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चन्दक, बिजनौर पर (2X40) एम०वी०ए० (3X40) एम०वी०ए० की क्षमतावृद्धि से सम्बन्धि जानपदीय कार्य । कार्य अवधि-02 माह धरोहर धनराशि रू॰ 42,200.00 मात्र (बयालीस हजार दो सौ मात्र) निविदा प्रपत्र का मल्य रू० 1,770.00 (जी.एस.र्ट सहित) 6. 220 के0वी0 उपकेन्द्र, रामपुर पर 01 नग सर्किट ब्रेकर फाउण्डेशन के जानपदीय निर्माण कार्य कार्य अवधि-01 माह धरोहर धनराशि रू० 2,200.00 मात्र (दो हजार दो सौ मात्र) । निविदा प्रपत्र का मूल रू० ५,000 (जी.एस.टी. सहित)। 7. 132 के०वी० उपकेन्द्र, शाहबाद, रामपुर पर 03 नग 132 के०वी बी०सी०टी० फाउण्डेशन एवं ट्रैन्च के जानपदीय निर्माण कार्य । कार्य अवधि-01 माह धरोहर धनराशि रू० 3,500.00 मात्र (तीन हजार पाँच सौ मात्र) । निविदा प्रपत्र का मूल्य रू० 590.00 (जी.एस.टी. सहित) । उत्तः निविदा की Technical Bid एवं अन्य शर्ते तथा मात्रा इत्यादि का विस्तृत विवरण http://etender.up.nic.in साइट पर देखा एवं प्राप्त किया जा सकता है । क्र0सं0 01 से 06 तक अंकित निविदा दिनांक 12.01.2023 को दोपहर 14:00 बजे तक साइट पर डाला / अपलोड किया जा सकता है तथ दिनांक 13.01.2023 को 14:00 बजे सार्वजनिक रूप र निविदायें खोली जायेगी। क्र0सं0 07 पर अंकित निविद दिनांक 27.01.2023 को दोपहर 14:00 बजे तक साइत पर डाला / अपलोड किया जा सकता है तथा दिनांक 28.01.2023 को 14:00 बजे सार्वजनिक रूप निविदायें खोली जायेगी । हस्ता/- अधीक्षण अभियन्त विद्युत जानपद पारेषण मण्डल, उ०प्र० पाव ट्रांसिमशन कारपोरेशन लि०, मुरादाबाद "राष्ट्रहित मे बिजली बचाए" पत्रांक संख्या : 1107-विजाल (मुरा.)/टी-1 दिनांक 26/12/2022

Office of the Superintending Engineer, Bulandshahr Circle, P.W.D., Bulandshahr No 8055 /96M/E-TENDER/BSR CIRCLE/2020-21

E-Procurement Tender Notice

On behalf of Governor of Uttar Pradesh invites online bids through e-tendering from the registerer firm/contractor of UP PWD for Category A/B (As per Applicable). The bid document may be uploaded from dated 09.01.2023 to 16.01.2023 upto 12:00 PM on UP E-Tender Portal http://etender.up.nic.in. Technica bids will be opened online on date 16.01.2023 at 02.00 PM. in the office of the Superintending Engineer Bulandshahar Circle, U.P.P.W.D. Bulandshahar. Date of financial bid will be informed separately to the technically qualified contractors. In case of holiday or office closed the technical bid will be opened on next working day in the same manners. At the same time and any validity of bid will be considered fron the original date. The date and time of opening financial bid shall be notified on the e tender portal. Details of Works-

SI. No	DISTRICT	Name of Work	Estimated cost (Rs.in Lac)	Bid Security (Rs.in Lacs)	Work Completion	Cost of Bid Documents including GST	Address of Executive Engineer executing the work	Address of Superintending Engineer	Address of Chief Engineer	Category of Contractor
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
1	Hapur	Renewal with BC in KM 92(800), 93, 94, 95 and 96 of Hamidpur Sikandrabad Kuchesar Road	225.00	13.25	02 Month	Tender Cost Rs. 300+ 2000+ GST @18% 414 =2714.00	Provincial Division, PWD, Hapur	Bulandshahar Circle, P.W.D., Bulandshahar	Meerut Zone, P.W.D., Meerut	UP PWD, Class A (Road Work Category)
2	Hapur	Renewal with BC in KM 22, 23 24(960), 25 26 27(500) and 28(30) of Masuri Dhaulana Gulaothi Road	227.00	13.35	02 Month	Tender Cost Rs. 300+ 2000+ GST @18% 414 =2714.00	Provincial Division, PWD, Hapur	Bulandshahar Circle, P.W.D., Bulandshahar	Meerut Zone, P.W.D., Meerut	UP PWD, Class A (Road Work Category)
3	Hapur	Renewal with BC in KM 14 to 22 and 23(400) of Madinagar Hapur Road	363.00	20.15	02 Month	Tender Cost Rs. 300+ 2000+ GST @18% 414 =2714.00	Provincial Division, PWD, Hapur	Bulandshahar Circle, P.W.D., Bulandshahar	Meerut Zone, P.W.D., Meerut	UP PWD, Class A (Road Work Category)
4	Hapur	Renewal with BC in KM 41 to 49 and 50(500) of Bulandshahar Garh Road	366.00	20.30	02 Month	Tender Cost Rs. 300+ 2000+ GST @18% 414 =2714.00	Provincial Division, PWD, Hapur	Bulandshahar Circle, P.W.D., Bulandshahar	Meerut Zone, P.W.D., Meerut	UP PWD, Class A (Road Work Category)
5	Hapur	Renewal with PC in KM 7 to 12 of Athseni Bridge to Bachhlauta Bridge Road under Normal Repair	73.00	5.65	02 Month	Tender Cost Rs. 300+ 2000+ GST @18% 414 =2714.00	Provincial Division, PWD, Hapur	Bulandshahar Circle, P.W.D., Bulandshahar	Meerut Zone, P.W.D., Meerut	UP PWD, Class A/B (Road Work Category)
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2. All registered contractors have to upload Turnover certified by CA of last 5 Years and details of maxi mum cost work satisfactorily completed in last 5 years on Chanakya Software before submission of tender Details of E-Tender uploaded on http://etender.up.nic.in shall also be uploaded on UP PWD Chanakya Software before last date and time of submission of Tender.

. Bidder has to upload required documents as per Government order No. 879(1)/ 23-7-2020 P.W Anubhag-7 Lucknow Dt. 25.08.2020 for "Prahari Application" in Chanakya Software by acceshyperlink available for Tendering Process. UR for Prahari is http://wms.uppwd.gov.in/Prahari/ ms and other conditions related to bid available on http://etender.up.nic.in

This is certified that I have checked the bid documents and it is correct in all respect

Executive Engineer PWD Hapur

UPID NO.183482 DATE-24.12.2022

Superintending Engineer, Bulandshahr Circle, P.W.D. (For and on behalf of Governor of UP

कार्यालय अधीक्षण अभियन्ता

मध्य गंगा नहर निर्माण मण्डल प्रथम मेरठ

ई-प्रोक्योरमेन्ट अल्पकालीन निविदा सूचना संख्या-05/एस0ई0/2022-23

महिम राज्यपाल उत्तर प्रदेश की ओर से अधोहस्ताक्षरी द्वारा निम्नलिखित कार्य की ऑनलाइन प्री-क्वालीफिकेशन टेक्नीकल एवं फाइनेन्शि बिड htpp://etender.up.nic.in के माध्यम से सिंचाई विभाग में वगीर्कृत श्रेणी में पंजीकृत ठेकेदारों से दिनांक 07.01.2023 की अपरान्ह 12.00 बजे तक आमंत्रित की जाती है। यह निविदा दिनांक 02.01.2029 की अपरान्ह 12:00 बजे से दिनांक 07.01.2023 की अपरान्ह 12.00 बजे तव समिति द्वारा अधोहस्ताक्षरी के कक्ष में ऑनलाइन खोली जायेगी। कार्यालय बन्द होने या अवकाश होने की स्थिति में यह बिड अगले कार्याल दिवस में उसी समय खोली जायेगी।

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GOVERNMENT OF HIMACHAL PRADESH HIMACHAL PRADESH STATE ROADS TRANSFORMATION PROJECT (HPSRTP) REQUEST FOR QUOTATIONS (RFQ) Himachal Pradesh State Roads Transformation Project (HPSRTP)

Name of Project: Loan No./Credit No. 9066-IN Date: December 26, 2022

The Director (Projects)-cum-CE, H.P. State Roads Project, HPRIDCL, Nigam Vihar, Shimla-171002, Himachal Pradesh India invites Request for Quotationsfrom National Suppliers for the Goods Procurementas detailed in the table below:						
Sr. No.	Description of the goods procurement	Date of availability of Request for Quotationson HPRIDCL web site	Last date/time for submission/ opening of Proposals			
1.	Procurement of Additional Equipment to Support Annual Enforcement Program of HP Police in Shimla & Nurpur Police Districts		January 13, 2023 at 15:00/ 15:30 hours (IST)			

Request for Quotation (RFQ) will be available on the official web site of HPRIDCL under link http://himachalservices.nic.in/hpridc/HPSRTP.html.

NOTE: Any further addendum/Corrigendum to this Request for Quotations Document shall be available to all interesting firms on the same web site link. Proposal must be delivered in a written form to the address below (in person, or by post) by January13, 2023 at 15:00 hours (IST)positively.

Director (Projects)-cum-CE, H.P. State Roads Project, HPRIDCL, Nigam Vihar, Shimla-171002

GOVERNMENT OF HIMACHAL PRADESH HIMACHAL PRADESH STATE ROADS TRANSFORMATION PROJECT (HPSRTP)

REQUEST FOR QUOTATIONS (RFQ) Name of Project: Himachal Pradesh State Roads Transformation Project (HPSRTP) Loan No./Credit No. 9066-IN

Date: December 30, 2022 The Director (Projects)-cum-CE, H.P. State Roads Project, HPRIDCL, Nigam Vihar, Shimla-171002, Himachal Pradesh India

invites Request for Quotationsfrom National Suppliers for the Goods Procurement as detailed in the table below:					
Sr. No.	Description of the Goods procurement	Date of availability of Request for Quotationson HPRIDCL web site	Last Date/time for Submission/Opening of Proposals		
1.	Procurement of Patrol Motorcycles to Support Annual Enforcement Program of HP Police in Shimla & Nurpur Police Districts		January 18, 2023 at 15:00 /15:30 hours (IST)		

Request for Quotation (RFQ) will be available on the official web site of HPRIDC under link http://himachalservices.nic.in/hpridc/HPSRTP.html.

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On this day 5041563K Rfn Dil Bahadur Gurung of 5/1 Gorkha Rifles made the supreme sacrifice during 'OP PAWAN' on 27 Dec 1987 in a true act of valour and courage. The brave soldier will always be remembered for his enthusiasm. To this brave heart we pledge that we shall always be guided by his immortal spirit and make his name proud. CO AND ALL RANKS, 5/1 GORKHA RIFLES

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TENDER NOTICE

Invitation of Tender through E-Tendering

(E-Procurement system) Sr. DMM, 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 Brief Description Closing Date Tender No. Qty.

01 93226031 Electronic L.C. Gate Teliephone 1. 100 Nos. 2. 396 Nos. 3. 100 Nos. Note: 1. Vendors may visit the IREPS website i.e. www.ireps.gov.in for details.

2. No Manual offer will be entertained. Sr. DMM/NS/LP/93226031/2022 Date:- 23.12.2022





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ई-जिविदा सूचना एतद् द्वारा सूचित किया जाता है कि विभिन्न औद्योगिक क्षेत्रों के अन्तर्गत विकास/अनुरक्षण/उच्चीकरण कार्यों हेत् क्षरकारी विभागों/सार्वजनिक उपक्रमों/निकार्यों/प्राधिकरणों/परिषदों एवं निकार्यों में 'सी' श्रेणी में पंजीकृत त्तरकारा प्रमाना/ नावानाय उपग्रमा/ नावानाय गांविकरान/ प्राथमित प्रमान प्रमान प्रमान प्रमान प्रमान प्रमान प्रमा एमाँ/ठेकेदारों से ई-मिविदारों आमन्तित की जाती हैं, जो दिनांक 28.12.2022 को पूर्वान्ह 11:00 बजे से दिनांव 17.01.2023 को सार्थ 5:00 बजे तक अपलोड की जा सकती है, जिन्हें दिनांक 18.01.2023 को पूर्वान्ह 11:00 बजे खोल जायेगा । निविदादाताओं द्वारा शपथ पत्रों की मूल प्रतियाँ दिनांक 17.01.2023 को सायं 5:00 बर्जे तक कार्यालय में जम करना अनिवार्य है । ईं–निविदा के माध्यम से आमंत्रित की जाने वाली निविदाओं का विवरण निम्नवत् है:–

क्रमांक	कार्च का नाम	कार्य की लागत रू० (लाख में)
	Construction of Public Toilets at Industrial Area Mathura Site-B, Distt. Mathura.	14.53
	Construction of Public Toilets at Industrial Area Kosi Kotwan, Distt- Mathura	14.53

नोट:- निविदादाता अपनी निविदाओं में समस्त कर एवं जी.एस.टी. सहित दरें अंकित करें। अल से कोई कर देय नहीं होगी।

निविदा सम्बन्धी विरुत्त जानकारी प्राधिकरण की वेबसाइट www.onlineupsidc.com पर रिष् —िलंक एवं यूपीएलसी की website : www.etender.up.nic.in पर देखी जा सकती है।

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कार्यपालक अभियंता का कार्यालय पथ निर्माण विभाग, पथ प्रमण्डल, डालटनगंज (E-mail: eercdmedini-jhr@nic.in)

शुद्धि-पत्र

एतद द्वारा सूचित करना है कि इस कार्यालय द्वारा दिनांक-20.12.2022 को विभिन्न समाचार पत्रो के माध्यम से ई-निविदा पत्रांक स0- 12/RCD/Daltonganj/2022-23/1093 आमंत्रित की गई है, जिसका PR No. 285497 Road(22-23)_D है, जिसमें क्रमाक-4 में अंकित Time of Completion 04 Months के स्थान पर 06 Months पढा / समझा जाय |

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कार्यपालक अभियंता, पथ निर्माण विभाग, PR 285992 Road(22-23)#D पथ प्रमंडल, डाल्टेनगंज

कार्यपालक अभियंता का कार्यालय पथ निर्माण विभाग, पथ प्रमण्डल, गोड्डा

<u>ई-प्रोक्योरमेंट सूचना</u> ई-निविदा सूचना सं० - RCD/GODDA/1461/2022-23 दिनांक -22.12.2022

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		(Length 12.00 Km) under RCD
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5.	वेबसाईट में निविदा प्रकाशन की	28.12.2022 के पूर्वाहन 10:30 बजे से
	तिथि	
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7.	ऑनलाईन निविदा प्राप्त करने	17.01.2023 के दोपहर 12:00 बजे तक
	की अन्तिम तिथि / समय	
8.	निविदा खोलने की तिथि/समय	19.01.2023 के अपराहन 12:30 बजे
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PASIGHAT SMART CITY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

LIMITED PASIGHAT, ARUNACHAL PRADESH

NOTICE INVITING EXPRESSION OF INTEREST(EOI)

Construction of Foot Over Bridge (FOB) near JNC College Junction in Pasigha (East Siang) on EPC mode contract with operation and maintenance (O&M) of one vear after one year defect liability period.

1) PASIGHAT SMART CITY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION LIMITED (PSCDCL nvites Expression of Interest (EOI) from experienced registered firms /Company for the construction of Foot over Bridge near JNC college junction Pasighat. The EO document and other details can be downloaded from the PSCDCI website: smartpasighat.in.

2) The scope of project includes, the carrying out the detail designing and construction of foot over bridge and any other works allied with this construction. 3) The project will be implemented on EPC basis i.e., contractor will design 8 drawing, procurement, construct and will maintain for one years, after completion

of works. The time for construction of work shall be five months from the award of he project.

4) Other salient features of the project work include, but not limited to these:

Site investigations including topographical and sub-soil investigations. Preparation of detail design and drawings, including proof checking by institutions, as decided by PSCDCL, and shall be got approved from PDMC/PSCDCL before the commencement of works.

iii. Construction of structure mentioned above, based on the approved drawings under the supervision of PSCDCL, duly obtaining necessary approvals from PSCDCL representatives, as and when required. 5) The required formats for submission of EOI can be downloaded from the

PSCDCL website Home (smartpasighat.in). . The applicants shall submit the complete details of similar works executed by

them, in the prescribed formats enclosed along with this EOI. ii. The applicant shall submit the general information about the individual firm company along with this EOI. 6) Submission of application form: individual firm/company shall submit their

response to this EOI in the prescribed format and send email to pasighat.ceo@gmail.com on or before 31/12/2022. 7) For any Query, please contact (All days except Sundays:1000 Hrs to 1600 Hrs Assistant Engineer (Civil), Mobile No.7005118514.

Disclaime This invitation for EOI is neither an agreement nor a tender for award of work. ii. The information provided in this EOI, are for guidance only, that briefs the nature of works involved in the construction of Foot over Bridge near JNC college junction

iii. The applicant shall bear cost of any kind, associated with the preparation and submission of their response towards this EOI. This shall also include cost of documentation/demonstrations//presentations/clarifications, as and when sought ou by PSCDCL, in reference to responses received against this EOI for construction o Foot over Bridge near JNC college junction Pasighat. PSCDCL shall not be liable ir any manner, whatsoever, for any of such costs incurred by the Applicants

throughout the process of EOI, by the applicant.

IV. PSCDCL also reserves the right to withhold or withdraw this process of EOI, at any stage. It shall not be liable in any way, whatsoever, for any loss, expense, o nage, of any kind, claimed to be incurred or suffered throughout the process of EOI, by the applicant. V. PSCDCL does not guarantee to proceed further beyond this EOI. The issue of

this EOI does not imply that PSCDCL is bound to select and shortlist(s) for the nex

stage or to enter into any agreement(s) with any applicant(s). Chief Executive Officer

DIPR/ARN/3210-13

Pasighat Smart City Development Corporation Limited Pasighat



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Further details in this regard can be seen at (https://govprocurement.delhi.gov.in) Sd/- (Rohan Jharkhariya) ISSUED BY P.R.O. (WATER) Advt. No. J.S.V. 430 (2022-23)) "STOP CORONA; WEAR MASK, FOLLOW PHYSICAL DISTANCING, MAINTAIN HAND HYGIENE AEE(T)

ई-प्रोक्योरमेंट सेल

पेयजल एवं स्वच्छता विभाग झारखण्ड, राँची

ई-प्रोक्योरमेंट अल्पकालीन निविदा (प्रथम आमंत्रण) (द्वितीय शुद्धि पत्र - PR No- 285630)

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1	वेबसाईट पर निविदा प्रकाशन की तिथि	From 03-01-2023, 4:00P.M	From 27-12-2022, 4:00P.M						
2	प्री–बीड बैठक का स्थान एवं तिथि	16.01.2023 / 04:00 PM अभियंता प्रमुख का कार्यालय, पेयजल एवं स्वच्छता विभाग, नेपाल हॉउस, डोरंडा, रॉंची	02.01.2023 / 04:00 PM अभियंता प्रमुख का कार्यालय, पेयजल एवं स्वच्छता विभाग, नेपाल हॉउस, डोरंडा, रॉर्च						
3	बिड प्राप्ति के लिए अन्तिम तिथि / समय	11-01-2023 up to 5:00P.M	04-01-2023 up to 5:00P.M						
4	निविदा की हार्ड कॉपी जमा करने की तिथि/समय/स्थान	19-01-2023up to 2:00P.M कार्यपालक अभियंता, पेयजल एवं स्वच्छता प्रमण्डल संख्या–02, धनबाद / अधीक्षण अभियंता, पेयजल एवं स्वच्छता अंचल, धनबाद /क्षेत्रीय मुख्य अभियंता, पेयजल एवं स्वच्छता विभाग दुमका प्रक्षेत्र, दुमका।	05-01-2023 up to 1:00 P.M —वही—						
5	निविदा प्राप्त बिड खोलने की निथि / समग	20-01-2023 up to 01:00 P.M	05-01-2023 up to 04:30 P.M						

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कार्यपालक अभियंता पेयजल एवं स्वच्छता प्रमण्डल संख्या-02, धनबाद



PIMPRI CHINCHWAD MUNICIPAL **CORPORATION, PIMPRI - 411018**



ENVIRONMENT DEPARTMENT NOTICE INVITING THE TENDER TENDER NO. PCMC/ENV./10/1/2022-23

1. RFP is hereby invited for the "Scientific Reclamation of Solid Waste Landfill through Bioremediation and Bio-mining of Legacy Waste at Moshi Waste Management Depot for PCMC" - Phase - II" from reputed bidders by Pimpri Chinchwad Municipal Corporation.

Name of the Work	EMD Security	Security Deposit	Period	Cost of Bid document
"Scientific Reclamation of Solid Waste Landfill through Bioremediation and Bio-mining of Legacy Waste at Moshi Waste Management Depot for PCMC" – Phase – II	43,12,500 (Forty Three Lakhs Twelve Thousand Five Hundred Only)	4,31,25,000 (Four Crores Thirty one Lakhs Twenty Five Thousand Only)	24 Months	Rs. 74,704/- (Rupees Seventy Four Thousand Seven hundred Four Only)

2. PCMC intends to Bio remediate and Bio-mining of 15 lakhs Cu.M of legacy waste in PCMC area.

i. The Bidder / Consortium who have completed similar nature of work such as processing of legacy waste through Bio-mining process of 2,00,000 MT/ CU.M anywhere in India in last 5 years and,

ii. Having an Average Annual Turnover of at least Rs. 26 (Twenty-Six Crores only) Crores in last 3 (three) financial years and positive Net Worth as on 31st March 2022

will be allowed to participate in the tender. 3. The Bidder shall provide proof of scientific disposal of waste/ RDF done in last 5

years. 4. The RFP documents are available on website https://www.mahatenders.gov.in to

the bidders with registered key. The RFP document will be uploaded on the website on 27/12/2022. The other details will be available on website during the period of Bid submission process. 5. Pre-bid meeting will be held on 04/01/2023 at 11:00 Hrs in 4th Floor PCMC Main

Building. 6. The Municipal Commissioner, PCMC reserves the right to accept or reject any or

all the Bids at any stage without giving any reasons.

7. Last date of submission of Bid is 20/01/2023 up to 15:00 Hrs. 8. Opening of Technical Bid on 24/01/2023 @ 15:00 Hrs. (If possible)

> Sign/-Shekhar Singh, I.A.S Municipal Commissioner, Pimpri Chinchwad Municipal Corporation

Ref.No.Paak/1/kavi/324/2022 Date - 23/12/2022

Adv.No. 396

Pimpri – 411018

Office of Executive Engineer Drinking Water & Sanitation Division, Hazaribag

Very Short Tender e-Procurement Notice

(1st Call) Tender reference:-HZB/JJM/SVS_Cluster/14/2022-23(1st Call) Date :- 24.12.2022

Name of Work-Construction of Cluster wise Single Village Water Supply Schemes based on Solar Energy Based Mini Rural Pipe Water Supply Schemes in different blocks of Hazaribag District which are not included in MVS/Other Schemes to supply water and house connection with 05 Years Operation and

Mai	ntenance works on "Turn Key Basis" I			ion, Hazariba			
Sl. No.	Group No	No of Panchayat	No of FHTC	Estimated Cost (in Lakhs)	E. M. Required (in Lakhs)	Cost Of BOQ (in Rs.)	Time of Completion
1	HZB/SVS_Cluster/ BARKAGAON- 15	01	1679	653.12	06.66	10,000.00	09 Montl
2	HZB/SVS_Cluster/ BARKAGAON- 16	02	1798	709.02	07.10	10,000.00	09 Mont
3	HZB/SVS_Cluster/ BARKAGAON- 17	03	2141	764.69	07.66	10,000.00	09 Mont
4	HZB/SVS_Cluster/ BARKAGAON- 18	02	1519	589.59	05.90	10,000.00	09 Mont
5	HZB/SVS_Cluster/ BARKAGAON-19	03	2030	766.83	07.70	10,000.00	09 Mont
6	HZB/SVS Cluster/ BARKATHA-20	02	1755	682.39	06.83	10,000.00	09 Mont
7	HZB/SVS Cluster/ BARKATHA-21	02	2696	983.88	09.84	10,000.00	09 Mont
8	HZB/SVS Cluster/ BARKATHA-22	01	1965	756.42	07.60	10,000.00	09 Mont
9	HZB/SVS Cluster/ BARKATHA-23	01	1324	525.14	05.30	10,000.00	09 Mont
10	HZB/SVS Cluster/ BARKATHA-24	02	2383	938.59	09.40	10,000.00	09 Mont
11	HZB/SVS Cluster/ BARKATHA-25	01	1413	556.69	05.60	10,000.00	09 Mont
12	HZB/SVS Cluster/ BARKATHA-26	01	1655	647.34	06.50	10,000.00	09 Mont
13	HZB/SVS Cluster/ BARKATHA-27	01	1704	667.19	06.70	10,000.00	09 Mont
14	HZB/SVS_Cluster/ BARKATHA-28	02	2398	943.89	09.44	10,000.00	09 Mont
15	HZB/SVS Cluster/ BARKATHA-29	01	1400	551.93	05.52	10,000.00	09 Mont
16	HZB/SVS_Cluster/ BARKATHA-30	01	1397	551.90	05.52	10,000.00	09 Mont
17	HZB/SVS Cluster/ BARKATHA-31	01	1331	523.55	05.24	10,000.00	09 Mont
18	HZB/SVS Cluster/ PADMA-36	01	1307	512.30	05.10	10,000.00	09 Mont
19	HZB/SVS_Cluster/ PADMA-37	01	1253	495.56	05.00	10,000.00	09 Mont
2.	Date of Tender uploading in website		Da	te:- 29.12.20	22 up to 02:	:00 PM	
3.	Last date receipt of Bid		Da	te:- 04.01.20	023 upto 05.	.00 PM	
Date: - 05.01.2023 upto 04.00 PM in the office of the Last date submission cost of BOQ 4. Last date submission cost of BOQ 2. Superintending Engineer, D.W.& S. Circle, Hazariba 2. Superintending Engineer, D.W.& S. Circle, Hazariba						aribag	
	and EMD (in hard copy)			בייים	,		

and EMD (in hard copy) 3. Regional Chief Engineer, D.W. & S. Department Ranchi Zone, Ranchi Date: - 06.01.2023 upto 03.00 PM Date of opening tender

Executive Engineer, Drinking Water & Sanitation Division, Name and address of office inviting Hazaribag tender Name and address of tender opening Executive Engineer, Drinking Water & Sanitation Division,

Contact no of e-procurement office 9. Helpline No. of e-procurement cell 0651-2480345 Estimated Cost & EMD Cost may be changed. Only Registered contractor in this department participate in said tender.

Further details can be seen on website- http://jharkhandtenders.gov.in

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FOURTH CALL SINCE WAR BEGAN

Modi, Zelenskyy talk 10 days after Putin spoke to PM

Zelenskyy seeks support on peace 'formula'; Modi calls for dialogue, says ready to support 'peace efforts'

SHUBHAJIT ROY NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 26

PRIME MINISTER Narendra Modi on Monday spoke to Ukraine's President Volodymyr Zelenskyy who sought India's support on the 10-point "peace formula" he had proposed on his US visit last week.

This is the fourth telephone conversation between Modi and Zelenskyy since February 24 when Russia invaded Ukraine.

After the phone conversation, Zelenskyy tweeted, "I had a phone call with @PMOIndia Narendra Modi and wished (for) a successful G-20 presidency. It was on this platform that I announced the peace formula and now I count on India's participation in its implementation. I also thanked for humanitarian aid and support in

His formula calls for with-



Ukraine President Volodymyr Zelenskyy speaks with PM Narendra Modi via phone, in Kyiv on Monday. Reuters

Ukraine, release of prisoners, restoration of Ukraine's territorial integrity and guarantees on nuclear safety, food and energy security.

Since February 24, New Delhi has provided 12 consignments, totalling 99.3 tonnes of humanitarian assistance, to Ukraine and neighbouring countries. These include medicines, blankets, tents, tarpaulin, medical equipment. CONTINUED ON PAGE 4

PRACHANDA TAKES

MINISTER OF NEPAL

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THE WORLD

IN CHINA

drawal of Russian troops from



RAHUL GANDHI AT VAJPAYEE'S MEMORIAL

Congress's Rahul Gandhi pays tribute to former PM Atal Bihari Vajpayee at his memorial in New Delhi on Monday. REPORT, PAGE 7

Concocted narratives created inferiority... need to be freed from this to progress: PM

NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 26

CONCOCTED NARRATIVES were taught in the country, which created a sense of inferiority among us," Prime Minister Narendra Modi said Monday marking the first Veer Bal Diwas in the Capital. "Any country with such a glorious history must be full of self-confidence and self-respect," he added.

He underlined what he called the need to be freed from "the narrow interpretation of the past in order to move forward."



PM Narendra Modi at Major **Dhyan Chand National** Stadium in Delhi. Praveen Khanna

Veer Bal Diwas: SGPC protests 'plot to undermine Sikh history'

KAMALDEEP SINGH BRAR

SPEAKING at the first 'Veer Bal Diwas' event Monday, Prime Minister Narendra Modi lauded the martyrdom of Guru Gobind Singh's sons Zorawar Singh and Fateh Singh as a fight of "liberalism" vs "communal violence", "spiritualism" vs "terrorism". He also linked the new name to his **CONTINUED ON PAGE 4**



Growing apprehension

EVER SINCE the parting of the BJP with the Akali Dal, which controls the SGPC, the Sikh body has been apprehensive of the central government's intentions regarding running of religious affairs of the community.

3-DAY CUSTODY

Videocon chief **Dhoot in CBI's Kochhar net for** the first time

'Ultimate beneficiary'; Videocon's outstanding still Rs 1,033 crore: CBI

SADAF MODAK & MAHENDER SINGH MANRAL

MUMBAI, NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 26

A CBI Court Monday granted three-day custody of Venugopal Dhoot, Chairman, Videocon Group, Chanda Kochhar, former Managing Director and CEO of ICICI Bank, and her husband Deepak Kochhar, to the Central Bureau of Investigation. The agency, which arrested Dhoot earlier during the day, produced him at the court along with the Kochhar couple who were arrested last Friday.

Noting the offence was serious, the court in its order said, ...to unearth real facts in respect of alleged offence, custodial interrogation of the accused is very important as they need to confront the newly arrested accused (Dhoot) who is also not cooperating like the present arrested accused (Kochhars)."

The bank and Chanda Kochhar have been under regulatory scrutiny after The Indian Express first reported on March 29, 2018, that Videocon's Dhoot provided crores of rupees to a firm he had set up with Deepak Kochhar and two relatives six



Venugopal Dhoot was arrested in Mumbai on Monday. Ganesh Shirsekar

months after his firm got a Rs 3,250 crore loan from ICICI Bank in 2012.

In 2019, the CBI had lodged an FIR against the Kochhar couple, Dhoot and firms, including Nupower Renewables and Videocon Industries, for allegedly cheating ICICI Bank of Rs 1,730 crore until March 2012. The case was filed under sections of the Indian Penal Code and the Prevention of Corruption Act. The agency has also added Section 409 (criminal breach of trust by a public servant) of the IPC in the case after their arrest, which has a maximum punishment of life imprisonment.

In its FIR, the CBI had also named Supreme Energy Pvt Ltd. International **CONTINUED ON PAGE 4**

Travel sector flying again, domestic air passenger number tops pre-Covid high

Interest in Northeast destinations, spiritual tourism among new trends spotted

MIHIR MISHRA

NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 26

INDIANS ARE planning to ring in the new year away from home, with the demand for domestic air travel double the pre-pandemic level of 2019 aided by a surge in interest from youth and the return of group travel, according to key players in the sector.

The high domestic demand comes despite record airfares,

BY UNNY



High domestic demand comes despite record fares. Tashi Tobgyal

Surgeries, little compensation, lengthy

cases: 6 acid attack victims speak up

soaring hotel tariffs and high inflation that has led to an increase in the cost of living. It has also led highest-ever domestic air passenger number of 4,35,500 in a day on December 24, breaching the pre-Covid high of 4,20,000 the highest passenger traffic recorded on a day in 2019, in December that year.

The rise in numbers even led to complaints recently of key CONTINUED ON PAGE 4

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JIGNASA SINHA

NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 26

NO ARREST in one case, the ac-

cused out on bail in two others.

and arduous fights for justice in

the rest — for victims of acid at-

tacks in the capital, the crime is

only the start of a long and finan-

cially crippling journey. A week

after a 17-year-old girl was at-

tacked with acid in Delhi's

Dwarka, by a man whose ad-

vances she had rejected, The

Indian Express spoke to six acid

attack victims on their road to

justice, paved with dozens of ex-

In setback for KCR, HC transfers 'MLA poaching' case to CBI, disbands SIT

SREENIVAS JANYALA HYDERABAD, DECEMBER 26

IN A setback for Chief Minister K Chandrashekar Rao and his party, the Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS), earlier known as Telangana Rashtra Samithi (TRS), the Telangana High Court on Monday transferred the probe into the alleged conspiracy to poach four

ruling BRS MLAs to the CBI.

The single-judge bench of Justice B Vijaysen Reddy also disbanded the Special Investigation Team (SIT) set up by the state government to probe the case, and directed the SIT members not to carry out any further investigations.

The SIT had named BJP national general secretary B L Santhosh among four "persons

of interest" in the case, and sought to question him. The SIT sought to name him as an accused, but an anti-corruption

court had declined permission. On October 26 night, the Cyberabad police had arrested three persons, Ramachandra Bharati alias Satish Sharma, K Nanda Kumar and Simhayaji

Swami, during a raid at a **CONTINUED ON PAGE 4**

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in Delhi's Kailash Colony.

Anu and her brother lost their parents when they were aunt's home to earn for themselves. She took up a job as a dancer at a hotel in Jangpura. "It was December 2004. I was leaving home when my colleague and her male friend poured a bottle of acid on me over a petty fight at work. I was in the ICU for three months," said Anu. In the last 18 years, she has

undergone 22 surgeries in Delhi

(From left) Anu Mukherjee, Bimla Rautela, Chandrahas, Mohini, Renu Sharma and Shaheena

teenagers, and the two left their and Mumbai, which cost her Rs 50 lakh. Her family said they received just Rs 2 lakh as compensation from the government.

Over the past five years, there have been 46 acid attack cases in the national capital. As per the Centre's guidelines, victims are entitled to a minimum of Rs 3 lakh. In case of disfigurement of face or vital organs, the amount **CONTINUED ON PAGE 4**



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Rijiju: Under Modi govt, Constitution pious book

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 26

THERE ARE no two ways about following the Constitution, said Union Minister for Law and Justice Kiren Rijiju while referring to Opposition's allegations that the "Narendra Modi government is undermining the judiciary'

He said since Modi took over as the Prime Minister, the Constitution is considered a "pious book" when it comes to running the country. "For this government, judges should be committed to the country and not the executive," said the

Rijiju was speaking at the 16th National Conference of the Adhivakta Parishad, the lawyers' wing of the Rashtriya Swayam Sewak Sangh, at Kurukshetra

even if they are not elected by the people.

not open to a public vote but there is indeed public scrutiny. Social media is open for everyone and how can anyone avoid it?" Rijiju said.

that he will stand public scrutiny and works accordingly, it will help the judge even when delivering a judgment," he said.

