Indian Premier League titles from 15 editions. They have each had an all-rounder from the Caribbean, arguably the best in the format, and ones who have been the life and face of the team.

And after a botched-up IPL season, where their picks at the previous auction didn't deliver the standards that they have set for themselves, they didn't panic. Mumbai with Rs 20.55 crore and Chennai with Rs 20.45 crore – began on their course correction.

For the first time since 2011, Mumbai will be without Kieron Pollard and Chennai without Dwayne Bravo. Before the auction began, it was a given that all-rounders Ben Stokes, Sam Curran and Cameron Green would fetch not only plenty of interest but could well be the most expensive players to be sold. And Sunrisers Hyderabad with Rs 42.25 crores, Punjab Kings with Rs 32.20 crores and Lucknow Super Giants with 23.35 crores were the ones expected to land them.

Opening act left to others

In the first set that involved batsmen, Mumbai and Chennai sat back and watched Hyderabad spend INR 13.25 crore on Harry Brook and INR 8.25 crore on Mayank Agarwal. With only INR 20.75 crore in the bank now, they knew the franchise that entered the auction with the biggest purse is out of the way.

And when Ajinkya Rahane was offered at a base price of Rs 50 lakh, Chennai happily took him, as he will reconnect with MS Dhoni and Stephen Fleming again after spending two seasons with them at the now defunct Rising Pune Supergiants.

As the all-rounders set arrived, Mumbai and Chennai were sitting with their boxing gloves on. When Curran's name player of the tournament at the T20 World Cup - cropped up, Mumbai raised the paddle before Bangalore, Rajasthan Royals, Chennai joined the race. The buzz before the auction was Chennai would go big for Curran, one of their standout performers in the 2020 season and one who had become a fan favourite.

Yet. little did anvone know how they



Sam Curran became the most expensive player in IPL history.

were bluffing their way as Punjab joined the race for Curran at INR 11.75 crore. Luckow threw their hat in when the bid touched INR 15.75 crore before Mumbai returned again and increased it to INR 18 crore. At some point, these battles tend to prick the ego and Punjab fully aware that Mumbai can't go beyond a level, raised paddle once more and landed him for INR 18.50 crore - making Curran the most expensive signing ever.

His pay is higher than that of Virat Kohli, Rohit Sharma, Jasprit Bumrah and Rishabh Pant. Now with INR 13.7 crore, even Punjab were out of the race for Green and Stokes. And Rajasthan, Bangalore, Kolkata, Hyderabad were not in a position to go big. Mumbai and Chennai only had Lucknow to worry about.

But when Green's name came up, Delhi showed interest, before Bangalore joined the race and stopped as Mumbai dropped in. From the outset it was clear they came in with a target and having let go off Curran, they had to take their chance with Green, a power-hitter who could tear apart oppositions and would be handy bowler at Wankhede

Green is at a stage where Pollard was when Mumbai bought him in 2010 after he

How the cash was spent

Every franchise had in mind a few players as targets for whom they were willing to go big in the auction. In contrast, some quality players came into their kitty for much less than they would have expected.

RAJASTHAN ROYALS

MUMBAI INDIANS

crore)

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GUJARAT TITANS

BARGAIN BUY: Joe Root (Rs 1 crore):

BIG BUY: Jason Holder (Rs 5.75 crore)

BARGAIN BUY: Shams Mulani (Rs 20

lakh): The Mumbai all-rounder is an

BARGAIN BUY: Adil Rashid (Rs 2 crore):

he has been quality operator for a long

BIG BUY: Harry Brook (Rs 13.25 crore)

BARGAIN BUY: Prerak Mankad (Rs 20

he can contribute with both bat and

lakh): A Ranji winner with Saurashtra,

BIG BUY: Nicholas Pooran (Rs 16 crore)

BARGAIN BUY: Kane Williamson (Rs 2

A World Cup winner in two formats,

BIG BUY: Cameron Green (Rs 17.5

Class never came this cheap.

unsung domestic stalwart.

SUNRISERS HYDERABAD

LUCKNOW SUPER GIANTS

ROYAL CHALLENGERS BANGALORE

BARGAIN BUY: A tall left-arm paceman is often worth his height in gold. He could provide a much-needed edge to the RCB.

BIG BUY: Will Jacks (Rs 3.2crore) **KOLKATA KNIGHT RIDERS**

BARGAIN BUY: Narayan Jagadeesan (90 lakh): His recent purple patch in domestic cricket makes him one to watch.

BIG BUY: Shakib Al Hasan (Rs 1.5 crore)

PUNJAB KINGS

BARGAIN BUY: Sikandar Raza (Rs 50 lakh): He has been a rock for Zimbabwe with bat and ball, and is a valuable player.

