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ई-निविदा आमंत्रण सूचना – 2022-23
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1. ई-निविदा सूचना संख्या-25 /वि०जा०पा०मं०आ० /आगरा /2022-23-- 220

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UTTAR PRADESH SHASAN PARIVAHAN ANUBHAG-4

In pursuance of the provisions of clause (3) of Article 348 of the Constitution of India, the Governor is pleased to order the publication of the following English translation of notification no.25/2022/1836/XXX-4-2022, dated 23 December,2022

Notification
No.25/2022/1836/XXX-4-2022,
Lucknow : Dated 23 December,2022

In exercise of the powers conferred under clause (ca) of sub-section (3) of section 68 of the Motor Vehicles Act, 1988 (Act no. 59 of 1988), the Governor is pleased to formulate the routes given in the Schedule below for plying stage carriages:-

Schedule				
Sl. No.	Name of Route	Route Code	Regional Rapid Transit System (RTS) Station	Distance (in Km.)
1	Loni-Sahibabad Railway Station	SHB01	Sahibabad	10.2
2	Hindon Airport Civil Terminal-Sahibabad Railway Station	SHB01A	Sahibabad	7.6
3	Loni-Mohan Nagar	SHB02	Sahibabad	12.2
4	Hindon Airport Civil Terminal-Mohan Nagar	SHB02A	Sahibabad	9.5
5	Noida Sector-62 MRTS-Vasundhara Via CISF	SHB03	Sahibabad	5.3
6	Noida Sector-62 MRTS-Vasundhara Via Aditya Mall	SHB03A	Sahibabad	7.8
7	U.P.Gate- Sahibabad Mandi	SHB04	Sahibabad	6.3
8	U.P.Gate- Vasundhara	SHB05	Sahibabad	7.7
9	Kaushambi Bus Terminal- Sahibabad Industrial Area	SHB06	Sahibabad	5.9
10	Wave City- ALT Centre	GLD01	Guldhar	10.0
11	Dasna-ALT Centre	GLD02	Guldhar	11.5
12	Govindpuram-ALT Centre	GLD02A	Guldhar	9.4
13	Ghaziabad Railway Station-Rajnagar Extension	GLD03	Guldhar	9.6
14	Noida Sector-51/52-Siddharth Vihar	GZB01	Ghaziabad	5.85
15	Gaur Chowk-Siddharth Vihar	GZB02	Ghaziabad	11.5
16	Lalkuan-New Arya Nagar	GZB03	Ghaziabad	9.4
17	Lalkuan-Navyug Market	GZB04	Ghaziabad	9.6

By Order,

UPID NO-183628, DATE 27/12/2022
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(L.Venkateshwar Lu)
Principal Secretary.

Superintending Engineer Bulandshahr Circle, P.W.D., Bulandshahr

No. 8155 /96M(3)/E-TENDER/BSR CIRCLE/ 22-23 Dated 21.12.2022

E-Procurement Inviting Tenders Notice

On behalf of Governor of Uttar Pradesh, Superintending Engineer Bulandshahr Circle, U.P.P.W.D., Bulandshahr invites following percentage rate bid online through <http://etender.up.nic.in> from the eligible and approved Contractors registered with P.W.D. class as per column no. 10 below Road work Category as applied from Date 16.01.2023 to 23.01.2023 upto 12:00 Noon as per the prescribed T-2 of Govt. of U.P. The technical bids will be opened online on dated 23.01.2023 at 01:30 PM. If the office happens to be closed on the date of opening of the bids as specified, the bids will be opened online on the next working day, at the same time any validity of bid will be considered from the original date. The date and time of opening of the financial bid shall be notified on the website.

Sl. No	Name of Work	Estimated cost (Rs. in Laks)	Bid Security (Rs.in Lakh)	Time of Completion work including rainy season	Tender document fee including GST (in Rs.)	Address of Executive Engineer executing the work	Address of Superintending Engineer	Address of Chief Engineer	Catagory
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
In anticipation									
1	SR of Pahasu Danpur (ODR) of Km. 4,5,6,7,9,10, 11,12,13 & 14(700)	132.00	8.60	03 Months	Tender Cost Rs. 300+200+18% G.S.T. Rs. 414.0 = 2714.00	Executive Engineer Construction Division, P.W.D., Khurja	Superintending Engineer Bulandshahr Circle, P.W.D., Bulandshahr	Chief Engineer Meerut Zone, P.W.D., Meerut	A, B (road work)
2	SR of Pandrawal Atraiul road (ODR)	149.00	9.45	03 Months	Tender Cost Rs. 300+200+18% G.S.T. P.W.D., Khurja Rs. 414.0 = 2714.00	Executive Engineer Construction Division, P.W.D., Khurja	Superintending Engineer Bulandshahr Circle, P.W.D., Bulandshahr	Chief Engineer Meerut Zone, P.W.D., Meerut	A, B (road work)
3	Renewal of Khurja Pahasu Chhatari road of Km. 9 to 22 with BC	430.00	23.50	03 Months	Tender Cost Rs. 300+200+18% G.S.T. Rs. 414.0 = 2714.00	Executive Engineer Construction Division, P.W.D., Khurja	Superintending Engineer Bulandshahr Circle, P.W.D., Bulandshahr	Chief Engineer Meerut Zone, P.W.D., Meerut	A (road work)
4	Renewal of Khurja Jewer road of Km. 3.9 to 17 with BC	350.00	19.50	03 Months	Tender Cost Rs. 300+200+18% G.S.T. Rs. 414.0 = 2714.00	Executive Engineer Construction Division, P.W.D., Khurja	Superintending Engineer Bulandshahr Circle, P.W.D., Bulandshahr	Chief Engineer Meerut Zone, P.W.D., Meerut	A (road work)
5	SR of Jinamati to Sarhannaha Link road	55.00	4.75	03 Months	Tender Cost Rs. 300+200+18% G.S.T. Rs. 414.0 = 2714.00	Executive Engineer Construction Division, P.W.D., Khurja	Superintending Engineer Bulandshahr Circle, P.W.D., Bulandshahr	Chief Engineer Meerut Zone, P.W.D., Meerut	A, B, C (road work)
6	SR of M.B.road to Kankarpur Vai Salvahtampur Link road	40.54	4.02	03 Months	Tender Cost Rs. 300+200+18% G.S.T. Rs. 414.0 = 2714.00	Executive Engineer Construction Division, P.W.D., Khurja	Superintending Engineer Bulandshahr Circle, P.W.D., Bulandshahr	Chief Engineer Meerut Zone, P.W.D., Meerut	A, B, C (road work)
7	SR OF JANGIRPUR MANCHAD ROAD TO NEKPUR LINK ROAD.	52.00	4.60	03 Months	Tender Cost Rs. 300+200+18% G.S.T. Rs. 414.0 = 2714.00	Executive Engineer Construction Division, P.W.D., Khurja	Superintending Engineer Bulandshahr Circle, P.W.D., Bulandshahr	Chief Engineer Meerut Zone, P.W.D., Meerut	A, B, C (road work)
8	SR of Khurja Pahasu Chhatani of Km. 10 to Gawarail Link road	52.00	4.60	03 Months	Tender Cost Rs. 300+200+18% G.S.T. Rs. 414.0 = 2714.00	Executive Engineer Construction Division, P.W.D., Khurja	Superintending Engineer Bulandshahr Circle, P.W.D., Bulandshahr	Chief Engineer Meerut Zone, P.W.D., Meerut	A, B, C (road work)
9	SR of Pokharpur to Algaith Boarder Link road	48.00	4.40	03 Months	Tender Cost Rs. 300+200+18% G.S.T. Rs. 414.0 = 2714.00	Executive Engineer Construction Division, P.W.D., Khurja	Superintending Engineer Bulandshahr Circle, P.W.D., Bulandshahr	Chief Engineer Meerut Zone, P.W.D., Meerut	A, B, C (road work)
10	SR of Danpur Dharampur Conrd to Aakbaravas Link road	50.72	4.55	03 Months	Tender Cost Rs. 300+200+18% G.S.T. Rs. 414.0 = 2714.00	Executive Engineer Construction Division, P.W.D., Khurja	Superintending Engineer Bulandshahr Circle, P.W.D., Bulandshahr	Chief Engineer Meerut Zone, P.W.D., Meerut	A, B, C (road work)
11	Reconstruction of minor bridge and approach road on Bartauli Link road Under Nabard for Year 2022-23	82.00	8.10	09 Months	Tender Cost Rs. 300+200+18% G.S.T. Rs. 414.0 = 2714.00	Executive Engineer Construction Division, P.W.D., Khurja	Superintending Engineer Bulandshahr Circle, P.W.D., Bulandshahr	Chief Engineer Meerut Zone, P.W.D., Meerut	A, B (Setu work)
12	Reconstruction of minor bridge on Ganda Nale at Sabazpur Bhal Link road and approach road Under Nabard for Year 2022-23	142.00	9.10	09 Months	Tender Cost Rs. 300+200+18% G.S.T. Rs. 414.0 = 2714.00	Executive Engineer Construction Division, P.W.D., Khurja	Superintending Engineer Bulandshahr Circle, P.W.D., Bulandshahr	Chief Engineer Meerut Zone, P.W.D., Meerut	A, B (Setu work)
13	Reconstruction of Village Sikari to Budhan Link road	49.00	4.47	03 Months	Tender Cost Rs. 300+200+18% G.S.T. Rs. 414.0 = 2714.00	Executive Engineer Construction Division, P.W.D., Khurja	Superintending Engineer Bulandshahr Circle, P.W.D., Bulandshahr	Chief Engineer Meerut Zone, P.W.D., Meerut	A, B, C (road work)
14	Reconstruction of Anupshahar Shikarpur road ODH Ch. 22.00 to 25.85	114.00	7.75	03 Months	Tender Cost Rs. 300+200+18% G.S.T. Rs. 414.0 = 2714.00	Executive Engineer Construction Division, P.W.D., Khurja	Superintending Engineer Bulandshahr Circle, P.W.D., Bulandshahr	Chief Engineer Meerut Zone, P.W.D., Meerut	A, B (road work)

1. Time allowed for completion of Whole work is mention in col. No. 5 with including rainy season.

2. The Tender Document fee & Bid Security must be deposited through Internet Banking only.

3. All registered contractors have to upload Turnover certified by C.A. of last 5 years and details of maximum cost of 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 & time of submission of bid.

4. Terms & other conditions related to bid are available on <http://etender.up.nic.in>


5. Bidders 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 "Prharati Applicant" in ChanaKya Software by accessing hyperlink available on <http://roc.uppwd.gov.in> for Tendering Process

6. Contractor should have experience of executing work with hot mix plant.

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(Hemant Singh)
Superintending Engineer Construction Division, PWD Khurja

(M.C. Sharma)
Superintending Engineer Bulandshahr Circle, PWD Bulandshahr



PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF ACCUSED PERSON

See Section 82 Cr. P.C.

Whereas complaint has been made before me that **accused** Vijay Singh @ Vijay, R/o House No. 10/26, Trilokpuri Delhi also at Bhalswa by Pass Gurudwara Road, Gali No.13, Block D, near Auto Bus Stand and Lucky Medical Store, Swaroop Vihar Firozpur, Delhi, has committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence in case registered vide **Ex -CRL/66/2022 U/s 12DV Act** has been registered at **P.S. Kalyan Puri, Delhi**, punishable and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest thereupon issued that the said **accused** Vijay Singh @ Vijay, cannot be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said **accused** Vijay Singh @ Vijay, has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant).

Proclamation is hereby made that the said **accused** Vijay Singh @ Vijay, of case **Ex -CRL/66/2022 U/s 12DV Act** has been registered at **P.S. Kalyan Puri, Delhi**, is required to appear before this court to answer the said complaint on or before 25.01.2023

By Order
Ms. Shazadi Halima Sadiya
Metropolitan Magistrate
Mahila Court- No.02(East)
Room No. 24
Karkardooma Court, Delhi

DP/3632/ED/2022(Court Matter)

PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF ACCUSED PERSON

See Section 82 Cr.P.C.

Whereas complaint has been made before me that accused person **Gulfam, S/o Late Abdul Salam, R/o 8909, Naya Mohalla, Pul Bangash, Azad Market, Delhi & 8907, Naya Mohalla, Pul Bangash, Azad Market, Delhi** has committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence in case **CC No. 525235/16 U/s 138 NI Act, P.S. Sadar Bazar, Delhi** and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest thereupon issued that the said **Gulfam** cannot be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said **Gulfam** has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant).

Proclamation is hereby made that the said **Gulfam** accused of **CC No. 525235/16 U/s 138 NI Act, P.S. Sadar Bazar, Delhi** is required to appear before this court to answer the said complaint on or before 31.01.2023.

By Order
Ms. Bhujali
Metropolitan Magistrate (NI Act)-01
Central, Room No. 201
Second Floor, Court Building Annexe-II
Tis Hazari Court, Delhi

DP/4203/N/2022

PRESS NOTICE

Office of the Superintending Engineer-1, Technical Cell, EPC Mission, Niyojan Vibhag, Lucknow

NOTICE INVITING e-TENDER

Tender No: 1531/General/Bhawan/Cel/2022 Dated: 23/12/2022

Superintending Engineer, Technical Cell, EPC Mission, Niyojan Vibhag, Lucknow on behalf of Governor of Uttar Pradesh invites online bids for construction on Design, Engineering, Procurement and Construction (EPC) basis from eligible bidders working in any central/state departments or governments/semi government undertakings or in private sector for building works through e- tendering from eligible contractors/firms in two bid system for the following work:-

S.no	Name & Description of work	Estimated cost	Completion period of Work	Last date to fill/upload the bid through e-tendering	Cost of Bid Document	Bid/ Tender Fee	EMD/Bid Security amount
1	Design, Engineering, Procurement for Construction of Residential Buildings of Shaheed Gulab Singh Lodhi Police Training School at Unnao, U.P., India.	Rs. 150.00 Cr.	18 Months plus Defect Liability Period of one year including 3 months maintenance during DLP	06.02.2023 Upto 12:00 PM	Rs. 35000 + GST	Rs. 300+ GST	Rs 150.00 Lakh
2	Design, Engineering, Procurement for Construction of Non-Residential Buildings of Shaheed Gulab Singh Lodhi Police Training School at Unnao, U.P., India.	Rs. 58.00 Cr.	18 Months plus Defect Liability Period of one year including 3 months maintenance during DLP	06.02.2023 Upto 12:00 PM	Rs. 35000 + GST	Rs. 300+ GST	Rs 58.00 Lakh
3	Design, Engineering, Procurement for Construction of Residential Buildings of Police Training School at Sitapur, U.P., India.	Rs. 61.00 Cr.	18 Months plus Defect Liability Period of one year including 3 months maintenance during DLP	06.02.2023 Upto 12:00 PM	Rs. 35000 + GST	Rs. 300+ GST	Rs 61.00 Lakh

The bid document shall be available online from 06.01.2023 at 11 AM to 05.02.2023 at 5 PM & the last date of submission of bid document shall be 06.02.2023 upto 12:00 PM (Online) and submission of the bid in hardcopy 06.02.2023 upto 5:00 PM. Prebid conference to be held on date 16.01.2023 at 11:30 am in the Meeting Hall, 1st Floor, UPWWD, Lucknow. The queries can be sent to mail ID- ecbidgcell@gmail.com. Opening of Technical Bid shall be 06.02.2023 at 12:30 PM. As per provision in G.O. 1/2018/3070/78-2-2018/42 I.T./2017 (22) dated 03.01.2018, the bidder shall submit the documents of bid in hard copy in department. The other all conditions of tender is available on website e-tender portal <https://www.etender.up.nic.in>.

(Pawan Verma)
Superintending Engineer Technical Cell, EPC Mission, Niyojan Vibhag, Lucknow

(Sanjay Kumar Srivastava)
Superintending Engineer-1, Technical Cell, EPC Mission, Niyojan Vibhag, Lucknow

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--:निविदा सूचना वित्तीय वर्ष 2022-23--

निविदा पत्र संख्या :- 581 /आ०नि०औ० /2022-23 दिनांक :- 22-12-2022

महामहिम राज्यपाल, उत्तर प्रदेश की ओर से क्षेत्रीय आयुर्वेदिक एवं यूनानी अधिकारी, बागपत द्वारा इस जनपद के अन्तर्गत संचालित राजकीय आयुर्वेदिक चिकित्सालयों को वित्तीय वर्ष 2022-23 में शासनादेश संख्या 3016 /71-2-99-41/91 दिनांक 20-11-99 के अनुसार मानक मद्र 39 औषधि तथा रसायन की आपूर्ति हेतु मोहरबन्द निविदाएं केवल अद्यपिथि घेवता वाली जी.एम.पी. प्रमाण पत्र प्राप्त ऐसी प्रतिष्ठित Original Manufacturer फर्म जो स्वयं गुणकारी औषधि का निर्माण करती हैं आयुर्वेद घोटाले के अन्तर्गत केन्द्रीय जांच ब्यूरो, विलीजेंस अध्या जो अन्य कभी किसी सक्षम जांच एजेंसी द्वारा चिन्हित /प्रतिबन्धित /विचाराधीन अध्या आपराधिक पुष्टमहिम वाली फर्म नहीं है, से आमन्त्रित की जा रही हैं।

मानक मद्र- 39 औषधि तथा रसायन की आपूर्ति हेतु फर्म को इस उद्देश्य /प्रयोजन निमित्त राज्य औषधि नियन्त्रक द्वारा जारी दोष सिद्ध नहीं होने का प्रमाणपत्र प्राप्त 26M-3 पर तथा इस आशय का रस्ताम पेपर पर शपथ-पत्र आवेदन के साथ संलग्न करना होगा। मानक मद्र 39 औषधि तथा रसायन निमित्त राज्य औषधि नियन्त्रक द्वारा जारी खुले बाजार में विक्रय प्रमाण पत्र (प्रपत्र 26M-2-1/प्रपत्र 26 M-2-1। पर) उत्पादों की सूची सहित मौलिक निविदा पत्र जमा करते समय संलग्न करना होगा। आपूर्ति की जाने वाली मानक मद्र-39 औषधि तथा रसायन (निर्मित औषधियां) की गुणवत्ता की जांच निदेशक, आयुर्वेदिक सेवाएं, उत्तर प्रदेश, लखनऊ के पत्र संख्या 16 /डी०-जी०-257 /11 लखनऊ दिनांक 04.02. 2015 के द्वारा निर्धारित एवं आयुष विभाग द्वारा अनुमोदित एवं वैध तिथि वाली NABL accredited प्रयोगशाला से करारकर प्रस्तुत करना अनिवार्य है जिसका सम्पूर्ण खय औषधि आपूर्ति कम्पनी द्वारा वहन किया जायेगा। निविदा प्रपत्र से सम्बन्धित विवरण निम्न प्रकार है -


क्र० सं०	मानक मद्र	खट्ट (निदि)	व्यवहारी	निधि प्रपत्र	अर्न्त मनी
01	02	मूल्य (रु०)	अंश	का नुल (रु०)	रु०
1-	39- आयुर्वेदिक औषधि तथा रसायन	2,96,000/-	निविदा द्वारा	850/-	4500/-

संक्षिप्त नियम एवं शर्त :-

- निविदा-प्रपत्र का विक्रय निविदा सूचना प्रकाशन की तिथि से दिनांक 07-01-2023 तक प्रत्येक कार्यालय कार्य दिवस में प्रातः 10:00 बजे से सायं 4:00 बजे तक नगद मुद्रागत पर स्थान कार्यालय क्षेत्रीय आयुर्वेदिक एवं यूनानी अधिकारी, बागपत में।
- निविदा पत्र जमा करने की अन्तिम तिथि 10-01-2023 समय प्रातः 10:00 बजे से सायं 3:00 बजे तक स्थान कार्यालय क्षेत्रीय आयुर्वेदिक एवं यूनानी अधिकारी, बागपत में।
- निविदा पत्र खोलने की निर्धारित तिथि 12-01-2023 समय अपराह्न 12:00 बजे स्थान : क्षेत्रीय आयुर्वेदिक एवं यूनानी अधिकारी, बागपत के कार्यालय कक्ष में इच्छुक निविदाकर्ताओं/अधिकृत प्रतिनिधियों की उपस्थिति में क्रम समिति द्वारा खोले जायेंगे।
- प्रत्येक निविदादाता को उपरोक्त तालिका के अनुसार निविदा के साथ अर्नेस्ट मनी रेखांकित बैंक ड्राफ्ट /बैंकर्स चैक के रूप में जो कि "क्षेत्रीय आयुर्वेदिक एवं यूनानी अधिकारी बागपत" के पदनाम से /पत्र में कय किया गया हो, बन्धक कर निविदा के साथ संलग्न कर जमा करना अनिवार्य होगा। ऑनलाइन बैंक ड्राफ्ट / बैंकर्स चैक को बैंक से सत्यापित कराते हुये बन्धक कर निविदा के साथ संलग्न कर जमा करना अनिवार्य होगा। स्वीकृत फर्म का बैंक ड्राफ्ट / बैंकर्स चैक सम्यक आपूर्ति के पश्चात नियमानुसार वापस होगा।
- शासनादेश संख्या 711 /18-2-2013-71 क/99 सूक्ष्म, लघु एवं मध्य उद्यम अनुभाग-2, लखनऊ दिनांक 21-05-2013 के अन्तर्गत 358 आइटम्स को क्रम में लघु उद्योग के लिए आरक्षित किया गया है एवं टेण्डरों में अर्नेस्ट मनी जमा करने से छूट प्रदान की गयी है। अतः उक्त छूट प्राप्त करने के इच्छुक औषधि निर्माता/निविदादाता अपनी फर्म के लघु उद्योग में पंजीकरण की प्रतिलिपि तथा उनके द्वारा निर्मित की गयी औषधियां उपरोक्त वर्णित आरक्षित विवेक गये 358 आइटम्स के अन्तर्गत विन्धित की गयी हैं, की पुष्टि में अनिवार्य रूप से प्रमाण पत्र संलग्न करें अन्यथा सम्बन्धित फर्म का निविदा प्रपत्र रद्द हो अनर्ह माना जायेगा।
- इच्छुक निविदादाता कृपया निविदा से सम्बन्धित विस्तृत शर्त एवं नियम कार्यालय से प्राप्त करें।
- समस्त विवादों का कार्यक्षेत्र जनपदीय न्यायालय, बागपत मान्य होगा।

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See Section 82 Cr.P.C.

उ० प्र० पावर ट्रॉन्समिशन कारपोरेशन लिमिटेड ई-निविदा सूचना एवं निरस्त निम्नलिखित कार्य हेतु कार्य/आपूर्ति हेतु ई-निविदाओं के भागों में जी०एस०टी० में पंजीकृत प्रतिष्ठित एवं अनुभवी ठेकेदारों/फर्मों से ऑनलाइन ई-निविदा पोर्टल वेबसाइट <http://etender.up.nic.in> पर आमंत्रित की जाती है। निविदा मूल्य तथा धरोहर राशि तथा अन्य विवरण/संशोधन आदि की विस्तृत जानकारी ई-निविदा पोर्टल वेबसाइट पर प्राप्त की जा सकती है। किसी भी या समस्त निविदाओं को स्वीकार/ निरस्त करने का अधिकार अधोहस्ताक्षरी को बिना कोई कारण बताये सुश्रुति रहेगा। अन्य नियम / शर्तें विभाग के फार्म ए/बी के अनुसार होंगी जिन्हें किसी भी कार्यदिवस में अधोहस्ताक्षरकर्ता के कार्यालय में देखा जा सकता है। 1- ई-निविदा संख्या-75 / ई०टी०सी०एम० /2022-2023, खुलने का दिनांक 24-01-2023 विद्युत पारेषण खण्ड-द्वितीय, मुरादाबाद के अन्तर्गत 220 के०वी० उपकेन्द्र मुरादाबाद पर 01 नग 220 के०वी० बस कपलर बे में की स्थापना हेतु विभिन्न प्रकार की आपूर्ति। धरोहर राशि ₹० 1000/-, निविदा प्रपत्र का जीएसटी सहित मूल्य ₹० 590 /- 2- इस कार्यालय के पत्रांक संख्या 4516 दिनांक 24-12-2022 द्वारा इण्डियन एक्सप्रेस (अंग्रेजी दैनिक) नई दिल्ली एवं अमर उजाला (हिन्दी दैनिक) मुरादाबाद में दिनांक 25-12-2022 के पत्रांकित एवं आमंत्रित ई-निविदा संख्या-74 / ई०टी०सी०एम०/2022-23 जो कि दिनांक 23-12-2022 को खोलने वाली ई-निविदा को अपरिहार्य कारणों से निरस्त किया जाता है। हस्ता./- अधीक्षण अभियन्ता, विद्युत पारेषण मण्डल- प्रथम, मुरादाबाद। "राष्ट्र हित मे बिजली बचाये" पत्रांक: 4543/ वि०पा०मं० मु०/निविदा/2022-2023, दिनांक: 28/12/2022

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Tender Notice No.: JMP/08 of 22-23, date: 26.12.2022. E-tender is invited by Dy. Chief Engineer (Con), Eastern Railway, Jamalpur, District-Munger, Bihar-811214 for the following work. Name of work: Conducting Final location survey, submission of comprehensive DPR for all Civil, Electrical and S&T work, preparation of detail estimate along with alignment plan, yard plan, drawing for minor bridges, major bridges, ROB/RUB, FOB, Level crossing drawings, Hydrological & Geotechnical Investigation and all other ancillary works, preparation and submission of EPC Tender document for all works including Electrical, TRD and S&T for Pirpainti-Godda new BG single rail line-24.0 Km (Approx.) Tender Value: ₹ 1.36 Crore. Cost of Tender Document: Nil. Earnest Money: ₹ 2,18,000. Completion Period: 03 months. Date of opening : 23.01.2023. Details of Tender Notice and Corrigendum issued from time to time alongwith required eligibility criteria are available at website www.ireps.gov.in Hyperlinked with www.ee.indianrailways.gov.in and also on the notice board of Dy.CE/Con/ Jamalpur.