Supreme Court," Rijiju said.

appointment of judges, the

minister said that judges must be answerable to the public

Whatever a judge does is

"If a judge also understands

The minister also said that 'issues of communication" have been propped up by the media between him and the judiciary. "A few days ago, I was asked a question in Parliament about judges taking vacations on a whim, pending cases despite all the facilities provided and courts not allowing laws made by Parliament. I answered that question and the next day newspapers ran a headline that the law minister criticised the

Rs 1,033 crore against Videocon. The agency has claimed that

part of. The CBI called Dhoot 'the

ultimate beneficiary' of the loan

and claimed there was still an out-

standing amount from the loan of

government's efforts to break

India free of the "inferiority

complex" it suffered from.

Modi's statement came a day

after the SGPC issued a state-

ment opposing the govern-

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the Sikhs to be aware of "the

conspiracy to undermine Sikh

on the path of concocting Sikh

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"The Government of India is

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Gurdwara

Electronics Ltd (VIEL) and unbetween June 2009 and October known public servants as accused. 2011, ICICI Bank had sanctioned It alleged that "the accused term loans (Rupee Term Loans or (Chanda Kochhar) sanctioned cer-RTLs) of Rs 1,875 crore to six comtain loans to private companies in panies of the Videocon Group. "...it a criminal conspiracy with other is further alleged that on 26.04,2012, the existing outstand-

On Monday, A Limosin, Special ing of the six RTL accounts were Public Prosecutor for the CBI, adjusted in RTL of Rs 1,730 crore, sought a three-day custody of the sanctioned to VIL (Videocon Kochhar couple and Dhoot and Industries Limited) under refisaid the investigators wanted nance of domestic debt. The account of VIL was declared NPA them to confront each other. He said the agency was investigating with effect from 30.06.2017. Present outstanding in the account wrongful loss caused to ICICI Bank to the tune of Rs 1,730 crore in is Rs 1,033 crore," the CBI remand transactions of six loans sanc-Opposing the remand plea, tioned to the Videocon Group between 2009 and 2011, including lawyers for Kocchars submitted two by a sanctioning committee that the loan amount in the transof which Chanda Kochhar was a actions in question were repaid

"The FIR was filed by the CBI in 2019. Deepak Kochhar was arrested by the Enforcement Directorate and spent six months in jail before being granted bail by

the Bombay High Court. The

India is a mischievous conspir-

acy to undermine the greatest

martyrdom and valuable her-

itage in the world's religious his-

tory," Harjinder Singh Dhami,

the president of the SGPC

Parbandhak Committee), said.

The Akal Takht, the highest tem-

poral body of the Sikhs, is also

opposed to the government's

initiative and passed a resolu-

tion earlier this year seeking that

the day be celebrated as the

killing of four "Sahibzadas" of

the Tenth Sikh Guru, Gobind

Singh, Both the Akal Takht and

SGPC argue that "limiting" the

martyrdom of the Sahibzadas

December 26 marks the

Sahibzade Shahadat Diwas.

Veer Bal Diwas: SGPC protests 'plot to undermine Sikh history'

Gurdwara

Supreme Court said it did not want to interfere in the High Court order. The CBI maintained a silence for so many years and it is most unfortunate the agency has arrested them (Kochhars) when their only son's marriage is fixed for January 15. This is inhuman," said Vikram Chaudhri, the lawyer representing the Kochhar couple, opposing the CBI remand plea. Chaudhri and lawyer Amit

Desai representing the Kochhars also submitted that no interrogation had taken place in the past two days while the two were in CBI custody. "Deepak Kochhar had carried 2,500 pages of documents anticipating the questions they would be asked as they were summoned on Friday by the CBI. Chanda Kochhar had carried notes on the functioning of the bank. They were not asked to submit any papers. This shows there was a preconceived intent to arrest them

without any interrogation and

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In Sikh history, the

Sahibzadas are given the title of

'Baba', and the SGPC has said

that any nomenclature of the

day must be in keeping with

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Responding to claims of the

SGPC, BJP leader and former DS-

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then claim they were not cooperating," Desai submitted. He also said the loans in question were repaid in 2012, much before the FIR was filed.

Dhoot's lawyer SS Ladda submitted the loans were repaid and that he had cooperated with the probe by remaining present before the CBI on December 22. "When he was summoned again last week, he had himself written to the CBI that he had health issues and would appear before the agency on Monday. Today, he took a flight from Aurangabad and went to the agency and he was arrested," Dhoot's lawyer said.

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 cent of the Rs 3,250 crore loan (Rs 2,810 crore) remained unpaid. The Videocon account was declared an NPA in 2017.

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Sahib, we'll let facts speak!"

• PM: Concocted narratives...

That's why the country has pledged to remove all traces of "slave mentality" during the Azadi ka Amrit Kaal, he said.

Modi said that wherever there were faces of cruelty, these were overshadowed by the character of heroes, "The Mughals possessed an army of millions, while the Veer Sahibzaade of Guru (the two martyred children) were armed with courage. They did not bow down to the Mughals even though they were alone. This is when the Mughals walled them alive," he said addressing the gathering at Major Dhyan Chand Stadium.

On January 9 this year, on the day of the Prakash Purab (birth anniversary) of the Sikh Guru Gobind Singh, the Prime Minister had announced that December 26 would be observed every year as "Veer Bal Diwas," to mark the martyrdom of the 10th Guru's young sons Baba Zorawar Singh and Baba Fateh Singh.

"Vishwa ka hazaaron varshon ka itihaas kroorta ke ek se ek khaufnaak adhyaayon se bhara hai (the history of the world is replete with horrific chapters)," the PM said, referring to events that led to the sacrifice of the young sons at the hands of the Mughals.

"But it is also true that whatever happened in Chamkaur and the battle of Sirhind was unprecedented," he said, adding, "On the one hand was religious fundamentalism and the entire Mughal empire blinded with fundamentalism, and, on the other hand, were our guru our Gurus, teeming with the power of knowledge and penance, and India's ancient value system (ek or dharmik kattarta aur us kattarta mein andhi itni badi Mughal sultanat, aur doosri or, gyaan aur

Modi, Zelenskyy talk 10 days after Putin spoke to PM

tapasya mein tape huye hamare guru, Bharat ke pracheen manveeya mulyon ko jeene wali parampara)." "Ek or aatank ki parakashtha

to doosri or adhyatam ka sheersh; ek or mazhabi unmad, to doosri or sab mein ishwar dekhne wali udaarta (on the one hand, ultimate terror, and on the other, the pinnacle of spirituality; one side was marked by religious frenzy, the other by a generosity of seeing god in every human being,' he remarked.

And all this is not thousands of years old, to have been blurred with the passage of time, but happened on this very soil, not more than three centuries ago, the PM said.

The event, organised by the Ministry of Culture, was also attended by Union Ministers Hardeep Puri, Meenakshi Lekhi and Arjun Meghwal; Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann; Maharashtra Chief Minister Eknath Shinde and functionaries of the Delhi Sikh Gurdwara

Management Committee. Recalling the solemn tradition of observing the shahidi week throughout the state, Mann said: "It is the time to reminisce about the ultimate sacrifice and remind coming generations that such sacrifices were done at the ages of nine

Shinde built on the shared Sikh history and heritage of Punjab and Maharashtra. "Brave souls, saints, patriots and revolutionaries have been born on the soil of both states," he said, citing Bhagat Singh who was born in Punjab and Rajguru in Maharashtra. "The samadhi of Guru Gobind Singh ji is in Nanded, Guru Nanak had also come to Nanded, while Namdeo the saint from Maharashtra, had visited Puniab." he said.

University in Haryana. Defending his earlier criticism of the collegium system of

Assam Cong MLA detained over eviction drive protest

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AGARTALA, DECEMBER 26

AROUND 40 families were evicted from Kanara Satra, in lower Assam's Barpeta district, on Monday as part of an eviction drive to free public land of alleged illegal encroachment, even as an MLA from the Opposition Congress, who protested and called for rehabilitation of those evicted, was detained.

This comes a week after a maior eviction drive to free public land from alleged encroachers at Batadrava Than in Nagaon district.

A senior police officer told *The* Indian Express that 400-bigha land was encroached in Kanara Satra many years ago. "Approximately 400 people were evicted today," the officer said. "Between 45 and 60 structures, all of them semi-

permanent, were demolished. There was no resistance from those evicted; the whole process was carried out peacefully. Satra is a form of Hindu

Vaishnavite monastery. According to officials, the al-

leged encroachers were given prior notice and were told that they were illegally occupying government land. Congress MLA from Baghbor

ssembly constituency. Sherman Ali, was detained from the spot after he staged a protest, demanding rehabilitation of those evicted.

Before he was detained and taken to the local police station, Ali told the media, "The government must stop evictions without giving suitable rehabilitation to eviction victims. I demand that these people be rehabilitated within one month.'

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Travel sector flying again

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airports being choked, prompting an intervention by Civil Aviation Minister Jyotiraditya Scindia and Government agencies during the second week of the month. The congestion at airports has eased since then.

The demand is not just for domestic but also short-haul international destinations that offer ease of travel, including easier visa entry rules.

"A combination of unspent leave, pent up demand and positive sentiment is fueling our domestic demand this season - surpassing pre-pandemic demand by over 110 per cent. Besides the family segment, we are witnessing strong

demand from couples — honeymooners and India's young professionals/millennials – resulting in a drop of average consumer age by approximately 10 years," said Rajeev Kale, president & country head for holidays at Thomas Cook India.

The trend, however, is not as promising with respect to inbound tourists — foreigners choosing India for leisure trips. Inbound tourists are only about 30-35 per cent of pre-pandemic numbers, according to Ajay Prakash, president, Travel Agents Federation of India.

In the domestic sector, meanwhile, favourites like Goa, Kashmir, Rajasthan, Kerala and

the Andamans continue to attract tourists. At the same time, travel portals have seen interest growing for the Northeast and spiritual tourism to Varanasi, Prayagraj, Puri, Vaishnodevi, Ujjain and Tirupati, according to data shared by travel service providers like Cleartrip and Thomas Cook.

SOTC Travel says they have registered a growth of 85 per cent for spiritual travel over the pre-pandemic period primarily with younger consumers showing interest. This year is also witnessing a return of people travelling in groups, which had dipped during the pandemic.

Confirming the phone call, the his best wishes for India's Prime Minister's Office in New Delhi said. "The leaders exchanged views about the ongoing conflict

in Ukraine. Prime Minister Modi strongly reiterated his call for an immediate cessation of hostilities, and said that both sides should revert to dialogue and diplomacy to find a lasting solution to their differences."

"Prime Minister also conveyed India's support for any peace efforts, and assured India's commitment to continue providing humanitarian assistance for (the) affected civilian population," the statement said. The PMO statement said that

the Ukrainian President "conveved

Presidency of the G20". "Prime Minister explained the main priorities of India's G20 Presidency, including giving a voice to the concerns of developing nations on issues like food and energy security", it said. It added: "The two leaders discussed opportunities for strengthening bilateral cooperation. (The) Prime Minister requested Ukraine authorities to facilitate arrangements for the continued education of Indian stu-

dents who had to return from Ukraine earlier this year." About 20,000 Indian students returned from Ukraine this year.

The Zelenskyy-Modi phone call came 10 days after Russian

President Vladimir Putin spoke to Modi and discussed the situation in Ukraine and India-Russia bilateral ties. This was their fifth phone conversation this year since the Russian invasion of Ukraine.

Prime Minister Modi did not go to Russia for the annual summit this year.

While the Indian government's statement had said that Modi reiterated his call for "dialogue and diplomacy as the only way forward" the Kremlin's statement did not make any mention of this, and instead said that "at the request of Narendra Modi, Vladimir Putin gave fundamental assessments of Russia's line on the Ukrainian direction".

• Dozens of surgeries, inadequate relief, lengthy court cases: Six acid attack victims speak up

can be extended to Rs 8-9 lakh. "It took me six years and sev-

eral court visits to even send the accused to prison," she said. The accused, Meena and Qauib, were sentenced to life imprisonment only in 2016.

In an advisory on expediting cases of acid attacks on women, dated 2015, the Ministry of Home Affairs wrote: "The issue of apprehending the culprits and fast tracking of justice needs to be seriously considered. The whole objective of providing stringent punishment provisions... is to increase the deterrent value against the perpetrators of the crimes. Hence, it is requested that the States/UTs must take proactive measures to expedite investigation, trial of the acid attack cases and bring them under a definite time frame.

Seventeen years ago, 37-yearold Renu Sharma, a resident of Ashok Nagar, was attacked by her tenant Yashpal. The two had been in an argument over the man's lifestyle. "I sustained over 48% burn injuries. To date, my skin feels itchy and my neck hurts," she said. In the

last 17 years, Renu has undergone 18 surgeries, each costing Rs 1-3 lakh. She has lost her eyesight. From the government, she received Rs 7 lakh in compensation.

"I had dreams. I wanted to get married and have kids. My father had to sell our house and take loans. My relatives blamed me and said I was having an affair with the accused." she said. Officials said Yashpal was given a life sentence in 2008. "I approached the court to get a decent job so I could repay the loans. In 2018, the Delhi High Court directed authorities to provide me but it took two years," she said.

attacked with acid in 2005 by a man whose proposal she had resentence in 2010.

with a job within three months, Mohini, 39, from Delhi's Geeta Colony had a similar experience of relatives disowning her. "I became an outcast," said Mohini, who was

iected. The accused was sent to prison and completed his five-year "My neighbours blamed me and said, 'taali ek haath se nahi baiti'. I used to cover my face all the

time; I was ashamed. I'm glad

things are different now — my husband supports me and has given me the confidence not to hide my face," said Mohini, who sustained 38% burn injuries and has spent over Rs 25 lakh in treatment. She now works with Delhi State Legal Services Authority and supports her family.

Shaheena, 36, from Northeast Delhi had to wait for four years for the court to award life sentence to the three men who attacked her with acid in 2009. "Aman named Waliuddin had

approached my family for my hand in marriage, but my parents said no. He threatened me. but I thought he would stop soon. He didn't. They attacked me when I was leaving home," said Shaheena. She sustained over 40% burn

injuries. It took four years to convict the accused. In the meantime. Shaheena's parents had to pay almost Rs 25 lakh for 19 surgeries. She received a compensation of Rs 5 lakh after a plea in court in 2016.

"We received money after seven years. Does anyone even care? In the meantime, my mother fell sick and we had to stop my surgeries. I was going to get married but I live with my parents now. I also left my job as a school teacher,"

For many, there's still no closure. Bimla Rautela (40) from Dwarka said her attackers were never identified.

In 2010, she and her husband had shifted to a new house with their two-vear-old son when she was attacked by an unknown man. "I wish I knew who it was. I was standing outside my house when someone ran towards me and attacked me with acid. My eves, neck and ears were damaged. Our family never supported me financially or emotionally. I also lost my job at a salon," said Bimla, who sustained 67% burn injuries and got over a dozen surgeries done.

"My husband spent Rs 20-25 lakh on my treatment. The government only gave us Rs 7 lakh," said Bimla, who said she withdrew her complaint after half a year because the police allegedly started harassing her family. She now works with an NGO to train as a hairdresser and wants to open her own salon.

While most of the victims are women, 40-year-old Chandrahas, who was attacked in 2011, stands as an exception. He was 29 when a group of men threw acid on him after he scolded one of them for harassing a girl. "I was just objecting to the molestation. I sustained over 40% burn injuries and had 25 surgeries. My eyes, ears, nose, neck and backwere injured. Neither the government nor any NGO helped me. Most people think only women survivors need help," said Chandrahas, who used to be a businessman and now works for acid attack survivors.

He said he became the target of mockery as many would say such incidents only happen to women. His family paid over Rs 35 lakh for the surgery but received Rs 1 lakh compensation since the incident was termed "accidental".

The accused was arrested the same year but came out on bail in six months. "He got married and moved on, My life came to a standstill." Chandrahas said.

Telangana HC

farmhouse in Moinabad, on the outskirts of Hyderabad. According to police, the trio were affiliated with the BJP and had allegedly offered bribes to four BRS MLAs to switch sides. Police said the BRS MLA from Tandur, PRohith Reddy, had alerted them that the trio had offered him Rs 100 crore to join the BJP and had set up a meeting at the farmhouse. Reddy alleged that the accused had asked him to bring three other BRS MLAs - Rega Kantha Rao, B Harshvardhan Reddy and Guvvala Balaraju — and said they were ready to offer Rs 50 crore to each MLA to join the BJP. The BIP denied that the trio

were party members. In video and audio clips re-

eased by Chief Minister Rao, three men, purportedly the three accused, were heard talking about 'Santosh". It was, however, not clear if the person being referred towas BLSanthosh. On November 21, the Supreme Court had asked the Telangana HC to consider the writ petitions filed by the three accused seeking transfer of the probe to the CBI.

Harassed by man he met on app & his friends, DU student jumps off 4th floor to escape

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20-YEAR-OLD Delhi University student jumped off the fourth floor of a building to escape a group of men who were allegedly harassing him over his sexual orientation and demanding money. The incident took place at a hostel in Northwest Delhi on December 21. Police said the victim had gone to meet a man whom he met on a dating app, but was allegedly thrashed by him and two-three other men.

Police said the student sustained head injuries in the fall. Police said two of the accused. aged 18 and 22, have been arrested while raids are on to arrest the others. All the accused are students preparing for SSC

A senior officer said: "The victim and one of the accused met on a dating and live-chat app. The accused created a pro-

Police said the student sustained head injuries in the fall. Police said two of the accused, aged 18 and 22, have been arrested while raids are on to arrest the others

file to trap gay men and take their money. The accused thought the victim wouldn't report them to the police. We are checking with the app to see if they targeted others.

Police said they received a PCR call wherein the caller said a boy had fallen from the building and was lying in a pool of

blood. The officer said, "We conducted an enquiry and found that the student jumped off the fourth floor around 2.45 am. He had gone to the building to meet

online for some time. When he (the victim) got there, the accused surrounded him and harassed him over his sexual orientation. They ganged up on him and demanded money. We have been told the accused also thrashed him. The student panicked and tried escaping from the building but they were blocking his way. Fearing that his life was in danger, he jumped off the building."

The victim is a second-year student at a North Campus college and stays in a paying guest accommodation. He named three of the accused in his complaint and an FIR was lodged against them

The student was admitted to a local hospital for treatment before he was referred to Lok Nayak hospital due to his head injuries. Police said he was later discharged.

Police said the arrested accused live in Haryana's Rohtak and Bhiwani districts.

Audio clip emerges of Aaftab-Shraddha fight, cops record his voice sample

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 26

AAFTAB POONAWALA, who is in judicial custody for allegedly killing his live-in partner Shraddha Walkar, was Monday taken to the CBI's forensic lab to record his voice sample after police came across an audio clip in which he was purportedly heard fighting with the victim.

"We have recovered an old recording in which the accused and the deceased are heard fighting... he is heard shouting and threatening her. Poonawala's sample has been recorded and will be matched with the clip. This will show the relationship between the accused and deceased and the motive behind the incident. We will test the samples (taken from Poonawala)

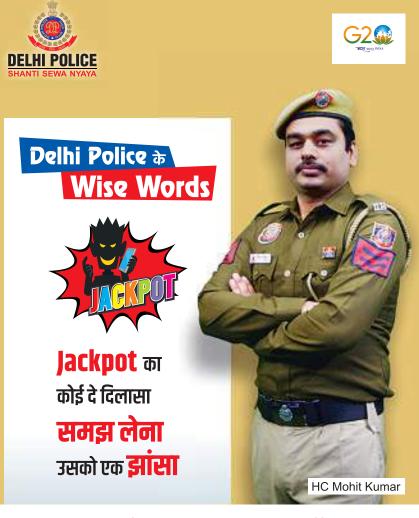
at the CFSL," said a source. Last Friday, police submitted a plea in court to conduct the test which was approved.

Police sources also said they recovered a purported video from the phone of a witness in Mumbai, which shows the accused being "counselled" by a person known to him about his relationship with the deceased.

"We are checking the veracity of the video and will question Poonawala about the informal counselling," added the source.

The crime took place in May. Police said Aaftab had allegedly killed his partner, chopped her body into multiple pieces before dumping them in the Mehrauli forest. Police officers said they have recovered bones from the forest which match Walkar's father's DNA.

Police said blood traces and samples taken from Poonawala's Mehrauli flat from the bathroom and kitchen floor - also match Walkar's father's blood sample.



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(Authorised Officer)

It's official: BJP to contest mayoral polls

GAYATHRI MANI NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 26

LAYING ALL speculation to rest, the BIP has announced that it will contest the MCD mayoral elections. The party will contest all posts - mayor, deputy mayor, standing committee — said state unit working president Virendra

The Indian Express had reported Saturday that the BJP is likely to contest the house polls.

Sachdeva said, "We will contest the elections in the best way and win... Everything in the BJP is decided after discussions and directions will come from senior leaders. The names will be announced tomorrow and selected candidates will file their nomination at the MCD headquarters."

Meanwhile, an independent councillor who won from ward no 35 (Mundka), Gajendra Daral, joined the BIP. With this, the BIP now has a total 105 seats/councillors. Sources in the BJP said the two other independent candidates are also rebel leaders from the party and might join as well.

On Monday, AAP's mayor and deputy mayor candidates Shelly Oberoi and Aaley Muhammad Igbal and four councillors picked for the standing committee posts filed their nominations at the Civic Centre in the presence of AAP MLAs Saurabh Bhardwaj, Durgesh Pathak and Atishi. They said all nominations have been

Atishi said, "We just hope that the BJP does not fire its guns from the shoulders of any independent candidate.





HARYANA SHEHRI VIKAS PRADHIKARAN



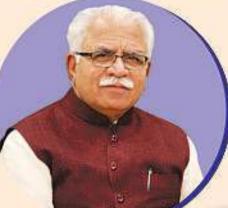


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BRIEFLY -

Bird carrying wire disrupts **Metro services** on Pink Line

New Delhi: Train services between Maujpur and Shiv Vihar on the Delhi Metro's Pink Line were hit on Monday for over an hour, between 11.15 am and 12.35 pm, after a bird dropped a scrap metal wire on the overhead equipment, causing a short circuit. Single-line services were maintained through the up line when repair was underway, according to the Delhi Metro Rail Corporation (DMRC).

Scammers run credit card fraud from posh hotels

Gurgaon: Six people were arrested by Gurgaon Police for allegedly duping credit card holders on the pretext of redeeming bonus points on cards. Police said 10 mobile phones and a tablet were also recovered from their possession. According to police, the accused used to operate from 3-star and 5-star hotel rooms in the city.

Man sets car on fire, it spreads to 19 vehicles

New Delhi: Twenty cars parked at a multi-level parking space in Subhash Nagar were gutted after a fire broke out at the facility Monday. Police said a 23-year-old man was arrested for allegedly setting one of the cars on fire to take revenge on its owner but the fire spread to other cars. ENS



On Monday, the maximum temperature in Delhi was 15.6 degrees Celsius and the minimum was 5 degrees. Praveen Khanna

POWER DEMAND PEAKS IN CITY

Brrr! Delhi is colder than Dharamshala, Dehradun

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 26

DELHI ON Monday was colder Dharamshala

At Safdarjung, which is Delhi's official observatory, the maximum temperature was 15.6 degrees Celsius, six degrees below normal, and the minimum was recorded as 5 degrees Celsius, three degrees below normal.

The temperature in Dharamshala was 18 degrees and 5.4 degrees Celsius, while that in Dehradun was 23.2 and 7.8 degrees Celsius.

The Ghaziabad district magistrate, meanwhile, ordered all schools from classes I to VIII to alter their timings. Schools have been directed to open from 10 am to 3 pm. They usually open

CAPITAL SHIVERS

TEMPERATURE ON MONDAY

Safdarjung (Delhi	i) 15.6	5		
Gurgaon	11.7	5.6		E
Noida	14	6.8		
Jafarpur (Delhi)	11	4.2	. }	
Dharamshala	18	5.4		*
Dehradun	23.2	7.8		
POWER DEM	AND IN I	РЕСЕМВ	ER(MW))
2019				5,245
2020				4,671
2021				4 722

Other parts of Delhi NCR were colder. Gurgaon recorded a maximum temperature of 11.7 degrees Celsius and a minimum of 5.6 degrees.

2022

In Noida, the day temperature dipped to 14 degrees

Cold wave conditions have gripped Northwest India over

the past two days, with dense fog witnessed across several parts of Punjab, Haryana and Rajasthan. Delhi was shrouded in dense fog in the morning, with the visibility at the Palam airport dipping to 50 metre at 5.30 am.

Cold winds from the northwest are responsible for the cold wave, and it is expected to last for another two days in the re-

Delhi is expected to see dense fog on Tuesday morning, with the maximum and minimum temperature expected to be in the range of 17 and 6 degrees Celsius.

On Sunday, Delhi's minimum temperature was recorded as 5.3 degrees and maximum at 16.2

Meanwhile, as heaters and blowers came out to deal with the cold in Delhi, the power demand rose.

The peak power demand at

10.22 am touched 4,803 MW, highest of the season so far and also higher than those recorded in December of 2021 and 2020. In 2019, when Delhi had recorded the coldest December day since 1901, the demand in December had touched 5,245

The city's peak power demand for the winter months is expected to rise to 5,500 MW this year. This would be the highest ever in winter months.

According to BSES officials, green power will be instrumental in meeting the power demand. The power discom is currently receiving 840 MW of solar power from SECI, 439 MW of wind power, and around 25 MW from Waste-to Energy plants, along with 127 MW from rooftop solar power plants in South, West, East and Central Delhi, This is in addition to hydro power and gas fuelled generating stations.

2 elephant statues will welcome G20 delegates next year

GAYATHRI MANI

AFTER THE 'Make in India' lion statues, the Public Works Department (PWD) is planning to install two 15-foot-tall statues of elephants at the entrance of the airport road as part of the infrastructure makeover for the G-20 summit next September.

"We are planning to install two statues, each 15 feet tall, at the airport road - one at the tunnel between the airport and Mehram Nagar and the other on a traffic island on the same stretch. These will be made of pink sandstone. It will be a welcoming sign for foreign dignitaries who will be visiting the country for the summit," said a senior PWD official.

Officials said tenders have been floated for their installation. The estimated cost of these statues is approximately Rs 60 lakh. "Once tender process is completed and a contractor is hired, statues will be made and installed in three months," said the official.

The department has installed the lion statues at two locations and more will come up at six traffic signals and islands.

The PWD is also planning to revamp some roads that were redeveloped during the 2010 Commonwealth Games.

"A four-lane flyway connecting Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium and games village in East Delhi was constructed and several roads connecting stadiums such as JLN, Indira Gandhi Stadium, and R K Khanna stadium, were revamped... Some of these roads, such as DDU Marg, Vikas Marg, Rajghat and ITO, were redeveloped and are being maintained... But the problem is they were not redeveloped in a detailed manner," said a senior PWD official.

"Also, some stretches are key points connecting Pragati Maidan, where the summit will take place, and others are situated in New and South Delhi. Under the PWD streetscaping project, these roads will be redeveloped uniformly. There will be footpaths, synthetic carpeted roads, greenery, open areas with street furniture and a separate parking area," said the official.

The four-lane Barapullah road (phase-1), Pusa Road, Shankar Road, Ring Road, Mathura Road, and roads around the Pragati Maidan integrated corridor are

Alcohol companies write to govt: Some are being favoured

MALLICA JOSHI & GAYATHRI MANI NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 26

PROMINENT LIQUOR manufacturers have alleged that orders for their brands have been stopped in liquor shops run by Delhi's tourism department, which account for nearly a third of sales. The Confederation of Indian Alcoholic Beverage Companies (CIABC) wrote to the managing director and CEO of the Delhi Tourism and Transport Development Corporation seeking an appointment to discuss

CIABC includes manufacturs such as Radico Khaitan Ltd, Allied Blender & Distillers Pvt Ltd. Mohan Meakin Ltd. AlcoBrew Distilleries Pvt Ltd, Devans Modern Breweries Ltd and Sula Vineyards Pvt Ltd.

"We have been informed that since early December, orders for supply for many brands of our member companies have been stopped... only a select few brands have been categorised as 'popular' and orders for supply are being given for only these brands. It shall be pertinent to note that the current excise policy commenced on 1 September 2022 and it is unfair to categorise only a select few brands, within a very short period of time, as 'popular' and then stop orders without any intimation or notice to supplier companies. This has disrupted the business of supplier companies...," reads the letter, written by Vinod Giri, director-general of the CIABC.

"We also wish to bring to your urgent notice that companies have paid full year fees, even for the truncated seven months period of the excise policy in force," Giri wrote. The letter has also been sent to Delhi government's excise and finance de-

While DTTDC officials said they were aware of the matter and a solution would be found soon, senior excise department officials called the move "normal course correction".

"We checked with the DTTDC and found that no brand is being stopped and it is normal course correction. Analysis of four months was done and it was found that some suppliers were pushing their brands because of which other licensees were facing losses. For example, if a customer at a shop is asking for a particular brand, staff at the shop will tell you that the brand is not available and will suggest another one... Such activities were stopped and course correction

"We think that such pre-determination is a form of brand pushing, distorts competitive field unfairly, stifles innovation, and works against the emerging products and new launches, Giri told The Indian Express.

has been done, said the official.

"We have been told that an emerging quality Gin brand Terai is not being ordered despite being registered. Sula has 24 brands registered, but orders are being given only for four. Allied Blenders & Distillers has five brands registered, but orders are being placed only for Officers Choice Blue, brands like Sterling Reserve and even Officers Choice, India's highest selling whiskey, are not on the list. Delhi market is already in turbulent flux, such inexplicable moves by the largest retailer just add to it for no obvious reason," he said.

Decisions revolving around Delhi's liquor policy over the past year and a half are now under the scrutiny of the CBI and the ED, following allegations of corruption. A new policy was put in place and only the government was allowed to open liquor stores, pushing the private sector out entirely.

Car with 'district judge' sticker runs over delivery exec

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NOIDA, DECEMBER 26

A 27-YEAR-OLD food delivery executive was killed after a car. which bore a sticker marked "district judge", allegedly rammed into his motorcycle in the early hours of Monday morning.

ACP 3 Susheel Kumar said they have arrested the driver, Sovab Mishra, who is a friend of the judge's son. Police said he had fled after the incident.

According to officials in the district administration, the car belonged to a principal judge of the family court, who is a district judge cadre officer. The victim, Parvinder

Kumar from Bulandshahr, was a delivery executive of Zomato. The incident took place around 1.30 am while he was near the U-turn leading to Parthala roundabout. Passersby rushed him to Yatharth Hospital in Greater Noida, where he died

ACP 3 Susheel Kumar said they have arrested the driver, Soyab Mishra, who is a friend of the judge's son.

of his injuries. The body has been sent for post-mortem and his family has been informed. "The sector 113 police sta-

tion officials were alerted around 1.30 am about a road crash near a U-turn between Ek Murti roundabout and Parthala roundabout. A car had hit a biker, who was then taken to the Yatharth hospital for treatment," a spokesperson said.

Police filed an FIR under IPC sections relating to damage over Rs 50, causing death by negligence, as well as rash driving. Police said the car, a Toyota Corolla, has been seized.

(with PTI inputs)

Govt school teachers to be deployed at IGIA to enforce Covid protocol

ment has deployed around 39 teachers and staff from government schools at IGI Airport from December 31 to January 15 next year to ensure Covid protocol is followed. Schools are closed for

The order was issued by Asheesh Kumar, SDM District Disaster Management Authority. The order stated that any non-

Ajay Veer Yadav, general secretary of the Government School Teachers' Association, hit out at the order: "In the name of Covid and without any emergency and shortage of staff, teachers are being considered as reserve battalions. Putting them on duty at the airport is harassment and humiliation. The state school teachers association opposes this. We demand action from the L-G to withdraw this order." When con-

New Delhi: The Delhi governwinter break during this period.

compliance will attract action.

tacted, Amit Singla, Principal Secretary (Health), remained un-

available for comment. ENS

Genome sequencing yet to start, not enough samples

4,803

ANKITA UPADHYAY NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 26

DAYS AFTER the state health department had asked officials to ensure genome sequencing is done for all positive Covid cases being reported in the city, the process is yet to begin at Delhi's two laboratories at Lok Navak Hospital and Institute of Liver and Biliary Sciences (ILBS). According to officials, this is because very few samples are coming in.

According to officials at ILBS, hardly two samples are sent from private labs where patients get tested. "We prepare a batch of 48 samples and conduct genome sequencing on the same. However, with such low numbers, we cannot conduct any genome sequencing," said an ILBS official.

A similar situation was reported at Lok Nayak where no new patient has been reported to have been admitted for Covid-19. "We do not have any Covid patients. We will send samples for genome sequencing when we have enough cases," said hospital

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE



Officials said very few Covid samples are coming in

medical director Dr Suresh Kumar. According to a health official,

Deputy Chief Minister Manish Sisodia Monday held a meeting with medical superintendents and directors of state government hospitals where discussions were $held\, on\, readying\, infrastructure\, for$ any Covid surge. "During the discussion, this point was raised that samples are not enough for genome sequencing. However, we are preparing ourselves for any increase in number of Covid patients," said the official.

During the meeting, the medical superintendents also raised

in the central inventory. The health department then released a fund of Rs 104 crore for state government hospitals to purchase medicines which are not available in the central inventory. According to a senior official, the fund is not specifically for

the issue of shortage of medicines

Covid: "In case medical superin-

tendents are not able to procure

medicines from central inventory.

they can purchase medicines on their own with this money which has been released.' A mock drill will be conducted across city government hospitals Tuesday following the Centre's directions. The Principal Secretary (Health) had conducted a meeting Sunday with district magistrates and asked them to

tory of beds and equipment. Sisodia also took stock of preparations. "Surge in Covid cases globally is a matter of concern...hospitals need to prepare in advance. They've been directed to share details of bed capacity, ventilators, oxygen plants, staff and medicines... by Monday," he said.

problems if one's flat is not regis-

tered. If you have obtained a

home loan in a private bank with

visit hospitals and prepare inven-

Gr Noida residents protest over flat registration delay

Woman strangled in hotel room in Ghaziabad, partner arrested

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE GHAZIABAD, DECEMBER 26

A 34-YEAR-OLD man was arrested for allegedly strangling a woman he was in a relationship with at a hotel room in Ghaziabad's Muradnagar.

Police said the accused, and the victim, aged 44, had checked into the hotel on Sunday night. The two had been in a relationship for the past three months.

An FIR has been registered based on a complaint by the woman's husband.

According to police, a day af-

Police said the accused, and the victim, aged 44, had checked into the hotel on Sunday night

ter the duo checked in, the accused had left the hotel on Monday morning on the pretext of going to withdraw cash from an ATM. Later, when cleaning staff checked the room around 1 pm, they found the woman lying dead, said police.

DCP (Rural) Iraj Raja said, "A forensic team and other police teams reached the spot. The woman was identified. On contacting her family, they said she had left with the accused three days ago." Several teams were deployed and the man was ar-

Police said the duo had checked into the hotel around 9 pm. After a while, they had a guarrel, after which the woman decided to go back home, police added. The accused had told her not to do so, and when she did not listen to him, he allegedly strangled her to death, police

A case has been filed under IPC sections 302 (murder) and 506 (criminal intimidation).

RESIDENTS OF Greater Noida took to the streets Sunday to protest against delayed flat registries in the city and to highlight issues faced by them.

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Protesters from about 35 residential societies assembled at Ek Murti Chowk carrying posters slogans such as #KabHogiRegistry. Residents say the main obstacle is the fact that the Greater Noida Authority will not allow registration if builders do not clear outstanding dues.