BIG BUY: Sam Curran (Rs 18.5 crore) **CHENNAI SUPER KINGS**

BARGAIN BUY: Kyle Jamieson (Rs 1 crore): If fit and firing, his height and

all-round ability could be invaluable. BIG BUY: Ben Stokes (Rs 16.25 crore)

DELHI CAPITALS

set the Champions League T20 on fire. End result: Green became a part of Paltan at INR 17.50 crore

could take over from Thala.

To replace Dhoni isn't an easy job by any means and only players with a certain aura are capable of doing that. There is talk of Ruturaj Gaikwad being groomed for the future, but for the time being they need an alternative.

when Stokes' name came, Chennai didn't even join the race initially until the bid touched Rs 15.25 crores. Until then it was between Rajasthan and Bangalore before it became Lucknow vs Hyderabad.

Once Chennai entered the fray, they kept the paddle up to match each bid and bagged Stokes at Rs 16.25 crore as Hyderabad and Lucknow had other slots to fill. Like in 2011, when Chennai bought Bravo, Stokes is at a similar stage of his career and brings a wealth of experience - an ingredient that the Super Kings consider non-negotiable.

And when Sundar Raman, CSK's consultant tweeted "Ok va" around 7.52 pm after bagging Kyle Jamieson as well, you

'Iss saal darwaja tootega jaroor': Mukesh Kumar on his IPL trials

PRATYUSH RAJ DECEMBER 23

Mukesh Kumar was one of those rare crick- programme,' where he was spotted by eters who got selected for India without having an IPL contract. The 29-year-old was picked for India's home series aganist South Africa. Although, he didn't get a game, it put Mukesh in the limelight. On Friday, he was picked by Delhi Capitals for Rs 5.50 crores, 27 times more than his base price of Rs 20 lakhs "Bhaiyya udhar bhi trials chal raha mera kaafi saalon se, darwaja tootega jaroor (I have been giving IPL trials for years now; hopefully, I will able to break that door)," he had told the Indian Express after his maiden India call up. Kumar, who hails from Gopalganj in Bihar, moved to Kolkata in 2012 to help his father's taxi business, which was suffering losses

In 2014, he appeared in a trial, which changed his life. Cricket Association of Bengal (CAB) was organising a 'Vision 2020

for Rs 400-500.

and I am living my dream. Agar zindagi mey mushkiley na aati toh shayad mai yahaan nahi pahunch paata (If I had not gone through those hard times in my life, I would have never reached here)," he added. Mukesh feels he got lucky at every ster

crore): He has been blighted by injury BARGAIN BUY: Ishant Sharma (Rs 50 lakh): The veteran could teach the of late, but is capable of rising to the youngsters in the team a thing or two. occasion. BIG BUY: Shivam Mavi (Rs 6 crore) **BIG BUY**: Mukesh Kumar (Rs 5.5 crore)

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Now, Chennai had only Lucknow to worry about as Stokes' was auctioned.

Chennai are in search of a captain, who

And who better than Stokes, a World Cup winner in 50 overs and T20, an allrounder who is as inspiring as Dhoni, and one who is redefining Test cricket and making it look as enterprising as T20s. But knew Chennai had arrived.

World Cup - his third on home soil, has been chosen as goalkeeper. PTI

England WC winner Cohen passes away

London: George Cohen, a defender who played on England's World Cup-winning team in 1966, has died, the English Football Association said Friday. He was 83. Cohen played every minute of England's victorious campaign on home soil. He made 37 appearances for his national team as a right back. A cause of death was not announced. Cohen played his entire club career for Fulham, where he made 459 appearances between 1956 and 1969. He retired from playing at 29. AP

But he went against the wish of his father (Late Kashinath Singh), and started playing local matches in the second league

Ranadeb Bose, former Bengal pacer and bowling coach.

The trials were conducted with VVS Laxman, Waqar Younis and Muttiah Muralitharan at the helm.

Within a year, he was picked for Bengal, and his consistent performance over the years, helped him to get an India A call-up against New Zealand A, where he bagged a five-wicket haul.

Now a month later, he has received his maiden India call for the ODI series against South Africa.

"It is all about the trials in my life. First one in Gopalganj, where I became the district's best bowler and then in Kolkata which changed my life," Mukesh Kumar had said.

"There has been a struggle in my life, but it is common. Har kisi ke saath hota hai (Everyone goes through that phase). My aim was to play cricket at the highest level

of his life.

Be it his father, who forced him to move to Bengal, Ranadeb Bose, who was in awe after watching him bowl in nets, Manoj Tiwari, who gave him his own kit, or Arun Lal, who said 'You have the potential to play for India.'

"I was very lucky. At every step, I got help. My father gave me one year to make a career out of cricket. And thereafter, I was fortunate enough to learn from Rano Sir (Ranadeb), Manoj bhaiya (Tiwary), Arun Lal sir. If not for these people, I would have never made it this far," he said.

Kumar recalls when he was selected for Bengal for the Buchi Babu tournament, he didn't have a cricket kit.