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PUBLIC NOTICE FOR AUCTION FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Asset under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets & Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002, read with Rule 8(b) of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002. Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) and Mortgagee(s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged / charged to the Secured Creditor; the possession of which has been taken by the Authorized Officer of M/s. Varthana Finance Private Ltd, Gurgon, (Formerly known as Thirumeni Finance Private Ltd), will be sold on 02-02-2023 (Thursday) between 1.00 p.m. to 2.00 p.m. "As is What is", and "Whatever there is" basis, for recovery of below mentioned loan account. The details of the Borrower(s) Mortgagee(s) Secured Assets/ Dues/ Reserve Price/ Auction date & time, EMD & Bid increase amount are mentioned below :
Name of The Borrowers/Mortgageors : 1). M/s. Bharti Public School, Rep. by Authorized Signatory, 2). M/s. Bharti Shiksha Samiti, Rep. by Authorized Signatory, 3). Baldev Singh, S/o. Gopal, 4). Anita, W/o. Baldev.
Loan A/c. No.'s. 1519GUR-GUR-007867, U21GUR-GUR-018510, U21GUR-GUR-017196 and U20GUR-GUR-015026.
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<p>LHS/RUB IN ED L-XING</p> <p>S&T/APDJ32; E-lenders are esigned for the r No: AP-ST-32- rk: Provision of amed L-xing No. Line) at Km 155) uktala Road & (associates work) 1472); Earnest ast Date & time der at 15:00 hrs. 9-01-2023 after please visit gov.in.</p> <p>Alipurduwa Jn., PORTER RAILWAY ema With A Seize</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">APPENDIX IV(See Rule 8 (1) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002] Possession Notice(for Immovable Property)</p> <p>Whereas, the undersigned being the authorized officer of Aditya Birla Housing Finance Limited under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (54 of 2002) and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a demand notice calling upon the borrowers to repay the amount mentioned in the notice within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.</p> <p>The borrowers having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrowers and the public in general that the undersigned has taken Possession of the property described herein below in exercise of the powers conferred on him/her under Section 13(4) of the said act read with rule 8 the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.</p> <p>The borrowers in particular and public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the Aditya Birla Housing Finance Limited for an amount of mentioned below and interest thereon. Borrowers attention is invited to the provisions of sub-section 8 of Section 13 of the act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.</p> <p>1. Name of Borrower: Kamlesh Kumar Mishra and Shashi Mishra Outstanding: Rs. 10,67,923.34/- (Rupees Ten Lakh Sixty Seven Thousand Nine Hundred Twenty Three and Paisea Thirty Four Only) Demand notice Dated: 27.08.2022 Date of Possession: 27th December 2022</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Description of the Immovable Property</u></p> <p>All that part and parcel of the House on Plot area 150 Sq. Yards i.e. 125.41 Sq. Mtrs., Khasha No.2072,Shanta Kunj, Nagla Rambhal, Mauza Narayach, Tehsil Etmadpur, District Agra, U.P.</p> <p>2. Name of Borrower: Kamal Kishore Rathore, Shanti Devi and Amar Singh Outstanding: Rs. 4,49,335.82/- (Rupees Four Lakh Forty Nine Thousand Three Hundred Thirty Five and Paisea Eighty Two Only) Demand notice Dated: 27.08.2022 Date of Possession : 27th December 2022</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Description of the Immovable Property</u></p> <p>All that part and parcel of Plot land measuring 145 Sq. Yards i.e. 121.23 Sq. Mtrs., Khasha No. 91, Situated at Mauza Kherai, Tehsil & District Agra, U.P. Bounded as Under: East: Road 20 Ft. wide West: Other's Land South: Other's Land North: Other's Land.</p> <p>Date : 27.12.2022 Authorised Officer Place : Agra Aditya Birla Housing Finance Limited</p>



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REPORT PAGE 11

Four militants in truck from Punjab killed in Jammu: Police

ARUN SHARMA
JAMMU, DECEMBER 28

A TEAM of J&K Police and security forces Wednesday killed four “heavily armed” militants near Sidhra bridge at the entry point to Old Jammu city along National Highway 44, thwarting a possible attack in the run-up to the new year, a senior officer said.

The slain militants are yet to be identified, police sources said, adding that “they appear to be a fresh group of foreign militants who had recently infiltrated” into the Union Territory from Pakistan.

Additional Director General of Police (Jammu) Mukesh Singh

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No injury mark, blood on Russian tycoon, says post-mortem official

SUJIT BISOIY
RAYAGADA (ODISHA), DECEMBER 28

RUSSIAN SAUSAGE tycoon and regional lawmaker Pavel Antov, who died after falling from the terrace of the hotel where he was staying in Odisha's Rayagada in a case of suspected suicide, had no external injuries or blood on his body, the official who cleared the post-mortem and cremation told *The Indian Express*.

The report of Antov's post-mortem which was conducted at the Rayagada district headquarters hospital, listed “internal injury” as the cause of death, sources in the hospital said. However, his viscera sample has not been preserved, they said.



Police in the Rayagada hotel where the Russians died. *Sujit Bisoiy*

Rayagada tehsildar Tapas Raut, who was the magistrate in charge on December 26, when the cremation of Antov was held, said he had verified the body before post mortem and “did not find any ex-

ternal injuries or blood”.

“The post mortem was conducted at around 4 pm on December 26 in my presence and he (Antov) was cremated

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Policy can't take credit for dip in inflation: RBI monetary panel member

GEORGE MATHEW
MUMBAI, DECEMBER 28

WHILE RETAIL inflation fell to an 11-month low of 5.88 per cent in November after remaining above the 6 per cent level for three consecutive quarters, Jayanth R Varma, a Member of Reserve Bank's Monetary Policy Committee (MPC), has said the monetary policy can't take much credit for the fall in inflation in recent months.

Varma, who voted against the proposal of other members of the six-member MPC to hike the repo rate (the rate at which

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Rate action impact lags 3-4 qtrs

WITH THE inflation downward trend visible, there is debate around not just the quantum of rate hike but the monetary stance itself. Growth concerns dominate conversation among economists and analysts, given that the impact of the hikes since May, will play out from now and into the next calendar year.

After Gambia, an Indian syrup linked to deaths of 18 kids in Uzbekistan

ANONNA DUTT
NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 28

UZBEKISTAN'S MINISTRY of Health said Wednesday that at least 18 children have died in Samarkand after allegedly consuming an India-manufactured syrup, Doc-1 Max prepared by Noida-based Marion Biotech.

In a statement, the Uzbekistan ministry said laboratory tests of the preparation found presence of the contaminant ethylene glycol. It said the medicine was consumed without prescription and in a higher dose by the children affected.

According to the statement,

preliminary laboratory studies indicate the presence of ethylene glycol in a particular batch of the syrup. The statement said the substance is toxic and consuming 1-2ml/kg of 95% concentrated solution can cause vomiting, fainting, convulsions, cardiovascular problems and acute kidney failure.

The contaminant ethylene glycol – along with di-ethylene glycol – is the same as the one found in four India-manufactured syrups that have been linked to the deaths of 70 children in The Gambia earlier this year.

The World Health Organisation told *The Indian Express*: “WHO is in contact with

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Things go verse in Haryana Assembly: Meet ‘poets’ CM Khattar & LoP Hooda

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ANCHOR

VARINDER BHATIA
CHANDIGARH, DECEMBER 28

POETRY HAS often been employed to win hearts. In the Haryana Assembly on Wednesday, veteran politicians and bitter rivals Manohar Lal Khattar and Bhupinder Singh Hooda used the same, if not to win hearts, then to lower raised tempers.

Chief Minister Khattar and Leader of Opposition Hooda took each other on verse for verse,



The two veterans once again demonstrate their couplet skills to put point across, bring the House down. *Jasbir Malhi*

with a little bit of prose thrown in, mixing in veiled messages, as a House that was in furore over

discussion on a liquor smuggling exercise settled down and gave them the floor.

Hooda initially got up in support for a demand for a discussion on the liquor smuggling issue, and then went on to talk of sugarcane prices. “The input cost of farmers, on fertilisers, seeds, pesticides, petrol, diesel and transport, is continuously increasing, but the government is not raising even a single penny. This has pushed the farmers into financial distress... At least bring the sugarcane rates on a par with Punjab,” he said.

Khattar forestalled the demand with the promise to set up a committee to analyse the issue and submit a report in 15 days, without giving any assurances.

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VACCINE TESTS FOR OMICRON SUB-VARIANT

Centre sounds Covid alert: Need for caution, uptick likely in January

Air Suvidha, RT-PCR may be back for fliers from China+5

ANONNA DUTT
NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 28

WITH CHINA and East Asian countries reporting an increase in Covid-19 cases, Health ministry sources said Wednesday that India might see a surge in cases in January, citing patterns observed during previous waves. Officials, however, said an increase in hospitalisation and deaths is unlikely.

“We have seen during the three previous waves that any surge reported in East Asian countries hits Europe in about 10 days, the Americas in another 10 days, and the Pacific island countries in another 10 days. The surge reaches India in 30 to 35 days. So, it is crucial that people stay cautious during the month of January,” Health ministry officials said.

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THE PREPAREDNESS

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Govt **15,424**
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NO. OF COVID-19 BEDS

Isolation beds
■ 3.37 lakh ● 2.79 lakh

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■ 2.82 lakh ● 2.45 lakh

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■ 70,073 ● 64,711

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■ 57,286 ● 49,236

AMBULANCE AVAILABILITY

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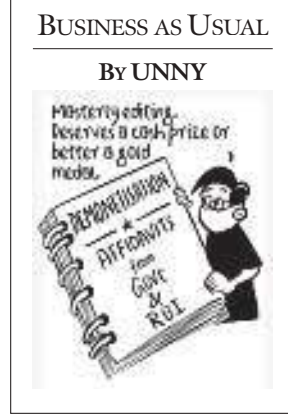
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(Respect my silence, you won't be able to bear it if I start speaking.") Hooda quoted a short story next, accusing the CM of deviating from the core topic of discussion in the House. "I am seeking the right price of sugarcane, and they are citing poetry," he said, before going forth with his story. "Once there was a doctor in Narwane, who claimed to have the cure for toothache. He didn't have anything with him. One man came, who was in a lot of pain. The doctor had two bottles of water, with chilli in them. The doctor put that water in the man's eyes. The man started shouting, 'My eyes, my eyes!' The doctor asked him, what about your toothache. He replied, forget that, first do something for my eye... This is what you are doing. You are deviating attention."

As the two leaders demonstrated their poetry skills, the House relished the exchange, eagerly waiting for the next reply. When a few MLAs tried to interrupt, Speaker Ghanu Chand Gupta said: "This is between two chief ministers – the current one and a former one. Let them first finish."

It is not the first time that Hooda and Khattar have used verse to put their points across, in the ilk of politicians of their vintage. In August this year, both had similarly exchanged barbs in the form of couplets.



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CBI clean chit for Chandy in sexual exploitation case

SHAJU PHILIP
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM,
DECEMBER 28



Former Kerala CM Oommen Chandy

THE CBI has given a clean chit to former Kerala chief minister and senior Congress leader Oommen Chandy in the sexual exploitation case related to the solar scandal, which had rocked the then Congress regime in 2013.

The CBI, which took over the probe in 2021, submitted a report, exonerating Chandy, before the chief judicial magistrate court here on Tuesday.

While Chandy reacted by stating that "truth cannot be covered up", Leader of Opposition in state Assembly V D Satheesan told the media that Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan should tender an apology to the leaders falsely implicated in the case.

The complainant had alleged that Chandy had abused her at the CM's official residence, Cliff House. In its report to the court, the CBI stated that there was no evidence to substantiate Chandy's presence there on the day the woman had mentioned in her complaint.

Chandy posted on Facebook: "Truth cannot be covered up. I had no worries about the investigation, by any agency. The police under the LDF regime had also found that the complaint was baseless. In many cases in which CPI(M) workers were allegedly accused, CPI(M) had opposed the CBI probe in court. Then why did that party opt for a CBI probe in the solar case? My life has been an open book. Everyone should think whether it is right to put public servants under the cloud of suspicion over baseless allegations."

Satheesan said, "Vijayan recommended the CBI probe only to insult the party leaders. Now, the woman in the gold smuggling case has raised allegations against Chief Minister Vijayan and his family. Why can't that allegation be recommended for a CBI probe?"

Govt releases calendar after pandemic hiatus

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 28

THE ANNUAL calendar of the government is back in physical form for 2023, after pandemic-induced hiatus of two years, when it was being circulated digitally.

Themed on "Naya Varsh, Naye Sankalp", it showcases achievements and future commitments of the government, including farmers' welfare, women empowerment and development of the North-eastern states. As many as 11 lakh copies of the 2023 calendar will be printed and distributed to all government offices and panchayats across the country, officials said.

Releasing the calendar in New Delhi on Wednesday, Union I&B Minister Anurag Thakur called it a collection of 12 images depicting a dynamically growing India. "Twelve themes for 12 months are a glimpse of the government's efforts towards public welfare," he said.

Thakur added that this edition



Union I&B Minister Anurag Thakur releases the 2023 calendar. Prem Nath Pandey

will showcase both the achievements and future commitments of the government. "It will be made available in 13 languages, including Hindi and English, and will be distributed across all government offices, Panchayati Raj Institutions, health centres, Navodaya and Kendriya Vidyalayas, offices of BDOs and DMs in districts and will be available for purchase by Public Sector Undertakings and autonomous institutions," he said.

Why the latest expulsions from his party will leave Azad reeling

ARUN SHARMA
JAMMU, DECEMBER 28

WITH A number of its senior and middle-rung leaders either expelled, or leaving on their own, the Ghulam Nabi Azad-led Democratic Azad Party (DAP) seems to be disintegrating even before establishing its feet.

The setbacks will hit Azad in the area he had been counting on the most — the Jammu division, especially the Pir Panjal region spread over Rajouri and Poonch districts, as well as the plains from border Khour area in Akhnoor to Kathua's Lakhampur. In Kashmir, there is no space left for parties like Azad's DAP, particularly given its ambivalence on the Valley's demand for restoration of Article 370.

Significantly, the developments in the DAP come while it is still waiting for recognition from the Election Commission, and as the countdown begins for Rahul Gandhi's Bharat Jodo Yatra to enter Jammu and Kashmir, in the second half of January. A number of mainstream politicians, including the National Conference's Farooq Abdullah, the PDP's Mehbooba Mufti and the CPI(M)'s M Y Tarigami, have confirmed their participation in the Yatra.

The biggest departures from the DAP came on December 22, when Azad expelled former deputy chief minister Tara Chand, former minister Dr Manohar Lal Sharma and former MLA Vinod Sharma, who had stood by him at all times. In fact, they had also been the first to resign party posts to press the

Year after arrest, NCP's Anil Deshmukh walks out on bail

OMKARGOKHALE & SADAF MODAK
MUMBAI, DECEMBER 28

A DAY AFTER the vacation bench of the Bombay High Court refused to extend the stay on effect of the bail order to former Maharashtra home minister Anil Deshmukh, the NCP leader walked out of Arthur Road jail on Wednesday evening, over a year after his arrest.

The 73-year-old had been in jail since November last, when he was arrested by the Enforcement Directorate (ED) in a case of alleged money-laundering. The CBI had also initiated a preliminary probe based on the April 5, 2021, High Court order and registered an FIR on April 21. The ED probe into Deshmukh's financial transactions was in line with a CBI probe into former Mumbai police commissioner Param Bir Singh's allegations of corruption against the NCP leader.

Speaking to mediapersons outside the jail after his release, Deshmukh said, "There is no truth



NCP leader Anil Deshmukh with Supriya Sule and other party leaders after his release on bail. Ganesh Shirsekar

to the allegations made against me. I am thankful to the judiciary."

"False allegations were levelled against me. Param Bir Singh had made an allegation of Rs 1000-crore corruption against me. However, he only told the court in an affidavit that the said allegations were based on hearsay and I did not have any evidence on the same. Even the High Court in its order has questioned the statement by Sachin Waze (dismissed police officer), who was close to Param Bir Singh. Waze has been

arrested twice for murder allegations and he has been suspended thrice. He has serious offences levelled against him. The High Court has observed that Waze's witness can't be relied upon and the allegations against me were without evidence. I have faith in the judiciary... it has given us justice and I thank them. I also thank NCP chief Sharad Pawar and other colleagues who supported me throughout," added Deshmukh.

The NCP leader's family members, leader of opposition in state

Assembly Ajit Pawar, NCP MP Supriya Sule, former ministers Chhagan Bhujbal and Dilip Walse-Patil and NCP state president Jayant Patil, among others, were present outside Arthur Road jail to receive Deshmukh. As per the HC Order, Deshmukh will have to stay within Greater Mumbai area till the conclusion of the trial.

Ajit Pawar said, "We are happy about Deshmukh's release. We will request the court to allow Deshmukh to go outside the Greater Mumbai area and we hope the court will grant the same. We will go through the court's verdict and the truth will now come before the public."

"The High Court order makes it clear that the agency has no proof other than a co-accused's statement," said Supriya Sule.

On Monday, Deshmukh's lawyers had approached the special court to complete bail formalities. A resident of Deshmukh's constituency Katol was before the court to stand surety to him. The release order was issued by the court which was sent to Arthur Road jail.



Sonia and Rahul Gandhi during the Congress foundation day programme in New Delhi on Wednesday. Anil Sharma

In letter to Shah, Cong alleges 'breaches' in yatra in Delhi, blames police

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 28

THE CONGRESS Wednesday wrote to Union Home Minister Amit Shah alleging "significant security breaches" in the Bharat Jodo Yatra when it entered the national capital last week and blaming the Delhi Police for "failing" to maintain a perimeter around Rahul Gandhi.

Congress general secretary (organisation) K C Venugopal requested the Centre to take "immediate steps" to ensure the safety and security of Rahul Gandhi, who

is a Z plus category protectee, and others joining the yatra.

"...the security of the Bharat Jodo Yatra was compromised on multiple occasions, and the Delhi police completely failed in controlling the surging crowd and maintaining a perimeter around Rahul Gandhi... the Congress workers walking along with Rahul Gandhi had to form the perimeter," Venugopal said in the letter. He also alleged that "to harass participants and prevent eminent personalities from joining the Bharat Jodo Yatra", Intelligence Bureau is interrogating many participants.



Antony on Wednesday celebrates his 82nd birthday, in Thiruvananthapuram. PTI

"trying to bring the Hindu majority as well as the minorities in the

party fold" and depicting such attempts as part of the Congress's "soft-Hindutva line" would "only help Modi", he said.

After the Lok Sabha elections in 2014, a Congress panel headed by Antony had examined the party's debacle. The committee had reportedly found that pitching the elections as a fight between secularism and communalism had affected the prospects of the Congress, which was identified as pro-minority. The party's "minority appeasement policy" also proved counterproductive, the committee



MVA MLAs protest against Maharashtra Agriculture Minister Abdul Sattar at the Assembly in Nagpur on Wednesday. PTI

Maharashtra Assembly passes Bill to bring CM under Lokayukta ambit

ALOK DESHPANDE
NAGPUR, DECEMBER 28

THE MAHARASHTRA Assembly Wednesday unanimously passed the Maharashtra Lokayukta Act, 2022. The Act was passed after the opposition boycotted the Assembly proceedings. The Act will give additional powers to the Lokayukta to direct state agencies to probe public servants, including the chief minister and state ministers.

Thanking all the members for passing the Act unanimously, Deputy Chief Minister Devendra Fadnis said it would have been great had the opposition not boycotted the House. Fadnis said his government has accepted all the recommendations made by the committee led by social activist Anna Hazare, who has been demanding a strong Lokayukta in Maharashtra. The Act will now be presented in the Legislative Council for approval.

The Act, Fadnis said, will give additional powers to not only recommend action but also direct state agencies to undertake investigation.

As per the Act, any present or former chief minister of Maharashtra can be investigated by the Lokayukta only if the motion for the same is passed by the Legislative Assembly by a two-thirds majority. Approval of the governor and views of the group of ministers appointed by the governor is required to conduct an inquiry into present or former ministers. Similarly, the approval of the Council chairperson or Assembly speaker is required to probe the Legislative member.

The Lokayukta will require approval from the minister concerned to probe even the municipal corporator or sarpanch. The draft has even brought IAS officials under the scope of the probe but the Lokayukta will require the approval of the chief minister and the views of the chief secretary to initiate the probe. "The filters will ensure no false complaints are filed," said the Deputy Chief Minister.

Maharashtra moves to name Ahmednagar city after Ahilyabai Holkar

VALLABH OZARKAR
NAGPUR, DECEMBER 28

AFTER RENAMING Aurangabad and Osmanabad to Chhatrapati Sambhaji Nagar and Dharashiv, respectively, the government is now contemplating renaming Ahmednagar in Western Maharashtra to 'Punyashlok Ahilyadevi Nagar' (after Ahilyabai Holkar).

Replying to a question on the renaming of the city, raised in the Legislative Council, Education Minister Deepak Kesarkar said that following "requests" from public representatives the government has sought a proposal from the district administration to rename Ahmednagar as

'Punyashlok Ahilyadevi Nagar'.

The question was tabled by MLC Gopichand Padalkar, Ramesh Karad and Ramrao Patil to Chief Minister Eknath Shinde in the council.

Kesarkar said the decision will be taken after receiving the proposal from the district administration and after following the due procedure, including approval from the Centre.

The city derived its name Ahmednagar from its 15th-century ruler Ahmed Nizam Shah I.

In August, the Maharashtra assembly unanimously passed two separate resolutions to send a proposal to rename Aurangabad as Chhatrapati Sambhaji Nagar and rename Osmanabad as Dharashiv.

8th MLA leaves Tripura BJP-led coalition, seen with his 'good friends' in Cong

DEBRAJ DEB
AGARTALA, DECEMBER 28

ACCOMPANIED by Congress leaders, senior leader and BJP MLA Diba Chandra Hrangkhawl became the eighth legislator of the ruling coalition in Tripura to resign from the Assembly on Wednesday.

Hrangkhawl, 67, is a four-term MLA, elected three times on the Congress ticket before moving to the BJP ahead of the 2018 Assembly polls. Speaking to reporters, he attributed his resignation to "personal affairs".

Of the eight MLAs of the coalition to quit in the past two years now, five belonged to the BJP.

Congress leader and ex-MLA Ashish Saha, Congress youth leader Baptu Chakraborty and spokesperson Prashanta Bhattacharya accompanied Hrangkhawl as he went to submit his resignation. Asked if he would return to Congress, Hrangkhawl said: "You will know when I take the decision. But that's not for today." He added that the Congress leaders who came along with him were all his "good friends".

The speculation regarding Hrangkhawl is also fuelled by the fact that he is seen as close to former minister Sudip Roy Barman, who earlier left BJP to return to the Congress.



Democratic Azad Party chief Ghulam Nabi Azad during a party programme in Jammu last week. PTI/File

Congress high command to replace then PCC president G A Mir with a person of Azad's choice — in the days preceding Azad's exit

from the Congress.

With the ouster of the three leaders, who have significant support in the Jammu division,

the DAP is facing the prospect of getting confined to only the Chenab Valley region, via its leaders G M Saroori and Abdul Majeed Wani.

In the wake of the expulsions, as many as 126 people, including the president of the Jammu and Kashmir High Court Bar Association, M K Bhardwaj, and DAP district president Vinod Sharma also left the party, expressing support for the three. Both Bhardwaj and Vinod Sharma were also considered loyal to Azad.

Tara Chand, a prominent Dalit face, is a three-time MLA from Khour. Many in Khour credit the soft-spoken and well-liked Tara Chand with bringing development to the remote bor-

der area during his tenure as Speaker and Deputy CM. He also oversaw the extension of the Centre's education policy to J&K as Deputy CM from 2009-14, including formulating a draft Bill to introduce the right to education to the erstwhile state, though that did not get Cabinet nod.

The other leader expelled from the DAP for "anti-party activities", Manohar Lal Sharma, is a prominent name from Katha district and a two-time MLA from Billawar. A doctorate in Chemistry, Sharma is considered honest, with a clean record.

The third leader to be shown the door by the DAP, Balwan Singh, is a former MLA from Marh, which has been reserved for SCs in the latest delimitation exercise.

EXPLAINED

BRIEFLY

WEST BENGAL

Boy injured in crude bomb blast dies

Kolkata: An eight-year-old boy, who was critically injured in a crude bomb explosion at Ekdala village in Birbhum district last Friday, died on Wednesday at Burdwan Medical College and Hospital. His cousin, also aged eight, who was injured, is admitted to the same hospital. According to police, the two cousins had come to visit their uncle last week and were playing in the house when they picked a crude bomb kept in the room. Mistaking it to be a ball, they started playing with the bomb when it exploded. Their grandfather, Jamirul Islam, was arrested. **ENS**

UTTARAKHAND

Tehri Lake hosts canoeing event

Dehradun: Union Minister of Power and New & Renewable Energy R K Singh on Wednesday kick-started a kayaking and canoeing competition on Tehri Lake. The Open Canoe Sprint Senior (Men & Women) Championship is being organised by premier power generator THDC India Limited in collaboration with Kayaking and Canoeing Association of Uttarakhand, Indian Olympic Association, Uttarakhand Olympic Association. Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami said hosting the event will contribute to building the image of Tehri dam at the national level. The event will end on December 30. **ENS**

GUJARAT

Three of a family electrocuted

Songadh: Three members of a family, including an elderly couple, died of electrocution at Mordevi village in Tapi taluka on Wednesday after they came in contact with an electric fence set up by them around their farm. They were identified as Dhiru Chaudhary (65), his wife Krishnaben (63) and son Devram (43). "Our preliminary probe revealed that they came in contact with an electric fence set up by the family around their agricultural field to keep away wild animals," said a police officer. **PTI**

PM visits mother in hospital, doctors say her condition stable

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
GANDHINAGAR, AHMEDABAD, DECEMBER 28

PRIME MINISTER Narendra Modi's mother, Hiraba (100), was admitted to the super-specialty UN Mehta Institute of Cardiology & Research Centre in Ahmedabad on Wednesday morning due to health issues, and her condition is stable, hospital authorities said.

The Prime Minister reached Ahmedabad in the afternoon and met her. Gujarat Chief Minister Bhupendra Patel and the hospital's honorary director, Dr R K Patel, accompanied Modi.

In a statement, the hospital said, "The Prime Minister's mother is admitted to UN Mehta Institute of Cardiology and Research Centre, Ahmedabad, and her condition is stable."

A spokesperson for the hospital told *The Indian Express* that the Prime Minister's mother is "recovering".

Top sources in the Gujarat government and the BJP said Hiraba's condition is "improving". Sources said Modi sat by his mother's side,



The PM's convoy reaches UN Mehta Institute of Cardiology & Research Centre in Ahmedabad on Wednesday. *Nirmal Harindran*

holding her hand and left the hospital only after seeing improvement in her condition.