Abhishek Kumar, president of an owners' welfare association, claimed the issue has been dragging on for many years with no



Protesters assembled at Ek Murti Chowk on Sunday

end in sight. "Approximately 50,000 residents are affected because of this and it has been a problem for six-seven years now. We are caught between the Authority and builders.'

higher interest, you cannot transfer it to a low-interest stateowned bank until the registry is He added, "There are many completed. If you want to sell it,

comes a problem. It is also difficult to get your flat insured." Raj Kumar, a resident of a

then the lack of registry also be-

Greater Noida society, agreed. "I have been facing this issue for four years. For a property of Rs 28 lakh, I have paid all my dues. I have paid up to Rs 35 lakh for parking and other matters. When we have cleared all dues, and builder has some payment issues with the

Authority, why should we suffer?' A Greater Noida Authority of ficial said the issue was being looked into, and that a proposal to reschedule due payments would be tabled on December 28. when the Greater Noida Board meeting is scheduled.

Meanwhile, builders said the dues they will have to pay following the recent Supreme Court judgment, which will now be calculated with an interest rate of 15-23% from the earlier 8%, will negatively affect the real estate sector. The apex court, in an order last month, had recalled its 2020 order prescribing a lower interest rate for builders in cases of payment owed to Noida and Greater Noida authorities. A review petition filed by the

Confederation of Real Estate Developers Association of India (CREDAI) is set to be heard on January 19. Gaur Group promoter and CREDAI President Manoj Gaur said, "With the local real estate sector going through an extremely tough phase, the present demands... will have a devastating effect."

BJP MP AT EVENT IN KARNATAKA

Keep weapons at

Pragya Thakur. File

missionaries... you are opening the

doors of old age homes for your-

selves. The children won't be yours

and of your culture. They grow in

the culture of old age homes and

sial remarks. Thakur is a key ac-

cused in the 2008 Malegaon blast

in which six people were killed

2019 Lok Sabha elections, Thakur

had said that Ashok Chakra

awardee and former Maharashtra

Anti-Terrorism Squad (ATS) chief

Hemant Karkare was killed during

the 26/11 attacks because he was

cursed for arresting her in connec-

tion with the blast case. Following

a backlash, including within her

own party, she withdrew the

political firestorm when she called

Mahatma Gandhi's assassin

Nathuram Godse a "desh bhakt",

prompting a sharp response from

PM Narendra Modi. The "kind of

remarks, statements made about

Gandhiji and Godse are horribly

Keshava Murthy, the Karnataka

convenor of Hindu Jagarana

Vedike, endorsed Thakur's re-

marks, saying there was "noth-

ing wrong". "She did not make

any provocative statement. She

When contacted Monday,

wrong", Modi had said.

Thakur later triggered another

statement and apologised.

Earlier, in the run-up to the

Known for making controver-

become selfish," she said.

and over 100 injured.

home, sharpen

knives: Pragya

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE

THE BJP's Bhopal MP Pragya Singh

Thakur has said that Hindus have

the right to respond to those who

attack them and their dignity, and

urged the gathering at an event

organised by the Hindu Jagarana

Vedike in Karnataka to keep

"knives" sharpened to be used "if

Region annual convention in

Shivamogga Sunday, Thakur said,

"Keep weapons in your homes. At

least keep the knives used to cut

vegetables sharp. Don't know

what situation will arise when. Everyone has the right to self-pro-

tection. If someone infiltrates our

house and attacks us, it is our right

to respond to them. Just like how

knives cut vegetables, it will also

context of the killing of Bajrang

Dal activist Harsha in

Shivamogga earlier this year.

Harsha was stabbed to death on

February 20, with the police de-

scribing the murder as a local

crime stemming from commu-

nal rivalry. In September, the

NIA, which took over the case

filed a chargesheet and attrib-

uted the killing to a conspiracy.

ferred to interfaith relationships

and said, "Love jihad. They have a

tradition of jihad. If they get noth-

ing, they will do love jihad. Even if

they love, they do jihad in that. We

(Hindus) too love. We love God. A

sanyasi loves God. But a sanyasi

says that in this world created by

God, end all oppressors, wrong-

doers, sinners or else the true def-

inition of love will not survive here.

So answer those involved in 'love

In her speech, Thakur also re-

The MP was speaking in the

chop mouths and heads."

Speaking at the Vedike's South

someone... attacks us".

BENGALURU, DECEMBER 26

GOVT & POLITICS



DELHI CONFIDENTIAL



TESTING TIME

LOK SABHA Speaker Om Birla has appointed BJP MP Chandra Prakash Joshi as chairperson of the Joint Committee on Multi-State Cooperative Societies (Amendment) Bill, 2022. Joshi, who represents Chittorgarh (Rajasthan) in the House, will have to take along Opposition members, who had strongly opposed the Bill's introduction. For Joshi, a second-time MP, it will be a test of his political acumen and maneuverability to steer the politically sensitive Bill.

TRACKING NEW TRAIN

THERE IS a lot of excitement in West Bengal BJP over the new Vande Bharat to be started from Howrah to New Jalpaiguri. Even before it was made official, West Bengal BJP chief Sukanta Majumdar took to social media on December 22 to thank Prime Minister Narendra Modi for the "gift" to the people of Bengal. It is now official that Modi will inaugurate the train on December 30. Several state BIP functionaries are learnt to be sending out messages, making it a showcase event.

Mumbai actor's death: BJP minister says 'love jihad', seeks strict law; Opp slams 'polarisation'

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE MUMBAI, DECEMBER 26

OPPOSITION PARTIES Maharashtra on Monday accused the BJP, part of the ruling alliance in the state, of exploiting "every unfortunate incident in Maharashtra for political gain" after two BJP leaders alleged that there is an angle of "love iihad" in the alleged death by suicide of a TV actor.

The police on Sunday arrested actor Sheezan Khan, victim Tunisha Sharma's partner, for abetment to suicide.

On Monday, state minister Girish Mahajan said, "It has come to fore that it's a case of love jihad. Such instances are increasing day by day and there should be a stringent law against it."

The remarks come a day after BJP MLA Ram Kadam said that police will also probe whether it was a case of "love jihad". Kadam said on Sunday, "The case will be thoroughly probed and all aspects will be considered, including whether it is a case of love jihad. The accused will not be spared.

Tunisha's family will get justice." On Monday, leaders of opposition parties accused the BJP trying to polarise society. NCP national spokesperson Clyde Crasto said, "This is disgusting; they are clearly using the issue to set political agenda. The law has to take its due course, and police are investigating the matter.... If there is any wrongdoing, let the law do its work.'

State Congress general secretary Sachin Sawant said, "This has been a repeated political narrative of BIP. The party exploits every unfortunate incident for political gains. This is the ruling party, and it is behaving uncon-



Tunisha Sharma died on Saturday. File

stitutionally."

Saket Gokhale, national spokesperson of TMC, tweeted, The postmortem isn't even complete yet let alone her being laid to rest. And BJP has already begun to use her tragic death for their own hateful political agenda... State BIP chief spokesperson

Keshav Upadhye countered: "Instances of love jihad are occurring in our society.... That is why BJP leaders, who are noticing this, are addressing it.... If BJP is being accused of playing politics for a specific vote bank, is the Opposition afraid of losing votes?"

Meanwhile, the victim's mother, Vanita Sharma, said in a video message earlier on Monday, "I want to tell you that Sheezan cheated Tanisha. First, he had a relationship with her saying that he will marry her and later broke up with her...'

In a statement, Khan's sisters Shafaq Naaz and Falaq Naaz and his family said, "To everyone trying to reach out to us for a statement on the case - please allow our family privacy in this grave situation.... We have full faith in Indian judiciary, and Sheezan is cooperating with Mumbai Police..."

Sharma's uncle took her body from II Hospital on Monday. Her last rites will be performed on Tuesday at Mira Road, where she lived with her mother.

After CM, Maharashtra minister in trouble over regularisation of land

ALOK DESHPANDE NAGPUR, DECEMBER 26

DAYS AFTER Chief Minister Eknath Shinde landed in a controversy over regularising land owned by Nagpur Improvement Trust (NIT) despite the matter being sub judice, state Agriculture Minister Abdul Sattar has come under the scanner for regularising over 37 acres of grazing (gairan) land despite a Supreme Court order prohibiting any such move. The land is valued at approximately Rs 150 crore.

The Maha Vikas Aghadi (MVA) on Monday raised the issue in the Assembly and demanded Sattar's resignation. The proceedings of both Houses were adjourned for the day following an uproar over the issue. Deputy CM Devendra

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CONGRESS LEADER Rahul Gandhi

on Monday visited the memori-

als of Mahatma Gandhi, Congress'

Dalit stalwart Jagjivan Ram and six

former PMs including Charan

Singh and Atal Bihari Vajpayee, in

what his party described as a ges-

ture signifying he conducts poli-

that Rahul Gandhi visited the

memorial of a person who gave

lessons of raj dharma to the

Gujarat chief minister of 2002,

who is the country's Prime

Minister today," said Congress

spokesperson Supriya Shrinate

Rahul's visit to Vajpayee's me-

morial came a day after a Congress

functionary's tweet alleging

Vajpayee had sided with the

British during the Independence

movement triggered a row, with

the BJP calling Rahul's tributes to

self from the now-deleted tweet,

Shrinate said the party does not

believe in a "BIP-mukt Bharat". "A

democracy is made up of manv

ideological streams... But the poi-

sonous form of any ideology, in

the name of which a community

of the marginalised is attacked, is

not acceptable."

SANTOSH SINGH

PATNA, DECEMBER 26

IN WHAT seems to be Nitish

Kumar's way of playing mind

games with BJP, his former NDA

ally, the Bihar Chief Minister has

heaped praise on former Prime

Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee and

said the country had made "huge

progress" under the late BJP leader.

to mark Vajpayee's birth an-

niversary on Sunday, Nitish re-

called that the former PM valued

him and had "always been affec-

a statue of Vajpayee, Nitish said:

"The country made huge progress

under Atal-ji. He had given me

At the event, after garlanding

tionate" towards him.

Addressing a state function

Even as Congress distanced it-

the former PM "a drama".

at a press conference.

"We need to keep in mind

tics with a "large heart".

NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 26



Minister Abdul Sattar. File

Fadnavis said the government needs to study the court order. "Nobody will be spared if found guilty, but we haven't gone through the details. The minister is the right person to present his side and he is not present in the House at the moment," he said.

The Nagpur Bench of the Bombay High Court has stayed the government order raising a question mark on how "public utility land/gairan land is allowed to be usurped by private

Rahul at Vajpayee memorial, Cong

says large heart, BJP calls it drama

Congress leaders Jairam Ramesh and Supriya Shrinate at a

BJP using probe agencies

to derail yatra, says Cong

In message for Modi, Nitish says India made

'rapid progress' during Vajpayee's tenure

tent. BJP leaders were claiming

Rahul ji was going abroad to cele-

brate Christmas. But this morning

when they were sleeping under

thick blankets, Rahul was offering

tributes at the memorials of

Mahatma Gandhi, Jawaharlal

Nehru, Babu Jagjivan Ram, Lal

Bahadur Shastri, Indira Gandhi,

Rajiv Gandhi and Atal Bihari

Vajpayee," party spokesperson

ligence officers of the Haryana gov-

ernment" were also spotted at one

of the camp sites recently. "When

caught, they claimed they were us-

Bid to claim

EVEN THOUGH Bihar has

organised Vajpayee's birth

anniversary as state func-

tion since 2019, the Nitish

Kumar-led government or-

ganising it assumes signifi-

cance, especially in light of

Nitish's bitter parting with

snapping ties with BJP this

August, he had spoken about the

"two BJPs". A senior JD(U) leader

said: "Nitish has always praised

Atal-ji because he rose to political

heights during his tenure as PM.

the BJP and return to the

Mahagathbandhan.

Atal's legacy

ing the washrooms," he said.

Jairam claimed that "two intel-

Supriya Shrinate said.

press conference in New Delhi on Monday. ANI

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE

THE CONGRESS on Monday ac-

cused the BJP of using "investiga-

tive agencies and constitutional

bodies" to "derail" the Bharat Jodo

Yatra that entered Delhi Saturday.

charge communications Jairam

Ramesh alleged that the BJP was

trying to snoop on the vatris. The

Congress has also registered a

complaint at a police station in

(BJP) would get rattled to this ex-

Bihar CM Nitish Kumar

great opportunity to work as a

minister of three departments

Whenever I went to him with any

proposal, he would approve it. He

This isn't the first time Nitish

has invoked Vajpayee to draw a

comparison between the BIP un-

der the late leader and the party

now under PM Modi. Even while

valued and respected me."

"We did not expect that they

Harvana's Sohna in this regard.

Congress general secretary in-

NEW DELHI. DECEMBER 26

The High Court order dated December 22 pointed out the directions given by the Supreme Court in the case of Jagpal Singh and others Vs State of Punjab and others that no public utility land/gairan land can be regularised and allotted to any person or private body.

Sattar had passed the order on June 17, 2022, while he was Minister of State for Revenue in the erstwhile MVA government led by Uddhav Thackeray. The land from Ghodbabhul village in Washim district was handed over to one Yogesh Khandare.

A letter written by Washim District Collector Shanmugarajan on July 5 to Additional Chief Secretary (Revenue) Nitin Kareer (a copy of which is with The Indian Express) pointed out that the execution of

amount to a violation of orders given by the Bombay High Court and the Supreme Court.

Since then, the Collector is yet to receive any communication from the Additional CS's office in this regard. The letter also mentioned that Khandare's claim of the said land being cultivated by his grandfather was found to be untrue. "How can the minister act so brazenly and despite court strictures against him, he remains in his position? The government must immediately sack him," Leader of Opposition Ajit Pawar said in the Assembly

Congress MLA and former CM Prithviraj Chavan said the next hearing of the case is scheduled in January and the minister can influence the verdict in the next hearing. hence he should resign.

Mehbooba all praise for Rahul yatra, but no call yet on joining it

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE

FORMER J&K CM Mehbooba from Punjab next month.

ment," she said.

When her attention was drawn towards Congress leader visiting the memorial of former PM Atal Bihari Vajpayee, she said, "It has been the uniqueness of this country that one respects one's op-

Mehbooba did not respond to a question on whether she, like National Conference president Farooq Abdullah, would ioin the vatra when it enters UT at Lakhanpur in Kathua district

journey to strengthen the legacy of the country, which is "secularism, brotherhood, freedom and democracy", Mehbooba said in reply to a question about the yatra. "We salute him (Rahul) for having shown the courage to undertake the yatra at a time when this legacy of the country is bring weakened by the present govern-

JAMMU, DECEMBER 26

Mufti on Monday praised Congress leader Rahul Gandhi for undertaking the Bharat Jodo Yatra, but her party — the People's Democratic Party - remained undecided over joining the yatra when it enters the Union Territory

Rahul has undertaken the

ponents whether living or dead."

He is now using Atal-ji more as

political symbolism to score over

said, "Whether it was approving

the Barh NTPC project or project-

ing Nitish as the CM face in 2005

Assembly polls, Atal-ii had al-

ways treated Nitish Kumar with

general secretary and party

spokesperson Nikhil Anand told

The Indian Express: "Whatever

Nitish Kumar is today is due to

the BIP.... But he broke the alliance

with BJP twice - and the second

time without showing the basic

courtesy to inform our top lead-

ership..." He said an attempt to

score political points lies behind

BJP OBC Morcha national

great warmth and respect."

Agreeing, a senior BJP leader

Narendra Modi.'

jihad' the same way. Protect your said that if someone attacks, one girls, teach them the right values.' needs to be in a position to de-The MP went on to advise parfend themselves. Our culture (Hindus) does not represent an ents against educating their children in institutions run by misattacking nature. But we need to sionaries. "Stop sending (them) to protect ourselves," he said. Mangaluru murder: 3

held, Congress seeks

case under UAPA

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE BELAGAVI, BENGALURU. DECEMBER 26

THREE PEOPLE have been arrested over the murder of a Muslim trader in Karnataka's Mangaluru, the police said Monday, even as the Congress urged the government to book the accused under the stringent Unlawful Activities Prevention Act (UAPA).

Abdul Jaleel, 43, was stabbed to death by unknown persons near his shop on Saturday evening, triggering tensions in the communally sensitive city.

Mangaluru city police commissioner N Shashi Kumar said restrictions imposed by the police under Section 144 of the

CrPC will continue till Tuesday. Kumar confirmed that three persons — Shailesh Poojary (21), Savin Kanchan (24) and Pavan Pachhu (23), all residents of Mangaluru — were arrested, but said the motive for the murder will be revealed only after a probe

Kumar added that Shailesh

and Savin have a criminal history, including a case filed last year for attempted murder. Police sources told The Indian

Express while Shailesh and Savin allegedly stabbed Jaleel, Pavan helped them flee by arranging a motorcycle.

In the state Assembly, Leader of Opposition and former CM Siddaramaiah raised the issue during Zero Hour and blamed "such incidents" on the Bajrang Dal. "When will such incidents end?", the Congress leader asked as he blamed CM Basavaraj Bommai's statements of having emboldened fringe elements.

Bommai had said in October 2021 said that cases of moral policing in the coastal state were reactions for actions...that hurt sentiments".

Siddaramaiah also accused the government of providing compensation in such incidents selectively to victims belonging to one faith. "Why are Muslims not compensated?" he asked.

Meanwhile, Jaleel was laid to rest at a graveyard near Kulur.

Uddhav in House: Declare disputed area on Maharashtra-Karnataka border as UT

VALLABH OZARKAR NAGPUR, DECEMBER 26

SHIV SENA (UBT) president and MLC Uddhav Thackerav, who attended the state Legislative Council for the first time after stepping down as CM in June this year, on Monday demanded that the Centre declare the disputed area on the Maharashtra-Karnataka border as a UT.

Thackeray, who was speaking in the Council after a debate was moved by Leader of Opposition Ambadas Danve on the border dispute, also questioned if the Centre has acted as guardian on the issue between the neighbouring states.



Uddhav outside the state Assembly, Monday. PTI

Thackeray said a resolution should be passed in the House declaring the disputed border area as UT till the Supreme Court gives its judgment on the issue. This is an important issue. This is not a case of language and the border but of humanity. I am glad that at least on this both ruling and opposition sides have come together," he added.

Thackeray also asked if CM Eknath Shinde has said a single word on the issue and questioned the stand taken by the state government on it. He also asked if the Shinde government had the courage to act against some of the gram panchayats of Maharashtra which had demanded a merger with Telangana, like Karnataka had done when some gram panchayats had passed similar resolutions.

'We don't want a single inch of land in Karnataka but we want

our land back," he said. Leader of Opposition in the state Legislative Assembly Ajit Pawar also raised the issue questioning the government as to why the resolution has not been brought in the House even after a week after the Winter Session began. "We had decided to bring a resolution on the border dispute today but it has been delayed. At a time when the Karnataka chief minister is making provocative statements, our government is silently listening to him." Pawar said. While replying to Pawar,

Deputy Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis told the Lower House that they had planned to bring the resolution on Monday but on an invitation from the central government, Shinde had to go to Delhi but he will be back by evening and the resolution will be brought in the House on Tuesday.

BJD marks 25 years; Naveen picks message, venue with eye on BJP the BJD will seek a sixth straight

Nitish's "praise of Atal ji".

SUJIT BISOYI BHUBANESWAR, DECEMBER 26

ODISHA Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik marked the 25th anniversary of the formation of the Biju Janata Dal (BJD) on Monday with a call to his cadres to be ready for the next 100 years. The choice of the venue, the religious city of Puri, was significant, as was Patnaik's call to "mothers" to shower their blessings on the party, both seemingly with an eye on the growing footprint of the BJP in the state.

With the BJD the most successful regional party in the country, with its run of wins uninterrupted, Patnaik took a swipe at the national parties such as the BJP and Congress, saying that un-



Naveen Patnaik at the event in Puri on Monday. Express

like them, the BJD was Odisha's party. "The agenda of national parties will always be national politics. Odisha will never be the focus of their agenda. Only one regional party – Biju Janata Dal – can drive Odisha's development," the BJD president said.

In the 2024 Assembly polls,

New Delhi

term in power all led by Patnaik. Addressing the party workers, Patnaik said: "If mothers shower their blessings, the BJD will serve the people of Odisha for 100 years and not just 25 or 50 years. I also request people from every sphere, especially youths who believe in the development of Odisha, to join the party to take the state to new heights."

The Patnaik government's emphasis on its Odia asmita (identity) is also meant as a counter to the BJP's Hindutva push. As part of the same effort, the Patnaik government has in place Rs 3,000-crore project to transform Puri into a world-class

FULL REPORT www.indianexpress.com

Nirmala in AIIMS with congestion, fever; recovering

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 26

UNION FINANCE Minister Nirmala Sitharaman was admitted to the AIIMS, Delhi, on Monday afternoon and is recovering, sources said.

According to an official source, Sitharaman, 63, was brought to the hospital with symptoms such as chest congestion and dehydration and was admitted to a private ward. She was later also detected to have fever, the source added.

"Her condition is stable now." the source said further, adding the Finance Minister was put through a series of medical tests but the reports are awaited.

Three booked for 'forcing staffer to quit over not wearing Santa cap'

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE MEERUT, DECEMBER 26

THREE EMPLOYEES, including the manager, of a mall in Rajpur area of Agra have been booked after a staffer was allegedly forced to quit. Mall manager Vikram, store in charge Prateek and one more employee have been booked under IPC Section 504 (intentional insult with intent to provoke breach of peace).

"We have registered the FIR against three persons, but no arrests have been made so far as our investigation is underway," Sadar Deputy SP Archana Singh told The Indian Express over phone. Amit Kumar, 26, said he was forced to resign on December 23 after he refused to wear a Santa Claus cap. saying he is a Hindu. "I was not only asked to quit immediately, but was also denied the December salary," he alleged.

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PAPER LEAK PROTEST

BJP workers clash with police during a protest against the Rajasthan government over teachers' recruitment exam paper leak, in Jaipur on Monday. They demanded a CBI probe. Rohit Jain Paras

In UP's Rampur, pastor among 2 held on conversion charges

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE

LUCKNOW, DECEMBER 26

TWO PERSONS, including a Church pastor, were arrested in separate cases in Rampur district on Sunday for allegedly trying to make people convert to Christianity, police said.

The first case was lodged at the Patwai police station in Shahabad sub-division against pastor Paulus Masih (35) for allegedly luring some people belonging to the Dalit community to adopt Christianity by promising "good life" on the com-

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plaint of one Raieey Yaday, who claimed to be a Bajrang Dal officebearer. The FIR was registered against Masih under the Uttar Pradesh Prohibition of Unlawful Conversion of Religion Act.

"Except for the pastor, we have not found involvement of any other person in the matter so far. We will also take into account the videos of the incident doing rounds on social media."

said Patwai SHO Harendra Yadav. In his complaint, Rajeev Yadav said they got information on Sunday that several people assembled at the residence of Vikram Singh, also a Dalit, at Sona village. "We came to know that a pastor

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was convincing people to adopt Christianity by way of promises. We went to the spot and found that he was telling people about Christianity and was trying to convince them to change their religion. Though he denied having lured people to adopt Christianity, many of those present there claimed otherwise," said Rajeev.

SHO Yadav said during the preliminary probe it came to light that there were around 20-30 persons of Jatav community at Vikram Singh's house when the pastor was present there.

Also, a 26 year-old youth was arrested for allegedly trying to convince people belonging to the Dalit community to adopt Christianity by luring them with the promise of a "good life". The accused, Shivdesh, a Dalit, is a resident of Bakar Ali village in Milak sub-division.

Karnataka passes Bill to increase SC/ST quota

KIRAN PARASHAR BELAGAVI, DECEMBER 26

THE KARNATAKA Assembly on Monday unanimously passed a Bill proposing to increase reservation for Scheduled Castes from 15 per cent to 17 per cent and for Scheduled Tribes from 3 per cent to 7 per cent in the state, exceeding the 50 per cent ceiling on quota by 6 per cent.

The ruling BJP asserted that it will approach the union government to include the proposed legislation in the 9th Schedule of the Constitution to ensure pro-

tection from legal scrutiny. The Bill — Karnataka Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes (Reservation of Seats in Educational Institutions and of Appointments or posts in the services under the state) Bill, 2022 - will now be sent to the Legislative Council for approval.

Law and Parliamentary Affairs Minister J C Madhuswamy on Monday sought the support of the entire House to pass the Bill. Former chief minister and Congress Legislative Party (CLP) leader Siddaramaiah expressed apprehension over the legality of the Bill's provisions. "We welcome this Bill but the central government must include it in the Schedule of Constitution," he said.

Congress MLA Krishna Byre Gowda said representatives of the union government had categorically denied any hike in the reservation percentage. "All we need is for the union government representative to make an affirmative statement to the Bill that has been passed," he said.

Ianata Dal (Secular) leaders also demanded reservation in

private sector. JD(S) legislator K Congress plans M Shivalinge Gowda said, "Why to hold rally in cannot reservation be implemented in private sector and Raipur for nod to outsourced jobs." Joining him, Siddaramaiah said, "There are reservation Bills only 2 per cent jobs in government offices and they are also **JAYPRAKASHS NAIDU** decreasing due to disinvestment and privatisation. It will really RAIPUR, DECEMBER 25 make a difference if reservation is implemented in the private THE CONGRESS in Chhattisgarh sector." Responding to his sughas announced a "maha-rally" in gestion, Madhuswamy said he Raipur on January 3 in support

Minister Basavaraj Bommai. The Bill, introduced in the Assembly by Bommai on December 20, has taken into consideration recommendations of committees set up to study the SC/ST population of Karnataka.

will bring it to the notice of Chief

In March 2021, the BJP government under B S Yediyurappa had set up a committee headed by retired a High Court judge, Justice Subhash B Adi, to study the issue. The committee submitted its report on July 6 this year. The report cited a study by National Law School of India University, Bengaluru, which stated that 74 per cent of tribal communities had remained invisible and their literacy rate was lower than 3 per cent.

Prior to this, based on a Karnataka High Court order, a committee headed by former HC judge, Justice H N Nagamohan Das, was formed in 2019 to conduct a comprehensive study on the condition of SCs and STs in Karnataka. The committee submitted its report in July 2020. saying there was evidence of social and educational backwardness among the communities.

Based on the study, a special case was made out for increasing the reservations for SCs up to 17 per cent and STs up to 7 per cent.

of the two reservation amend-

ment Bills, which are pending

assent with state Governor

Anusiya Uikey since the first

week of December. The Bills pro-

pose to take the total reservation

Monday, Chief Minister Bhupesh

Baghel accused the Governor of

'continuously stalling the reservation Bills by finding some excuse".

"Like Rahul ji (Rahul Gandhi) says,

this is an attempt to weaken a

statutory body. It's an example of

Sunday that his government had

sent its replies to the 10 questions

raised by Uikey over the provi-

sions in the Bills. Confirming that

she had received the govern-

ment's replies, Uikey said she will

go through them and then take a

 $decision \, on \, the \, two \, pending \, Bills.$

statement, Baghel said: "...I

replied to all the queries raised by

the Governor to satisfy herego so

that the Bills are passed. But now

she says she will get a legal ad-

viser to look into the matter. Who

is this adviser? Is the legal adviser

bigger than the Vidhan Sabha?

It's very unfortunate that this is

the reason for the Bills being

Reacting to the Governor's

The CM had announced on

humiliating us," he said.

Speaking to reporters on

in the state to 76 per cent.



CHHATTISGARH

Congress leader Kumari Selja in Raipur on Monday. Express

If Gov doesn't sign Bills, we will approach President: Selja

JAYPRAKASH S NAIDU RAIPUR, DECEMBER 26

IFTHE Chhattisgarh Governor refuses to sign the reservation amendment Bills, the Congress will approach the President for her assent, said former union minister Kumari Selja on her first visit to Raipur after being appointed the state Congress in-charge.

Speaking to the media on Monday, the senior Congress leader said the Opposition BJP does not pose any challenge to the ruling party in Chhattisgarh and the Congress' maharally in Raipur on January 3 will show the people's support to the two quota Bills pending with

Governor Anusiya Uikey. Asked what would the party do if the Governor does not sign the Bills despite the maharally. Selia said, "We may then meet the President (Droupadi Murmu) There are more ways but we want this (Bill approval) to happen through the constitutional way as this is the right of the people and it must be respected.

On the Bharat Jodo Yatra, she said Rahul Gandhi is spreading the message of "love and unity in diversity" and his movement has been "loved and supported by crores of people".

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Tejashwi: Can't understand CBI reopening 2018 case about the case being reopened. Lalu

Patna: Reacting sharply to news that the CBI has reportedly reopened the 2018 case of allotment of railway projects during RJD chief Lalu Prasad's tenure as the Union Railway Minister, his son and Bihar Deputy CM Tejashwi Prasad Yadav on Monday reiterated his earlier jibe that the "CBI should open an office at our residence and investigate" the case.

Prasad's life is an open book." The case had named Lalu. Teiashwi and Lalu's daughters Chanda Yadav and Ragini Yadav. Lalu Prasad's family, however, has not received any communication from CBI regarding reopening of the case.

Calling it "political vendetta", senior RJD leader Vijay Prakash said, "One knows very well why CBI was called a caged parrot. The agency has been unnecessarily trying to target Lalu Prasad's family." ENS

Dated: 26/12/2022



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1	अरवल जिलान्तर्गत 16 कोर्ट भवन एवं हाजत भवन, अरवल के चहारदिवारी, पहुँचपथ, आर०सी०सी० ड्रेन, संतरी पोस्ट, ब्रीक ड्रेन एवं अग्निशमन कार्य के निर्माण कार्य के संबंध में।	3,94,92,135=00	7,89,900=00	10,000 + As Per Tender	12 Month

11.कोई भी संवेदक जो केन्द्रीय / राज्य सरकार / सार्वजनिक क्षेत्रों में निबंधित हो अथवा अन्तर्राष्ट्रीय / राष्ट्रीय स्त की हो निविदा में भाग ले सकते है परन्तु इस राज्य से संबंधित विभाग का रजिस्ट्रेशन कराना, उक्त कार्य का लेटर आफ एक्सप्टेंस प्राप्त होने के बाद एकरारनामा के पूर्व कराना अनिवार्य होगा।

12. प्राक्कलित राशि कम या अधिक हो सकती है। परिमाण विपत्र का मूल्य एवं अग्रधन की राशि उसी के अनुसार

13.Bid-processing charge and service Tax का भुगतान संवेदक Internet payment Gateway (Credit/Debit Cards) अथवा Internet Banking अथवा NEFT/RTGS Challan के माध्यम B.S.E.D.C के Bid-processing Free Account में Credit करेंगे। निविदा केवल ई-निविदा पद्धति के अनुसार वेबसाईट (www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in) पर निष्पादित किया जायेगा। ई-निवदा प्रक्रिया से संबंधित जानकारी ई. प्रोक्यूरमेंट हेल्पडेस्क, पटना-800001, फोन-0612-2523006, मो0-9939035696 से प्राप्त किया ज

14. इस योजना से सबंधित किसी प्रकार का शपथ पत्र निविदा की तिथि के बाद का ही मान्य होगा।

15. पथ निर्माण विभाग के अधिसूचना सं0-447 (S) सह-पठित ज्ञापांक-448 पटना, दिनांक-16.01.2020 एवं प्रधान सचिव, भवन निर्माण विभाग,बिहार पटना के ज्ञापांक-566 (भ) दिनांक-17.01.2020 के अनुसार अग्रधन की राष्टि Additional Performance Guarantee के रूप में जमा करना अनिवार्य होगा, अन्यथा निविदा अमान्य होगी

(a) परिमाण विपन्न की दर से 0 से 5% कम उद्धत दर वाले निविदा के लिए 0.25% अतिरिक्त कार्य प्रतिभूति (Additional Performance Guarantee) प्रति ०१ प्रतिशत उद्धत कम दर के लिए होगी । (b) परिमाण विपत्र की दर से 5 से 15% कम उद्धत दर वाले निविदा के लिए 0.5% अतिरिक्त कार्य प्रतिभृति (Additional Performance Guarantee) प्रति ०१ प्रतिशत उद्धत कम दर के लिए होगी।

(c) परिमाण विपत्र की दर से 15 से 20% कम उद्धत दर वाले निविदा के लिए 01% अतिरिक्त कार्य प्रतिभूति (Additional Performance Guarantee) प्रति ०१ प्रतिशत उद्धत कम दर के लिए होगी। (b) परिमाण विपन्न की दर से 20% से उपर कम उद्धत दर वाले निविदा के लिए 02% अतिरिक्त कार्य प्रतिभूति

(Additional Performance Guarantee) प्रति ०१ प्रतिशत उद्धत कम दर के लिए होगी। 16. विस्तृत जानकारी (state.bihar.gov.in/prdbihar) पर देखा जा सकता है। कार्यपालक अभियंता

भवन प्रमंडल, अरवल नशे से बचने का है एक ही उपचार, दृढ़ संकल्प और परिवार से प्यार।

कार्यपालक अभियंता का कार्यालय

पुनपुन बाढ सुरक्षा प्रमण्डल, पटनासिटी, करबिगहिया, पटना

Chairman/RRO

इस कार्यालय के पत्रांक 2037 पटना दिनांक 16.12.2022 द्वारा आमंत्रित अल्पकालीन निविदा आमंत्रण सुचना सं0:-17/2022-23 जो विभिन्न समाचार पत्रों में P.R No-12121 (WRD) 2022-23 के माध्यम से

फलस्वरूप निम्न संशोधन किया जाता है :--01. निविदा आमंत्रण सुचना सं0:-17/2022-23 के ग्रुप सं0-03 में पथ निर्माण विभाग, बिहार सरकार के अधिूसचना सं0— 13589 (S) पटना दिनांक 13.12.2011 की कंडिका (4) की उप कंडिका—(च) में निहित प्रावधान के अनुसार पटना जिला के श्रेणी 04 में निबंधित संवेदक ही भाग लेगें।

प्रकाशित है, का ग्रुप सं0-03 में प्राक्कलित राशि रु0-25.00 लाख (पच्चीस लाख) से कम हो जाने के

अतः उपरोक्त के संबंध में निविदा आमंत्रण सूचना सं0—17/2022—23 के कंडिका—10 के ग्रुप सं0—3 को इस हद तक संशोधित समझा जाय। शेश अन्य शर्ते यथावत रहेगी। (दिलीप कुमार)

PR- 12447(WRD) 2022-23

कार्यपालक अभियंता, पुनपुन बाढ सुरक्षा प्रमंडल पटनासिटी, करबिगहिया, पटना

नशे से बचने का है एक ही उपचार, दृढ़ संकल्प और परिवार से प्यार।

बिहार 👫 सरकार

मुख्य अभियंता का कार्यालय, बाढ़ नियंत्रण एवं जल निस्सरण, जल संसाधन विभाग, बीरपुर (ई—मेल—cebirpur@gmail.com)

आवश्यक सूचना

प्रेस विज्ञप्ति

विज्ञापन सं0-06060114, प्रथम इन्टर स्तरीय संयुक्त प्रतियोगिता परीक्षा 2014 के आधार पर बिहार कर्मचारी चयन आयोग द्वारा अनुशंसित कनीय लेखा लिपिक (क्षेत्रीय स्थापना) / निम्नवर्गीय लिपिक (क्षेत्रीय स्थापना) के पद पर अंतिम रूप से औपबंधिक नियुक्ति हेतु काउंसलिंग/सत्यापन किये जाने के संबंध में।

विज्ञापन सं0—06060114, प्रथम इन्टर स्तरीय संयुक्त प्रतियोगिता परीक्षा 2014 के तहत कनीय लेखा लिपिक (क्षेत्रीय स्थापना) / निम्नवर्गीय लिपिक (क्षेत्रीय स्थापना) के पद पर औपबंधिक नियुक्ति हेतु मुख्य अभियंता, बाढ़ नियंत्रण एवं जल निस्स्रण, जल संसाधन विभाग, वीरपुर को विभाग द्वारा आवंटित कुल ४६ अभ्यर्थियों [२९ अभ्यर्थी कनीय लेखा लिपिक (क्षेत्रीय स्थापना) तथा १७ अभ्यर्थी निम्नवर्गीय लिपिक (क्षेत्रीय स्थापना)] का बायोमेट्रिक पहचान एवं काउंसलिंग / सत्यापन दिनांक 28.10.2022 को आयोजित किया गया जिसमें कुल दस(08 अभ्यर्थी कनीय लेखा लिपिक एवं 02 अभ्यर्थी निम्नवर्गीय लिपिक) अभ्यर्थी अनुपरिथत पार्ये गए। पुनः दिनांक 25.11.2022 को मुख्य अभियंता, बाढ़ नियंत्रण एवं जल निस्स्रण, जल संसाधन विभाग वीरपुर के कार्यालय में द्वितीय बायोमेट्रिक पहचान एवं काउंसलिंग / सत्यापन किया गया जिसमें प्रथम का उंसलिंग में अनुपस्थित रहे 10 अभ्यर्थियों में से कुल 08 अनुशंसित अभ्यर्थी [06 अभ्यर्थी कनीय लेखा लिपिक (क्षेत्रीय स्थापना) तथा 02 अभ्यर्थी निम्नवर्गीय लिपिक (क्षेत्रीय स्थापना)] उपस्थित नहीं हुए। उक्त शेष 08 अभ्यर्थियों को अंतिम रूप से बायोमेट्रिक पहचान एवं काउंसलिंग / प्रमाण–पत्र / अभिलेखों के सत्यापन (Certificate verification) हेतु मुख्य अभियंता कार्यालय, बाढ़ नियंत्रण एवं जल निस्सरण, जल संसाधन विभाग, वीरपुर (कौशिकी भवन, प्रथम तल, कमरा संख्या 107 A सभा कक्ष) में दिनांक 31.01.2023 (कार्यालय अवधि में) निर्धारित किया जाता है। दिनांक 28.10.2022 एवं दिनांक 25.11.2022 को काउन्सिलिंग में उपस्थित नहीं हो सके अभ्यर्थी बायोमेट्रिक पहचान एवं निर्धारित जाँच प्रक्रिया हेतु वांछित प्रमाण पत्रों/अभिलेखों के साथ काउन्सिलिंग हेतु निर्धारित तिथि एवं स्थान पर उपस्थित होना सुनिश्चित करेंगे।

उपरोक्त शेष 08 अभ्यर्थियों की सूची, अन्य निर्देश एवं विहित प्रपत्र आदि मुख्य अभियंता, बाढ़ नियंत्रण एवं जल निस्सरण, जल संसाधन विभाग, वीरपुर के सूचना पट्ट एवं विभागीय बेबसाईट http://wrd.fmiscwrdbihar.gov.in// पर देखा जा सकता है I

नोट :- यदि अभ्यर्थी अपेक्षित मूल प्रमाण पत्रों के साथ जाँच हेतु उपर्युक्त निर्धारित अवधि एवं निर्धारित समय पर उपस्थित नहीं होते हैं तो उनकी अभ्यर्थिता के संबंध में विभाग एकपक्षीय निर्णय लेने हेतु स्वतंत्र होगा तथा अभ्यर्थी का कोई दावा मान्य नहीं होगा। काउंसलिंग में भाग लेने हेतु किसी भी प्रकार का यात्रा भत्ता देय नहीं होगा। यह अंतिम अवसर प्रदान किया जा रहा है। (मनोज रमण)

नशामुक्त हो जाए बिहार, सुरक्षित रहे घर परिवार।

मुख्य अभियंता

Tejashwi told the media, "The CBI found nothing in the case after probing it. It was closed in 2021. Now, we are hearing

MUNICIPAL CORPORATION, HAZARIBAGH (Urban Development & Housing Department, Govt. of Jharkhand) Nagar Nigam, Hazaribagh – 825301

Email :- municipality_08@rediffmail.com

e-Procurement Notice

: Executive Engineer, Municipal Corporation, Hazaribagh Name of Tender Inviting Officer

Date of Publication of Tender on Website : 29-12-2022 : 19-01-2023 up to 03:00 PM Last Date/Time for receipt of online bids

Pre-Bid Meeting :10-01-2023 Last Date/Time for receipt of EMD (Hard Copy): 20-01-2023 up to 03:00 PM

Date/Time of Opening bids : 20-01-2023 03:00 PM Cost of Period of Earnest Tender Name of Work Value of Work (Rs.) (Rs.)