"Manoj bhaiya mereko bat, pad aur gloves diya tha (Manoj Tiwary gave me a bat, leg guards and gloves)," Kumar recalls. Before 2019-20 season, when he was in



Mukesh Kumar moved to Kolkata in 2012 and started playing local matches for Rs 400-500. File

the Bengal camp, Kumar got a call from his elder brother Dhanset, who informed him about the demise of his father.

"My father had a brain haemorrhage in

2019. He never liked me playing cricket. He wated me to join army, I even gave CRPF exam twice. Today I just wish my father was alive. He would have been thrilled," recalled Kumar.

I thought of packing bags and going home from CSK camp: Jagadeesan

VENKATAKRISHNAB DECEMBER 23

AS CHENNAI Super Kings released him into the auction pool in November, N Jagadeesan had made peace with himself that he won't be part

of the Indian Premier League 2023 season. A T20 strike-rate of 118.61 is not seen as good enough for an opener in IPL. And Jagadeesan believed he won't fetch any interest from the teams. So his plans for next April and May was to head to the UK and play league cricket. Instead, as Kolkata Knight Riders bought him at the auction for INR 90 lakh, he would once again enter an environment that has pushed him to the extremes. Only this time he has a genuine chance of opening and keeping the gloves for the two-time champions.

When CSK released him back into the pool, Jagadeesan was going through a low run of scores. He has been part of the franchise since 2018, has played only 7 matches and in 2020 when CSK had a season to forget, Jagadeesan got an opportunity to bat only twice in the five matches he played. As questions were raised about Chennai's reluctance to play youngsters more, MS Dhoni's guip that "youngsters lack the spark" seemed to include Jagadeesan in that list. No names were taken, but the public

perception turned.

"It is definitely very hard," Jagadeesan tells The Indian Express when asked about his time on the bench. "There were times I felt really low. To be honest, I have even thought of packing the bags and going home. The only thing that kept me motivated was to keep working so that you get a game. When I was not playing, I thought this is the time you can mentally push yourself, you can't let your mind drift. When you are down, work harder. Last IPL season and the previous one in Dubai, I told myself that 'it is ok not to play any matches, but make sure you work the most at the gym, at a net session...give full effort in the nets' and leave the rest to others," Jagadeesan says.

"As a cricketer you don't like getting dropped and in the IPL, it is like them literally throwing you away. You don't want that to happen and it was hard to take for a day. But later. I realised that I have to accept that fact and make peace with it," Jagadeesan tells this newspaper

With IPL teams preferring to look at his strike-rate more than the runs, it resulted in him trying too hard. While the last domestic season was a forgetful one for lagadeeesan. he started the current domestic season also on a low note before the tide began to change at the Vijay Hazare Trophy.



N Jagadeesan was bought by KKR for Rs 90 lakh in the IPL auction.

'Right from under-13 days I've always been a player who used to set targets for myself and aggregate a lot of runs and be the top run-getter. When I was growing up, I used to enjoy the

game so much and as I got older and the game became a lot more competitive I'd a feeling that I succumbed to the pressure where I wanted to be the highest run-getter. This (poor run of

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-ON HIS TIME AT CHENNAI SUPER KINGS

scores) was the breaking point for me, where I realised it is not about scoring a lot of runs. but how you enjoy and more importantly do it without any expectations. Of course, you can dream, but you shouldn't be playing to get picked or prove anything," Jagadeesan says.

While he went about rewriting records in the Vijay Hazare Trophy - scoring five consecutive centuries including a world record List A score of 277, and his name was included in the final list for the IPL auction, Jagadeesan was still apprehensive.

"After the SMA T20, I was convinced that I wouldn't be picked for IPL. Last year I went unsold and CSK only picked me later on. I was there one year, played two matches and got released once again. So I really didn't think of my-

New Delhi

self as a player who could be part be part of the IPL this season because a) I didn't have scores to back me. B) This year my strike-rate improved a lot, but the score didn't improve a lot," Jagadeesan says.

"Strike rates are over-rated"

"I genuinely feel that strike-rates are overrated in the sense, let us say we play a 20-over game and there are matches where we (Tamil Nadu) have actually won and my strike-rate would have been 120 or something.

"When we talk about established players the strike-rate doesn't come in, but when you talk about people like me who are coming into the circuit, they tend to look at it more than the runs," Jagadeesan said.

With strike-rate being the norm, agadeesan like Mayank Agarwal and Dinesh Karthik sought the help of the coach RX Murali in Bengaluru to improve the power-hitting aspect of the game. "What the fixation towards strike-rate did was, it made me work on it, add different shots and power-hitting. The flat-bat thing was new to me -- horizontal shots that give a lot more power. I'd to learn the technique for that and Murali played a role in that. I told my dad this is how we are supposed to do and before Mushtaq Ali, he used to chuck around 300 balls and practised that."

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