Hiraba lives with her youngest son Pankaj, a retired Gujarat government official, at Raysan in Gandhinagar district.

Among several state ministers and BJP MPs and top leaders who went to the hospital include Health Minister Rushikesh Patel, Women and Child Development Minister Bhanuben Babariya, and MPs Parbatbhai Patel and Jugalji

Thakor. While leaving the hospital, Rajya Sabha MP Thakor told the media, "Hiraba's condition is stable. She is likely to be discharged in a day or two."

He said the Prime Minister sat with his mother and "looked *niraash* (dejected)", but added, "Hiraba's condition is fine. There is nothing to worry about."

Lok Sabha MP from Banaskantha, Parbatbhai Patel, also said Hiraba is stable. On the symptoms and her ailments,

Parbatbhai said such conditions develop with age but "her health is fine". He said, "Hiraba is not in ICU and is under constant supervision of the doctors. She is likely to be discharged within a day or two."

Leaders of various parties wished speedy recovery. Hiraba. Congress leader Rahul Gandhi tweeted (translated from Hindi), "The love between a mother and a son is eternal and priceless. Modi ji, my love and support is with you in this difficult time. I hope your mother gets well soon."

Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge and party general secretary Priyanka Gandhi Vadra also tweeted, wishing Hiraba a speedy recovery.

Former Congress leader and former Gujarat CM Shankersinh Vaghela tweeted, "I pray to God for early recovery and long life of respected Hiraba."

The Vishv Umiya Foundation in Ahmedabad, which has members from Kadva Patidar community, organised a special evening aarti at Umiya Temple in its Jaspur campus on the city's outskirts, praying for the speedy recovery of Hiraba.

‘Third dose of original vaccine is still good against severity, death’

FORMER WHO chief scientist **DR SOUMYA SWAMINATHAN** speaks with **ANURADHA MASCARENHAS** about the current surge of Covid-19 cases in China, the infection gradually settling down to being an endemic, the prospects of nasal vaccine in stimulating mucosal immunity and preventing infection and whether Indians need a fourth vaccine.



There has been a rapid surge in Covid-19 infections in China and some other countries. Given our geographical proximity and the density of flights, do we need to worry about a new wave?

While the world is trying to get back to normal and forget about Covid, one thing that is unpredictable and that could change the status quo is the emergence of one or more variants of concern (VoCs). New variants of the virus will emerge over the next year. But a VoC designation will be given only if a variant is better at evading the immune system, causes more severe disease or is much more transmissible than those currently circulating.

What is happening in China now is a repeat of what was seen earlier in 2022 in countries that had minimal transmission of the virus and then lifted restrictions. Because the Chinese have not been exposed to natural infection and vaccine-induced immunity tends to wane, a large part of the population is vulnerable to infection with Omicron sub-variants. We need to keep a close watch on any emerging concerning variants.

Bivalent vaccines have been reported to be effective for Omicron variants as well. But

India does not have them. What should we do?

While the updated bivalent vaccines, which contain antigens from both the original virus and the Omicron variant, have been shown to be very safe as well as good at stimulating a broad immune response, only mRNA vaccines have so far been approved with this composition. The bivalent vaccines may be marginally superior to the original vaccine when used as a booster but a third dose of the original vaccine also provides a good boost and should be used in all countries where bivalent vaccines are not available.

Do Indians need a fourth dose of the vaccines they have?

It depends on a number of factors, including the age of the person, the vaccine used, underlying conditions and time that has elapsed since the third vaccination. For people at high risk

(such as the elderly, the immune-compromised, etc), a fourth dose would further boost the immune system and provide more protection against disease (though this is likely to be temporary). Especially in countries like India, where a nasal vaccine has recently been approved, it is possible that stimulating mucosal immunity may confer benefits like prevention of infection when used as a booster.

Do we need an annual booster shot?

Luckily for us, vaccines that were developed using the original Wuhan strain of the virus are still good at preventing severe disease and death, even though their effectiveness against infection dropped with the Omicron VoC. However, three doses (two primary and one booster) are needed to mount a broad and sustained immune response.

A new VoC must spur action to ensure that fully vaccinated people receive booster doses.

What is the trajectory of Covid-19, going forward?

While that is hard to predict, it will gradually settle down into an endemic infection. This does not mean it will not cause disease or death — last week, the WHO reported 10,000 deaths, a number that is still too high. We need to continue to use all the tools available, including antiviral drugs like Nirmatelavir-Titonavir, early diagnosis and supportive treatment. Further, we need to continue to manage our risk by avoiding crowds, staying home when sick, masking in crowded places and improving ventilation of indoor spaces.

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Shah reviews J&K security situation

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HOME MINISTER Amit Shah Wednesday reviewed the security situation in Jammu and Kashmir and told officials to follow a zero-tolerance policy on terrorism, in a meeting that came hours after the gunfight in Jammu.

During the scheduled meeting, Shah reviewed the functioning of the security grid and steps taken to deal with Pakistan-backed terrorists. "A terror ecosystem comprising elements that aid, abet and sustain the terrorist-separatist campaign to the detriment of the well-being of common man requires to be dismantled," Shah said.

The meeting took place hours after police and security forces shot dead four militants travelling in a truck on the outskirts of old Jammu city.

It was attended by J&K Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha, Chief of Research and Analysis Wing (R&AW) Samant Goel, Director (Intelligence Bureau) Tapan Deka, Union Home Secretary Ajay Bhalla, senior officials of the ministry, paramilitary forces and UT.

Shah also reviewed development work in Jammu and



Home Minister Amit Shah

Kashmir and emphasised on timely completion of projects. He directed officials to strive their best to achieve 100 percent saturation of the beneficiaries under various schemes.

On December 26, *The Indian Express* had reported that recruitment to militant ranks in J&K has not only seen a significant decline in 2022, but is also the lowest over six years. In 2022, it stayed below 100. Until November end, militant recruitment stood at 99, all from Kashmir. Of this, 63 have been killed, 17 arrested and 19 remain active.

Over the last six years, 2018 witnessed the largest recruitment of 206 to the militant ranks. Since then, police have recorded a steady decline every year. After staying under 150 in 2019, recruitment to militant ranks saw an uptick again in 2020 and remained under 150 for the next two years again.

NIA arrests two more in Coimbatore car blast case

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THE NATIONAL Investigation Agency (NIA) Wednesday arrested two persons in connection with a car bomb explosion outside a temple in Tamil Nadu, taking the number of people held in the case to 11.

"Sheikh Hidayathullah and Sanofar Ali, both residents of Coimbatore, were arrested after the ongoing probe pointed to their involvement in the criminal conspiracy to cause the terror attack," a spokesperson of the NIA said. The blast in a car laden with explosives outside Kottai Eswaran Temple on October 23 left its driver Jamesha Mubeen, who had allegedly joined the global terror group ISIS, dead.

"Nine accused have been arrested earlier. Investigations revealed Hidayathullah and Ali had entered into a criminal conspiracy in the interior of forest regions of Asanoor and Kadambur areas of Sathyamangalam forest in Erode in February," the NIA said.

Gujarat: 5 booked for assaulting Dalit student over post on film 'Pathaan'

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
AHMEDABAD, DECEMBER 28

FIVE PERSONS were booked Wednesday for allegedly assaulting an 18-year-old Dalit student in Mehvana for posting an Instagram story on the yet to be released film *Pathaan*.

According to police, the incident happened on December 26, when Hiteshkumar Parmar, a second year undergraduate of BP Brahmabhatt College in Unjha taluka of Mehvana, was allegedly beaten up by five persons from his village from another caste.

Police said that Parmar, from Dabhiyapura village, had refused to delete the post on the movie when one of the accused threatened him on the social media handle. According to the FIR filed in Unava police station of Mehvana district, Parmar was waiting for a bus to go to college for an ongoing exam when Abhaysinh Rajput from Dabhiyapura village came and started beating him on his head and shoulder and hurling casteist slurs at him.

A day before the alleged assault, Parmar had uploaded a poster of the film *Pathaan* on his Instagram handle following which Abhaysinh threatened him on social media asking to delete it. But Parmar did not delete it.

Abhaysinh's other friends, Pradeepsinh Rajput, Vanshraj Rajput from Dabhiyapura and Hiren Rajput and Kapil Rajput from Dabaras area of the village also assaulted Parmar and hurled casteist abuses at him, police said.

According to police, the accused fled after several villagers gathered at the spot and a person named Anandji Thakor rescued Parmar.

Actor shot in highway robbery bid, husband tells Bengal cops

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
KOLKATA, DECEMBER 28

A JHARKHAND actor was shot during an attempted highway robbery in West Bengal's Howrah district on Wednesday, her husband told police.

The 30-year-old woman, Riya Kumari, was travelling to Kolkata from Jharkhand capital Ranchi with her husband Prakash Kumar and their two-year-old daughter.

Prakash Kumar, who identified himself as a film producer, told police that they were attacked when he stopped their car near the Mahishrekhya bridge on National Highway 16 in Rajapur at around 6 am to relieve himself. He told police that his wife got down from the vehicle on seeing the robbers and tried to stop them. They shot her through the ear from close range, he said.

"The husband alleges that three men attacked him and



Jharkhand actor Riya Kumari

tried to rob his belongings but his wife came in between. They had weapons, they shot at her and fled from the spot," said Swati Bangaliana, SP Howrah (Rural). "As per the husband, she was shot from point blank range. We have initiated a case. Investigation is on."

Police said they were also looking into the husband's statement. The husband told police he drove his wife for around three kilometres looking for help. He sought help from residents of Pirtala area, who called the police.

Riya Kumari was taken to the Uluberia Hospital after police reached the spot. Doctors at the hospital declared her dead.

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				2. Situated at Mauza-Purushottampur, P.S. and Anchal-Khanpur, Sub Registry-Kishanpur, District-Samastipur, Thana No.-222, Deed No.9302, Khata No.-513(New), Khesara No.-118(Old), 143(New), Area-2 Kaththa. Boundaries: North-Sattan Mahto, South-Baleshwar Ray and Others, East-Baleshwar Ray, West-Parmeshwar Paswan and Nij, Present Boundary: North-12' Wide Road and Baleshwar Ray, South-Sattan Mahto, East-10' Wide Road, West-Bindeshwar Mahto.	₹15,76,800/- ₹1,57,680/- ₹10,000/-
2.	Purnea Line Bazar Branch, 1st Floor, NH-31, Line Bazar, Dist.-Purnea, Pin-854305 Contact No. 8210998621 A/c No. 209272434 IFSC Code: CNRB0008362	Borrower/ Mortgagor: Prop. Mr. Gulam Hadi, At- Islamnagar, Madhopara, P.S.- Khazanchi Hat, Nagarpalika, Dist.-Purnea, Bihar, Pin-854301 2. Gulam Hadi (Borrower), S/o Mr. Hasibur Rahman, At-Islamnagar, Madhopara, P.S.- Khazanchi Hat, Nagarpalika, Dist.-Purnea, Bihar, Pin-854301, 3. Mr. Vayas Khan (Guarantor) S/o Mr. Naseem Khan, At-Line Bazar, Dist.-Purnea, Bihar, Pin-854301	Rs. 49,68,964.87/- as on 22/12/2022 plus further interest and costs	All the part and parcel of the property measuring 2.00 Decimal 625 Sq. Kari covered under Khata No.-32(Old), M.S. Khata No.-60, Plot No.-756/757(Old), M.S. Plot No.-570/813, Thana No.-108, Ward No.-26, situated at Mauza-Madhopara, Thana-K. Hat, Nagar Nigam+District-Purnea, Bihar in the name of Mr. Gulam Hadi S/o Mr. Hasibur Rahman. Bounded: On the North by: Gokul Das, On the South by: Rasta 5 Kari, On the East by: Taj and Others, On the West by: Master Naem.	₹15,76,800/- ₹1,57,680/- ₹10,000/-
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		2. All that piece and parcel of the property bearing Rev. Khata 57 Chakhkata 136, Rev. Plot 449 Chak Plot 378 Vill-Jaso, P.S. 330, Dist Buxar Area-1 Kaththa. Mortgagor's Name-Smt. Durgawati Devi W/o Sri Alakh Dubey. Bounded: North-Kailash Pandey & Others, South-Rasta, East-Savitri Devi, West-Rest Portion of Plot.		₹24,13,000/- ₹2,42,000/- ₹10,000/-	
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SIGNS OF UPTICK

Banking sector in India is in better shape than before, even though areas of stress will need careful monitoring

THE HEALTH OF the banking system in India has shown steady improvement, according to the Reserve Bank of India's latest report on trends in the sector. From capital adequacy ratio to profitability metrics to bad loans, on each of these indicators, both public and private sector banks have shown visible improvement. And as credit growth has also witnessed an acceleration in 2021-22, banks have seen an expansion in their balance sheet at a pace that is a multi-year high. At a time when both household and government balance sheets remain under stress, this report indicates that the twin balance sheet crisis — of an over-leveraged corporate sector and a banking system saddled with bad loans — that acted as a drag on the Indian economy for years is no longer an impediment to growth.

After years of sluggish growth, credit growth has risen to a 10-year high at the end of September 2022. The disaggregated data shows that both working capital and term loans have seen an uptick. This is a healthy sign. While the public sector banks have lost market share to their private sector counterparts, PSBs still account for a lion's share of the consolidated bank balance sheet — they account for 62 per cent of total outstanding deposits and 58 per cent of advances of the banking sector at the end of 2021-22. The report also points out that both public and private sector banks have seen a steady improvement in their capital position, their asset quality, and their leverage and liquidity positions. Capital adequacy of banks, as measured by the capital to risk weighted assets ratio, rose from 14.1 per cent in 2021 to 15.7 per cent in 2022, and further to 16 per cent in September 2022. Banks have witnessed a sharp decline in their gross non-performing loans or bad loans — from the peak of around 11 per cent in 2017-18 to around 5 per cent at the end of September 2022. This decline has been driven by a combination of factors — lower slippages, recoveries and write-offs. Bad loans, though, remain higher among the bigger industries as compared to the MSMEs.

In its report, the central bank has emphasised the health of the banking system, noting that it has “weathered the pandemic, emerging more resilient and robust”. However, there is cause for concern. First, loans classified as SMA-0 (those where repayments are due for 0-30 days) have shot up, indicating a build-up of strain in the system. Second, a close watch will also need to be kept on loans that were restructured as they were facing Covid-related stress. Slippages will need to be monitored. Further, banks will have to be mindful of the risks emanating from an increasingly uncertain global macroeconomic environment.

THE GATED VIOLENCE

Video from a posh Noida condominium underlines, again, the chasms in civic culture

THE CCTV FOOTAGE from Cleo County, a gated community in Noida, that shows a resident assaulting a domestic worker is shocking. It is also, unfortunately, an increasingly routine occurrence in metropolitan India. In the video, which was shared across social media on December 27, the resident can be seen dragging a young woman from a lift, even as the latter tries to resist, clinging desperately to the door. Earlier this year, also in Noida, Shrikant Tyagi and Bhavya Roy became symbols of elite entitlement when they were caught on camera assaulting a woman co-resident and security guards, respectively, in their posh condominiums. And in August, Varun Nath slapped, abused and threatened to kill a lift operator and security guard in his Gurgaon housing complex.

A common thread runs through these cases: The casual cruelty of the privileged stands exposed because of a video — either from a CCTV or through one surreptitiously taken on a mobile device. Public outrage and media attention mean that the police file cases and the seemingly interminable process of justice begins. But what of the incidents that aren't recorded or shared? The roots of the impunity — fed by inequalities of class and caste, region and religion, gender and access to justice — that allows one human being to strip another of her dignity in the workplace, remains unaddressed. There are at least two systemic shortcomings that need to be examined.

The first is a question of the law and order machinery. Are the thana, PCR van and beat constable — the most immediate points of access in distress — somewhere the less privileged can go to complain about their employers' excesses? The police must assure citizens that there is understanding and no threat of further violence or intimidation when they are approached. Given the difference in power and status between those who live and those who work in gated communities, the police must ensure that the might of the former will not be used to crush the latter. The second issue is more pervasive but far more difficult to address. Fraternity is a foundational idea of the Indian Constitution precisely because BR Ambedkar and many others saw “graded inequality” and the violence that upheld it as something that needed to change for India to march into modernity. But as can be seen in video after video, education, wealth and urban life do not make people treat fellow citizens, especially those who are more vulnerable, with respect and reciprocity. The everyday acts of violence in lifts, parking lots and corridors of gated enclaves indicate a moral and civic blindness. Ending it calls for a conversation that goes beyond the temporary outrage generated by a video.

STAY WARM, STAY COOL

By sporting monkey caps on the field, two cricketers reveal the secret of fashionably wearing unfashionable things

MANY INDIANS HAVE scarring childhood memories of being forced, at the slightest drop in temperature, to wear the dreaded “monkey” cap. Come winter and school assemblies would be a sea of these woollen horrors, which seemed like they were deliberately made of the roughest yarn. But worse than being uncomfortable, the monkey cap — or the balacava cap, to call it by its proper name — was uncool in a way few items of clothing are: The hippest kids were always bareheaded (a cold in the head, in one's early youth, was preferable to the indignity of the monkey cap) or, at the most, wore a beanie. To find the losers in a classroom, all one had to do was look around for woebegone faces peeking out from within the scratchy depths of a monkey cap.

But as times change, so does fashion. What was once a universally recognised symbol of nerdiness has, suddenly, inexplicably, become cool enough that two cricketers wore it on the field during a recent Ranji Trophy match in Delhi. To be sure, with the minimum temperature dropping to 5.6 degrees Celsius, the Capital was officially colder than Dehradun, Dharamshala and Nainital. Through the dense fog that descended on the pitch, could be spotted Tamil Nadu seamer L Vignesh and allrounder Washington Sundar, going about their business in monkey caps.

In doing so, the two cricketers may have just revealed the secret of fashionably wearing unfashionable things: The nonchalance that comes with recognising that what one wears doesn't always have to be a symbol of one what is. At the end, clothes are meant to serve an actual physical function. It is immaterial whether they look “cool” by frankly arbitrary standards (for example, “mom” jeans from the '90s are now trendy again). As an insecure kid, one may have preferred a stuffed nose to looking nerdy. Part of growing up is understanding that staying warm is the cooler choice.

Where China is headed



ASHUTOSH VARSHNEY

GLOBALLY, THE MOST significant geopolitical event of 2022 was the Russian invasion of Ukraine. But the Ukraine war is not simply a geopolitical clash; it also dealt a massive blow to globalisation. As the energy and grain markets were disrupted, an old contradiction, first noted by John Maynard Keynes, returned. In 1914, the world economy was more integrated than ever before, but a World War erupted, severely undermining the decades-long international economic integration. Economic globalisation and major wars, Keynes suggested, simply could not go together. In our times, too, so long as wars were confined to Iraq and Afghanistan, globalisation proceeded apace. But as Russia brought war next to the heart of Europe, the logic of security triumphed over the logic of economics. That, by creating interdependence, trade generates peace is a theory once again in ruins.

Speaking potentially to the same theme, the second most important development of 2022 was the re-coronation of Xi Jinping for a third term as President of the People's Republic of China. The appointment broke two interconnected norms of post-Mao China: Collective responsibility (replacing the idea of concentration of power in a single leader as during the Maoist era), and term limits for the party's and nation's head. For Xi, no one is ruling out a further, even life-long, extension in power.

This is important for two reasons. Unlike Russia, the 11th largest economy of the world in December 2021, whose international economic role is primarily confined to energy markets, China is the second largest economy and market of the world, the largest foreign trader and one of the biggest receivers of foreign investment. Should a clash between security and economics arise, China's capacity to throw the international economy into disarray will go far beyond natural gas, oil and food grain.

Second, Xi's, indeed China's, Taiwan argument roughly echoes Putin's claim about Ukraine — namely, Taiwan has no reason to maintain a separate independent existence, for Taiwan was historically an integral part of China. Were China to do to Taiwan what Russia has done to Ukraine, the implications for the global system would be incalculably greater. Apart from the purely strategic issues,

Beijing has moved to security-over-economics mode, making a Chinese compromise less likely

such as whether the US or Japan would get involved in the defence of Taiwan, some serious economic consequences will be at stake. Unlike Ukraine, Taiwan is a first-world economy. In December 2021, Ukraine's per capita income was a little less than \$5,000, Taiwan's was over \$35,000. Ukraine's GDP was about \$200 billion, Taiwan's over \$820 billion, which included cutting-edge industries such as semiconductors. Add to this a Russia-China comparison, too. As against Russia's GDP at \$1.5 trillion, China's GDP in December 2021 was \$17.7 trillion, just a bit less than a fifth of the entire world's GDP, estimated at \$96.5 trillion by the World Bank. If in Xi's calculations, China's security or power imperatives required an invasion of Taiwan, the economic implications would be astronomical.

Understanding which way China is headed under Xi thus becomes not only a domestic Chinese question but a significant global question. More precisely, is Xi prioritising economics over security, as was the case in China for over three decades after Mao, or is it the other way round?

More and more China specialists now believe it is the latter. In the latest issue of International Security (Fall 2022), three China scholars — Margaret Pearson (Maryland), Meg Rithmire (Harvard Business School) and Kellee Tsai (Hong Kong) — have taken the issue head-on. The fact that a leading journal in the field of security has published an article on China's economic model should indicate how, under Xi, security and economics are getting intermingled.

Pearson, Rithmire and Tsai argue that Xi's economic system is best described as “party state capitalism”, to be distinguished from “state capitalism”. The latter basically means that even in an economy increasingly reliant on markets, the private sector cannot challenge the dominance of state-owned enterprises (SOEs). In 1999, Yasheng Huang (MIT) had argued that the political prioritisation of firms in China was becoming manifestly clear. The SOEs were on top, the foreign invested enterprises (FIEs) were next in importance, and private local firms — what he called “ethnic Chinese enterprises” (ECEs) — were at the bottom of the governmental hierarchy.

The concept of “party state capitalism” adds something novel to this account. It de-



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THE FIRST VEER Bal Diwas underlines the fact that in India, it is stories that make memories. It is these memories that make folk history. This history, in turn, gets ignored by professional historians of a positivistic inclination. Politicians, who are sensitive to the multiple undercurrents that flow unseen in every society, manage to use such histories to reach out to people.

Over 30 years ago, when Punjab was firmly in the grip of terror and Chandigarh was in perpetual lockdown, the December trimester break at Panjab University introduced me to a unique feature of Punjabi society. While everyone else was celebrating Christmas and planning a warm welcome to the New Year, there were some elders — especially among families from Punjab villages neighbouring Chandigarh — who gave up sleeping on beds and abjured basic comforts for an entire week. On quizzing, one mother said: “It is to recall the sacrifice that the sahibzadas made to save all of us.”

This is the time of the year when temperatures in Punjab are close to freezing. Yet, few talked about what they were undertaking. The elders spent a little more time in prayer and once in a while, narrated stories of the great Gurus, especially about the battle of Chamkaur Sahib and the mental strength of the two young sons of Guru Gobind Singh. “Sahibzadas” is how they were addressed.

A TALE FROM PUNJAB

Embedding Veer Bal Diwas in national calendar makes it accessible to nation

Brief visits to the then small gurdwara at Fatehgarh Sahib during that period introduced me to a folk memory that was both disturbing and awe-inspiring. Historians had written briefly about them. The state authorities ignored them. It was mostly people who retold the stories and thus kept them alive.

The story is as follows: Wazir Khan, the Mughal governor, administered territories between the rivers Yamuna and Sutlej. In December 1704, during the reign of Aurangzeb in Delhi, the 10th Guru of the Sikhs and his entourage of a few hundred were attacked as he made his way out of the hill fastness that is today known as Anandpur Sahib. In the melee that followed, known as the Battle of Chamkaur Sahib, the two elder sons of Guru Gobind Singh were killed and the two younger ones aged 6 and 9 years, got separated from the rest. The Guru himself escaped, helped by two Pathans, Ghani Khan and Nabi Khan, and eventually took shelter in the house of a local Muslim chief.

The younger boys, along with their 81-year-old grandmother, Mata Gujri, sought refuge with a servant who betrayed them to the Mughals. For three weeks, they were held in a bare, draughty room in the fort at Sirhind as the Mughals deliberated their future. Wazir Khan then made them an offer: Convert to Islam, or else...

The boys refused. Wazir Khan ordered

that they be bricked in, alive. That date is etched into the memories of Punjab. It was what is now known as the 27th of December, 1704. Mata Gujri died of shock.

The chamber where the Sahibzadas were bricked in, the Bhora Sahib, became a place of pilgrimage. Eventually, a gurdwara came up around it. Now, people assemble each year in the last week of December to remember the suffering and sacrifice of the family that held up the dignity of their religion and refused to succumb to an oppressive Islam.

As with all living traditions, this tale too is considerably undocumented. Perhaps for that reason alone, the complex messages underlying it remain alive, especially the need to retain mental strength in the face of adversity and a strong ethical commitment to one's beliefs. Embedding it in the national calendar of India in the form of Veer Bal Diwas makes it accessible to the entire country. The prime minister, of course, hopes that this would also carry to the young a message about commitment to the motherland, one's beliefs, and ethical living. It would be too simplistic to imagine that embedding a memory from Punjab into the national consciousness will result in Punjabi votes for the BJP in the next general elections.

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picts (i) the establishment of Communist party's authority over firms in a very different way, especially via creation of party cells in firms and appointment of Communist party members on corporate boards; and (2) enforcement of political loyalty among private sector executives, including by punishment of those who seek business autonomy. According to Pearson, Rithmire and Tsai, 1.88 million nonstate firms — 73 per cent of all — had established party cells by 2018. Xi's model thus blurs the boundary between the Chinese state and firms. It “obfuscates where the party-state ends and firms begin”.

From an external perspective, this sort of boundary erasure is not a critical problem if it remains confined to small companies. But it becomes a huge security concern, especially for the US, as also Japan, if the party-state penetrates high-tech: 5-G telecom, semi-conductors, robotics, aerospace and maritime engineering. Economics and security are not interconnected if party cells are created in textiles and footwear, but they are hard to disentangle if high-tech private firms become intertwined with the state.

This was clearly the rationale underlying Biden's chip ban on China two months back, supported by both political parties. The ban covers not only the sale of cutting-edge chips, but also the advanced equipment required to make them, as well as the passing of strategic knowledge by any US citizen or resident. These chips have become critical to the evolution of “technologies of the future” in virtually all sectors ranging from pharmaceuticals, artificial intelligence to defence and weapons. Essentially, China will have to produce these chips on its own, which can substantially delay its further industrial advance, unless US allies can step in to fill the void, which is highly unlikely but not impossible.