Standard Bidding Do cuments for Selection of Bidder for Bioremediation and Clearing of Legacy Waste (Scientific Dumpsite Land 12,39,38,000/-12,40,000/-25000/-(316 Days) Reclamation through Bio-mining and Resource Recovery) at Existing Dumpsite, Hazaribagh under Hazaribagh Mu nicipal Corporation,

Further Details can be seen on Website http://jharkhandtenders.gov.in PR 286020 Urban Development and Housing(22-23)D Executive Engineer Municipal Corporation, Hazaribagh



A) Re-Tender Work:-

New Okhla Industrial Development Authority

Administrative Building, Sector-6, Noida, G.B. Nagar (U.P.) Website : www.noidaauthorityonline.com

E - TENDER NOTICE

E-Tenders are invited from eligible contractors/firm for the following jobs against which bids can be uploaded and same shall be opened/downloaded as per schedule mentioned. The details and conditions of all tenders are available on Noida Authority's official website: www.noidaathorityonline.com & https://etender.up.nic.in. Please ensure to see these websites for any changes/amendments & corrigendum etc.

S. No.	Job No.	Name of Work	Tender Amount (in Lacs)
	21/DGM(E&M)/ Sr. M(E&M-IV) /2022-23	Providing of Earthing of Electrical Infrastructure i.e. Street light poles, Transformers, Panels, High mast's etc. at Various Location in Area of E&M-IV, Noida	

The above tenders can be uploaded by dated 02.01.2023 up to 5.00 PM. Pre qualification shall be opened/downloaded on dated 03.01.2023 at 11.00 AM. B) Fresh Tender Work:-

S. No.	Jobs No.	Name of Work	Tender Amount (in Lacs)
1	48/DGM(E&M)/ Sr.M(E&M- III)/2022-23	Annual Maintenance & Strengthening of Electrical Works in Office Building of Sector-19, 20, Library Sector-15, Fortress Office Sector-2 & City Magistrate Office Sector-19, Noida	33.78
2	49/DGM(E&M)/ Sr. M(E&M- III)/2022-23	Strengthening of Electrical Panel & Transformer in Main Administrative Building Sector-6, Noida	41.19
3	50/DGM(E&M)/ Sr. M(E&M- III)/2022-23	M/O Authority Building (AMC of different type of A.C.) installed in different offices in Main Administrative Building Sector-6 & Other Office Noida	72.70

shall be opened/downloaded on dated 10.01.2023 at 11.00 AM. Dy. General Manager (E&M) NOIDA

The above tenders can be uploaded by dated 09.01.2023 up to 5.00 PM. Pre-qualification

CLEAN, GREEN, SAFE & SECURE NOIDA

falsely accusing and defaming

the BSF man on the head with a

stick, the FIR said, adding that

Bhavesh hit Melaji and Navdeep

on the head with a sickle. Sachin

then took a wooden log and hit

Manjula on her left leg and arm.

Arvind hit Melaji with the han-

dle of a shovel and Chaba beat

him up with a wooden stick. The

two women then started beat-

fell on the ground, while his son

Complainant Manjula called her

nephew and her other sons from

her husband's phone. They called

ambulances and took the victims

to the Nadiad Civil Hospital, where Melaji was declared dead.

Navdeep who suffered serious injuries was transferred to

According to Melaji's another

son Prateek Vaghela, 23, his

mother was admitted to a hospi-

tal in Nadiad where her condition

been charged under the IPC sec-

tions 302 (murder), 307 (attempt

to murder), 323 (voluntarily caus-

ing hurt), 504 (intentional insult

with intent to provoke breach of

the peace), 143 (a member of an

unlawful assembly), 147 (rioting),

148 (rioting, armed with deadly

weapon.) and 149 (every mem-

ber of unlawful assembly guilty

of offence committed in prosecu-

tion of common object).

All the seven accused have

Ahmedabad Civil Hospital.

was stated to be critical.

Melaji started bleeding and

unconscious.

ing the BSF man, the FIR said.

fell

Dinesh then started beating

Shailesh, according to the FIR.

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE AHMEDABAD, DECEMBER 26

A BORDER Security Force (BSF) personnel from Kheda was allegedly lynched on December 24 by a family when he went to reprimand a youth who allegedly uploaded videos of his minor daughter online.

All seven members of the youth's family, including two women, were arrested on charges of murder and rioting, and sent to judicial custody.

According to the FIR at Chaklasi police station in Nadiad taluka of Kheda district, Melaji Vaghela, 45, who was a hawaldar posted with BSF 56 battalion in Mehsana and his wife Manjula, 42, along with one of their sons Navdeep Vaghela and nephew Chirag Vaghela went to the house of Shailesh alias Sunil Jadav, 20, who allegedly uploaded videos of Melaji's 15-year-old daughter online. Police claimed that Shailesh and the girl were friends.

When they reached Shailesh's house around 10 pm on December 24, his father Dinesh Chhababhai Jadav and other family members - Arvind Chhababhai Iadav. Chhababhai Chaturbhai Jadav, Sachin Arvind Jadav and Bhavesh Chimanbhai Jadav — were sitting by the fireside. They started abusing the Vaghelas when asked about the video incident.

Two women from the house – Kailashben Arvindbhai Jadav and Shantaben Chimanbhai Jadav came out of the house and started

Second Russian

tourist found

dead in 3 days

Bhubaneswar: Though the

death of two Russian

tourists in Odisha's

Rayagada district within

three days triggered spec-

ulation, police on Monday

said the circumstantial evidence suggest "no foul

play". However, two un-

natural death cases have been registered. A Russian

tourist, Pavel Anthom, 65,

was found lying in a pool

of blood on the roof of a

single-storey building ad-

jacent to a hotel on

Saturday. Though the ho-

tel staff and police rush

Anthom to a hospital, doc-

tors declared him dead.

The incident occurred two days after his fellow trav-

eller, Vladimir Bidenov, 62,

was found dead there on

December 22.

19-year-old

held for gold

smuggling

Thiruvananthapuram:

Kerala police on Monday

nabbed a 19-year-old

woman at Kozhikode in-

ternational airport with

smuggled gold worth Rs 1

crore. The smuggler,

Shahala was caught on her

arrival from Dubai by Air India Express flight, police

said. Acting on specific in-

put, police found Shahala

hiding gold in the form of

paste inside a packet,

which was concealed in

her private parts. Police handed over the case and

the contraband to the

Customs for further inves-

6 institutions get

Bengaluru: Karnataka CM

Basavaraj Bommai during

a Cabinet meeting on

Monday agreed to ap-

prove the Bills to grant the

university tag to six insti-

tutions. Of the six, four are

from Bengaluru and one

each from Davengere and

Ballari. The universities

are: T John University, G

M University, Karnataka

State Vokkaligara Sangha

University, Sapthagiri

University, Acharya

University, and Kishkinda

University.

Cabinet nod for

varsity status

tigation.

KARNATAKA

KERALA

10 Pak nationals held off Gujarat coast with 40 kg drugs and arms

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE RAJKOT, DECEMBER 26

TEN PAKISTANI nationals were apprehended with their fishing boat after they were found ferrying 40 kg of narcotic drugs worth Rs 300 crore and a cache of arms and ammunition aboard their boat off Gujarat coast on Monday.

The suspects and the boat are being brought to Okha port in Devbhumi Dwarka district, officials said, adding that, it was the first time in two decades that arms and ammunition were seized off Guiarat coast.

In a joint operation with the Gujarat Anti-Terrorist Squad (ATS), the Indian Coast Guard (ICG) intercepted Al Soheli, a Pakistani fishing boat with 10 crew members on the intervening night of Sunday and Monday.

After intelligence input from the ATS, the Coast Guard deployed its patrolling ship Arinjay



Pakistani nationals detained by the Indian Coast Guard with

close to the national International Maritime Boundary Line (IMBL) at the Arabian Sea and apprehended the crew on Monday after firing warning shots.

"On being challenged by ICG ship, the Pakistani boat started evasive manoeuvring and did not stop even on firing of warning shots. ICG ship then manoeuvred

and stopped the boat," an official release from the Indian Coast Guard said. While searching the boat, the Coast Guard sailors found 40 kg of narcotics and a cache of arms. "Six pistols and 100 rounds of ammunition were also seized from on board the Pakistani fishing boat," an officer

Days after man falls to death near US border, CID plans to seek Interpol help

RASHI MISHRA

GANDHINAGAR, DECEMBER 26

DAYS AFTER the reported death of a Kalol resident while trying to cross the US-Mexico border, the CID Gandhinagar on Monday decided to write to the Interpol seeking more details about his death and his family members.

According to media reports from Mexico, Brijkumar Yadav, 38, who worked as an accountant at a private firm in Kalol, had allegedly fallen to death while

scaling a wall on the US-Mexico border near Tijuana, sometime before December 15. Yadav was accompanied by his wife Pooja and their three-year-old son Tanmay while crossing over to US, the report said.

The family had gone to Mexico on a tourist visa, Additional DGP (CID, Crime and Railways) RB Brahmbhatt said, adding that Brahmbhatt Pooja is in San Diego, while their son is at a hospital in Tijuana.

"We have got the passport detail of Brijkumar Yadav, his wife, Pooja, and their son. We are going to write to the International Criminal Police Organization (Interpol), on these details on Monday," he added.

Yadav's sister-in-law Sushila. had told this paper on Saturday that the family had left on November 18, saying they were "going on a trip". They last heard from Pooja on December 17, saying her husband had died of a heart attack. Yaday was a resident of Chhatral near Kalol in Gandhinagar and hails from Pathak Purwa village in UP.

उत्तर प्रदेश पर्यटन यू.पी. नहीं देखा,

फिरोजाबाद महोत्सव-2023

दिनांक 27 जनवरी से 05 फरवरी, 2023 कार्यालयः कोषागार, कलक्ट्रेट परिसर, फिरोजाबाद, मो.–82990 18847, ई–मेलः dtcbfrz@gmail.com

सार्वजनिक अल्पकालीन निविदा आमंत्रण सूचना

पी0डी0जैन महाविद्यालय ग्राउण्ड, बाई पास रोड फिरोजाबाद में आयोजित होने वाले फिरोजाबाद महोत्सव–2023 (27 जनवरी–05 फरवरी) के आयोजन हेतु प्रतिष्ठित फर्मों से निम्नलिखित खाद्य पदार्थों की बिक्री के एकाधिकार हेत् प्रस्ताव / विविध कार्यों की निविदाएँ की जाती हैं:-

क्रम. स.	कार्य का नाम	निविदा मूल्य	धरोहर राशि	
1	प्रिन्टिग एण्ड डिजायनिंग (न्यूनतम उद्धरण के आधार पर)	रू० 1,180.00 GST सहित (रू० एक हजार एक सौ अस्सी मात्र)	रू० 25,000 / — (रू० पच्चीस हजार मात्र)	
2	होर्डिग्स एवं बैनर इन्स्टालेशन (न्यूनतम उद्धरण के आधार पर)	रू० 1,180.00 GST सहित (रू० एक हजार एक सौ अस्सी मात्र)	रू० 25,000 / — (रू० पच्चीस हजार मात्र)	
3	परिवहन व्यवस्था (न्यूनतम उद्धरण के आधार पर)	रू० 1,180.00 GST सहित (रू० एक हजार एक सौ अस्सी मात्र)	रू० 25,000/— (रू० पच्चीस हजार मात्र)	
4	स्मृति चिन्ह आपूर्ति (न्यूनतम उद्धरण के आधार पर)	रू० 1,180.00 GST सहित (रू० एक हजार एक सौ अस्सी मात्र)	रू० 25,000 / — (रू० पच्चीस हजार मात्र)	
5	शीतल पेय (बन्द बोतल) की बिक्री का एकाधिकार (उच्चतम उद्धरण के आधार पर)	क्त0 590.00 GST सहित (क्त0 पॉच सौ नब्बे मात्र)	रू० 25,000/— (रू० पच्चीस हजार मात्र)	
6	आइसक्रीम की बिक्री का एकाधिकार (उच्चतम उद्धरण के आधार पर)	क्त0 590.00 GST सहित (क्त0 पॉच सौ नब्बे मात्र)	रू० 25,000/— (रू० पच्चीस हजार मात्र)	
7	मिनरल वाटर की बिक्री का एकाधिकार (उच्चतम उद्धरण के आधार पर)	क्त0 590.00 GST सहित (क्त0 पॉच सौ नब्बे मात्र)	रू० 25,000/— (रू० पच्चीस हजार मात्र)	
8	नारियल पानी की बिक्री का एकाधिकार (उच्चतम उद्धरण के आधार पर)	रू० 590.00 GST सहित (रू० पॉच सौ नब्बे मात्र)	रू० 25,000/— (रू० पच्चीस हजार मात्र)	

1— उपरोक्त समस्त कार्यों के टेण्डर प्रपत्र दिनॉक 27.12.2022 से दिनॉक 4.1.2023 की मध्याह 12:00 बजे तक निविदा मूल्य का भुगतान कर कोषागार, कलैक्ट्रेट परिसर, फिरोजाबाद से प्राप्त किए जा सकते हैं। 2- निविदाएं / प्रस्ताव सीलबन्द लिफाफे में दिनॉं क 4.1.2023 को सायं 5:00 बजे तक उपरोक्त कार्यालय के सील्ड टेण्डर बॉक्स में जमा कराए जा सकते है। 3- उपरोक्त प्राप्त निविदाओं को निविदा समिति द्वारा दिनाँक 5.1.2023 को अपराह्व 3:00 बजे उपरोक्त कार्यालय में निविदादाताओं के समक्ष खोला जाएगा । 4— धरोहर की धनराशि बैंक ड्राफ्ट के माध्यम् से "जिला पर्यटन एवं संस्कृति परिषद, फिरोजाबाद" के पक्ष में स्वीकार की जाएगी। चैक आदि स्वीकार नहीं किए जायेगें। धरोहर की धनराशि का बैंक ड्राफ्ट मूलरूप में टेण्डर प्रपत्रों के साथ संलग्न किया जाना अनिवार्य है। 5— एकाधिकार हेतू प्रस्तावक को अपने प्रस्ताव के साथ आयकर विभाग द्वारा प्रदत्त पैन कार्ड, GST रजिस्ट्रेशन, खाद्य सुरक्षा एवं औषधि प्रशासन विभाग द्वारा प्रदत्त लाइसेंस की छायाप्रति भी संलग्न करनी होगी तथा निविदा खुलने वाले दिन मूल प्रति दिखानी होगी अन्यथा प्रस्ताव निरस्त कर दिया जाएगा। 6- परिषद को एक अथवा समस्त निविदाओं / प्रस्तावों को बिना कारण बताए निरस्त करने का अधिकार होगा। 7- यदि निविदादाता द्वारा अवांछनीय रूप से निविदा समिति को प्रभावित करने अथवा दबाव डालने का प्रयास किया जाता है तो उसकी निविदा अस्वीकार करते हुए उसे ब्लैकलिस्ट करने की कार्यवाही की जाएगी। 8— टेण्डर प्रपत्र कोषागार, कलैक्ट्रेट परिसर, फिरोजाबाद से क्य किये जा सकते हैं। 9— प्रपत्र के साथ निविदा शुल्क का डिमाण्ड ड्राफ्ट "जिला पर्यटन एवं संस्कृति परिषद, फिरोजाबाद" के पक्ष में मुलरूप में संलग्न किया जाना आवश्यक है। निविदा शुल्क के बिना जमा की गई निविदाएं निरस्त कर दी जाएगीं एवं निविदा प्रपन्न हेतु जमा धनराशि वापस नही की जाएगी ।

सचिव, जिला पर्यटन एवं संस्कृति परिषद, फिरोजाबाद

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MPMRCL

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DISTRICT MINERAL FOUNDATION: KEONJHAR

(2nd Floor, DRDA Building, Keonjhar, ODISHA-758001) E-mail-dmfkeonjhar@gmail.com

Advertisement No.4195 /DMF Dated, 09/12/2022 Applications are invited from the eligible aspirants for filling up the following vacancies of Doctors in Keonjhar district (DHH/SDHs/CHCs).

SI. No.	Description of Posts	Vacancy	Essential Qualification	Monthly Consolidated remuneration				
1	Anaesthetist	9	MD-Anesthesiology	2,00,000/-				
2	Cardiologist	3	DM-Cardiology	30,000/- per visit				
3	Dermatologist	1	MD -Dermatology, Venereology & Leprosy	1,50,000/-				
4	ENT Surgeon	1	MS-ENT	1,50,000/-				
5	Gastroenterologist	1	DM-Gastroenterology	30,000/- per visit				
6	Gynaecologist	16	MS O&G	1,50,000/-				
7	Intensivist	3	MBBS, DNB CET- Emergency Medicine	1,00,000/-				
8	Nephrologist	1	DM- Nephrology	30,000/- per visit				
9	Ophthalmologist	1	MS Ophthalmology	1,50,000/-				
10	Pathologist	2	MD-Pathology	1,50,000/-				
11	Paediatrician	12	MD Paediatric	1,50,000/-				
12	Physician	11	MD Medicine	1,50,000/-				
13	Pulmonologist	3	MD-Pulmonary and Critical care medicine	1,50,000/-				
14	Radiologist	3	MD-Radiodiagnosis	2,00,000/-				
15	Resident - ICU	10	MBBS, ICU trained (must know intubation and ventilator management)	1,00,000/-				
16	RMO	83	MBBS	80,000/-				
17	Surgeon	7	MS Surgery	1,50,000/-				
18	Neurologist	2	MD, DM-Neurology	30,000/- per visit				
	Total	169						
* Or equivalent, from an institution recognised by MCI.								

The candidates are requested to submit their application in the enclosed format to the undersigned in the above tioned address through Regd/Speed Post/E-mail. The application form can be downloaded from district website w.kendujhar.nic.in". The consolidated remuneration as mentioned above is negotiable and will be finalised during ne counselling session to be held on **08.01.2023 at 10.30A.M. at the Durbar Hall, Collectorate, Keonjhar.**commensurately higher consolidated remuneration will be offered to the candidates passed out from Govt. Medical colleges, candidates with higher experience and those willing to serve in rural areas (SDHs/CHCs/PHCs only).

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conditions of service shall be as such, as has been provided in the relevant recruitment Interested candidates are requested to report at 10.00 AM on 08.01.2023 at Collectorate, Keonjhar for the above walk-in-interview along with the updated C.V., original and one set of self-attested copy of all certificates and testimonials. Candidates who are presently working in Health & Family Welfare Department either on regular/adhoc or contractual basis, must submit "No Objection" certificate from the employer at the time of walk-in-interview.

The undersigned reserves the right to cancel or reject the advertisement without assigning any reason thereof. Fo any enquiry, candidates can also contact the following mobile numbers during office hours - 8917583376, 9437084590.

Chairperson-cum-Chairman & Managing Trustee District Mineral Foundation, Keonjhar



फिराजाबाद महत्सिव-2023

दिनांक 27 जनवरी से 05 फरवरी, 2023 कार्यालयः कोषागार, कलक्ट्रेट परिसर, फिरोजाबाद, मो.–82990 18847, ई–मेलः dtcbfrz@gmail.com

ई-निविदा सूचना

पी0डी0जैन महाविद्यालय ग्राउण्ड, बाई पास रोड फिरोजाबाद में आयोजित होने वाले फिरोजाबाद महोत्सव-2023 (27 जनवरी-05 फरवरी) के आयोजन हेत् कराये जाने वाले विभिन्न कार्यों के लिए एवं ई-टेण्डरिंग पोर्टल http://etender.up.nic.in के माध्यम से दिनांक 04.01.2023 को सायं 5:00 बजे तक निर्धारित किए गये निम्न कार्यो हेतु निविदायें आमन्त्रित की जाती है:-

क्र.स.	कार्य का नाम	निविदा मूल्य	धरोहर राशि
1.	मुख्य मंच निर्माण एवं साज—सज्जा थीम के आधार पर, स्टेज लाईट एण्ड साउण्ड / पी०ए० सिस्टम / प्रकाश व्यवस्था, विद्युत सजावट / स्टेज एवं दर्शक दीर्घा हेतु एल्यूमीनियम हैंगर लगाया जाना / आन्तरिक साज— सज्जा थीम के अनुसार / शिल्पी, खान—पान हेतु अस्थाई स्टालों का निर्माण / अस्थाई गेट का निर्माण / सफाई व्यवस्था / सुरक्षा व्यवस्था / सम्पूर्ण महोत्सव अवधि में फोटोग्राफी—वीडियोग्राफी / सी०सी०टी०वी० कैमरा / वॉकी — टॉकी / डी०एफ०एम०डी० / समस्त टेन्टेज कार्य / जनरेटर्स आदि की किराए के आधार पर व्यवस्था। (न्यूनतम उद्धरण के आधार पर)	(G.S.T सहित) (रू० ग्यारह हजार आठ सौ मात्र)	रू० 2.00 लाख (रू० दो लाख मात्र)
2.	फन फेयर / झूला हेतु स्थान उपलब्ध कराया जाना। (उच्चतम उद्धरण के आधार पर)	रू० 2,360.00 (G.S.T सहित) (रू० दो हजार तीन सौ साठ मात्र)	

इच्छुक निविदादाता दिनांक 27.12.2022 के प्रातः 10:00 बजे से दिनांक 04.01.2023 को मध्याह 12:00 बजे तक ई-टेण्डर पोर्टल http://etender.up.nic.in से निविदा प्रपन्न नियम एवं शर्तो सहित डाउन लोड कर सकते हैं। उक्त ई-निवदा दिनांक 04.01.2023 को अपरान्ह 3.00 बजे तक ई-निवदा पोर्टल पर वॉछित प्रपत्रों के साथ अपलोड किए जा सकते हैं। ऑफ लाईन टेण्डर किसी भी दशा में स्वीकार नहीं किए जाऐगें। ई-टेण्डर में उल्लिखित शर्तों का अनपालन करते हुए वॉछित प्रपत्रों की स्कैन कापी ई-टेण्डर / प्रस्ताव के साथ अपलोड कराना अनिवार्य है। निर्धारित ई–टेण्डर मूल्य एवं धरोहर राशि का बैंक ड्राफ्ट (जिला पर्यटन एवं संस्कृति परिषद, फिरोजाबाद के पक्ष में देय) मलरूप में टेक्निकल बिड के अन्य वॉछित प्रपत्रों की छायाप्रति के साथ दिनांक 04.01.2023 को सायं 5:00 बजे तक कोषागार, कलैक्ट्रेट परिसर, फिरोजाबाद पर जमा करना अनिवार्य होगा। ई-टेण्डर पोर्टल http://etender.up.nic.in पर प्राप्त निविदाएं दिनांक 05.01.2023 को पूर्वाह्व 11:00 बजे निविदादाताओं की उपस्थिति में वरिष्ठ कोषाधिकारी कार्यालय फिरोजाबाद पर खोली जायेंगी। जिला पर्यटन एवं संस्कृति परिषद, फिरोजाबाद को एक अथवा समस्त प्राप्त निविदाओं को बिना कारण बताए निरस्त करने का अधिकार होगा। सचिव, जिला पर्यटन एवं संस्कृति परिषद, फिरोजाबाद

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(1) Principal, Usha Mittal Institute of Technology for Women, Juhu (2) Director, Jankidevi Bajaj Institute of Management Studies – Pune (3) Director, Jankidevi Bajaj Institute of Management Studies – Juhu. For details and application form, visit the University website www.sndt.ac.in and apply for

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Advt.No.2/2022

Registrar

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date of receipt of the said Notice. The Borrower/Guarantor having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the Borrower/Guarantor and the public in general that the indersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of power conferred on him/her under Section 13(4) of the

said Act read with Rule 8 of the said Act on the dates mentioned against each account. The Borrower/Guarantor in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealing with the property

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New Delhi

Assets worth over Rs 205 cr of Chennai-based firm attached

New Delhi:The Enforcement Directorate (ED) has provisionally attached assets worth Rs 205.36 crore of former chairman of Tamilnad Mercantile Bank Ltd (TMBL), MGM Maran and MGM Anand and their Chennai-based company Southern Agrifurane Industries Private Ltd in a money laundering case.

"MGM Maran was the chairman of TMBL during 2007, when he along with other directors/officials of TMBL had facilitated a deal of sale of 23.6 per cent shares of TMBL from Indian shareholders to unauthorised persons overseas. It was also found that MGM Maran acquired undisclosed foreign investments of Rs 293.91 crore directly from outside of India during the same period. Such undisclosed investments were without the approval of RBI and from unexplained and highly dubious sources," said an ED official, adding that, to escape the reach of Indian laws, he had started to transfer his wealth from India to overseas in the garb of Overseas Direct Investments through 'Southern Agrifurane Industries Pvt Ltd'.

TI man's trail of thefts at 5-star hotels ends in Kerala

Thiruvananthapuram: A 65vear-old serial offender, who allegedly used to stay in five-star hotels and leave without paying the bill, was caught on Sunday near the Kollam Railway Station and remanded to judicial custody for 14 days, police said.

Vincent John was arrested on a recent complaint by the hotel in the heart of the capital, where he had stayed and left without paying the bill, police said.

A preliminary investigation revealed that he had allegedly committed such frauds several times in the past in Kerala, Tamil Nadu, Maharashtra, Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh, and Goa, the police said.

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THE EDITORIAL PAGE

WORDLY WISE

FOOD IS NOT RATIONAL. FOOD IS CULTURE, HABIT, CRAVING AND IDENTITY.

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RAMNATH GOENKA

BECAUSE THE TRUTH INVOLVES US ALL

Taliban, un-Islamic

It has scant regard for Quran. Not a single verse in Quran or Hadith excludes women from knowledge



LOWER THE BARRIER

Government must push ahead on free trade agreements, align domestic reform agenda to maximise gains from pacts

FTER INITIALLY QUESTIONING the benefits accruing from free trade agree $ments\,India\,had\,signed\,over\,the\,years, the\,Narendra\,Modi\,government\,ap$ pears to have rethought its position on trade pacts. Over the course of the last year or so, the government has been actively pursuing pacts with a wide range of countries. Trade pacts have been signed with Australia and the UAE, while negotiations are ongoing with the UK and the European Union, among others. But as these talks enter a critical phase, non-tariff issues ranging from carbon emission norms and climate action to labour and gender balance standards are increasingly coming into focus. Indian negotiators are concerned that their inclusion could provide partner countries with instruments to impose non-tariff protectionist measures, not allowing India to fully take advantage of the trade pacts.

Take, for instance, the issue of carbon emissions, which is gaining traction. Recently, the European Union reached an agreement on a carbon border adjustment mechanism which is meant to target carbon intensive products such as iron and steel, cement, aluminium and fertilisers. This is applicable from October 2023. Under the framework, levies would be imposed on imported goods on the basis of the emissions during their production process. As per the European Commission, the adjustment mechanism will "equalise the price of carbon between domestic products and imports", and thus ensure that the EU's climate objectives "are not undermined by production relocating to countries with less ambitious policies." This will impose costs on Indian exporters, act as a barrier, On similar lines, manufacturers of steel in India will be at a disadvantage when compared to those in the US where the process results in lower carbon emissions.

As reported in this paper, policy makers in Delhi have raised these concerns, arguing for the need to examine these issues "cautiously". While negotiations must surely proceed with care, they must not be derailed over these issues. The government must push ahead with these trade agreements. In fact, the domestic reform agenda must be aligned with ensuring that the benefits from these trade pacts can be maximised. A recent report that the government plans to raise import duties on "non-essential items" runs counter to its embrace of trade agreements. Moves such as these will only expose the government to the charge of being protectionist. The first two decades after 1991-92 saw a steep decline in tariff rates. The trend, however, has been reversed under the Modi government with the average applied import tariff actually rising. At a time when firms are looking to diversify away from China, pursuing a China plus one strategy, India must lower barriers to trade, seek actively to be a part of global value chains.

THE NEW KATHMANDU

For Delhi, Deuba's departure is a disappointment. Yet its focus must remain on building on the ties that bind

HE ELEVATION OF Pushpa Kumar Dahal as the Prime Minister of Nepal and leader of a left-led coalition after the fractured mandate of the November election is not entirely a surprise. In the country's second election since becoming a republic, the Nepali Congress emerged as the single largest party with 89 seats in the 275-member Parliament. Its pre-election alliance with Dahal's Communist Party of Nepal (Maoist Centre) was an extension of Dahal's support to NC leader Sher Bahadur Deuba in their joint 2021 project to oust the Communist Party of Nepal (unified Marxist-Leninist) leader Khadga Prasad Sharma Oli from prime minister-At the time. Dahal walked out on Oli as he was denied the prime ministership for the second half of the five-year term that began after the election in 2017. It was clear that in return for Dahal's support last year, Deuba had made an effort to retain him on his side, and that nothing less than a grand bargain would have to be negotiated. But there was nothing of the kind. It appears that Dahal's decision to break out of the Deuba-led coalition came after a firm no from the Nepali Congress leader to Dahal's demand that he be made PM. Oli knew his old foe Dahal only too well, and was quick to read his mind. His decision to give Dahal what he wanted has brought the two left rivals back together in a ruling alliance in which Oli is sure to play the back-seat driver. That by itself portends friction in a coalition that is a reprise of two previous alliances between the two communist parties since 2015.

This time, there are other parties in the mix whose presence in the left-led coalition is surprising. One party wants Nepal to return to its days as a Hindu monarchy and has declared "outside support" to the Prachanda government. Another is a new party that seeks to represent Nepal's youth. Since the monarchy was abolished, Nepal has seen at least 10 governments come and go. It is safe to assume that this government too will be short-lived.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi was the first foreign leader to congratulate Dahal, but for Delhi, Deuba's departure is a disappointment. In the short duration that he was PM, the two countries managed to repair several broken parts in bilateral ties. While Dahal has a positive equation with Delhi, the oversize influence of Oli, who wooed Beijing assiduously during his two terms in office, is likely to throw up challenges for Delhi's diplomacy. But India's ties with Nepal are more than the bilateral equation. Delhi's focus must remain on building on the ties that bind, while dealing with the issues that divide.

DIGEST THIS

It is folly to imagine that the value of any cuisine or food, with its unique history, can ever be measured by a mere ranking

HERE ARE TWO ways in which to respond to the recent "best cuisine" rankings released by Taste Atlas, the global food catalogue and review website. The first is emotional: One could react with pride or anger, depending on where one's country is placed. Many Indian social media users, for example, see India's high rank — at No. 5, below Italy, Greece, Spain and Japan — as a validation of the country's rich culinary traditions. Users from several African, Caribbean and Asian nations, on the other hand, are outraged to find their cuisines either ranked very low, or below "inferior cuisines" ("you know it's wrong when 'fish and chips' cuisine makes the top 30" one user posted).

The other way to respond to such a list is to laugh it off, recognising it for what it is: Attention bait that is based on user reviews and not one that is drawn up by a jury of experts. It is easy to spot its shortcomings: How is it possible for the top three spots to go to European countries? And how can a single Caribbean or African nation — with some of the most exciting food in the world — not feature in the top 20? What is obvious here is a certain "global hierarchy of tastes" as described by food studies scholar Krishnendu Ray.

Beyond the ranks themselves, this list, and another one which ranks the world's best dishes, offer something richer, if only one looks beyond the obvious. For example, Japanese kare is ranked as the world's best dish, but this temporary status is unremarkable in comparison to the fascinating story of this preparation, which is based on Indian curry and was developed under British influence in Japan during the Meiji period. It tells so many stories about the history of three different nations and their cultures. Simply put, it is folly to imagine that the value of any food or cuisine can ever be expressed by a mere ranking. BY THE 1990s, 40 per cent of doctors in Afghanistan were women. Women also constituted 70 per cent of school teachers, 60 per cent of university professors and almost half of university students. All this has now changed for the worse. Women's literacy is at a meagre 14 per cent. The Taliban has proved us right by continuing with the highly regressive policies of its past regime (1996-2001). Their lim Crow-like decrees have not come as a surprise. Our worst fears regarding the US's sudden withdrawal have come true. Their promises during the Doha deal of respecting human rights in general and women's rights, in particular, have proved empty. The pretence is gone.

The West, led by the US, too must be blamed for first handing over to the Taliban highly sophisticated weapons to fight the Russians. After staying in Afghanistan for almost two decades, the US meekly handed over power to the Taliban leaving Afghan women high and dry. Women who occupied one-fourth of parliamentary seats and 6.5 per cent of ministerial positions in 2021 are completely excluded from the Taliban's interim government. Women, once again, cannot go out and work in most sectors. They are forced to cover their faces and must be accompanied by a male guardian. In November, Afghan women were denied access to public parks.

Afghan women are the worst victims of the Taliban regime. The recent totalitarian and arbitrary diktats of the Taliban regime must have shocked the conscience of the world. Last week, the Taliban cabinet took the indefensible and discriminatory decision of banning women from universities. For a pleasant change, not only the western world but even Islamic countries reacted sharply to it. The US's spokesperson said that such decisions will further alienate the Taliban from the international community. Even the closure of secondary schools in March had a significant impact on American engagement with the Taliban.

Since the Taliban has no respect for modern human rights covenants, it must be challenged based on Islamic theology itself. The period before the advent of Islam in Arab history is called the period of ignorance. The Arabic word for knowledge is ilm. This root word has been used in the Quran 854 times -397 times as a noun, 425 times as a verb and the remaining times as an adjective. The first words of divine revelation in the Ouran asked the Prophet to read: "Read in the name of your Lord who has created (all that exists). He has

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and Shanoun.

created man from a clot. Read! And your Lord is the most generous. Who has taught (writing) by the pen. He has taught man that which he knew not." (Quran 96:1-5).

For Muslims, Islam was a knowledge revolution. The Prophet himself had reportedly said that "seeking knowledge is obligatory for every Muslim male and female" (Al-Tirmidhi). The Prophet also said that "the excellence of a scholar over another (ordinary) worshipper is like the excellence of the full moon over the rest of the heavenly bodies" (Abu Dawood). He described himself as the city of knowledge and Ali (his son-in-law) as the door to this city. As per Islamic beliefs, even Adam's superiority over other angels, including Satan (the Devil), was determined by conducting a test of knowledge. He also said that "whoever takes a path in search of knowledge, Allah will cause him to walk on one of the paths of paradise. Indeed, the angels will lower their wings in great pleasure with the one who seeks knowledge." He also said that "whoever goes out seeking knowledge, then he is in Allah's cause until he returns" (Tirmidhi)

The Taliban should at least pay heed to Quranic injunctions. The Quran itself is explicit in asking humanity to explore the signs of God. The Quran says that "God will raise up, by many degrees, those of you who believe and those who have been given knowledge. He is fully aware of what you do" (Quran 58:11). Knowledge involves reflection. God says in the Quran that, "He has subjected all that is in the heavens and the earth for your benefit, as a gift from Him. There truly are signs in this for those who reflect" (Quran 45:13). The Quran also tells us what to ask God — "And say: My Lord, increase my knowledge" (Quran 20:114). The Taliban, therefore, has scant regard for the Quran. Its decrees cannot and should not be allowed to have greater weight than the divine commandments by which they swear to justify their arbitrary decisions. There is not a single verse in the Quran or the Hadith that

prohibits women from acquiring knowledge. The Taliban seems ignorant of even the history of Islamic civilisation. The Prophet's wife, Ayesha, was a great scholar and people consulted her on theological matters. She was the most prominent narrator of Hadith. In fact, it is impossible to talk of Islam without referring to her. Nafisa, a close relative of Ali, too used to be consulted by the people and even scholars including Imam Shafii. Other prominent women scholars were Shahada,

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The Taliban leadership may not know, but one of the world's earliest modern universities was founded by an Arab woman: The University of Al-Qarawiyyin in Fez, Morocco, founded in 859 by Fatima Bint Muhammad al-Fihri. Similarly, in the 12th century, Sitt al-Sham Zumurrud Khatun, sister of Saladin, established schools in Damascus. In the 13th century, Razia Sultan even ruled over Delhi when Turkan-i-Chahalgani (Council of Forty Nobles) was extremely powerful. She also built several schools. The first Chancellor of Aligarh Muslim University in 1920 was Mumtaz Jahan Begum of Bhopal. Even in Saudi Arabia, Turkish-born Queen Iffat al Thunayan, wife of King Faisal, was responsible for the establishment of Dar al Hanan schools for girls in 1955. In neighbouring Pakistan, Benazir Bhutto was Prime Minister and Bangladesh has been ruled by Khaleda Zia and Sheikh Hasina for most of its 50-year history. Even in Afghanistan in 1880, Malalai demonstrated her courage and bravery in the battle of Maiwand. In 2005, Habiba Sarabi was appointed as governor, and a few years later,

Azra Jafari became the first female mayor. Thus, what the Taliban are doing to women is un-Islamic. Their version of Islam had not only closed the doors of universities for women but even mosques. Their Islam is not the Islam that was brought by the Prophet. The Taliban is undoing the Islamic revolution of enlightenment and pushing Afghanistan into a period of ignorance. But they must remember this blatant discrimination cannot last forever. They should take lessons from the recent protests by Iranian women.

The international community must also understand that mere non-recognition of the Taliban regime would not help the Afghan women's cause. The US's mere condemnations of such decisions would do no good to Afghan women. In 2019, India enacted the CAA to help the persecuted religious minorities of Afghanistan. As moral leaders, do we not owe anything to Afghanistan's women? Let India under the Prime Minister's presidency of G20 use its international stature and influence to force the Taliban to honour the Doha commitments. Let India become the most vocal advocate of women's empowerment in the world.

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FACING UP TO CHANGE

ChatGPT is a stark reminder of AI's potential and threat

Shruti Dhapola

IF YOU'VE EVER faced an issue with an online order – perhaps a food delivery running late - it is likely that you've encountered a "chatbot" as you sought redressal for the issue on an app. In that sense, many of us are familiar with the concept of what a "chatbot" is and what it is supposed to do. But this year, OpenAI's ChatGPT turned that simple experience into something entirely different. ChatGPT is being seen as a path-breaking example of an AI chatbot and what the technology could achieve when applied at scale.

ChatGPT is a chatbot built on a "largescale transformer-based language model that is trained on a diverse dataset of text and is capable of generating human-like responses to prompts." The last bit was written by ChatGPT so excuse the jargon-filled definition. But then, is there a better tool to explain what ChatGPT is capable of, other than the chatbot itself? A conversation with ChatGPT is like talking to a computer, a smart one, which appears to have some semblance of "human-like" intelligence.

As someone who covers technology daily. I find ChatGPT to be a fascinating tool. And that's not because I think it is highly accurate or path-breaking. But because it gives a glimpse into the future of AI and the kind Eventually, AI will take over and we don't quite know in what form. But it is clear that it won't just be a tool to aid us. Will 'true AI' become a reality, surpassing humans, achieving 'sentience' and

becoming capable of feeling?

of role this tech will play in our lives. This is not a future that could take place 100 years from now. Rather, it brings up more immediate questions that ChatGPT poses.

So, will AI replace all of our daily writing?

I sincerely hope not given what I've experienced while playing around with ChatGPT. For one, it is not entirely accurate — something even OpenAI has admitted. It is also evident that some of the essays written by ChatGPT lack the depth that a real human expert might showcase when writing on the same subject. It doesn't quite have the nuance that a human would often be able to provide. For example, I asked ChatGPT how one should cope with a cancer diagnosis. The responses were kind but generic. The type of responses you would find in any general self-help guide. Contrast that with how some survivors have written their stories and you know that AI has a long way to go. After all, it doesn't have the same experiences as a human

And what about code? ChatGPT is writing basic code after all. As several reports have shown, ChatGPT doesn't quite excel at this yet. But a future where basic code is written using AI doesn't seem so incredible right now.

Will it write college essays, thus making homework, even exams redundant? I hope

no college or school student is using this right now. Thus far, a ChatGPT essay is "readable", but it is the kind of essay college students submit when they are "faffing". You know, the one where the arguments are specious, the facts are just about there but it lacks depth.

Then there's the question of how this AI is built. Can we ensure it doesn't suffer from the same biases and bigotry many of us possess? Can we ensure it is not racist or sexist or discriminatory in its responses? And what about misinformation? ChatGPT has not proved entirely immune to this. These are all challenges which have not been solved.

Still. ChatGPT is a stark reminder of Al's potential and threat. Eventually, AI will take over and we don't quite know in what form. But it is clear that it won't just be a tool to aid us. Will "true AI" become a reality, surpassing humans, achieving "sentience" and becoming capable of feeling? Is there even an understanding of how society will change, evolve or decay as AI becomes more ubiquitous and sophisticated? These are the questions we must strive to ask now itself, more vigorously than we have been, before it is too late.

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DECEMBER 27, 1982, FORTY YEARS AGO

BIHAR CASTE VIOLENCE

PEOPLE FROM THE Scheduled Caste communities of six villages in Naubatpur block of Patna district have fled their homes in the wake of an armed raid by men of the Bhumi Sena, an organisation of the landholders of Bara village on December 23. The adherents of the Bhumi Sena, reportedly led by one Sunil Singh, raided the village at dawn and opened fire. Taken by surprise, one person was killed on the spot and five others were injured.

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TDP vs Congress THE PICTURE IS not as rosy for the ruling Congress (I) as it was in the past elections in

tor general of police (Intelligence), D R Karthikeyan, "directly or indirectly" with any kind of work connected with the elections. It has been alleged that the DIG had sent telex messages to all police stations in the state instructing the officers to ensure that only official Congress (I) candidates filed their nominations for the Assembly poll.

directed not to associate the deputy inspec-

IRATE CROWDS STORMED the tarmac of Trivandrum airport to force striking Indian Airlines workers to help out passengers stranded inside an Air India Boeing. The incident was the culmination of a tense one-anda-half hour drama during which passengers and crew had to wait in the aircraft as the Indian Airlines loaders, on a flash strike, refused to move the ladder to the aircraft.

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WHAT THE OTHERS SAY

"A stable government has been a pipe dream ever since the country (Nepal) restored democracy in 1990."

THE KATHMANDU POST

Take a hard look at Moscow

In Delhi, Putin's Russia continues to be seen as the heir to the Soviet Union. This must not make us blind to Moscow's imperialist tendencies



THIS WEEK, RUSSIA marks two anniversaries — the 100th anniversary of the founding of the Soviet Union and the 31st anniversary of its dissolution. Following the Bolshevik Revolution in November 1917, the Soviet Union was proclaimed on December 30, 1922. Until its dissolution on December 26, 1991, the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics as it was called, had an outsized influence in world affairs.

Moscow played a decisive role in defeating Nazi Germany in the Second World War, influenced revolutionary and progressive movements around the world, offered an alternative to the Western capitalist model, drove advances in science and technology, and shaped regional military balances until its sudden death in 1991.

India is among the few places in the world where the Soviet legacy endures with some strength. In Delhi, Vladimir Putin's Russia continues to be valued as the heir to the Soviet Union and as a special strategic partner. Putin's aggression against Ukraine and his brutal bombing of its civilian population, which Moscow claims is an integral part of Russia, has hardly made a dent in the way the Indian political classes think about the crisis.

Although it has been reluctant to directly criticise Russian aggression, official Delhi is not blind to the fact that Putin's "special military operation" has gone horribly wrong. Delhi will inevitably find ways to adjust to the tectonic shifts in the world order triggered by Putin's misadventure. But the Indian political and strategic communities must come to terms with the many complex factors that have contributed to Putin's egregious errors in Ukraine.

On the left and centre of the Indian political spectrum, the Soviet Union has been viewed purely through the ideological lens of progressive politics — nationalist, internationalist, communist and anti-imperialist. That lens, however, is detached from the history of Russia and the continuing struggles for its political soul. Within the strategic community, the conviction that Russia is India's "best friend forever" leaves little room for a nuanced view of Russia's domestic and international politics.

Five factors might help lend greater depth to Delhi's Russian discourse.

One is the religious and messianic impulses in Russian history and the deeprooted pan-Slavism that have so neatly dovetailed with the post-Soviet image of Russia as the vanguard of global revolution. Russian internationalism is rooted in its traditional self-perception as the "Third Rome" and the successor to the Roman and Byzantine empires. Moscow is the heart of Orthodox Christianity — which is at once mystical and millenarian. It sees itself defending "The Holy Rus" against Mongols, Turks, Polish Catholics, Swedish Lutherans, the Jews, Napoleon,

Hitler and the West.
The Bolshevik Revolution, which initially



sought to destroy the Russian Orthodox Church, eventually leveraged it in the deification of the Soviet state and lent a religious colour to the claim of Russian exceptionalism. Putin has taken the alliance with the Russian Orthodox Church to a higher level. For the Russian nationalists today, the effort to take back Ukraine is a "holy war".

Second, the Indian debate that has long viewed Russia as anti-imperialist is reluctant to engage with Moscow's own imperial history. If Moscow's European peers captured overseas colonies, Russia's expansion was overland. The replacement of Czarist Russia by the Soviet Union did not end Moscow's imperial habits.

The Communist Party of the Soviet Union (CPSU) claimed a special role in directing revolutions in other countries. After the Second World War, Soviet Russia insisted that fellow communist states had only "limited sovereignty" and Moscow had the right to intervene to keep them on the straight and narrow path of socialism and prevent their destabilisation. The military invasions in Hungary (1956), Czechoslovakia (1968), and Afghanistan (1979) were motivated by this impulse.

In claiming that Ukraine has no sovereignty of its own, Putin is merely following that imperial tradition as well as the conviction that Ukraine, Belarus and Russianspeaking people everywhere are part of the "Russkiy Mir" or the "Russian world".

Among the few outside the West who saw through the imperial dimension of the Soviet Union was China's Mao Zedong. After he broke from the Russian communists, Mao began to characterise Russia as an "imperial power". Mao had not forgotten the persistent tension between the Chinese and Russian empires. Pro-China communists in India duly followed by attacking Russia as "social imperialist".

The third missing element in the Indian debate on Ukraine is the nature of the relations between Russian nationalism and other ethnic minorities. The founder of the Soviet Union, Vladimir Lenin warned against the dangers of "great Russian chauvinism". He insisted on structuring a federal polity with the right of various nationalities to secede. Stalin, however, turned Russian federalism into a hollow shell and erased the difference between the "Soviet Union" and "Soviet Purgia"

In a speech earlier this year, Putin denounced Lenin for giving a separate identity to Ukraine. "Modern Ukraine", Putin said, "can with good reason be called 'Vladimir Ilyich Lenin's Ukraine'."

yich Lenin's Ukraine'." Fourth is the enduring autocratic impulse in Moscow that is rooted in the stalled democratic revolution. Traditionally, the Russian fear of disorder has left the population to put great faith in strong leaders. The Russians believed that the "Czar" was a just ruler who would save them from the oppressive feudals and corrupt local officials. The frequent but unsuccessful efforts at political liberalisation have left a fertile ground in Russia for centralising power under leaders like Putin and increasing the chances of grave miscalculation.

Fifth is the idea that Russia has no borders. In a talk with geography students a few years ago, Putin asked a rhetorical question: "Where do Russia's borders end?" He answered, half facetiously, that "they don't end anywhere". But more seriously the lack of defensible borders for the vast territory it holds has been a persistent concern for Russia over the centuries.

The idea of securing Russia through a "sphere of influence" in the "near abroad" comes naturally for leaders in Moscow. But most of Russia's neighbours, unsurprisingly, do not want to be part of it. The resentments against Moscow's domination are deeprooted on Russia's periphery, especially in Central Europe. The closer you are to Russian borders, the greater your need for external balancing against Moscow.

Although the ideas of "territorial sovereignty" and "strategic autonomy" come naturally to Delhi's discourse, the Indian foreign policy community has had little sensitivity to the demands for freedom from Russian domination in Central Europe. That in turn can be explained by the fact that independent India tended to view east and central Europe through the eyes of Moscow.

As the tragic Russian war against Ukraine enters the 11th month and there is an exploration of the terms of a potential peace process, reconciling Russian security concerns with those of Ukraine and its Central European neighbours will be hard. The concerns and convictions on both sides are strongly held and so antithetical.

India's interests in Russia are many and will endure even as its stakes grow in Central Europe that is gaining greater strategic weight and the political agency to shape the future of Eurasia. To understand how the war in Ukraine might play out and its longer-term consequences for India, Delhi's discourse must pay greater attention to the turbulent history of Russia and its troubled relations with its Central European neighbours.

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When India did not strut

My chairmanship of G20 was a small piece of news in India. In Vajpayee government, we worked quietly, without much fanfare



YASHWANT SINHA

THE G20 IS in the news almost daily because India is now the chairman of the group. Earlier, nobody had heard of the group except those who were directly concerned with it. But has India become the chairman of the G20 for the first time? What exactly is the G20? My mind goes back to the autumn of 1999 when I was the Finance Minister of India and was visiting Washington DC to attend the meetings of the IMF and the World Bank. The meeting assumed special importance because, in 1997 and 1998, the world had witnessed yet another severe economic crisis, this time in East Asia. The economies in the region had collapsed one by one as a result of their follies. Naturally, it had an adverse impact on the global economy. Naturally, the concern it caused was also global. It was in this background that the G20 was formed in 1999.

The G7, consisting of the important developed countries, was already in existence. It also used to invite the Russian Federation to its meetings and was G8 for all practical purposes. But apart from the World Bank and the IMF, there was no other body at the international level where the developed and developing countries could come together and exchange ideas on global financial and economic issues. These were large and unwieldy bodies where everybody delivered her written speech and the job was done. The need for a more compact deliberative body was sorely felt. The initiative to form such a group was taken by the G7 during the 1999 autumn meeting of the IMF and the World Bank in Washington. I recall the events of that year vividly.

Paul Martin, the finance minister of Canada acting on behalf of the G7, invited me to a meeting in which he mentioned the idea that had already been discussed in the G7 to constitute a bigger and more representative group of finance ministers and central bank governors consisting of the G8 and some important emerging market countries to deliberate in depth upon the developing financial and economic global situation. He told me that India was naturally the first country in the group of emerging market countries he felt he should talk to. "Will India agree to become a member of the group?" he asked me. I replied in the affirmative and then we went on to discuss the names of the other countries to be included in the group and its mandate. Discussions with the others followed and the G20 came into existence in September 1999, Martin became its first chairman and the first meeting of the group was held in Berlin in the renovated Bundestag building in December 1999. I was elected the second chairman of the group a little later.

My chairmanship of the G20 was a small piece of news in the financial papers in India as was my chairmanship of the development committee of the World Bank. In the Vajpayee government, we believed in doing our work quietly without much fanfare. So, I was not much bothered about it — I was more concerned with the tasks that awaited me. But things change, don't they?

The next meeting was to be held in Delhi in the autumn of 2001. But terrorists attacked the Twin Towers in New York and the venue of the meeting shifted to New York along with the meetings of the IMF and the World Bank to show the world's solidarity with the US. The G20 finance ministers and central bank governors finally met in New Delhi in the autumn of 2002 under the chairmanship of Jaswant Singh, who had by then succeeded me as finance minister.

In 2008, in the wake of another global financial crisis, it was decided to raise the G20 to the summit level. Two tracks were created: One of the finance ministers and the central bank governors and the other of sherpas to tackle other issues like climate change. Another important decision taken was to divide the member countries into five groups to make it easier to select an annual chairman. Group one consists of Australia, Canada, Saudi Arabia and the US; group two of India, Russia, South Africa and Turkey; group three of Argentina, Brazil and Mexico; group four of France, Germany, Italy and the UK and group five of China, Indonesia, Japan and South Korea. The countries within the group decide which from amongst them will take over as chairman when it is the group's turn. So far, all the members of group one, four and five have enjoyed the privilege of chairing the G20 on an annual basis. India from group two is the chairman for the year 2022-23, Brazil from group 3 will take over as chairman in 2024 and South Africa from group two will become chairman in 2025. This will complete one round of chairmanship for all members starting from the US in 2008 and ending with South Africa in 2025. India's turn to head the group has actually come a little late and almost nine years after Narendra Modi took over as prime minister.

In India, now we do everything with an eye on elections. So, though it was not our turn, we tried our best to assume the chairmanship of the G20 in 2018, a pre-election year in India. But Argentina did not oblige India despite our best efforts as it was its turn to become chairman. But we have succeeded this time as 2023 is also a pre-election year and as is already evident, the Government of India is going to milk this opportunity to the fullest.

In 1999, when the G20 consisting of the finance ministers and central bank governors was set up, India was elected its second chairman because Vajpayee's India was held in high esteem globally. But we did not make a song and dance about it. We went about our task quietly and in a business-like way. But that was under the first and a very different BJP prime minister. Today we have another BJP prime minister, but how the style of working has changed, how the whole world has

So, fasten your seat belts. India is the chair of the G20.

The writer, a former Union minister, is vicepresident, All-India Trinamool Congress

Yatra & many stages of arrival

Although the ideas of

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'strategic autonomy' come

discourse, the Indian foreign

policy community has had

demands for freedom from

Central Europe. That in turn

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that independent India

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eyes of Moscow.

First, Bharat Jodo Yatra must speak to citizens, not voters

Mani Shankar Aiyar

AS A CONGRESSMAN and, sometimes, participant in the Bharat Jodo Yatra (BJY), I am grateful to Suhas Palshikar and Pratap Bhanu Mehta for their thought-provoking articles on successive days ('One hundred days of Yatra', IE, December 22 and 'Yatra, without arrival', IE, December 23) as the Yatra takes a well-deserved break after more than 100 days on the road

days on the road Mehta quite correctly describes the Yatra as "an amalgamation of pilgrimage and penance that deploys the grammar of the national movement". That being so, it is essential to underline that movements like Quit India in 1942 and the Salt Satyagraha in 1930 contained a simple and direct message, as this Yatra does. While there can be no denying the need to concentrate on "concrete issues" like the Uniform Civil Code, this Yatra will fail if it gets sidetracked from its main purpose of uniting a divided country into dealing with specifics, even as "Bharat chhodo" and "karenge ya marenge" in 1942 would have lost their appeal if the messaging had gone into the myriad issues that the coming of Independence (and Partition) raised. The immediate goal is "consciousness raising" to set the stage for intense political propagation on specific matters of contention. For the moment, the aim must remain "speaking to citizens, not voters" so that the "citizen" is mentally and emotionally prepared for the more complex issues that will decide how he will act as a "voter". In fact, the nearest parallel to BJY is the Non-Cooperation Movement whose aim was to raise awareness and understanding of non-violence as the key moral and ideological requirement for moving towards Swaraj.

The immediate objective must be, as Palshikar points out, to "(re-unite) India" by removing "the glue of hate, imagined victimhood and empty dreams" that is dragging the nation to "authoritarian politics", and ending "the idea of Congress (and the idea of an alternative to the BJP's majoritarianism)" to "ensuring a truly united India". If, of course, BJY ends with the end of the march, it would have served little purpose. But Rahul Gandhi certainly does not intend to quit the political scene. His Yatra must be seen in the perspective of a political strategy in three distinct phases: First, the present one of preparing the people for change on moral grounds (as with the Non-Cooperation Movement); then focusing on specifics (as in the Salt Satyagraha); third, clarifying the ideological positioning of the party, particularly with regard to ensuring that there is "no mendacious soft peddling" on issues of communal majoritarianism; fourth, working towards as much Opposition unity as might be feasible; fifth, demonstrating in the coming state assembly elections the advantages of Opposition unity and the folly of Opposition disunity; and sixth, fighting the general elections due in 2024.

Palshikar is right in saying the present goal is to "rejuvenate the party and rediscover our democratic national self", but only once that is done can we move to the next stages of "reforming the state". For the moment, it is appropriate that the Congress "remain muted outside the actual route of the Yatra" (except, of course, that we have a party president and a parliamentary party who are definitely not "muted"). It is just not true that there is "a deafening silence elsewhere". That relative silence will become louder and louder as the Congress challenges the 'voodoo of the prime minister", after the Yatra has prepared the turf, and moves from "attractive optics" to "substantive messaging". That is the way it was in Mahatma Gandhi's time. That is the way it seems to be in Rahul Gandhi's time.

The party must of course project itself as going beyond "virtue signalling" and ensure that the enhanced political standing of Rahul Gandhi "enhances the Congress' capacity to facilitate Opposition unity". But surely neither Palshikar nor Mehta expect Rahul to abandon BJY to rush off to Kolkata to inveigle Mamata Banerjee or to Lucknow to persuade Akhilesh Yadav or even to walk beyond the Red Fort to Civil Lines, Delhi, to massage Arvind Kejriwal's massive ego. All that will come in the fullness of time — that is, once the Yatra is over and the political atmosphere heats up as 2024 approaches. That would be the time for the "substantive and impressive

rallies" country-wide that Palshikar recommends. It is already on the party's agenda for the immediate future.

And, of course, the party must be ready by the time the general elections are on us to "actively stand for the oppressed and the marginalised" by demonstrating its "ideological repertoire", ranging from undiluted secularism, in both inflexible principle and in relation to specific matters of concern to our secular nationhood, and social and economic programmes such as NYAY, to "reform the state" and restore "fraternity" as the bonding adhesive of our continued existence as a nation and as the injunction laid upon our shoulders by the Constitution.

Marching from Kanyakumari to Kashmir over some 150 days is, indeed, as Mehta says, "a novel attempt to create a new political space". The "projection of another bearded pilgrim, whose dedication cannot be doubted, who now exudes a common touch and ease with people that comes from genuine empathy" is a major achievement in image makeover. The "effervescence" the Yatra has generated does flag the alternative of "a politics of decency...refreshingly bereft of the orgies of hate that define public discourse". BJY does reject the "politics of hate". And that is what will usher in a "politics of hope".

The writer is a former Union minister and senior Congress leader

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

PLANNING RIGHT

THIS REFERS TO the editorial, 'Right recipe' (IE, December 26). The PM Garib Kalyan Yojana was a much-needed fiscal relief scheme that helped vulnerable sections of society. The scheme hasn't yet outlived its purpose and economic recovery hasn't been the same across sectors, but continuing with the original coverage of the scheme won't be fiscally prudent. The Union government should support the states with additional untied funds to let the government at the regional level plan their own targeted food security measures based on the ground realities. Sudip Kumar Dey, Barasat

UPDATING THE LAW

THIS REFERS TO the editorial, 'Necessary debate' (IE, December 26). The exception to Section 375 of the IPC needs to be reviewed. All laws can be misused. That should not be an argument to deny recognition of marital rape as a crime. The judiciary should provide legislators a time frame to establish a law on marital rape.

H Upadhyay, via email

THIS REFERS TO the editorial, 'Necessary debate' (IE, December 26). The Delhi High Court's split verdict in May on the issue of marital rape is a re-

flection of a deep chasm in society. The law makes an exemption under Section 375 of the IPC that protects men from prosecution for having non-consensual sex with their wives. The Karnataka government's affidavit is a welcome move in this context. The Centre would also do well to verbalise its support on the matter.

SS Paul, Nadia

An unending war

THIS REFERS TO the report, 'Putin says Russia ready for negotiations over Ukraine' (IE, December 26). Russian President Vladimir Putin has blamed Kyiv and its Western backers for a lack of diplomatic talks, a stance Washington has previously dismissed as posturing amid persistent Russian attacks. Putin has shown willingness to engage diplomatically prior to this as well, provided Ukraine bows to Moscow's demands. Kyiv has made it clear that that is unacceptable. Currently, Ukraine has an advantage, having recaptured swathes of territories in the northeast and south. Western finance and US missiles could also offer some protection. But this could also prompt Russia to carry out heavier attacks. Unless there is a credible push for talks, the war is likely to continue for the foreseeable future

Khokan Das, Kolkata

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I, Monu Jain Verma D/o Abhay Kumar Jain R/o C-5/146 First Floor, Sector-6, Rohini, Delhi have changed my name as Monu Jain permanently.

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I, Mohd Akram S/o Yameen Chaudhary R/o Deewan House No.336, Masuri, Ghaziabad, UP $have\, changed\, my\, name\, to$ Mohd Akram Chaudhary.

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I, Mohammed Junaid S/o Mohammed Zakir R/o C-5, Nizamuddin West, New Delhi-110013, have changed my name to Mohd Junaid for all purposes. 0040646884-1

I. Maniu Negi D/o Aiay Kumar Negi R/o L-108, L-Block, Laxmi Nagar, Shakarpur, Delhi-110092, have changed my name to Manju Maira Khan Permanently. 0070819381-1

I, MD.SHAHNAWAZ S/o-SHOUKAT ALI R/o-HOUSE.NO. K-120,FOURTH FLOOR,ABUL FAZAL ENCLAVE, PART-1, JAMIA NAGAR.OKHLA.NEW DELHI-110025, have change my, name from SHAHNAWAZ to MD.SHAHNAWAZ at my Marksheet Reg.07/022778.

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I, MD SAJID ANSARI,S/o Kalwa Khan, LIC Policy No.536224079,R/o-426A, Gali No.-06, Rajiv Gandhi Nagar, New Mustafahad Delhi-110094, have changed my name to MOHD SAJID, for all future purposes. MD SAJID ANSARI and MOHD SAJID are one and the same person. 0040646854-1

I, Kundan Singh Kanaunia S/o

Shiv Singh R/o 0, Anandpuri Phase 2 Talli Bamori, O, Haldwani, Nainital, Uttarakhand-263139, that name of mine has been wrongly written as Kundan Singh in my Discharge Book of Army. The actual name of mine is Kundan Singh 0070819372-1 Kanaunia

I, Kamar S/o Amanullah R/o Bhimsika Tehsil Hathin Distt-Palwal, Haryana have changed my name to Kamar Aman for all future purposes.

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I, Jayram Sah S/o Rambabu Sah R/o C-20, JJ Colony, Raghubir Nagar, Delhi-110027, that name of mine and my father has been wrongly written as Jai Ram Kumar and Ram Babu respectively in my Driving Licence DL1120120220508. Regn. No: DL1RP1703 and TSR Permit TL1RP/1703. The actual name of mine and my father is Jayram Sah and Rambabu Sah respectively 0070819373-1 I, Jaswant Singh S/o Gurcharan

Floor, Raja Park, Shakur Basti, Delhi, have changed my name as Jaswant Singh Sahni permanently 0040646863-1 I, Jainab Khan D/o Abdul Wasid

Singh R/o W7-3502 Third

Garden, Tilak Nagar, Delhi have changed my name as Zainab Khan permanently. 0040646863-5

L Bhawana S/o Satpal Sharma

R/o B-7-C, Slums flats, Sector-I, Avantika Enclave Rohini, North West Delhi-110085 have changed my name to Bhawana I, BILAL S/O IDREES, R/O, D-18/1

STREET NO. 8 BRAHMPURI. GARHI MENDU, NORTH EAST DELHI, DELHI-110053, HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO BILAL KHAN PERMANENTLY.

I, Aryan Guha S/o Rajarshi Guha R/o F-306, Grand Ajnara Heritage, Sector-74, Noida 201301 have changed my name to Aryan Rishi Guha. 0070819335-1

I, Farhat Naj W/o Mohd. Akram Chaudhary R/o 336, Masuri, Ghaziabad, UP have changed my name to Farhat Naz.

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I, Anuj Kumar Mangal S/o Shri Jai Parkash Mangal R/o B-80 Antariksh Appartment, Sector 14 Extn, Rohini Sector-7, Delhi- $85\,have\,changed\,my\,name\,from$ Chintu Mangal to Anuj Kumar Mangal for all purposes. 0040646910-1

I. Aaditva Govil S/o Anil Govil R/o 102 Tower-11, NRI City, Greater Noida U.P. have changed my name to Aaditya Kumar Govil for all future purposes.

0070819377-1 I Vinit Kumar S/O, Sriram Prasad R/o Rc 944, Gali No. 4, Prakash Nagar, Khora Colony, Ghaziabad (up) have changed my name to Vinit Kumar Prasad

for all purposes. 0040646902-1

I Tanvi Bansal D/o Sh. Saniav Kumar Bansal, R/o C-9/54, Pocket-9, Sector-8, Rohini Delhi-110085, declare that In my old passport my name has been mentioned as Tanvi. Tanvi and Tanvi Bansal is one and the same person. In future I shall be known as Tanvi Bansal for all purpose.

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I,Dinesh S/o-Jagdish Singh,R/o Village Wazirpur District Gurgaon(Haryana) -122505,have changed my name to Dinesh Kumar, for all Purposes. 0040646959-6 I Riya D/o Kamal Batra, R/o WZ-25A, Gali No-13,Krishna Park, Tilak Nagar, Delhi-110018, have changed my name

I Ram Prasad S/O, Harihar Prasad R/o Rc 944, Gali No. 4. Prakash Nagar, Khora Colony, Ghaziabad (up) have changed my name to Sriram Prasad for all purposes. 0040646901-1

I Pragya Aggarwal alias Pragya Saini D/o Sh. Pradeep Aggarwal W/o Sh. Sarabjit Singh Saini R/o BD-71, Vishakha Enclave, Pitampura, Delhi-110034 have changed my name to Pragya Saini for all purposes.

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I Pradeep Kumar Jain, S/o-Shri Prahlad Singh Jain, R/o-AM-192, Shalimar Bagh, Delhi-110088 have changed my name to Pardeep Kumar Jain for all 0040646848-1 purposes.

I Laxmikant Gairola S/o

Bhagwati Prasad R/o Village Bhangla, Post-Kakhoor, Tehsil-Narendra Nagar, Kakhoor, Tehri Garhwal, Uttarakhand-249192, have changed my name to Rahul Gairola 0070819370-1 I Chanda Rani W/O. Manoi

Kumar Thakur R/o A-88 First Floor Vijay Vihar Phase 1 Rithala, Rohini Delhi 110085 have changed my name to Chanda Thakur for all 0040646898-1 purposes.

I Abhinay Dhain S/O, Surender Kumar Dhain R/o 57, upper Ground, sector-15, faridabad-121007, harvana have changed my name to Abhinaov Dhain for

I,Shahid Husain s/o Ali Mohammad.R/o H No-2017,Gali.No-19B,Rajiv Gandhi Nagar,Mustafabad, Delhi-110094.have Changed my name to MOHD SHAHID. 0040646959-5

I,Mohammed Chotte s/o-Mohammed Razak R/o H No-180, Gali. No-03, Moonga Nagar Delhi-110094.have Changed my name to MOHD CHHOTE.permanently.

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I,ADARSH, W/O.CHAND RAM, ADD-1403 SECTOR-14 FARIDABAD, HARYANA 121007, changed my name toADARSH BALA, for all, future 0040646936-3 Purposes.