As India debates the latest border clashes with China, Delhi should keep in mind that China has moved to a security over economics mode, making a Chinese compromise less likely. But whether Taiwan, China's prime security focus, makes China-India border problems more or less manageable remains wholly unclear. It could go either way.

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DECEMBER 29, 1982, FORTY YEARS AGO

ANTARCTICA MISSION

THE SECOND INDIAN expedition team landed safely in Antarctica to begin a two-month scientific study of the continent's geology and select a place for a permanent manned station to be established by 1985. PM Indra Gandhi, who was the first to be informed about the successful landing, has sent her “good wishes and congratulations” to the 28-member team led by VK Raina, director of the Geological Survey of India.

ECONOMY WOES

THE PERFORMANCE OF the Indian economy

has been disappointing. As a result of lower growth rate in agriculture and industry, it is feared that the growth in gross national product may be less than three percent.

TUJS AND EXTREMISTS

MANY TOP LEADERS and some candidates of the Tripura Upajati Juba Samiti, with which the Congress (I) has entered into an electoral alliance, have an extremist background. The TUJS president, Budhadeb Barma, the general secretary, Shamacharan Tripura, and the vice-president, Nagendra Jamatia, were all accused in the “Independent Tripura” conspiracy in collusion with Mizo secessionists.

FATAL CLIMB

THE CHANCES OF survival of Yasuo Kato, the first man to scale Mount Everest in winter alone and his companion, Toshiaki Kobayashi, appeared to be fading after they failed to contact base. Kato, 33, radioed that he had reached the summit alone at 3:55pm.

ARMS DOWN

ISRAELI, LEBANESE AND American negotiators claimed progress in their first, six-hour talks on the withdrawal of foreign forces from Lebanon. But their opening statements showed wide divergence on key issues.

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Inside home, a broken silence

This year has seen the beginning of important conversations about marital rape.
A law could build on this opening



MANJIMA BHATTACHARJYA

THE STORY GOES something like this. Of 185 countries in the world, 77 have laws that clearly criminalise marital rape. Another 74 have legal provisions that allow for cases to be filed against spouses. The third lot — a list of countries that is a bit of a rogues' gallery with terrible records on women's rights — are the 34 countries that explicitly decriminalise marital rape, or in essence, offer immunity to men who perpetrate rape against their wives.

India is part of this gallery of 34 with an exemption for marital rape in its sexual assault law. Exception 2 of Section 375 of the Indian Penal Code states that "sexual intercourse by a man with his wife, and if the wife not being under fifteen years of age, is not rape". (Exception 1 is that a medical procedure or intervention shall not constitute rape.)

Over this year, there has been a rising chorus of voices asking for this exemption to be struck down. In January, two judges of the Delhi High Court started to hear petitions filed by individuals and civil society organisations challenging the exemption. By May, they had arrived at a controversial split verdict. One judge was in favour of criminalising marital rape as it violated a woman's right to consent, while the other was against it, saying marriage "necessarily" implied consent. The matter was pushed to the Supreme Court.

A set of counter-petitions sprung up by "men's rights groups" who argued that removing the exception would lead to "a deluge of false cases" against men and "affect family and social relationships". In March, meanwhile, a Karnataka High Court did not quash a particularly brutal case of a man accused of rape by his wife and allowed it to go to trial, indicating that the judicial system did recognise marital rape. In September, a Supreme Court ruling on women's right to safe abortions regardless of marital status held that for the purposes of the Medical Termination of Pregnancy Act, the definition of rape should include marital rape.

The signs were looking good for a more robust legal conversation on marital rape. Finally, this week, the Karnataka government came out in support of the Karnataka High Court ruling in March. It surprised many, as it brought the BJP-Karnataka government into likely conflict with a different position held by its own party members in the BJP-Union government.

What is the position held by the Union government? Five years back, the government had raised concerns that criminalising marital rape would destabilise the institution of marriage and was against Indian culture. They told the Supreme Court that this was an issue that could affect the "social fabric" and wider consultations were needed. Consultations may or may not have happened in government, but the developments over the year have certainly created a buzz on the ground.

For the first time, I have heard more and more references to marital rape in both rural and urban locations and among NGOs working to improve the lives of marginalised communities. Marital rape is entering local conversations but there is still an uncomfortable silence around going too deep into the matter as it enters a complex and



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painful terrain.

Grassroots activists are concerned that while women want the violence to stop, they don't always want family members — people they might even love and depend on — to be criminalised. It is clear we need to talk about marital rape, they say. But how can we talk about it, is the question for them. In some places, talking about consent has become an effective entry point to have a wider conversation on how to have healthy relationships. In others, dialogue on masculinities and the pressure on men to behave in certain ways with their wives have been powerful. But there is a serious gap in research and data, especially qualitative data on marital sexual violence that could have been a starting point for collective dialogue.

Like the silences around the kidnapping and rape of an estimated 1,00,000 women during Partition, or the early days of speaking openly about domestic violence, narratives of women's experiences of sexual violence by their husbands are inaccessible, buried deep over generations of pain and hurt. How can we unearth it? What kinds of trauma will it trigger? Are we ready to have these conversations?

Controversies in law have also been a good place to start, where it is easier to abstract a sensitive topic into an academic argument and prepare the ground for more authentic discussions to take root. Hanging over these discussions is a dark cloud of fatigue: A feeling that laws have not really changed that much on the ground. Almost 20 years of the Domestic Violence Act has not stopped the everyday reality of domestic violence. Even then, thousands of women have used the response systems created by the law to escape

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violent relationships. Stricter laws or even death penalties for rapists have not reduced the sexual assault of women. Yet the quality of conversation around sexual assault has changed, with a new generation of women believing that they have a right to a violence-free life. This is not only because the laws exist through struggles by women's movements, but the accompanying conversations and multi-pronged efforts in civil society to bring about social change.

Will another law that explicitly criminalises marital rape really matter? Even in countries where marital rape is criminalised, high rates of spousal sexual violence continue to be reported. Will women actually use such laws to further complicate already complex lives and webs of relationships?

This ambiguity is something we must live with in modern society: The need for laws that clarify boundaries in how we relate to one another and uphold constitutional ideas of equality, dignity and bodily autonomy, alongside the unpleasant social realities about their limited use in practice. Laws are an imperfect solution to social problems, but to clearly, loudly and unambiguously say something is not okay, signifies something beyond itself. Some lines must be drawn, even if in the sand. Norm setting is an important function of law, as is breaking the silence on things that simmer beneath the surface.

This year has certainly seen a breaking of some silences on marital rape and the beginning of important conversations. And conversation, we know, is often the beginning of any change.

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WHAT THE OTHERS SAY

"Afghanistan is still mired in an economic and humanitarian crisis, and those needs should be met, but the United States and its allies should make no mistake: The Taliban regime is sticking to the old, primitive approach to women, cruelly extinguishing their hopes and future."
— THE WASHINGTON POST

Lessons from a victory foretold

Its political experiments in the state have helped
Modi's BJP become the only game
in town at the national level



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THE BJP'S VICTORY in Gujarat was a foregone conclusion and so, the lessons that analysts could have learnt from it have been largely missed. It needs to be revisited. First, because no party has ever won 156 seats out of 182 in the state. Second, the state's political trajectory has been followed by most of the rest of northern and western India since 2014, with Narendra Modi's BJP dominating the Lok Sabha elections. In that sense, Gujarat is more than a model. It is a laboratory — the state where Modi has experimented with developing political hegemony.

In the last Gujarat election, this hegemony found expression in the BJP's capacity to attract voters from every social group in equal proportion. Certainly, it remains an upper/dominant caste party, with 62 to 64 per cent of Brahmins, Vaishyas, Rajputs and Patels voting in its favour, according to the CSDS exit poll. But OBCs are not far behind. About 59 per cent of Kolis (the largest OBC jati of Gujarat) supported the BJP this time (9 percentage points more than in 2017). Even Adivasis and Dalits rallied around the BJP at 53 per cent (plus 8 percentage points) and 44 per cent (plus 5), respectively. This spells trouble for Congress, which has traditionally been the political outfit for OBCs, Dalits and Adivasis in Gujarat. The role of caste as the only variable for explaining voting patterns is clearly eroding — like in the last Lok Sabha elections.

Interestingly, the BJP is improving its electoral performance in, a priori adverse circumstances as most social indicators showed no improvement. While Gujarat continues to register remarkable growth rates and attract industrial investments, these achievements do not benefit society at large. The percentage of underweight children — already very high at 39.3 per cent in 2015-16 — increased to 39.7 per cent. As a result, Gujarat ranks 29th out of 30 states on this indicator. The Adjusted Net Enrolment Ratio in elementary education is not improving either and Gujarat is ranked 21 here. Besides, Gujarat has been badly affected by Covid and the Morbi bridge catastrophe, which could have dented the BJP's popularity. But the party is above accountability in socio-economic terms — like at the national level.

Gujarat and India have one thing in common, Narendra Modi, who has invented in the former a modus operandi that he has been able to replicate in the latter. This relies on techniques of concentration of power, which include the sidelining of opponents not only on the political scene but also within the party. Simultaneously, rivals like Hardik Patel or Jyotiraditya Scindia are co-opted. Power is also concen-

trated thanks to state capture, with independent-minded civil servants being replaced, as evident from the careers of R B Sreekumar, Ashok Lavasa and Alok Verma. Besides this deinstitutionalising process, Modi has won elections one after the other by saturating the public sphere with the message: I am here for you. "I have made this Gujarat" was Modi's slogan in 2022; it was "Gaurav Gujarat" in 2002. Both convey the same message: "I am Gujarat!" Similarly, in 2014, Modi tweeted "India has won!" (because he had won).

This trope works because there is an Other — the Muslim and/or Pakistan — against whom or from which the "Hindu Hriday Samrat" can protect his people. The nomination of BJP candidates who were connected directly or indirectly to the 2002 communal violence reflects the continuation of the BJP's polarisation strategy. Muslim political representation is a collateral casualty of this narrative: There is only one Muslim MLA in Gujarat now, the lowest in the history of the state where 9 per cent of the population belongs to the community.

Modi's brand of national populism, like elsewhere in the world, tends to transform cultural majorities into political majorities, making alternation in power more difficult. But, of course, this is also made possible by the deinstitutionalisation process mentioned above — and among the institutions which play an important role there, the media occupies an important position.

The argument that has been made here needs to be qualified, however. First, the division in the Opposition is helping BJP establish its hegemony, as evident from the entry of AAP in Gujarat and the shrinking of UPA on the national scene. Second, BJP is not attracting voters from each and every caste only because of Hindu majoritarianism. The party selects its candidates in a very sophisticated manner. For instance, at the national level, it nominated non-dominant OBC and Dalit candidates and got most of the votes of these jatis, which resented the Yadavs' and Jatavs' domination. In Gujarat, last month, it picked a large number of Kolis (19) and they all won. Of the BJP's candidates, 26.5 per cent came from the OBCs this time, more than Patels (26 per cent) and upper castes (17 per cent).

The BJP's sense of social arithmetic suggests that caste still needs to be factored in. It may play a more significant role again because the BJP concentrates ministerial power in the hands of dominant caste politicians. In Gujarat, it has appointed 10 ministers from OBC-SC-ST backgrounds, but it continues with a Patel chief minister and the most influential ministries, like home, finance, revenue, energy-petrochemicals, roads and buildings, remain in the hands of forward castes. Executive power is still with the forward castes, while others are accommodated only in the legislature.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

DIPLOMATIC TASK

THIS REFERS TO the editorial, 'The new Kathmandu' (IE, December 27). With P K Dahal being elected prime minister of Nepal, the road for Nepal won't be smooth. The fractures within the ruling dispensation will likely give rise to instability and global vulnerability. With the win of the left-led coalition, Beijing will likely be looking for opportunities to deepen its inroads into the country. It is likely to join hands with the ruling dispensation, which could prove damaging to India. Delhi will have to keep an eye on the developments in the neighbourhood, in order to steer clear of any dispute. The geopolitical significance of Nepal cannot be underestimated. Delhi would do well to keep diplomatic channels open.
Nischai Vats, Sultampur

THE RIGHT TAKE

THIS REFERS TO the editorial, 'Necessary debate' (IE, December 26). Criminalisation of marital rape is a conversation we need to have. It should not only take shape in the courts but also in the minds of people. The issue is complex and sensitive, since the dominant social consensus on the subject is shaped by a patriarchal society and a conservative understanding of the institution of marriage. The Karnataka government's stance is a welcome intervention in this debate at a time when the Centre is still to for-

mulate its view.

Akanksha Singh, Delhi

INTEGRATING AI

THIS REFERS TO the article, 'Facing up to change' (IE, December 27). Technological advancement has been on the rise for a long time, the most recent being AI, which is, arguably, replacing human intelligence. However, it's the human conscience, which is difficult to overrule and so far, has not been replicated. So, scientific advancement in the future should strive to integrate humans with technology harmoniously, instead of viewing the two kinds of intelligence as being in competition.
Soham Mukherjee, Bardhaman

GOOD PUBLICITY

THIS REFERS TO the article 'When India did not strut' (IE, December 27). The writer's lament that India's G20 presidency is being lauded unnecessarily is short-sighted. Atal Bihari Vajpayee's elevation to the chairmanship was a routine affair. On the contrary, Modi has leveraged the publicity this presidency has brought India. Though Vajpayee was an eminent politician and renowned statesman, he could not influence world politics as much as the present incumbent is known to. This is despite the relatively murkier political and economic scenario the world is faced with today.

Ravi Mathur, Noida



NANDITESH NILAY

My dear daughter

In the New Year, five tips, as you enter adulthood

YOU TURN 15 in 2023, it's three years from what the law calls adulthood, but in a parent's heart, love is the only law. So the next year will be a milestone as you start high school, that first stepping stone to the world of dreams — and despair. Parenting is like writing one's child on paper in ink of many colours. In return, the child spends years reading. Your grandfather always tells me the faintest ink is better than the strongest memory. In an age of lists, here are five pieces of advice. If you find the tone preachy, don't worry. Keep it aside, one day, this card may make some sense:

First, knowledge and wisdom matter. You can Google anything, click the link, but that's not wisdom. That comes from knowledge through reading, writing, watching, listening, and travelling. Read regularly, and read more. Write regularly, and write more. Observe nature, observe more. Travel and once again read, write and observe. Read the great novels and autobiographies — these help you accept your, or your vulnerability. Read at least two pages each day. Knowledge comes from play too. You love basketball and painting, keep doing both. To know something well, understand "what," and keep ask-

ing "why." Life takes care of "how."

Second, remember we are human beings. Nothing more, nothing less. The pandemic taught us an invaluable lesson. We are nothing but a pair of lungs, a heartbeat, innumerable neurons, and oxygen. This self-awareness helps you become a seeker as well as a master. Breath is everything. At least 15 minutes a day, spend time with your breath and

breath alone. See yourself with closed eyes for at least five minutes and walk for half an hour. One proverb confirms the secret to living well and longer: Eat half, walk double, laugh triple, and love without measure.

Three, live with courage. Aldous Huxley said maybe this world is another planet's hell. But don't give any space to fear. Courage is not the absence of fear, but moving ahead despite fear. Whenever you are nervous, accept it, and move ahead. As a girl and a woman, you will need to live in a world dominated by egos. Don't subjugate them, don't compete with them. Just walk with courage. Remember that boys and girls are both human beings. You have a younger brother and

you have seen how much he cares for you, as do you. Courage comes with care and service. You are caring so you are destined to become courageous.

Four, deal with distractions. We continuously search on our phones. We type our path on Google maps. When we read, write, eat or walk, we need the mobile. It seems we are overwhelmed by our distractions. My suggestion: Think of the things you can do where you don't need the internet or smartphone. Draw up this list, and keep adding to it, you will be amazed by how many such things there are — your imagination is the only limit to that number. Playing a game, listening to the sound of the footsteps of your grandparents, watching birds fly past, trying to understand your friend's tears, the need to hug your grandmother a bit longer, watching shapes on the wall, looking at clouds in the sky and figuring out which animals they look like. You love planets and so every day, when you wish good morning and good night, you wish the entire universe. The internet and the cellphone are products. So handle them as a

product, but handle yourself more seriously, more sincerely, more gently.

Five, be good. One of your questions has always put me in a fix. You once asked: Why should we be good? Is being a good human an essential or desired qualification? I understand where your query comes from. Being good today is being soft, weak. Success matters with or without goodness. By hook or by crook. The aggressive forge ahead. Tell yourself, loudly: So, what? The good wish, inspire, make others happy, share, stand together, hear the unheard, see the unseen, adapt to change, choose to survive. The good don't ridicule others, they wait, they have memories. Only goodness matters. It binds us with principles, morality, values, and ethics. This is what will make you soar.

These five tips may help you grow, but they will also help you witness my growth. Because that's what children do — they refine their parents and make them better. So thank you and a happy new year to you — and to us.

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Punjab: two held with 10 kg heroin, arms & ammunition

Chandigarh: The Punjab police on Wednesday claimed to have busted a trans-border smuggling network and arrested two men after recovering 10 kg heroin along with arms and ammunition from their possession. The development comes just three days after the police had cracked down on an elaborate trans-border drug smuggling cartel with the arrest of its two kingpins after recovering 10 kg heroin and one sophisticated drone from them. DGP Gaurav Yadav said those arrested have been identified as Harshdeep Singh of Thaman village and Sarwan Singh of Shahur Kalan village, both in Gurdaspur. **ENS**



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संख्या-वि०हो०चि०/लखी०/828/2022
निदेशक राजकीय होम्योपैथिक चिकित्सालयों पर हेल्थ वेलनेस सेंटर स्थापित व क्रियाशील करने जाने हेतु कार्यक्रम शासनादेश संख्या-W81/96-आयुष-2-2020-127/2016 दिनांक 04.12.2020 के क्रम में जनपद लखीमपुर-खीरी में अंशकालिक योग प्रशिक्षक महिला के लिए नौवें अधिनियम के कालम संख्या 06 के अनुसार निवृत्ति के लिए आवेदन पत्र आमंत्रित किये जाते हैं, आवेदन पत्र पंजीकृत डाक/ स्वीड पोस्ट के माध्यम से दिनांक 07-01-2023 को सायंकाल 5 बजे तक स्वीकार किये जायेंगे आयुष हेल्थ वेलनेस सेंटरों में अंशकालिक योग प्रशिक्षक पुरुष को प्रथम प्राति सत्र कम से कम 01 घण्टे न्यूनतम 32 योग सत्र आयोजित करने होंगे तथा अंशकालिक योग प्रशिक्षक (महिला) को महिला सत्र के लिये प्रति सत्र न्यूनतम 01 घण्टे के साथ 20 योग कक्षाएँ आयोजित करनी होंगी।

दिनांक 22/12/2022
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क्र.सं.	पदनाम	पद की संख्या	स्थान	अर्हता	पारिश्रमिक
1	2	3	4	5	6
01	योग प्रशिक्षक (पुरुष)	01	रा०हो०चि०, अल्लूपुर	(1) योग प्रशिक्षक (अंशकालिक)- आयु संयोग : न्यूनतम 21 वर्ष से अधिक एवं 65 वर्ष तक के स्वस्थ अर्थात्तियों को चरवता दी जानगी।	1.अंशकालिक योग प्रशिक्षक (पुरुष) हेतु एक मूल्य 8000.00 प्रति माह।
02	योग प्रशिक्षक (पुरुष)	01	रा०हो०चि०, फरयाण	(1) मान्यता प्राप्त विद्याविद्यालयों / संस्थानों से सात पांच वर्षीय कोर्स बेचर ऑफ नेचुरोपैथी एण्ड योगिक साइंस (बीओएण्डआईएस) डिग्री धारक।	2. अंशकालिक योग प्रशिक्षक (महिला) हेतु एक मूल्य 8000.00 प्रति माह।
03	योग प्रशिक्षक (पुरुष)	01	रा०हो०चि०, पिरपाराम	(1) योग सर्टिफिकेशन बोर्ड, नई दिल्ली द्वारा योग वेलनेस इन्स्ट्रक्टर प्रमाण-पत्र धारक और अनुभव-एक वर्ष।	यदि निर्धारित तिथि में कोई कार्यदिवस पर अवकाश घोषित हो जाता है तो अगले कार्यदिवस को बिड खोली जायेगी। विशेष परिस्थितियों में निविदा तिथि में परिवर्तन भी किया जा सकता है। प्रधानाचार्य को बिना कारण बताये निविदा स्वीकार अथवा अस्वीकार करने का अधिकार होगा।
	योग प्रशिक्षक (महिला)	01	रा०हो०चि०, पिरपाराम	(1) योग सर्टिफिकेशन बोर्ड, नई दिल्ली द्वारा योग वेलनेस इन्स्ट्रक्टर प्रमाण-पत्र धारक और अनुभव-एक वर्ष।	यदि निर्धारित तिथि में कोई कार्यदिवस पर अवकाश घोषित हो जाता है तो अगले कार्यदिवस को बिड खोली जायेगी। विशेष परिस्थितियों में निविदा तिथि में परिवर्तन भी किया जा सकता है। प्रधानाचार्य को बिना कारण बताये निविदा स्वीकार अथवा अस्वीकार करने का अधिकार होगा।

नोट: आवेदन पत्र जनपद खीरी के एनआईसी को वेबसाइट <https://kheri.nic.in> पर उपलब्ध रहेगा। साक्षात्कार दिनांक 15/01/2023 को प्रातः 11:00 बजे विकास भवन में मुख्य विकास अधिकारी कार्यालय जनपद खीरी में होगा। विज्ञापन से सम्बन्धित एवं अन्य किसी अनुषंगिक के लिए कार्यालय के फोन नं०-7905616185 पर कार्यालय समय में सम्पर्क किया जा सकता है।

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RECRUITMENT FRAUD

Army files FIR against IT firm in Rajasthan

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
PUNE, DECEMBER 28

THE PUNE headquartered Southern Command has said that it has lodged a police complaint against a Rajasthan-based IT firm for malpractices in the recruitment process of civilian defence employees.

A press statement from the Southern Command said: "Indian Army lodged a complaint against an IT firm for malpractice in recruitment process. In May 2022, Headquarters Southern Command had advertised for recruitment of 32 civilian defence employees. To facilitate the smooth processing of application by the candidates a contract for Information Technology Support was awarded through GeM (Government e-Marketplace) to a Rajasthan-based IT firm."

The release added: "In a breach of trust, the firm conspired to exploit the potential recruits and launched a YouTube channel encouraging candidates to pay Rs 2,000 in a fictitious account to download the admit card."

After GTA polls, Anit Thapa's party bags Darjeeling civic body

RAVIK BHATTACHARYA
KOLKATA, DECEMBER 28

HAVING WON the Gorkhland Territorial Administration (GTA) polls earlier, Anit Thapa's Bharatiya Gorkha Prajatantrik Morcha (BGPM) Wednesday captured the Darjeeling Municipality through a trust vote, with help from the Trinamool Congress, formally anointing Thapa as the new leader of the Bengal Hills.

It was an upset win for the BGPM, with the councillors of the newly formed Humro Party led by Ajoy Edwards, which had won the Darjeeling Municipality in February this year, staying away from the crucial floor test.

This allowed the BGPM's 14 councillors and the Trinamool Congress's two members to oust Humro Party's chairman, Ritesh Portel. The three councillors of the Bimal Gurung-led GJM (Gorkha Janmukti Morcha) also abstained. Earlier, six councillors of the Humro Party had crossed over to the BGPM, while the TMC had extended its support. The BGPM declared Dipen



BGPM chief Anit Thapa

Thakur as the next chairman of the Darjeeling Municipality, and said it will form the new board soon. The Humro Party stated they will approach the Supreme Court over the issue.

"This is a victory of practical politics in the Hills. People want development and are tired of strikes and protests in the name of Gorkhland. People chose us in the GTA polls. Now Humro councillors have joined us. Today is a happy day for the people of the Hills," Thapa told *The Indian Express* over the phone.

On allegations by Humro of horse-trading, Thapa said: "In a democratic system, anyone can join us. Those who have joined us are for development. Losers will always say anything."

Fearing trouble, the administration had slapped Section 144 in the Darjeeling town area and tightened security. Speaking to mediapersons,

Humro leader Edwards said: "The entire proceeding is illegal, and that is why we abstained. We will approach the court."

TMC MLA Gautam Deb said people were angry with the Humro Party as it had "not done any work" after it won the municipality polls. "Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee wants development in the Hills. That is why we extended support to the BGPM."

BJP national vice-president Dilip Ghosh criticised the takeover of the municipality with the TMC's help. On Tuesday, ahead of the trust vote, Edwards had announced a month-long 'Gorkha Swabhimana Sangharsha' in Darjeeling, calling it a movement to "restore democracy in the Hills".

In February, out of a total of 32 seats in the Darjeeling Municipality, the Humro Party had won 18, the BGPM 9, the GJM 3 and the TMC 2. Later, a BGPM councillor had resigned and contested the GTA elections. Thapa's party had won 27 of the 45 seats in the polls for the GTA held in June. Thapa had subsequently become the GTA chief.

Soren: Beat back bid to topple govt since I lead poor, not moneybags

ABHISHEK ANGAD
RANCHI, DECEMBER 28


REITERATING HIS accusation that the BJP tried to destabilise his government, Jharkhand Chief Minister Hemant Soren on Wednesday said he was able to outmanoeuvre the alleged attempts since he is a leader of people from backward and tribal communities, the poor and the oppressed class, and not of "punjipati (moneybags)" class.

Asked at a press conference whether he regretted the decision to own a mining lease, which got him embroiled in a controversy, Soren said: "I was into mining even before I became politically active, and (in politics) I have...been an MP, MLA, Deputy CM, Chief Minister and Leader of Opposition. But our friends (BJP) never saw this. No, I don't regret it. Now that they (BJP) know the government is strong and cannot be destabilised, one will see things such as horse-trading, misuse of

(Central) government agencies (play out)."

Asked how he was able to repel alleged attempts to topple his government, Soren said: "I am not a businessman, and I don't represent any punjipati. I represent Adivasis, Dalits, backwards and the poor... It is challenging for anyone today to work honestly, and we consider this (bid to topple) a part of this... We represent people who are intellectually, financially, politically weak and leaders who come from such a class can only do this (outmanoeuvre). Their leader cannot be a businessman."