I,PUNEET JAIN/SHIKHA JAIN,ADD-25/116,GALI.NO.13, VISHWAS NAGAR, SHAHDARA DELHI-110032, changed my Minor Son name PRAKHAR JAIN to NITYAM JAIN, for all, future Purposes. 0040646924-10

I.Sunil Kumar Bhan.S/o Sh. M.L. Bhan,R/o-2/99,Sec-2,Rajender Nagar,Sahibabad. Ghaziabad.have changed.mv name to Sunil Bhan, for all purposes. Also affirm, that both are one, and same, person.

It,is for general information that I.RUKMANI SONI.W/o ASHOK KUMAR, R/o-X/828, Chand-Mohalla, Raghubar Pura, East-Delhi-110031, declare that name of mine has been wrongly-written as RUKMANI in my Passport-No.U1581631.The actual name of mine is RUKMANI SONI, which may be amended accordingly 0040646868-1

It is for general information that I,KAMLESH GOSWAMI,W/o Late Shiv Charan Goswami, R/o 1002A.Mandoli Village.Delhi-110093, declare that name of mine has been wrongly-writter as KAMLESH DEVI in my Bank of Baroda Saving Bank Account No.06430100021626. The actualname of mine KAMLESH GOSHWAMI respectively, which may be amended accordingly.

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It Is For General Information That I.Satva Narain Kabra.S/O-Surajmal Kabra Residing At,171/B,First-Floor,Gali No.17.Raigarh-Colony.West Azad Nagar Krishna Nagar, East Delhi-110051, Declare That Name Of Mine Has Been Wrongly-Written AS Saty Narayan Kabra In My Minor-Son Himanshu Kabra Aged-16Years School-Records.The Actual-Name Of Mine Is Satva Narain Kabra.Which May Be Amended

I, hitherto known as Poonam Parewa alias Poonam Rajora,W/O Chandra Kiran Khatik,R/O-WZ-1093,M8,-Upper Ground-Floor, Backside, Basai Darapur, New Delhi-110015, have changed my name and shall hereafter be known

Accordingly.

as Poonam Rajora.

0040646920-10 **I,Virender** S/o-Jagarnath Manihi.R/o A-120.Ambedkar Basti, RK Puram, Sector-1, Delhi-110022, have changed my name to Virender Manjhi.

0040646924-4 I,Usha Kiran Verma,W/o Parveen Kumar,R/o F.No-172,Sanskriti Appartment D.D.A Multistorey, Sector-19B,Dwarka Delhi-75,have been changed my name to Usha

0040646959-8 I,Sunita Rani,D/o Late Shiv Singh R/o.flat no.79.2nd-floor. Milansar apartment, Paschim-Vihar, Delhi-110063, have changed my name from Sunita Rani to Sunita Devi, for all Purposes.

I, S MENAKA, D/O PARAMASIVAM SIVAJI,R/o.B-165,GALAXY NORTH AVENUE-2, GAUR CITY 2.GREATER NOIDA WEST, GAUTAMBUDH NAGAR, UTTAR PRADESH-201306, changed my name to MENAKA SIVAJI.

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I,Subrota Biswas,S/o-Pravat Biswas, R/o-C-236A, Rajeev Nagar,Begumpur,Delhi-110086, have changed my Minor Son name From Parveen To Parveen Biswas for all future porposes. 0040646956-6

I, Shobha Mother of No. JC-248788K Nb Ris/Clk (SD) Katte Navnath Murlidhar, R/o Post Isrul, Tehsil Chikhli, Distt. Buldhana, Maharashtra-443201, have changed my name to Shobha Murlidhar Katte, for all future purposes and my real date of birth is 08 March 1959.

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I.Sandhya Bindal.W/O Sagar Bindal, R/O, C-406, Saraswati-Vihar Pitampura Delhi-110034, have changed my minor Daughter's name Richele Bindal To Richelle Bindal. 0040646924-7

al, SUKVINDER SINGH S/o JOGINDER SINGH R/o WZ-H-62-A, SANT-NAGAR EXT.,TILAK-NAGAR.Delhi-110018.have changed my name to SUKHVINDER SINGH.

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I.SUNIL KUMAR.S/O.JAI KANWAR, ADD-93, BHAGAN (98) SONIPAT HARYANA-131039.changed my name toSUNIL, for all, future 0040646959-2

I,SIMMI KALRA,W/O-VINOD KUMAR PRUTHI.ADD-B 50,STREET.NO.2,NORTH CHHAJJUPUR.SHAHDARA.NORT HEAST, DELHI-110032, changed my name to KIRAN BALA 0040646917-3

I,Razia,W/o Khurshid Ahmad Najmi, R/o-S-299 DDA Flat,Sector-8 Jasola Vihar, Delhi-110025, have changed my name to Razia 0040646959-Najmi.

I,Rahul s/o Romeo,R/o 100A/5 0040646956-4 Gautam Nagar South-Delhi I,Meenu D/o Paltu mal Jain,R/o Delhi-110049, have changes my 241, tagore park, delhiname to Rahul Romeo, for 110009, have changed my name all, future purposes. to Manisha Agrawal.

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I,RUPANJALI KUMARI,Daughter of Service No-4284469F,Rank -Lance Naik Name BIKESH KUMAR SINGH Residence of VILL-BALAHPUR, PO-BALAHPUR, PS-NAYA GAON, DIST-BEGUSARAI, STATE-BIHAR, PIN-851129 Vide-Affidavit No-IN DL34341400637118U, Date 20.DEC.2022, declare that I have

changed my name, from RUPANJALI to RUPANJALI KUMARI(NEW NAME)for all 0040646936-5 purpose. I,RUBY ANSAR,W/O.MD AURANGZEB KHAN.ADD-R 278,204 SIR SYED ROAD JISLAH MASJID, JOGABAI-EXTN JAMIA NAGAR OKHLA SOUTH-

EAST.DELHI 110025.changed

 ${\bf AURANGZEB,} for all, future\\$

my name to RUBY

0040646959-10 Purposes. I,RASHI KARANWAL,W/O NITIN CHADHA,R/o-A2/209,PALM RESORT, RAJ-NAGAR EXTENSION.GHAZIABAD. UTTAR-PRADESH 201017, changed my name to

I.RAJESH KAKKAR S/o-BALDEV RAJ R/o-H.No.5,BAHUBALI **ENCLAVE KARKARDOOMA** DELHI-110092.HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO RAJESH KUMAR 0040646924-1 KAKKAR.

RASHI CHADHA. 0040646936-7

I,Proshanto Biswas,S/o-Manoranjan Biswas, R/o-A-90.Begumpur.Barwala Road, Near Heera Hospital, Delhi-110086. have changed my Minor daughter name From Drishti To Drishti Biswas for all future purposes.

I,Parmod Kumars/o karan Singh presently,residing at,vposihma Dist-Mohinder garh, Haryana pin-123028, have changed my name,from Parmod Kumar to Pramod Yadav vide-affidavit dated.26-

0040646956-7

I,Parmod Kumar S/o-Sant Lal R/o-HNo.13, Block-E-1, Pocket-8, Sector-15, Rohini, Delhi-110089 changed my name to Parmod Kumar Bhardwaj for all I,BHIM purposes. SINGH S/O SITA RAM R/o D-115, SANJAY COLONY, BADWALA CHOUK, BHATI MINES, CHATTARPUR, NEW DELHI 110074, have changed my name to BHEEM SINGH.

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I DI IDNIMA DEVI W/O SATYENDRA SINGH.R/O-8C-03 SNCOS MESSAIR FORCE STATION NEW DELHI 110003 HAVE CHANGED MY NAME FROM PURNIMA DEVI TO PURNIMA KUMARI VIDE AFFIDAVIT DATED 26-12-2022.

I,PRADEEP S/O Swami Nath,R/O 212,Indra Camp,No.5,Vikas Puri.Delhi-110018.Have changed my name, from

PRADEEP to PRADIP KUMAR.

0040646917-1 I,PANKAJ KUMAR CHAUHAN,S/O NARESH SINGH,R/O-144-B/9,KISHAN GARH,VASANT-KUNJ.SOUTH WEST DELHI. DELHI-110070, HAVE CHANGED MY NAME, FROM PANKAJ KUMAR CHAUHAN TO PANKAJ KUMAR, FOR ALL, FUTURE

I,Neelam,W/o-Dip Kumar Das.D/o-Narotam Singh.R/o H.No.116/13, Sector-1, Type -3,Quarter Pushp Vihar,New Delhi-110017,have Changed my name to Neelam Singh.

PURPOSE.

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I,Aashita goyal,D/o- Alok kumar Goyal Address-42, new rajdhani enclave preet vihar-metro station, New Delhi-110092 Changed my name to Ashita 0040646924-9 goyal

I,Neelam W/o Rakesh Kumar R/o-G-273, 2nd-Floor Rishi, Nagar Rani, Bagh, Delhi-110034, have changed my name to Neelam Laroiya

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I,Naveen wadhwa,S/o-Tilak raj wadhwa Add-1b-105 nit Faridabad Haryana -121001, changed my name to Naveen Kumar wadhwa.

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I,Rupa Devi w/0-Parmod Kumar r/0-2/33 mathura refinery rochi township bangar mathura up,have change name to RUPA FOR ALL. 0040646917-4

I.NITIN CHADDA.S/O BAL KISHAN CHADHA.R/o A2/209,PALM RESORT, RAJ NAGAR-EXTENSION. GHAZIABAD, U.P.201017. changed my name to NITIN CHADHA, 0040646936-8

I,NARESH SINGH CHAUHAN,S/O SHIVPAL SINGH CHAUHAN.R/O-144-B/9 KISHAN GARH, VASANT KUNJ,SOUTH WEST-DELHI.DELHI-110070,HAVE CHANGED MY NAME, FROM NARESH SINGH CHAUHAN TO NARESH SINGH.FOR ALL, FUTURE PURPOSE.

0040646963-2

I, Murleedhar Katte Father of No. IC-248788K Nh Ris/Clk (SD) Katte Navnath Murlidhar, R/o Post Isrul, Tehsil Chikhli, Distt. Buldhana Maharashtra-443201, have changed my name to Murlidhar Keshav Katte, for all future purposes and my real date of birth is 25 February 0040646936-1

I,Mukesh Kumar,S/O-Krishan Kumar R/O-H-3/115-116 First Floor, Sector-11, Rohini, Delhi-110085, have Changed my name to Mukesh Jindal, S/O-Krishan Jindal for all Purposes.

0040646924-2 I, Manoj Sharma S/o. Ram Parsad Sharma, R/o. House No. 916, Gali.No.21A, Swatantra Nagar, Narela, Delhi-110040 have changed myName from Manoj Sharma to Manoj Kumar for all Purposes and both the names belongs to one &same

person i.e. Manoj Kumar. 0040646879-1

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I.MOHAMMAD AURANGJEB KHAN, S/O, MOHAMMAD SAFIULLAH KHAN, ADD-R 278,204 SIR SYED-ROAD, ISLAH MASJID.JOGABAI EXTN JAMIA NAGAR OKHLA SOUTH-EAST DELHI-110025,Changed my name to MD AURANGZEB KHAN, for all, future Purposes.

I,Kumwar Pal S/o Roop Kishore R/o-Flat No-101.RZP-287,U.G.F,Gali,No-5,Raj Nagar II,Palam,Colony,Sector-8.Dawarka. N.Delhi-110077, changed my name to Kunwar Pal Singh for

I.Krishna Devi D/o-Ramchander,W/o Vinod Bugaliya,R/o.H.N.1,2nd Floor G5 Vatika India Next Sec-82, Gurgaon(HR.)have changed my name to Krishna Bugaliya, for all purposes. 0040646959-7

all, purposes.

I,Khushboo D/o Bharat Bhushan R/o-166 Hakikat, Nagar G.T.B Nagar Delhi-110009 have.changed my name to Khushboo Puiara, 0040646924-5

I,Kamlesh,W/o-Ram kumai Address H.no-23 village motibagh nanakpura Delhi-110021.Changed my name to Kamlesh Ram 0040646924-8 I.Kamal Deep.S/O-Baldev

Singh,R/O-H.No.J-181,Sardar Colony,Sector-16,Rohini,North West Delhi-110089.have Changed my name to Kamal Deep Singh. I, KALPANA GAUTAM, W/o 685599-L MWO Sanjay Kumar,

R/o WZ-35, Raj Nagar-II, Palam, Delhi-110045, have changed my name from KALPANA GAUTAM to KALPANA BHARDWAJ, vide Affidavit dated 26/12/2022 before INA Court. 0040646924-3 Lasbeer W/o Chander Prakash

Nagpal R/o-A-9, Suvidha

Apartments, Sector-13, Rohini, Delhi-110085, have changed my name to Jasbeer Nagpal. 0040646959-3 I,FARZANA SHAKIR W/O MOHD

AHSAN R/O MOLSIRI MASJID-117.KISROL EAST MORADABAD, UTTAR PRADESH-244001, have changed my name to FARZANA AHSAN.

I,Janko Devi, W/O - JC-594614F,

Chakri, Tehsil-Suchetgarh,

District- Jammu. In my

DoBhas been wrongly

mentioned as 19-04-1976

to concerned authorities

within seven days.

Sh Gian Chand.R/O-

Sub/Hony Lt.Gharu Ram,S/O-

husband's service records my

instead of 10-01-1973. It needs correction. Objections be filled

I,DINESH KUMAR ABBI,S/O BALDEV KRISHAN ABBI,Residing at,C-717,NEW FRIENDS-COLONY,DELHI-110025, have changed my name to DINESH ABBI, for all, future purpose.

0040646917-9 I,ASHOK KUMAR SINGH,S/O-BIRI

0020450412-1

SINGH.R/O-FLAT-404.TOWER-**O2, OXIRICH AVENUE, NEHO** SCOTTISH SOCIETY, INDIRAPURAM.GHAZIABAD UP 201014, HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO ASHOK SINGH FOR ALL FUTURE PURPOSES. 0040646956-1 I,Anita Devi Jindal,W/O-Mukesh Kumar,R/O-H-3/115-116,First-Floor, Sector-11, Rohini, Delhi-110085, have Changed my name to Anita Jindal,W/o-Mukesh Jindal, D.O.B. 07/11/1976 for all purposes. 0040646956-5

I,AZIZUR RAHMAN,S/O.HAROON RASHEED, ADD-3873, KHURKI TAFAZZUL HUSSAIN DARYAGANJ, DELHI-110002, changed my name to AZIZ UR REHMAN, for all, future Purposes. 0040646936-4

I, Yadram S/O Devi Singh, R/o 80, Barka,-1, Thana-Kosi Kalan, Bukharari, Mathura, Uttar Pradesh-281403, have changed my name and shall hereafter be Known as Yash Jadaun.

0070819310-1

Maqbool Ahmed Khan R/o 24B, Pocket-C, Mayur Vihar Phase-II, Delhi-110091, have changed my name to Tahir Khan Permanently. 0070819380-1 **I,** Sumitra W/o Ishwar Dutt Aggarwal R/o AM-165, 2nd

Floor, Shalimar Bagh, Delhi-

L Tahir Hussain Khan S/o

110088, have changed my name to Sumitra Aggarwal for all future purposes. 0040646907-1 I, Sumit Kumar S/O Anil Kumar Agrawal, R/o H.No-90 Mohalla Jai. Jai Ram Gali Samar Wali Post & Tehsil Kasganj, Uttar Pradesh-207123, have changed

my name and shall hereafter

be Known as Sumit Agrawal.

0070819318-1 I, Sukhmani Kaur W/o Dildar Singh Bhurii, R/o J-24, South City 1, Near Huda Metro Station, Gurgaon, Haryana-122001 have change my name from Sukhmani Luthra to Sukhmani Kaur for all future 0040646846-1 purposes.

I, Raghunandan Manocha S/o Inderjeet R/o WZ-5E/1, Gali No.13, New Mahavir Nagar, Delhi-110018, have changed my name to Raghunandan.

0040646843-1

2, Rajender Nagar, Sahibabad, Ghaziabad, have changed my name to Pamposh Zutshi Bhan, for all purposes. 0040646936-10 I, Neelam Maharaj Krishna

I, Pamposh Zutshi, W/o Sunil

Bhan,R/o-2/99, Sector-

Mahajan W/o Maharaj Krishan Mahajan R/o RZF-763-38A, Flat No-3, K.V.Apartment, Raj Nagar-2, Palam Dwarka, Delhi have changed my name as Neelam Mahajan permanently. 0040646863-2 I. NEERAJ Kaushik S/o Raiendar

Pal Sharma R/O H.No-F237.

Gali.No-13 Khajoori Khas

Karawal Nagar, Delhi-110094 have changed my name to 0070819374-1 Neeraj Kumar I, Munia Pandey, W/O Subham Bhattacharya R/o T-5, Flat No-1801. Valley View Estate. Gurgaon Faridabad Road, Gwal Pahari, Gurgaon, Haryana

122003, have changed my name

and shall hereafter be Known as Munia Bhattacharya. 0070819309-1

I,JYESHTHA, D/o PREM PAL MOHINDROO.HOUSE.NO.477-A,GALI.NO 6, BLOCK-C,S.G.M-NAGAR, FARIDABAD, HARYANA 121001.changed my name to JYESHTHA MOHINDROO. 0040644047-1

I,Kartick Budhiraja S/o Rajinder 1101 MGF The Vilas Phase-2,Sikanderpur Ghosi(68), Gurgaon, Haryana-122002, have changed my name to Kartik 0040646775-8

LOST & FOUND

Have lost my original lease deed & transfer deed of House No. D-309, Sector Omicron-2, area 90sqm. Allotment No. BHS06-73242 Greater Noida U.P. If any find please information Girish Kumar Saxena S/o Late D P Saxena R/o 27/109/1A. Krishna Galijwala Nagar Shahdra Delhi 0070819378-1

I, Surjan Singh Sharma S/o Lakhpati Singh R/o property No.2/141, sector-2, Rajender Nagar, Ghaziabad am the owner of property No.2/141, sector-2, Rajender Nagar, Ghaziabad. that my (1) original Allotment Letter dated-27/12/1971 and (2) Original Adhikar Parivartan Praptra dated-31/03/1980 both issued by G.D.A. in my favour in regard to the above Said property are missing/lost. If any person finds the above stated papers kindly return the same to me and also inform on Ph.9871572112. 0070819308-1

PUBLIC NOTICE

PUBLIC NOTICE t is for general information that , Pinki Rani W/o Sh. Amit Kumar R/o H. No. 25-B, Street No. 1, Behind Jyoti Nursing Iome, Durga Puri Extension Delhi-110093 declare that nam of mine has been wrongly ritten as Pinky in my mino on Param Kumar aged 15 years class marksheet and certificate. The actual name of ine is Pinki Rani, which may amended accordingly.

PUBLIC NOTICE

32, BALI NAGAR, NEW DELHI-110 registered on 30th March, 1965 between Bali ar Colony Private Limited(Seller) and Shri Ra Kohli son of Ganesh Das Kohli and 2.) Sale deed document registration no. 868 dditional book no.I volume no. 1609 on page 68, 170 dated 11th May 1996 Sub registrar 'ashmere Gate. Delhi

Enrl. No. D/48/1997(F Ch. No. 162, Patiala House Court

PUBLIC NOTICE 6, ROAD NO. - 47, NEAR DR. LAL LA JABI BAGH, WEST DELHI, DELHI 10026, HAS DISOWNED / DISINHERITI IIS SON KARAN MAINGI AND HI DAUGHTER - IN - LAW TARANJEET KAU ROM ALL HIS MOVABLE AN MMOVABLE PROPERTIES / ASSETS AN IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES / ASSETS ANI
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WITH THEM SHALL DO SO AT THEIR / HIS.
NOT ENTAIL ANY RESPONSIBILITY FOR
ANY OF HER / HIS / THEIR ACTIS;
WHATSOEVER, IN FUTURE.

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Chamber# L-15, K.L. Sharma Block Tis Hazari Courts, Delhi-11005

PUBLIC NOTICE is for general information that Saman Khanam D/o Mirza Mabood Beg R/o 50-S, DDA SFS Flat Sector-7, Jasola, Jasola Vihar, Soutl Delhi, Delhi-110025 hereby declare that name of my father has been wrongly written as Diamond Khar certificate, graduation degree and Aadhar Card No. 919881847942. The actual name of my father is Mirza Mabood Beg, which may be mended accordingly.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Dau Dayal Gandhi S/C Hari chand Gandhi R/C DDA LIG flat no-21-A Ground floor, Rajour Garden, New Delhi. File no-L/34(314) 1974/ GEN/ RG. have lost my (1) Original Possession letter (2) Original NOC for water and electricity connection.

PUBLIC NOTICE

POCKET-C) SITUATED AT EAST SHALIMAR BACH DELHH-11008 intends to apply for conversion of the aforesaid flat from lease hold to free hold in DDA Original document i.o. DEMAND LETTER, HANDING OVER POSSESSION have been lost An Fift wide LF No. 11711/SIG22 dated 241-2622 has logded in PS. Crime Branch Delhi for loss of documents. Any person(s) claiming any right, interest, having any wintercontact with above named person at above many wintercontact with above named person at above claiming any right, intended person at above the date of publication of this notice. The person claiming any right, interest, objections with respect to claiming any right, interest, objections with respect to this property can personally inform or write to Dy. Director (LAB HOUSING JANTA). Third Floor D Block, Vikias Sadan, INN, New Delhi.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Be, it known to all the concerned that m client Sh. Phool Chand Kanojia S/o Moha Lal R/o D-147-149, D Block B K Du Colony New Delhi-110003, have served a his relations and disowned and disinherite s son Sh. Atul Kanojia and his son's wii is son sin. Atti kandija and ins son s wite Bahu) namely Smt. Archana Swaroop Canojia from all his movable and mmovable properties as they have become isobedient, disloyal and disrespectful to ny client and have been acting against his my client and have been acting against hi will and interest. That any and every of the deeds prior to the said publication may b treated as null and Void. Anybody dealin with them shall be doing so at their ow risk, cost and responsibility and my clier shall not be held responsibility in an manner whatsoever for any of their acts.

RAJESH KALIA Advocate Off.: 19, Sector12 Market, R.K. Puram, New Delhi-110022 PUBLIC NOTICE

Poonam Devi has lost or misplaced earlie Allotment letter and Possessio Slip/Certificate, SMC of Chaman Lal an Transfer letter no F/88(63)79/HBM/6 dated 88/01/2013 of the said propert somewhere, which are not traceable cannot be found. Now, I would like it announce to general public that any peak who is having any night, title or interes against that property/share or document may come to our belih Office within seve days and render their claim wit documentary valid evidence. If any, else th same would be treated as unclaimed an unrebutled and moved forth accordingly. as unclaimed an eputted and moved forth accordingly.
M/S PASS & ASSOCIATES LLP
-233, F.F., Shivalik. Mahding 37
W Delbi 4400

PUBLIC NOTICE nformed public at large that nts Mohd Mukhter and his wife Shakila Khatoon R/o 147C, 2nd Floor, DDA Flats, Shahpurjat, Nev Delhi disown their daughter namely Nargis from all movable and nargis from an involvate and inmovable and immovable properties and also sever all relation with her, due to her act of disobediences and ill treatment. Also our daughters, son-in-laws and son namely Noorjahan, Sadare Alam Khan, Shahista, Ahmad Asjad Shakil, Gulabsha, Soni & Sahil does not have any concern for any illegal/ immoral act of Nargis. KARAN KHANNA ADVOCATE Ch: 403, Lawyers Chamber Block -III Delhi High Court, New Delhi-110003

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Government of Punjab

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Municipal Corporation Amritsar

General public is hereby informed that this boy namely **Gojan Tosha**, S/o Dilip Tosha, R/o Village Ullubari, Hari Singha, Ghaghra Bazar, Udalguri, Assam, is missing kidnapped since 23.12.2022 at about 04:50 AM from 811/1, Prayas Open Shelter, Chhota Bazar, Kashmere Delhi. In this regard a case vide FIR No. 608/22, U/s 363 IPC, dated 23,12,2022



missing/kidnapped boy but no clue has come to light so far. The description of the missing/kidnapped boy is as under: Gender: Male, Age: 13 years, Height: About 4'10"

and black lower. If anyone has any information regarding this missing/kidnapped boy, kindly inform to the following:

E-mail : cic@cbi.gov.in Ph.: 011-24368638, 24368641 Fax: 011-24368639 DP/4164/N/2022

P.S. Kashmere Gate, Delhi Ph. No.: 011-23962210/46123 E-mail: sho-kashmirigate-dl@nic.in

PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF ACCUSED PERSON

See Section 82 Cr.P.C.

Whereas complaint has been made before me that accused Nirale Miyan, S/o Sh. Pyare Miyan, R/o: E-27/116, JJ Colony, Indira Camp, Hasanpur, Delhi-92 has committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence in FIR No. 1032/2015, dated 01.10.2015 U/s 498A/406/34 IPC, P. S. Madhu Vihar, Delhi and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest thereupon issued that the said Nirale Miyan cannot be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said Nirale Miyan has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant).

Proclamation is hereby made that the said Nirale Miyan accused of FIR No. 1032/2015, dated 01.10.2015 U/s 498A/406/34 IPC, P. S. Madhu Vihar, Delhi is required to appear before this Court to answer the said complaint on or before 07.04.2023. By Order

> Metropolitan Magistrate, Mahila Court-02 Shahdra District, Court No. 60 Karkardooma Courts, Delhi

PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE **OF ACCUSED PERSON**

Whereas complaint has been made before me that accused Rohit, S/o: Kamal Kishor, R/o: H. No. 1928, Gali Durga Mandir, Lal Kuan, Delhi-06 has committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence in case FIR No. 18/2017, U/s 392/394/411/34 IPC, P.S.: Kotwali, Delhi and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest thereupon issued that the said accused Rohit cannot be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said accused Rohit has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant).

Proclamation is hereby made that the said Rohit accused of FIR No. 18/2017, U/s 392/394/411/34 IPC, P.S.: Kotwali, Delhi is required to appear before this court to answer the said complaint on or before 31.01.2023.

By Order Ms. Meena Chauhan, Metropolitan Magistrate-08, Central Room No.: 272

See Section 82 Cr. P.C.

Whereas complaint has been made before me that accused Shahnawaj S/o Shahbuddin, R/o H.No.4/13-B, Gali No. 5, Ambedkar Basti Maujpur Delhi, has committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence in case registered vide FIR No. 430/2020 U/s 25 ARRMS Act & 102, CRPC has been registered at P.S. Jafrabad New Delhi, punishable and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest thereupon issued that the said accused Shahnawai, cannot be found and whereas it has been shown to my

Proclamation is hereby made that the said accused Shahnawai of case FIR No. 430/2020 U/s 25 ARRMS Act & 102, CRPC, has been registered at P.S. Jafrabad New Delhi, is required to appear before this court (or before me) to answer the said complaint on or before 03.02.2023.

Mr. Bharat Aggarwal Metropolitan Magistrate-05, Room No. 48

Karkardooma Court, Delhi

PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE

(See Section 82 Cr. P.C.)

Whereas complaint has been made before me that accused person Tarachand S/o Om Prakash R/o 4/2254, Gali No. 2, Bihari Colony, Shahdara, Delhi has committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence in case FIR No. 375/22, Date 27.07.2022 U/s 376/354/354B/ 323/506 IPC registered at P.S. Farsh Bazar, Delhi and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest thereupon stating that the said Tarachand could not be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the accused Tarachand has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant) Proclamation is hereby made that the said accused Tarachand is required to appear before the court to answer the said complaint on or before 27.01.2023.

Karkardooma Court, Delhi

Metropolitan Magistrate-02,

Room No. 38

person Mahesh Prop. of M/s Mahesh Traders, R/o 19/24, Qutab Vihar, Phase-II, Tajpur Khurd, Delhi-110071 has committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence in case CC No. 11624/2017 U/s 138 NI Act, P.S. Kotwali, Delhi and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest thereupon issued that the said Mahesh Prop. of M/s Mahesh Traders cannot be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said Mahesh Prop. of M/s Mahesh Traders has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant).

answer the said complaint on or before 04.02.2023. By Order Ms. Neha Goe Metropolitan Magistrate-02 Central District, Court No. 203

DP/4126/N/2022

DP/4107/SHD/2022

(Court Notice)

New Delhi

has been lodged at P.S. Kashmere Gate Delhi. Sincere efforts have been made by the local police to trace out the

Gojan Tosha

Complexion: Sallow, Wearing: Black lined grey full sweater

Isra Zaidi DP/4158/ED/2022

See Section 82 Cr.P.C.

Tis Hazari Courts, Delhi

PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF ACCUSED PERSON

satisfaction that the said **accused** Shahnawaj, has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant).

DP/4100/NE/2022 (Court Matter)

DP/4123/N/2022-(Court Matter)

APPEARANCE OF ACCUSED PERSON

By Order Sh. Ajit Narayan,

PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF ACCUSED PERSON

See Section 82 Cr.P.C. Whereas complaint has been made before me that accused

Proclamation is hereby made that the said Mahesh Prop. of M/s Mahesh Traders accused of CC No. 11624/2017 U/s 138 NI Act, P.S. Kotwali, Delhi is required to appear before this court to

> Second Floor, Building Annexe-I Tis Hazari Court, Delhi

If there are questions of current or contemporary relevance that you would like explained, please write to explained@indianexpress.com



LOOKING AHEAD

ECONOMY

FROM REFLATION to recession in just a few months: 2022 began with hopes of a rebound in the global economy as pandemic fears receded, but the optimism was dashed early into the new year as Vladimir Putin's invasion of Ukraine triggered the biggest land conflict in Europe since World War II yet another black swan moment that fundamentally altered the global economic

The overhang of the war continues to cloud the outlook for 2023, with elevated food and fuel prices threatening to upend the fight against inflation. Add to that worsening financial conditions in key economies, China's uncertain post-pandemic path, and the prospect of a central bank-engineered downturn - a global recession seems im-

India may not be decoupled from all of this, even though it was bracketed with the better performing economies in 2022. Its relatively strong growth notwithstanding, the Indian economy is yet to recover a lot of ground lost due to Covid-19.

Unlike most developed and emerging market economies that saw an extended run of high economic growth and subdued inflation before the pandemic hit, India entered the pandemic after eight successive quarters of declining growth and a flare-up in the inflation trajectory. So, the return to normal for India involves traversing a longer uphill trajectory, more so as the statistical base effect is now beginning to ebb.

Growth forecasts

In its December 'State of the Economy' update, the Reserve Bank of India struck a sombre note, noting that the balance of risks is increasingly tilted towards "a darkening global outlook", and emerging market economies (EMEs) appear to be "more vulnerable", even though incoming data suggest that global inflation may have peaked.

In that backdrop, the expectation that global growth could average around 3% in 2022 seems to be a commendable achievement, given that the decks were almost fully stacked against this. The year witnessed the highest global inflation in 50 years, the most aggressive monetary tightening cycle in nearly 40 years, the strongest US dollar in 20 $\,$ years, and the weakest Chinese growth in

According to Sajjid Chinoy, JP Morgan's Chief India Economist and Part-Time Member in the Prime Minister's Economic Advisory Council, even two of these shocks would have been enough to tip the global economy into recession. Forecasts by the IMF suggest that global growth is projected to slow from 6% in 2021 to 3.2% in 2022 and 2.7% in 2023 — the weakest growth profile since 2001, except for the global financial crisis and the acute phase of the pandemic.

External situation

Global food, energy and other commodity prices may have eased moderately over the past few months, but inflation continues to stay high and broad-based. Global inflation, according to the IMF, is forecast to decline from 8.8% in 2022 to 6.5% in 2023 to 4.1% by 2024 — still high by most yardsticks.

The problem going into 2023 is the implications of stubbornly high inflation for the Hope, challenges, and a lot of uncertainty

NEW IN THE NEW YEAR

The war, and elevated food and fuel prices, cloud the 2023 outlook. Financial conditions in China are worsening, and as central banks prioritise the fight against inflation, a global downturn looms. Indian markets are buoyant, but manufacturing is wobbly, consumption anomalous, and the global environment is challenging



Illustration: Suvajit Dey

US Federal Reserve, especially the fact that the American labour market remains red hot, defying the impact of the Fed's monetary tightening. A high wage growth of well over 6% is simply not compatible with the Fed's 2% inflation target — which means that the American central bank is going to have to continue raising policy rates well beyond expected timelines.

An extended phase of rate hikes in the US could have a three-pronged impact:

■ the difference between interest rates in the US and countries such as India widens every time the Fed raises policy rates, thus making the latter less attractive for the currency carry trade;

■ higher returns in US debt markets could trigger a churn in emerging market equities, tempering foreign investor enthu-

■ currency markets would be potentially impacted by the outflow of funds to the US; sustained rate hikes by the Fed would also mean a lower impetus to growth in the US, which could be bad news for global growth, especially when China is facing a new Covid outbreak.

Which then means that a central bankengineered recession is a looming possibility in 2023. Emerging markets such as India will have to continue grappling with the paradoxical situation of a strong dollar and elevated commodity prices - typically, they

move in opposite directions and offer a hedge of sorts to net importers such as India, but they have moved in tandem in 2022, and could do so in 2023 as well.

Prognosis: the positives

■ The near-term growth outlook for the Indian economy is supported by domestic drivers, some of which are reflected in the

buoyant trends in high frequency indicators. In November, equity markets touched new highs, buoyed by a rebound in portfolio have to continue flows to India.

■ Headline consumerlevel inflation moderated by nearly a percentage point to 5.9% in November, driven by a fall in vegetables prices.

■ The twin balance sheet problem — of corporates having high levels of debt and banks saddled with bad loans on their books - looks to be on the

mend. There has been significant deleveraging over the last five years, with the corporate debt-to-GDP at its lowest in nearly a decade and a half, and bank books have shed much of the legacy bad loans.

■ Waning input cost pressures, surging

Marxist-Leninist). Many smaller parties are

adding to the UML's 78 seats and the Maoist

Centre's 32. These include the brand new

youth-centric Rastriya Swatantra Party,

which has no clear political ideology but won

an impressive 20 seats; Janamat Party led by

C K Raut with its base in Eastern Tarai; and

the Janata Samajbadi party. But the biggest

surprise is the support of the pro-monarchy

Rastriya Prajatantra Party. The party has been

critical of the US, European Union and India

for their 'active' involvement in Nepal's tran-

sition to a federal and secular republic, from

corporate sales, and a turn-up in investments in fixed assets seem to be heralding the beginning of an upturn in the capex cycle, which could potentially contribute to a reboot of India's growth momentum. The PLI scheme is offering an impetus to manufacturing, although the gains are skewed in favour of larger companies. Fresh investments are expected in renewables, electric

vehicles, and battery tech. ■ Bank credit has been growing in double digits for eight months now, reflecting in part an uptick in in-

vestment appetite. ■ The China-plus-one strategy being adopted by most multinational companies could be an opportunity, given that Beijing is vacating large amounts of space in low-skilled, unskilled labour intensive manufacturing such as textiles, shoes, leather, and ceramics, and India has a chance to fill part of this

vacuum. ■On a disaggregated basis, RBI data suggest that after a long gap of over two years, term-lending to non-corporates is seeing ar uptick — a positive sign that seems to imply that smaller firms may be seeking funds bevond their immediate working capital needs. ■ The Centre had recorded robust col-

lections in both direct taxes and GST, reflecting sustained recovery of the corporate sector; states too have shown some decline in their consolidated deficits and net market

Agriculture has been a sustained driver for overall GDP growth, with the rabi outlook showing good prospects for wheat production with higher support prices, adequate reservoir levels, and climatic factors supporting higher acreage, according to the RBI.

Prognosis: the negatives

■The external environment continues to be fraught with risks. The Ukraine war drags on, threatening an energy-linked downturn in the European Union, India's biggest export market. The US continues to grapple with cooling inflation pressure, and a let-up in the Fed's rate hikes is unlikely until well into the second half of the year. The World Bank has slashed its growth forecast for China to 2.7% this year from the 4.3% estimated in June, and has nearly halved the projection of 8.1% next year. With the world's second largest economy going into a sustained slump, there is mounting evidence that the global economy will slow sharply next year.

2023 will see higher protectionism worldwide, greater fervour for de-globalisation, and more economic balkanisation: a

worrying prospect for countries such as India that are keen to tap exports as a driver for growth. Given that no country in the world has grown at over 7% for a decade without strong export growth, the protectionist mood around the world is a major dampener for emerging economies.

■ In India, manufacturing continues to be wobbly. Factory output, as measured by the Index of Industrial Production (IIP), slumped to a 26-month low in the festive month of October. Core sector growth for October was just 0.1%, the lowest for 20 months. That has led to a rapid downward revision of India's growth projections by analysts for the next fiscal.

■ The anomaly of private consumption growing at over 9% even as manufacturing has shrunk by over 4% is worrying. Part of this can be explained by falling exports, the other plausible reasoning is that the consumption growth is being driven by the upper income groups whose consumption is far more important than it is dependent upon domestic products, according to former Chief Statistician of India, Pronab Sen. This ties in with the sharp increase in imports during the last six months.

■ Capacity utilisation — the ratio of actual output to the potential output that can be produced under normal conditions — has shown a minor uptick but continues to hover around the 75% mark. Unless this goes up on a sustained basis, private investments are unlikely to pick up perceptibly.

■There is continuing distress among the Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME) firms, reflecting the deep cleavages in industrial recovery where the bigger companies are doing far better than the smaller firms. Evidence of this distress: one in every six loans disbursed under the Emergency Credit Line Guarantee Scheme launched as part of the Covid-19 relief package in May 2020 has turned bad in just 27 months, with the defaults mainly in the lower end of the loan bands (up to Rs 20 lakh). Given that MSMEs employ a sizable section of the labour force, their continuing financial stress points to the distress in the labour market, and a cascading impact on demand recovery.

■ Capital expenditure of the states has remained weak. Investments by states typically tend to have a higher multiplier effect.

■ Managing inflation expectations could be a challenge going forward, given that the RBI has been behind the curve on tackling prices, despite having hiked its benchmark lending rate by 225 basis points since May

■ An analysis of the inflation trajectory post February 2022 by an RBI team led by Deputy Governor Michael Patra has concluded that while the initial inflationary pressure was delivered by successive supply shocks, as their impact waned, "a revenge rebound in spending and especially a swing from goods to contact-intensive services is generalising price pressures and making them persistent". This could be a concern going into 2023.

■ India's significant dependence on imported energy, at 4% of the country's GDP, is a challenge that shows up on the balance of payments side. A current account deficit of well over 3% is projected for FY23. Also, even though the trade weighted dollar has depreciated in the last couple of weeks, according to Neelkanth Mishra, Co-head of Asia Pacific Strategy, India Equity Strategist with Credit Suisse and part-time member of the PM's Economic Advisory Council, it might be too early to declare that this phase of dollar strength is over.

standing, rural wages contracted for the ninth consecutive month in September, pointing to continuing distress in the hinterland. This points to a continued labour oversupply in rural areas, and could have an impact on the labour supply dynamics and in depressing aggregate household consumption. The relatively higher inflation in rural areas is further muting spending in those regions.

■The buoyancy in farm output notwith-

NEXT: INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

Prachanda is PM: New tie-ups in Nepal, concern in India

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YUBARAJ GHIMIRE KATHMANDU, DECEMBER 26

PUSHPA KAMAL Dahal 'Prachanda' was

sworn in as Nepal's new Prime Minister Monday, after he switched sides to join hands with a bitter foe, former prime minister Kharga Prasad Oli.

This is Prachanda's third stint as the head of government in the 14 years since Nepal's monarchy was abolished. Before joining mainstream politics in 2006, he had led the Maoist revolt in Nepal for over a decade.

Until Sunday, Prachanda was in a pre-election alliance with former Prime Minister Sher Bahadur Deuba. This alliance, led by Deuba's Nepali Congress, was the frontrunner after

largest number of seats in a fractured mandate. However, Prachanda walked out of the alliance at the last moment, after Deuba turned down his demand for the PM chair.

the November 20 elections, winning the

Strange bedfellows, new deals Within hours on December

25. Prachanda and Oli, who have been bitter adversaries, buried the hatchet, and drove from Oli's residence to meet the President with a letter of support from 170 members of Parliament, well ahead of the 138-half way mark.

Their coalition is not just an alliance of two Communist parties - Prachanda's Communist Party of Nepal (Maoist Centre) and Oli's Communist Party of Nepal (Unified

Unyielding Deuba The Nepal Congress-led coalition might have succeeded had Deuba agreed to a grand bargain with Prachanda. This would have meant letting go of the Prime Ministership. Observers spoke of a deal by which Deuba's politically inclined wife might have been given

a unitary Hindu monarchy.

a post in government if he took a back seat. But Deuba's claim to remain PM was based not just on the Nepali Congress emerging as the single largest party with 89 seats. In backroom negotiations, he is also said to have boasted that he enjoys the "support of both Washington and Delhi". Indeed, after the results were out, the US and Indian ambassadors met Deuba and Prachanda frequently, in the hope their alliance remains intact.

There was criticism of the ambassadors meeting the leaders, with rivals and critics



warning that any act to influence government formation could be seen as 'subversion of the

China factor

There has been no Chinese ambassador after the departure earlier this year of Hou Yanqi, Beijing's most high-profile envoy yet in Kathmandu. Hou was instrumental in stitching up the Communist alliance of 2018 between Oli and Prachanda — which fell through in 2021, as it had four years earlier. The new Chinese ambassador will arrive after the new government is installed.

mandate', and might draw China in as well.

Maoist Centre General secretary Barshaman Pun, who favoured an alliance between the two Communist parties, returned recently

after spending two weeks in China, reportedly for medical treatment, and played a key role in bringing Oli and Prachanda together. President Bidhya Devi Bhandari, who is close to Oli, supports the coming together of Leftist forces, and was hardly comfortable with the Deuba-Prachanda alliance, is said to have remained in close contact with Chinese diplomats and

Prachanda

and Oli have

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the past.

PTI/File

other senior officials in Beijing all throughout.

India's interests For India, Deuba in office was the best case scenario. Delhi views Oli as pro-China. and the two Communist parties forming the government together is a turning back of the clock for it. After the bitterness in ties during Oli's terms in office from 2015-2016 and

New Delhi

2018-2021, India-Nepal relations had improved after Deuba became PM in 2021.

Still, in an indication of how important this relationship is to India, Prime Minister Narendra Modi was the first foreign leader to congratulate Prachanda. The Maoist leader has enjoyed India's support since 2005. At present, however, Oli's influence over Prachanda's government will be a factor in bilateral ties. Moreover, Modi avoided meeting Prachanda despite his request when he visited Delhi earlier this year. Just two months earlier, Deuba had received a red carpet welcome. Among the immediate concerns would

be the fate of the West Seti hydropower project, which the Deuba government awarded to India. Oli's UML had opposed this.

For govt, challenges ahead

For the new Prachanda-Oli coalition, the formation of the cabinet with a ceiling of 25 will be the fist challenge, with partners and Independents clamouring for positions.

With elections for President, V-P, and other key posts due, the parties would have to show more accommodation, especially in context of the partisan roles these offices have played over the past few years. The new regime may also face a dilemma over the Deuba government's endorsement of the Millennium Challenge Corporation fund, a \$500-million infra pledge from the US, which the Communist parties suspect has a hidden security agenda.



IN FACT

4 THE WORLD



Many parts recieved heavy snowfall.

JAPAN

17 dead, over 90 injured amid heavy snowfall

Tokyo: Heavy snow in large swaths of Japan has killed 17 and injured more than 90 people and left hundreds of homes without power, disaster management officials said Monday. Powerful winter fronts have dumped heavy snow in northern regions since last week, stranding hundreds of vehicles on highways, delaying delivery services and causing 11 deaths by Saturday. More snowfall over the weekend brought the number of dead to 17 and injured to 93 by Monday morning, according to the Fire and Disaster Management Agency. The disaster management agency said an old woman was found dead underneath a thick pile of rooftop snow. AP

AFGHANISTAN UN official,

Taliban meet over NGO ban Kabul: The top UN official

in Kabul met with a Taliban government minister in Kabul on Monday. following a decision by the country's new rulers to bar women from working for NGOs, the UN mission said. The ban has already prompted four major international aid agencies to suspend operations Humanitarian officials have warned that excluding women from NGO work will have catastrophic consequences for the population by depriving them of lifesaving

ISRAEL

Netanyahu calls vote on his new government

Jerusalem: After almost two months of coalition wranglingIsraeli Prime Minister-designate

Benjamin Netanyahu called a vote in parliament on his new government for December 29, the speaker of the Knesset said on Monday. Netanyahu's bloc of right-wing parties won a clear victory in elections last month, but has had a harder time than expected in finalizing deals with the partners. Ahead of the vote in parliament and a formal swearing in of the new government, Netanyahu will have to officially present the members of his

COUNTRY'S BIGGEST SURGE SINCE OUTBREAK

Xi admits to 'new Covid situation' in China, calls for measures to curb rise

Frontline health workers say ICUs full, systems overwhelmed, 5-6 times more patients than usual

AGENCIES

BEIJING, DECEMBER 26

PRESIDENT XI Jinping on Monday said China faced a "new Covid situation," as he urged healthcare officials to take targeted measures to deal with the sudden surge in infections. This the first time that he has spoken about the grim healthcare situation in the country, after his government overnight relaxed the stringent zero-Covid policy earlier this month following mass anti-government protests.

In his fresh directive, Xi said that more targeted health campaigns should be conducted as the country's COVID-19 epidemic prevention and control faces new situations and new tasks.

As China continues to reel under a wave of Omicron variants, Xi demanded more efforts

in guiding the public to acquire health knowledge and skills to build a defence line against the epidemic, state-run Xinhua news agency reported on Monday. Premier Li Keqiang has called

on governments at all levels to redouble their efforts, effectively ensure people's access to medical services, anti-epidemic supplies, and safeguard people's lives and health.

It is by far the country's biggest outbreak since the pandemic began in the central city of Wuhan three years ago. Beijing government hospitals and crematoriums also have been struggling this month amid heavy demand.

"The hospital is just overwhelmed from top to bottom." Bernstein told *Reuters* at the end of a "stressful" shift at the privately owned Beijing United Family Hospital in the east of the capital.

China's cities resume work

Beijing: Mask-wearing Beijing and Shanghai commuters crowded subway trains on Monday as China's two biggest cities edged closer to living with Covid even as frontline medical workers scrambled to cope with millions of new infections. The virus is now spreading largely unchecked across the country of 1.4 billion, while Beijing's statistics, which show no new Covid deaths reported for the six days through **REUTERS**

"The ICU is full," as are the emergency department, the fever clinic and other wards, he said. In the past month, Bernstein

went from never treating a Covid patient to seeing dozens a day. Raffles Hospital in Beijing

said the patient numbers are five to six times their normal levels, and patients' average age has shot up by about 40 years to over 70 in the space of a week. The patients and their relatives

visit Raffles because local hospitals are "overwhelmed", and because they wish to buy Paxlovid, the Pfizer-made Covid treatment. which many places, including Raffles, are running low on.

Elsewhere in China, medical staff told Reuters that resources are already stretched to the breaking point in some cases, as Covid and sickness levels amongst staff have been particularly high.

More than 5,000 people are probably dying each day from Covid in China, Britain-based health data firm Airfinity estimated, offering a dramatic contrast to official data from Beijing on the country's current outbreak.

Commission did not immediately respond to a Reuters request for comment on the concerns raised by medical staff in this article. China reported no Covid deaths on the mainland for the

The National Health

six days through Sunday, the Chinese Center for Disease Control and Prevention said on Sunday, even as crematories faced surging demand.

China has narrowed its definition for classifying deaths as Covid-related, counting only those involving Covid-caused pneumonia or respiratory failure, raising eyebrows among world health experts.



Pushpa Kamal Dahal (right) takes oath as Prime Minister of Nepal at the President House in Kathmandu on Monday. PTI

Prachanda takes oath as Nepal's PM for 3rd time

Former TV anchor Lamichhane is Dy PM

YUBARAJ GHIMIRE

KATHMANDU DECEMBER 26 KAMAL Dahal

Prachanda became Nepal's Prime Minister for the third time on Monday. Striking a deal with multiple parties, mainly the Communist Party of Nepal-unified Marxist Leninist led by KP Sharma Oli — his bitter foe till a week ago.

President Bidhya Devi Bhandari administered the oath of office and secrecy to Prachanda and seven others including three Deputy Prime Ministers, a day after he was supported by 166 members of six different political parties in a House of 275.

Rabi Lamichhane, Chief of the

Rastriya Swatantra Party, Bishnu Poidel (UML) and Narayankaji Shrestha (Maoist Centre) have been inducted as the Deputy Prime Minister, and Minister with Home, Finance and Physical infrastructure respectively.

Rajendra Lingden, Chairman

of the Pro Monarchy Rastrya Prajatantra Party declined to join the cabinet as another Deputy Prime Minister saying the party will only extend support from outside. The constitution puts a ceiling at 25 for the size of the cabinet.

More members are expected to join after the parties agree on names and portfolios. The new cabinet will have to

secure vote of confidence within a month from Monday.

THREE KILLED

Russia says it shot down a drone near bomber air base

LIDIA KELLY & ANDREW OSBORN

DECEMBER 26

RUSSIA SAID on Monday it had shot down a Ukrainian drone close to one of its air bases for its own territory and that three Russian air force personnel had been killed in the incident.

The drone was allegedly flying near Russia's Engels air base where long-range strategic bombers that may have been used to target Ukrainian cities and infrastructure are based. No planes were damaged in the incident, the defence ministry said in a statement carried by Russian news agencies.

Unverified Russian and Ukrainian social media accounts reported that a number of planes had been destroyed however. Reuters was not able to independently verify those reports.

The air base, one of two strategic bomber bases housing Russia's air-delivered nuclear capability, is located near the city of Saratov, about 730 km (450 miles) southeast of Moscow and hundreds of kilometres from the frontlines in Ukraine.

There was no immediate comment from Ukraine, which has never publicly claimed responsibility for attacks inside Russia-posted missile system ready: Belarus

The Iskander tactical missile

defence systems that Russia has deployed to Belarus are fully prepared to perform their intended tasks, a senior Belarusian defence ministry official said on Sunday. It is not clear how many of the Iskander systems which are capable of carrying nuclear weapons - have been deployed to Belarus after Russian President Vladimir Putin said in June that Moscow would supply Minsk with them and the

REUTERS

Russia's February 24 invasion.

earlier this month by Ukrainian drones, Russia said at the time. Russia has 60 to 70 strategic

Tu-95MS Bear and the Tu-160 Blackjack. Both are capable of carrying nuclear armed cruise missiles and bombs as well as conventional munitions. REUTERS

N Korea drones breach border, South responds by firing warning shots

AGENCIES

SEOUL, DECEMBER 26

SEVERAL DRONES from North Korea crossed the heavily armed western border into South Korean airspace on Monday, provoking military action by Seoul at a time of rising tensions on the peninsula.

After the drones breached the border, the South Korean military scrambled fighter jets to try to shoot them down and sent its own surveillance drones into the North's airspace. It also banned commercial airplanes from taking off at two international airports around Seoul for about an hour.

North Korea has a history of sending surveillance drones into South Korean airspace, with several detected since 2014. But it is rare ?for the South to respond to their intrusion?by dispatching war planes. Tensions have hit new

heights this year on the Korean Peninsula, as the North stepped up its nuclear program and fired a record number of missiles. The United States and its allies South Korea and Japan have followed by strengthening their joint military drills.

South Korea's military fired warning shots, scrambled fighter jets and flew surveillance assets across the heavily fortified border with North Korea on Monday, after North Korean drones violated its airspace for the first time in five years in a fresh escalation of tensions.

South Korea's military detected five drones from North Korea crossing the border, and one traveled as far as the northern part of Seoul region, which is about an hour's drive away, South Korea's Joint Chiefs of Staff said.



A March of Mourning

Protesting over Friday's "racially motivated murder" of three Kurdish people, activists from France's Kurdish community hold portraits and music instruments at the site of another unresolved killing of three in 2013. AP

24-HOUR DISPLAY OF FORCE

China sends 71 jets, 7 ships to Taiwan

ASSOCIATED PRESS TAIPEI, DECEMBER 26

CHINA'S MILITARY sent 71 planes and seven ships toward Taiwan in a 24-hour display of force directed at the self-ruled island, Taiwan's Defense Ministry said Monday, after China expressed anger at Taiwan-related provisions i n a U.S. annual defense spending bill. Between 6 a.m. Sunday and 6

a.m. Monday, 47 of the Chinese planes crossed the median of the Taiwan Strait, an unofficial boundary once tacitly accepted by both sides, according to Taiwan's Ministry of National

Among the planes China sent towards Taiwan were 18 J-16 fighter jets, 11 J-1 fighters, 6 Su-30 fighters and drones.

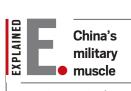


Chinese PLA J-16 fighter jet image released by Taiwan.

Taiwan said it monitored the Chinese moves through its landbased missile systems, as well as on its own navy vessels.

"This is a firm response to the current U.S.-Taiwan escalation and provocation," said Shi Yi, the spokesman for the PLA's Eastern Theater Command, in a statement on Sunday night. It announced that the PLA was holding joint combat patrols and joint strike

drills in the waters around Taiwan. Shi was referring to the U.S. defense spending bill, which calls



CHINA'S MILITARY harassment of Taiwan, which it claims is its own territory, has intensified in recent years, and the Communist Party's People's Liberation Army has sent planes or ships toward the island on a near-daily basis.

China a strategic challenge. With regard to the Indo-Pacific region, the legislation authorizes increased security cooperation with Taiwan and requires expanded cooperation with India on emerging defense technologies, readiness and logistics.

outside Harris's house

Several migrants dropped

REUTERS WASHINGTON, DECEMBER 26

BUSLOADS OF migrants were dropped over Christmas weekend near Vice President Kamala

Harris' residence in Washington amid freezing temperatures, having traveled from the southwest border in Texas, immigrant aid groups said on Sunday. Approximately 110-130 of the

migrants seeking asylum in the United States, many of them families with children, were placed on buses by Texas officials, said Tatiana Laborde, managing director of SAMU First Response, a relief agency working with the city of Washington, D.C.

She said by phone that aid groups had been informed of their journey and awaited their arrival late on Saturday to hand out blan-

kets and then transport them to a church in the city's Capitol Hill neighborhood. Aides to Texas Governor Greg

Abbott were not available to comment on whether the state coordinated their transportation. The Republican governor, a vocal critic of the Biden administra-

tion's immigration policies, and

some other Republican governors

have been transporting migrants

to Democratic-controlled cities in the northern United States. Texas has bused thousands of migrants to Washington, New York City and Chicago, in what some critics have labeled a stunt amid a national debate over the high levels of immigrant arrivals

along the U.S. southern border. Laborde said that in the past week, nine busloads of migrants have been dropped off in Washington.

Russia but calls them "karma" for

air defence systems.

The same base was attacked

bomber planes of two types — the

FISHERMEN IN SIERRA LEONE STORE THEIR CATCH IN ICE, WHICH HAS BECOME EXPENSIVE

'Nets, buoys, salt, ice': For West African fisherfolk, prices are going up

ELIAN PELTIER DECEMBER 26

HIS RED soccer jersey and shorts soaked in salty water, Edison Fofana loaded his boat on a recent morning with gallons of fuel, a box of rice and bottles of soda needed for his four-day fishing journey.

Walking back and forth between the beach buzzing with dozens of other fishermen and his wooden vessel docked nearby, he also carried on his head bags of ice — an increasingly expensive commodity, but necessary to keep his catch fresh on the trip.

"Within a week time, ice prices shoot up," said Fofana, 33, as he jumped into the ice storage bin on his boat and sprinkled salt on the flake ice he had just stacked to prevent it from melting. "Nets, rice, fuel, ice, everything." Skyrocketing fuel prices

caused in part by the war in Ukraine have driven up the cost of living in African countries like Sierra Leone this year, hitting fishermen and working-class communities hard and leaving millions hungry. Their governments, highly dependent on imports of basic commodities like rice and wheat, have seen mea-

ger financial reserves dwindle.

In West and Central Africa, a 2,000-mile-long stretch of food insecurity has developed among at least eight countries, according to the World Food Program, and the dire situation is likely to worsen next year as floods in Nigeria and Chad this summer ravaged a million acres of farm-

Around 48 million people are expected to face hunger in the region next year, according to the U.N. agency, including nine million children.

In Sierra Leone, a coastal nation of eight million people, 80 percent of the population relies on fish as a source of animal protein. Every day, hundreds of fishermen



boats has become a pricey commodity, they say. NYT

leave its pristine beaches to try their luck, hoping to catch swordfish, small sharks or barracuda

from their slender, colorful wooden boats with names like "God," "King" or their hometowns.

fried pastry, as adults sucked on potatoes drowned in Maggi-seasoning sauce or a porridge of cassava and yam. A small bag of rice that used to cost about \$16 now costs nearly \$27, said Koroma, 45 and the mother of seven children.

other food sources. On a recent

south of Freetown, children scur-

"We're more often talking about cups of rice than bags now," she said. Her profits every few days: For fishermen like Mr. Fofana, around \$11.

New Delhi

A can of palm oil is now 49

But back on shore, their fampercent more expensive comilies are increasingly reliant on pared with last year, according to the World Food Program; even evening on the main beach in the price of potato and cassava Tombo, a fishing town 20 miles leaves, two cheap staple goods produced locally, has nearly douried for cheap beignets, a deepbled as the price of fuel needed to transport them has increased. So has the price of salt.

As of August, eight out of 10 Sierra Leonean households were food insecure, according to the World Food Program. Along with Burkina Faso and Mauritania, Sierra Leone is among the West African countries with the highest rate of food insecurity.

the latest challenge is the price of flake ice. But plenty of other prob-

But when the price of the fuel and electricity needed to power the generators that make and store ice goes up, so does the cost of a bag of ice - from about \$1 to

lems pre-date that cost surge.

That may not sound like much, Fofana acknowledged, but that morning, he loaded 30 bags on his boat. And ice is not the only issue. One small net now costs about \$430, up from \$370 recently, and Fofana needs 20 to 22 of those nets knitted together

\$1.40 over the past few months.

when he goes to sea. When the local ice plant stopped for a few days, fishermen were forced to get ice from another plant a few miles away. NYT

GOLD



Note: Gold, silver rates at Delhi spot market, gold per 10g, silver per 1 kg; Crude oil (Indian basket) as of December 23



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₹17.269 CRORE CLAIMS WERE DUE TO COVID DEATHS

Insurers settled 15.87 lakh policies, paid ₹45,817 crore in death claims

GEORGE MATHEW MUMBAI, DECEMBER 26

LIFE INSURANCE companies reported a 73.41 per cent jump in death claims during fiscal 2021-22 as the Covid-19 pandemic took a heavy toll on human lives.

Insurers paid out Rs 45,817 crore, involving 15.87 lakh policies, towards death claims during 2021-22 as against Rs 26,421 crore (10.83 lakh policies) in the previous fiscal, according to data available from the Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI). Of this, as much as Rs17,269 crore claims were due to Covid deaths, IRDAI's Annual Report said.

On the other hand, insurers shelled out a total of Rs 41,631 crore towards health insurance claims and death claims due to Covid during the year.

Life Insurance Corporation (LIC), India's largest life insurer, paid out Rs 28,408 crore, involving 13.49 lakh policies towards death claims in 2021-22 as against Rs 18,295 crore in the previous year. ICICI Lombard set-

COVID DEATH CLAIMS IN 2021-22 NO OF CLAIMS SETTLED 225,219 AMOUNT SETTLED

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tled claims worth Rs 2,977 crore and HDFC Life Rs 2,608 crore, among private players, during

Interestingly, life insurers repudiated life claims worth Rs 448 crore (1,550 claims) due to Covid in FY2022.

Out of Rs 41,631 crore claims involving Covid, Rs 24,362 crore was paid by the general and health insurance companies towards Covid hospital treatment claims, and Rs17,269 crore was

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paid towards Covid death claims to the families.

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According to the Ministry of Health data, there have been 530,695 deaths due to Covid in India. However, the IRDAI report said 2.26 lakh death claims were settled by life insurers during 2021-22, indicating that around 3.14 lakh people who died due to Covid did not get any insurance benefit. Health and general insurers settled 26.54 lakh claims

even as hospital expenses shot

up in the wake of the Covid pandemic. Insurers disallowed health claims worth Rs 7,223 crore during the year, IRDAI said. Meanwhile, LIC's overall

Covid

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THE COVID-19 pandemic

hit the general insurance

industry's performance

in FY2022. With a record

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claim settlement ratio was higher at 96.02 per cent as against 94.13 per cent of private players, according to the IRDAI

The Covid-19 pandemic hit the general insurance industry's performance in FY22. With a record underwriting loss of Rs

lakh crore industry with 31 players has been pushed into the red, leading to a hike in premium in many segments. With the Covid pandemic prompting people to go for health insurance, the premium collection under this route has gone up by 22.54 per cent to Rs 58,176 crore, making it the largest segment in the industry.

The loss occurred despite insurers reporting a higher investment income during the year.

The industry reported underwriting losses of around Rs 19,400 crore in the previous year. "The high underwriting loss has led to a hike in premium by 5-10 per cent in many segments, especially health, in the past six months," said an insurance official. The IRDAI has already proposed issuing composite licenses, a standard license to operate in the life and general insurance markets. This means a life insurer can enter the non-life segment like motor or heath business, and vice versa, which is currently banned.

Full report on www.indianexpress.com

Well-meaning regulation will help market mature, assume a reasonable shape'

INTERVIEW WITH GOOGLE PAY'S DIRECTOR OF PRODUCT

Corporation of India's (NPCI's) proposed market cap on UPI platforms a "constraint", Google Pay's director of product management Sharath Bulusu said that the goal should be to allow innovation in the UPI ecosystem and not stifle it. In an interview with SOUM-YARENDRA BARIK, Bulusu spoke about the future of UPI, how it can be safeguarded from fraudulent actors, the responsibility of other stakeholders to ensure UPI is not used on platforms, such as offshore betting websites, and how the market cap could be operationalised in practice. Edited ex-

As UPI grows in scale in the years to come, there is a concern that more fraudulent actors will join the platform. How can that be reduced? UPI has been a massive suc-

cess, but these are still very early days for it in terms of the relative size of India, the size of the opportunity etc. We will see many firsttime users joining the internet who may not be digitally savvy, so in the next five years, we will commit to the fact that the growth has to come with the responsibility of ensuring the safety of users. There are a number of different use cases of UPI, and there could be a bad actor at one of these places. At Google Pay, we are not shy to block transactions when we are sure someone is a bad actor. But when it can't be said for sure, we will show several prompts to users, including security alerts and warnings for suspicious transactions. In different ways, we're talking about introducing a friction step. If you think of the history of digital products, everybody talks about faster.



Sharath Bulusu

But this is one of those cases where we say we'll break that rule.

Beyond fraudulent transactions, we see UPI being used for notentially illegal payments, such as on offshore betting sites. These platforms accept payments through UPI. How can these challenges be addressed?

So the way to think about situations like that is there are two, you could say, different aspects of UPI. One is the fact that it is interoperable. So, let's say this bad site is able to accept UPI payments. The various applications that enable consumers to make payments will only be able to tell whether the UPI ID at the other end is a legitimate valid UPI. But, on the other side, somebody has on-boarded them as a merchant. We built an extensive merchant network, and we verified all of them, and I think that is the standard you should expect of everyone. Beyond a certain point, if everybody has to verify every of this size, everything will slow down because vou're constantly confirming. Ultimately, banks and the RBI will also have a larger role to play in it.

Is placing a market cap on the UPI ecosystem a fair way to check dominance in the space? How does Google Pay view NPCI's market cap?

Early in the development of an ecosystem, the goal should be to drive innovation, create space for it and not stifle it. As long as there is well-meaning regulation meant for the protection of users and for creating a healthy ecosystem, the market will mature and come to a reasonable shape.

The beauty of our market is that it's a highly competitive. Today we see a certain number of players doing various things in UPI, payments etc., and we often think that that is it. But imagine when UPI is a hundred times bigger than this. There will be many more players. So, the way to think about this is to create that freedom and space. Don't stifle that, Amarket cap doesn't necessarily help in (taking the product to more people beyond cities). It is a constraint.

How would the market can play out in the real world if it were to be implemented and enforced? As of now, Google Pay has more than 30 per cent market share, so will you have to de-platform users or stop new users from joining?

These hypotheticals are difficult to answer, but I would say that the NPCI and all the other industry players agree that de-platforming a user is not a good thing. Full report on www.indianexpress.com

Pvt banks' bond buys hit 3-year high in Dec

Mumbai: Indian private sector banks are set to post their biggest monthly purchase of government bonds in the secondary market in nearly three years in December, largely due to a rise in deposit growth, bankers said on

Private banks have bought bonds worth a net of Rs 216.20 billion (\$2.61 billion) this month through Friday, the most since 2020, Clearing Corporation of India Ltd data

Bankers said higher yields make for an attractive entry point, while the pick-up in deposit growth has also been a key in government securities, a trend they expect to continue this week and beyond. "The major reason why private banks have increased buying bonds is because of the deposit growth that they have witnessed recently," said Arun Bansal, executive director and head of treasury at IDBI Bank, **REUTERS**

Nirmala Sitharaman. File

FM Sitharaman

Mumbai: Union Finance

Minister Nirmala Sitharaman

was admitted to the All India

Institute of Medical Sciences

on Monday with symptoms

of viral fever and is recovering.

Suven Pharma

Pharmaceuticals promoter

Jasti family is selling a 50.1

per cent stake in the com-

pany for Rs 6,313.08 crore to

global private equity investor

Advent International, ac-

cording to regulatory filings

New Delhi: Mother Dairy

hiked milk prices by Rs 2 per

litre in the Delhi-NCR market

effective Tuesday, citing an in-

crease in its procurement rate

of raw milk from producers.

This is the fifth round of in-

crease in milk prices since

Mother Dairy

sources said. PTI

New Delhi:

on Monday.

March. **PTI**

Sebi orders attachment of bank, demat accounts of Sahara group firm, Subrata Roy against five entities — Sahara

'PLI scheme for textiles attracts

₹1,536 cr in investments'

ENSECONOMIC BUREAU MIJMBAI, DECEMBER 26

MARKET REGULATOR Sebi on Monday ordered the attachment of bank and demat accounts of Sahara group firm, its chief Subrata Roy and others to recover Rs 6.42 crore for violating regulatory norms while raising money through optionally fully convertible debentures (OFCDs).

The recovery proceedings

India Real Estate Corporation (now known as Sahara Services Commodity Corporation), Subrata Roy, Ashok Roy Choudhary, Ravi Shanker Dubey and Vandana Bharrgava for Rs 6.42 crore, includes interest, all costs, charges and expenses, Sebi said in the attach-

Sebi asked all banks, depositories and mutual funds not to allow any debit from accounts of

₹10,683-CRORE: Production-

textiles sector

for textiles

linked incentive scheme for India's

attracted under the PLI schemes

eligibility criteria for forming a new

5% HIKE: The domestic cotton

56 APPLICANTS: Met the

cultivation has increased to

125.02 lakh hectares

Sahara India Real Estate Corp, Subrata Roy, Ashok Roy Choudhary, Dubey and Bharrgava. However, credits have been permitted.

Further, the market watchdog has directed all banks to attach all accounts, including lockers, of the defaulters. The case relates to the issuance of OFCDs by Sahara India Real Estate Corporation and Sahara Housing Investment Corporation during 2008-09. They raised money through the

proposals have been approved under

National Technical Textile Mission

Scheme for textiles were received

through a web portal from January

Scheme to promote the production

of MMF apparel, MMF fabrics and

Source: Govt data/PTI

1, 2022, to February 28, 2022

■ The Centre launched the PLI

Products of Technical Textiles

public issue of securities by issuing OFCDs without following the various procedures intended to protect the interest of the investors, in respect of public issues, prescribed under the norms, as per Sebi order. According to Sebi. the subscription towards the OFCDs was solicited by the two companies from the general public throughout the country, without adequately informing them about the risks involved in the instruments.

Central Bank to raise **₹1,500** cr

New Delhi: State-owned Central Bank of India will raise up to Rs 1,500 crore this fiscal by issuing Basel III compliant bonds.

sidered and approved to raise capital through an issuance of non-convertible redeemable unsecured Basel III compliant tier II bonds for amount up to Rs 1,500 crore, the bank said in a regulatory filing.

The base issue size is of Rs 500 crore with a green shoe option up to Rs 1,000 crore. **PTI**

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No. IADB/ENGG/ETND-EP-37/16411/2022-23

Date:26.12.2022

SHORT TERM NOTICE INVITING TENDER (Through GOK e – Procurement Portal Only)

Item rate 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 work of Formation of Industrial Layout including Formation of 18M Wide, 15M Wide & 12M Wide Roads, Including Asphalting, Construction of RCC Side Drains, RCC Cross Drainage Works & HDPE dual water supply pipeline at MMLP Block, Obalapura Industrial Area, Nelamangala Taluk, Bengaluru Rural District. (2nd Call).

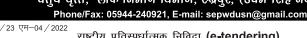
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DIPR/CP/3726/Zen/2022-23

Chief Engineer-1, KIADB Bengaluru



कार्यालय अधीक्षण अभियन्ता चतुर्थ वृत्त, लोक निर्माण विभाग, रुद्रपुर, (उधम सिंह नगर)



राष्ट्रीय प्रतिस्पर्धात्मक निविदा (e-tendering)

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Private banks' mkt share in total credit rises to 38.4% in Sep

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU MUMBAI, DECEMBER 26

PRIVATE SECTOR banks, led by HDFC Bank, ICICI Bank, Axis Bank and Kotak Mahindra Bank. are eating into the market share of public sector banks in credit Private banks continued to

outpace public sector banks and have increased their share in total credit to 38.4 per cent in September 2022 from 37.5 a year ago and 29.6 per cent five years ago, according to the latest RBI data.

Bank credit growth (y-o-y) accelerated further to 18.0 per cent in September 2022 as compared with 14.0 per cent a quarter ago and 5.8 per cent a year ago, the RBI said. Personal loans recorded 21.9 per cent growth (y-o-y) in September 2022; it accounted for one third of the total incremental credit during the last one year, it said.

Credit growth momentum in the industrial sector continued for the fourth successive quarter and recorded double digit growth in September 2022.

The share of individuals in the total credit reached an alltime high of 44.4 per cent in September 2022. Female borrowers accounted for 22.6 per cent of borrowings by individuThe share of individuals in the total credit reached an alltime high of 44.4% in September 2022

als, the RBI said.

Annual growth in working capital loans by banks, which stood in the contraction zone in March 2021, increased successively thereafter and stood at 16.5 per cent (y-o-y) in September 2022. The overall weighted average lending rate (WALR) on outstanding credit increased by 33 basis points (bps) during the quarter ended September 2022, the RBI said.