On his relationship with Governor Ramesh Bias, who has not conveyed the Election Commission's decision — the EC had earlier sent its opinion to Bias on Soren's possible disqualification over his ownership of a mining lease while being the mines minister — Soren said, "My relationship is not sour with the Governor. He holds a constitutional post..."



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Chief Engineer/PPP TANGEDCO

PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF A PERSON ACCUSED

(See Section 82 Cr.PC.)

Whereas complaint has been made before me that accused (1) **Mohd. Sahin, S/o Abdul Aziz, R/o H.No. C-159, Gali No. 02, Bhekam Singh Colony, Vishwas Nagar, Delhi**, (2) **Mohd. Malik, S/o Abdul Kalam, R/o Safik Ki Jhuggi, Gali No. 10, New Sangar Amar Colony, Delhi** have committed (or are suspected to have committed) the offence in **Case FIR No. 393/2010 dated 25.11.2010 U/S 457/380/411/34 IPC** PS Madhu Vihar, Delhi and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest thereupon issued that the said accused **Mohd. Sahin & Mohd. Malik** can not be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said accused **Mohd. Sahin & Mohd. Malik** has absconded (or are concealing themselves to avoid the service of the said warrant).

Proclamation is hereby made that the said accused **Mohd. Sahin & Mohd. Malik** of **FIR No. 393/2010 dated 25.11.2010 U/S 457/380/411/34 IPC** PS Madhu Vihar, Delhi are required to appear before this court to answer the said complaint on or before 23.03.2023.

By Order
Ms. Deepakshi Rana
Metropolitan Magistrate-08
Karkardooma Court, Shahdara, Delhi

DP/4191/ED/2022

EMANELMENT OF ADVERTISING AGENCIES
EO/TENDER/NOTICE NO: PRD/2022/Agency Empanelment/23-25, dtd 28.12.2022
Chief Public Relations Officer, Northeast Frontier Railway invites offers through open tender from INS Accredited and reputed Advertising Agencies:

Name of work	EMANELMENT OF ADVERTISING AGENCIES BY NORTHEAST FRONTIER RAILWAY
EMD	₹ 1,00,000/-
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EO/Tender document along with all relevant documents as asked for should reach the below mentioned address before 13.00 hrs. of 31st January, 2023. After which it will not be accepted.

EO/Tender will be opened at or after 15.00 hrs. of 31st January, 2023. Please refer to downloaded documents for details of mode of payment of the cost of tender form, EMD, Eligibility Criteria and all other details. Cost of EO/Tender form is to be submitted separately in DD drawn in Nationalized Bank in favour of F&S/CAO/N.F. Railway, payable at Malgaon.


Chief Public Relations Officer, N.F. Railway, Malgaon, Guwahati, Assam, PIN-781011



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In front of Ram Mandir, Convent Square, Unit-III, Bhubaneswar -751 001
Tel.: (0674) 2380950, Website: www.osmcl.nic.in, Email: drugs-osmcl@gov.in

Bid Ref. No.: OSMCL/2023-24/DRUGS-IVIG/01 **Date: 28.12.2022**

Online Bids through e-Tender portal (<https://tendersosmcl.nic.in>) are invited from eligible bidders for supply of Intravenous Immunoglobulin (IVIG) Drugs as per the particulars mentioned below:

Sl. No.	Particulars	Date and time
1.	Date & time of release of bid	28.12.2022, 3 PM
2.	Date & time for submission of queries by E-Mail id- drugs-osmcl@gov.in	31.12.2022 up to 5:00 PM
3.	Date & time of Online bid submission	Start Date & Time 03.01.2023, 3 PM End Date & Time 24.01.2023, 6.00 PM
4.	Date & time for submission of Tender Documents, Tender Document Fee of tender document	Start Date & Time 25.01.2023, 10 AM End Date & Time 01.02.2023 11:00 AM
5.	Date & time of online Technical bid opening	01.02.2023, 11:30 AM
6.	Date of opening of Price Bid	To be informed to the qualified bidders

The bid document with all information relating to the bidding process including cost of bid document, Prequalification criteria and terms & conditions are available in the websites: www.osmcl.nic.in and <https://tendersosmcl.nic.in>. The Authority reserves the right to accept / reject any part thereof or all the bids without assigning any reason thereof.

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Managing Director OSMCL Ltd., Odisha
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कार्यालय प्रधानाचार्य, एस.एन. मेडिकल कॉलेज, आगरा।

पत्र संख्या-एस0पी0एस0 / 2022-23 / 8958

दिनांक- 26.12.2022

ई-निविदा सूचना

सरोजिनी नायडू मेडिकल कॉलेज, आगरा में वित्तीय वर्ष 2023-24 के अन्तर्गत प्रतिष्ठित/अनुभवी एवं मान्यता प्राप्त फर्मों से एस0एन0मेडिकल कॉलेज आगरा में वार्षिक रख-रखाव एवं अनुसंधान कार्य के लिये निविदाएँ ई-टेंडर प्रणाली हेतु अधिकृत वेबसाइट <http://etender.up.nic.in> के माध्यम से आमंत्रित की जाती हैं।

निविदा में अंकित ब्याने की धनराशि की एफ0डी0आर0 जो किसी राष्ट्रीयकृत बैंक की बनी हो अथवा पोस्ट ऑफिस की एन.एस.सी. (डी.डी., बैंकर चैक, पे ऑर्डर मान्य नहीं) जो प्रधानाचार्य, सरोजिनी नायडू मेडिकल कॉलेज, आगरा के पक्ष में बन्धक हो, निविदा के साथ स्कैन कापी अपलोड करें। बयाने की धनराशि की एफ0डी0आर0/एन0एस0सी0 तथा टेण्डर फीस का डिमाण्ड ड्राफ्ट एवं निविदा के प्रप्र मूलरूप में टेक्नीकल बिड खुलने की तिथि से पूर्व कार्यालय प्रधानाचार्य, एस0एन0 मेडिकल कॉलेज, आगरा में पंजीकृत डाक से जमा कराना अनिवार्य है। डाक विलम्ब के लिए निविदादाता स्वयं जिम्मेदार होंगे। निविदा की तिथियों का विवरण निम्न प्रकार है।

Published Date	02-jan-2023 06:00 PM	Bid Opening Date	10-jan-2023 02:00 PM
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Bid Submission Start Date	02-jan-2023 06:00 PM	Bid Submission End Date	09-jan-2023 02:00 PM

यदि निर्धारित तिथि में कोई कार्यदिवस पर अवकाश घोषित हो जाता है तो अगले कार्यदिवस को बिड खोली जायेगी। विशेष परिस्थितियों में निविदा तिथि में परिवर्तन भी किया जा सकता है। प्रधानाचार्य को बिना कारण बताये निविदा स्वीकार अथवा अस्वीकार करने का अधिकार होगा।

क्र.सं.	निविदा का नाम	ब्याने की राशि (₹.)	निविदा फार्म का मूल्य (₹.) जी.एस.टी सहित
1	Annual Maintenance Contract (A.M.C.) of CCTV Camera System of the institute.	35,000.00	1180.00
2	Supply various items related to CCTV system and surveillance system.		
3	Operation of Central surveillance system at S.N.Medical College, Agra.		

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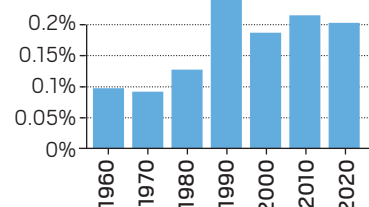
NEW IN THE **NEW YEAR**

1.5 degree warmer world looms, but it's not the end

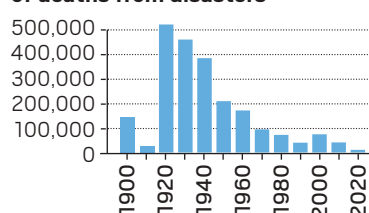
The global failure to reduce greenhouse gas emissions in time evokes dire scenarios. But attention focused on this failure often overshadows the progress being made in adapting to the new world

RISE IN TEMPERATURES AND ITS IMPACT

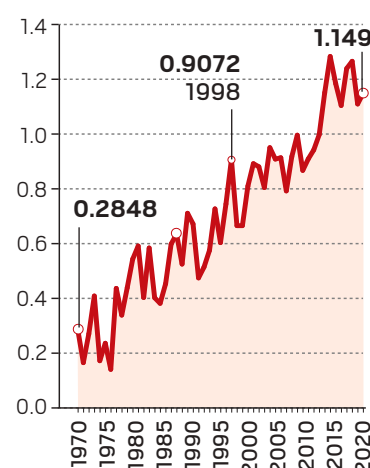
Decadal avg: Economic damage from disasters as a share of GDP*



Decadal average: number of deaths from disasters*



Deviation of Average Annual Mean Temperature from the average of 1850-1900 period (in °C)



*Source: Our World in Data

The 1.5 degree Celsius warmer world

The result has been that the world is now almost certain to miss the 1.5 degree Celsius target. The Sharm el-Sheikh outcome acknowledges that global greenhouse gas emissions need to be reduced by at least 43 per cent from 2019 levels by the year 2030, if hopes of keeping the temperature within 1.5 degree Celsius from pre-industrial times are to remain alive. The problem is that this reduction has not even started. In fact, greenhouse gas emissions are still on the rise. Latest estimates suggest that the emissions for 2021, still to be calculated, would be higher than 2019, and a new record.

In the meanwhile, the world has already warmed by more than 1.1 degree Celsius. According to the World Meteorological Organisation (WMO), the year 2022 is likely to end up being about 1.15 degree Celsius warmer than pre-industrial times. It could have been even hotter if not for the cooling effect of the unusually prolonged La Nina event, which has entered its third year now. The warmest year on record, 2016, was about 1.28 degree Celsius hotter than pre-industrial times (see chart).

In a report published in May this year, the WMO said there was a 50 per cent chance of the 1.5 degree Celsius warming mark getting breached in the next five years, even though temporarily. And it was almost certain (93 per cent probability) that one of the next five years would be warmer than 2016.

The reports of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) have also suggested that the question was not whether the 1.5 degree Celsius mark would be breached — it almost certainly will — but whether the world would take adequate action to pull itself back from there after a few years. The 1.5 degree Celsius warmer world would be here probably even before we expect it to.

pect it to.

Not all is lost

Contrary to the catastrophic imagery that it often evokes, the 1.5 degree Celsius warmer world would not be dramatically different from what we have today. There is nothing that would happen then that does not already happen now. Of course, the frequency and intensity of extreme weather events are predicted to increase with further rise in temperature. But, in itself, the 1.5 degree Celsius mark is no special trigger. Neither is the 2 degree Celsius mark. The effort is to restrict the rise in temperatures to as low a level as possible in order to minimise the impacts

Climate disasters across the world increased almost five-fold from the 1970-79 decade to the 2010-2019 period. However, the number of human lives lost declined by almost 70 per cent

of climate change.

In fact, new science has been suggesting that even at the current levels of warming, some important climate tipping points

might already have been crossed, or are very close to being crossed. This can lead to some uncontrollable, irreversible and self-perpetuating changes in the earth's climate system, and result in other tipping points being breached.

This would seem like a hopeless situation already, but it is not. At least, not yet. Science on the climate tipping points is still evolving, and human ingenuity and resilience often do not get measured in scientific literature.

The despairing scenarios are the result of the failure to reduce greenhouse gas emissions in time. The attention on this failure often overshadows the progress being made in adapting to the new world. Even as climate

change-induced disasters have increased rapidly in the past decade, the number of human lives lost in these incidents has come down sharply — thanks to early warning systems and quick response and relief measures.

Fewer people dying in climate disasters

According to the WMO Atlas of Mortality and Economic Losses from Weather, Climate and Water Extremes, whose latest edition was published last year, climate or weather-related disasters across the globe increased from 711 incidents in the 1970-79 decade to 3,165 incidents in the 2010-2019 period, an almost five-fold increase. However, the number of human lives lost declined by almost 70 per cent, from about 556,000 in the 1970s to just about 185,000 in the previous decade.

Economic losses, however, increased manifold — from about 175 billion USD in the 1970s to nearly 1.4 trillion USD in the 2010s — mainly because of the increase in the frequency of disasters and also in the value of the assets and infrastructure.

This trend is visible in India as well. Deaths from heat waves and cyclones, for example, have reduced by about 90 per cent in the past decade because of effective early warning systems and timely response. Forecasts of cloudburst events, landslides or avalanches may not be reliable, but their impacts can still be minimised by taking remedial measures in high-risk zones.

The problem is that nearly half the world does not have early warning systems or rapid response mechanisms to deal with a disaster. In fact, more than 90 per cent of all deaths in the climate and weather-related disasters between 1970 and 2019 occurred in the developing countries. Even latest estimates show that countries with limited early warning coverage have disaster mortality about eight times higher than better equipped countries. Low coverage zones also result in data gaps that introduce inefficiencies in global weather models and their capacity to forecast extreme weather events.

Early warning coverage for all

That is why the recent initiative of the WMO to extend the early warning coverage to all the countries in the next five years might be the most significant announcement to have come out of COP27.

The entire programme is likely to cost only about 3.1 billion USD, a relatively small amount of money in climate change context. It is estimated that this investment would save human lives and help avoid losses to the tune of 3 to 16 billion USD every year. Similar work has been initiated by the Coalition for Disaster Resilient Infrastructure (CDRI), an India-backed international organisation, that is focusing on strengthening early warning capabilities in the small island states.

Adaptation efforts like these have hardly received adequate attention from developed countries, which are more focused on getting all the countries to reduce their emissions. The reasons are obvious. Developed countries themselves have a far greater capability to cope with the changes, so most of the adaptation actions would have to happen in the developing world. And unlike in the case of emissions reductions, the benefits of adaptation are local, not global. Developing countries have been demanding that adaptation gets at least half the financial resources flowing into climate action, but less than 20 per cent has been coming in.

This is not to suggest that it is okay to go slow on efforts to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. There are limits to adaptation. But in the short term, this is key to the survival of large population groups in developing countries.

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AMITABH SINHA

2023 LOOKING AHEAD

CLIMATE CHANGE

THIS YEAR'S climate change conference in Egypt, COP27, was hailed as 'historic' for its decision to create a fund to help developing countries recover from climate-induced disasters. While the decision undoubtedly addressed a long-pending demand of the developing countries, there was little else in the final outcome of the Sharm el-Sheikh meeting that can be seen as a half-adequate response to, what according to science is, an extremely urgent global climate emergency.

But this is not the first time that the annual climate conference has underperformed. COPs, especially the ones in the past 15 years, have been major underachievers. While they have managed to bring climate change to the forefront of the global agenda, the response, in terms of effective climate action, has never been commensurate with the scale of the problem. In fact, the way the Paris Agreement is designed — with every country being asked to come up with what it thinks is its best effort — it can only lead to a sub-optimal outcome.

APURVA VISHWANATH
NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 28

THE BORDER dispute between Maharashtra and Karnataka is intensifying, with both states hardening their stance. On December 27, both Houses of the Maharashtra Assembly passed a unanimous resolution to support a legal battle to resolve the dispute. This came just days after the Karnataka Assembly passed a resolution reiterating Karnataka's position on the issue.

What is the dispute?

The border dispute over Belagavi, Karwar and Nipani in North Karnataka is long-standing. When state boundaries were redrawn on linguistic lines as per the States Reorganisation Act of 1956, Belagavi became

part of the erstwhile Mysore state. Maharashtra claims that parts of Belagavi, where Marathi is the dominant language, should remain in Maharashtra.

In October 1966, the Centre set up the Mahajan Commission, led by former Chief Justice of India Mehr Chand Mahajan, to resolve the border dispute in Maharashtra, Karnataka and Kerala. The Commission recommended that Belgaum and 247 villages remain with Karnataka. Maharashtra rejected the report, and in 2004, moved the Supreme Court.

How is the issue being resolved?

Attempts are often made to resolve inter-state disputes with the cooperation of both sides, with the Centre working as a facilitator or a neutral mediator. If issues are resolved amicably, Parliament can bring a law to alter

state boundaries, such as the Bihar-Uttar Pradesh (Alteration of Boundaries) Act of 1968 and the Haryana-Uttar Pradesh (Alteration of Boundaries) Act of 1979.

In the Belagavi issue, Union Home Minister Amit Shah met Chief Ministers Basavaraj Bommai and Eknath Shinde and asked them to form a six-member team, comprising three ministers from each side, to address all boundary issues.

What are the other methods available?

There are other formal methods in the Constitution to resolve inter-state disputes.

Judicial redressal: The Supreme Court in its original jurisdiction decides disputes between states. Article 131 of the Constitution reads: "Subject to the provisions of this Constitution, the Supreme Court shall, to the exclusion of any other court, have original jurisdiction in any dispute

(a) between the Government of India and one or more States; or

(b) between the Government of India and any State or States on one side and one or more other States on the other; or

(c) between two or more States, if and in so far as the dispute involves any question (whether of law or fact) on which the existence or extent of a legal right depends: Provided that the said jurisdiction shall not extend to a dispute arising out of any treaty, agreement, covenant, engagements, and or other similar instrument which, having been



The Maharashtra Ekikaran Samiti stages a protest over the border dispute with Karnataka in Kolhapur on Monday. *Express*

entered into or executed before the commencement of this Constitution, continues in operation after such commencement, or which provides that the said jurisdiction shall not extend to such a dispute.

Inter-state Council: Article 263 of the Constitution gives powers to the President to set up an Inter-state Council for resolution of disputes between states. The Council is envisaged as a forum for discussion between

the states and the Centre. In 1988, the Sarkaria Commission suggested that the Council should exist as a permanent body, and in 1990 it came into existence through a Presidential Order.

The provision reads: "provisions with respect to an Inter State Council if any time it appears to the President that the public interests would be served by the establishment of a Council charged with the duty of



New Delhi





WHILE ANTI-CLERIC PROTESTS SWEEP IRAN

IRAN CHESS PLAYER APPEARS WITHOUT HIJAB

For second day running, Sara Khadem competed without a headscarf at an international chess championships in Kazakhstan — a violation of Iran's laws governing female dress code. A number of Iranian sportswomen have competed overseas without their headscarves in public. **REUTERS**

TOPOF THE WORLD



Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI. AP

VATICAN

Health of retired 95-year-old Pope worsening

Vatican City: The health of Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI has worsened due to his age, and doctors are constantly monitoring the 95-year-old's condition, the Vatican said Wednesday. Vatican spokesperson Matteo Bruni said Pope Francis, who asked the faithful earlier Wednesday to pray for Benedict, went to visit his predecessor in the monastery on Vatican grounds where the retired pontiff has lived since retiring in February 2013. Benedict, who was the first pontiff to resign in 600 years, has become increasingly frail in recent years as he dedicated his post-papacy life to prayer and meditation. The Vatican released a photo at the time that showed a very thin-looking Benedict. **AP**

PHILIPPINES

29 dead amid floods caused by heavy rain

Manila: The death toll from heavy rains and floods that devastated parts of the Philippines over the last weekend has risen to 29, with 25 others still missing, the national disaster response agency said Wednesday. Nearly 400,000 people were affected, with over 81,000 still in shelters and nine others injured. 18 of the 29 deaths were reported in Northern Mindanao region in the south, while 12 of the 25 missing are from the Bicol region. **AP**

PAKISTAN

Transgender killings: Death for politician's son

Lahore: A Pakistani court has sentenced death to a former minister's son for killing three transgender persons in Punjab province in 2008. A district and sessions court of the Sialkot district announced the verdict on Tuesday after the prosecution presented all witnesses and evidence. Ahmed Bilal Cheema, son of former Punjab Minister Ajmal Cheema, had shot three people: Mazhar Hussain, Aamir Shahzad, and Abdul Jabbar — at his outhouse in Sialkot in 2008. Judge Jazila Aslam also ordered compensation of PKR 5,00,000 to each victims' family. **PTI**

TRAVEL RESTRICTIONS WERE IN PLACE AFTER COVID OUTBREAK

Resuming issue of passports and visas as part of easing curbs: China

JOE McDONALD

BEIJING, DECEMBER 28

CHINA SAYS it will resume issuing passports for tourism in another big step away from anti-virus controls that isolated the country for almost three years, setting up a potential flood of Chinese going abroad for next month's Lunar New Year holiday.

The announcement adds to abrupt changes that are rolling back some of the world's strictest anti-virus controls as President Xi Jinping's government tries to reverse an economic slump. Rules that confined millions of people to their homes kept China's infection rate low but fueled public frustration and crushed economic growth.

The latest decision could send



An officer collects passports for renewal and re-applications at a police station in Beijing on Wednesday. AP

free-spending Chinese tourists to revenue-starved destinations in Asia and Europe for Lunar New Year, which begins January 22 and usually is the country's busiest travel season. But it also presents a danger they might spread Covid as infections surge in China.

China stopped issuing visas to foreigners and passports to its own people at the start of the Covid pandemic in early 2020.

The National Immigration Administration of China said it will start taking applications from January 8 for passports for tourists

to go abroad.

The agency said it will take applications to extend, renew or re-issue visas but gave no indication when they might be issued to first-time applicants.

China will "gradually resume" admitting foreign visitors, the agency said. It gave no indication when tourist travel from abroad might resume.

Before the pandemic, China was the biggest source of foreign tourists for most of its Asian neighbors and an important market for Europe and the United States.

Japan, India, South Korea and Taiwan have been conducting virus tests for visitors from China.

On Monday, the Chinese government said it would remove quarantine requirements for travelers arriving from abroad, also effective January 8. **AP**

Hong Kong nulls most curbs, only masks mandated

Hong Kong: Hong Kong will cancel its stringent Covid rules from Thursday, city leader John Lee said, meaning that arrivals will no longer need mandatory PCR tests while the city's vaccine pass would also be scrapped. All measures would be cancelled on Thursday, apart from the wearing of masks. The border with mainland China is also being aimed to open by January 15. **REUTERS**



Migrants run to hide from border police after crossing into the US from Mexico. Reuters

US top court upholds Covid-era asylum curbs

AGENCIES

WASHINGTON, DECEMBER 28

THE SUPREME Court is keeping pandemic-era limits on asylum in place for now, dashing hopes of migrants who have been fleeing violence and inequality in Latin America and elsewhere to reach the United States.

Tuesday's ruling preserves a major Trump-era policy that was scheduled to expire under a

judge's order on December 21.

The case will be argued in February and a stay imposed last week by Chief Justice John Roberts will remain in place until the justices make a decision.

The limits, often known as Title 42 in reference to a 1944 public health law, were put in place under then-President Donald Trump at the beginning of the pandemic, but unwinding it has taken a tortuous route through the courts. The US

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention attempted to end the policy in April 2022, but a federal judge in Louisiana sided with 19 Republican-led states in May to order it kept in place.

Another federal judge in Washington said in November that Title 42 must end, sending the dispute to the Supreme Court.

Officials have expelled asylum-seekers inside the United States 2.5 million times on

grounds of preventing the spread of Covid-19.

The Supreme Court's 5-4 decision comes as thousands of migrants have gathered on the Mexican side of the border, filling shelters and worrying advocates who are scrambling to figure out how to care for them.

On Wednesday, hundreds of migrants in northern Mexico were taking matters into their own hands to slip into the United States.

Three Indian-Americans die after falling into frozen lake in Arizona

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WASHINGTON, DECEMBER 28

THREE INDIAN-AMERICANS, including a couple, have drowned after they fell through the ice while walking on a frozen lake to get some pictures.

The incident occurred on December 26 at 3.35 pm (local time) at Woods Canyon Lake in Coconino County in the US state of Arizona. "The missing men are located deceased and identified as Narayana Muddana, 49 and Gokul Mediseti, 47. The female victim has been identified as

Haritha Muddana (age unknown). The three victims resided in Chandler, Arizona and are originally from India," Coconino County Sheriff's Office (CCSO) said in a statement.

A day after Christmas, three families — comprised of six adults and five kids — drove up from the Valley.

"(They) Wanted to get some pictures out on the ice," said Jon Paxton with the Coconino County Sheriff's Office.

While photographing on the ice, three persons fell through and into the minus 30-degree water. One father, and both parents

of the little girl had died.

Officials said they were able to pull Haritha from the water soon after but were unsuccessful and she died at the scene.

Crews then began searching for Narayana and Mediseti, who had also fallen into the lake. The two men were found dead on Tuesday afternoon, the sheriff's office said.

All the three bodies have been recovered. Two daughters are left behind, ages 7 and 12.

Pittala is looking after them until their grandparents can fly over from India.

Russia hammers newly liberated Kherson, eastern Ukraine frontline

Kremlin rejects Zelenskyy's peace plan: Accept annexation of regions

DAN PELESCHUK & HERBERT VILLARRAGA
KYIV, DECEMBER 28

RUSSIAN FORCES stepped up mortar and artillery attacks on the recently liberated city of Kherson in southern Ukraine on Wednesday, Ukraine's military said, while also exerting constant pressure along front lines in eastern regions of the country.

Russia fired 33 missiles from multiple rocket launchers at civilian targets in Kherson in the 24 hours to early Wednesday, the General Staff of Ukraine's Armed Forces said in its morning report.

Russia denies targeting civilians. Heavy fighting also persisted around the Ukrainian-held city of Bakhmut, now largely in ruins, in the eastern province of Donetsk, and to its north, around the cities of Svatove and Kremenna in Luhansk province, where Ukrainian forces are trying to break Russian defensive lines.

Air raid sirens also sounded across Ukraine on Wednesday morning, officials said. Ukrainian social media reports said the nationwide alert may have been declared after Russian jets stationed in neighbouring Belarus took off. Reuters was unable to immediately verify that information.

Britain's defence ministry said in its latest update on the military situation in Ukraine that Russia

had likely reinforced the Kremenna section of the frontline as it is logistically important to Moscow and has become relatively vulnerable following recent Ukrainian advances further west.

There is still no prospect of talks to end the war, now in its 11th month.

Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy is vigorously pushing a 10-point peace plan that envisages Russia fully respecting Ukraine's territorial integrity and pulling out all its troops.

But the Kremlin on Wednesday rejected the plan, reiterating its stance that Ukraine must accept Russia's annexation — announced in September after "referendums" rejected by Kyiv and the West — of four Ukrainian regions: Luhansk and Donetsk in the east, and Kherson and Zaporizhzhia in the south.

No one was hurt and the staff and patients had been moved to a shelter, he added. Reuters was unable to immediately verify the report.

A Russian strike killed at least 10 people and wounded 58 in Kherson last Saturday, Ukraine said.