Meanwhile, according to a Care Rating study, credit offtake remained elevated at 17.5 per cent y-o-y, reporting robust growth for the fortnight ended December 02, 2022.

The growth is driven by a low base, NBFCs, retail credit, higher working capital demand driven by inflation and improvement in capacity utilisation ratio, and rising demand for fresh capex. The benefit of a lower base is expected to ease in the next few fortnights, optically

leading to lower growth rates.

Full report on www.indianexpress.com

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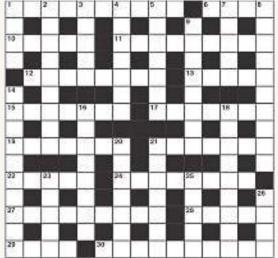
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CALENDAR

CROSSWORD 4935



DOWN

1 Cheat on the board

all the time (9)

nests (5)

2 Didn't display the same brilliance

3 Birds which need some bigger

4 Home-brewing accessories

5 There's no let-up for the rich

7 Sort of nut that is loose maybe

8 They're not good reporters (10)

16 It's clear the girl has a cute wiggle

25 It's taken for granted at ten to ten

9 Devourer of knowledge (8)

14 Ill-used vehicles (10)

18 They are a sorry lot (9)

casino(7)

20 Capital one invested in new

21 Shorten a river crossing?

23 Spilling a pint - clumsy

26 He serves cooked rice (4)

in the morning (5)

ACROSS

1 Study criticism (10) 6 Violently attacks containe vessels(4) 10 I get on both sides of the plant (5) 11 It's up to a cafe to provide hot

drink (1,3,2,3) 12 Where to enjoy the pleasures of the slippery path (3,5)13 Work to make some dough (5)15 Absorbing business

17 One said to swear or turn into a drunkard(7) 19 Not pictured as sheathed (7) 21 Role man arranged as a charity

transactions?(7)

worker(7) 22 Farewell announcement that is $socially\,acceptable\,(5)$ 24 Dog raves after fruit (8)

27 Sid cheats badly and is punished 28 Victor out West is a pretty good shot(5)

29 The location provides a sound

view(4) 30 Stream of notes composed by Handel? (5,5)

Solutions Crossword 4934: Across: 1 Exhumed, 5 Prose, 8 Cold frame, 9 Fit, 10 Lean, 12 Comedown, 14 Raffia, 15 Actors, 17 No change, 18 Iris, 21 Obi, 22 Innkeeper, 24 Nancy, 25 Stirrup. **Down**: 1 Excel, 2 Hal, 3 Miff, 4 Dragon, 5 Presence, 6 Off-colour, 7 Extends, 11 Affection, 13 Hilarity, 14 Run down, 16 Agents, 19 Strap, 20 Peri, 23 Par.

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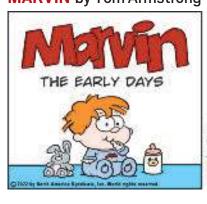




CALVIN & HOBBES by Bill Watterson



MARVIN by Tom Armstrong





SOLUTION SUDOKU 5060

SOME PEOPLE

HAVE SECRET

ADMIRERS.

YOU HAVE A

SECRET

DETRACTOR

HEY! THIS

SAYS, CALVIN

IS A PORRIDGE

BRAIN!" IT'S.

ITS AN

INSULT!

JUMBLED WORDS

Given below are four jumbled words. Solve the jumbles to make proper words and move them to the respective squares below. Select the letters in the shaded squares and jumble them to get the answer for the given quip.

 $\label{periods} \textbf{Periods of } \underline{\hspace{0.5cm}} \text{are seldom prolific of creative achievement. Mankind has to be stirred up.}$ -George Santayana (12)





nas to be stirred up. - George Santayana SOLUTION: HAIRY, TITLE, FALLEN, QUINSY
Answer: Periods of **tranquility** are seldom prolific of creative achievement. Mankind
by to be effected up.

Difficulty Level 5s Instructions To solve a Sudoku puzzle,

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SUDOKU

every digit from 1 to 9 must appear in each of the nine vertical columns. in each of the nine horizontal rows and in each of the nine boxes.

Difficulty Level

1s = Very easy; 2s = Easy; 3s = Medium; 4s = Hard; 5s = Very Hard; 6s =

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7	8	6	1	3	4	5	2	9
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4	7	9	8	5	6	2	3	1
8	1	2	3	4	7	9	6	5

DAY TODAY

BY PETER VIDAL

ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr 20)

It certainly should be a secretive day. In fact, it will do vou good to spend a little time in quiet meditation. If this is impossible, you will probably find your mind wandering off into endless day-dreams. But, then, perhaps your imagination holds the answers to age-old

questions? TAURUS (Apr 21 - May 21) Delicate planetary alignments provide a veil which may obscure the stormy

emotions beneath. An additional social gathering or romantic encounter will certainly take your mind off more pressing problems. Any temporary diversion or distraction will cheer you up.

GEMINI (May 22 - June 21) You seem to have a better idea of what went wrong, and how to put it right. Your will to succeed will be

strong, but what you need out of a work situation varies. Today, it looks as if your real priority will be a sense of community, the feeling that everyone is working towards a common goal.

CANCER (June 22 - July 23) Your lunar

alignments really are splendid today, a fact which should more than compensate for recent disturbances or upsets. You are still in danger, though, of letting your feelings run away with you. If you're too sensitive then you might imagine that someone's trying to get at you, even though

LEO (July 24 - Aug 23) Something still seems to be very

they're not.

secret, so much so that even you might be in the dark. It may be too late to stop one particular course of action, but firm agreements may be deferred for another five days. You have to wait until you're absolutely certain.

VIRGO (Aug 24 - Sep 23)



change their minds it doesn't affect what happens. Just carry on in your own discreet way and nobody should bother you And, if someone pours cold water on your ideas, it doesn't mean that you're wrong

LIBRA (Sep 24 - Oct 23)

Mercury is soon to shift its position again, meaning that your golden time for interviews, conferences and meetings is coming to an end. The deeper indications reveal that by the end of the week you will have to impress people with the breadth of your knowledge rather than the depth.

SCORPIO (Oct 24 - Nov 23) People at work are bound to find you more congenial if you make a

dramatic switch from criticising their weaknesses to praising their strengths. The funny thing is that one is as true as the other, it's just that, with the latter, you will get what you want. Diplomacy always works best.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov 24 - Dec 22)



happier you'll be. If you put off the inevitable then you'll only delay awkward questions. CAPRICORN (Dec 23 - Jan 20)

Partners are not always as reliable as you'd like. There does seem to be a

very real indication that someone is about to change their minds or drop out of an arrangement. If you sense that something is wrong, you would do well to take the initiative and call a halt right now.

AQUARIUS (Jan 21- Feb 19) Spare a little time

for financial affairs, nothing important, mind you, just the inevitable paper-work and purchases. That might sound tedious, but don't worry because, on a personal note, your chart is still looking nicely volcanic, Expect

fireworks soon, in a good way. PISCES (Feb 20 - Mar 20) Remember, Pisces,

ultimately you're in control. It is up to you to make the appropriate choices and influence the course of events. The only way out of a current

impasse may be to quietly disappear and fade out of the scene. However, if you do want out, there is no time to



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Importa	nt Dates
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	At 1200 Hrs on 28.12.2022
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Expected Date of Online Written	11.02.2023



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CIN: U40109PB2010SGC033813, Website: www.pspcl.in (Contact Number: 96461-07151), E-Mail: se-ci-lehra@pspcl.in OFFICE: SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER/CONTROL & INSTRUMENTATION, CIRCLE, O&M, GHTP, LEHRA MOHABBAT Tender Enquiry No. 322/GHTP/C&I/ATRS/AMG/G-84 Dated: 26.12.2022

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ONLINE TENDERING Project Implementation Unit, Gandhinagar (Health & Family Welfare Dept.) SHORT TENDER NOTICE PIU - 113/2022-23

Online tenders for Health Care facilities Civil works of Various District Gujarat as below are invited by the Superintending Engineer, Project Implementation Unit, NRHM/PIU Building 4th Floor, Civil Hospital Campus, Gandhinagar-382012

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Sr	Name of Work	Est. Cost	(1) Tender Fee	Approved	Time	ID			
No.		in Lacs	(2) EMD (Rs.)	Regst. Class	Limit	No.			
		(Rs.)			in				
					Months				
1	New Construction	1528.00	(1) Rs.18000/-	AA and	8005				
	Post Morterm		(2)1528000/-	Special					
	Room at Civil			Building					
	Hospital Campus,			Category-1					
	Asarwa,								
	Ahmedabad								
2	New Construction	6332.00	(1) Rs.30,000/-	AA and Special	461				
	Special Room		(2) 6332000/-	Building					
	Building and Ramp			Category-1					
	Work in 1200 Bed								
	Hospital at Civil								
	Hospital Campus,								
	Asarwa,								
	Ahmedabad								

Pre Bid Dtd.: 02-01-2023 up to 12.30 Hrs On Line Submission Dtd.: 16-01-2023 upto 18.00 hrs

Construction of works detailed below.

Submission of Tender Fee, EMD & Other Original Documents on Dtd.: 16-01-2023 Online (Documents shall have to be Scanned & put up Online. The Origina Documents shall have to be submitted within 7 Days through R.P.A.D. Only) Technical Bid Opening of tender dtd.: 17-01-2023 upto 12.00 hrs.

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Office of the Executive Engineer, Project Central-6, BBMP, Bengaluru - 560002. No: EE/PC-6/TEND/05/2022-23 Date: 26-12-2022

INVITATION FOR TENDER (IFT) - (SHORT TERM) (Through GOK e-Procurement Portal only) The Executive Engineer, Project Central-6, BBMP Bengaluru invites tenders from eligible Tenderers for the

SI. No.	Name of the Work	Approx. Amount Put to Tender (Rs. in Lakhs)	EMD (Rs. in Lakhs)				
1	"Renovation and Additional Floor Construction of Urban Primary Health Centers in Ward No. 174, 175, 184, 188, 189, 191, 192 and 196 of Bommanahalli Zone Limits Bengaluru"	214.88	3.22 Lakhs (Rs. 1.00 Lakh through E-Procurement & remaining a specified in				

Calendar of Events: 1) Tender Documents may be downloaded from the GOK e-Procurement Website: https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in from 27-12-2022. 2) Last Date for Receipt of Queries is 07-01-2023 upto 17.30 Hrs. in the Office of the Executive Engineer - Project Central-6, BBMP. 3) Pre Bid Meeting will be held on 09-01-2023 at 16.00 Hrs. in the Office of the Chief Engineer, Project-Central. 4) Tenders must be Submitted online through e-Procurement Portal on or before 17.30 Hrs. on 13-01-2023. 5) Technical Bids will be Opened on 16-01-2023 at 16.30 Hrs. in the Office of the Executive Engineer - Project Central-6, BBMP. Further details can be had from the above office

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Name of Work and its Location:-	30-Elect-64-T-2022-23-E3 Comprehensive annual maintenance contract (CAMC) of VRF & Ductable type air conditioning plants and repairing of defective			
	air conditioning plants installed at various locations over Delhi Division.			
Approx Cost of the works in:-	Rs. 93.91 Lacs			
Address of the Office:-	Sr. Divil Elect. Engineer/General, New Delhi.			
Bid Security:-	Rs. 1,87,800.00			
Date & time of submission of tender:-	18.01.2023, 12.00 Hrs.			
Opening of tender:-	18.01.2023, 12.00 Hrs.			

Website & Notice Board:-



Date: 26.12.2022

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TENDER NOTICE Office of the Executive Engineer (Civil), MB-II, Chinyalisaur (Uttarkashi) invites sealed tender from interested parties. Brief summary of tender is given below:

(1).Tender No: 17/EE(Civil)/MB-II/Chinyalisaur/2022-23 (2). Tender No: 18/EE(Civil) / MB-II / Chinyalisaur / 2022-23 (1). Name of work: Annual Civil Maintenance work of AP & BF

type Residential & Non Residential building of Shaktipuram colony at Chinyalisaur, Uttarkashi. (2). Name of work: Annual Civil Maintenance work of CP & DP

type Residential building at Shaktipuram colony, Chinyalisaur Uttarkashi.

1. Estimated Cost: Rs. 14,52,989.00 (excluding GST) 2. Estimated Cost: Rs. 16,71,137.00 (excluding GST)

Date of availability of bid document on website 28.12.2022 from

Last date for submission of tender 20.01.2023 upto 11:00 AM For fuller & further detail, kindly visit our website. The tender documents can be download from the Nigam's website 'www.ujvnl.com".

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1	Date of publication of RFP on E-procurement website and OREDA website	23-12-2022
2	Due date and time for submission of online copies of Technical Bid and price bid.	06.1.2023, Time: 5:00 PM
3	Due date and time for submission of hard copies of Technical Bid for select Bid Forms only	07.1.2023, Time: 1.00 PM
4	Due date and time for the opening of Technical Bid for both online copies and bard copies, except price bid	07.1.2023, Time: 3:30 PM
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झारखण्ड सरकार पेयजल एवं स्वच्छता प्रमंडल, सरायकेला

ई० निविदा सचना

अति अल्पकालीन ई0 निविदा सूचना संख्या- DWSD/SKL/MVS/48/2022-23 दिनांक:-24.12.2022

The undersigned on behalf of the Government of Jharkhand invites bids for the work mentioned In table below through e-Procurement from eligible and approved Contractors, registered in with Drinking Water & Sanitation Department. Government of Jharkhand, Central Government, State Government any PSU or any Agency of International or National repute may participate in the bid the bid but registration with Drinking Water & Sanitation Department, Government of Jharkhand will be essential within a period of two months from date of award after issue of Letter of Acceptance. The bid shall be submitted online in the Website http://jharkhandtenders.gov.in. The bidder(s) should have necessary portal enrolment with their

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वेबसाईट पर निविदा प्रकाशन की दिनांक 26.12.2022, अपराह्न 05.00 बजे तक तिथि एवं समय दिनांक 29.12.2022, 12:30 बजे अपराहन। प्री बीड मीटिंग की तिथि एवं समय अभियंता प्रमख्य का कार्यालय पेयजल एवं स्वच्छता विभाग, नेपाल हाउस, झारखण्ड, राँची बीड प्राप्त की तिथि एवं समय दिनांक 04.01.2023 05.00 बजे तक। देनांक 05.01.2023, 02.00 बजे अपराहन तक 1.कार्यपालक अभियता पेयजल एवं स्वच्छता बैंक गारंटी एवं परिमाण विपत्र का प्रमण्डल, सरायकेला। मूल्य जमा करने की तिथि, समय 2.अधीक्षण अभियंता पेयजल एवं स्वच्छता अंचल, चाईबासा। एवं स्थान 3.क्षेत्रीय मुख्य अभियंता का कार्यालय, पेयजल एवं स्वच्छता विभाग, राँची प्रक्षेत्र राँची। 10 निविदा खोलने की तिथि एवं समय दिनांक 06.01.2023, 04.00 बजे तक। कार्यपालक अभियंता पेयजल एवं स्वच्छता निविदा आमंत्रित करने वाले पदाधिकारी एवं कार्यालय का पता प्रमंडल, सरायकेला

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WARRIORS OUTSHOOT GRIZZLIES

Jordan Poole bombed in a team-high 32 points before getting ejected and the Golden State Warriors outgunned Memphis Grizzlies 123-109 in San Francisco in a highly anticipated rematch of the Western Conference semifinals. Playing without Stephen Curry and Andrew Wiggins, the Warriors still managed to outscore the Grizzlies 54-27 from 3-point range en route to their 13th home win in 15 attempts. AP

BRIEFLY —

Erigaisi in joint lead with Carlsen

Almaty: India's star player Koneru Humpy won three games in four rounds to share the joint second place with four others in the women's event of the FIDE World Rapid Chess Championships which kicked off here on Monday. In the open section, young Indian GM Arjun Erigaisi is in joint lead with 4.5 points from five rounds along with world No. 1 Magnus Carlsen and Vladimir Fedoseev after holding the Norwegian superstar in round five. In the Open section, the fast-improving Indian GM Arjun Erigaisi (seeded 38) won his first four games. Erigaisi's wins came over Nderim Saraci, compatriot Raunak Sadhwani, Vahap Sanal and the highly-rated RIchard Rapport. PTI

ISL: Blasters beat Odisha 1-0

Kochi: Kerala Blasters FC extended their unbeaten streak to seven games, moving up to third place after a late goal from Sandeep Singh earned them a 1-0 win over Odisha FC in the Indian Super League here on Monday. It was a game of two halves for the Blasters, who didn't find their rhythm in the first half but bounced back in the second half, with Sandeep Singh scoring the winning goal in the 86th minute. Four minutes from time, the constant pressure from Kerala Blasters paid off as they got their noses in front. Substitute Bryce Miranda curled a cross into the box from the left flank. Amrinder Singh came out to punch it but missed the ball as it bounced and fell to Sandeep who headed it into an empty net. PTI

Lovlina, Nikhat win national boxing gold

Bhopal: Tokyo Olympics bronze medallist Lovlina Borgohain and reigning world champion Nikhat Zareen registered contrasting wins to clinch gold, while Railway Sports Promotion Board (RSPB) lifted the team trophy with 10 medals at the Elite Women's National Boxing Championships on Monday. Assam's Lovlina beat Arundhati Choudhary of the Services Sports Control Board (SSCB) 5-0 in the 75kg final, while Nikhat faced a stiff challenge from RSPB's Anamika in the 50kg clash before the 26-year-old Telangana pugilist tilted the match in her favour 4-1 to defend the title. **PTI**

Reid to players: Raise your game at WC

Bengaluru: Indian men's hockey team coach Graham Reid has warned his players against getting caught up in the moment and advised them to raise their game to the next level if they concede a goal in next month's FIH World Cup. Reid believes a positive mind-set is necessary while playing in a major tournament like the World Cup. India will open their World Cup campaign against Spain in Rourkela on January 13. "You (Indian players) sort of get caught up in the moment when you play an event of this magnitude (World Cup). Don't let yourself get caught up in the moment. It could get quite daunting when you lose the ball, or concede a goal," said Reid. PTI

YOU DIDN'T HEAR MUCH OF THEM IN 2022, BECAUSE PREQUELS TO SPORTING GLORY ALWAYS GO QUIET AND UNSEEN. YOU WILL HEAR A LOT ABOUT THEM IN 2023, BECAUSE THESE ARE CAREERS ON THE THRESHOLD OF TAKING OFF IN THIS NEW YEAR

Arsh tailored in New Fashion

SHIVANI NAIK

ARSH MOHAMMAD was born in one of India's most under-developed regions, Banda in Uttar Pradesh. The municipality of Bundelkhand receives special grants reserved for 'backward' regions. His father Ashfaq Ahmed runs a tailoring shop stitching bespoke suits called 'New Fashion tailors'. Arsh, who won silver at the recent Asian U17 badminton championships, recalls how the father nursed his passion for badminton, and eventually packed off his son to train in the sport.

Amidst the unchanging, perpetual ambient sound of the ticking of the sewing machine needle, the whirring of the pulley wheel and the monotonous tapping of the foot pedal, Ashfaq's cherished distraction was badminton - for fitness and recreation. Beautifully cut, crisply ironed three-piece suits would line the shelves, even as the young Arsh took a liking for the fast pace and hand-speed of doubles shuttle.

An Û13 title at Tezpur in Assam, and stagnant singles results, would help him make up his mind about choosing doubles. "Interest in singles dipped, and my coach Anwar Ali in Banda and my father wholeheartedly supported my decision even before I turned 15 to play doubles," he recalls. It was a strictly middle class household, though Ashfaq never deprived his son of anything. "He ensured I never felt the pinch. He'd say tum bas jaakar khelo. I'll handle everything."

His coach though not equipped to guide him in the doubles game, didn't force him to cling onto a singles career, and Arsh would soon find himself at the Gopichand Academy in Noida, focussed on doubles. His ability to learn quickly and soak up the doubles attitude, would fetch him summons to the Hyderabad main centre. A bunch of good results with Sanskar (who is keener on singles), would get him into the Asian U17 India team, and a good run in Thailand would leave the pair with a silver.

Arsh is one of the bustling band of doubles specialists keen on pushing through in the men's doubles event, buoyed by achievements of India's highest ranked shuttlers currently - World No 5 Chirag Shetty & Satwiksairaj Rankireddy. "In fact Chirag is my idol for his defense and consistency. I also love Hendra Setiawan, he's so calm and composed. Hadbadi ni hoti (There's no rushing

In a year that India scored a sensational upset of the prevalent shuttle hierarchy by winning the Thomas Cup, the grandest of them all, the doubles pairings are deservedly the biggest headlining act. Not only did Satwik-Chirag pick a World's, CWG and Super Series titles in India and France, they have also convinced younger pairings that absolute elite success at the topmost level is possible.

"In the 2016 Rio Olympics, we were happy that Sumeeth Reddy and Manu Atri simply qualified. In 2021 at Tokyo, we were talking about expecting a medal from Satwik-Chirag! We won the Thomas Cup because of our medals," says India's junior doubles coach Arun Vishnu. "They are doing for doubles what Saina did for singles," he stresses of a mindset upgrade.

Given how skewed India was towards

Boy from Banda follows the footsteps of Chirag-Satwik, from behind a sewing machine his father told him "tum bas jaakar khelo"



WHY 2023 COULD BE YEAR OF DOUBLES

Sindhu, Saina, Srikanth and Lakshya Sen may be badminton singles sensations, but Paris medal contenders, top 5 pairing Satwik-Chirag are that quiet time-biding lull before the storm of doubles badminton explodes and a fleet of Indian pairings emerge. Dhruv Kapila-MR Arjun, and Krishna Prasad and Vishnuvardhan are just a step behind. Arsh Mohammad-Sanskar Saraswat also picked up silver at Asian U17. The women, Treesa Jolly and Gayatri Gopichand, could leapfrog all for medals, as is the Indian trend.

(Top) Asian U17 silver medallists Arsh Mohammad (L) and Sanskar Saraswat. (Below) Arsh's father Asfhaq Ahmed's tailoring shop.

they should focus on doubles," Arun Vishnu says. It used to be the toughest 'chat with parents' that coaches dreaded: telling them their kid might not make it in singles. And it earned the coaches plenty of resentment and hatred. "I remember Ishan's father was so worried when we asked him to shift. But now he's so happy ever since Ishan started winning, and messages saying thank you. The mindset is changing."

For years, Gopichand copped criticism for ignoring doubles. However in truth it used to be very difficult to convince players, parents and their childhood coaches that doubles was a more suitable option, "Now prize money is equal. And doubles players, Chirag, Satwik, Sikki, Arjun all got good jobs after doubles performances. Plus like Saina, now kids look at Satwik-Chirag and say if they could break through, we can too."

Krishna Prasad Garaga's father played

badminton at All India inter University and always dreamt of his son representing India. "He was also a cricket selector and asked me to choose between two sports. I picked badminton, but at U13, I'd make finals in doubles and lose in quarters in singles. Then Gopi sir took the decision and I stopped singles in U15, it was the best decision," says the shuttler, part of India's No 3 pairing. They made the Syed Modi finals and won Thomas Cup, and are aware it's only the beginning.

There's a doubles pool identified for 20-30 pairings, and juniors train with seniors. Training has gotten specialised and separate $even for \, mixed \, doubles \, and \, regular \, doubles,$ given they are fairly different styles and tactics. "Earlier team ratios were 4 singles players and 1 doubles pair. Now it tends to be 3 doubles pairs and 2 singles because doubles gets you team wins. Training happens in small focussed batches with individual attention. There's 4-5 coaches for doubles and 2-3 dedicated physios," Arun Vishnu says.

Tournament exposure and funding towards doubles has increased manifold. Though it's the confidence rubbing off on the second string that's dizzying to watch - Dhruv-Arjun believing they can run the top names close, and Krishna-Vishnu in close pursuit in only their first full season playing together. In women's doubles, Treesa Jolly and

Gayatri Gopichand are soaking up the lessons that can only come from losing close matches against top pairings, though they have tasted what success feels like at All England and CWG and can only get better in the new year. Mixed doubles might yet throw up the biggest surprise in Paris quali-

It helps too that Satwik-Chirag are so approachable and accessible to their juniors, and gladly dispense advice. None of the halo and egos of singles, to the extent that the World No 5s carry no airs about their many significant pioneering achievements.

Then there's Mathias Boe and his magnificent exasperated impatience with doubles pairings. Keeping his annoyance just on the brink, he literally goads Indian combinations to play better. "Boe is never satisfied with runners-up. But because our mistakes affect him so much, players feel like they should play better for him." The occasional pat on the back and smile, are then precious takeaways when they play well.

Swapping and shuffling pairings used to cause plenty of heartburn and tantrums earlier. But players now buy into the coach's vision just like singles players slowly admitted that fitness had to be the bedrock of their survival in international badminton.

Krishna Prasad in his early 20s can already notice the attitude upgrades amongst juniors stepping out of their teens like Ishan Bhatnagar-Sai Prateek. "They are more disciplined but open minded, not fixed to one plan of just attack. Everyone can adapt to the defensive style needed on the international circuit. When your defense is strong, and you know you also have an attack you can bring out anytime, then that's a psychological advantage," he says. Indian doubles has just signalled they mean business, and their business is to trouble opponents who have until now looked down on Indians in paired

BOXING DAY TESTS

Green fifer leads to South African collapse

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RIDING A wave of emotion provided by a festive crowd at Melbourne Cricket Ground, Cameron Green claimed the best bowling figures of his Test career as Australia bowled South Africa out for 189 on the opening day of the second Test. Pace bowler Green (5-27) gave the enthusiastic fans something to cheer about by triggering a late-order collapse of five wickets for 10 runs as the 23-year-old claimed his first five-wicket haul in Tests on Monday.

Leading the three-match series one-nil, Australia reached 45-1 at stumps before a crowd of 64,876. David Warner was unbeaten on 32 with Marnus Labuschagne on five, leaving the home side 144 runs behind with nine wickets in hand, after Usman Khawaja fell caught behind for one to Kagiso Rabada.

Choosing to bowl first, Australia was on top shortly after lunch with South Africa struggling at 67-5 before Kyle Verreynne (52) and Marco Jansen (59) added 112 for the sixth wicket. It was South Africa's seventh consecutive test total under 200. "But I felt like today was probably the first time in the last couple of games that we have sort of had more soft dismissals than not, and that's probably the more disappointing thing," Verreynne said.



Cameron Green gestures to the crowd after taking 5 wickets against South Africa. AP

Verreynne said South Africa's tailenders should not be blamed for the touring team's lower-order collapse, losing five wickets for 10 runs. "The conversations are more based on the top six and making sure that we have enough runs on the board," he said.

On a green-tinged pitch, South Africa had edged to 58 shortly before lunch for the loss of Sarel Erwee and Theunis de Bruyn (12).

Captain Dean Elgar attempted a single to mid-off in the penultimate over before the interval and was run out by a direct hit from Marnus Labuschagne. Mitchell Starc removed Temba Bayuma caught behind for one off the next delivery to leave the tourists teetering at lunch. In the fifth over after lunch, Khaya Zondo on five aimed a powerful drive to mid-off where Labuschagne held a superb diving catch

singles - the Prakash Padukone - Gopichand

All England titles, and later Saina, Sindhu and

Srikanth, and now Lakshya Sen being the

centrifugal forces - 2022 has been a break-

through year for doubles pairings. Sure, Jwala

Gutta, Ashwini Ponnappa and V Diju cracked

the Top 10 and had a bunch of achievements.

But a true renaissance in doubles where it's

not just names, but an entire pack of con-

India has 10 pairings in Top 100 of Men's

doubles right now, and are looking at 5 in Top

50 soon. Satwik-Chirag are at No 5, Arjun MR-

Dhruy Kapila at No 24, Krishna Prasad

Garaga-Vishnuvardhan Panjala at No 35,

Ishan Bhatnagar-Sai Prateek at No 44, and PS

Ravikrishna-Sankar Prasad Udaykumar, who

lost to a Malaysian pair in three sets at Orissa

to convince them before they turn 15 that

"The big difference from earlier is it is easy

Open Super 100, at No 54, All under 25.

tenders, is only gathering storm now.

at 67-5, as Starc claimed his second wicket of

Dropped at short leg on 22 and on the legside boundary on 37, Jansen helped steady South Africa's innings, reaching his maiden half-century with a lofted boundary to longon, after Starc failed to hold a difficult catch. Starc briefly left the field for treatment on a sore middle finger. Still "pinching himself" after last week's decision by Indian Premier League team Mumbai Indians to pay over \$2 million at auction for his services in 2023, all-rounder Green dismissed Verreynne caught at first slip at 179-6. Green struck twice in his next over, removing Jansen caught behind for 59 and Rabada bowled for four.

Striking again in his third successive over, Green forced his way through Lungi Ngidi's defences to end the innings in the 69th over. "You can have a really slow start to the summer, and you think cricket's so tough, and then you have a few days like this, and it brings you back," said Green, who claimed 4-10 off 28 balls late in South Africa's innings. "At the same time, when you go through a high, cricket can bring you back down really quickly."

BRIEF SCORES: South Africa 189 all out (Marco Jansen 59, Kyle Verreynne 52; Cameron Green 5/27) vs **Australia** 45/1 (David Warner 32; Kagiso Rabada 1/24).

Babar, Sarfaraz lift Pak to 317-5 against New Zealand

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in the first test.

BABAR AZAM hit his ninth hundred and Sarfaraz Ahmed returned to Test cricket after nearly four years with an impressive 86 as Pakistan overcame a top-order collapse to reach 317-5 against New Zealand on Monday

Babar was not out on 161 with 16 fours and a six and Sarfaraz — playing his first Test since January 2019 - grinded well in his long awaited 50th Test to give Pakistan an early advantage on a slow and dry wicket. They shared a 196-run stand to lift Pakistan from 110-4 before Ajaz Patel (2-91) broke through late in the final session on Day 1 and had Sarfaraz caught in the slip with the second new ball.

Patel nearly ended Babar's six hours of batting in the last over, but the Pakistan captain successfully overturned an lbw ruling through TV referral. Both Babar and Sarfaraz dominated the three spinners and were untroubled against the seam bowling of captain Tim Southee and Neil Wagner in nearly two sessions after New Zealand had made early in-

New Delhi

Sarfaraz came good against the spinners with his sweeps and Babar made New Zealand pay a heavy price for letting him off the hook early with his cover drives and flicks on the onside. Daryl Mitchel dropped a regulation catch when Babar was on 12 as the Pakistan skipper raised his hundred before tea off 161 balls with a six off Michael Bracewell (2-61) over midwicket. Babar could have been run out in the first over after lunch but Devon Conway couldn't hit the stumps at the non-striker's end with the Pakistan captain way out of his crease

when Sarfaraz refused to go for a quick single. New Zealand, playing its first test in Pakistan in 20 years, had started well after Babar won the toss and elected to bat on a wicket expected to favor spinners. Sarfaraz had to wait for 26 Test matches before finally breaking into the test XI after Pakistan finally rested Mohammad Rizwan. He made use of his hometown conditions and rebuilt the innings and even braved cramps after tea while going for a single and diving at the non-striker's end.

BRIEF SCORES: Pakistan 317/5 (Babar Azam 165 not out, Sarfaraz Ahmed 86; Michael Bracewell 2/61, Ajaz Patel 2/91) vs New

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Delhi, TN seek to revive Ranji campaigns in clash of heavyweights

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WHEN CAPTAINS Yash Dhull and Baba Indraiith walk out for the toss for a Ranii Trophy clash between two heavyweight cricket associations, Delhi and Tamil Nadu, they will do so with the hope of getting their campaigns back on track.

Like Tamil Nadu, which is by far one of the best domestic white-ball teams, Delhi have shown in recent times that they can do well in the Syed Mushtaq Ali Trophy and the Vijay Hazare Trophy. But in the Ranji Trophy, these two teams tend to underperform, especially when one factors in the resources the Delhi & District Cricket Association and the Tamil Nadu Cricket Association have.

These two associations regularly send players to the national side. If Shikhar Dhawan, Virat Kohli, Rishabh Pant and Navdeep Saini are around for Delhi. there's R Ashwin, Washington Sundar and Dinesh Karthik for Tamil Nadu. So these two continue to nurture talent, and as they square-off in the third-round fixture, there is one other connecting point: both have chosen to invest in youngsters.

The hosts, who have just one point from two matches, will take the field without seamers Ishant Sharma, Saini, Simarjit Singh, Pradeep Sangwan, Mayank Yadav (all injured), while batsman Nitish Rana has been dropped for the next two matches.

Given the start they have had, this is the last thing Delhi would have wanted. But such is the schedule that there is only a three-day gap between matches, with one day spent on travelling, leaving players less time for recovery as temperatures reach single digits in the northern part of India.

After losing their opening fixture to Maharashtra, Delhi missed out on a first-innings lead against Assam. While they will hope to bounce back against Tamil Nadu, the unavailability of key players will make it all the more difficult for 20-year-old Dhull.

Delhi depleted but TN wary

Given the context, the underdog tag will fit perfectly on Delhi, but Tamil Nadu are in no mood to call themselves favourites going into the contest. After coming close to pulling off a stunning victory over Hyderabad in the first round, they lost to Andhra by just eight runs in Coimbatore last week. Having dominated the game for three-and-a-half days, one bad session cost them the match.

'It is a very important game no doubt," Indrajith told The Indian Express. "Given what happened in the previous match, it is important we build again before we think anything



Delhi will miss seasoned pacer Ishant Sharma who is injured.

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too far ahead with regards to first-innings lead or an outright win.

before facing Maharashtra.

The focus is to go back and play the brand of cricket we want to play, like we did in the first match against Hyderabad and for the most part against Andhra. It is a process to do it on all four days and see where we are at the end of the match.

More than the defeat, the manner in which it all unfolded for Tamil Nadu is bound to test their resolve and their ability to make a strong comeback. There is a possibility that Tamil Nadu might bring in pacer Aswin Crist in place of left-arm spinner Ajith Ram, but it is a call they will take only on Tuesday morning after taking one final look at the Arun Jaitley Stadium pitch. "The defeat was disheartening because it is the kind of match that you should be winning. If you look at it, champion sides tend to find a way to win close games. You will have the odd defeat, where you are outplayed. But

for me as a captain, winning those close games matters a lot. I hope we learn from our mistakes and don't repeat them," Indrajith added.

For Tamil Nadu, this round kickstarts a series of away games that will determine how far they go in the campaign. After Delhi, they face Mumbai in the first week of January before moving to Pune to play Maharashtra. Their last two matches are against Assam and Saurashtra at home. And all said and done, there are a few positives so far for Tamil Nadu. For a side that has generally struggled to get 20 wickets, it has done so in successive matches, and if the batsmen buckle up, there is every chance they could turn the tide.

"We have to look at the positives as well, and as I said earlier, we are a team in transition. We have to be guarded. They say Delhi is not doing well and they don't have their key players and it is the right time to play them, but we need to focus on ourselves.

"After the first game, they said good things about our run-rate and how we went about with our approach and after one defeat, questions were raised about the same. So for us, it is important to back our process and play,' Indaiith added.

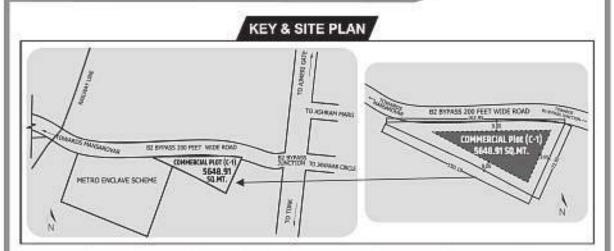
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