In Wednesday's report, Ukraine's General Staff also reported further Russian shelling in Zaporizhzhia region and in the Sumy and Kharkiv regions of northeast Ukraine. **REUTERS**



Trees felled in strikes being cut for fuel in Bakhmut. Reuters

Russia, China in exercises to capture submarines

REUTERS

MOSCOW, DECEMBER 28

RUSSIA AND China have completed naval drills in the East China Sea, after a week of joint exercises which included practising how to capture an enemy submarine with depth charges and firing artillery at a warship, Russia's defence ministry said.

The December 21-27 exercises, entitled "Maritime Interaction-2022", included Russia's Pacific Fleet and were carried out in waters off Zhoushan and Taizhou in China's Zhejiang Province, China's official Xinhua news agency said.

"Detachments of warships of the Pacific Fleet and the Naval Forces of the People's Liberation Army of China have

completed practical tasks within the framework of the bilateral naval exercise," Russia's defence ministry said.

"The ships of the two countries, with the support of anti-submarine aviation, jointly searched for a submarine of a conditional enemy and fired a volley of jet depth charges," the ministry said.

The ministry published video showing a group of Russian and Chinese warships in the East China Sea, with Russian sailors speaking in Mandarin to their Chinese counterparts and Russian ships firing missiles.

Once the leader in the global Communist hierarchy, Russia after the 1991 collapse of the Soviet Union is now a junior partner to a resurgent China which already leads in some 21st century technologies.

AMERICANS AND EUROPEANS DESCEND UPON THE CITY FOR LONG-TERM RENTALS

In Mexico, remote workers boost rent by using Airbnb, forcing locals out

DAVID SHORTELL

MEXICO CITY, DECEMBER 28

KARINA FRANCO'S ornate Art Deco building in the historic center of Mexico City has long been the heart of a downtown lifestyle, housing families of artists and activists and supporting an ecosystem of street vendors.

But as the pandemic upended office norms, a wave of remote workers from around the world descended on Mexico City, the country's capital. The flow of foreigners has yet to slow down, causing housing costs to rise, displacing residents and upending the fabric of neighborhoods.

In August, Franco and the other tenants in her building were told by their landlord that their leases would not be renewed. Some units soon appeared on Airbnb — at rates more than four times the monthly rent — and new neighbors, mostly speaking English, now fill the hallways.

"It was very shocking at first," said Franco, 47, a migrant rights worker who found a new apartment in a different part of the city. "Then I felt angry."

Since the pandemic, Mexico City has become a leading global hub for foreigners unshackled from their offices by work-from-home policies and drawn to the kind of comfort a salary paid in

dollars or euros can afford.

Between January and October, more than 9,500 permits were issued to Americans allowing them to temporarily reside in Mexico City, according to federal immigration statistics, nearly double the 5,400 issued in the same period in 2019. Many more entered on tourist visas, which allow them to work from Mexico for up to six months as long as they are paid abroad.

The influx has been a boon for business owners in areas popular with foreigners and landlords taking advantage of record demand for long-term stays on platforms like Airbnb. It has also helped Mexicans with spare rooms to



After living in Mexico City for 15 years, Karina Franco was forced out to make way for rentals to cater the influx. NYT

earn extra income amid soaring inflation. But the surge has jolted the al-

ready tightening housing market, threatening to make large swaths of the city, where the average

monthly salary is \$220, unaffordable to many locals.

Mexico City's leftist mayor, Claudia Sheinbaum, has sought to navigate the changing market by embracing the transplants and partnering with Airbnb on a campaign that promotes the city as a "capital for creative tourism" that encourages foreigners to spend money in less well-off neighborhoods.

But as the jump in American and European visitors fuels a rapid expansion of Airbnb, the mayor's alliance with the rental giant has ignited an argument that's enveloped the platform in other major cities, from London to New York to San Francisco, where crit-

ics have accused it of driving up housing costs.

Housing activists, wary of gentrification and a shortage of rental housing in the sprawling capital, have accused city leaders of spurring a modern day "colonization" that is pricing out many Mexicans.

According to Airbnb, between April and June of this year, the number of stays booked in Mexico City on the platform for longer than a month increased by 30 percent compared with the same period in 2019, making the city one of the more popular destinations worldwide among long-term renters.

The increase in the number

of foreigners living in Mexico City has coincided with a rise in rents.

Average monthly rents city-wide have jumped from \$880 in January 2020 to \$1,080 in November, according to data from Propiedades.com, a real estate website.

The uptick has been higher in more upscale neighborhoods. In a slice of Condesa that borders Chapultepec Park, one of the city's larger green spaces, monthly rents rose from \$1,610 in January 2020 to \$2,250 in November, driven mostly by the arrival of remote workers, said Leonardo González, an analyst at Propiedades.com. **NYT**



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GOLD

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RUPEE

₹82.85



OIL

\$78.99



SILVER

₹70,048

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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FPIs pull out ₹1.34 lakh cr in 2022, highest-ever yearly outflow so far

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU
MUMBAI, DECEMBER 28

Foreign portfolio investors (FPIs) pulled out from the Indian markets in a big way in 2022 with the highest-ever yearly net outflow of Rs 1.34 lakh crore.

According to data from NSDL, FPIs invested Rs 50,089 crore in 2021, Rs 1.03 lakh crore in 2020 and Rs 1.35 lakh crore in 2019. The huge outflow, which was surpassed by a significant margin withdrawal of Rs 80,419 crore in 2018, came amid aggressive rate hikes by central banks globally.

However, 2017 witnessed record inflows of Rs 2 lakh crore, according to NSDL data.

The outflow follows the sharp rise in inflation worldwide and rate hikes by global central banks led by the US Federal Reserve. The US Fed has already raised rates by 425 bps this year, moving policy into restrictive territory. Since May this year, the RBI has increased the repo rate by a cumulative 225 basis points (bps) to rein in

CAUTIOUS APPROACH

IN 2022, FPIs have withdrawn Rs 1.21 lakh crore from the equities and Rs 16,682 crore from the debt market

FPI INVESTORS net sold \$32 billion of Indian equities from October 2021 to July 2022, and have net bought \$15 billion since then

elevated inflation. The MPC hiked the repo rate by 40 bps in May and 50 bps in each of the three successive meetings. A basis point is one-hundredth of one percentage point.

FPIs have withdrawn Rs 1.21 lakh crore from the stock markets and Rs 16,682 crore from the debt market in 2022. FPIs started pulling out after inflation spiked, and the central banks began hiking interest rates. Analysts said the Russian invasion of Ukraine accentuated the FPI withdrawals with

DOMESTIC INSTITUTIONAL investors (DII)s inflows are now more meaningful than FPI flows, rolling 12 months at a record high \$40 billion as against \$20 billion of FPI outflows. DIIs now own a record 15 per cent of the BSE-500 shares, just 3.3 percentage points below the share of FPIs

the global economic slowdown making inflows more challenging.

"FPIs have turned cautious in recent days. Concerns about Covid spread in China is a negative sentiment, and the strong economic data from the US indicate a continuation of the Fed's hawkish stance, pushing bond yields up and equities down. Only reversal of this trend will trigger a rebound in the market," said V K Vijayakumar, Chief Investment Strategist at Geojit Financial

EXPLAINED Reason behind FPI outflows

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Services. Credit Suisse noted foreign portfolio investment (FPI) flows could be constrained, given that pressured risk appetite in CY23 can impact equity flows in emerging markets (EM) Asia funds. On the other hand, domestic institutional investors (DII) inflows are now more meaningful than FPI flows, rolling 12 months at a record high of \$40 billion as against \$20 billion (around Rs 165,000 crore) of FPI outflows, the firm said.

Of the major contributors to

DII flows, Credit Suisse expects insurance (\$12 billion a year), Employees' Provident Fund Organization (EPFO) (\$7-8 billion) and Systematic Investment Plans (SIPs) (\$18-20 billion a year) to sustain, even as non-SIP retail flows continue to moderate due to higher rates and improvement in real estate. "This should keep valuation multiples supported," said Neelkanth Mishra, Co-Head of Equity Strategy, Asia-Pacific and India Head of Research at Credit Suisse. FPI investors net sold \$32 billion of Indian equities from October 2021 to July 2022 and have net bought \$15 billion since then.

"We found that despite heavy selling, India's weight remained unchanged, suggesting the outflows were mainly due to redemption pressure at global, EM or APAC equity funds, via which most FPIs invest in India," Mishra said at a media round-table conference. DIIs now own a record 15 per cent of the BSE-500 shares, just 3.3 percentage points below the share of FPIs, which has now declined to nine-year lows.

WHEN THE Department of Telecommunications (DoT) proposed to regulate services like WhatsApp and Google Meet by requiring them to obtain a licence under the draft Indian Telecommunication Bill, 2022, it met a long-standing demand by telecom companies who had argued for "same service same rules". After convincing the government about it, telcos are reiterating another old pitch: to make over-the-top (OTT) platforms pay for using their network. In an interview with SOUMYARENDRA BARIK, the director general of the Cellular Operators Association of India (COAI), SP Kochhar explains why telcos want OTTs to pay usage charges for using their infrastructure. He also makes a pitch for financially compensating telcos for assisting in surveillance like phone tapping and business disruptions during internet shutdowns. Edited excerpts:

The draft Telecom Bill proposes that OTT platforms take a licence from the government, like telcos. But telcos also want OTT platforms to pay a usage charge. What is the rationale behind that?

The government has taken the first step toward the right action. There is a need to define OTT communication services in the Bill clearly. We have also written to the government that since OTTs use the telcos' networks to propagate their business, they should pay for it. We have made analogies with the road transport network and said that whoever builds the road also collects the road tax. Similarly, usage charges should be paid by OTTs. It need not be at commercial rates. Licensing is to bring these platforms under the



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laws of the country.

Will it not create a differential pricing regime where big OTTs might be able to pay, but smaller ones might not?

Payment should be made based on the bandwidth utilised by a service. If you use more, you pay more. But, we have also not lost sight of social obligations. To encourage small-scale entrepreneurs and startups of Indian origin, we have even gone to the extent that we can lay down a particular threshold below which an entity need not pay. But the tech behemoths, who are earning millions and trillions of dollars, should contribute to developing the networks in India. As the networks are being developed primarily by telcos, they should be compensated for all their expenditure to build the same.

Why do telcos need OTT communication services like

WhatsApp to pay them, not streaming services like Netflix, Hotstar etc.? Doesn't the latter also consume a lot of bandwidth?

When you broadcast content, users consume bandwidth only for one channel, like Netflix. But, establishing a communication channel between two people to talk to each other and setting up millions of such channels to share texts, video or audio, the bandwidth consumed by that is much higher.

For the industry's financial health, why are telcos not actively exploring increasing tariffs?

That would be the simplest way, but it will pinch the pocket of the Indian consumer. Looking at the OTT platforms, most foreign-based, we are allowing them to make profits for a proprietor based in another country. So, the better way would be to charge these platforms that are using Indian subscribers to make profits and are sending that money outside without contributing anything to the Indian ecosystem. Besides, India is a price-sensitive market; most users are in rural areas who don't have deep pockets to pay for higher tariffs.

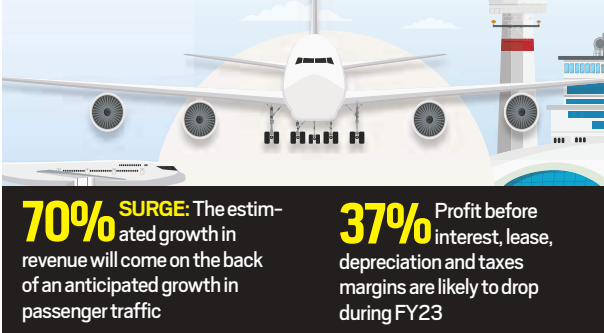
You say that OTTs have hit telcos' revenues. But isn't it true that many of the other telcos' financial issues started when Jio entered the space?

There are multiple variables in the crucible. The telecom sector has reached equilibrium after multiple players were reduced to three companies in the industry. They have a place from where they can't go below because then it will not be a viable business for all three of them.

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'9 airports operating under PPP model to log 50% growth

India's GDP growth and its multiplier effect on air passenger traffic growth augur well for Indian airport operators, said CareEdge Ratings



45% To stabilise during next fiscal supported by the increased scale of operations

₹9,650 cr: Nine airports operating under the PPP model in India are expected to log a growth in their aggregate revenue

1.12 times: Overall basis passenger traffic is expected to surpass the pre-Covid level

₹13,000 cr: The estimated fund inflows from the monetisation of 14 airports and divestment of Airports Authority of India's stake at existing airports

Source: CareEdge Ratings/ PTI

Sebi proposes regulatory framework for index providers

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU
MUMBAI, DECEMBER 28

MARKETS REGULATOR Sebi on Wednesday proposed a framework for index providers, aimed at improving transparency and accountability in governance and administration of the financial benchmarks or indices in the domestic securities market.

In the stock market, an index is essentially a method of measuring a change in value of a group of securities forming part of such an index. It performs several functions such as assisting the investors in understanding the health of the market and also enabling them to study the market sentiment, enabling performance measurement and benchmarking.

The proposed regulation shall be applicable to index providers

(both domestic and foreign) if the users of the index/products based on index are located in India, the markets regulator said.

Under the framework, the index providers offering indices for use in India will be required to register with Sebi for obtaining authorization for introduction of indices in the country.

The markets regulator said the index provider shall be a legal entity incorporated under Companies Act in the country of origin and should have a minimum net worth of Rs 25 crore.

The index provider will have to constitute an oversight committee for reviewing existing index design. The committee will also review any proposed changes to benchmark methodology. The regulations said the index provider must have policies and procedures to manage conflicts of interest and to protect the in-

tegrity and independence of various functions performed in connection with determination of indices.

In case an index provider is engaged in any other activity, the activity of index provider in general and the benchmark determination process in particular must be completely ring-fenced to prevent sharing or leakage of any sensitive information, Sebi said. Index provider must document and make available publicly, the methodology for index calculation. The index providers must be assessed by independent external auditors to evaluate adherence to International Organization of Securities Commissions (IOSCO) principles once in two years, as per the proposed regulations.

The markets regulator has sought comments on the proposed framework till January 27, 2023.

DoT dials telcos on call drops, service

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 28

THE TELECOM department on Wednesday met operators to discuss rising instances of call drops and service quality-related issues, as it deliberated on policy interventions that can be considered for improving call quality.

The meeting, which comes amid the rollout of massive 5G networks in the country, was chaired by Telecom Secretary K Rajaraman and attended by telecom service providers, including Bharti Airtel, Reliance Jio and Vodafone Idea.

The issue of interference from illegal boosters and Right of Way (RoW) challenges came up for discussion at the meeting, which lasted for almost two hours. Sources said that operators made a detailed presentation to the Department of Telecom on current levels of service quality against stipulated benchmarks. DoT sources said that the department is taking a long-term view of the service

quality-related matters and has asked players to identify problem areas, and make suggestions on policy interventions that could improve the call connectivity. The Department of Telecom (DoT) is looking at legal frameworks and policy-level measures that can ensure a better quality of service. Industry sources said that the DoT flagged consumer complaints on service quality at the meeting, and added that companies maintained that quality of service norms are being met. The industry also mentioned locations that are facing specific problems, due to signal interference or other factors.

The meeting assumes significance as improvement in telecom service quality is bound to cheer mobile customers, irked by call drops and patchy networks. In September this year, Communications Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw indicated that telecom service quality parameters could be made more stringent and tighter, possibly to the extent of 3-4 times.

Oil slips on worries about China Covid surge

London: Oil prices fell on Wednesday as concerns about an upsurge in Covid-19 cases in China, the world's top oil importer, outweighed expectations easing pandemic restrictions would lead to economic recovery and growth in demand for fuel.

Brent futures for February delivery fell 42 cents, or 0.5 per cent, to \$83.91 a barrel, by 1215 GMT. U.S. crude fell 32 cents, or 0.4 per cent, to \$79.21 per barrel. Both benchmarks fell by over \$1 per barrel earlier in the session after rising to their highest in three weeks on Tuesday on expectations of a rise in fuel demand. China said it will stop requiring inbound travellers to go into quarantine from January 8, a major step towards relaxing stringent curbs on its borders. **REUTERS**

कार्यालय अधीक्षण अभियन्ता
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पत्रांक: 3053 / 23 एम-04 / 2022 दिनांक: 26.12.2022

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इस कार्यालय के पत्रांक 3688 / 23एम-04 / 2022 दिनांक 24.12.2022 द्वारा ई-निविदा सूचना (E-Tendering) के माध्यम से केन्द्रीय विशेष सहायता योजना के अंतर्गत प्रान्तीय खण्ड, लोनिविडो रुद्रपुर से सम्बन्धित चार कार्यों की आमंत्रित निविदायें अपरिहार्य कारणवश निरस्त की जाती है।

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NPCL NOIDA POWER COMPANY LIMITED
CIN:U31200UP1992PLC014506

Notice Inviting Bids for Procurement of Non-Solar Renewable Power on Medium Term basis

Bids are invited by "Noida Power Company Limited having its registered office at Electric Sub-station, Knowledge Park-IV, Greater Noida - 201310 (U.P.)" for procurement of 100 MW non-solar renewable power from 01.05.2023 to 30.09.2025 in accordance with Guidelines dated 30.01.2019 issued by Ministry of Power, GOI. Bid Document is available on DEEP Portal of www.mstcecommerce.com.

The Company reserves the right to reject all or any of the Bids or cancel the bidding process at any stage without assigning any reasons whatsoever and without any liability.

For any clarification, contact at e-mail id powertrading@noidapower.com or mobile no. 9718804966. Head (Power Purchase)

KERALA WATER AUTHORITY e-Tender Notice

Tender No: 1) Re tender 72, 73/2022-23/SE/PHC/CHN

Jai Jeevan Mission (JJM) 1) WSS to Mazhuvannur Alkkanaradu and Kunnathunadu panchayath- Mazhuvannur Panchayath Vettor zone 2) WSS to Thuravur and Manjapara Panchayaths Ph 2-Thuravoor Panchayath-Providing distribution network, providing FHTCs and Road restoration Work etc. **EMD :** Rs. 5,00,000/- each, **Tender fee :** Rs. 17700 each, **Last Date for submitting Tender :** 16-01-2023 03:00pm **Phone :** 0484-2360645

Website : www.kwa.kerala.gov.in, www.etenders.kerala.gov.in

Superintending Engineer
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KWA-JB-GL-6-1312-2022-23

OSBI

IT-ATM Department, State Bank of India, Global IT Centre, Sector 11, CBD Belapur, Navi Mumbai - 400614

NOTICE INVITING TENDER

RFP NO: SBI/GTC/IT-ATM/2022-23/917 DATED: 29.12.2022

Bids are invited by State Bank of India from the eligible bidders for Procurement of On-Premises Cards Management System & Services on licensed model. For details, please visit 'Procurement News' at <https://www.sbi.co.in> and e-Procurement agency portal <https://etender.sbi/sbi/>

Commencement of download of RFP: From 29.12.2022.

Last date and time for submission of bids: 24.01.2023 upto 16:00hrs.

IT - ATM Department

Rajasthan State Road Development And Construction Corporation Ltd., JAIPUR

No. NIT/2022-23/2708-23 दिविदा सूचना/2022-23 Date: 27.12.2022

निमिलित्त कार्या लिए केन्द्र / राज्य सरकार के अधीनस्थ विभाग एवं उनके अधीनस्थ संस्थानों में अनुमति से निविदा प्रपत्र में ई-प्रोक्युरमेंट प्रक्रिया हेतु अनिवार्य निविदाएं आमंत्रित की जाती है:

कार्य का विवरण	कुल अनुमति राशि (₹)	निविदा सूचना संख्या
Misc. Work at Hardev Joshi University of Journalism & Mass Communication at Dahm Kalan, Jaipur. UBN/RRC/2223WSOB010092	516.52 Lacs	अन्यकालीन ई-461/22-23
Electrification works at Hardev Joshi University of Journalism & Mass Communication at Dahm Kalan, Jaipur. UBN/RRC/2223WSOB010094	480.00 Lacs	ई-463/22-23
BC Renewal work and Road Safety & Drainage works on Jaipur Bhiwar Road (03 works) UBN: (1)RRC/2223WSOB00990 (2)RRC/2223WSOB00991 (3)RRC/2223WSOB00992	1113.52 Lacs	ई-470/22-23

निविदा से सम्बन्धित प्रपत्र में निविदा शुल्क, फोटो कॉपी, वाहनलैड करने व खोलने को संबंधित कॉपी सम्पूर्ण विवरण एवं संकेतन केसादर <http://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in>, <http://sppp.rajasthan.nic.in> तथा <http://roads.rajasthan.gov.in/rsrdc> पर देखा जा सकता है। दृष्टकर्म से निविदा को अपने डिजिटल हस्ताक्षर के माध्यम से केसादर <http://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in/rsrdc> पर रजिस्टर्ड करवाना आवश्यक है।

International Institute for Population Sciences
(Deemed to be University)

An Autonomous Organization of Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Government of India, Govandi Station Road, Deonar, Mumbai - 400088.

Tender Notification No. IIPS/Admin/CBT(Admission)/Tender/03/2022

INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR POPULATION SCIENCES (IIPS), statutory Institution under Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Govt. of India, invites Technical & Commercial Bids for conducting Computer Based Test (CBT) for its various courses at prescribed centers across the country through online mode. Interested agencies experienced in similar work or capable of undertaking such work may send their Technical and Commercial Bids. The last date for receipt is **January 13, 2023 upto 3:00p.m.** The bid document will be available on IIPS website www.iipsindia.ac.in and CPP.

CAO-CUM-REGISTRAR

Ambani, RIL

Mumbai: Mukesh Ambani, who took over the reins of Reliance Industries Ltd (RIL) after the sudden demise of his legendary industrialist father Dhirubhai Ambani, completes 20 years at the helm during which the company saw a 17-fold jump in revenues, and 20-times surge in profit. **PTI**

Verify invoice details in ITC mismatch: CBIC



ENSECONOMIC BUREAU
NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 28

TO RESOLVE mismatches in input tax credit (ITC) claims which are showing up in the audits for 2017-18 and 2018-19, the CBIC has asked field officers to verify all invoice details from the registered persons under the Goods and Services Tax (GST) regime. The Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC), in a circular, said various representations from the trade as well as the tax authorities, are seeking clarification on such discrepancies between the amount of ITC availed by the registered persons in their Form GSTR-3B and the amount as available in their Form GSTR-2A. Following the verification of documents, if it is found that the difference between the ITC claimed in GSTR-3B and that available in

GSTR 2A exceeds Rs 5 lakh, then the business would be required to furnish a certificate. In cases it is less than Rs 5 lakh, the registered business would be required to produce a certificate from the supplier. "These instructions will apply only to the ongoing proceedings in scrutiny/audit/investigation, etc. for FY 2017-18 and 2018-19 and not to the completed proceedings. However, these instructions will apply in those cases for FY 2017-18 and 2018-19 where any adjudication or appeal proceedings are still pending," the CBIC said.

"For invoices not appearing in GSTR 2A, jurisdictional officers have been empowered to physically verify invoices to allow/disallow credit in accordance with GST law," said Abhishek Jain, Partner Indirect Tax, KPMG in India.

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		<p align="center">DELHI JAL BOARD: GOVT. OF NCT OF DELHI OFFICE OF THE ADDITIONAL CHIEF ENGINEER(M)-7 THROUGH EXECUTIVE ENGINEER (TENDERING)M-7 H-BLOCK UDYOG NAGAR INDL. AREA PEERA GARHI CHOWK DELHI-110041 <u>NIT No.82/EE(T)ACE(M)-7/2022-23/</u></p>					
<p align="center"><u>Press Notice Tender</u></p>							
S. No.	Name of Work	Amount Put to tender (Rs.)	EMD	Tender Fee's	Dt. of release of tender procurement solution/LD. No.	Last dt./time of receipt of tender through E-procurement solution	
1.	Desilting of 500/450/400/350/300/225mm dia deep peripheral sewer line by Super Sucker Machine and branches by bucket system in Nihal Vihar ward no. 47, Nangli Jat AC-11 under AEE (M)-11.	31.40,827/-	62,900/-	500/-	27/12/2022/ 2022_DJB_233827_1	07-01-2023 at 3.00 P.M.	
ISSUED BY P.R.O. (WATER) Advt. No. J.S.V. 432 (2022-23)					Sd/- (SATISH KUMAR GUPTA) EXECUTIVE ENGINEER(T)		
<p align="center">"STOP CORONA: WEAR MASK , FOLLOW PHYSICAL DISTANCING, MAINTAIN HAND HYGIENE"</p>							

Classifieds

PERSONAL

I Puja Sharma W/o Pitambar Sharma R/o K-506, Agrasen C.G.H.S. Limited, Plot No.66, I,P.Extension, Patparganj, Delhi-110092 have changed my name to Pooja Sharma for all future purposes.

I Priyanka D/o Sh. Rampal Kalra R/o A-56-57, Resettlement Colony, Khyala, Tilak Nagar, West Delhi, Delhi-110018 have changed my name to Priyanka Kalra for all purposes.

I Neitish Singh S/o Naval Kishor Singh R/o 105 E9, Second Floor, Gali No-3, Om Vihar Extn, Uttam Nagar, Delhi-110059, have changed my name to Neitish Kumar Singh for all purposes

I Hafiz Najumuddin S/o Amiruddin R/o 4545, Gali Shish Mehali, Shah Tara, Ajmeri Gate, Delhi-110006 have changed my name to Hafiz Najmuddin for all purposes.

I Nasima Begum w/o Mursaleen R/o H No.-A-123,Gali No-22,Shri Ram colony, Rajiv Nagar, Delhi-110094, have Changed my name to SAJIDA,permanently.

I,VIKASH KUMAR,father of,AADISHREE Presently,residing at,H.No.109/9,P.O.Kherajutt,Dist t,Haridwar, Uttarakhand-247670,have changed my minor daughter's name,from AADISHREE to AADISHREE SINGH,vide-Affidavit Date-28-12-2022

I,Urvi Gogia, W/o Shri Mitin Gogia, R/o C - 57/9,Top-Floor, Sector-5, Rohini, Delhi-110085, I have changed my name from Jyoti Malhotra to Urvi Gogia,for future all purposes.

I,UDAY KUMAR VISHWAS S/O-LALIT MOHAN BISWAS,R/o E-1/202A, EWS, Madhuban Bapudham,Govind-Puram, Ghaziabad(UP)have changed my name to UDAY KUMAR BISWAS.

I,Swarnamukl Ramesh W/o-Bhuvnesh Laxman R/o BG-3/49D, Paschim Vihar, New Delhi-110063 have changed my name to Swarnamuki Bhuvnesh for all purposes.

I,Sonu S/o Babu Lal R/o B1/9 Phase-4 Aya Nagar New Delhi-110047 have changed my name to Sonu Kumar.

I,Sharif Ahmad Ansari S/o-Ramjani,R/o H No.C-444,Gali No-14, Shri Ram colony, Rajiv-Nagar, Delhi-110094, have Changed my name to SHARIF AHMED. permanently.

I,Satish Kumar Aggarwal, S/o-Late Phelrad Rai Aggarwal, R/o-131A,First Floor,Arjun Nagar, New Delhi-110029, Inform SATISH KUMAR and SATISH KUMAR AGGARWAL,both names are same person.

I,Sajid Ahmad S/o Rafiq Ahamad,R/o H.No.A-1261,Gali.No-23, A-Block, Shri Ram colony, Rajiv Nagar, Delhi-110094, have Changed my name to SAJID, permanently.

I,SUSHIL KUMAR ARORA,S/O RAM CHAND R/O KHN0.23/3,RAMESH TYAGI COLONY,JHARODA MAZRA BURARI,DELHI-110084.HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO SUSHIL ARORA.

I,SUSHIL CHHABRA,S/O RAJESH KUMAR R/O.98,WARD.NO.15, OPP.CIVIL HOSPITAL,MOTI COLONY,PALWAL, HARYANA-121102,have changed my name to SUSHIL KUMAR.

I,SHEETAL ARORA,W/O.ANIL KUMAR ADD-B-1/241,YAMUNA VIHAR NORTH EAST DELHI-110053,changed my name to SHEETAL,for all future Purposes.

I,SHAH JAD AHMED,S/O SARDAR AHMED.R/O 84 FATEHPUR BHADO SAHARANPUR (up)247662,HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO SHAH ZAD AHMED.

I,SAESTA PARVEN W/O SHAHZAD AHMED,R/O 84 FATEHPUR BHADO SAHARANPUR (up)247662,HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO-SHAISTA

I,Rohan S/O Mahipal, R/O 904 First Floor DDA Janta Flats GTB Enclave Delhi -110093, Have changed my name to Rohan Rana permanently.

I,Rebti Devi M/o, No.1481442A,Rank HAV Late Vinod Kumar R/o,73 Fancy Silk Mill, QTRS.KHYBER Pass, Civil Line, Delhi-54, have changed, my to Rewa Joshi vide affidavit dt.28.12.22, before, Delhi.

I,RASHMI,W/O ANSHU AGGARWAL,R/O HOUSE.NO.12, GROUND-FLOOR,ROAD NO 45A, PUNJABI-BAGH WEST,WEST DELHI,DELHI-110026,changed my name to RASHMI AGGARWAL.

I, Sukhwinder Singh Gill R/o H No 128, Pratih Chowk, Mandir Marg, Delhi Cantt-110010 have changed my minor daughter's name from Gurleen Kaur to Gurleen Kaur Gill for all purposes.

I, Shivangi Goel, W/O Akshash Gupta, R/O Flat.No.25, Neelegiri Apartment, Sector-9, Rohini, Delhi-110085, have Changed my name to Shivangi Gupta.

I, Sahil, S/o Bansil Lal, R/o 3651, Part-3, Sector-15, Sonipat-131001, have changed my name to Sahil Dua.

I, SUBORNA RANI VISHWAS W/O LALIT MOHAN BISWAS R/O E-1/202A, EWS, Madhuban Bapudham, Govind Puram, Ghaziabad (UP) have changed my name to SUBORNA BISWAS.

I, SANTOSH DEWAN, W/o Prabhu Dayal Dewan, R/o S-23, Sec-12, Noida, G.B. Nagar, Up-201301, declare that Santosh & Santosh Dewan both are the name of same person in future I will be known as Santosh Dewan for all purposes.

I, Raju S/o Dayal Chand R/o 186, Bhatt Camp, Mohan Cooperative Area, Badarpur, Delhi-110044 have changed my name to Raju Chand

I, Natasha, D/o Prabhu Nath Shrivastava, R/o C-52/53, 1st Floor, Unit-1, Rama Park, Uttam Nagar, West Delhi-110059, have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Natasha Shrivastava.

I, Puneet S/o Lal Chand, R/o 408, Sector-12, Sonipat, Haryana-131001, I have changed the name of my minor daughter Thiya Mutreja aged about 2 Years and She shall hereafter be known as Aaina Mutreja.

I, Kirti Aggarwal, S/o Ram Saran Aggarwal R/o Ug-05 Satvik Apartment KH.No-505/1, Shakti Enclave, Burari, Delhi-110084, Have Changed My Name To Kirti Kumar Aggarwal.

I,Hitherto Known As Kriti Saini, W/o Dev Priiye, Residing At, H.No.435/1-A (1016), Gali.No.3, Jharkhandi-Road, Bhola Nath-Nagar, Shahdara, Delhi-110032, Have Changed My Name And Shall Hereafter Be Known As Kriti Deepriye.

I, Himanshu S/o-Ashok Kumar R/o H.No.-1372,3rd Floor, Rani Bagh, Delhi-34, have changed my name from Himanshu to Himanshu Shrivastava.

I,DEEPAK KUMAR NARANG,S/O YOG RAI NARANG,residing at,D-2 2ND FLOOR,VIKAS PURI,DELHI-110018,have changed my name to DEEPAK NARANG,for all future purpose.

I Lok Nath S/o Ram Lal R/o Sarkandi, Sarkandi, Fatehpur, Uttar Pradesh-212658, have changed my name to Nitin Kashyap

I,Chandrakala W/O Ashok Kumar Sharma R/O H.No.810, Sector-3,R.K. Puram, Delhi-110022 Have changed my Name to Chandrakala Sharma.

I,Arti sharma w/o Tinku sharma r/o, G-22/160,161, sector-7,Rohini delhi-110085,have changed my name to Arti kumari sharma,for all purposes.

I,Ajay S/o Ghan Shyam,R/o D-1/11, Rohini Sector-20, Delhi-110086, have changed my name to Ajay Bansiwai.

I,ARUN KUMAR,S/O SHRI AMAR SINGH,R/O D-181, SECTOR-49, NOIDA, GAUTAM BUDDH NAGAR, GHAZIABAD, UP-201301.inform that ARUN (GIVEN-NAME) AND KUMAR (SURNAME),FOR ALL PURPOSES.

I, Jayveer Rana S/o late. Fulam Singh R/o A-125, A Block, Bharat Vihar Raja Puri, Uttam Nagar West Delhi-110059, declare that my father's name has been written as Pulam Singh in my passport. My father's actual name is Fulam Singh, which may be amended for all future purposes.

I, Jairam, S/o Jamil, R/o H.No-49 G/F, Street No-01, Near Panchayat Ghat, Village Sherpur, Karawal Nagar, North East Delhi-110094, that name of my father has been wrongly written as Jameer in my 10th and 12th Class Certificate cum Marksheet. The actual name of my father is Jamil.

I, Zahida W/o Mohd Saleem R/o 6456 Gali Ishwari Prasad Bara Hindu Rao, Delhi-110006, have changed my name to Zahida Begum, for all purposes.

I, V D Bishambhu S/o Sant Singh R/o 100, Block-J, Kirti- Nagar, New Delhi-110015, have changed my name to Vas Dev Bishambhu.

I, Sweta Sinha D/o Prabhath Kumar Sinha R/O Flat No-304, 3rd floor, Block-E, Indian Oil Apartment, Plot No-C-58/23, Sector-62, Noida, U.P.-201301, have changed my name to Sweta Srivastava for all future purposes.

I, Sushil, S/o Ishwar Dubey, R/o B-5/259, Raghunathpuri Akbarpur, Behrampur, Vijay Nagar, Ghaziabad, I have changed my name to Sushil Kumar for all future purposes.

I, Sumit S/o Jay Dalai R/o 8B, Sikka Colony, Sonipat, Haryana-131001 have changed my name to Sumit Arora

I, Imran Ali S/o Ramzan Ali R/o F-109, 2nd Floor, Abul Fazel Enclave Part-2, Shaheen Bagh, Jamia Nagar Okhla South Delhi-110025, declare that my name has been written as Ali Mohammad Imran in my wife passport. My actual name is Imran Ali, which may be amended for all future purposes.

I, Parveen Kumar S/o jaipal R/o vpo kisanrti rohtak 124501 have changed my name to Parveen for all puposes.

I, Gaurav Kishore S/o Brij Kishore Prasad R/o Village-Lakhawar, Post Office-Lakhawar, P.S.-Ghoshi, Distt-Jhahanabad, Bihar-804434, that name of mine and my father has been wrongly written as Gaurav Kishore and Brij Kishore Parasad respectively in my 10th Class Certificate Cum Marksheet and my father name as Brij Kishore Parsad in my 12th Class Certificate Cum Marksheet and Bachelor of Technology Marksheet. The actual name of mine and my father is Gaurav Kishore and Brij Kishore Prasad respectively.

I Sagar Gole S/o AmrIt Gole R/o Ward No-32, Balpurua, Behind Dadibai (HP) Petrol Pump, Sisodiya Bhawan, Sohagpur, Shahdol, Madhya Pradesh-484001, have changed my name to Sagar Sisodiya

I, Benson Santosh Pillai, S/O, Anthony Pillai, R/O,100-D,MIG-Flat,Pocket-A, Dilshad-Garden, New Delhi-65, have lost original-society certificate, allotment-letter and possession-letter of Flat.No.C-301,Munirka CGHS,plot.no.11,sector-9, Dwarka, New Delhi-110077.

I,Yashpal Singh,S/o-Late Chatter Singh,R/O-H.No.2357 T-4A,Shivaji Mkt,Narela, Delhi-40, have lost original registered sale deed, dt-28.11.1970 and a will, dt-04.06.2010, belonging to my mother, Late Smt. Naraini Devi, of this address, Khasra No.217,(New) Delhi-40, Finder Contact-8750574786

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I,Pooja W/o Jayveer Singh R/OA-125, A Block, Bharat Vihar Raja Puri, Uttam Nagar West Delhi-110059, declare that my name has been written as Puja Devi in my Husband passport. My actual name is Pooja, which may amended for all future purposes.

I, Pinky W/o Vipin Kumar R/O-8/11, Block-B, Single-Storey, Ramesh Nagar, New Delhi-110015, have changed my name to Jatinder Kaur.

I, Kishan Chand Kapoor, S/o Hira Lal, R/o Bahadur Kheda, Tikara, Unnao, Uttar Pradesh-209801, have changed my name to Khargu.

I, KRISHMA W/O Sanjeev Harjai, R/O C-29, Upper Ground Floor, Vikas Puri, Delhi-110018, Changed name after-marriage is KRISHMA HARJAI.

Public Notice
My clients Sh. Kamal Kishore S/o Late Sh. Siri Chand has lost the original Agreement to Sell dated 20/06/1997 executed by Sh. P. D. Nanda S/o Sh. T. C. Nanda and Sh. Arun Kumar Dwar S/o Late Sh. M. R. Dwar and original Agreement to Sell dated 28/12/2002 executed by Sh. P. D. Nanda S/o Sh. T. C. Nanda in favour of Sh. Arun Kumar Dwar S/o Late Sh. M. R. Dwar in Respect of Bldg built up MIG Flat bearing no. 51 on First & Second Floor, Cat & BPS, situated at Sheikh Sarai, Phase-I, New Delhi. The Information Report SO No-438/24/2022 dated 28/12/2022, regarding the same has already been lodged. Any person in possession of the above said lost document or using the same in any manner will do at his/her own risk and shall be liable for legal action. My client shall not be responsible for the unauthorised and illegal use of said documents in any manner at any point of time. If any person/corporation/bank etc. has any claim to word, above said relevant property, the same should be lodged to me and also to the branch of State Bank of India (RACPI), Kardardoma, Delhi (where the said property will be mortgaged) within one week from the date of this publication, post expiration of which, any claim, right, title, interest or objection, if rectified of received shall be treated as null and void and will be treated as waived.

Public Notice
Know to all men that my clients Kuldeep Dogra and his wife Sunita R/o B/42, Jitar Nagar, Parwana Road, Delhi-110051 have henceforth severed all their relationships with their daughter namely Shrishti Dogra and debarred/disowned her from their entire movable-immovable properties due to her irresponsible and disobedience behaviour. If anybody deals her in future, will be entirely at own responsibilities.

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PUBLIC NOTICE
This general public is here by informed that my customer Mr. Dinesh Kumar Jain, is claiming to be the owner of property bearing Plot No. 06 (Half) and No. X/380, out of Khasra No. 71, situated in the aboad of Ganga Nagar Mohalla Ram Nagar, Village Seelampur, Illaqa Shahdara, Delhi by virtue of inheritance and Regd. Relinquishment Deed duly regd. as Doc. No. 4644 on dated 18.05.2022. Any person who is claiming to have any rights, title, claim or interest in the encumbrance, Charge of any nature/Whatsoever in respect of the above property or on its parts, he/she, they shall intimate the objection in writing to the undersigned with supporting documents within 7 days from date of publication of this notice or else any such claims by anyone shall be deemed to have waived and/or abandoned and no claim shall thereafter be entertained.

PUBLIC NOTICE
General Public is hereby inform that my client Mangat Ram S/o Rama Ram R/o D-560, J J Colony, Indrapur, Central Delhi, Delhi-60012, debarred and disown his Grandson Rishabh Dhiman S/o Rajesh Dhiman R/o D-560, Budh Nagar, Indrapuri, Central Delhi, Delhi-110012, have served all relations with him due to his mis-conduct with all his movable and immovable properties, anybody dealing with Rishabh Dhiman in respect to my client is doing that in his/her own risk and responsibilities and my client will not be responsible for any act, deed or dealing done by Rishabh Dhiman. Anusha Sethi (Advocate) Add: 9/98, Subhash Nagar, New Delhi-27.

PUBLIC NOTICE
Notice is hereby given on behalf of my client SH. MANJEET GOONA son of Sh. Gian Singh, resident of BC-63, West Shalimar Bagh, New Delhi, who is negotiating with M/S BRJ LAL MAHNIDERA KUMAR regd. office at C-8, Jangam Puri, Delhi-110033, that he has purchased the Shop No. 4, C2A Block, Pocket-16, DDA Market, Janakpuri, New Delhi-110058. The Original Demand Cum Allotment Letter, Possession Letter, Site Possession of above said property/Shop has been lost/ misplaced on 08.08.2019. An F.I.R. to this effect has been lodged in the Police Station Crime Branch Delhi Vide FIR LR No.: 400800/2020. Any person(s) claiming any right, interest, having any objection or found in possession of original documents, may write or contact with above address/Phone No. 9871174316, 9711134847 within 15 days from the date of publication of this notice. The person(s) claiming any right, interest, object within respect to this property, can personally inform or write to Deputy Director (Commercial Estate) DDA Vikas Sadan, New Delhi-110023. Praveen Rastogi (Advocate)

PUBLIC NOTICE
Notice is hereby given to public at large that my client Kotak Mahindra Bank Ltd. 14 KG Marg, Ambadeap Building, 2nd Floor, CP New Delhi 110001 that Original Sale Deed dated 19.08.2021 executed by M/s Zaky Enterprises Pvt. Ltd. in favour of Mr. Vishesh Gangal & Sh. Dishi Gupta vide No. 4411, Book No.1, SRO- Badshapur, Regd. on 19.08.2021 in respect of residential property bearing No. E2, 500-1-007, measuring 418.03 sq.mtrs., Block I, Emerald Hills, Village Nanaji Umarpur, Badshapur, Madhavas, Badshapur, Gurugram, Haryana was lost while processing the mortgage formalities for our client. F.I.R. has been lodged for the same vide LR No. 1128518/2022 on 28.12.2022. SO No. 430/2014 Delhi Police. If any person(s) finds the above stated original sale deed, may please return the same at the above mentioned address of the Bank or at the address mentioned below. Misuse of the said document by any person(s)/institution shall be personally liable.

PUBLIC NOTICE
My client Gurmeet Singh have applied for ownership rights of shop No. 13, MCD MARKET, Sector 5 RK Puram ND 110022. In case the original allottee Mr. Kishan Lal or Mr. Basant Kumar, or any of their legal heirs claiming interest in the above said property, may file their objections to the Dy. Commissioner, Land & Estate Department, Minro Road, Delhi-110002 within 21 days. Thereafter, any claim treat null and void.

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Government of Maharashtra Food, Civil Supplies & Consumer Protection Department, Madam Cama Road, Hutatma Rajguru Chowk, Mantralaya, Mumbai-400 032.

Notice for Tender Supply of Fortified Rice Kernal (FRKs) with three (3) micro-nutrients (Iron, Folic Acid & Vitamin B 12) in Maharashtra for Fortification of CMR

FOOD, Civil Supplies & Consumer Protection Department, Government of Maharashtra, invites proposals from reputed and experienced suppliers to participate in the competitive bidding process to Supply of Fortified Rice Kernal (FRKs) with three (3) micro-butrients (Iron, Folic Acid & Vitamin B 12) in Maharashtra for fortification of CMR.

For the detailed Tender document, interested bidders should visit <https://mahatenders.gov.in>

Tender submission would be online and the deadline to submit the proposals is **19.01.2023, till 04.00 P.M.**

Sd/- Deputy Secretary Food, Civil Supplies and Consumer Protection Department, Government of Maharashtra

Office of Superintending Engineer, 2nd Circle, Public Works Department, Nainital, Uttarakhand

Ref No. : 4967/41-M-2/2021 e-tender notice

The sealed quotation are invited through E-Tendering by the undersigned on behalf the Governor of Uttarakhand for the underwritten work on **16-01-2023 till 3.00 P.M.**The Quotation will be opened on dated **16-01-2023 at 3:30 P.M.** in front of representative of the firm. Detailed RFP Quotation will be available at [https:// www.uktenders.gov.in](https://www.uktenders.gov.in) from 02-01-2023

S. N.
Name of Work
1. Detailed Project Report for Sustainable Protective Measures at Nihal Nala adjoining to Golf course of Rajbhawan in Nainital in the state of Uttarakhand, India.

Earnest Money (In Lacs)
2.50
Cost of Tender form
Rs. 4000.00 + 18% GST
Validity (In Days)
45 Days
Completion time
2 Months
Consultants Category
Slope stabilization/ Landslide Protection work Experience

Note –
1. Registered Firm should be at least minimum 10 years experience .
2. The competent authority will have the right to accept/ reject the quotation at any time.

-Sd Superintending Engineer. 2nd Circle, PWD, Nainital

कार्यालय अधीक्षण अभियंता, राज. राज्य कृषि विपणन बोर्ड, नूत अजमेर
Email Id :- rajesh.rajan@rajasthan.gov.in, Ph. No. :- "0145-2440239"
निविदा सूचना संख्या 06/2022-23 (NIB No. AGM2223A0196)
जिला अजमेर में जनजातीय क्षेत्रीय विकास विभाग का बालिका छात्रावास निर्माण कार्य एवं ऊ. म. स. विजयनगर में किसान पथ निर्माण कार्य लागत राशि क्रमशः रु. 256.84, एवं 112.01 लाख की ऑन-लाईन बिड्स ई-प्रोक्वरेमेंट (www.eproc.rajasthan.gov.in) के माध्यम से उपयुक्त श्रेणी में प्रीक्वलिफाइड के संवेदको से दिनांक 13.01.2023 एवं 23.01.2023 तक आमंत्रित की जाती है। निविदा से संबंधित विवरण निम्न वेबसाइट <http://agriculture.rajasthan.gov.in/rsamb> एवं sppp.raj.nic.in (UBN No. AGM2223WS/OB00988 to 989) पर भी दिनांक 03.01.2023 से देखा जा सकता है।
राज. संवर्ग/री/22/12466
अधीक्षण अभियंता

THE RAJASTHAN STATE CO-OPERATIVE BANK LTD.
DC-1, Opposite Nehru Balodayan, Tonk Road, Jaipur-302015

Tender Notice No. RSCB/Purchase/22-23/13
Sealed tenders are invited from eligible bidders for following:
1. Bid No. **RSCB/CIP/22-23/02**- Request for Proposal for Selection of insurer for Comprehensive Cyber risk insurance policy for the Rajasthan State Cooperative Bank Ltd & 29DCCBs
2. Bid No. **RSCB/AA/22-23/01**- Request for Proposal for selection of Technology Service Provider (TSP) for Supply, Implementation, Customization, Integration and Maintenance of Account Aggregator Solution on cloud option
Schedule for tenders

S.No.	Events Particulars	Date & time for tender 1	Date & time for tender 2
1.	Start date and time of download of e-bid	29.12.2022, 10:00 AM	29.12.2022, 10:00 AM
2.	Pre Bid Meeting	04.01.2023, 2:30 PM	11.01.2023, 2:30 PM
3.	Last Date And time of download of e-bid	07.01.2023, 3:00 PM	18.01.2023, 3:00 PM
4.	Last Date of submission of e-bid with Bid security	07.01.2023, 3:00 PM	18.01.2023, 3:00 PM
5.	Opening of Technical bid/e-bid	07.01.2023, 3:30 PM	18.01.2023, 3:30 PM
6.	Websites where tender is available	https://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in https://rsqb.org.in https://sppp.raj.nic.in	https://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in https://rsqb.org.in https://sppp.raj.nic.in

Managing Director

NORTHERN RAILWAY
Corrigendum CANCELLATION OF NIT

Name of work with its location	Provision of Telecom Facility in c/w Replacement/ Augmentation of existing Centralized Air Conditioning Plant with other allied works at Rail Bhawan, New Delhi.
App. Cost of the work (₹)	₹ 31,62,335.16/- only
Earnest Money Deposit (₹)	₹ 63,300/- only.
Address of the office	Senior Divisional Signal & Telecom Engineer-C, Northern Railway, 3 rd Floor, Annexe-1, DRM Office, New Delhi-110 055.
Date & Time for upload the tender / closing of tender	Tender uploading / closing date & time- 11.01.2023 up to 15.00 hrs.
Website particular & notice board location where complete details of the tender can be seen etc.	See the Northern Railway website www.ireps.gov.in & Notice board at S&T branch, 3 rd Floor, DRM office, State Entry Road, New Delhi- 110 055.
Corrigendum	NIT cancelled due to technical reason.

75 Tender No. 558-Sig-16-Telo-OT-963
Dated : 28.12.2022 3464/2022
Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav **G20**
SERVING CUSTOMERS WITH A SMILE

NORTHERN RAILWAY
Corrigendum CANCELLATION OF NIT

Name of work with its location	Provision of Coach Guidance System PWL, DSA, & MOZ Railway Station.
App. Cost of the work (₹)	₹ 1,39,22,374.64/- only
Earnest Money Deposit (₹)	₹ 2,19,600/- only.
Address of the office	Senior Divisional Signal & Telecom Engineer-C, Northern Railway, 3 rd Floor, Annexe-1, DRM Office, New Delhi- 110 055.
Date & Time for upload the tender / closing of tender	Tender uploading / closing date & time- 04.01.2023 up to 15.00 hrs.
Website particular & notice board location where complete details of the tender can be seen etc.	See the Northern Railway website www.ireps.gov.in &

DAY 2 ROUND-UP

Manish Pandey slams 208 in 186 balls

MANISH Pandey slammed 14 fours and 11 sixes for an unbeaten double century (208 in 186 balls) in his 100th first-class match as Karnataka declared their first innings score for a mammoth 603/7 against Goa. Arjun Tendulkar picked two wickets for Goa. **Brief Scores:** Karnataka 603/7 declared (Manish Pandey 208 not out, Ravikumar Samarth 140; Darshan Misal 3/145, Arjun Tendulkar 2/79); Goa 45/1

Rajasthan thump Puducherry

MANAV Suthar completed a match haul of 11 wickets to compliment his unbeaten 96 as Rajasthan romped to a 101-run win over Puducherry. **Brief Scores:** Rajasthan 335; Puducherry: 104 all out (Manav Suthar 8/33, Ravi Bishnoi 2/33) and following on 130; 40.1 overs (Arun Karthik 38; Mahipal Lomror 4/38, Suthar 3/29)

Rohan Prem, Sachin Baby hit fifties

KERALA were in complete control against Chhattisgarh at the end of Day Two of their Ranji Trophy game at St Xavier's College Ground in Thumba. Thanks to half-centuries by Rohan Prem and Sachin Baby, who both scored 77 each, and Sanju Samson's 46, they put up 311 on the board, taking a first-innings lead of 162 runs. **Brief Scores:** Chhattisgarh 149&10/2 trail Kerala 311 (Rohan Prem 77, Sachin Baby 77, Sanju Samson 46; Sumit Ruikar 3/37) by 162 runs

Ton-up Easwaran propels Bengal

ABHIMANYU Easwaran (170) and Sudip Kumar Gharami (104) scored centuries to put Bengal in a commanding position against Nagaland at stumps on Day 2. After bowling out Nagaland for just 166 in their first innings, Bengal put up a dominating show with the bat reaching 336/4 with a vital 170-run first-innings lead at the end of the day's play. **Brief Scores:** Nagaland: 166 (Chetan Bist 64; Pradipta Pramanik 6/43) vs Bengal: 336 for 4 in 82 overs (Abhimanyu Easwaran 170, Sudip Gharami 104) —ENS

RANJI TROPHY

‘Closed my eyes and thought, is this a dream?’

Suryakumar reckons vice captaincy is reward for last year’s performance

DEVENDRA PANDEY
MUMBAI, DECEMBER 28

ON A turner, Mumbai's Suryakumar Yadav continued to do what he does: make an aggressive 95 in the first innings, but Saurashtra would be the happier team at end of day 2, having taken a 59-run first-innings lead, and stretching the overall lead to 179, with four wickets intact in their second innings.

It will be Yadav again who will be Mumbai's main hope in the second-innings chase on Thursday. Mumbai were shot out for 230 before they had Saurashtra on the mat at 77 for 6 in the second innings before Saurashtra wriggled free to leave the game tantalisingly poised.

On Wednesday, Saurashtra had a man at deep square-leg to nullify Yadav's sweeps but he kept unreeling them, sweeping wider of the men placed. Saurashtra knew his wicket might mean the difference between conceding and gaining the lead, and they kept the man there at the deep, hoping for an aerial shot. It came just two balls before lunch as Yadav went for another sweep but this time found Dharmendrasinh Jadeja at the deep. Jadeja would later play a crucial hand with the bat in the second innings to leave the game tantalisingly poised.

As long as Yadav was in, the heavyweights Mumbai looked on course for the lead but with his exit Saurashtra came roaring back. Yadav's 95 was followed by the Mumbai run machine Sarfaraz Khan's 75 but Saurashtra kept plugging on to restrict Mumbai to 230.

On Tuesday night, Yadav was named as India's vice-captain for the T20 series against Sri Lanka.

"I wasn't expecting but the way last year had gone, I can only say that it's like a reward to me. It feels great and I am really looking forward to it," Yadav said on the sidelines of Mumbai's Ranji game against Saurashtra.

"My father forwarded me the team, he is always on social media and keeps forwarding me things. I spoke to him once I saw the message. In that text, he had a small message for me: not to take pressure and enjoy batting."

His first reaction, he says, was to wonder if it was all a dream.

"I closed my eyes and thought," Is this a dream?" but it felt really nice. It still feels like a dream but it's the hard work of the past so many years. It was like a seed planted years ago and now the tree has grown up. Now I'm eating the fruits of it. I will try to stretch it as long as I can," he said.



Despite Suryakumar Yadav's 95, Mumbai failed to take first innings lead.

Yadav will be assisting Hardik Pandya, his former team-mate in Mumbai Indians and for India.

"The bond with him (Hardik) has always been good. Be it for Mumbai Indians or India. We bat in the same order, we compliment each other. He has been a fantastic leader and everyone has seen it in IPL and India and I really enjoy playing under his captaincy."

India will play three T20Is and three ODIs against Sri Lanka at home starting from January 3 in Mumbai.

Tough outing

It has been a tough day for batsmen as both the teams struggled to negotiate the turner. Resuming on 36/2, Yadav, who was batting on 18 overnight, continued playing his shots while Ajinkya Rahane, who was batting on 12 overnight, went on to score 24 runs. Mumbai looked to Yadav and Khan to bail them out but things began to turn once Yadav fell.

Khan added 47 runs with his younger brother Musheer for the fifth wicket to raise hopes but Musheer fell, trapped plumb in front as he failed to connect with a sweep shot. Mumbai lost the remaining five wickets

for the addition of just 30 runs.

Saurashtra too didn't make a great start in their second innings, losing the opener Harvik Desai in the first over. Five overs later, the pacer Tushar Deshpande completed his brace by removing the opener Jay Gohil. Mumbai's left-arm spinner Shams Mulani, who has played a key role in first innings, got Saurashtra's middle-order Chiraj Jani, Sheldon Jackson, Arpit Vasavada and Samarth Vyas in quick succession.

The visitors were in danger of total collapse when they were tottering at 77/6. However, Dharmendrasinh Jadeja and Prerak Mankad came to their rescue by adding an unbeaten 43 runs for seventh wicket. With the first-innings lead of 59, Saurashtra now have 179 runs on the board. With two days to go, they will look to add another 50 odd runs and hope they can press on for a win. Of course, they would have to again find a way to remove Suryakumar Yadav.

Brief Scores: Saurashtra 289 & 120/6 (Dharmendrasinh Jadeja 25 not out, P Mankad 24; Shams Mulani 4/50) vs Mumbai 230 all out (S Yadav 95, S Khan 75; D Jadeja 4/70, Y Dodiya 4/43).

Delhi's Rana bowls short to stub TN response

PRATYUSHRAJ
NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 28

FIRST-CLASS cricket is totally different to limited-overs cricket. It doesn't matter if you have a good technique, it is all about mental adjustments. On Wednesday, Tamil Nadu were cruising when Baba brothers – Aparajith (57) and Indrajith (71) were at the crease.

The duo put on 86 runs for the third wicket and it came at almost four runs per over. Just when they should have tightened their grip on the match, they were done in by short-pitch bowling of Harshit Rana (3/73). The modes of dismissal were quite similar. Both were driven to indecision. Whether to play it or leave it they ended up miscuing the pull shot and were caught at short mid-wicket.

Tamil Nadu skipper Baba Indrajith, who has been a prolific scorer for his team in the last few seasons accepted he was annoyed with his mode of dismissal and three wickets in the last session opened up the game.

"It was very frustrating. To get out early is okay, it makes sense but after when you are set and the team needed you and today possibly was the best chance to score a hundred too," rued Indrajith. Harshit Rana, playing only his second first-class game was leading Delhi's attack and he was wayward in his first spell, giving away 40 runs in eight overs. Post the tea session, he came back strongly and tirelessly bowled the bouncers with a set field.

The wickets of the Baba brothers were a perfect execution of the plan but the way he troubled Washington Sundar with his bouncers was exceptional. Rana continued to dig it in and Sundar looked all over the place. Rana finally had the last laugh and strangled Sundar down on the leg side, as Anju Rawat took a brilliant diving catch to pull Delhi back in the game.

"The plan was to take wickets. They were taking the game away from us. I was ready to concede few boundaries, I wanted them to play shots and was going to wait for their mistakes," said the 21-year-old after the day's play. "Even in the last match, our play was to bowl short pitch in the last session with the old ball. I just tried to bowl as per my field and I got rewarded," said Harshit.

Tamil Nadu were 214 for 5 at stumps on Day 2. The morning session also belonged to the hosts with Pranshu Vijayaram (58) scoring his maiden first-class fifty and steering Delhi's total to 303 runs in the first innings. Pranshu's rearguard knock was studded with five fours and three sixes.

The Delhi-allrounder attacked Tamil Nadu spinners Sai Kishore and Washington Sundar. The 57-run stand between Pranshu and Harshit, who also used his long handle efficiently gave Delhi the much-needed



Medium-pacer Harshit Rana in action at Arun Jaitley Stadium.

The Tamil Nadu batters must be rueing the fact that they threw away their starts on a day, which was perfect for batting.

momentum. "Yes, we gave 40 runs too many. In the morning, I was forced to bowl with spinners as we were running short on over rate. We tried to push two and three quick overs from both ends. It was not the right thing to do, we should have kept a seamer from one end," said Indrajith.

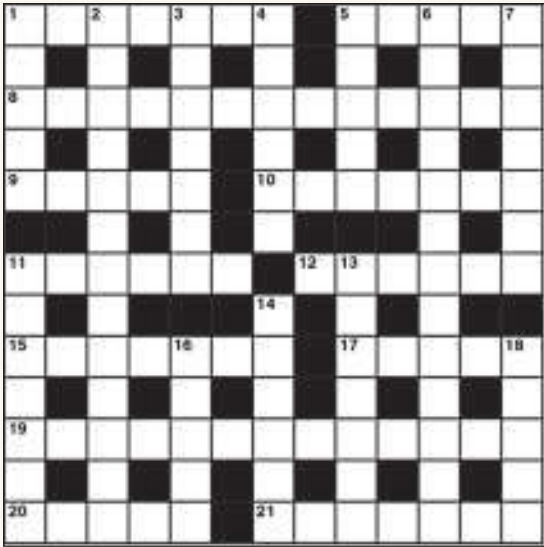
Tamil Nadu were off to a rollicking start with in-form Sai Sudharsan (25) hitting six boundaries in no time before left-arm seamer Kuldeep Yadav (1/50) got one to move away, getting a nick. Pranshu then got the dangerous N Jagadeesan (34) caught behind.

The Tamil Nadu batters must be rueing the fact that they threw away their starts on a day, which was perfect for batting. The game is evenly-poised and the Tamil Nadu skipper said "it can go either way." "At this point, I am not even thinking about outright win and want to ensure first innings lead first," Indrajith said.

Tamil Nadu are still trailing by 89 runs. Vijay Shankar (17 not out) and Pradosh Ranjan Paul (3 not out) are at the crease.

Brief Scores: Delhi 303 all out (Dhruv Shorey 66, Jonty Sidhu 57, Pranshu Vijayaram 58, L Vignesh 4/50) vs Tamil Nadu 214/5 (Baba Indrajith 71, Baba Aparajith 57, Harshit Rana 3/73)

CROSSWORD 4937



- ACROSS**
- Man seen in the car is a body (7)
 - Like the bathroom I'd let out? (5)
 - Naomi clueless? Just mixed up perhaps (13)
 - I go round an Italian city (5)
 - Might be nicer in the southeast to be honest (7)
 - Hamlet has to be rewritten for her (6)
 - A young producer (6)
 - Era when men began forging ahead (4,3)
 - He's unable to serve any longer (5)
 - Two new union members (5,3,5)
 - Build straight up (5)
 - Secure in bed yet unable to move? (7)
- DOWN**
- Arrive at airport terminal in old plane (5)
 - Very good workers do - and very bad ones (7,6)
 - Asian land volcano put out energy (7)
 - Enjoy good taste (6)
 - A number holding no end of wood (5)
 - It may be extensively used for notes by students (5-4,4)
 - A final course upbraided (7)
 - Metal cover protects the sewer (7)
 - Fast scoring rate (7)
 - A point for a writer (3,3)
 - A factor in espionage (5)
 - Frosted look seen when I'm in debt? (5)

Solutions Crossword 4936: Across: 1 Wench, 8 Mentally, 9 Paste, 10 Turn tail, 11 Withy, 12 Wed, 16 Dearth, 17 Occult, 18 Yah, 23 Lobby, 24 Overshoe, 25 Jason, 26 Answered, 27 Terms. Down: 2 Examinee, 3 Cut short, 4 Refuse, 5 Stand, 6 Allay, 7 Cycle, 12 Why, 13 Doh, 14 Accolade, 15 Clubroom, 19 Avowed, 20 Foray, 21 Welsh, 22 Ashen.

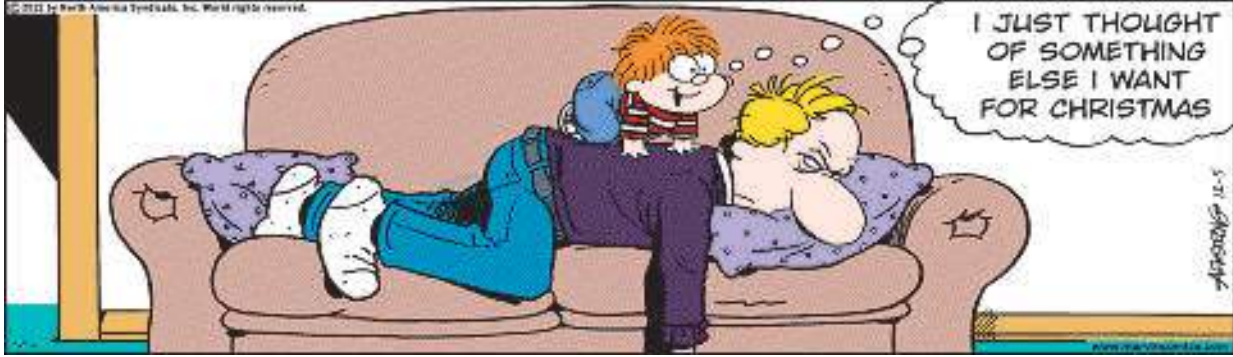
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JUMBLD WORDS

Given below are four jumbled words. Solve the jumbles to make proper words and move them to the respective squares below. Select the letters in the shaded squares and jumble them to get the answer for the given quip.

The main ingredient of ___ is the rest of the team. -John Wooden (7)

EFMAR



GOUUDT



APYOS



ADIWYM



SOLUTION: FRAMLE, DUCOURT, MIDWAY

SUDOKU 5063

Difficulty Level 2s
Instructions
To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every digit from 1 to 9 must appear in each of the nine vertical columns, in each of the nine horizontal rows and in each of the nine boxes.

Difficulty Level
1s = Very easy; 2s = Easy; 3s = Medium; 4s = Hard; 5s = Very Hard; 6s = Genius



SOLUTION SUDOKU 5062



DAY TODAY

BY PETER VIDAL

ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr 20)
There does seem to be a massive planetary contradiction, posing a serious problem concerning your true loyalties. However, as far as home and work are concerned, there is a middle way staring you in the face. It may take someone else to point it out to you, though.

TAURUS (Apr 21 - May 21)
There is some way to go before you can truly call yourself free of the past, indeed in many cases this may be an impossible goal. What does seem to be certain, though, is that memories of the present time will overlay thoughts of long ago to the extent that these may be effectively forgotten.

GEMINI (May 22 - June 21)
With so many irons in the fire it is hardly surprising that you are hard-pressed to know what to do next. If at all possible, you should attempt to discriminate between choices, meetings and trips which are vital and those which may be put off until tomorrow.

CANCER (June 22 - July 23)
There is no time for a backward glance. You are famous for your determination to hang on to the past, but now you must realise that there is no going back. All you can do is resolve to create a wonderful future. You can also decide to do your best by someone who has been so loyal to you.

LEO (July 24 - Aug 23)
There is now every chance that you will come through with flying colours. However, if you are to be derailed, it will be because you refuse to accept the need to initiate radical change and go for increased efficiency in all work and routine tasks.

VIRGO (Aug 24 - Sep 23)
Entertainments should be unusual, eccentric and odd, not to say completely outrageous. If you go for the same old thing, you'll never know what you missed, so you may disregard all rules, regulations and taboos. Perhaps it's time to set your own limits.

LIBRA (Sep 24 - Oct 23)
If a move of home has been mooted, or any similar domestic upheaval considered, today is the day to begin to make it a reality. Initiate any worthwhile steps as soon as you can. Also, watch out for gadgets that seem to be developing a mind of their own.

SCORPIO (Oct 24 - Nov 23)
Sometimes you just have to stick up for yourself, and you seem less ready than ever to compromise. Now, everyone who has any sense knows that you are right, but it still holds that if you fail to notice changing circumstances, all you have striven for will come unstuck.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov 24 - Dec 22)
Although some of the direct alignments with your sign are weak, the overwhelming nature of current planetary patterns is favourable, more so indeed than at any time since last month! As you can see, you're therefore now operating on a very significant monthly cycle.

CAPRICORN (Dec 23 - Jan 20)
The pressure towards some sort of separation is overwhelming, but is so general that it is impossible to be more specific about what sort of connection you're going to give up. It may be, for example, that all that is required is a clean break with the bad habits of the past.

AQUARIUS (Jan 21 - Feb 19)
It is rare that every single member of your sign is affected by a very major planetary transit at the same time, yet that is now the situation. While agreeing that the present moment is significant though, only you can decide whether you must put your plans into effect now or later.

PISCES (Feb 20 - Mar 20)
It's time to devote much more energy than in the past to your physical well-being. As from today, you should make it your goal to get yourself into the very peak of condition - within your natural limits - of course. There's no point in over-doing it just to impress people.

20 SPORT YEAR ENDER

2023
LOOKING AHEAD

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

Grandmaster Gukesh: New poster boy for Indian chess

With eight consecutive wins at the Chess Olympiad, the youngest person to beat world champion Magnus Carlsen is only getting started on the board, while still being a regular 16-year old at home

ANIL DIAS

DOMMARAJU GUKESH has already experienced quite a few highs and lows. He became India's youngest Grandmaster but missed becoming the world's youngest GM by just 17 days. He won gold at the Chess Olympiad this year and was on an 8/8 streak before throwing away a crucial game. And he's just 16.

Ever since becoming a GM in 2019, Gukesh has sent shockwaves around the world with his performances, including becoming the youngest person to beat five-time world champion Magnus Carlsen.

But he's just 16. While for the world he's a chess prodigy, at home, his mother says, he's allowed to really "act his age". That includes worrying his grandmother by tossing toys at her and making her scream, and just "being a naughty kid at home."

Cricket or chess?

Being an only child meant that Gukesh was given a lot of attention growing up but having a microbiologist mother and an ear, nose and throat (ENT) surgeon father also meant that his parents had quite a hectic schedule. They had to plan their schedule a week in advance to see who would be able to pick him up from school.

Not wanting to leave him alone, his parents decided that they would enroll him in some after-school extracurricular activities. Gukesh loved cricket and other outdoor sports, so the gentleman's game was a natural choice. "But my wife knew that Gukesh had a phenomenal memory and could grasp concepts very easily. And it was she who suggested that instead of an outdoor sport, we enroll him in chess," his father Rajnikanth tells *The Indian Express*.

For a kid who loves outdoor sports to play a game like chess could be a drastic change but Gukesh's mother says he never lacked discipline.

"Right from the first standard, we never had to tell him

to do his homework. It was quite a blessing for us too. We had no problem with his naughtiness because we knew he was very disciplined when it came to his school work," his mother Padma says.

The beginning

"Even without really teaching him, he was playing attacking chess. At home, he played with his cousins and we could see that he would not allow anything to distract him when he was playing," Padma says.

While Gukesh was winning matches and some small tournaments, he lacked proper mental conditioning. "He would get to the final stages of tournaments but would not be able to close it out," says his dad. So in 2017, his parents got a personal tutor for him – GM Vishnu Prasanna.

That had an immediate impact. Gukesh started notching up results that made heads turn. He had won the Under-9 section of the Asian School Chess Championships in 2015, but his big triumph was the 2018 World Youth Chess Championships in the Under-12 category.

After winning five gold medals at the 2018 Asian Youth Chess Championships, he completed the requirements for the title of International Master at the 34th Cappelle-la-Grande Open.

"He was not your typical 11-year-old. He would study tricks and tactics and wanted to finish games quickly by playing attacking chess. His positional chess



D Gukesh missed becoming the world's youngest GM by just 17 days. Since achieving that feat in 2019, though, he has sent shockwaves around the world.

sense was exceptional," Prasanna tells this paper.

Calm after the norm

But Gukesh began to slow

down as he started approaching a rating of 2700, which would make him a Grandmaster, the youngest-ever. His dad says it was a testing time for Gukesh.

"When you haven't become a Grandmaster, you have to play smaller events and compete against players ranked sometimes much lower than you. If

WHY 2023

COULD BE GUKESH'S YEAR

Eight wins in a row at the Chess Olympiad made Gukesh the new poster boy for Indian chess. After becoming the youngest Indian and then-second-youngest Grandmaster ever in 2019, Gukesh has been in exceptional form. Among him, R Praggnanandhaa, Nihal Sarin and Raunak Sadhwani, Gukesh has the most flexible game. He has great positional sense and can oscillate between attack and defence. He's not only unafraid of laying traps but also knows when to pull himself out of one.

was a huge learning for him," Rajnikanth says.

Gukesh eventually missed Sergey Karjakin's record by just 17 days, becoming the then-second-youngest Grandmaster in history on January 15, 2019, at the age of 12 years, 7 months, and 17 days.

Gukesh has now become more level-headed, feels Prasanna. "Earlier he would get flustered and angered after every loss. He's different now. He's able to recover well after a hard loss and doesn't get too excited about any win," Prasanna says.

That was quite evident when Gukesh said he could do much better after becoming the youngest player to beat Carlsen in a game at the Aimchess Rapid Tournament.

"Beating Magnus is always special, but I was not very proud of that game," he had said. Carlsen had the upper hand in a double-edged position, when an innocuous-looking move turned it in Gukesh's favour.

At the Olympiad in Chennai, he was adjudged the best player for his record-equalling streak of eight wins in eight games, but it was a loss that haunted him. He had combusted against Uzbekistan's Nodirbek Abdusattorov, just as India seemed on the brink of defeating the eventual champions. For much of the match, Gukesh was winning, before his opponent offered a draw. He refused and got beaten. Devastated, he shut himself in his room.

"Yeah we won a medal, I won a medal but the bronze would have been a gold, but for the mistake I made. I was very angry at myself, and that hurts me," Gukesh had said.

Prasanna says that was the lowest he's seen him. "Thankfully Vishy sir (Viswanathan Anand) was there and consoled him. He told him these are very small hurdles and it's part of chess. Those words really encouraged him," Prasanna says.

Meditation, comedy

For a 16-year-old to be travelling across the world and competing against players sometimes double his age is a huge ask but his dad says that routine works wonders for Gukesh.

"Would you believe that he spends an hour and a half in the gym every day?" asks his father, who had to completely give up his practice in 2017 to accompany Gukesh to tournaments.

"He does meditation and also watches comedy series. People think that chess players are serious. It's quite the opposite."

His dad didn't mind giving up his practice to focus on Gukesh's career despite financial constraints. "We had savings and took loans. We believed in him, and it's paying off," Rajnikanth says.

There's only one thing he wishes he could change. While Gukesh travels to picturesque destinations for events, all he and his dad see is the inside of the chess hall. "Imagine being in Paris and not going to see the Eiffel Tower. But that's how it is. The focus is entirely on chess," he says.

From just going from one tournament to the other, his dad would choose to decide his entire calendar now. From going for chess classes daily to choosing when he needs to be coached, Gukesh's five-year plan has outstretched his imagination.

Gukesh was in the top 100 in April. By August, he was in the top 20. Something says he's just getting started.

BRIEFLY

Sasikumar gets wild card

Pune: India No. 1 Mukund Sasikumar was handed a wild card entry for the fifth edition of the ATP Tata Open Maharashtra, scheduled at the Balewadi Stadium here from December 31 to January 7. The 25-year-old Chennai-born player will be the first wildcard entrant this year as the tough singles field consists of 17 top-100 players, including the former Grand Slam champion Marin Cilic and last year's runner-up Emil Ruusuvuori. In September, Mukund won the ITF Future event in Portugal — his first title in five years, and also finished runner-up at an ITF 15 event in Egypt earlier this month.

Mum Marathon ropes in Blake

Mumbai: Jamaican sprinter Yohan Blake was on Wednesday named as the international event ambassador for the 18th Tata Mumbai Marathon, to be held on January 15. Blake, the youngest 100m world champion ever, is the second fastest man of all time and famously finished behind countryman Usain Bolt in the 100m and 200m at the 2012 Olympics.

Cash prize for hockey team

New Delhi: Hockey India on Wednesday announced cash prizes for the Indian team and support staff ahead of next month's FIH men's World Cup in Bhubaneswar-Rourkela. India will begin their campaign against Spain from January 13

and HI decided to reward the team members with Rs 25 lakh each and the support staff with Rs 5 lakh each for a gold medal-winning feat at the prestigious quadrennial event. A silver medal would see the players walk away with Rs 15 lakh and the support staff would be awarded Rs 3 lakh, while a bronze medal will see them being awarded with Rs 10 lakh each, while the support staff would be entitled to a prize of Rs 2 lakh.

Rajput, Vijay part of selection trials

New Delhi: Veteran rifle shooter Sanjeev Rajput, Olympic silver medalist in rapid-fire pistol Vijay Kumar and young Olympian Divyansh Panwar figure in the list of marksmen who will take part in the crucial national selection trials (1 & 2) to be held at the Dr Karni Singh Ranges from January 8-14 next year. The trials for Group A shooters assume significance as the national squads for major international competitions, including the Asian Games, in a packed pre-Olympic year will be selected on the basis of the performance in the two trials.

ATK MB beat FC Goa in ISL

Kolkata: ATK Mohun Bagan snapped FC Goa's three-match unbeaten run in the Indian Super League with a 2-1 win. A first-half strike by Anwar Ali was not enough as goals by Dimitri Petratos and Hugo Boumous helped ATK Mohun Bagan win.

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

South Africa in dire straits, stare at big defeat vs Aus

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MELBOURNE, DECEMBER 28

DEAN ELGAR'S weary South Africa side faces a difficult task to avoid a big defeat in the second test against Australia at the Melbourne Cricket Ground with two days of play remaining.

South Africa reached 15-1 in its second innings at stumps Wednesday, still requiring 371 more runs to make Australia bat again. Given that South Africa has failed to score 200 in its previous three innings in this series, and its leading batsman and captain Elgar is already back in the sheds, the odds are against the touring team.

Only seven overs were bowled in the evening session before rain interrupted play, sparing South Africa further misery on day three. South Africa had lost Elgar for a duck in the second over as rival captain Pat Cummins struck a key blow, removing the left-hander caught behind off the glove.

Theunis de Bruyn, dropped at slip on three, is not out on six with Sarel Erwee on seven. Resuming Wednesday on 386-3, Australia declared at tea on 575-8 in reply to South Africa's first innings of 189.

Wicketkeeper Alex Carey scored his maiden test century for Australia, hitting 13 boundaries in his tally of 111. Carey and Cameron Green (51 not out), who showed admirable composure against the short ball despite nursing a broken finger, shared a century stand for the eighth wicket.

"I probably came out at a good moment when the bowlers were probably pretty tired," Carey said.



Alex Carey celebrates after scoring a hundred during the second Test against South Africa on Wednesday. AP

He said it was a special moment to have his good friend Green at the crease when he reached his maiden century.

"To see him throw his arms out meant a lot to me. We've formed a really good relationship on the field but also off the field," Carey said. "It was huge courage from him." South Africa bowling coach Charl Langeveldt said South Africa's only hope to save the match would be to "bat time." "We take it hour by hour. If we can bat two days, that would be brilliant," he said.

Langeveldt said Anrich Nortje (3-92 off 25 overs) "bowled with a lot of heat" but pace spearhead Kagiso Rabada (2-144 off 28 overs) needed to work on his control.

"The guys put in the effort. The only problem is just our control," Langeveldt said. "Kagiso wasn't on song." Earlier, South Africa started strongly as Nortje struck twice in the third over of the day, bowling Travis Head (51) and David Warner (200) in consecutive deliveries.

Warner, who had retired hurt with leg cramps Tuesday, returned at the fall of the fourth wicket but lasted only one delivery, playing all around a full toss which crashed onto his stumps via his back pad at 395-5.

In the following over, Rabada dismissed Cummins caught behind for four. Nathan Lyon (25) was out hooking at 440-7, before Carey and Green piled it on against the South Africa's bowlers. Opener Warner dominated day two by scoring his 25th test century, reaching 200 in 37 degrees Celsius (99 Fahrenheit) heat.

BRIEF SCORES: South Africa 189 and 15 for 1 trail Australia 575 for 8 dec (Warner 200, Carey 111, Smith 85, Green 51*, Head 51) by 371 runs

NZ on top vs Pak

Karachi: Kane Williamson's first international century for almost two years put New Zealand on top in the first cricket test against Pakistan on Wednesday.

Williamson, who stepped down from the captaincy in his team's first test tour to Pakistan in 20 years, capitalized on two missed stumpings to hit an unbeaten 105 as the Black Caps reached 440-6 at stumps on the third day, a lead of two runs.

BRIEF SCORES: Pakistan 438 (Babar 161, Salman 103*, Sarfaraz 86, Southee 3/69) trail New Zealand 440/6 (Latham 113, Williamson 105*, Conway 92, Abrar 4/143) by 2 runs

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